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## Letters 10/06

Lost if treaty's OKd

The subject of national sovereignty is rarely discussed. It is, however, an imperative that impacts a nation's world view, its foreign policy, and most importantly, the security of its people.

To this end, the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence constitute this nation's endogenous power base, legitimizing it as an independent republic not subservient to any higher worldly authority.

The Constitution is the supreme law of the land; no treaty shall be ratified that would impinge on this nation's sovereignty.

There is today a continuing effort by influential people to seek Senate ratification of the Law of the Seas Treaty (LOST). This treaty is a UN-sponsored attempt to control the oceans and would, if ratified, subvert the primacy of our Constitution, and nullify previous Senate refusal to ratify.

The treaty takes the United Nations one more step toward its ultimate goal of a new world order, transfer of wealth, and diminution of national sovereignty. Read the provisions of this treaty, the conventions, the Seabed Authority, [www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/election/801](http://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/election/801); and read the Cato Institute's analysis 552, and be shocked.

Ensure that the Senate does not revert to its former Panama Canal skulduggery. E-mail your representatives to vote "no" on LOST ratification.

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Reaction to the news

I am not a Democrat, Republican, or any particular race, creed or religion. I am an American who has red blood running in his veins (don't we all) who subscribes to his values and virtues such as: honor, God, country, fellow man, holding ourselves accountable for our actions, helping those who are in need and doing my part to make the United States a better, safer, God-fearing, prosperous united nation for all.

My thoughts/ comments pertaining to what I read in the Sept. 19, Belleville News-Democrat:

\* Letter writers Bill Lynn and Gabe Wilson need to do their homework before sounding off again.

\* Knowledge is power; the truth will prevail.

\* Letters from Brad Feltman and Marshall Swing were documented facts.

\* Sen. Dick Durbin won't hold a town hall meeting, instead meets in private.

\* Regarding the school bus attack, the only thing positive in the story was Steve Raines' intervention.

\* Two friends killed in Washington Park. I truly pray for the two young men and their families. I was perplexed to read that there were three previous shooting incidents in the McVay family and that the blacks have endured three homicides in two years. Something is terribly wrong and must change.

\* No mention whatsoever concerning the ACORN group or any of its 270 so-called non-profit affiliates losing federal funding and being investigated. Long overdue.

Mike Coleman

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The right medicine

Thank you to letter writer Dennis Gilbert for his compliment on my previous letter.

I would like to express my opinion more on the night I took my friend to the emergency room. People were in the waiting rooms sleeping, with chairs pulled together for beds. There were people in the other room making so much noise, my ill friend was very disturbed and we had to move to the hall.

I think the first thing we should do about medical care is to look into welfare and get people who can work, working. I worked in a doctors office in St. Louis for 19 years. I wish I would have kept count of the many times someone came in and said, "I make more money staying at home rather than working." I do believe that tells us that our system needs help. As a taxpayer I think these people, who are able to work, should have a job, then let the government accommodate their income. I feel if you are unwilling to work, there should be no help. I also think that having children without being married is their business but we pay for one. Then they are on their own if they want more children. There are many things to do to not have children than you can afford.

I was left with four babies and never once did I ask for help. I worked 16 hours a day as an aide at a local hospital. In case you might be wondering, my children had great care. So it can be done. We just need to stop handing out so freely.

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Limits at the trough

Is it any wonder with all of the retired employees of the state and the nation, that most of the states and the federal government are broke? How can we build anything with the budget paying for years of retirement plus all the other free programs?

To the people who are sucking at the public trough, we must change the free retirement, especially those making more than \$100,000 a year for life. When you make big money, should you not save some?