

# WAL News Episode Outline

310: South African Land Crisis Explained, Cody Wilson on Living Out Libertarianism

Chris Spangle and Harry Price look into what is actually happening in South Africa. In our Path to Libertarianism segment, we listen to 3D-Gun advocate Cody Wilson on the Tom Woods show explain why he believes what he believes, how he lives out his libertarian beliefs, and what it costs him to stand up for freedom.

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## Intro - 5 min

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**Cohost intro (Spangle)** - "Welcome to the show, it is great having you join us, and joining me in studio today is."

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## Segment 1: Main Headline Block - 30 min

*Segment devoted to the biggest news story of the day.*

- Offer libertarian solutions.

## Crisis in South Africa

There's a story out of South Africa that has been developing over the past year that has gained a new spotlight this week thanks to a tweet from the president that was, as usual, only half truthful. It's vitally important to get the truth on this because there's some very serious implications for the future of South Africa as an entire country. And there's a global implication about property rights that our listeners in particular will want to understand. As always, please check the show notes as I will be citing several articles in order to give my audience the entirety of the information available. Let me give the quickest overview of colonial history ever and tell you that, simply, white people from European countries invaded Africa and claimed land that belonged to black Africans. The definition of colonialism accurately sums up the story of South Africa's history when it states that colonialism is "the policy or practice of acquiring full or partial political control over another country, occupying it with settlers, and exploiting it economically."

We'd like to think this is ancient history, but the law that took their land is barely 100 years old. (From Bloomberg) "Under the rule of European colonists, South Africa's Natives Land Act of 1913 stripped most black people of their right to own property, a policy reinforced decades later by the National Party and its system of apartheid, or apartness. A government land audit released in February showed that farms and agricultural holdings comprise 97 percent of the 121.9 million hectares of the nation's area, and that whites own 72 percent of the 37 million hectares held by individuals. This tallies with the results of a separate audit released Nov. 1 by Agri Development Solutions and farm lobby group AGRI SA, which found non-whites own 27 percent of the nation's

farmland compared with 14 percent in 1994.” (From The Independent)  
“According to official data, black South Africans directly own just 1.2 per cent of the country’s rural land. White South Africans own 23.6 per cent, while the remainder is held by private enterprises. A survey by City Press in 2017 suggested that, when those private enterprises are taken into account, the arable land owned by white people rises to 73 per cent.”

So essentially time is healing this wound, but slowly. Optimists might look at this data and rejoice that the unequal distribution problem has been almost halved in the span of 24 years. But as the technological revolution has reached South Africa, they’ve been able to communicate with other countries and see that suffering from this history to the extent they are is incredibly unfair. It’s worth quickly examining the difference in plight between the descendents of natives in South Africa and the descendents of slaves here in the USA. Black people in America are still catching up socially and there’s some ironing out that’s been done in the last century. Be that as it may, a black person here can still work hard, overcome adversity by the power of community and willpower, and catch up and surpass someone who has a heritage of superiority over their heritage. **\*Discuss some of the catching up that black people still face today, talk about the history in our country and how far we’ve as a society in gaining equality of opportunity\***

Naturally, South Africa sees the success of countries like the United States through media and begins to desire the same treatment and conditions. So this story really picks up at the beginning of 2018 when their legislature and president began to consider a motion that has wide-ranging implications. To understand this, we have to understand South Africa’s government. Like us, they are a Constitutional Republic. Unlike us, they are a Unitary Constitutional Republic. (From Wikipedia) A unitary state is a state governed as a single power in which the

central government is ultimately supreme and any administrative divisions (sub-national units) exercise only the powers that the central government chooses to delegate. This frightens libertarians and it should, but I should note that the UK is also a unitary state. Because the people are informed and have a degree of power in the UK, the people's right have not been tread upon like they have been in other countries that call themselves unitary. \*Couple things to potentially discuss here. One is that we can't take for granted being informed. The difference between a country like the UK and a country like Zimbabwe, which are both unitary states, is a fear of the people's uprising. It also leads us to why we must stay not only able to rise up, but willing to rise up.\*

That takes us, finally, to the bill that was theoretically discussed at the beginning of this year. (From the Independent) "Last month's motion in parliament over land redistribution was proposed by the firebrand leader of the [Economic Freedom Fighters] (EFF), Julius Malema, who has gained notoriety for his outspoken views towards South Africa's white population and has previously been convicted of hate speech for singing the apartheid-era struggle song "Shoot the Boer" – boer is Dutch for farmer. Mr Malema has described land seizures as "teaching whites a lesson", and wants ownership to closer reflect South Africa's population, where 80.2 per cent of people describe themselves as black African, 8.4 per cent white and 8.8 per cent as "coloured"."

For the first part of the year, the bill was just a rumor. Last month, it became a reality. (From the BBC). "South Africa will push ahead with plans to amend the constitution to allow land expropriation without compensation, its president says. In a recorded address, President Cyril Ramaphosa said the ruling ANC will "finalise a proposed amendment" allowing the move. He said the reform was "of critical importance" to the

economy.” You heard that right, this bill, as proposed, would take away the land from some people without any type of payment or protection. One day, you’re sleeping in your house, the next day, you’re sleeping on the street.

This bill has not been ratified yet. You may be thinking to yourself, “Well, if their leaders supports it, their Representatives support it, then why hasn’t it been ratified?” The answer to that question is because, unlike before, where the state could act without the people knowing, information technology has empowered their citizens. For the last week, President Ramaphosa has had to defend himself from negative press due to this proposal. Negative press might seem innocuous, but it can easily lead to popular outcry for sanctions or even military action against the country. Considering South Africa would not be the first time the USA has replaced a country’s leader, President Ramaphosa has had to backtrack. (From The Independent) “Speaking this week, President Cyril Ramaphosa said his government would not support or allow violent land grabs against white-owned farms, of the kind which led to Zimbabwe’s economic collapse 20 years ago, calling this “anarchy”.” He has also specified that he will consider rewording the bill so that some safety and/or compensation might be provided.

Two questions you’ll probably have after hearing this are, “If the majority of the people would seem benefit from the land grab, why is there an uproar?” and “What happened in Zimbabwe?” These two questions are linked. Zimbabwe tried this very same kind of “land reform” technique in 1980 and took the country from a place where they were considered average by most metrics and brought them to the place they are now, which is one of the most impoverished countries in the world. For a time, it was actually the single most impoverished country in the world. (From the CATO Institute) “Throughout the first decade of the 21st century, Zimbabwe became “Exhibit A” on how to wreck a national economy. The Mugabe government seized thousands of large-scale

commercial farms without compensating the landholders who held the property titles. As a result, there was a cascading set of economic failures, despite the agricultural sector commanding only 15 percent of the economy. Property titles for the farms became worthless, and hundreds of banks holding the deeds went out of business because mortgage payments were no longer being made. Hundreds of retail and commercial businesses dependent upon the farming sector also failed, and government tax revenue rapidly shrank as a result, creating enormous budget deficits. The government filled the gap by printing money, resulting in hyperinflation” **\*If you want, this is a good time to talk about how levelling the playing field doesn’t equate to prosperity. Everybody having the same amount of chips at a Poker table doesn’t mean there’s more money in the pot, so to speak.\***

So the people, who at one time would have certainly supported this type of reform, now have armed themselves with knowledge. The results of Zimbabwe’s land grab could have filled an entire Podcast, so if you’re curious to see more details, please check out the extensive study by the CATO Institute in the show notes. But, in short, it was not just bad, it was catastrophic. Studies like this now have made the citizens wary. They can no longer be fooled by a free lunch anymore because they have access to knowledge that that looked like a free lunch destroyed an entire country in a circumstance similar to their own. **\*A good chance to chat with your co-host/guests and get their opinions. After this, we’re talking about a damn Tweet, so get out any thoughts you have about property rights, empowering yourself with information and/or weaponry, and why we must resist authoritarianism here\***

I’m sure you’ve been wondering since we teased it at the beginning this story, “Uh, I was told there would be a Trump tweet involved, where is it?” Because, of course, that’s obviously going to be the thing your friends will be talking about at the water cooler tomorrow morning about. We’re almost to it, I promise. One more order of business is that since the bill was in the making earlier this year, South Africa’s crime has spiked. Stories from the area suggest that this spike in crime is coming from attacks against the white farmers. I’ll read this brief story from the Independent, but I’m going to qualify it after I do: “Since the beginning of 2018, when they started mulling this bill over, people realized the

government was on their side and started attacking whites: Activist groups promoting the rights of white people in the country claim there have been 90 recorded attacks in 2018 so far, with one farmer murdered every five days on average. There is no official data supporting the idea that white farmers are more likely to be victims of attacks in South Africa, and the government strongly denies white people are being deliberately targeted and says farm murders are part of South Africa's wider violent crime problem."

The problem with stories like this is that we can't confirm or deny them, so going all in on them isn't something we should hedge our bets on. You're free to see stories from the Independent, which will be in our notes, and be warned that the stories are graphic. It's beyond just theft and violence, it turns into rape and murder. People's experiences should not be discounted and they have every right to seek justice. But South Africa's crime spikes frequently and the government, who is the only source of official information regarding these murders, denies that the crime against the whites there is any worse than the crime against the rest of the country. Some organizations are calling it "white genocide," but this is misleading. First is that, according to Politifact, there's no way to verify the quantity of the murders by demographic since that's not something the government keeps track of. Second is that it makes the war take up racial arms, which makes people naturally defensive and take a side before understanding the situation. This is not about their race, even though the rich there tend to be white, this is about targeting the wealthy. Even Glenn Beck, of all people, said that calling it an attack on whites was inaccurate, so if he's not buying the conspiracy, then there's a good chance it's something you won't want to buy in to either.

Given what you know about Trump and his tweets, do you think he took a few minutes, looked up the facts, and decided to send a message that encouraged justice and fairness during this time of crisis in South Africa? Do you think he offered South Africa sage advice on how create equality through prosperity? Or do you think that he went in on the race thing? He tweeted: "I have asked Secretary of State [@SecPompeo](#) to closely study the South Africa land and farm seizures and expropriations and the large scale killing of farmers. "South African

Government is now seizing land from white farmers.” [@TuckerCarlson](#)  
[@FoxNews](#)”

This is wrong for so many reasons even aside from him putting race into it. First is that the law hasn't actually been passed yet. There has been no seizure of farms yet, that's fake news as of now. Second is that he tagged Tucker Carlson and Fox News, so instead of getting the information from another diplomat or a source of information he has incredible access to, he got his information from a TV Show with known biases. Third, why is he asking the Secretary of State to watch the situation? If there were a situation, wouldn't you want him to do something about it? Don't worry Libertarians, I'm not talking about sending in troops or even shipping them supplies. We should keep in mind that the one thing keeping this law from passing is that the people have access to information and providing that information is free. Maybe in one of the rare times you actually want Trump to tell another leader he's being an idiot on Twitter, he simply says his secretary is going to watch the whole thing unfold. **\*If you'd like to dump more on Trump, his tweets, or what you wish he would have said or done, this is the time.\***

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## Ad or Promo Stop 1: Patreon - 2 Min

*Short break for ad or promo. Music bed underneath.*

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We have a letter from one listener on why they joined:

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## **Segment 2: Path To Libertarianism (Philosophy Block) - 20 Min**

*Re-introduce.*

“Welcome back to We Are Libertarians episode number \_\_\_\_\_. I'm Chris Spangle and here with me is \_\_\_\_\_. If you haven't subscribed to our show, please do so now, and be sure to leave a rating and review while you're there. This segment is brought to you by \_\_\_\_\_.

In this age of frantic communication about hundreds of issues from thousands of voices, it is easy to lose sight of the basic principles of libertarianism. The Path to Libertarianism exists to keep us grounded in a philosophy that remains a constant in this world of evolving opinion. This week, we are talking about \_\_\_\_\_.”

*Segment designed to discuss a portion of the libertarian philosophy.*

- Establish what who, what, when, where
- Dive into the how.
- Offer differing viewpoints.
- Offer libertarian viewpoints.
- Offer libertarian solutions.

Cody Wilson on beliefs and the cost for standing up for them.

Tom Woods Interview: <https://tomwoods.com/ep-1224-cody-wilson-on-liberty-the-state-and-open-source-gun-designs/>

**District judge extends claim to have repealed First Amendment**  
**Source: Reuters**

“A U.S. judge on Monday extended a ban on the online distribution of 3-D printed gun blueprints, a win for a group of mainly Democratic-led states that said such a publication would violate their right to regulate firearms and endanger their citizens. U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik in Seattle issued the extension of a nationwide injunction, blocking a Texas-based group from disseminating files for printing plastic weapons on the internet. Lasnik’s prior order issued on July 31 blocked the release of the blueprints hours before they were set to hit the internet. That temporary ban was set to expire on Tuesday and the new ban will remain in place until the case is resolved.” [editor’s note: The plans are out there and widely available. The import of this case boils down entirely to the claim of a bureaucrat in a black dress that he has the authority to unilaterally repeal the First Amendment – TLK] (08/27/18)

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-court-guns/u-s-judge-extends-ban-of-online-3-d-printed-gun-blueprints-idUSKCN1LC1UF>

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## **Ad or Promo Stop 2: WAL Store - 1 Min**

*Short break for ad or promo. Music bed underneath.*

Let's be honest. Other than Jeffrey Tucker, Libertarians do not dress well. We Are Libertarians have a solution. It is the new We Are Libertarians store! Get the shirt that men covet and women cannot resist now by clicking the link at [WeAreLibertarians.com](http://WeAreLibertarians.com). Because Dear Leader is generous and thorough, we also have women's shirts! Don't forget to send us photos of yourself in your shirt to [editor@wearelibertarians.com](mailto:editor@wearelibertarians.com) and we will post it!

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## Uncovered News - 10 Min

*Segment devoted to minor headlines.*

“The mainstream media has discovered their profit centers, and that leaves many important issues uncovered. In Uncovered News, we bring you information that you need to know!”

- Establish what who, what, when, where.
- Offer short libertarian viewpoints.

### **Apple Forces Facebook VPN App Out of iOS Store for Stealing Users' Data**

For those who are unaware, Onavo Protect is a Facebook-owned Virtual Private Network (VPN) app that was primarily designed to help users keep tabs on their mobile data usage and acquired by Facebook from an Israeli analytics startup in 2013.

The so-called VPN app has been the source of controversy earlier this year, when the social media giant offered it as a free mobile VPN app, promised to "keep you and your data safe when you browse and share information on the web."

<https://thehackernews.com/2018/08/facebook-vpn-app-apple-store.html>

### **Rand Paul endorses Gary Johnson's Senate bid**

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) is endorsing fellow libertarian former Gov. Gary Johnson in his New Mexico Senate bid.

Paul is throwing his weight behind Johnson, instead of his Republican competitor Mick Rich, the Kentucky senator announced in a news release Tuesday, the Associated Press reports. Johnson's supporters have been pressuring Rich to drop out of the race against Democratic Sen. Martin Heinrich. Tuesday is the final day for candidates to withdraw their names from the general election ballot. As fellow libertarians, Paul and Johnson share similar sentiments on limited government.

An Emerson College e-poll conducted with a small sample size of 500 registered voters showed Johnson leading Rich among Republicans. Johnson led a failed campaign for president in the 2016 election, earning him big name recognition, and previously served as New Mexico's governor in the late 90s and early 2000s.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/404027-rand-paul-endorses-gary-johnsons-senate-bid>

## **Hogg-led victim disarmament mob demands \$5 million bribe from Smith & Wesson**

Source: Washington Times

“Student gun control advocates and one of the survivors of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting are finishing a 50-mile, four-day march in Massachusetts to the headquarters of gun manufacturer Smith & Wesson. The group is gathering outside company headquarters Sunday in Springfield. The marchers have condemned Smith & Wesson for making the rifle used in the February mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. The group wants the company to donate \$5 million to gun violence research [sic].” (08/26/18)

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/aug/26/david-hogg-gun-control-advocates-march-smith-wesso/>

### **‘Sleeper’ case could torpedo Mueller report**

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/08/27/robert-mueller-special-counsel-report-sleeper-case-797373>

A little-noticed court case stemming from the apparent murder of a Columbia University professor six decades ago could keep special counsel Robert Mueller from publishing any information about the Trump campaign and Russia that he obtains through a Washington grand jury.

The substance of the case is entirely unrelated to Mueller’s investigation into whether any of President Donald Trump’s associates aided Russia’s efforts to intervene in the 2016 election.

But if a Washington appeals court set to hear the murder-related case next month sides with the Justice Department and rules that judges don’t have the freedom to release grand jury information that is usually kept secret, it could throw a monkey wrench into any plans Mueller has to issue a public report on his probe’s findings, lawyers following the issue said.

### **Kansas Officials Let Residents Drink Contaminated Water**

<https://politicalwire.com/2018/08/26/kansas-officials-let-residents-drink-contaminated-water/>

“The state allowed hundreds of residents in two Wichita-area neighborhoods to drink contaminated water for years without telling them, despite warning signs of contamination close to water wells used for drinking, washing and bathing,” the Wichita Eagle reports.

“In 2011... the state discovered dry cleaning chemicals had contaminated groundwater at 412 W. Grand in Haysville. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment didn't act for more than six years.”

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## **We Are Libertarians Mailbag - 10 Min**

*Re-introduce. Segment answering a listener question.*

You already get a lot of interaction with me every day. I would like to avoid pestering you, but I can't seem to do it. On the CSS, the challenge is out there that you will continue the Podcast only if it gets the support and viewership, which makes sense. I will say that the CSS incorporates what I liked best from WAL, in that you cover a "small" news story or event in detail. It's up to the standards I expect from WAL in both insight and documentation. You already know I like your material, but you should know that this is very well done.

I could fill up my day with Libertarian Podcasts, but I'm an active guy and can only choose a couple. I've listened to all of the big dogs, but the best quality is WAL and, now, the CSS. I know you sacrifice a great deal for the quality and the quantity. Here's to hoping this can become your full-time gig. I like the new direction and organization. When I started listening about a year ago, I found myself thinking that you guys had great points, but it was a bit chaotic and scatterbrained. The focus will be good for the new listener, though I'll admit there's a charm there with the various personalities that I couldn't appreciate before.

Keep up the good work.

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## **Final Thoughts From Cohosts - 5 Min**

*Open floor for cohosts. Plugs.*

# **Corrections, Thank Yous and Promos - 5 Min**

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