

WEEK 2

MARCH 6TH TO 12TH

FEDERALISM

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

On the 11th, in 1941 the Lend-Lease program begins as Congress authorizes the President to sell, lease or lend military hardware to any country that he deemed to be vital to American national security. Remember that Americans had become weary of engaging in any war effort after the experiences of WWI.

The idea was not an easy concept for all legislative members to support, as it was placed under serious debate. Of all people to fight the proposal was aviation hero Charles A. Lindbergh. One of the simple reasons for the action to be taken, was that without it America would not be able to offer a helping hand to the British. Since the British had run out of money and US Law required that any arms sold required payment in cash. **How were transactions to give the British military aid, to be accomplished?** By the end of the year, it really didn't matter since America was pulled into the war with the Japanese bombing Pearl Harbor.

"Governments don't want well-informed, well-educated people capable of critical thinking. That is against their interest.

They want obedient workers, people who are just smart enough to run the machines and do the paperwork. And just dumb enough to passively accept it."

- GEORGE CARLIN



We might ask, **what may have been the impact if Lend-Lease did not occur?**

The simple reality is that Britain may easily have been swallowed up in the expansion of Germany through Europe. Freedoms that we enjoy in America such as our **Bill of Rights** may have been impaired as well. This would include our Freedoms of Religion and the right to defend our homeland with 2nd Amendment rights. WWII required everyone's participation, each had to give their all.

"Liberty may be endangered by the abuse of liberty, and also by the abuse of power."

- JAMES MADISON

When is enough, enough? Are Executive Orders a circumvention for proper Constitutional lawmaking? Do any of us want to run the risk of seeing our Constitutional rights eroded further as elected Presidents may be inclined to use Executive Orders to restrict Citizen Rights? The creation of Laws should be a legitimate function of the Legislative Branch. **Justice Hugo Black** in 1952 stated, *"No president can ever be a lawmaker also."* Yet presidential orders are used increasingly to create

laws and to support public policy initiatives that circumvent proper lawmaking.