

## **Big Brother's Butterflies** **by Professor Faber**

As you may know, the "butterfly effect" is the belief that each action can cause a whirlwind of changes and problems, like a such as butterfly flapping its wings eventually leading to a hurricane. Each action taken by the people in charge can lead to something else of ours being changed and altered into unrecognizable, malice-filled control. In this column, we will discuss how each of the changes and "progressive" steps taken could see more of your liberties taken away from you.

### **The Coin Con**

As of late, there has been a pretty big coin shortage around the nation. Grocery stores and restaurants won't give you change back, despite being legally required to do so. This may not seem like that big of a deal, right? It's JUST a few nickels and pennies, right? At least that's what it seems like.

In reality, this is a decent way to guide people into being so frustrated or afraid of touching paper bills that handheld currency is no longer used by the common people. How does this affect us? This is the easiest way to get us to rely on big corporations in order to use the money that we earned through the slaving away we do every day. When your money is deposited to a bank, they use that money to invest in stocks and pay out loans to other people. Every company has to make money somehow, right? And when someone is making money on American soil, good ol' Uncle Sam has to have his cut.

Eventually, it seems the government will outlaw paper bills and coins due to them being "germy" and "dirty." This is a step toward losing your right to manage your own money. The government already takes a good portion of your paycheck each week to support the programs that bind your everyday struggles, like your right to not wear a mask or your right to not rat out the people you associate with to the contact tracers.

Lastly, another consequence of a coin shortage is the not-so-obvious point lurking in the shadows: the digital footprint you leave behind. Everything you look up, everything you watch online, everything you buy is all traceable back to you. When using a bank card, everything you purchase is recorded on your bank statement. When you use cash, it's harder to be tracked down. That's right! The government can make easy work of watching where you spend your money. The people in charge are always looking for a way to control the masses, and bottlenecking your American dollars is a prime starting point.