

Remember The Alamo!

When Texas became a state in 1845, it did so with the provision that it could be divided into as many as five states in the future. (The plot of my novel, Colony 14, partly hinges on this provision). I think it's about time Texas did so.

Why? You may have noticed that America has been progressing steadily down the path to socialism since FDR, in exchange for votes, decided to give away the store to anyone who wanted something for nothing. It certainly isn't going to get any better if the junior Senator from Illinois takes over the White House. The welfare states (i.e., places where John McCain need not bother campaigning, like Illinois) are Democrat strongholds and will likely stay that way, because they attract people who want either government hand-outs or government jobs (which are essentially the same thing), while hard-working people who run businesses pack up and move when they get the chance. The states that a conservative Presidential candidate can reliably count on every four years are becoming fewer and fewer, so that only two or three "battleground" states now decide the elections.

What should we do? Well, we can start by teaching conservative principles in school, so that future generations of Americans don't immediately fall for the socialist clap-trap spewed by liberal candidates. But that won't work, because the schools in America are primarily run by liberals, and they aren't about to loosen their grip on the powerful tool of indoctrinating young impressionable minds. Do we let Obama and company run the nation into the ground, in the hopes that by 2012 voters will come to their senses and throw the bums out? Well, that may happen if we do nothing, but why do nothing, but why throw up our hands in despair and let the country go to hell in the proverbial hand-basket?

No, we fight - as did Travis and Bowie and Crockett at the Alamo! Sure they were outnumbered, but the federal government had not yet confiscated their guns, so at least they had a chance to strike a blow for liberty by buying time for Sam Houston's army to win the war.

The battle plan is simple: take advantage of the existing provision of Texas statehood, and divide it into five states. It happens to be the largest state, after Alaska, so it lends itself well to the concept. Further, Texans are, on the whole, an independent, fierce lot. They may be proud to be Texans, but they aren't exactly eager to give up their guns to Obama's planned "civilian national security force" either. (If he's not planning on using it to round up guns, what are his plans?) Besides, one of those five states can still be called Texas, and the benefits of the plan (restoration of liberties) certainly outweigh the cost (address changes on stationery).

As astute readers know, each state has two Senators. (Granted, a few on the coasts are represented by two half-wits.) After Texas divides itself into five

smaller states, the area will have a total of 10 United States Senators. Take that, Harry Reid! Granted, the United States Constitution has something to say about the issue. Article IV, Section 3 of that document states that no new state can be formed without the "...Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress." Congress already gave its consent in 1845. We therefore need the consent of the Texas legislature... which happens currently to be in control of the Republicans. That's fortunate, because we'll also have to rely in them to draw the borders so that the new states will have conservative voting majorities. And the Texas Governor is a Republican as well, so it looks like a green light all the way.

After we're through, the United States Senate will have enough conservative Senators to block all the socialist legislation planned by Obama and Reid and their anti-capitalist pals. I'm game. Heck, I'd even move to Texas if it will help the cause!

Ideas for names of the new states will now be entertained...

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A number of readers have argued that my proposal to divide Texas isn't worth the effort, as the United States will still have a too-powerful Federal Government. Can't Texas (or any other State) simply secede from the Union? Certainly! The legal basis for secession can be found in the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution, which says that any power not specifically delegated to the federal government by the States, nor prohibited to the States, remains a right of the States or the people. The Constitution says nothing about a State's right to secede, and grants the federal government no authority related to the issue, therefore the right exists under the Tenth Amendment. Since the Civil War, of course, the federal government, Congress, the President, and the Supreme Court have largely ignored the Tenth Amendment... but that's just one more justification for doing something about the abuse of power by the federal government.

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