Obama Lunges Toward Global Government

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One of the biggest issues in the November election is whether we will continue or stop President Obama's move toward restricting U.S. sovereignty and rushing down the road to global governance. One would think that the obvious failure of the European Union and disdain for the euro would put the skids on global integration, but no such luck.

Obama has such delusions of his own power that he thinks he can do by executive order whatever he cannot get Congress to approve, even Harry Reid's Democratic Senate. Obama's most recent **executive order** starts off with the extravagant claim that it is issued "by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America."

On the contrary, the President is not vested with the authority asserted in **Executive Order 13609**, which locks us into a worldwide regulatory system and thereby gives up a huge slice of U.S. economic and environmental sovereignty. The proclaimed purpose is to globally harmonize regulations on environmental, trade, and even legislative processes.

This Executive Order is larded with globalist gobbledygook about the obligation of our regulatory system to "protect public health, welfare, safety and our environment while promoting economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation." Those pie-in-the-sky goodies are designed to benefit "an increasingly global economy," rather than the United States.

The Executive Order specifies that this new "international regulatory cooperation" will function "particularly in emerging technology areas." That's an open door for dangerous mischief in sensitive areas that the new global busybodies might get into, and it will probably give Communist China the opportunity to steal more of our technology.

The crux of the purpose for this tremendous assumption of presidential power is to establish a "Regulatory Plan" and "reforms" of "significant regulations that address unnecessary differences in regulatory requirements between the United States and its major trading partners." Wow! Will we be harmonizing U.S. regulations with Communist China, one of our biggest trading partners?

Do you remember Cass Sunstein, Obama's **Regulatory Czar** who became famous for saying that the government "owns the rights to body parts of people who are dead or in certain hopeless conditions, and it can remove their organs without asking anyone's permission," and, bow, wow, that dogs are entitled to have lawyers to sue humans in court? He has recently emerged to publish an **op-ed** in the *Wall Street Journal* enthusiastically supporting Obama's global regulatory **harmonization**.

Maybe Sunstein will try to harmonize our dog-food regulations with China, whose dog-food just sickened 1,000 U.S. dogs. Maybe Sunstein will find a way to harmonize U.S. production of electronic parts for our military aircraft with the 1,800 cases of counterfeit parts Communist China sold to our military.

Obama's Executive Order creates a "Working Group" to issue a "Regulatory Plan" and "guidelines" that will "operate on consensus." That's the favorite United Nations procedure of reducing the power of the United States in international confabs.

President George W. Bush had dreams of harmonizing our regulations with those of Canada and Mexico as a stepping stone to creating a **North American Union**. He set up a bunch of Working Groups in the Commerce Department under the name Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP).

But Bush's three-country plan was not acceptable to Americans who value our independence, and not global enough for Obama who is eager to turn us into world citizens under global governance. After Obama was elected, SPP closed down and deleted its website.

The next step of the global governance lobby is likely to be a push for U.S. acceptance of the United Nations' demand for a global tax on all financial transactions "to offset the costs of the enduring economic, financial, fuel, climate and food crises,

and to protect basic human rights." That's on the agenda for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro this month known as Rio+20.

Don't expect any benefit to the United States. The real purpose is to reduce our standard of living by transferring U.S. wealth to dictators all around the world.

In one of Obama's most revealing moments, he was caught on an open mike in Seoul, South Korea telling Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, "This is my last election. After my election I have more flexibility."

Obama's clear meaning was that he is prepared to cave in to Russian demands on missile defense after his re-election, but needs more "space" until then. Medvedev responded, "I understand. I will transmit this information to Vladimir [Putin]."

If you think Obama has already gotten away with unconstitutional actions, his second term can take us over the cliff and make us targets for countries that threaten us with nuclear missiles.