

Thou shalt not advocate for elimination of the Federal Reserve System or repeal of the Internal Revenue Code under the penalty of law: So saith the U.S. Department of Justice

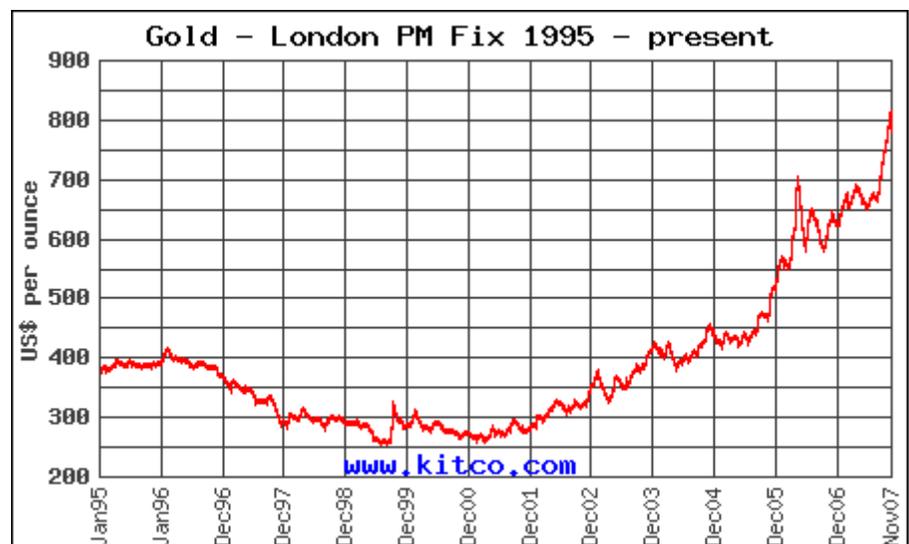
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The foreign-exchange value of dollar is collapsing on international currency markets (<http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/071123/dollar.html?v=11>).

“The decline of the dollar, symbol of US global hegemony for the best part of a century, may have become so entrenched that some experts now fear it is irreversible.”

(<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/americas/article3169638.ece>)

The price of gold has more than tripled since 2000 (<http://www.kitco.com/charts/historicalgold.html>).



The Japanese, the second-largest source of direct foreign investment in the United States, are beginning to pull out of dollar –denominated investments in the U.S.

(http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/printer2/index.asp?ploc=t&refer=http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/business/340792_japaninvest23.html)

Some oil-producing nations are beginning to argue for denominating the world price of oil in something other than dollars:

Iran and Venezuela have argued that the meeting's final communiqué should voice concern about the level of the dollar, which has recently fallen to new record lows against the euro. They are pushing for oil to be denominated against a basket of currencies.

(<http://www.thebusiness.co.uk/news-and-analysis/358346/saudi-minister-warns-of-dollar-collapse.shtml>)

Even supermodels are refusing to receive their compensation in dollars:
(<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/7078612.stm>).

And now, dollars are no good at the Taj Mahal in India:

“Foreign tourists to many of India's most famous landmarks will no longer be able to pay the entrance fee in dollars, the government says.
“The ruling is aimed at safeguarding tourism revenues following the recent falls in the dollar. Until now, foreign tourists to sites such as the Taj Mahal have had the option of paying in dollars or rupees.” (“Dollars no good for the Taj Mahal,” by Jyotsna Singh, BBC News, Delhi -- http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7098370.stm)

In case you haven't noticed, something very bad is happening with the U.S. dollar: **It is rapidly being replaced as the world's reserve currency.**

Rather than taking prudent policy steps to reverse this slide, such as returning the dollar to a gold anchor, the United States Government appears to be panicking. In a recent court filing by the FBI, for example, the United States Government defined advocating for the elimination of the Federal Reserve System and repeal of the Internal Revenue Code to be direct attacks on the financial system of the United States, one presumes punishable under the Patriot Act.

Fully aware of mounting criticism of the Federal Reserve Board from mainstream politicians, the FBI took drastic action last week to shut down the National Organization for the Repeal of the Federal Reserve Act and Internal Revenue Code (Norfed) -- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/16/AR2007111602267.html>. Mounting a military-like action, the FBI raided the organization's offices and seized their assets.

NORFED not only advocates for the repeal action their name suggests but also issues private currency (not much different from American Express Travelers Checks only in coins, not paper). It's most recent issue is a coin struck with Dr. Ron Paul's image on it—the so-called Liberty Dollar.

This is an ominous event not because the FBI's action does anything serious to restrict US citizens' access to alternative currencies -- YET -- but rather for what it portends for the future and what it says about the extremes to which the United States Government is prepared to go to shut down political dissent by American citizens. The Justice Department now considers it illegal—an attack on the country's financial infrastructure—to advocate for elimination of the Federal Reserve System or repeal of the Internal Revenue Code. Wow!

In the affidavit submitted to the court to obtain a search and seizure warrant to shut down the Liberty Dollar operation, the FBI made it clear that the U.S. government now considers it a crime to “repeal[ing] the Federal Reserve and the Internal Revenue Code” because it will “undermine the United States government's financial system.” On this premise, Federal

prosecutors pile every other conceivable charge (including their favorite, of course, money laundering) to threaten these people with hundreds of years in prison. Barry Bonds, call the clubhouse.

“As the organization's name implies, the goal of NORFED is to undermine the United States government's financial systems by the issuance of a non-governmental competing currency for the purpose of repealing the Federal Reserve and

grievances. What in the come to?

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Now might be a good time to remember the words of German clergyman Dietrich Bonhoeffer before he was executed by the Nazis:

“First they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Socialists and the Trade Unionists, but I was neither, so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew so I did not

It is time to speak out:
Advocating for the elimination of the Federal Reserve System or repeal of the Internal Revenue Code is not a crime; it is freedom of expression and for redress of name of heaven has this country

director of the congressional Joint