

NORFED is the Freedom Home Page of the Week

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"If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their money, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them (around the banks), will deprive the people of their property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered." --Thomas Jefferson

Whoops! We've already allowed those private banks to control the issue of our money. They're called the Federal Reserve Banks and, yep, they're privately owned. And, since our money is no longer backed by anything at all, inflation and deflation happen at a banker's whim. But returning real value, backed by metal, to our money is the goal of this week's Page of the Week: **NORFED**, the National Organization for the Repeal of the Federal Reserve Act and the Internal Revenue Code.

That name is a mouthful, but the Web site is nicely succinct. For the clearest explanation of money and value since Murray Rothbard, check out their **Money FAQ**. NORFED's main project, American Liberty Currency, is the real meat of the site. Functioning both as a practical, metal-based currency AND as a protest/petition against the Federal Reserve, the Liberty is available for purchase in both certificate and coin form. Admittedly, your average department store isn't likely to accept the Liberty for exchange... yet, but redemption centers and businesses which accept the Liberty are constantly being added to a list on the site. Even if you never actually spend the things, they are gorgeous and make great gifts for monetarists and other libertarians. AND, most importantly, the Liberty will always be redeemable for real silver, no matter what kind of doo-doo hits the fractional reserve fan.