

# Dollar worth more than note

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To the editor:

Some things are absolutely clear in the Liberty Dollar controversy: If Bernard von NotHaus is producing anything that has intrinsic value, it is worth more than a piece of paper that has Federal Reserve Note printed on it. It reminds me of the old joke: Don't let the government catch you stealing; it hates the competition.

A Federal Reserve Note is not federal because the Federal Reserve is a private consortium of banks created and only partially controlled by the government. There is no reserve unless you consider worthless paper a treasure. And to call it a note is an absolute farce because there is nothing promised to be paid. The fact that it continues unceasingly to be traded as money is a testament to the general willingness of the human animal to accept a well-orchestrated charade.

I cannot vouch for von NotHaus, but I can proclaim the hypocrisy of a corrupt enterprise prosecuting anyone. Read your Constitution and try to find the amendment that allows anything but gold and silver to be official government minted money in the United States. If you think for more than two minutes about this issue and don't have unanswered questions swirling in your head, you need to think a few minutes more.

Money is loaned into existence in America. People borrowing this new money pay it all back plus interest, which is an obvious boon to the lender who got it for nothing. Quiet reflection should make it clear that this amounts to a select group of banks having its own printing press that it can use any time it thinks the money supply needs to be increased for the good of the economy.

If it were a genuinely impartial Ponzi scheme, new money would be distributed evenly to everyone. Then it would just be a normal Ponzi scheme in which we were all equally at fault for fraud against each other.

The government definitely doesn't want me on the von NotHaus grand jury  
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