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It's dangerous to give all power to select few

We're seeing more of Kevin Gaughan lately as he ramps up his local campaign for regionalizing, and I often wonder why there isn't more speculation about his motives. In his best "for the people, by the people" rhetoric, he's convincing us that our elected officials equal "too much government," that we don't need them and that we'd be better off without them. He rallies the town folk to fight for their rights, but his advice results in just the opposite — they lose their representation when they give all the power to a select few, especially when those few might not have their best interests at heart.

That's dangerous, particularly in outlying communities where fighting off exploitation is a way of life, and our representatives are often all that stand between us and the bulldozers. How can we be better off with fewer watching our backs? Should we depend on someone in Buffalo to look out for our interests? Americans fought hard for their right to be represented and, in my town, as in other rural towns, it's vitally important in our efforts to protect our quality of life.

I know that Gaughan has many admirers. But what if, in addition to his long list of credentials, he's also a slick salesman working on behalf of those who want to see our rights actually diminished in order to gain more control over us? Hey, you never know. It's a crazy world out there.

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