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A photograph of Sheriff Joe Mankowski speaking at a podium. He is wearing a light-colored uniform with a star-shaped patch on the shoulder that says "MANKOWSKI SHERIFF". He is gesturing with his hands while speaking into a microphone.

Sheriff Joe is Coming to Minnesota

Minimum Wage and the WalMart Myth

Convention of the States

by Mark Korin

Don't Look Any Further ...

It's interesting to see the extent that the media and the bigger government types will go to misdirect, deceive, re-write, (it's called "crafting") or even ignore the message of socialism in the name of progressivism. "Ism's", what are they good for? Throughout my career as an engineer, manager and CEO / owner of an engineering firm, I've always started from an idea or concept that had some grounded basis or merit for success. Even as Mayor, our council went back to proven private sector business values, directing operations to provide the essential services within the most cost effective operation possible. But, just like in business, there are always roadblocks

and difficulties to overcome. Restructuring, department consolidations, outsourcing and staff streamlining, are just a few tools that have been used to create a change when operations get out of hand and spending doesn't justify the path to a solution. You can't

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spend money that you don't have! Sure, politicians can

reach in our pockets and continually take as much of our money as they see fit, and once it's been taken, justification is easy when most of the public has just accepted the fact that there's nothing that

can be done or they just aren't paying attention enough when it happens so covertly. Something's wrong when simply asking a question about productivity or accountability you're condemned or told "we're cut to the bone", "we're operating as lean as possible" and the best one "that amount of money has been approved in the budget, so we have to spend it".... Balderdash! There's a very clear distinction that separates the progressive, government dependent types and the conservative, smaller government groups. De-

pendency on the never ending flow of taxes and programs allow them to continue in a manner that forces everyone to have smaller paychecks and what's left stretched even thinner. Let's not mention added costs of products for ever increasing over regulation, and who's creating the regulation, more government bureaucracy, larger and larger operational staff. Something just occurred to me, if this is affecting all of us, why are the newspapers, reporters and left leaning media outlets demonizing the ones that are speaking out?



That brings to mind an old movie and a scene.... "Pay no attention to the man behind the green curtain!" Most of us are way too busy working, raising our families, home projects and overall financially strapped trying to provide a comfortable lifestyle for our families with the money left over after taxes, taxes and more taxes. When was the last time you reached out to look behind your governments "green curtain"? How much is being spent in your City, County, State or Federal government operations? Are you aware and comfortable that the bureaucrats and employees in those operations are providing services in the most cost effective way? And who's ever seriously asked and had the courage to stand up and say with a loud and booming voice WHY and HOW COME? But the biggest question that should never stop being asked, "is government providing services that is within the scope of what this country was founded on?" When more and more people are dependent and getting money directly through our taxes such as social programs, subsidies and growing government jobs,

the money taken will never stop growing, in my book, something's wrong..... But why aren't the masses asking the question? Because what they don't see won't hurt them! If we're conditioned to believe that there's nothing that we can do, or it's for the public good, then the redirection by the left is working! Don't look



How much is being spent in your City, County, State or Federal Government?

any further, only believe what the all-powerful and mighty OZ directs you or allows you to do; it's a waste of time to look behind the green curtain.

Think about all the terms that are fashioned for the taxation to sound so pleasant and taken

from us, ever so slowly, covertly. It's not just taxes, with additional laws, over regulation and more controls that have extremely mooncalf social engineering mandates.... 75 watt incandescent light bulbs, affordable health care, NSA, Homeland Security anyone? How have we let this great country get to this point? Lack of real foundational leadership and the courage to question and constantly say no when it drifts away from the constitutional foundation of government. Have you ever said, the government, in third person, they do this, they do that! Why? Do they work for us or are we just subjects? Are the laws created minimal protecting our freedoms or is our country slipping towards socialism?

In the corporate world, it would be so easy to run a

company if every year or on any project, whether it was successful or not, to have the ability to go back to customers and say, "it's going to cost you more". Even worse, what would be a more impossible thought would be to do the work, send an invoice at a higher amount and then have the audacity to say, don't look at it, just pay it! Somehow I don't think that would fly..... Customers would look for other alternatives; they would hold us accountable by taking a look at the next project to see if the value was there for the work provided. No matter what, we not only are held accountable by our customers, but also our stockholders, and financial institutions for profitability. We are relentlessly trying to find cost savings from a multitude of areas throughout the

organization, every day, hour and minute. It's striving to stay competitive and profitable at the same time through innovation, staffing and technology improvements. So we are asking why and how come, and

only in government operations but by the sources of media that protect the men and woman behind the curtain. Fluffy names on programs, redirecting and focusing on menial stories to avoid things like Benghazi, NSA spying, IRS scandals, just to name a few, is not the leadership this great country deserves. We must demand better and when they tell us don't look, pull that curtain back fast and watch how things start to come to light.

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no one is going to stop us from our own destiny.

We must protect the right to create an environment that pulls back the "green curtain" and forces accountability not

I find comfort in the founding fathers and past leaders of this country that took the time to eloquently put their thoughts into quotations summarizing their core beliefs. One such quote came from a great President and strong conservative leader, Ronald Reagan.... "We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something – for liberty and freedom and fairness – and these things are worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to".... Never give up; never let them take our freedom away! My name is Mark Korin and I approve this message, will you?

