

A Note About our Treat and a Sneaky Trick

Hi! We're your neighbors, Andy and Brandee. You may be wondering why we are handing out dollar bills along with a treat to your child? We're doing it as a reminder of the importance of physical currency and to highlight a trick we believe the government and bankers have in store for ALL of us!

The physical currency your child holds in their hand will be going away in the near future. The plan is to replace all physical money with digital currency—not Bitcoin but rather what's called Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), likely controlled and distributed by the Federal Reserve (the U.S.'s private central bank). Without cash and coin, you will be 100% reliant on digital systems and lose access to your money during power and internet outages.

So what's the trick?

You will be told this transition is for your convenience and security, and to help stop criminals. This is a lie. CBDC is not a tool for our benefit but for the government's and banker's—they will have the final say on control and access to your money, not you. Every purchase made with CBDC can be tracked and traced to develop a profile of you as a consumer, throwing privacy out the window. Digital currency is also programmable. This means corporations and the government can decide to limit what you can spend money on, how far from your house your money will "work" and even set dates by when your money will expire.

The transition from physical to digital currency represents an important step for our government in tightening control over its population. We are resisting this and invite you to do the same.

So what can you do?

1. Keep Cash Alive! Use cash whenever possible, tell others why and urge businesses to continue accepting cash (and don't patron those who go cashless)
2. Don't get a California Real ID. Real IDs are part of a federal database being readied for the next step: digital driver's licenses, which will then become a single digital ID for everything: your finances, health care, education, government programs, etc.
3. If you already have a Real ID, "downgrade" to an old school Federally Non-Compliant license (these are still good everywhere; starting May 2025 you can use your passport to fly instead).
4. Use and promote analog options: Digitization can be helpful and efficient, but an all-digital system is vulnerable to hacking, manipulation and central control. Reduce your reliance on digital systems and devices, avoid QR codes, opt out of face scans at the airport (yes, you can do this!) and minimize/eliminate invasive surveillance systems in your home (e.g. Alexa, Nest, Ring, "smart" devices).
5. Raise awareness about these issues with your family, friends and neighbors.
6. Stay in touch! Want to know more or to talk about other ways of resisting? Drop us a line (andrewlibson@gmail.com). We'd love to get to know our neighbors better and see what we can do together to help make a safer world for us and our children.

