

Media Literacy Exercise: Federalism & Antigovernment Groups

Instructions: Imagine you stumbled upon this artifact scrolling through a social media site and you noticed the headline “Effort to free federal lands.” You want to learn more, but the links needed to see more are not working so you must resort to inference, inquiry and research. Carefully examine the document for important information and complete the following guided activities and questions.



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The stock market has a bear to cross

Completing the worst two-week start to a year ever, U.S. stocks plunged again Friday. The market has been on a stomach-churning ride since the start of the year, wrenched mostly down because of alarm over a slow down in China and the plunging price of oil to its lowest level in 12 years.

Investors are already seeing damage to U.S. corporate profits, particularly at energy companies. And if the trend continues, economists said it could rattle consumer confidence. That could lead them to spend less, which in turn could hurt business growth and investment.

"Volatility, constant headlines about increased risk of recession and a slowing global economy is going to make the average American very nervous," said Lindsey Piegza, chief economist at brokerage firm Stifel Nicolaus & Co.

A closer look at some of the numbers:

15,988: Close of the Dow Jones Industrial average, a drop of 354 points, or 2.4 percent, for the day. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 41.5 points, or 2.2 percent, to 1,880. The Nasdaq fell 127 points, or 2.7 percent, to 4,488.

8 percent: Rate at which both the Dow and S&P 500 are down since the beginning of the year. The Nasdaq is down by about 10 percent.

\$29.42: Price for a barrel of oil, the lowest since 2009.

9.1 percent: Drop in Intel shares Friday, the biggest one-day slide since 2008 for Oregon's biggest private employer.

Read more on Friday's slide in **Business, A13**



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Protesters occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns say their goal is to end all federal control over land in the U.S., including the 76 percent of Harney County that's held by the federal government. They also want two eastern Oregon ranchers released from federal prison.

Effort to free federal lands

An occupation leader says holdings should revert to previous owners

Day 14 | Standoff in Harney County

By Les Zaitz
The Oregonian/OregonLive

BURNS — Protesters holding the bird sanctuary southeast of here want every county in the U.S. to start a process giving back federal land to the previous owners.

They expect that process to start in Harney County with a citizens group processing deeds, according to Ryan Payne, a self-styled militiaman and a key leader of the refuge occupation that started two

weeks ago.

In an interview, Payne provided the most clear statement yet about what the occupiers want to achieve. They now call themselves Citizens for Constitutional Freedom.

In addition to stripping land from federal control, Ryan said the group wants ranchers Dwight Hammond Jr. and his son Steven released from federal prison immediately. He said the group wants to

see a citizen inquest investigate the Hammonds' prosecution and report to the public on allegations of abuses by the government.

The Hammond case is what drew Payne and his fellow protesters to the high desert of southeast Oregon. The father and son, long-time Harney County ranchers, were convicted in 2012 on federal arson charges for burning public land. They served prison terms

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Follow the latest events at oregonlive.com/oregon-standoff

Use the back of this paper and/or a separate sheet for the following:

1. Annotate and collect all available evidence in the excerpt that helps you better understand the specific details of this issue/event.
2. Construct 5 inquiry questions that will help you research more about the specifics of this issue/event.
3. Identify 3 sources of information that would be helpful in your research to better understand this issue/event

Research: Utilizing your 5 inquiry questions as a roadmap, research the specifics surrounding this issue/event. Do your best to become an expert on the nature of this issue/event through extensive research.