

A New Wave of Violence in the Valley

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GUALFIN, ARGENTINA – “Watch out, Bill. The *originarios* almost killed someone up the valley,” our lawyer warned us.

“He’s still in a coma.”

The latest news isn’t very encouraging.

The *originario* problem was supposed to have calmed down.

Ranch Invasion

Last year, they invaded our ranch and blocked the roads. We called the police, who came and cleared them out. Then, ordered them to back off.

That’s where it stood for nine months.

When the populist government in Buenos Aires was thrown out at the end of 2015, we thought the *originarios* would give

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They lost their financial support. The local activist – who had been visiting our farm regularly and inciting insurrection – was coming.

Apparently, he was out of funds.

But then, as though in desperation, a new wave of violence and absurdity began. We’ll finish this story in just a moment. Let’s put it in perspective:

There are a lot of ways to steal. Computer hackers and holdup men operate privately and illegally.

The police get on the case. But *The Washington Post* reports that the cops steal more property than the burglars:

[B]oil down all the numbers and caveats above and you arrive at a simple fact: In the United States, in 2014, more cars and property transferred hands via civil asset forfeiture than via burglary.

Robbers only took about \$4 billion. The sticky-fingered police took \$5 billion, with no due process... and no charges filed.

Typically, with civil asset forfeiture, the police stop someone for a traffic violation. They find some cash in the car. They seize the money and use it to put a jacuzzi in the police station... or to beef up their pension funds.

A well-financed victim with a clean police record will hire a lawyer and eventually get the money back... maybe.

But often, the amount is too small to justify the cost of recovery. And many times, victims fear the police and are afraid to contest the matter.

Grand Larceny

Government is meant to protect us from thieves. But the \$5 billion taken by the police is peanuts compared to what the government takes from the tax system.

This year, it's expected to haul in some \$3.5 *trillion* in stolen goods.

The common myth is that this money is used to "run the government." But it's not true.

A little, teeny bit of the money is used for genuinely useful government activities such as national defense. But most of it is merely transferred from the outsiders to the insiders... from the makers to the takers... and from the losers to the winners.

"Taxes are the price we pay for civilized society," said Oliver Wendell Holmes. What was he thinking?

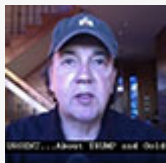
Civilization is based on win-win, voluntary exchanges and consensual relationships. It is courtship, not rape.

Taxes are a residual form of slavery. People have no choice. They feel the lash on their backs. They bend over... pulling the plows... toting their bales... and lifting their burdens... for the benefit of someone else.

Yes, of course the thieves say, "It is for your own good." But they would, wouldn't they?

But let us turn back to the larceny going on right here in our own backyard...

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Jim Rickards here.

I just dropped everything I was doing to record this short, [1 minute, 34 second video](#). In it you'll find [BRAND-NEW EVIDENCE](#) that GOLD could be in for a MASSIVE move higher. The move could start as soon as THIS WEEK. [Please stop what you are doing and watch this URGENT VIDEO, right now. Click here.](#)

Violence and Absurdity

On Sunday, we saddled up two horses and rode through the pass that separates our ranch from our neighbors.

The ride through the canyon takes a few hours... but it is breathtaking.



Bill traverses the canyon on horseback

We trotted along in shallow water, admiring the huge rocks sculpted by wind and water.

On the other side, there was an abandoned vineyard... and some fields that seem to have been neglected altogether.

But we eventually came to a larger river... with green pastures on the other side.

Cops and Robbers

That land has been in the same family for more than 100 years.

It was bought by an enterprising fellow who made his living trading skins and mules in Chile, on the other side of the Andes.

The trek was almost unbelievably difficult. It passed through some of the highest and least hospitable land on Earth. But somehow, he made a profit and used the money to buy the farm – about 30,000 acres... with maybe only 200 acres usable for agriculture.

He has long since died. Now his grandchildren own the land.

One of them, a granddaughter, sold her interest to her brothers. But then she announced that she was an *originario* – the people pretending to have “indigenous rights” and claiming almost all the big farms in the Calchaquí Valley. As such, she said she should own the whole place!

New Crisis

When the Inca invaded the area in the 1400s, they seized the land and turned the locals – called the Diaguita – into slave laborers (“taxpayers,” in modern parlance).

What happened to them after is unknown. But the language disappeared even before the Spanish arrived.

Then the conquistadors conquered the Inca Empire. They spent more than 100 years mopping up local resistance. And the Spanish crown gave land grants to its captains and cronies.

One of them got much of this of the Calchaquí Valley. It passed from one owner to the next, by voluntary transactions, for the last 300 years, down to your humble editor.

Over the years, groups of local “Indians” staged uprisings. None successfully. Most were put down in bloody reprisals.

But now, a law enacted in faraway Buenos Aires has created a new crisis.

The law gives “indigenous people” the right to claim the land where they have lived according to their “traditional ways.”

Trouble is, who's to say who is "indigenous" and who lives "traditionally"? Is a guy with a pickup truck living traditionally?

No trace of the language or culture of the Diaguita remains, say the experts. But now people declare themselves "Diaguita" and claim land that belongs to someone else.

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[Boston ATM takes Dollars, What It Spits Out Will Surprise You](#)

Take a look at this ATM in Boston. It doesn't spit out dollars. It receives them. And gives you back a different currency instead. Just last month, 3 popped up in Austin, Texas. There are 9 in Georgia. 4 in Michigan. They contain [a currency that's rapidly spreading](#). PayPal Billionaire Peter Thiel, Netscape founder Marc Andreessen, and MIT are all backing it. Unlike the dollar, which has been falling in value for 90 years... this new type of currency has been [skyrocketing in value](#)... It has doubled in the past 6 months... And in some cases, investors have made extraordinary returns (30-fold, 14-fold, etc.). [This video tells the whole story.](#)

Fuzzy Laws

In one case, the local "Diaguita" wanted the house of a small electrical contractor.

They moved in and said they weren't leaving unless ordered to do so by the courts.

Here, as in the U.S., courts can move slowly... especially when they are dealing with an issue as vague and mushy as "indigenous land titles."

In fact, the poor man had to live with these intruders for more than a year until a court finally tossed them out.

Fuzzy laws produce fuzzy outcomes. People see an opening for mischief.

In the northern part of the valley, a local "indigenous person... a Diaguita" has proclaimed himself "chief" of the tribe. It didn't seem to matter that his mother was German... or that his father, who may or may not have roots in the area, refused to recognize him.

Across the mountains in front of our house, a friend has a small farm. She and her husband are from Switzerland. They were enchanted by the people, the place, and the project – a biodynamic vineyard.

She uses no chemicals. She does almost all the work herself... by hand... or with a workhorse. She has one employee, who helps her and looks out after the place when she is gone. He lives in a house on the property.

Well, she apparently had a falling out with her employee. We don't know what was said or why.

But the employee had an ace up his sleeve. He said he was an *originario* and that the place should belong to him. If she didn't like it, she could leave!

There seems to be no end to it. All a person has to do is declare himself an *originario* – with no evidence and no proof necessary – and he can set himself up as the owner of your land.

Then, depending on the politics of the situation, you may be able to hold on to it... or maybe not.

We're taking no chances. We're claiming *originario* status for ourselves.

Regards,

