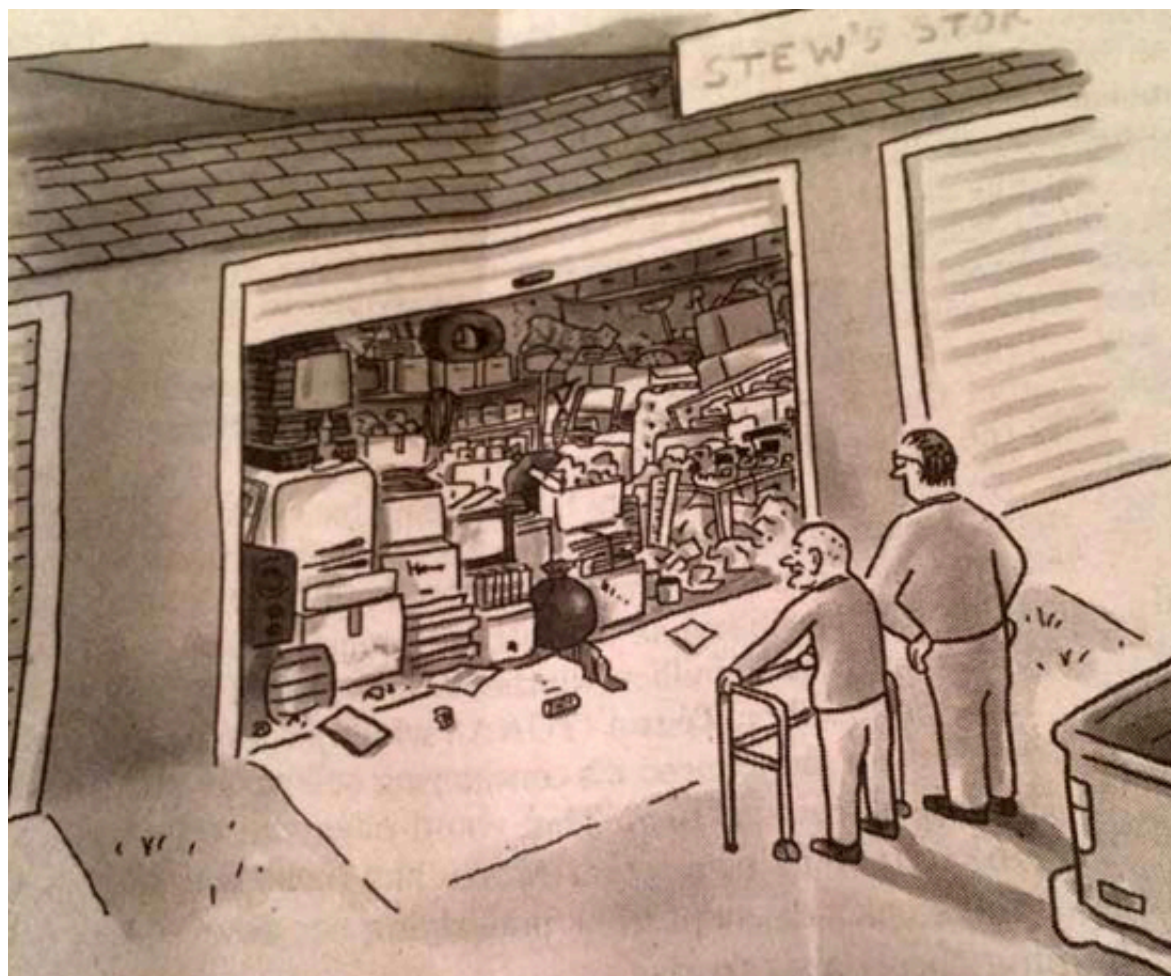


## **Storage Wars And The Government**



Someday Son - All

**This Will Be Yours**

**President Ronald Reagan once said: "No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. Government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth!"**

**Please don't view the above picture as some poor souls overflowing storage unit or even my own garage filled to the bursting with the forgotten debris of years past.**

**Instead, consider it as a visual symbol of one of the many of our Governments programs which have exceeded their "best if used by" date and now resemble something that looks like a science experiment gone bad you find in the back of your refrigerator.**

**Our government is filled with departments and agencies on steroids which have metastasized past their original intent and charter, have budgets in the Billions and employees in the tens of thousands.**

**There are dozens of excellent examples of Government Departments and Agencies that began life as a well intended, "We've got to do something" pregnant thought in the mind of a bureaucrat.**

**One good example of how government programs become bloated, employee heavy, overgrown, self sustaining, ineffective, unnecessary rat holes for tax dollars can be seen in the U.S. Department of Energy.**

## **Stop Pulling the Wagon**

Are You Tired Of Government Lies, Hypocrisy and Corruption?

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**Created in 1977 it was originally chartered to make the U.S. independent from the need for foreign oil. What it has become is a Thirty Two Billion Dollar a year, Ten Thousand plus employee boondoggle.**

**What was really needed was an examination of government policies and regulations that was choking the life out of energy producers.**

**Forty years and about a Trillion Dollars later the Department of Energy never met its original goal.**

**We are now trembling on the verge of becoming energy independent, not because of the Department of Energy but by getting government out of the way of private market energy producers.**

**Are we hearing any plans to shut down, or downsize of the Department of Energy? No!**

**What about the Federal Department of Education? Ever wonder what it does other than get in the way? Think a few minutes, you will come up with many other examples.**

**I have written on similar themes before. April 4, 2012 - "Bring On The Clowns". February 21, 2015 - "Paperwork Reduction". And in full disclosure, many of my writings - dare I say "rants" - have tangential themes.**

**Is there any way to "de-crapify" our lives without doing permanent psychological damage to our addiction to "stuff" and dependence on inefficient and wasteful government programs?**

**Seems to me that with a little determination, a yard sale and a couple of trips to the dump with a good sized truck, I could clean up much of my own litter.**

**Is a more Spartan existence even possible for Government?**

**Just something to think about.**

**Bob Bandy**

**\*picture taken from Facebook - origin unknown**