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## A **CALL-OUT** for *Constitutional Statesmen*

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From the National Independent American Party

# Bundy Ranch: Some Didn't Flinch, Others Showed their True Colors

Justice Joseph Story stated in his Commentaries on the Constitution (1833) the truth that, "The militia is the natural defence of a free country against (1) sudden foreign invasions, (2) domestic insurrections, and (3) domestic usurpations of power by rulers."

The Bundy Ranch Standoff is an example of #3 above. Cliven Bundy said from the beginning: "I don't recognize them (the federal government) having any jurisdiction or authority over this land." True.

Other Americans, including militia members, showed up to support the Bundy's in their quest to keep their land & property. These are the ones to be commended. These are the ones who didn't flinch. These are the ones who know, as Thomas Jefferson stated, "...whensoever the General Government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force." (Kentucky Resolutions, 1798)

Did Sheriff Douglas Gillespie take a bold stand in support of the Bundy's? No. Did Nevada's Governor Brian Sandoval? Verbally only, without orders for action. Is Harry Reid somehow in the picture? Many articles suggest YES, whether it be for fracking, water, or solar panel purposes. The Bureau of Land Management is headed by former longtime Reid aide Neil Kornze, who was confirmed by the Senate as BLM director last Tuesday! This is just as federal authorities descended on the cattle ranch outside Mesquite, Nev. Coincidence?

In the United States the people are the government; their united voice is the only sovereign that should rule, and only power that should be obeyed. For those of us who still labor under the conviction that the U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land, it must be observed that the only crimes assigned to the federal government in the Constitution for law enforcement purposes are Treason, Piracy, Counterfeiting, disputes between two states, and International law violations.

To coin a maxim from the German pastor, Martin Neimoller: "First, they came for the Randy Weaver family in Idaho, and I did not speak out; next, they came for the Branch Davidians in Texas, and I did not speak out; then, they came for the Cliven Bundy family in Nevada, and I did not speak out; then, they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out."

