

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

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## The FTAA Deception

*From a speech by William Norman Grigg, Senior Editor for The New American magazine*

*From the Editor. The FTAA is the most dangerous treaty to be considered in our history. As the second step (After NAFTA) to the forming of a 34 nation union similar to the EU, if enacted, could destroy the United States of America as a country. We will lose our Constitution and Bill of Rights immediately on ratification. FTAA would create another EU and eventually the US would be a member state of a One world Government. The plan is to vote on this treaty January 2005, we have less than 9 months to fight it. Please, for the sake of our beloved country, get involved. We must STOP THE FTAA.*

According to its proponents, the Free Trade Area of the Americas, or FTAA, will create a "free trade" area encompassing the entire hemisphere -- from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego. According to President Bush, the FTAA, which is scheduled for completion next year, would "make our hemisphere the largest free-trade area in the world, encompassing 34 countries and 800 million people." The result would be new export markets for American goods and a corresponding increase in our national prosperity and the standard of living throughout the hemisphere. At least, that's the story. It's an attractive one, and to many a persuasive one.

Many Europeans eagerly embraced an earlier version of the same story about the European Common Market, now known as the European Union. Sold to the public as a free-trade pact, the European Union is rapidly taking shape as a centralized socialist (*read Communist*) mega-state. As the EU takes form, citizens of once free and independent European nations are surrendering their sovereignty, as well as their currencies, and their domestic laws. Citizens of Great Britain, whose heritage of liberty under law spans nearly eight centuries -- a heritage that we share -- are learning that EU membership would mean the loss of critical guarantees of individual rights.

"For 40 years, British politicians have consistently tried to portray [the Common Market and EU] to their fellow-citizens as little more than an economic arrangement: a kind of free-trading area primarily concerned with creating jobs and prosperity." But from the very beginning, the European Union was intended to become a socialist regional government, functioning as an administrative unit of a UN-based global government.

The FTAA is designed to be nothing less than the Western Hemisphere counterpart to the European Union. The FTAA would enlarge upon the so-called North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, under which the United States, Canada, and Mexico have begun the process of merging our economies and political systems.

Furthermore, genuine free trade has the effect of minimizing government's role. Where free trade takes place, society is shaped by free choices made by individuals, rather than by the heavy-handed intervention of those who want to mold it, by force, in a fashion they choose. Simply put, free trade cannot co-exist with large, interventionist government.

NAFTA -- the forerunner of the FTAA -- deserves to be called a "free trade" agreement in the same sense that Communist East Germany deserved to be called the German Democratic People's Republic.

The NAFTA pact called for creation of 30 new international government committees, subcommittees, councils, working groups, and subgroups. It also mandated the creation of a Free Trade Council that would function as a continental government-in-waiting with enormous discretionary powers. Provision was also made for numerous additional permanent committees, various "working groups," subcommittees, subgroups, and other bureaucratic bodies whose enactments would supposedly have the force of law. Rather than relieving the burden of regulation that impedes genuine free trade, NAFTA internationalized the regulatory apparatus -- thereby making it less accountable to the U.S. citizens affected by those regulatory decisions.

NAFTA also led to the creation of new taxpayer-funded international financial bodies. NAFTA is not a conventional trade agreement, but the architecture of a new international system.

As our economy has been merged with socialist Canada and corrupt Mexico, "NAFTA has displaced American workers and devastated entire towns. It's evident from the job-training centers in southern Texas to the 'NAFTA ghost towns' of North Carolina, with their shuttered textile plants."

President Bush's plan to grant amnesty to an estimated 6-12 million illegal aliens underscores another element of the FTAA drive: The de facto abolition of our southern border with Mexico.

Remember, the EU came about through deception. If we want to preserve our liberty, prosperity, and independence, concerned Americans must act now to dispel the deceptions about the FTAA.

***ACTION: Beginning right now we need to write to Senators Warner and Allen and tell them to STOP THE FTAA. Writing once is not enough, this is so important we need to keep the heat on 2-3 times a month for the next 9 months or until the vote in the Senate. Ed.***

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## Teen STDs at Shocking Levels

*by Keith Peters, Washington, D.C., correspondent*

SUMMARY: Half of all sexually active youth can expect to catch a sexually transmitted disease, according to study.

A shocking new report on the dangers of sexually

transmitted diseases (STDs) to young people shows that half of all sexually active young people can expect to be infected by the age of 25.

Sexually active teens have the highest rates of STDs of any age group, according to the study, which was produced by the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina.

Treatment costs to the over 9 million infected are estimated at \$6.5 billion.

Dr. Tom Coburn, a former congressman, has been warning about this epidemic for years.

"We've had a message to our young people that there are no consequences to multiple sexual partners," he said. "The fact is that this data is going to continue to show and has shown for years that there are large consequences."

What's worse, Coburn added, is that the government could have prevented the crisis by stressing the importance of abstinence instead of peddling the condoms -first, "safe-sex" message.

Groups like True Love Waits have been trying for over 10 years to get the message out to young people about abstinence.

"(True Love Waits is a grass-roots movement of) students who are saying that these kind of numbers and this kind of behavior don't have to happen, that students can be sexually abstinent," spokesman Jimmy Hester said.

He added that True Love Waits helps provide the platform that abstinence is a very real option, even for those who have been sexually active.

More than 9 million of the new infections in 2000 affected those 15 to 24. The rise of STDs contrasts the steady decline in teen birth and pregnancy rates in the 1990s, signaling that while birth-control products are being used, they do not offer protection against STDs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: To learn more about abstinence and STDs, we recommend the Focus on Social Issues "Sexual Purity" Web site.

<http://www.family.org/cforum/fosi/purity/>

COMMENT: The article speaks for itself, I would add that "STD's" is a pc correct "nice" way of saying Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Herpes and HIV or AIDS. If we would spell it out it would sound a lot worse and maybe discourage the participates. Ed.

**"The principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale." --Thomas Jefferson**

## HIGHER TAXES

The Virginia Governor and the Senate have proposed the highest tax increase in Virginia history. It could cost every Virginia family \$1000 additional over the budget period. If you do not want higher taxes, get active now. By March 13<sup>th</sup> the session ends. Ed.

Two Websites with information on the Virginia General

Assembly tax fight now in progress, check it out. Ed. More info at:

<http://hrcc.exis.net/state-taxes.htm> and [http://www.timesdispatch.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RTD%2FMGArticle%2FRTD\\_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1031773899719](http://www.timesdispatch.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RTD%2FMGArticle%2FRTD_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1031773899719)

**COMMENT: Call Senator Stolle and Senator Wagner right away and tell them NO MORE TAXES. Ed.**

## News Item

**President Bush's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget includes estimated deficit spending of \$541 billion. To put that in perspective, next year's deficit almost exceeds the total federal budget of \$600 billion proposed by Ronald Reagan in his first year as President.**

## Prenatal Protection

The Family Foundation of Virginia today urged Governor Mark Warner to sign into law legislation that would recognize two distinct crimes when a pregnant woman and her unborn child are murdered.

Now the Governor MUST HEAR FROM YOU. He must be reminded that the pro-abortionists do not speak for a majority of Virginians. They do not speak for YOU! Please take the time to contact the Governor and ask him to sign HB 1 and SB 319. We know that the Governor receives a daily report concerning how many calls his office receives on legislation. WE WANT TO FLOOD HIS OFFICE WITH CALLS!! BUT YOU MUST ACT SOON. PLEASE CALL OR WRITE HIM TODAY!!!

Write:

The Honorable Mark Warner  
Governor of Virginia

State Capitol

Richmond, VA 23219

Phone: (804) 786-2211, dial "0" and ask to speak to one of the Governor's Special Assistants

## BILL OF RIGHTS

### AMENDMENT [ I ]

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

### Amendment [II.]

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

BECOME AN ACTIVIST, YOUR VOICE COUNTS!