

THE POWER OF THE FREEDOM DRUM

by Fred Holden

For weeks, months, years, decades, even centuries, the powers that be have been "beating the drum" for higher taxes, bigger government, more spending, increasing debt, more and more rules, regulations and policies that encumber and entrap the people.

And, "they" have been winning, little-by-little, bit-by-bit, over time, big bite-by-big bite, of the Freedoms that have made these United States of America, and its people -- special, great, exceptional in the world. America has become the last bastion of freedom and we are losing it day-by-day.

Part of this sad situation is attributable to what might be called **A CONTRIVED IGNORANCE.**

Think about that. What does it mean? "Contrived Ignorance" poses two questions: 1) Who contrived it? and 2) How did they pull it off? (-- and they did). This poses a third question: 3) What to do about it? Answer, paraphrasing the popular real estate sales formula: Education, EDUCATION, **EDUCATION!**



About what? America's history, heritage, Founding and Freedom Documents -- **Declaration of Independence, U. S. Constitution** and its incredibly important **Bill of Rights**. Many small booklets containing these essential Freedom Documents are widely and inexpensively available. Get some, read and share them. This all starts with you, first for yourself, then to inform and so educate family and others. It is all up to you starting now. For our purposes here we need a common and powerful symbol that unites our

efforts, communicates our preferences, and quickly and easily shows where we stand. How?

Beat a new drum, a FREEDOM DRUM. From a less serious perspective, there is no prohibition, law, policy or rule that inhibits carrying a drum, at least not yet. No Concealed Carry Permit, CCP, is required. In fact it is permissible *not* to conceal, but urged to carry openly, even proudly!

The point is, to have a one thing that all Freedom-Loving, Freedom-Preserving, Freedom-Fighting People can easily and inexpensively use to quickly and effectively communicate their opinions, thoughts, feelings, positions, and ideals. **That's the Freedom Drum.**

It is easy, fun and inexpensive to make your own Freedom Drum. It can be done for less than \$10. This special (and "forwardable") file tells how.

One can go to Home Depot and buy their \$3 orange paint bucket, or the Dollar Store for a \$1 wastebasket. Or you can use a similar household container as a paint can or coffee can. Then dress it up simply to simulate a (Revolutionary War?) drum. Place on its sides and top (formerly the bottom) whatever message you wish to get across, such as "Vote YES on Senate Bill 12-030," or "Live Free or Die," or Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death." You probably have a freedom message or two that emanates from you and resonates to others. Several useful messages are included in this special Freedom Drum file. You can put together a Freedom Drum-making party, even make a bunch, sell them discreetly and inexpensively for costs and a moderate extra to cover labor, for contributions to your own

treasury or that of others -- people or organizations. **GET THEE TO IT!** Construct -- and use -- a Freedom Drum. Ouch, there's that word, "use." How? One way is to join a local freedom rally such as those held at public buildings or state capitals. Stand with many others, carrying and sometimes pounding your Freedom Drum to cheer for great ideas, comments, speeches, people.

Another fun application is if you happen to be in or around a law-making body -- State legislature, County or City Building, You can talk with lobbyists, elected or appointed officials, for instance, and if you disagree, gently intimate or tap on the drum to let them know your thoughts and feelings. Or, in giving formal testimony to a governmental or legislative committee, quietly wear your Freedom Drum while you speak. Suppose a security guard approaches to let you know "You can't do

that." Great. Place left or right arm through the neck loop so the drum falls off to one side in the back. Then all those around can see the drum and get its message without any effort from or by you.

One way it will be most effective is if lots of like-minded, informed, understanding, Freedom-Loving people do the same. A new message of Freedom is going out from the people. You are sending yours with your Freedom Drum.

Happy Freedom Drumming!





Tools That Are Handy. Will need about 7 feet 3/8" diameter sisal-type rope and five feet of 1/4" Poly cord, or equivalents.



Home Depot All-Purpose Bucket: Remove Handle, Turn Over, Remove bottom Mold Sprues, Attach up to 11 x 17 (Tabloid)-Size Message with Cellophane Tape.



Middle three holes, double-drill side-by-side 3/8" holes, make oval, pull rope through, loop around two inches rope and pull tight. Drill two 1/4" far end holes, secure rope ends with single or double-grannie, or figure-eight internal knots.

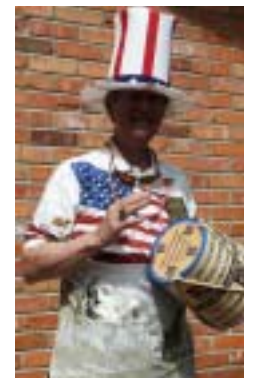
Add additional messages, especially on Drum Top, secure with double-faced tape. Drill two holes just under top surface, 4 to 6 inches apart, put neck rope through, secure with grannie or figure eight knots.



Inside view, Dollar Store Waste Basket, showing front rope placements and knots, neck rope and hole locations.



Beating the Freedom Drum for Freedom. Freedom Drum concept, design hints, by Fred Holden, public policy specialist, speaker and author, 608-page hardback book, *TOTAL Power of ONE in America: Discover What You Need to Know, Why and How to be a More Powerful Person and Citizen.* For your own book, send \$25, check or money order to "TOTAL Power," Box 1900, Arvada, CO 80001 (303-421-7619).



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AMERICANS TOGETHER BEATING THE FREEDOM DRUM FOR FREEDOM: BOOM! BOOM!

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Boom! Boom! CUT GOVERNMENT
Boom! Boom! CUT SPENDING
Boom! Boom! CUT TAXES
Boom! Boom! CUT DEBT



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Know and Bless the U. S. Constitution

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And, Its incredibly important Bill of Rights

TAXED!

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CUT GOVERNMENT

CUT DEBT

ENOUGH!

BOOM

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ALREADY!

BEATING THE FREEDOM DRUM
FOR MORE FREEDOM!



THIS TEA PARTIER BEATS THE FREEDOM DRUM FOR



**LOWER TAXES
LESS SPENDING
SMALLER GOVERNMENT
WAY LESS DEBT**



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BEAT THE DRUM FOR FREEDOM!



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