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## **GOP has unfettered power, and it 's not pretty**

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After 21/2 sessions with supermajorities in the state General Assembly and a Republican governor, we can now see what Indiana Republicans do with unfettered power in the state.

They have increased spending and passed legislation to take away our rights. They voted to kill traditional marriage and rename Common Core. They have passed legislation to both have government take over child care in Indiana and to start regulating church day cares.

It has been one shocking betrayal after another. If anyone still thinks Republican means conservative, they simply are not paying attention to what is happening in Indianapolis.

Two of the most sickening bills currently under consideration are Senate Bill 100 and House Bill 1015.

SB100 is called the Department of Homeland Security Cease and Desist Order. It would authorize the head of Homeland "Insecurity" to take over any unit of Indiana government accused of not following every one of Barack Obama's dictates.

Effectively it says if federal money is at risk, America's Gestapo has power over any local or state unit of government in Indiana.

It is an Orwellian power grab that isn't being fought by the General Assembly but instead was passed by the state Senate!

There once was a time when Republicans felt education and law enforcement must remain local. Now, with Common Core and SB100, Republicans increasingly are claiming everything should be controlled by the regime in Washington.

On the House side, Rep. Casey Cox has introduced a bill to create benefit corporations in Indiana.

Cox was one of three socially liberal Republicans targeted by the Indiana Family Action in 2014. Despite running against two nonexistent campaigns that raised \$100 between both of them, Cox failed to get 50 percent of the vote.

In his first term, Cox earned his socially liberal bona fides with his votes against traditional marriage and to regulate Christian day cares.

Now Cox is working on his fiscally liberal credibility with his bill to create B-Corps. The idea with B-Corps is they are companies that may make a profit but they have a dual objective of “benefiting” some cause, such as the “environment,” gun control or gay marriage.

At present any company is free to give as much or as little of its profits to any cause it wants. Nearly every major corporation gives money to its CEO’s pet causes, so why create a new legal designation to cover for-profit companies?

If you are thinking that in the future only B-Corps will be allowed to bid on government work and will receive special deals, you’re as cynical as I am.

Why would oligarchs want a new corporate designation in which companies must give a certain amount of their profits to approved causes? The reason is simple: control. Why go through the bother of running a company when you can simply require all companies to give its profits to causes you want funded. This can lead to socialism with a free market twist.

Does anyone really think that if a company wants to give most all of its profits to the Westboro Baptist Church it would qualify as a B-Corp? What about to the Cato Institute? I don’t think so either.

As a sign of B-Corp’s Marxist leanings, the organization promoting B-Corps champions a “Declaration Of Interdependence.”

Between the state Senate’s push for a police state, and Cox’s Soviet-styled business control legislation, one has to wonder if a Democratic supermajority would govern much differently.