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Nancy Pelosi Says She Supports Occupy Wall Street, Slams Eric Cantor

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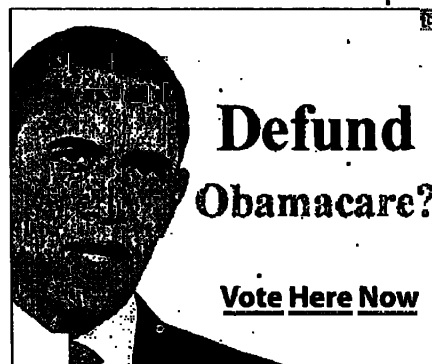


House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has added her powerful voice of support to the 'Occupy Wall Street' movement that is sweeping America. She voiced her support during an interview with ABC News' Christiane Amanpour and she even managed to slam Eric Cantor in the process.

PELOSI: "Well, I support the message to the establishment — whether it's Wall Street or the political establishment and the rest — that change has to happen. We cannot continue in a way that is not relevant to their lives. I think one of the most angry responses I've seen to actions in Washington came after we passed the TARP bill. And that was the bill that pulled us back from a financial crisis — and this was during the Presidency of President Bush. The thought was that once we did that, there would be capital available and Main Street would benefit from the resources that went largely to people on Wall Street. That didn't happen and people are angry.



I think people are angry that they don't have jobs — by and large. There's nothing that makes you angrier than not being able to provide for your family or understand what your prospects are for the future. And I do think that, from what we saw after TARP, that the focus on Wall Street was one that they thought was a legitimate place to go: 'Don't do this again. Don't put Main Street at the mercy of Wall Street.' And again, not to paint everyone on Wall Street with the same brush. That would not be fair. But actions were taken that risked our economy, and that shouldn't happen again."



AMANPOUR: "I just want to get your reaction to some comments by Eric Cantor [at the Values Voter Summit]. He said, quote: 'I'm increasingly concerned about the growing mobs occupying Wall Street and other cities around the country.' And he said: 'Believe it or not, some in this town have actually condoned the pitting of Americans against other Americans.'"

PELOSI: "I didn't hear him say anything when the Tea Party was out demonstrating, actually spitting on members of Congress right here in the Capitol. And he

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and his colleagues were putting signs in the windows encouraging them. But let's not get down to that."

AMANPOUR: "But do you think it's pitting Americans against Americans?"

PELOSI: "Well, that's the American system. It's the democratic system. We don't all agree. We'd have a king if we were all of one mind. We don't. We have different views. And the part of the democracy of our country is the expression that people give, and the Constitution guarantees that."

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Pelosi has become yet another Democrat who has come out in support of the movement. Republicans, meanwhile, have done nothing but criticize the movement as "un-American" and "an attack upon freedom."

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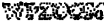
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Former Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., responding to al-Qaeda's criticism of his sexual orientation in the latest issue of their magazine, compared the terrorist organization to the Tea Party and cracked that the two groups are "aligned" with each other against gay marriage.

"I wonder how the right wing in America feels about being aligned with al-Qaeda?" Frank said to Buzzfeed (<http://www.buzzfeed.com/andrewkaczynski/barney-frank-doesnt-care-what-al-qaeda-thinks-of-his-marriage>), adding that "there is an irony that the most active anti-gay [groups] are al-Qaeda and the American right-wing."

The latest issue of Al-Qaeda's *Inspire* magazine spotlights (<http://www.motherjones.com/mojo/2013/03/al-qaeda-hits-obama-supporting-same-sex-marriage>) "Barney Frank, Gay Congressman, Symbol of the American Dream" to argue that the United States is "a nation standing on no values."

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"It sounded like what the Tea Party said when I got married," Frank replied.

Frank's comments come about a week after an NPR analyst suggested

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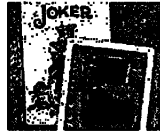
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The NAACP passed a resolution this week decrying racist elements in the Tea Party movement, and, at the organization's 101st national convention in Kansas City, Texas Democratic Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee took the criticism a step further, comparing the Tea Party movement to the KKK. From her remarks during a panel for a workshop on engaging Congress:

And I thank you professor very much. I'm going to be engaging you with those very powerful numbers that you have offered on what the tea party recognizes, uh, or is recognized as. Might I add my own P.S.? All those who wore sheets a long time ago have now lifted them off and started wearing [applause], uh, clothing, uh, with a name, say, I am part of the tea party. Don't you be fooled. [voices: "That's right.", applause] Those who used to wear sheets are now being able to walk down the aisle and speak as a patriot because you will not speak loudly about the lack of integrity of this movement. Don't let anybody tell you that those who spit on us as we were walking to vote on a health care bill for all of America or those who said Congresswoman Jackson-Lee's braids were too tight in her hair had anything to do with justice and equality and empowerment of the American people. Don't let them fool you on that [applause]...

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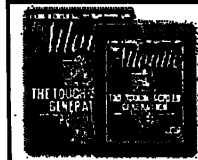
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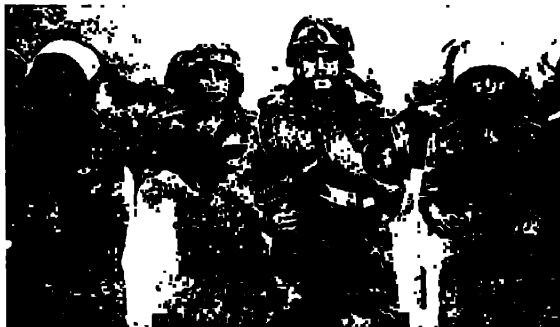
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This "women" has embarrassed the 18th CD long enough. She cares not one iota for the people of her district. It is time to elect someone who is strong for the people of Houston, regardless of the color of their skin. Lets elect John Faulk, and send Ms. Lee back to the state of New York.

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Shila Jackson Lee is not only a detestable Marxist ... she is also a racist. I should also add that I just heard her comments on Vietnam being comprised of North Vietnam and South Vietnam and she added that they are existing in peace. She thinks there are still two Vietnams. Good Lord! And that fool still doesn't know that anything about the history and the US departure of the South, and the North's invasion and slaughter of millions of civilians. And she's a "Senior Member" of the House of Representative Foreign Affairs Committee. Wow, our country is in serious trouble if we continue to elect fools like this.

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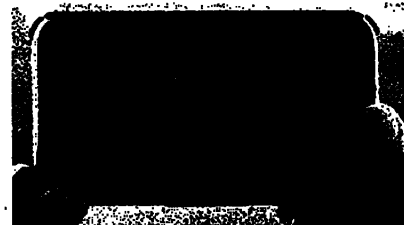


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Rep. Jackson Lee sent a letter to Holder which alleged that True the Vote was intimidating voters and their election monitors were crossing the line in unspecified "instances" of voter intimidation. The letter went on to directly assert that the "alleged events" were factual and that the True the Vote effort was behind the crimes. The letter offered no documented instances or data of any kind.

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The letter, titled "Voter Intimidation in Houston, Texas and Request for DOJ Poll Monitors to Be Sent," urged Holder to investigate with his DOJ and stated, "As a senior Member of the House Judiciary Committee, I urge you to order an immediate investigation into these incidents, and call for the Department of Justice to send poll monitors to Harris County immediately to ensure a safe and neutral voting environment during the November 2 election."

"It was strange and concerning," said Catherine Engelbrecht, founder of [King Street Patriots](http://www.kingstreetpatriots.org/) (<http://www.kingstreetpatriots.org/>) and True the Vote. "She first said there were unspecified reports of crimes and that we were believed to be behind them. In the next paragraph, she began specifically stating that the events did occur, thus accusing us of crimes."

"We really thought, and still do for that matter, that the congresswoman was going on the offense as a defense. This happened immediately after our group found an unexplainable and unusually high number of voter registration irregularities in her district," said Engelbrecht. "None of our experts, none of our socio-economic comparisons and considerations could explain why her district had so many irregularities."

Engelbrecht and True the Vote had previously sent a letter, along with documentation, to the DOJ regarding the unusually high number of voter registration irregularities in Rep. Jackson Lee's district. "We felt like the congresswoman was abusing her position to retaliate against us for doing our duty as Americans," said Engelbrecht. "Our offices are in her district and we were shocked that a congressional leaders didn't embrace our efforts to ensure election integrity. The message we got was that looking at irregularities in the Rep. Jackson Lee's district would result in the DOJ investigating us."

Breitbart News previously released an [in-depth analysis](#) (<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/04/13/voter-id-laws-racist-or-reasonable>) of True the Vote's experiences with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee titled: "Voter ID Laws: Racist or Reasonable."

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Sheila Jackson Lee is a horrible excuse for a human being. There is nothing redeeming about her.
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Somewhat off topic - Have any of you noticed that Joe Biden appears to have disappeared as all of these controversies have bubbled to the surface. Could it be that people are concerned that he might be asked a question or two and that he has been put on lockdown?
On topic - Ms. Lee's letter is just the latest in a growing pile of evidence which points to an active campaign to suppress the conservative vote via intimidation by government agencies. Obama ~~awoke~~ ~~awoke~~ a sleeping bear in 2010. The IRS Scandal in combination with Obamacare implementation will do the same in 2014.
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"They" must chain Joe up when the going gets tough.
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 **skspis** → **Lesley Richardson** · 2 months ago
The short answer is no.
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All these totally "Unrelated" coincidences certainly are piling up ...
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 **Abbie Gale** → **Max** · 2 months ago
All these dems are just sorry, hideous creatures. Only morons would vote for them. Can you imagine the fraud that goes on with these creeps?
8 ^ | ▾ Reply Share

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I would say they are corrupt first, they believe they will get something that otherwise would not belong to them in exchange for their vote

The dumb part comes into play when they actually think the dirt's they voted for are going to keep their end of the bargain.

Of course then you have the deviants that are more interested in getting whatever bizarre behavior they are addicted to main streamed.
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grainbirds → skspls · 2 months ago

Maybe he likes it. Especially if there are hardwood floors.

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leepermax → skspls · 2 months ago

Just look at this woman and tell me your thoughts whatever she stands for.....is anyone's guess as she blathers and babbles ...to insult us in knots her outfit...her hair-doo.....good Lord what a mess.

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redleg99 → leepermax · 2 months ago

She is one of Obamas assclown puppets! And she is a freaking Commie.

70 ^ | v Reply Share



sarcoq → redleg99 · 2 months ago

I believe one of 70 professed socialists in congress. And folks are electing these inccmpetents. legally or not. Just sayin'

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Tomtoms → redleg99 · 2 months ago

I am thinking a gypsy caravan is missing their tent.

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leepermax → redleg99 · 2 months ago

It actually looks like she has a crushing grip on a very surprised pair of GEITHNER BALLS as he tries to tell her she's being video-taped

yikus!

10 ^ | v Reply Share



Abbie Gale → leepermax · 2 months ago

She's utterly revolting and vile...I can't stomach looking at her. She's a contemptible retard on top of it all.

23 ^ | v Reply Share



Teachem → leepermax · 2 months ago

Jackson's been a thorn since day one. She really got herself on the map by slapping a WH Security Guard when she couldn't produce an ID to be on the grounds. She dresses like a bum, insiders say she smells all the time and could use a shower!

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mginsd → Teachem · 2 months ago

But she got her wig hat on her head!

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LibLieExposer → mginsd · 2 months ago

That's not a wig, that's a merkin.

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troutmagic2 → Teachem · 2 months ago

I bet she would melt snow with that breath!

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Abbie Gale → troutmagic2 · 2 months ago

Caption above tax cheat Geithner, "She stinks!"

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cscape → Teachem · 2 months ago

that wasn't her (although it ought to have been)... That was (then) congressman Cynthia McKinney D of Georgia

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retiredfire → cscape · 2 months ago

Isn't she the one, though, who asked if the Mars Rover could go look at our landing sites from the 70's?

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cscape → retiredfire · 2 months ago

at the Jet Propulsion Labs she asked the director if the Rover would be able to see where the flag was planted by the astronauts.... he gave her a "bless your heart"

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from a review in the "Atlanta Progressive" of McKinney's new book.... "Notably, the book makes not one single mention of the 2006 incident where McKinney had allegedly assaulted a DC Capitol police officer, which appears to have precipitated her loss to US Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA) later that year. Since the incident, McKinney has declined to tell reporters what actually happened on that day, and it has not been one of her more relished topics for public debate."

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daffyduck → leepermax · 2 months ago

Matches her big mouthed face, doncha think?

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She is so obnoxious & rude that Flight Attendants bid away from the Thursday or Friday afternoon flight she takes back to Houston!

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Abbie Gale → leepermax · 2 months ago

Is she even a humanoid? I don't think so. She's one of those things like Maxine Waters and Mochelle are.

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diaqus_9k4lee7cic → skspls · 2 months ago

you are right where is Joe?

^ | v Reply Share



Otter2 → camp60 · 2 months ago

Don't worry, the frontal lobe from the last lobotomy grew back again. Joe is a freak of nature that way. Anyway, he'll be back before we can blink and the Uncle Joe we've all grown to shriek at, knowing that he's the proverbial heartbeat away.

If the above is not true, he's in his cage, being fed rats, living rats.

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Raptormann → Guest · 2 months ago

If you come home and the trash can is turned over, the kids missing and the dog raped, you know the Democrats have come by.

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Guest → Raptormann · 2 months ago

sweet

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I wouldn't trust them to change the kitty litter or scoop the dog poop!!!!

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Suzanne Westfall → SelfPreservation · 2 months ago

I would. That's about all.

18 ^ | v Reply Share



kataleena → Guest · 2 months ago

Outstanding description.

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mcc307 → Guest · 2 months ago

don't be silly, they couldn't do any of those tasks. They resemble

Don't be silly, they couldn't do any of those tasks. They resemble actual work!

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Mary Lou Curtin → mcc307 · 2 months ago

Joe is busy preparing for his testimony regarding LEAKING THE SEAL TEAM SIX information regarding Bin Ladin.....and which resulted in the 22 members of our heroic elite team being killed..... "TRAITOR JOE"

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Guest → Mary Lou Curtin · 2 months ago

they leaked it and didnt even get the information correct.

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baffuggingnanarepublic → Guest · 2 months ago

This Sheila Jackson Lee is the kind of person that would apply for 30 Pigfords (one for each kid and grandkid farmer) because she knows that they need no proof. She has probably figured out a way to get all kinds of welfare for herself and her family even though she makes \$175,000 per year. She would cheat the IRS in a NY minute. because she knows Bozo's IRS won't audit her. She has 25 Obamaphones and steals toilet paper from her congressional office. Whilst at the same time she probably has about 25 lawsuits for discrimination going on at any given time. Where she will sue the Feds and whoever else she thinks will pay her to keep her mouth shut temporarily. That's the kind of Bozo wcaetyo she is.

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Abbie Gale → Guest · 2 months ago

...or, clean your toilets with their toothbrush, unstop your sewer with their bare hands, lick the catbox, eat fish guts? No, I wouldn't trust them to do those things, but I'd sure pay to watch!

9 ^ | v Reply Share



Tomtoms → Guest · 2 months ago

I have an old Yugo out in the back 40 that could work on. I am thinking they might have an inside track on some hard to find parts from the eastern bloc.

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SWohio → Oter2 · 2 months ago

which would make him a cannibal.

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camp50 → camp50 · 2 months ago

To place Representative Lee's letter into a timeline perspective, it was dated three days after O uttered his now infamous "Punish Our Enemies" comment in the course of a Univision radio interview. Message sent, message received.

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Raptormann → camp50 · 2 months ago

That is not an Obummer original. The AFL leader Sam Gompers said it first. This was the Obummer hat tip to past Red Union leaders. Gompers was a Socialist.

59 ^ | v Reply Share



Guest → camp50 · 2 months ago

I thought that very same thing. We got to keep uncle laughing gaffe machine joe on lock down because all of these years as a public servant he still hasn't learned tact, social decorum, or self control.

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Guest → Guest · 2 months ago

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spaceinacase → Guest · 2 months ago

Biden is a Bilderberg Group member and they picked him. I am

serious.

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Tomtoms → Guest · 2 months ago

- 3) Whitest teeth ever
- 4) Strangest hair do since Sheila Jackson Lee and Don King.
- 5) With Joe in the room, you can never be called dumbest guy in the room

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You never run out of conspiracy theories!!

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Maxine Waters to tea party: Go to Hell

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By [Nia-Malika Henderson](#), Published August 22, 2011 [E-mail the writer](#)

Rep. Maxine Waters has four words for the tea party: Go straight to Hell.

At a community summit on Saturday, the California Democrat, who has been increasingly critical of President Obama, as well, had tough words for the other side.

"I'm not afraid of anybody," Waters said at the summit in Inglewood, Calif. "This is a tough game. You can't be intimidated. You can't be frightened. And as far as I'm concerned, the 'tea party' can go straight to Hell."

A prominent tea party group shot back with a statement calling on Obama to check the members of his party and to condemn the rough talk.

"We've had Democrats calling American citizens, 'terrorists' and 'hostage takers,' and now an elected Democratic representative says that we can 'go straight to hell,'" the group Tea Party Patriots said. "The president and all leaders of the Democratic Party, who have called for civility in the past, are neglecting to censure their own. Is civility only required from their opponents? Perhaps it's time for a new-NEW era of civility. — The president's silence on these latest violations of civility has been deafening, but not surprising."

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have been hosting town halls and job fairs across the country, most recently in Detroit, Atlanta and Cleveland.

On Tuesday afternoon Waters and other members will attend a summit in Los Angeles to discuss their jobs resolution, "For The People," which calls on Congress to pass jobs legislation. The unemployment rate among African Americans is 16 percent, almost double the national average.

Waters, who has faced complaints about ethics over the last year, has been at the forefront of a recent, more public venting of frustrations between the CBC and Obama. She addressed the delicate maneuvering that black elected officials have had to make in the Obama era at a town hall in Detroit last week.

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"If we go after the president too hard; you're going after us. When you tell us it's all right and you unleash us and you're ready to have this conversation, we're ready to have the conversation," Waters said. "We're getting tired y'all. We want to give him every opportunity. But our people are hurting. The unemployment is unconscionable. ... When you let us know it is time to let go, we'll let go."

This new and bold criticism from Waters comes as Obama faces record low approval ratings and is planning to discuss job creation in a speech next month.

A Washington Post/ABC News poll found that Obama still enjoys rock solid support among African Americans--86 percent approve of his performance. Yet only 54 percent said Obama's policies have improved the economy, a dip from 77 percent last October.

"There is a growing frustration in this country and in minority communities because the unemployment rates are so high," Waters said at a town hall in Atlanta last week.

"The president is going to have to fight and he is going to have to fight hard."

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Striking a blow for civility, I see.

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chat_brewer responds:
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Far better educated? "cut taxes and cut spending" repeat endlessly, this is a recording



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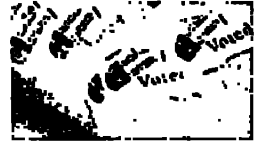
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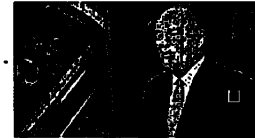
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Rep. Carson stands by tea party racism blast



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 CNN Congressional Producer Deirdre Walsh

(CNN) - A spokesman for Democratic Rep. Andre Carson said the Indiana representative and member of the Congressional Black Caucus is not backing down from comments he made previously, when he said members of the tea party movement on Capitol Hill would like to see African Americans "hanging on a tree."

Jason Tomsci, Carson's aide, confirmed the comments and reaffirmed the sentiment.

"He used strong language because the tea party agenda jeopardizes the most vulnerable," Tomsci told CNN Wednesday. "Members of the tea party are holding up a lot of things that the president wants to do and want to get critical services and programs that they know are important to African Americans as well as Latinos and other minorities."

Video surfaced Tuesday on TheBlaze.com, a website run by conservative host Glenn Beck, which shows Carson, who holds a leadership role in the CBC, at an Aug. 22 event in Florida.

"Some of these folks in Congress would love to see us as second class citizens. Some of them in Congress right now of this tea party movement would love to see you and me ... hanging on a tree," Carson said according to the audio.

He also equated the efforts of those in the tea party movement to Jim Crow laws that historically kept African Americans from voting.

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1. **Dani**

@Woman In California:
 The only thing I don't agree with is that the Tea Party didn't exist before Obama. Not

true. The tea party are no other than the Birth Society, the KKK, the Aryan Nation, militias and a lot of southern white Christians. The tea party has been around for decades. They are all the groups I just listed. They're just going by a different name this time around. The baggers are fooling no one. They are racists and they want to bring Obama to his knees.

Rep. Carson stands by tea party racism blast – CNN Political Ticker - CNN.com Blogs

August 31, 2011 02:18 pm at 2:18 pm |

blaqmajik

Everything that was said is true. You can pull up a million videos on youtube showing the teabaggers racism, but can you find one with them talking about unity amongst people. The Congressional Black Cacuse (CBC); Black In Government (BIG) and the rest of these groups which promotes equality need to get out and let people know the truth behind these teabaggers.

August 31, 2011 02:20 pm at 2:20 pm |

Dani

"Anyone as full of blind hate and as racist as Rep. Andre Carson is not fit for office. Democrats should demand he resign."

Well this independent believes Rep. Carson. Raw data on tea party validates what Carson is saying. The Tea Party despises black people, period.

August 31, 2011 02:23 pm at 2:23 pm |

The Other Michael in Houston

Democrat Class Warfare said:

Why do you think the Tea Party did not exist under George Bush?

Because George Bush didn't run \$1.7 TRILLION yearly deficits and for as far as the eye can see, until bankruptcy.

Because George Bush didn't cram a healthcare "reform" down the throats of the American people that REQUIRES them to buy a private product.

Okay so he jammed attacking Iraq down our throats when the Administration know that all the intel was false the he kept the coast of both wars and the multi trillion dollar Medicare Prescription Drug Plan off the books so it would appear that the deficit was not high.

So you darn right we are blaming the last Administration. The only moronic thing is, President Obama is so caught up on "unity" that he is bending way to much to the right which is getting us no where because you and the rest of the Republican party will sabotage anything the Obama Administration tries to do, even if it means sacrificing your own needs. Like I said, us people with seven figure incomes actually like some the policies the President is trying to put into place to secure the future of America, it's you fast food employee's who hate the color of his skin that screaming the loudest against the President, idiots!

August 31, 2011 02:26 pm at 2:26 pm |

Dave D

I suppose only blacks are allowed to be part of the Congressional Black Caucus.....fraking it a racist organization? Give me a break. All these accusations about the Tea Party being racist, yet not much in the way of proof. Just another talking point to divide the masses.

August 31, 2011 02:29 pm at 2:29 pm |

Kevin in Ohio

Doesn't this guy get it??? Not only are his comments RACIST, but he is completely wrong. The ideals espoused by the Tea Party will ultimately help ALL Americans, including the oppressed minorities, by adhering to the Constitution. Black people will never be considered equal or truly be free until they break free from the stranglehold the liberals and democrats have on them. Through their entitlements, the democrats benefit by keeping blacks oppressed. More handouts and entitlements, more votes. Fortunately, SOME African Americans, like Alan West and Herman Cain, have embraced personal accountability and can envision the future MLK jr was talking about.

August 31, 2011 02:29 pm at 2:29 pm |

Embarrassed Conservative

@Democrat Class Warfare – Destroying the economy, destroying the country

A black racist? Why can't he just be a racist like the TEA partysers? I think your comment is racist.

August 31, 2011 02:30 pm at 2:30 pm |

Embarrassed Conservative

@Hanger 13. Says you! How about you back that with a reliable source. You expect all of us to believe that BS just cause you said it.

August 31, 2011 02:33 pm at 2:33 pm |

tod siedell

I do not belong to the tea party. But, I don't get where people think their racist or whatever. Only thing I've heard them say is, we want the gov't to balance the budget and live within its means. Most of the people who say they are tps are middle class, not rich. If that makes you a racist, then I'll proudly call myself a racist, because it obviously doesn't mean what it used to stand for.

August 31, 2011 02:33 pm at 2:33 pm |

me

"He's right, which is all the more reason we'll see a complete hissy fit from the people he correctly labeled. Methinks they doth protest too much." Right. Complaining when someone labels you as a would be murderer is complaining too much. If the shoe was on the other foot there would be no complaints, right? The black community never ever uses the race card for anything. Whaaaaa they are just doing it because I'm black. Whaaaaaa.

August 31, 2011 02:36 pm at 2:36 pm |

Russell Brown

racism is a smoke screen that how it is easy for china to beat united states

Like the dreams of the future
better than the history of the past.

August 31, 2011 02:38 pm at 2:38 pm |

12.

LogicalUS

What would you expect from this racist?

These race pimps have done more damage to the African American community in the last 40 years than any horde of KKK could ever contemplate.

Keep following these scum and watch as your community devolves further into third world hellholes.

August 31, 2011 02:39 pm at 2:39 pm |

13.

Kent Williams

If the democrats want to "help out" minorities so much, I have to wonder why poverty has been on the rise since LBJ's Great Society. Why would a politician get people on their feet when they have a guaranteed vote from a dependent?

August 31, 2011 02:39 pm at 2:39 pm |

14.

RSS

Carson just recruited a new Tea Party Member, and probably many more. You don't think this will bring out the vote to oust Obama and idiots in congress who spout off their mouths without using one single brain cell? Let them continue, the more they show who they are, the more they are going to screw their chances, so keep it coming Carson, we will laugh all the way to election day.

August 31, 2011 02:41 pm at 2:41 pm |

15.

hca66

it's clowns like this and watters, and your beloved messiah barry, who are dividing this country. i bet you anything barry doesnt say a word of this....only the honorable Col. West has the guts to say whats right and wrong.

August 31, 2011 02:41 pm at 2:41 pm |

16.

hca66

he need to get his facts straight...it was the dems who passed the jim crow laws, and the republicans who got rid of them.....typical lib, making up their own facts.

August 31, 2011 02:43 pm at 2:43 pm |

17.

iloverepublicansbecausetheyarestartedfreaks

Why be racist?????..why.....whats bothering you..the world?.....get the HELL over it....gufabba.....means calm the HELL down..

August 31, 2011 02:43 pm at 2:43 pm |

18.

Gloria

Everything Mr. Carson said is true. That's the problem with most WP can't stand to hear the truth. Everyone knows it is a conspiracy to destroy the POTUS just because of who he is. NO other President has been disrespected in the history of this country. It is just as many white people getting assistance from the government but of course you will never acknowledge that.

August 31, 2011 02:45 pm at 2:45 pm |

19.

Bill

All this racial stuff is really getting boring. The only races that count are the election races and the "progressives" (what a contradiction) will do and say anything to try and prevail.

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20.

Russell Brown

how can you claim to love JESUS
and be filled with hate
to the hate that is in side of you
we pray it be pulled up by the roots
and planted in the sea mountain be removed.

August 31, 2011 02:45 pm at 2:45 pm |

21.

DLJ

So the tea partiers aren't racist because they like some black people who happen to think like them. Someone mentioned Allen West who said recently that "White liberals have turned over to certain leaders - perceived leaders - in the black community like a Jusse Jackson, Al Shurpton, a Maxine Waters or Barbara Lee, and said, "pacify and keep the black community firmly behind us regardless of the failures of our social welfare policies." Were anyone to say the same crap about black conservatives, the conservatives would start crying about it being racist, so guess what it is when West does it - and what it is if you agree with it?

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Just wanted you to take a look at Tim Ryan's statement yesterday on the House floor.

I wanted to come to the floor today after hearing about experiencing and reading some of the reports about what happened here today in the nation's capitol to some of the finest servants that this institution has ever seen by some of these tea bagger protesters who have been out today....

We call on the Republicans to say 'shame on you' to that kind of behavior.

Republicans are trying to shrug this off, saying that they "obviously" condemn this kind of behavior. Maybe they should live with the monster they created.

UPDATE: And here's the reaction from the conservative blogosphere: [So what?](#)

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Will there be a prediction thread?

I don't think the Stupak bloc will agree as a bloc, but have members peeled off one-by-one with executive order language.

The whole we're still negotiating thing is troubling, b/c how hard would it be to draft an executive order that the bill will be enforced consistent with the Hyde Amendment?

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T-baggers are going down the wrong road.

They should renounce all forms of racism and get behind health care reform instead of opposing it.

America will win today when the Congress does what Americans want and Gitterdone on health care.

support health care, support America !!

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Racism and health care are unrelated.

The acts of a few jerks should not be attributed to the whole.

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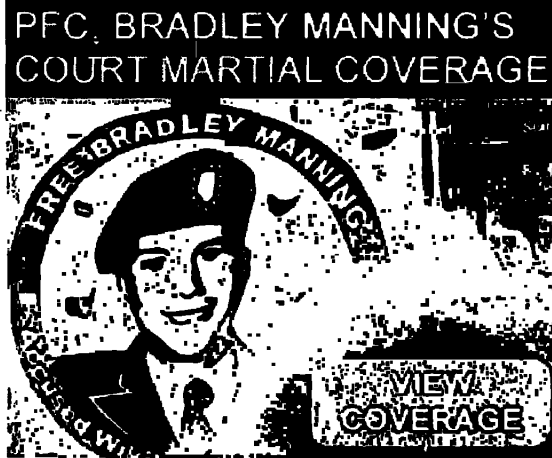
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Congressman Hank Johnson (D-Ga.) has claimed that "Tea Partiers" have enacted a "plan to dismantle the American government" and in the process, the country has lost its "moral compass."


"These 'Tea Partiers,' as willing conspirators with their so-called leadership have enacted on a plan to dismantle the American government and in the process, we have lost our moral compass," said Johnson.

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Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., speaking in New Hampshire this morning, reminded her audience of the tragic Tucson shooting last year – and also insinuated that the Tea Party, which she said regards political opponents as "the enemy," has enhanced divisiveness in Congress and had something to do with the shooting, at least indirectly. ([/gallery/articleid/1057106](http://gallery/articleid/1057106))

"We need to make sure that we tone things down, particularly in light of the Tucson tragedy from a year ago, where my very good friend, Gabby Giffords – who is doing really well, by the way, – [was shot]," Wasserman Schultz, the Democratic National Committee chair said during (<http://www.c-span.org/Events/DNC-Chair-Assesses-NH-Primary-Looks-Forward/10737427024/>) a "Politics and Eggs" forum this morning. "The discourse in America, the discourse in Congress in particular . . . has really changed, I'll tell you. I hesitate to place blame, but I have noticed it take a very precipitous turn towards edginess and lack of civility with the growth of the Tea Party movement."

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Having brought up the Giffords attack as a political cudgel, Wasserman Schultz doubled down on that attack. "You had town hall meetings that [the Tea Party] tried to take over, and you saw some their conduct at those town hall meetings," Wasserman Schultz said today. "When they come and disagree with you, you're not just wrong, you're the enemy."

Warning to that theme, she added that "when they disagree with you on an issue, you're not just wrong, you're the enemy." ([/article/2532745?slideout=1](http://article/2532745?slideout=1))

Giffords' shooter, Jared Lee Loughner, was eventually discovered to be a mentally unstable loner with no immediate partisan agenda (http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-7229463.html) and a serious alcohol problem. In 2007, he had attended a forum and asked a question of Giffords, which she had not answered to his satisfaction.

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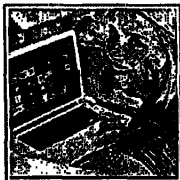
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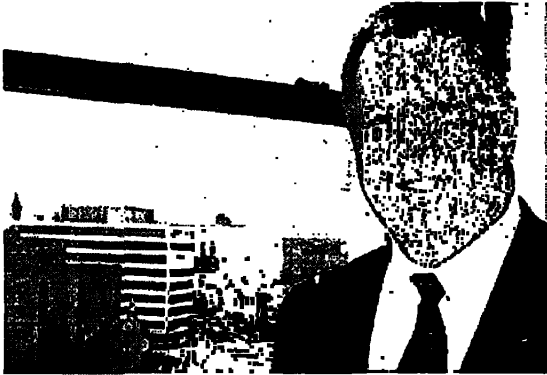
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U.S. Rep. Albio Sires (D-8) blames the Tea Party anti-government culture in part for the upsurge in gun violence around the country, including last week's massacre in Sandy Hook, Conn., in which a gunman murdered 20 school children before killing himself.

The congressman said multiple pieces of legislation are available at the federal level to address gun violence, but they haven't moved because of the 'right-wing' shackles that bind the Republican Party, he said.

"You have people in Congress right now who never put a budget together, who don't understand how government works, and how one cut trickles down and impacts everything," Sires said. "They got elected on ideology, and they don't understand that it cannot just be cut, cut, cut. They understand that when you cut school funding we lose critical mental health counseling. I hear them talk on the floor and that's where these guys are coming from. When you are a mayor, you see the impact."

Sires acknowledged that Friday's horrific massacre frees President Barack Obama to take a tougher stand in pursuit of more gun regulations.

"It's a horrific moment in America's history," Sires said. "Some of those kids had 11 bullets in them. I just don't know why a magazine has to carry 30 bullets. This guy had enough bullets to kill every kid in that school. What we have to understand here is that the John Wayne era is dead."

The congressman conceded that he and his colleagues will never be able to craft perfect legislation, and that legitimate hunters should have the guns they need to do what they do.

"But what is the need for semi-automatic weapons?" Sires asked. "What is the need?"

Despite the severity of the situation, don't look for this Congress to act, the congressman said.

"There's legislation there already, but I am not optimistic about its passage," he said, acknowledging the NRA lobby.

He said he would try to work with his colleagues.

Ideally, Sires wants a ban on automatic weapons.

Moreover, "We have to look at both gun legislation and federal legislation that puts a human security guard in each school," he said.

When Sires served as mayor of West New York there was a cop in every school, a setup that exists in the town to this day.

"We need to explore every possibility to make schools a safe haven for our children" Sires said.

He stopped short of calling for government strictures on violent video games and movies.

"That's up to the individual parents to stop buying these games," he said. "If you don't buy it, they won't sell it."

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It is really ashamed that one of the adults that were murdered by this evil murderer were not properly armed and properly trained to stop madman from killing so many innocents.

How many lives could have been saved if a couple of school employees were properly armed?

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Bill · 7 months ago

CT has one of the strictest laws in the country and it still wouldn't stop a madman. Replicating it on the national level would do nothing. It's no coincidence as gun sells have risen, crime has dropped nationally.

Also, funny he brings up budgets when the Democrats haven't passed one in 3 years.

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PulaskiPlayer → Bill · 7 months ago

Im disappointed in Albio who normally is a moderate Democrat now spewing Debbie Wasserman Schultz talking points.

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candidpachyderm · 7 months ago

another corrupt Marxist from Hudson County whos citizens birth certificates are not worth the paper they are written on.

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This idiot need a flash suppressor on his mouth because Automatic weapons are banned in most states and can only be got with special BATF permits in others

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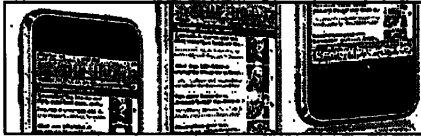


Voter · 5 months ago

This guy took an oath to uphold the constitution? There is no mention of a Right To Hunting in the Bill of Rights.... Read it again!

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Schakowsky: Tea parties 'despicable'

By Eric Zimmermann - 04/16/09 09:23 AM ET

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Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) blasted "tea party" protests yesterday, labeling the activities "despicable" and "shameful."

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"The 'tea parties' being held today by groups of right-wing activists, and fueled by FOX News Channel, are an effort to mislead the public about the Obama economic plan that cuts taxes for 95 percent of Americans and creates 3.5 million jobs," Schakowsky said in a statement.

"It's despicable that right-wing Republicans would attempt to cheapen a significant, honorable moment of American history with a shameful political stunt," she added. "Not a single American household or business will be taxed at a higher rate this year. Made to look like a grassroots uprising, this is an Obama bashing party promoted by corporate interests, as well as Republican lobbyists and politicians."

This is the strongest language to date opposing the protesters, which, according to some estimates, topped 250,000 across the country.

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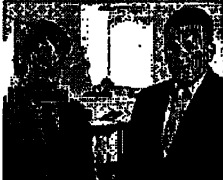
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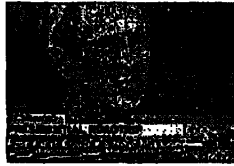
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Joe1000 · 4 years ago

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Cymplianpart · 4 years ago

Your blog is so interesting! I have subscribed on rss and I will read it regularly!

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Vito · 4 years ago

My last blog is this. Why is it that a Conservative is labeled "RADICAL RIGHT" by the news media? A Democrat is only a "LIBERAL". Isn't a Democrat really a "RADICAL LEFTIST" now? They say they are Socialist but the only difference between socialism and communism is that a communist government will not let you own property. It seems Obama and the Democrats are trying to take us there.

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Vito · 4 years ago

It's amazing how a crook married to a Democratic politician gets to serve 5 months in jail for stealing millions and a prison, that worked with my wife, and had a gambling problem stole \$150,000 and got 15 years. Is there something wrong here?

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Vito · 4 years ago

I would rather be called radical right than be a crooked politician like you. Controversy regarding Illinois Public Action Fund On March 11, 2004, Schakowsky's husband, lobbyist Robert Creamer, the executive director of the Illinois Public Action Fund, was indicted in federal court on 16 counts of bank fraud involving three alleged check-kiting schemes in the mid-1990s, leading several banks to experience shortfalls of at least \$2.3 million.[9] "He is innocent," Schakowsky said in a statement.[10] In August 2005, Creamer pleaded guilty to one count of failure to collect withholding tax, and bank fraud for writing checks with insufficient funds. All of the money was repaid. According to USA Today, "Schakowsky has not been accused of any wrongdoing." [11] Schakowsky served on the organization's board during the time the crimes occurred.[12] and Schakowsky signed the IRS filings along with her husband.[10] U.S. District Judge James B. Moran noted no one suffered "out of pocket losses," and Creamer acted not out of greed but in an effort to keep his community action group going without cutting programs, though Creamer paid his own \$100,000 salary with fraudulently obtained funds.[13] On April 5, 2006, Creamer was sentenced to five months in prison and 11 months of house arrest.[14] Creamer served his five-month incarceration at the Federal Correction Institute in Terre Haute, Indiana and was released on November 3, 2006.[15][edit]

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Brian · 4 years ago

Where do I begin, and once I begin, where do I stop?OK, she has to blame "corporate interests," followed by the obligatory attack on Fox. The leftists are so delusional, I'm surprised they haven't blamed Fox for 9-11, the Flood and the Crucifixion.As for "corporate interests," yes, Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, George Soros, Ted Turner, David Gefferi and the Hollywood producers are all a bunch of right-wing admnists, aren't they?Oh, and another thing: Ms. Schakowsky, I suppose it's Fox News' fault that your husband is a felon. If he's a felon, that's one thing when he's a felon AND has the misfortune of being married to you, my heart goes out to him.In conclusion, Jan, lgt me tell you it's time for you to go on a one-way trip back to the kitchen. Thank you.Pax,Brian

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Trimeida · 4 years ago

This coming from the wife of a tax cheat! I think you should be quiet and go away. And by the way, I am an Afro American grandmother, a pastor and an ex member of a youth group connected with the Black Panthers, (the real ones who fought drug dealers and Planned Parenthood, not the wannabes who try to scare white people). So if you think I'm part of some Right Wing Conspiracy, you're definitely a Kool Aid drinker!!!

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Kurt · 4 years ago

The buaboad of an Illinois congresswoman pleaded guilty Wednesday to tax violations and bank fraud for writing rubber checks and failing to collect withholding tax from an employee.Robert Creamer, a political consultant married to four-term U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, could face four years in prison on the two felony counts when he is sentenced Dec. 21.

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Dave from MD · 4 years ago

I think she's right. Right-wingers are too dumb to get it. Bush inherits a \$5 trillion surplus, and left us with a \$9 trillion deficit. Where were all of you cry-babies worried about stealing from your children's future then? Oh wait, Fox News was telling you everything was honky dory, so there were no problems.

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Gail Welborn · 4 years ago

Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) needs to do her homework. The TEA parties were not affiliated with any political party, although some tried to co-opt the protests. There may not be federal tax increases in 2009, but I assure you there will be massive increases voted in by our elected officials from bills they didn't take time to even read. Someone has to pay for those unread bills our elected officials passed. Note: she doesn't say anything about state taxes, which are already increasing across the nation. This protest will grow in size when the average voter realizes the politicians have done.

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Dave from GA · 4 years ago

So because I'm a Conservative with Two Honorable Discharges on my wall (Navy & Coast Guard) I should be put on a train bound for a concentration camp? This shows an element of the Democratic Party which, with people like the referenced writer, will bring this Country down. Have any of you Leftists figured out how we will ever repay \$10 plus trillions to Communist China? I think not!

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Dr. Dean · 4 years ago

Congressperson (for now) Schakowsky (D)-Doesn't Matter, has a right to voice her opinion and personally I think this outburst of hers is a moment of honesty rarely experienced by a politician. Personally, I'd rather we know clearly where each Congress creature stands. By so idiotically opposing the Tea Party Movement, Schakowsky has set herself up for what will in the future be referred to as the Tea Party Elections. What she is too deluded to understand is that for every person that attends a Tea Party event, there are thousands that are there in spirit and principle. The Tea Party movement is growing and evolving. We need to ensure every politician is invited to state their support or lack of same for the dear American principles of the Tea Party Movement.

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True American · 4 years ago

Either Ms Schakowsky did not bother to determine the TRUE reasons for the tea parties or she is knowingly misleading people with her false interpretation. Ms Schakowsky's government webpage includes the following in her bio - "A citizen advocate, grassroots organizer, and elected public official, Schakowsky has fought throughout her career for economic and social justice and improved quality of life for all..." "I'm amazed that as a "grassroots organizer" and a supporter of "social justice" that Ms Schakowsky finds the peaceful rallies so "despicable" and "shameful". I guess only the grassroots efforts she agrees with are the ones that are not so shameful. Oh, wait, that's right, she claims that this was only "made to look like a grassroots

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uprising", but is simply "an Obama bashing party". First, Obama was not the focus of the tea parties and second, Ms Schakowsky, you may want to mark July 4 on your calendar so you can prepare your next ignorant comment for the "fake grassroots" movement that will take place in this country. A little tip for you Ms Schakowsky: before you attack and disparage millions of citizens of this country who PEACEFULLY organize to express their feelings regarding the direction of the country for which they love, take the time to learn the facts of the topic on which you speak.

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Mike · 4 years ago

I did not attend one of the Tea Parties but will certainly be at the next. Call Tea Parties what you like Ms Schakowsky it is a fundamental right granted under the First Amendment of the Constitution; the same Constitution you swore to uphold upon taking office. You have succeeded in demonstrating your ignorance of the US Constitution and that you are unfit for service in the House of Representatives. Your remarks should serve as a "call to arms" for millions more like myself who have remained silent for far too long. The time is now for the people of this nation who shoulder the day to day burden of working, paying our mortgages and our taxes let Washington know "...that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth" as penned by an honorable Illinoisan.

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SnoDogOne · 4 years ago

If this lady had a brain larger than a Pea, she might be dangerous! She is after all an Illinois politician. If this keeps up, instead of being known as "The Land Of Lincoln" it will be known as the "LAND OF CROOKED POLITICIANS" Need I say more????

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Mrs C · 4 years ago

Let's see, your husband pleaded guilty to swindling 9 financial institutions out of \$2.3 million a decade ago. (Funny how that coincides with when you ran for your present position in the House.) Now you are calling us despicable and shameful. How low can you go?

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Northernbiker · 4 years ago

Oh, thank you, Jan. We had a bet going down at the local tavern about whether you are a complete idiot, or not. I said you are. The other guys said no, you are only a partial idiot. Jan, I have now won the bet and get free burgers for a month. Thank you. Thank you for being a total moron.

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Beth · 4 years ago

Let me guess....she authored the DHS report calling us all dangerous extremists. Classy.

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Nannie · 4 years ago

I think they're starting to get scared - too many people showed up for the Tea Parties, they were organized and well behaved. Congress doesn't like it when people get organized and speak

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with one voice unless one of their meat puppets is doing the talking!

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Larry · 4 years ago

'95% of Americans will have tax cuts under the Obama plan.' Does she understand that inflating the money supply by printing a fiat currency is a tax. It's harder to trace than a regular tax increase but it does the exact same thing. It takes from the citizens and gives to the government. That is the real disgrace.

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georgeincincy · 4 years ago

Jan S'ky is just additional proof that anything (note I did not say anyone) can get elected to public office in Illinois. Maybe the term Fighting Illini explains the mush for brains of the palatial ELITE in that state. For future election cycles you who have brains left Illinois taxpayers - DELETE the ELITE. Was Abraham Lincoln the last good politician you all elected?

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TEA PARTY · 4 years ago

Btw it is 600,000 not 250,000

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LEO · 4 years ago

do 95% of Americans even work? libs, do the math please.

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tonnie · 4 years ago

These politicians, REPUBLICANS and DEMOCRATS are sickening. truly sick,

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John Abbott · 4 years ago

Jan is a representative from my home town, Chicago, IL. So yeah, with our 10.25% sales tax on pretty much everything, she gets a little testy when people start talking about 'too much taxes'! The queen always worries when the peasants start getting restless. She is, and always will be, a cupcake.-John

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George Taylor · 4 years ago

Disgusted: Voting them out won't work. They are determined to crush all opposition, their disarm and enslave us. Face it, we're going to have to kill them all.

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Disgusted · 4 years ago

I wrote this so called politician. I am disgusted that these people cannot see what the purpose of the Tea Parties were for. They feed LIES! VOTE THEM OUT! VOTE THEM OUT! VOTE THEM OUT!

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Bill · 4 years ago

It seems on the surface that if 95% of Americans are getting a tax cut that's a good thing, unless you are part of the 5%. What Rep. Schokowsky seems to be missing are the pair of 700 pound gorillas in the room called: legacy and inflation. Also, what good is a tax cut to someone who isn't even in the room?

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Franscar · 4 years ago

Ms. Schakowsky, my only hope is that some of the people at the Tea Parties in your state were people who voted for you, I believe you call them ornaments. I call them the backbone of America at any rate. I am sure they will not make that mistake again.

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SirTennyson · 4 years ago

I say give idiots like this Schakowsky woman all the rope they need to hang themselves. She happens when one's mouth is running full speed, way, way too far out in front of the brain. Can you imagine if Illinois voters were to get the next election right? Good Lord, that'd be a pleasant change, wouldn't it? So please stick a microphone in this woman's mouth at every opportunity!

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Michael · 4 years ago

Notice she says no higher taxes this year for individuals. Because she knows that Obama's economic plan will lead to higher taxes in the future. Of course so will anything the Republicans come up with because they look at income taxes as their money not the people's money, whom they are stealing from. When the people in Washington do the right thing and repeal the 16th amendment then I will believe that they believe they really are spending our money too frivolously.

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Steve Berry · 4 years ago

Here than along with "Hillary the Hilarious" is ample reason for us all to perhaps rethink the right given these old broads to partake in anything more serious than what's for dinner..They become vile, and crude ..and LOUD..back to the kitchen you wench where you belong..And Please lower your noisy voice..We have heard more than enough from you..more proof that LIBERALISM is a brain disorder

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Richie L. · 4 years ago

Me thinks thou dost protest about the protesters a bit much...madam.

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Sami · 4 years ago

Despicable? Lady, you do not deserve to serve America. You are too full of yourself. It is people like you that we (the right wing radical extremist) that will be voting you and your cronies out of office. We are not going to be silent any longer. You should be ashamed of yourself and have respect for the constitution and America and get out of public service - because it is you and your attitude that we American patriots are protesting. God help you.

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Bert · 4 years ago

Note to Al Paris: Just because you say it's racism, doesn't make it so. I could say that you're a flaming homosexual that dances in feathers at a stag bar, and performs oral sex on other men for a nickel per person. Does that make it true? I guess in your case...

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RALPH CAL FORNIA · 4 years ago

EVERYONE SHOULD CAREFULLY READ WHAT Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) SAID !"Not a single American household or business will be taxed at a higher rate THIS YEAR."NOTHING ABOUT THE MANY MANY YEARS TO COME...OR TURNING US INTO ZIMBABWE OR WEIMAR

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Joe · 4 years ago

This is typical. although her and the government might consider me a right wing extremist because I am a veteran, believe in a limited federal government, believe in the constitution and state and individual rights, no one at Fox or any rich republicans did not contact me or urge me to go to the Tea Party in Winchester, Va. I've had it with this government and the way they are spending money and steering us towards a socialist/collectivist country. I think I stand in good stead with our founders since they also believed in those things. Our founders were the original right wing extremist radicals. Good company to stand with I would say.

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William White · 4 years ago

can't throw Ms S out of office because Chicago is a one party town ... Democrat and she's beholdng to the machine and all those dead people who vote from their coffin in every Chicago election

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Ben · 4 years ago

Didn't the French find a way to deal with these ultra elites a few hundred years back?

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Robbi · 4 years ago

How sad and unsettling that a Illinois congresswoman would say something so incredibly far from the truth. The people at both the Peoria & Bloomington, Il tea parties were happy, hopeful, energized, and proud to be Americans. My husband went to one while I went to the other, and we compared notes. I truly wouldn't want to be her when it's time for her voters to cast their ballots the next time she comes up for re-election.

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tripmom · 4 years ago

Schakowsky, you are despicable and shameful. hope you get voted out of office. We certainly do not need anymore socialist trying to destoryour great country.

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1Redneck · 4 years ago

Consider this your pinkslip. You are fired for un-american activities!

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chuck exaggs · 4 years ago

These left-wing extremist need to be registered. They are a threat!!!

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Kurt V · 4 years ago

If Schakowsky is a Democrat from Illinois, she was probably busy covering her a** from her crimes. She didn

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Andro Viljans · 4 years ago

I don't understand the purpose of the tea parties. They are supposed to be against high taxes but instead seem to promote what I learned was a sexual act between homosexual men. How can this be? Why would church groups and other groups want to promote this so-called "tea bagging"? I have read a lot on web sites but the more I read the more unclear this becomes. I must be missing something here. Some of the signs at the rallies I saw on TV showed pictures of Hitler. I am sure he would not have supported that particular sexual act. Can anyone tell me in a clear manner what is going on?? -Andro Viljans

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Elaine · 4 years ago

Calling us names won't keep us quiet anymore. The silent majority is silent no more. We've let the left wing protest without opposition. We've played nice. It's pipsqueeks like this that have helped earn our ire and WE WILL BE HEARD! Yes, taxes are nice now, but if you took EVERYTHING from the rich you could not pry China back what we've borrowed. You tax anything anymore and EVERYONE will suffer. Get a grip!

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George · 4 years ago

It certainly is time to wake up and smell the roses, or we are all going to be in a hell of a fix, worse than it is already, and by the way do we actually have a President, legally able to be the Leader of the Free World...?

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Tina Berry · 4 years ago

Wow, this article cheapens you Jan. Notice no one says anything when liberals protest the war? Those protests are never peaceful either. I do believe the Tea Parties were. I really hope you get voted out on your A\$\$ where you belong.

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Bob · 4 years ago

what is despicable is the looney left thinks they can spend the usa's way to bankruptcy, to cause the whole world to form some lunny socialist gov that they can control. Well only over my dead body will they succeed. lock and load.

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Farmer Bob · 4 years ago


Schakowsky demonstrates all the righteous indignation of the psychopathic mugger who is genuinely miffed to find his victim would rather not turn over his wallet.

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On the eve of his demotion by voters from House Majority Leader to House Minority Whip, Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., Hoyer offered this insight into the psychology of the Tea Party movement:

There are a whole lot of people in the Tea Party that I see in these polls who don't want any compromise. My

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presumption is they have unhappy families. All of you have been in families: single-parent, two-parents, whatever. Multiple parent and a stepfather. The fact is life is about trying to reach accommodation with one another so we can move forward. That is certainly what democracy is about. So if we are going to move forward compromise is necessary.

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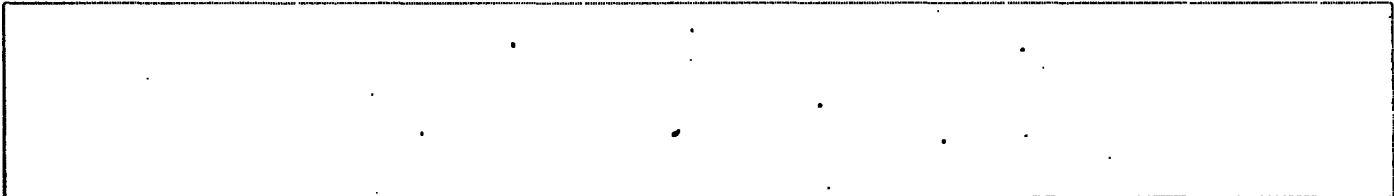
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John Dingell Learns About Teabagging

One more tidbit from *Do Not Ask What Good We Do* by Robert Draper, courtesy of the Daily Beast:

"John Dingell is the longest currently-serving member of Congress (and the third longest-serving ever). The acerbic 85-year-old-Michigan Democrat had long been contemptuous of Tea Partiers. He found them unruly and difficult to get along with. Dingell tended to refer to them as 'teabaggers,' a phrase that has an alternate sexual meaning. This normally wouldn't have been a problem in the hall of Congress, but when Dingell was booked to appear on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, his staff felt the need to finally warn and educate him. When his chief of staff shared the other meaning of 'teabagger' with Dingell, the Congressman went through three different stages of reaction. At first, he said 'huh,' then said 'that's disgusting,' and finally the octogenarian congressman touched the plain of acceptance and said, 'It's funny and I'm going to keep using it.'"

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Official Teabagger · a year ago

Woohoo! Great news!

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bpai99 · a year ago

Nothing anyone says about Tea Partiers could exceed in vitriol and nastiness what they say about others.

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Extremephobia → bpai99 · a year ago

Absoluta lunacy. The occupy protests are much worse.

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Marc83 → Extremephobia · a year ago

Yes, while they may be equally ineffective, they do address real problems instead of perceived slights. And that simply will not do.

I just love the assumption that if you are old, white, and crotchety you are entitled to bitch and complain to no end; all the while receiving unlimited media coverage. But no one else has a right to air their grievances. How thoroughly democratic!

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Extremephobia → Marc83 · a year ago

When it comes to me waiting in wall to wall traffic waiting for a street blocked occupy protest to finish clogging productivity, I'd say airing their grievances is just the beginning of their agenda. Not to mention the glitter bombs, pee bombs, poop bombs, police car defecations, faking medical conditions when under arrest to make the police look like fools, and on and on and on.

Thousands arrested, and in the name of declaring boldly that they are the 99% I am the 99%, and I want to get home to my family. The one that I started while working hard for my well-paying job.

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Marc83 → Extremephobia · a year ago

Don't get me wrong the Occupy movement has largely been ineffective and an embarrassment. But that doesn't mean they weren't touching on some relevant critiques.

The other difference is that while the occupy folks may have inconvenienced commuters, the tea party folk actually caused a downgrade in the U.S.'s credit rating. I'll let you be the judge of which is a greater tragedy.

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ThatOneDemocrat → Extremephobia · a year ago

"The one that I started while working hard for my well-paying job."

Got proof?

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Extremephobia → ThatOneDemocrat · a year ago

Yes i do. *edited*

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DetroitTeahneFan → Extremephobia · a year ago

plays tiny violin

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tiredofit · a year ago

It's "plane" of existence, not "plain."

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Rob P → tiredofit · a year ago

It's also "Jon" Stewart, not "John."

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tiredofit → Rob P · a year ago

That's the real problem with sites like the Daily Beast. They pretend to be professional media and reporters, but there is little or no editing or proofing going on. These examples of spelling and homonyminal (I made up a word!) errors are just microcosms of the lack of fact-checking and interest in providing accurate information to their readers.

First is what's important, not quality.

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Blythespirit413 → areduon · a year ago

Sounds more like you're describing "the Fox Channel"!!

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Extremephobia → Blythespirit413 · a year ago

It's the "Fox News Channel"

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dionysus_finch → Extremephobia · a year ago

It's a bunch of lying bullshit, if you're really getting into semantics.

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Blythespirit413 → Extremephobia · a year ago

In your dreams!

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rhodent → tiredofit · a year ago

The quote doesn't say "plain of existence", it says "plain of acceptance". In this phrase, "plain" seems to be the correct word.

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Albert Ganz → rhodent · a year ago

No. It is still not correct.

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rhodent → Albert Ganz · a year ago

What do you base that statement on? It's not a phrase I'm familiar with, and I could see the logic behind it being a geometrical "plane" or a metaphorical "plain" (i.e., meadow). I based my statement that "plain" appears to be correct on the fact that if you run the two phrases through Google FIGHT, "plain of acceptance" has more hits (7.5 million, compared to 1.8 million for "plane of acceptance").

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Michael · a year ago

Finally, a story with a happy ending.

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Christopher · a year ago

John Dingell is a hot mess. I've always liked him.

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Daniel · a year ago

John Dingell has a primary challenger this year, actually.

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newmerical → Daniel · a year ago

Yes. One who will lose badly.

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nowaRINO · a year ago

Thanks for the laugh!

2 ^ | v Reply Share >



RoyalScribe · a year ago

It's like the Elisabeth Kübler-Ross stages of political discourse.

4 ^ | v Reply Share >



Sajwert · a year ago

I have always called them tea baggers and have several pics of the elderly and middle aged ladies wearing silly hats dangling tea bags all around the brim. Why else would they wear tea bags if they were not tea baggers?

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S1AMER · a year ago

Best laugh I've had in days!

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teddi200 · a year ago

It is easier for dingell to get older than to get wiser.

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lookolook → teddi200 · a year ago

It is difficult to be wiser in the face of coordinated assault by fools.

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bentonf → teddi200 · a year ago

Was it age which robbed you of your wisdom?

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gypc_dave → teddi200 · a year ago

True. A man of Congressman Dingell's accumulated wisdom must be running out of things to learn. Slang terms for various clever variations on oral sex are probably not part of his personal quest for knowledge, but it's good to see that he retains the capacity to learn, evaluate, and make decisions without guidance from, say, Faux Noise channel. Unlike many of his colleagues across the aisle ...

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mer1 · a year ago

I use because it's funny and pisses them off.

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Extremephobia → mer1 · a year ago

Nice. In that case, occupiers will now be called occu-pussies and flea-baggers.

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richo123 → Extremephobia · a year ago

Except your meme has zero power

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mer1 → Extremephobia · a year ago

ow that hurts, no please don't do that, please. idiot.

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grandpatimbo · a year ago

As the tee shirt says: "Old Guys Rule". Way to go Dingell, telling it like it is.

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Hawker40 · a year ago

I'd always called them Teabaggers. It's what they called themselves (at first). A sign at a early rally said "Teabag Obama before he Teabags You", gamer slang for defeating and humiliating your opponent in first person shooters.

It's what they called themselves... until someone told the older folks at the rallies

what it really meant.

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bentonf → Hawker40 · a year ago

Precisely, Hawker. They *insisted* initially on being called Teabaggers.

And I remain only too happy to continue obliging. :)

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Patrick12 · a year ago

I once decided to keep a typo which referred to them as tea-gaggers. Then again there is my other term for them; tea-bastards. I concur with Mr. Dingle.

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Guest → Patrick12 · a year ago

People who use sexually-perverted derogatory terminology to belittle decent

people are low-life - scum-of-the-earth, and a disgrace as humans.

Deal with reality - with issues - unless that is too difficult for you



see more

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John_Gillnitz · a year ago

Teabaggers comparing themselves to the Boston Tea Party is kinda dumb. They were mad about taxation without representation. Modern Teabaggers pay very little taxes and have undue influence in the political realm. It just proves that they are ignorant about history and John Waters movies.

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December27 · a year ago

Do you think Rep. Dingell knows that his name is a slang term for "penis"? (Different spelling, true, but still....)

<http://dictionary.reference.co...>

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Sylina · a year ago

Bisexual?seeking

for bicurious friends? -Datebi*cO'Mis designed for bisexual and bi-curious individuals to meet in a friendly and comfortable environment. It hopes that all members can make new friends and establish romantic relationships.

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MackTheAbsurd → Sylina · a year ago

Interestingly appropriate spam for this thread.

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1 mer1 · a year ago

politicalwire.com/archives/2012/04/26/john_dingell_learns_about_teabagging.html



a year ago

also teabaggers suck sweaty balls. like rightwingers everywhere.

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adaleroberson · a year ago

John Dingell is a Democrat I am ashamed of. He lives on contributions from the NRA. They have owned him all his long political life. I would like to ask him how he can sleep at night knowing he is doing business with a morally bankrupt, money making hate machine targeting his own. Just another corrupt, greedy old man. He is a disgrace..

so he belongs in the Republican party.

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BillRunyon · a year ago

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Transcript of Steve Cohen interview by The Young Turks

By Staff

Saturday, April 3, 2010

This is a transcript of a radio interview with Steve Cohen by Cenk Uygur and Michael Shure of The Young Turks:

Michael Shure: Hi, Congressman, how are you?

Steve Cohen: I'm great. I'm sorry I'm late.

Shure: No, it's OK. We've just got you for a couple of minutes, and you know, I think we'd like to just talk to you a little bit in the immediate about sort of the pervasive feeling in Washington right now, all this vitriol, all this hate. What is being done in America about this now?

Cohen: Well, I'm not sure what's being done. The Tea Party people are kind of, without robes and hoods, they have really shown a very hardcore angry side of America that is against any type of diversity. And we saw opposition to African Americans, hostility toward gays, hostility to anybody who wasn't just, you know, a clone of George Wallace's fan club. And I'm afraid they've taken over the Republican Party.

Cenk Uygur: So you don't think that this has anything to do with health care reform, you think it's cultural, and... first, is that accurate?

Cohen: I think it's cultural and these people are ready to be led by the nose and they're being led, and it's just to be against Barack Obama and Rahm Emanuel and the different people, the diversity that's exhibited in this present White House. And it could've been any issue, it could be immigration, it could be cap and trade, whatever it is that could get them off. And they'll push them to, whatever levers it is, and they just, their world is changing, and they can't understand it. They don't like it.

Uygur: Representative Cohen, do you think your colleagues in the House, the Republicans there, are egging these people on, and do you think they have some responsibility to somehow reign this in and they're not exercising that responsibility?

Cohen: Unquestionably they are. They got out on the balconies, I was on the balcony kind of looking at the people and I thought, this is really a very sad scene on America, a commentary on America and a scary scene. And they went out there and provoked them with signs, you know, "No, no, no," and then signs that were nasty about Nancy

Pelosi and about Barack Obama. And I came in off the balcony, off the Speaker's Lobby, came in, Dana Milbank was there, and I said to a Senator, "These people are about to incite a riot!" And then one Republican kind of came and rudely said to me, "Look, we're not supposed to go out there and exercise our First Amendment rights?" I said just look at the guys, oh my God, it was like mob rule. I was just trying to exercise a bit of rationality into what was about to become, and could've become... Because I've seen it, when I was in Nashville, we had an issue about this income tax in Tennessee, and the crowd went nuts and threw rocks at the Capitol and broke windows. And I could've seen this. It was the verge of Kristallnacht.

Shure: And Congressman, quickly just because we don't really have much time, do you see anything curative? Is there one person on that side? When is there a breakthrough? When does that happen?

Cohen: You mean a breakthrough with the Tea Party?

Shure: Yeah, with somebody, a reasonable Republican coming and saying, "This is ridiculous," you know, or...

Cohen: You know, I don't see it. I think they're afraid of it. When I saw John McCain stand behind Sarah Palin, he looked more like a captured soldier in North Vietnam than he did a United States Senator. It was very sad, and I tell you, his wife, Cindy, she was about ready to just drop dead. I mean, Sarah Palin dressed like Elvis in the comeback event in Hawaii.

Shure: Yeah.

Cohen: And John McCain's standing there as the second, it was surreal, but it just happened.

Shure: Congressman, promise you'll come back and see us again. We're at the end of our hour, but we'd love to have you back on the show.

Cohen: At least we're not at the end of our rope. Take care.

Shure: Congressman Steve Cohen.



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The Republicans, led by Michele Bachmann, are trying to figure out how to co-opt tea partiers, and the Democrats said yesterday they're happy to let the Republicans do it. You want to stand with folks determined to end Medicare, privatize Social Security, repeal health care reform, let Wall Street run wild and apologize to BP for getting our water in their oil, you go right ahead.

And then there's the matter of racism and Nazis.

"I think there have been some individuals associating themselves with the tea party that have expressed extreme racist views and I think party as a movement should disavow those people," Rep. Keith Ellison said at the conference. "If they don't disavow it, they're going to be associated with it."

And then the link to the GOP: "There is no doubt that the Republican Party and the Tea Party cause have been fused."

In fairness, that's already happened in at least one high-profile case: The National Tea Party Federation kicked the Tea Party Express to the curb after its leader thought he was being funny when he penned a racist rant calling NAACP president Benjamin Jealous "Tom's nephew and NAACP head colored person."

What's wrong with that, Joe Wierzbicki wanted to know? Well, plenty.

Florida Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz also drew attention to the Nazi imagery seen at tea party protests around the country, and said she couldn't understand why the Republicans would want to stand next to that particular stench.

"From my own observation, I think there are racist elements among people who affiliate with the tea party."





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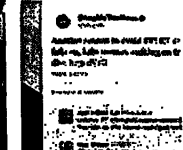


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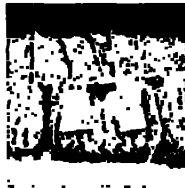


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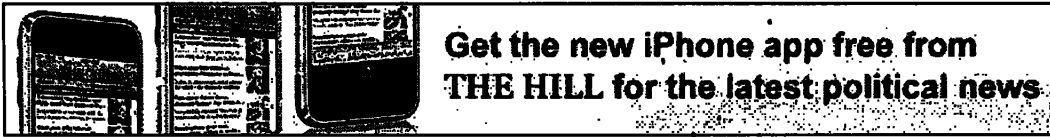
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Dem lawmaker compares Tea Party members to 'arsonists'

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Rep. Luis Guterres (D-Ill.) compared Tea Party Republicans to "arsonists" who were willing to "slash and burn" to make a political point.

"The Tea Partiers and the GOP have made their slash and burn lunacy clear, and while I do not love this compromise, my vote is a hose to stop the burning. The arsonists must be stopped," Gutierrez said in a statement on Monday.

Gutierrez said that while the deal to increase the debt ceiling negotiated by President Obama and congressional leaders on Sunday isn't perfect, it's far better than what could have happened in the bill's absence.

"The damage this bill will do to the people of the Fourth District, Chicago, and the country is real and lasting but pales in comparison to the damage the GOP was willing to do to the American and world economies to make a political point," Gutierrez continued. "It isn't worth the risk."

Gutierrez's statement comes a day after Obama and congressional leaders agreed to the debt deal. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the deal

cuts \$1.1 trillion in the deficit while also raising the debt ceiling by an equal amount. A number of House Democrats have criticized the deal for having cuts that they say are too drastic. Still, those Democrats have said they plan to vote for it because the alternative would be much worse.

"We have a choice — compromise or chaos, and I'm choosing compromise. I will vote for the bill and hope we can close this distasteful chapter in American politics," Gutierrez said. I urge every reasonable legislator in this House to choose an imperfect compromise over a perfect catastrophe. This manufactured crisis that has cost billions already and could have cost the country many trillions more. Compromise in the face of a lunatic's demands is an act of sanity. Let's move on."

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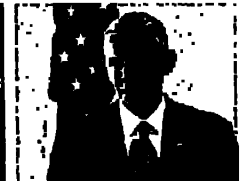
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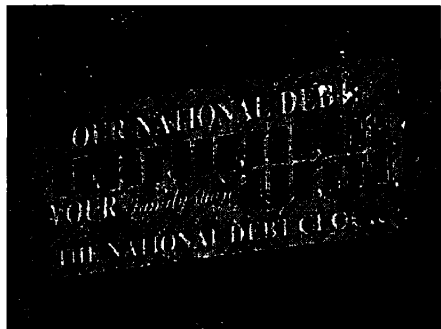
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PITTSBURGH (NEWSRADIO 1020 KDKA) — During a closed-door caucus meeting on the debt ceiling Monday, Congressman Mike Doyle, from Pennsylvania, likened negotiating with Republican Tea Party members to dealing with terrorists, to which Vice President Joe Biden was said to agree.

Congressman Doyle said: "We have negotiated with terrorists. This small group of terrorists have made it impossible to spend any money."



Reporting Larry Richert

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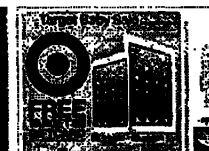
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Dave • 2 years ago
 I find Congressman Doyle's comment extremely offensive and out of touch. Congressman Doyle and all of those who commended him for his comment need to explain how cutting & balancing budgets, eliminating wasteful spending, and keeping taxes low is terroristic? Bottom line is you simply don't get it.
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Northsider • 2 years ago
 Doyle and every other short-sighted "leader" needs to be gone. They should all be fired...voted out!
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Andrea • 2 years ago
 Mike Doyle's stupid comment is yet another reason why we need to finally vote these democrats out of office!!!
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Ellen Carlin · 2 years ago

I totally agree with him. Good for Biden if he agree. They are a bunch of terrorist. They are holding people that live on social security and depend on medicare for health care hostage. They got their arm around our neck and a gun to our heads saying "do what we want or else". They have people over 65 terrified and that is terrorism plan and simple.

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Daniel → Ellen Carlin · 2 years ago

Not sure where you're getting your information, but you are mistaken when you say the Tea Party has Medicare as a hostage. Obamacare has Medicare in hostage. It's getting to the point where doctors don't want to take any Medicare patients since the funding has been cut and the doctors are losing money. This is a fact - read up on Obamacare, and you will see how many other things have been taken "hostage" as a result. Put the blame where it "lies."

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Dave · 2 years ago

You can say what you want about the Tea Party, but at least they are willing to take a stand for something, regardless of what the popular thing to do is. I give them credit. They remind me a lot of the 'rebels' in 1776 who took a stand against its then government because they were sick and tired of being taxed to death. Boy, does that sound familiar. I wonder if it will end up with the same results?????

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RannyRandyTime · 2 years ago

"Tea Party Terrorists" or "Tea Party Gestapo" or "Tea Party Idiots" Need i go on?

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Joe George · 2 years ago

When the Tea Party completes their transition of America back to the America we had in 1776, it will look like we had just survived WWII.....tent cities for the poor, crumbling bridges, seniors dying in the street, lawlessness all over, kids no longer being schooled and countless people committing suicide.....yeah, they are terrorists.

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Rick and Mike Doyle Crybaby In · 2 years ago

Mr Doyle, terrorist or not YOU ARE A COMMUNIST DEMOCRAT AND THAT IS WORST.

Rick up above the only crybaby is your COMMUNIST DEMOCRAT SELF. TO ALL TEABAGS AND REPUBS LET THE COMMUNISTS/DEMOCRATS BE FOR 2012 THEY WILL BE A SMALL MINORITY TILL THE END OF TIME GOOD BYE OBAMA

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walt · 2 years ago

I like how the bafoon used the word "Repubfrican" teaparty. He is so far removed from the guy on the street, with his noise up Peldsi's arse that he doesn't know the tea party is also made up of Dems, i know I am one!!!!!!

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Phil · 2 years ago

So let me get this straight. If some one wants to put limits on what the government can take and spend they are a terrorist. If that's the case well then sign me up!!!

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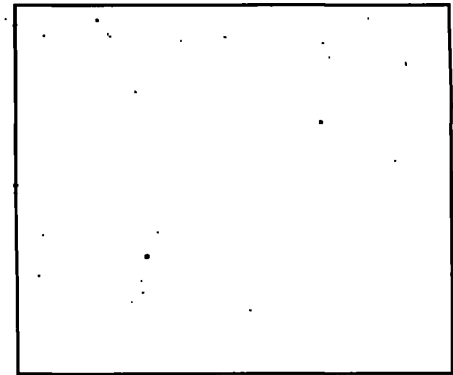


Daniel · 2 years ago

Doyle is a complete dolt! You don't make remarks like that, even in frustration or jest. And the U.S. cannot keep giving the store away. Pretty soon there isn't going to be anything left to give away, and then this great, powerful country that our forefathers gave up everything for, will be lost. How sad.



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John Paul McCarroll · 2 years ago

It's clearly divide and conquer at work. All of you who argue on either side are guilty of it. Big business is large and in charge. Upgrade your grey matter people!

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The Pinner · 2 years ago

Alright Mike!! Agreed.

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R. Meissner · 2 years ago

So much for kinder and more gentle interaction with others!!! NOTHING is solved with remarks and tags like those of Rep. Doyle.

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Anonymous · 2 years ago

Please correct fluorescent to read incandescent light bulbs.

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Anonymous · 2 years ago

I happen to agree w/ Mike Doyle. I would think that he is very frustrated with the outcome of this debt ceiling situation. My spouse has a term for folks like the "Tea Party," and others of their ilk, who unyieldingly refuse to compromise/recognize there are many sides to a situation. That term is "One way street." I'd like to add, by the U.S. govt. (via the "corporate politicians" & the religious fundamentalists (Dominionists, etc.) refusing to have the ultra-rich and corporations pay their fair share of the tax load, while making cuts to essential social programs (health insurance, pre-K education, both of which SAVE money) at the Fed & State levels, and raising unemployment by laying off workers across the U.S., are working to destroy progress & return us to their idea of the 19th century. If that makes them domestic terrorists, Mr. Doyle has a point! And fed GOP, where are the jobs you promised to create? Working on legislation to promote fluorescent light bulbs, and policing the bedrooms of the U.S.A. do not count as job creation.

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RWG · 2 years ago

I think it is vital that we strive to cut spending for seniors' healthcare while at the same time we protect Exxon (which paid no taxes in 2010) and the other corporate giants that are sucking the economy dry by not paying their fair share. (for those in the Tea Party that's called irony)

Anyone who votes R who earns less than 100,000.00 is a fool.

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Rick · 2 years ago

Rep. Doyle is right. The Tea Baggers are a bunch of overgrown babies who always must get their way, refuse to compromise and reek of intolerance.

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workingfordoing → Rick · 2 years ago

overgrown babies who always must get their way? sounds like Pelosi (have to pass the bill to see whats in it?) healthcare bill or the most insane person Harry the boring Reid..their way or no way dems...sorry but the Tea Party is only going to get stronger that's our heritage we need to take this country back from the insane....

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Dominick Gambino · 2 years ago

Mike's comments were clearly taken out of context but this whole debt limit drama is furthering the lack of confidence that anyone in DC cares about the efficient and responsible workings of government. This issue and our current economic condition needs imaginative thinking and not the same old liberal views vs conservative views

thing.

No offense to anyone but increasing taxes on any group of Americans, rich or poor, while not taking a closer look at reducing wasted spending, can't possibly be the only answer. It will stifle the American way of making sure we are at the lead of whatever new economic revolution or tech revolutions (not just military) the world is going to experience.

I would gladly see my tax dollars going to advancing the next generation of technology instead of political feel good agendas and quite frankly feel that neither party represents my views.

I joined the Democratic Party in the 70s because I felt at the time it was the party that believed that everyone deserves a chance to create their own American Dream. I was not offered by an open competitive market where anyone can receive a good

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ed → Dominick Gambino · 2 years ago

Can you tell us the agenda "mike" is pushing. Forget it, you don't have to, we have been witnessing every day. No consequences? Check the performance of the market since these clowns started this circus! If the Tea Partiers are terrorists, I say we need a hell of a lot more of them!! Clean house in November - both sides of the aisle!

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Idiots Galore · 2 years ago

"Congressman Doyle said: "We have negotiated with terrorists. This small group of terrorists have made it impossible to spend any money.""

Really?? You people have spent WAY more than enough money.

"Anonymous

Hooray for him...he's right! He'll keep getting my vote!"

I hope you like the a \$ \$ reaming you are going to get! Keep on voting for idiots.

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Anonymous → Idiots Galore · 2 years ago

Amazingly anybody who does what they are elected to do and that is to protect the American tax paying citizen's interest is called a terrorist. The terrorists are both the Dems & Reps they take our money and hold us hostage. Unfortunatel there are people out there who think that they are owed something. The Tea Party is the closest thing to someone finally trying to watch out for us, and anybody who thinks they are owed something I have a one way ticket to the Socialist country of their choice.

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peppercane → Anonymous · 2 years ago

- 1.) Since 1969, the federal budget has been balanced in only 4 fiscal years.
 - 2.) All four times—1998, 1999, 2000, 2001—Republicans controlled Congress.
 - 3.) In 60 years, the Republicans only had the chance to balance the budget 6 times.
 - 4.) The first 2 years, they reduced the overspending, the next 4 they balanced the budget.
- = obviously it CAN be done, but Repub's are the ONLY ones who balanced the budget.
- During those six years, Lou, we had the public library.
- fire, police, and EMT
 - public roads
 - public transportation

and Soc. Security

We just had them in a safe and sane manner

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Lou G → Anonymous · 2 years ago

Okay Anonymous.

Then quit using the following:

- public library
- fire, police, and EMT
- public roads
- public transportation
- quit paying into Soc. Security. Seriously, tell your employer you're not a Socialist so you want ALL of your money at the end of the day.

Oh yeah, and quit using the Internet.

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Anonymous · 2 years ago

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Dominick Gambino · 2 years ago

God forbid the government can't spend our money

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B.J. · 2 years ago

Mike Doyle is another example of what's wrong with our federal govt. No self control.

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Anonymous · 2 years ago

What an idiot. His party comes out with all these "we have to be civil" stuff after Congresswoman Giffords was shot. But anyone who disagrees with his "spend till we are BROKE nonsense" is a terrorist? Who elects these spending rats, I mean democrats

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Anonymous · 2 years ago

If anyone is wondering why Pittsburgh is in the shape it is in, this clown should be the poster child for what is wrong with the voters here. Keep pulling that "D" lever, it has worked SO well so far.

I swear if a Pittsburgh-er ever voted for a non democrat, in they would spontaneously combust!

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Fran → Anonymous · 2 years ago

Agree completely. Grew up and lived there, but came to see and understand it more when living in other parts of the country. My relatives wonder when I am moving back to the "burgh". Back then, I too followed blindly and WAS a Democrat as everyone in my family was. They said, that they were looking out for the working man. Right? They pay so many taxes to so many different government levels, that they complain and do nothing about it. The Democrats in the Steel Valley allowed the loss of its mainstay industry and now those locations are ruined neighborhoods. There are better places to live and prosper and no I do not miss the potholes. The people in the Tea party are not terrorists, as this guy proclaimed. He is just ignorant.

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Lou G → Anonymous · 2 years ago

Yknow, it's just as easy to replace "Keep pulling that *D* lever" with "Keep pulling that *R* lever.."

The GOP isn't as innocent as people would like to believe—in fact, I believe on Party of No member called Obama a 'tar baby' recently.

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dk → Lou G · 2 years ago

and ??????

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working for a living → Anonymous · 2 years ago

So true, how can people keep voting these clowns back in office. they act like it's their money and if they need more, just take it from us without anyone asking why.\

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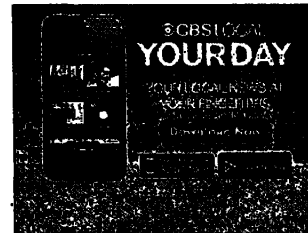
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WISH-TV: Indiana Congressman Baron Hill is on the hot seat in the health care reform debate after making controversial comments about town hall protesters.

"They have only one purpose in mind and that's to blow up the meetings that are being held and that serves no one, ladies and gentlemen," said Hill.

Hill recently called them political terrorists, a term he avoided in his speech but not in a 24-Hour News 8 interview.

"If you just want to blow up a meeting that's a political terrorist," said Hill.

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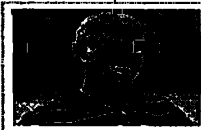
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TORRINGTON — About a month ago, U.S. Representative John Larson (D-1) sat down with the Register Citizen for an update on what was happening in Washington. His frustration with the partisanship shenanigans bled through almost the entire conversation.

Friday morning, Larson sat down with about 25 members of the Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce for a business roundtable discussion. Based on those discussions, it's clear: the congressman's frustrations remain the same as they were a month ago.

However, Larson did note some good news on the horizon for Torrington. Later in the morning he was to present a grant check for \$5 million to the Greater Torrington Health and Wellness Center. That grant was awarded through the Affordable Care Act's Capital Development Building Capacity Program.

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He said the Affordable Care Act has been one of the accomplishments in Washington. But it has been one of the few.

"These are difficult times for our country," Larson said. "It's frustrating in many ways because of what could and should be happening, but what isn't."

He reminded the small audience that President George Washington worried — and even warned against — the creation of two political parties. Even worse, Washington warned, would be the creation of two parties and have them at war with government.

Larson sees that as precisely the problem now inside the Washington Beltway.

"Fast forward to today," Larson lamented. "We have a partisan divide. And we have one segment — the Tea Party of the Republican Party — at war with our own government. What's happening is a sign of that obstinance."

While he took an unveiled shot the Tea Party faction inside the GOP, Larson called Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) a "decent man" who has been at the mercy of the far right movement.

Larson, serving in his seventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives, pointed to the debt ceiling crisis — which he called a "fabricated issue" — as a Tea Party issue that should never have been an issue at all. He noted that since 1993, when Ronald Reagan was President, the debt ceiling has been raised 17 times and at least once in every administration, both Democratic and Republican. Continued...



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Pete · a year ago
Larson...in his seventh term. Larson is part of the problem. It didn't grow so big and over-reaching, there wouldn't even be a Tea Party. We need to send Larson packing too!



jschmidt2 · a year ago
Larson is an idiot. The Tea Party pressure has been the only thing trying to keep costs under control. But Congress can't do it without Dems screaming old ladies will be thrown out of the house. If the Democrats were interested in solving problems, it hasn't shown at all. They have no solutions that work and have wasted a ton of money experimenting because they don't know what they are doing.

Not Surprised · a year ago

Like all progressive (socialist) Democrats, Larson has it bas... under Obama... is at war with the people and we should all... trying to restore and protect our Constitutional freedoms.

We're \$16 trillion in dept, and if Obama is restored to office,...

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Do you suppose Mr. Larson would be in favor of removing the debt ceiling altogether?

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Missy62 • a year ago

The Socialist Democrats in CT and DC, are so afraid of the Tea Party. I wonder why, is it because they call you out for what you really are? Socialists!!

Lets face it, the Democrat Party is not what it was 25,30 years ago. Why is it you tax the citizens and business in CT to the hilt, and yet there is still no money?

Seeing lots of available for sale, leasing signs around the state. You're nothing but crooks.

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Term Limits • a year ago

...Rep John Larson is part of the problem...my God, talk about a perfect example of why we need term limits for these morons...Larson needs to get tossed out of the free ride he's been having on the government employment gravy train...he is a complete clueless parasite...

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"He noted that since 1993, when Ronald Reagan was President..."

I hate to burst your bubble, but in 1993, George H.W. Bush was President from January 1 to 20. The 20th, of course, was Inauguration Day, when William J. Clinton was sworn in and served as President for the remainder of 1993.

Reagan was president from 1/20/81 - 1/29/89.

"...the debt ceiling has been raised 17 times and at least once in every administration, both Democratic and Republican."

"Larson, serving in his seventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives..."

And of those 17 times the "debt ceiling" was "raised", how many times did Larson vote in favor during his seven terms as a Rep?

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Jennaz → Jeff Bauer • a year ago

Booyah!

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Ron Jeremiah • a year ago

Technically, We The People are the Government. America is an experiment in self-governance. Larson is a Government Worker, a Representative, not the actual Government. Just who does he think he is and who does he think We are?

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Larson is a socialist/ communist who has usurped our Constitution. He should be voted out of office...I hope and pray.

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Guy Smith · a year ago

When you begin an article with "almost a month ago", I can't but wonder why this article wasn't published "almost a month ago"....

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The United States is s a representative republic. Mr. Larson has forgotten tha he represents "We the People" of CT's 1st district. The Tea Party is made up of Ds and Rs that have had enough of both parties. All incumbents should be voted out office - especially those that have served more than 6 terms in the house (12 yrs) or 2 terms in the senate (12 yrs). Larson fits this bill and should be challenged by a new D!

Our country is out of \$money\$ and both sides are to blame. The tea party should be thanked for bringing this issue to the forefront. Larson is just afraid of the truth, which is he is part of the problem.

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Dave Johnson · a year ago

The Tea Party's days are just about over.

Stupid, ignorant, racist, and hypocritical ... you can only work that game for so long until the majority figure it out, and they have figured it out.

The Tea Party is too stupid to realize that their rich and corporate masters don't need them. And we need to thank the Tea Party for unifying America against the kind of fascism that the Tea Party represents.

Good job, dolts. You may now return to your 24/7 Fox News ... maybe Megyn will show some leg tonight for your reward for being mindless.

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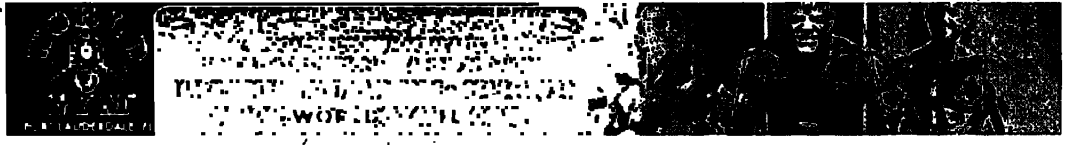
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Patrick Murphy: Allen West's Campaign Donors Are Tea Party "Whacktivists"

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Well, here's one way to explain the \$3 million difference between the fundraising totals of Rep. Allen West (\$4.1 million) and hopeful Democratic challenger Patrick Murphy (\$1.1 million): 30,000 Tea Party "whacktivists" across the country are signing checks made out to West.



That's from an email the Murphy campaign sent out to supporters last night, couped with Murphy's interpretation of the latest GOP presidential debate.

It's hard to verify whether 30,000 "whacktivists" sent checks to West — in part because it's not a real word — although his donors are supporting a man who has announced a prophecy that the United States of America will cease to exist in 24 years.

Then again, West has also made it clear: "I am no extremist."

Well, he also made it clear that he is an extremist.

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Whatever, dude.

Let's ignore the details and focus on the amusing email.

Here's the text:

If you saw last night's Republican presidential debate, I'm sure that like me, you were struck by the extreme rhetoric and positions of each of the candidates. Although they are far out of step with the mainstream in America, it is clear now, more than ever, the Tea Party is driving the national dialogue for Republicans and trying to force their ultra right-wing agenda on our country.

I started my campaign for Congress seven months ago because I could no longer sit back and let the Tea Party hijack our country by dismantling the middle-class and stripping us of our civil liberties.

Last week, my Republican opponent and Tea Party darling Allen West released his fundraising numbers for the quarter. Overall, he has raised ~~\$4 million~~ from **50,000 Tea Party "whacktivists"** across the country. **ALLEN WEST AND THE TEA PARTY MUST BE STOPPED NOW!**

Let's show them that progressives like us ARE the majority in this country – the mainstream.

I am challenging you to contribute \$10 to my campaign today and to then forward this email on to three friends who will sign-up to support my campaign.

HELP ME STOP THE TEA PARTY NOW! Take action today or FOREVER DRINK THE TEA!

With warm regards,

Patrick Erin Murphy, CPA

Maybe West is planning on giving Murphy the David Brady/Ron Klein treatment – ya know, the "we're going to give him a Southern-fried butt-whoopin' come next Tuesday" plan.

Yee-haw!

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Gallon1945 Oct 21, 2011
I just think Patrick is the best for my district. He is real w/ith a CPA back round which is what we need in Florida. He shows care for people an d understands their problems .

He may have a family with financial stability but he does most certainly understands foreclosures, senior citizens issues, jobs and all the issues Florida is now having to deal with.the all over Florida. I wish people would meet the candidate before judgements are made on them without any basis at all . Because he knows what he has earned and worked hard for is all more of the reason why he wants that for his district. This candidate worked for anything he has and will have..it was NOT given to him!! Activist Toni

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Kevin Oct 21, 2011
This is the same Patrick Murphy who donated money to the campaign of a self-proclaimed "Jeb Bush Republican."

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Ft. Lauderdale Resident Oct 21, 2011
Here's the thing....Allen West is definitely out there, no doubt about that, but I'm not sure what Patrick Murphy really knows about the "Middle" Class. His father is one of the largest developers in the State of Florida and possibly the

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Southeast. Check out Coastal Construction where he is an employee of his father's company. Unfortunately, I think this is just another example of a well to do individual entering the political landscape....whether it's for the altruistic cause of actually helping or is self serving is yet to be seen. Keep in mind though, whether a Republican or Democrat, chances are these guys are likely far from the middle class.-Registered Independent

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Kenny Powersll

Oct. 21, 2011

Dear Mr. Murphy. Set up a Paypal account to receive funds from the grassroots.

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"Whacktivists"? And the entire time I thought they were fucktards.

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Hasner Can't Run from His Extreme, Anti-Women Record

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WEST PALM BEACH, FL — Like Todd Akin, Adam Hasner is a Tea Party extremist whose anti-women record is a mile wide. Todd Akin has brought to light the Tea Party war against women.

On Sunday morning, Akin used the disgusting term “legitimate rape.” This isn’t the first time that Republicans are implying that some forms of rape are more legitimate than others. Paul Ryan and Todd Akin were both original co-sponsors of H.R. 3, a bill to redefine rape to so-called “forcible rape” to deny women in distress access to health care.

Adam Hasner is fighting for the Tea Party’s Extreme Agenda. As Paul Ryan and Todd Akin were fighting against women’s health care, Adam Hasner was right there with them, running as the Tea Party candidate for U.S. Senate and proudly pushing his out-of-touch, decade-long record of voting against women’s health care.

- Like Akin and Ryan, Hasner is a Tea Party favorite and anti-choice extremist who calls for the reversal of Roe v. Wade and a ban on almost all abortions.
- He is an aggressive supporter of the Ryan Budget, which decimates programs women and their families depend on like Medicare and Head Start, and rejected funding for county family planning programs.
- Hasner has even voted for a “personhood” bill that could have made common forms of contraception and birth control illegal in Florida.
- Adam Hasner voted three times to force women who wanted abortions to have an ultrasound, a totally unnecessary test in most cases, regardless of their ability to pay for it. Hasner’s bill was used as a model in Virginia, where the GOP passed a bill to force women to undergo mandatory transvaginal ultrasounds

before abortions.

- Hasner also calls routinely at campaign events for the end of federal funding to Planned Parenthood, which in 2010 provided 30,000 Floridians with STD testing, HIV screening, or cervical cancer screening.
- Hasner has even said that the Tea Party will “save this country.”

Todd Akin says what he thinks. Adam Hasner just votes what he thinks. But Florida women won't be fooled. From supporting “personhood” to eliminating funding for Planned Parenthood, Florida women just can't afford Adam Hasner's right-wing agenda.

Lois Frankel said, “You can judge a person by their friends, and I bet Florida women don't like the kind of politicians Adam Hasner pals around with. From health care to equal pay, from Medicare to child care, Todd Akin, Paul Ryan, and Adam Hasner support a cradle to grave assault on the services women rely on to keep themselves and their families healthy.”

“Time and time again, Adam Hasner has disappointed Florida women and supported these extreme proposals that are hurting women and are taking our country backwards,” added Frankel.

BACKGROUND

Hasner Supported Overturning Roe v. Wade. [Republican Liberty Caucus of East Central Florida lightning round, 5/2/11]

Paul Ryan is a co-sponsor of H.R. 3. GOP vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan is an original co-sponsor of the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act,” a bill which rolls back a longstanding exemption to the federal ban on abortion funding for rape survivors unless the woman seeking to terminate her pregnancy experienced a “forcible rape.” [HR 3, Vote 5/4/11; Thomas.gov]

Todd Akin is a co-sponsor of H.R. 3. Todd Akin is an original co-sponsor of the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.” [HR 3, Vote 5/4/11; Thomas.gov]

Hasner: Ryan Budget Is “Bold.” In an April 2011, interview with Newsmax, Adam Hasner said that Rep. Ryan's budget proposal was “bold” and that Republican should stand firm on the proposal and not worry about political consequences. [Newsmax, 4/18/11]

Hasner Voted Against Funding County Family Planning Programs. In April 2004, Hasner voted against an amendment to increase funding for county health department family planning programs. The amendment to the appropriations bill failed by a vote of 41-74. [HB 1835, Vote Seq. 782, 4/01/04]

Hasner Voted Three Times to Require Ultrasounds Before Women Could Get Abortions. In 2007, 2008, and 2010, Hasner voted for a bill requiring a woman to have an ultrasound before having an abortion and for parental notification. The bill was passed by a vote of 71-42. [HB 1497, Vote Seq. 274, 4/27/07; HB 1143, Vote Seq. 1097, 4/30/10; HB 1497, Vote Seq. 274, 4/27/07]

Hasner: If We Can't Cut NPR And Planned Parenthood How Can We Do Entitlement Reform And Not Raise The Debt Ceiling? In May 2011, Adam Hasner said: “if we can't cut funding for National Public Radio or Planned Parenthood, how do we expect that we are going to stand firm on the challenges, the big looming challenges of the day, when it relates to cutting discretionary spending, when it relates to the 2012 budget and entitlement reform, how are we going to be able to not raise the debt ceiling” [Republican Liberty

Caucus of East Central Florida speech, 5/2/11]

2010: Planned Parenthood In Southwest And Central Florida Saw Almost 27,000 Patients, Including Cancer Screenings, STD and HIV Screenings, And Other Medical Procedures. In 2010, Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida saw 26,926 total patients for a variety of medical procedures, including: 12,808 STD tests; 5,662 cervical cancer screenings; 7,060 Plan B (emergency contraception), 6,169 pregnancy tests; 2,174 HIV tests; and 287 colonoscopies. [Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, FY2010 Annual Report]

Hasner voted to define life at fertilization. In April 2008, Hasner voted for the Florida Unborn Victims of Violence Act, a bill to “require pregnant women to undergo ultrasound exams before getting an abortion ... All women seeking to terminate their pregnancy would be required to pay for an ultrasound procedure – and view the results unless they signed a waiver – before having the abortion. The bill defined a “person” as any fertilized egg or beyond in a “fetal homicide” bill as a separate murder charge for anyone who caused a pregnancy to be terminated through an act of violence against a pregnant woman. The bill’s language would have changed the definition of a “viable” fetus and was criticized by abortion-rights advocates as opening an argument to set the same standards for abortions. The Orlando Sentinel reported, “It elevates a fetus and an egg, frankly, to the status of an adult person,” said Adrienne Kimmell, executive director of Florida’s Planned Parenthood affiliates. ‘The purpose of this bill is to create tension with Roe v. Wade. It’s a chipping-away strategy we’ve seen for years now’.” [HB 513, Vote Seq. 387, 4/02/08; Orlando Sentinel, 4/03/08]

Hasner: Tea Party will “save our country.” Speaking at a Tea Party gathering in spring 2011, Hasner said, “I’m thankful for the Tea Party not only for saving the Republican Party in 2010, but for what it’s going to do to save our country in 2012.” [YouTube video, Hasner for Senate; retrieved 2/1/12]

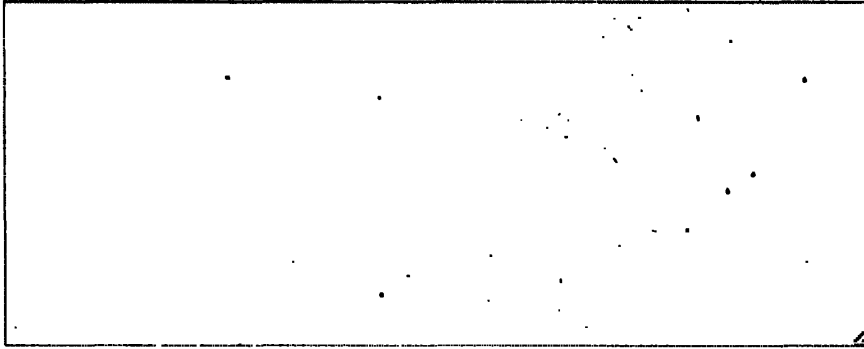
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Congresswoman calls Tea Party racist over Pledge of Allegiance video

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Democrat Betty McCollum upset over video, calls Tea Party racist
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Congresswoman Betty McCollum (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/betty-mccollum/articles>) (D-MN) is upset that a video was posted of her leading the Pledge of Allegiance (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/pledge-of-allegiance>) omitting the phrase "under God".

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So upset was the Congresswoman that she issued a press release (http://mccollum.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1121&Itemid=94) calling the Tea Party (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/tea-party-102/articles>) racist (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/racist>) over the incident.

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or participate in Tea Party events, you are a racist because she omitted the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance several years ago.

Makes sense, right?

In her press release, she writes:

“ Paul, MN — Congresswoman Betty McCollum honors and respects the Pledge of Allegiance and believes the United States is one Nation under God. She has led the Pledge of Allegiance on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives numerous times as can be seen in these video links.

Conservatives are using an eight year old video clip to incite hate, racism, and intolerance among Tea Party Republicans. This right-wing effort to call into question Congresswoman McCollum's Christian faith, her belief in God, and her patriotism is blatantly anti-American and all too similar to the extremists who earlier this year mailed a soiled American flag to her Congressional office and threatened the Congresswoman with violence.

Congresswoman McCollum rejects this radical agenda and condemns the extremist tactics behind this poisonous political exploitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

According to [NorCalBlogs](#)

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Betty McCollum leads Pledge, omits "under God"
(http://www.examiner.com/video/betty-mccollum-leads-pledge-omits-under-god)

(http://www.norcalblogs.com/gate/2010/10/congresswoman-betty-mccollum-attacks-conservatives-tea-party-members-over-her-pledge-of-allegiance-video.php), the story does not end there.

It seems that at least one staffer has been using a computer from within the halls of Congress to post responses to blogs in an effort to defend the Congresswoman.

“When today I was given some information about a certain individual who has been making the rounds on the internet and spamming the blogs that have carried the video and written about Betty's disrespect for the pledge. This individual is using the name MNO4, but the email address is (

District4.Minnesota@mail.house.gov (mailto:District4.Minnesota@mail.house.gov) a government address. So now we have a United States Congresswoman's campaign staff using official government equipment to attack citizens, while doing damage control. Below is the comment that has been left on thousands of sites that posted the video of her disrespecting the Pledge of Allegiance on the floor of the Peoples House.

"Congresswoman McCollum has led the Pledge of Allegiance on the House floor several times before. Check out <http://mccollum.house.gov/pledge> (<http://mccollum.house.gov/pledge>). It's all there."

The author of the blog posted the IP address of the machine in question and noted it was a machine within the Congresswoman's office.

Among those spammed is Minneapolis' Conservative Examiner Bill Flatley. Appearing on [this](http://www.examiner.com/conservative-in-minneapolis/betty-goes-viral) (<http://www.examiner.com/conservative-in-minneapolis/betty-goes-viral>) article, one finds the following

comment:

Congresswoman McCollum has led the Pledge of Allegiance on the House floor several times before. Check out <http://mccollum.house.gov/pledge> <http://mccollum.house.gov/pledge>. It's all there.

The comment was written by a user called MN04.

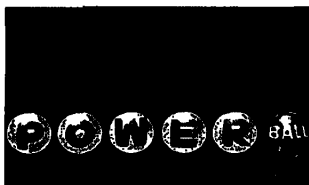
McCollum recently drew attention when she claimed (<http://hotair.com/archives/2010/10/27/video-dem-rep-claims-al-qaeda-no-longer-a-threat-to-the-us/>) that Al Qaeda no longer poses any threat to the United States, even though ABC News says the terror group is an even bigger problem now than before.

But apparently, she thinks you're a radical, racist, un-American bigot if you agree with the Tea Party instead of her.

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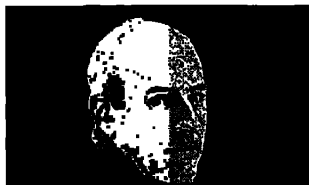
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The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee will treat 2014 as a "referendum on ... tea party extremism," DCCC Chair Steve Israel said Wednesday.

In a briefing for reporters "and allies" on 2014 recruitment, Israel said the DCCC planned to put between 55 and 60 seats into play next cycle, in an attempt to win the 17 seats necessary to retake the majority in the House of Representatives.

"Look, 2012 was a referendum on President [Barack] Obama and Governor [Mitt] Romney. 2014 will be a referendum about one thing: tea party extremism," Israel said. "That's the year. That's the campaign. That's the cycle. Do you think these tea party extremists are making life better for you ... or is solutions or progress a better deal for you?"

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He cited opportunities for pick-ups in some districts where Democrats have historically done better in midterm elections. He also said they were looking to win seats in Florida and Texas, where an ongoing redistricting process made recruitment difficult last cycle. Now that redistricting is done there, Israel said they expected to pick up "one seat, maybe two" in Texas and "two, maybe three" in Florida.

A key, he said, was starting early.

"We will win in 2014 in 2013," he said.

In fact, the New York congressman began recruiting in 2012, calling up potential 2014 candidates on election night. He also called up candidates who had narrowly lost, and who he believed would be strong candidates in 2014. One such candidate was Val Demings, who lost to Florida Rep. Dan Webster by just over three percentage points.

President Obama has committed to be involved with the DCCC's effort to win back the House, Israel said, and stressed they were in a "very good place with the president's commitment," and that Obama had "asked us to keep him apprised of some of our recruiting priorities."

Israel was cautious in predicting whether or not Democrats would take back the House in 2014.

"I'll let you know in a year whether we're going to be north of south of 17 seats," he said. "Right now I'm spending all my time, and we're spending all of our time being aggressive and operational and putting together all of the elements that will be necessary to put it in play."

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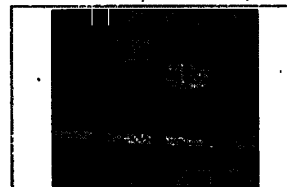
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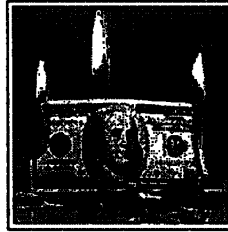
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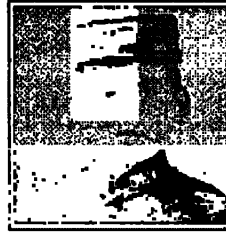
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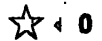
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epv33 · 4 months ago

Unfortunately he might be right about some gains in those states. When a marxist President has 49% approval ratings that only means the takers are about to overtake the workers and if the trend continues the natural end will be the riots like the ones in Greece will be here. When the gravy train ends, the leeches will be out looting to "take what's theirs"

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BlackPantherHunter → epv33 · 4 months ago

Do you think "poll" numbers are the one thing they would never fake or lie about? How many dead rioters would it take to convince the remaining rioters to go home empty handed?

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Zero Dark Thirty + Black Panther Hunter 4 months ago



Send this asshole Israel to Israel and don't let him come back.

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rimpy → epv33 • 4 months ago

it is actually a referendum on STINKING TRAITOR PIG ANTI-AMERICAN MARXIST MURDERING PIGS

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old soldier → rimpv • 4 months ago

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Nope.. bammy & mooch and old soldier.

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Ricardo Delacruz → usellogic19 • 4 months ago

He's right the Obamas sat under Marxist training for 20 years. Anti-white,, anti-Jew, anti-America. And that's not all of Obama's Marxist history, some posted above.

"One of the pillars of Obama's home church, Trinity United Church of Christ, is "economic parity." On the website, Trinity claims that God is not pleased with "America's economic mal-distribution." Among all of controversial comments by Jeremiah Wright, the idea of massive wealth redistribution is the most alarming. The code language "economic parity" and referenes to "mal-distribution" is nothing more than channeling the twisted economic views of Karl Marx. Black Liberation theologians have explicitly stated a preference for Marxism as an ethical framework for the black church because Marxist thought is predicated on a system of oppressor class (whites) versus victim class (blacks).

Black Liberation theologians James Cone and Cornel West have worked diligently to embed Marxist thought into the black church since the 1970s. For Cone, Marxism best addressed remedies to the condition of blacks

~~... victims of white oppression. In For My People, Cone explains that "the~~

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Justin Hensley → old soldier • 4 months ago

Sure whatever makes you feel like you have the intelligence of a rat, which would be on the high side for most of you.

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MakerMarked → epv33 · 4 months ago

That's when the takers will realize that certain producers recently re-discovered their stolen firearms and are very willing to defend themselves with them. That's just conjecture on my part, as all my firearms were recently stolen by Hari Krishnas. At least I think they were. They could've been Unitarians though.

10 ^ | 1 v Reply Share ›



old soldier → MakerMarked · 4 months ago

yeah you a bad ass on the internet. every shoot someone who was shooting back? didn't think so.

^ | 3 v Reply Share ›



maximo12 → old soldier · 4 months ago

shutup idiot. have you? didn't think so. if you ever served, you were a REMF. those that do, don't talk about it.

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james → epv33 · 4 months ago

I dont think so. After his first election,he went way left and the tea party came in and wooped his ass. After that he didnt really go to the center but didnt keep going further left. Now that he got reelected he is embolding and is going crazy far left, so once again i believe the tea party will have another victory. We will atleast keep the house. We gotta primary the McCains and Lindsey Grahmnesty's though. Graham is getting money from mayor doomberg. That should be eniough. he is getting funding from fascist liberals and the residents of south carolina elect this fraud' as a republican?

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pajamakats → epv33 · 4 months ago

When you're right, you're right. The whole lot disgusts me.

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Guest → epv33 · 4 months ago

"[DCCC] will treat 2014 as a "referendum on ... tea party extremism"

YES!! FINALLY!!!

Let the American public throw these non-rational conspiracy nut'opportunistic extremist morons back to the sidelines where they belong. and bring back wisdom and intelligence to policy development.

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Danglars → epv33 · 4 months ago

ONLY A FEW PROBLEMS:

THE PRESIDENT IS NOT A MARXIST. USA IS NOT AND WILL NEVER BE GREECE. TEH "TAKERS" ARE YOU IN POOR RED STATES, SO LOOK IN THE MIRROR.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA. POOR U! YOUR GRAVY TRAIN HAS ALREADY ENDED..OLD WHITE MAN!

^ | 20 v Reply Share >



Paul → Danglars · 4 months ago

ignorant troll

read marx and then read bobo... if you can't see it you are a moron

poor red states? come down to Texas and see "poor". I recommend you keep your troll mouth shut while down here though boy, you'll get a mud hole stomped in your face.

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teddie77 → Paul · 4 months ago

Exactly.

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pajamakats → Danglars · 4 months ago

You're a mental case. And cool it with the caps. You're making a mockery of yourself. Go over to HuffPost. I'm sure you will be welcomed with open arms.

16 ^ | v Reply Share >



Justin Hensley → Danglars · 4 months ago

Yes texas and the south is so poor. That's why we have constant growth even through recessions moron.

10 ^ | v Reply Share >



redbankrick → Danglars · 4 months ago

I'm a person of color, part of a Tea Party founded by a young African-American; our anti-illegal alien group led by a fiery Latina, those stereo types don't work.

Now on to Obama....

Frank Marshall Davis, began to lay down the track of a young Obama's introduction to Marxism, and led to the outcome we now see today.

* He was placed by his white grandparents into the mentoring of African-American Frank Marshall Davis, a card carrying member of the "CPUSA" w/ an FBI file of over 600 pages.

* He was a member of the "Socialist" New Party in Chicago.

* In his own words on the brief tape link below, he sought out Marxist professors while in college to be "friends". His words not mine.

* He is associated w/ Terror Bomber Bill Ayers, a self admitted communist.

* He more recently sat under the hate preaching of Rev. Jerimiah Wright [for 20

see more

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Blackjack6 → redbankrick · 4 months ago

The Tea Party is a wing of the GOP. Went to 2 of them and had hope that they were for everyone, but they went GOP.

See how quiet they were for Mitt?

^ | 4 v Reply Share >



redbankrick → Blackjack6 · 4 months ago

Ok I think that you said you're a NYer, name the NYC locations, & I could tell you who spoke, whether the stage faced east or west, the weather, downtown or up, etc., etc., etc.

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Blackjack6 → redbankrick · 4 months ago

Renegades Stadium now beat it.

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redbankrick → Blackjack6 · 4 months ago

I said NYC, can you read, need some Obama glasses?

If you're an illegal, one of our sc*mbag dem politicians that run fake health clinics, ripping off the elderly, & poor might put you ahead of a legal America loving citizen.

Betcha Obama's illegal aunt has her some; and his dangerous drunk driving uncle, brother of the leeching aunt, should get some, before he falls in the street drunk, hurts himself-costing us \$\$\$\$\$\$..

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Blackjack6 → redbankrick · 4 months ago

Who said I said NYC Tea Party?

My Tier 1 glasses allow me to read and see real clear my friend.

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redbankrick → Blackjack6 · 4 months ago



teddie77 → Blackjack6 · 4 months ago

I said I could tell anyone in NYC that claimed to have attended, everything about ours.

And bj6 I'm not that familiar w/ glasses, are those Coke Bottle types?

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Justin Hensley → Blackjack6 · 4 months ago

Actually its not. the GOP has become a version of the bloated government that the tea party represents. You should be in a wing of a mental institution.

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Blackjack6 → Justin Hensley · 4 months ago

You may want to redo your post, or not.

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Ricardo Delacruz → Danglars · 4 months ago

That's disgusting trashy bigotry against our honored elders. WTF! Hypocrite hater:

You would cry out if someone called me names because of my brown skin (and thank you no need for affirmative action, we are not victims, or no hate crimes), yet you are bigoted against our old citizens.

What is it, are you not a citizen, Comrade?

And heelllooo below there's evidence that Comrade Barry is a Marxist.

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teddie77 → Danglars · 4 months ago

Poor red states, is that a joke? Red states are far from poor, but on the other hand Blue states are the ones going broke, ala, Calif., Michigan, etc.

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Blackjack6 → Danglars · 4 months ago

If Obama was a Marxist or a Socialist he would be a FAILURE. The rich have never done better, but the dumb poor racist whites don't see what the real deal is.

They vote for those that have NEVER done anything for them.

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Justin Hensley → Blackjack6 · 4 months ago

That sounds like blacks voting for democrats. Poverty has increased 3

fold over the course of Obamas first term. Democrats need to keep people down in order to keep their voting base.

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Sui-Juris → Justin Hensley · 4 months ago

Blackjack6 is a racist Democrat who thinks Obama has lead the nation to prosperity. LOL.

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whitelikeme → Sui-Juris · 4 months ago

Disingenuous liberalism has reached epidemic proportions under Obama.

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Sui-Juris → whitelikeme · 4 months ago

it's not liberalism. It's social progressivism / aka American neo-Marxism.

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whitelikeme → Sui-Juris · 4 months ago

Forget the pedantry about classic definitions, because "liberal" is, nowadays, just a code word for a whole group of things, including race.

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Sui-Juris → whitelikeme · 4 months ago

What race is liberal code for???

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whitelikeme → Sui-Juris · 4 months ago

96% of black voters, most of the Latinos, the Jews, and all the white-guilt Caucasians, either wanting to get something for nothing or to buy 1) votes and influence or 2) self-defined redemption.

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teddie77 → Justin Hensley · 4 months ago

It's always been like that in Chicago for 60 yrs. Look back of pics of Chic. 60 yrs ago on the So. side & pics now after 60 yrs of Dem rule...No difference. They USE the blks, and now they're going to USE the Hispanics

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Ted Paine → Danglars · 4 months ago

you're too stupid to debate..go back to your assigned urban area parasite.

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old soldier → epv33 · 4 months ago

that's so wrong it's almost funny. where do you get this stupid shit? oh, fox, rush, shawn, etc. constant lying to you for 25 years now. you believe anything they tell you. don't mean it's true.

^ | 2 v Reply Share >



bullet2354 · 4 months ago

In 18 months at the midterm elections - we will have 6 years of failed Obama policies, 6 years of massive debt increases, 6 years of sky-high unemployment, continued international catastrophes, and the real cost of Obama care staring everyone in the face.

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Danglars → bullet2354 · 4 months ago

LOL. ARE YOU STILL ON THIS "FAILED" NONSENSE? HA HA HA HA HA

MARKET IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH. HOUSING IS ON AN UPSWING. UNEMPLOYMENT IS DOWN AND SHRINKING, THE DEFICIT IS COMING DOWN,.....

SO MUCH FOR "FAILED". TURN OFF AM HATE RADIO AND FAUX NOISE MAN!

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Paul → Danglars · 4 months ago

wow, can't comprehend economic reports very well can you troll?

if the labor participation rate was where it normally is the unemployment rate would be almost 11%

market is a bubble again, thanks to Bernanke.

deficit coming down? only if you swallow government accounting practices where a 3.5% reduction in the RATE OF GROWTH (note appropriate use of caps) is considered a "reduction"

now, go spank off to your Forward poster again, but don't get too loud or mommy might hear you when she comes down to do the laundry.

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BoJester → Paul · 4 months ago

So you must be really mad at Paul Ryan and his lame budget plan, if that is what you want to call it. He reduces the rate of increase by 1.6%, which means under the Ryan plan, spending will INCREASE at 3.6%.

I know conservatives typically have very small brains, but even dummies like you should be able to grasp this.

^ | 3 v Reply Share >

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Sui-Juris → BoJester · 4 months ago

Paul Ryan's budget doesn't exist as an active budget so it has done nothing because it doesn't exist as a reality. Much like your comment.

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BoJester → Sui-Juris · 4 months ago

So what you are saying that the Ryan plan is just a myth? Tell that to the fools at faux. Hannity and Oreilly are foaming a the mouth with the lies they tell

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Sui-Juris → BoJester · 4 months ago

Where do I say Paul Ryan's budget proposal is a myth.

If you were not just a troll who thought he knew everything and that he didn't need to pay attention to the facts you'd know what is discussed is this Obama administrations rejection of any and all cuts to spending.

Paul Ryan only comes under heat because he actually worked on a budget as both Romney's running mate and as the chairman of the House Budget Committee. Ryan has dealt quite conservatively with entitlement cuts over a ten year span and his budget cuts aren't all that severe compared to what is necessary to bring this nation into fiscal balance. Considering he has to project the future economics in play ten years down the road. Even Ryan admits that that projection is tenuously conservative, and every future spending bump for whatever reason send the finish date that much further down that road.

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Ricardo Delacruz → Danglars · 4 months ago

Turn off the racists on PMSNBC w/ no ratings.

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ChurchLadyPoser → bullet2354 · 4 months ago

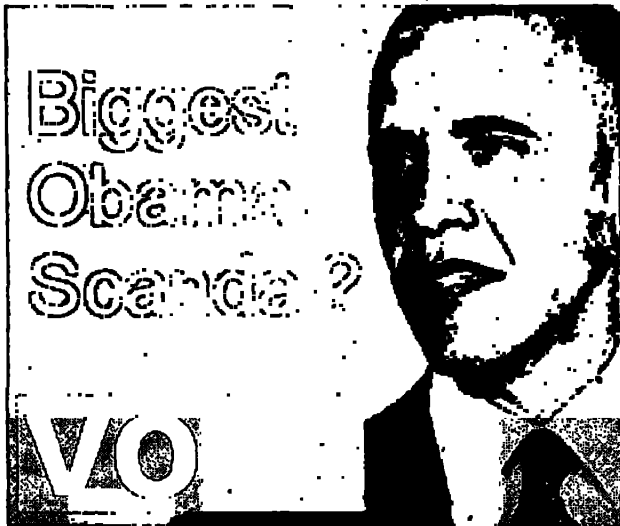
You mean the same guy that saved us from the Bush Depression, and pulled us out of the Bush recession ?

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Jim Moran confronted the protesters, prompting staff to step between them.

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Tea party activists nearly messed with the wrong congressman when they got into it with Rep. Jim Moran (D-Va.) in his Capitol office Sunday.

Moran, a thickly built Virginian with a temper that runs hot on occasion, was summoned from his inner office by the noise of angry protesters interacting with his staff, according to the congressman's account.

He confronted the protesters, prompting staff to step between them and the activists to ask whether Moran needed "bodyguards" to protect him.

"We're not protecting him from you, we're protecting you from him," a staffer explained, according to Moran.

Moran once threatened to punch his predecessor, Stan Parris, and has been

known to lose his temper at other times.

He said the activists were attempting to intimidate him and his aides.

The incident, while humorous in its own way, is part of a pattern of confrontations between opponents of the new health care law and lawmakers that has included epithets referring to race and sexual orientation, death threats and vandalism.

Federal and Capitol law enforcement officers briefed Democratic House members on threats at a caucus meeting Wednesday.

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Scott Peters is in a compromising situation

Freshman Congress member wants voters to know he's a man of moderation

By David Roland



Scott Peters listens to a constituent talk about the impacts of the Affordable Care Act.

- Photo by David Roland

If you go to the government-transparency website GovTrack.us and look for Scott Peters in its Sponsorship Analysis graph, you'll find him right where you'd expect him to be— smack in the center, ideologically to the right of most of the House Democrats and to the left of all of the House Republicans.

The graph analyzes Congress members' authorship and co-sponsorship of bills and places them on a spectrum from liberal to conservative.

"For better or worse—I've been criticized for it—that's what I do: I try to work with everybody to try to make things happen," Peters says, speaking to CityBeat in an hour-long interview in his University City district office. "I'm a fierce moderate, committed to making solutions, and I think compromise is good. That, I believe, is what the district wants."

The district is the California 52nd. It starts in San Pascual at the northern tip and spreads southeast all the way to Coronado, picking up Mira Mesa, Poway, Rancho Penasquitos, Kearny Mesa, Clairemont, La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Point Loma and Downtown on the way. Of its registered voters, 34.3 percent are Republicans, 32.6 percent are Democrats and 28.1 percent declare no state party affiliation.

Peters, a Democrat, yanked it from incumbent Republican Brian Bilbray last November by less

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than three percentage points. In 2014, he'll face Republican former San Diego City Councilmember and failed candidate for mayor Carl DeMaio in a race during which Peters will tout his moderate bona fides and pit his eagerness to compromise against DeMaio's combative nature.

Clearly, he believes his willingness to stand up to Democratic leadership will win him more votes than it'll cost him.

"The *National Journal* called me the fourth most independent Democrat, based on how many times I've voted against the party," he says. "So, out of 201 of us, I'm No. 4."

Issues on which Peters vetted with Republicans include: funding for homeland security even though the bill would bar funding for the president to legalize undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children (he hopes that language gets removed when reconciled with the Senate bill), barring the secretary of health and human services from waiving work requirements for welfare recipients and keeping student-loan rates from doubling but not capping them (he was one of only four Democrats to vote yes).

Another example of Peters upsetting progressives—although Democrats were close to evenly split on the bill—was the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA), which would let the U.S. government and private companies share Internet traffic data in order to fight cyber-terrorism. Privacy advocates opposed the bill on grounds that it would erode civil liberties. The bill passed in the House with overwhelming Republican support. Peters voted yes.

"I think the threat of Internet hanky-panky is a lot greater than it was a year ago" when the bill failed in the House, he says. "I was convinced that they'd done a lot of work to protect personal-privacy information in the new version of CISPA." He acknowledges that the American Civil Liberties Union and groups like the Electronic Frontier Foundation disagree.

Peters sits on the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities and has had private briefings that have given him sufficient cause for concern for cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure, like water, power and banking systems.

He says the bill's "imperfect" and that the Senate and the president will "push back" in favor of greater privacy protection. "Maybe the Senate can make it better," he says.

It so happens that San Diego is trying to develop a cluster of cyber-security companies. "I hope San Diego companies are chosen to do the cyber stuff," Peters says, "but that's not the kind of stuff I'm getting involved in."

Those are the kinds of links Peters is working to make between San Diego and Washington, D.C.—not on a contract-by-contract basis but by being in positions to help industries that have presence in San Diego.

That raises a question: What would he do if he felt tension between what's good for local industry and what's good for the country as a whole? For example, Peters co-sponsored the Protect Medical Innovation Act, which would remove the excise tax in the Affordable Care Act on medical devices. (Peters wanted to author the bill, but that perk went to a more senior legislator.) It would improve the bottom line of some local companies, but it would also reduce revenue nationally.

After he was elected, Peters went to the trade life-sciences organization Biocom, which supported Bilbray, and asked how he could help its member companies innovate and create jobs. One suggestion was the repeal of the medical-device tax.

Yes, there's a local interest in repealing the tax, but Peters believes it's "righteous and appropriate," as well, because innovation lowers costs in the long run. He calls such thinking the "California perspective."

Peters has gotten good at steering an interview in a direction he wants it to go. Asked for anecdotes that illustrate how the capital has surprised him, Peters politely answered a different question—what he's been doing since he arrived and how it'll help San Diego.

He asked for committee assignments in tourism, military and technology and innovation because those are the pillars of the San Diego economy. He was assigned to the Armed Services Committee, with seats on the Emerging Threats and Seapower and Projection Forces subcommittees. He also got appointed to the Science, Space and Technology Committee, with seats on the Oversight and Technology subcommittees.

One of his focuses is increasing funding for basic scientific research. Nowadays, he says, a U.S. scientist needs to be about 40 years old before she or he has the wherewithal to compete for sparse grants. As a result, young folks coming out of grad school are going to



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places like Singapore, China, Brazil, England and Israel to work.

"We know this erosion is taking place," Peters says, "and we're not doing anything about it."

And, besides, with research outfits like UCSD, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, The Scripps Research Institute, the La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology and the Sanford Consortium, increased funding would potentially benefit the local economy.

Another focus is on housing and employing veterans. He's authored or cosponsored bills to fund supportive housing for elderly vets and expand a tax credit for hiring recently discharged service members.

A third focus Peters mentions is climate change. Chair of the Climate Task Force for the Democrats' Sustainability Caucus, he introduced a bill that would require the president to convene the Task Force on Super Pollutants to study how to reduce so-called short-lived climate pollutants, having read a *New York Times* commentary by Dr. Veerabhadran Ramanathan, professor at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, on harm caused by methane, hydrofluorocarbons and black soot.

He'd also like to help the military invest in sustainable energy, including biofuels like algae, and, yes, San Diego does algae. The Navy wants to diversify its fuel portfolio, Peters says, and "the Marines are big on solar energy, it turns out."

Peters acknowledges that because he's a Democrat in a House controlled by Republicans, his bills will have a hard time getting out of committee, let alone becoming law. He has high hopes for his STRONG Act, which aims to better prepare the country for extreme-weather events. Also, language in standalone bills can sometimes find new homes in larger bills.

One thing that's struck Peters in particular is just how dysfunctional and intransigent the Republican Party has become.

"The Tea Party really has the place locked up," he says.

It's clear that he feels sorry for the GOP's relatively moderate members, who are terrified that if they ever vote with Democrats, they'll be challenged from the right come reelection time and punished by party leadership.

There's a reasonable Republican from the Midwest whom Peters works out with at the gym. Peters says he asked the guy if, when he goes home to the district, he'll hear from constituents about immigration. Oh yes, the Republican said; the big issues in his district are immigration and guns. He was already in hot water over his support of background checks in gun sales, and the Republican senator from his state voted against the Senate immigration bill, so the House member has no political cover for voting for it in the House.

In the run-up to consideration of this year's Farm Bill, annually one of the biggest and most important pieces of legislation—particularly for the Republicans, who represent much of the heartland—the GOP had 40 or so Democrats on board, even with the inclusion of large cuts to food stamps. But they couldn't help themselves from making amendments that eroded Democratic support, like adding drug testing and more stringent work requirements in a time of high unemployment.

The Republicans needed all the Democratic support they could get because 62 Republicans ended up voting against it. In the end, only 24 Democrats voted yes, and the bill failed, providing, for Peters, the best example of both GOP dysfunction and Tea Party power.

Still, he says the immigration issue might present the best chance of getting something big done. The Senate passed an immigration bill on June 27, and now it moves to the House. Even the Tea Party must understand that the Republican Party needs some Latino voters in order to survive, Peters says.

"If they want to give away the country like Pete Wilson gave away California—it could happen," he says, referring to the Wilson-backed Proposition 187 in 1994 that would have barred undocumented immigrants from receiving healthcare, education and other social services and is widely regarded as the beginning of Republican political insignificance in California. "And Texas could be a blue state very soon if they treat Latinos this way."

It's widely acknowledged, Peters says, that the hardest feat in politics to pull off is to defeat an incumbent, and the next hardest is to fend off the first challenger; after that, it's all cake and ice cream.

The National Republican Congressional Committee regularly sends out attack emails linking Peters to anything it can spin as negative.

Like most public servants, he can't stand campaign fundraising. He describes going back and

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forth between the Capitol and a telephone to call prospective donors.

"It's a terrible way to fund campaigns," he says. "I'm fully supportive of campaign-finance reform and overturning the Citizens United case. I think the perfect system would be a lot of low-dollar contributors. I like the idea of people making a contribution and investing, but the idea of unlimited money and being on the phone all the time is not good."

"The political people would like you to spend all your time campaigning, and this is not my orientation," he adds. "I have this quaint feeling that if I do a good job, people will reelect me. So, I have to be spending some of my time doing the job."

Peters smiles when says he appreciates the Republicans giving him the gift of a bill to vote against—the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—that would ban abortions after 20 weeks. That's the sort of thing that helps come reelection time.

"I mean, crazy, right?" he says. The progressive Democratic faithful will never consider Peters a darling, but he bristles when it's suggested that liberals might wonder if he's any better than the Republican Bilbray would have been, rattling off a list of social issues on which he's different: reproductive rights, employment non-discrimination, violence against women, voting rights, marriage equality, immigration.

"I'm still pretty firmly a Democrat," he says, just more middle-of the road on economic issues.

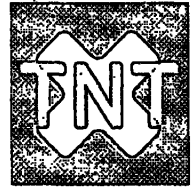
"I do give credit to the Democrats because we have a big tent," he adds. "One of the nice things about being a Democrat is that, as long as they know you're not going to be with them, I haven't been given any grief... And I think the Republicans, by contrast, have a pup tent. There's not a lot of room to maneuver."

Peters identifies as a New Democrat, a group of centrists in the mold of Bill Clinton.

"We generally feel like there's an appropriate role for government to allow people to have the opportunity to get into the middle class and to make the country competitive," he says. The New Democrats would love to stop talking about social issues, he adds, but social conservatives keep fighting, so government has to protect civil rights.

"But on the economic stuff," he says, "it's about sitting around the table and making a deal."

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By Catalina Camia, USA TODAY

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A Democratic congressman who told union supporters earlier this week they should "get a little bloody" apologized today for his heated rhetoric.

Rep. Michael Capuano, D-Mass., said his passion may have gotten in the way when he addressed a Boston crowd on Tuesday that had gathered to protest Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to curb collective bargaining rights.



CAPTION By Nancy Palmieri, AP

"I strongly believe in standing up for worker rights and my passion for preserving those rights may have gotten the best of me ... in an unscripted speech," he said in a statement. "I wish I had used different language to express my passion and I regret my choice of words."

Capuano, first elected in 1998, is considering a bid for U.S. Senate against incumbent Republican Scott Brown in 2012.

The Massachusetts Republican Party criticized Capuano for his comments at the rally of union supporters, saying he "must have lost the memo from President Obama and Democratic leaders" calling for more civility in the wake of the Jan. 8 shooting rampage that severely wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz.

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Rep. Capuano regrets urging union supporters to get 'bloody'

Capuano dismissed a small group of Tea Party supporters protesting at the pro-union rally as "a couple of nuts in the background who want to take it all away from you."

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Democrat Sean Patrick Maloney *really* wants you to associate incumbent Rep. Nan Hayworth with the Tea Party movement, at least if his television advertisements are any indication.

"Congresswoman Nan Hayworth's gone Tea Party on us, and it's not pretty: voting to end Medicare to pay for tax breaks for millionaires...like her," the narrator in Mr. Maloney's first commercial declared as

constituents are shown sipping tea and gagging at the bitter taste. "For all her sugary promises at home, Congresswoman Hayworth abandoned us in Washington where she joined the Tea Party to defund Planned Parenthood."

And Mr. Maloney's latest ad managed to embrace the Tea Party messaging even more literally. Ms. Hayworth's photograph is displayed on a teacup, with "Rep. Hayworth TEA PARTY" written on the paper attached to the tea bag for anyone who might have missed the subtle visual. After each of Ms. Hayworth's conservative positions are announced, the cup cracks, ultimately shattering.

"Nan Hayworth works for Tea Party extremists, not Hudson Valley families," Mr. Maloney explains after the cup is reduced to shards.

The electoral battle between Ms. Hayworth and Mr. Maloney is considered among the most competitive congressional races in the state. For her part, Ms. Hayworth has worked to brand Mr. Maloney as a "carpetbagger" in her advertising.

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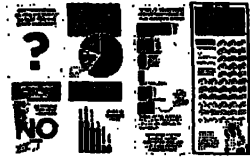
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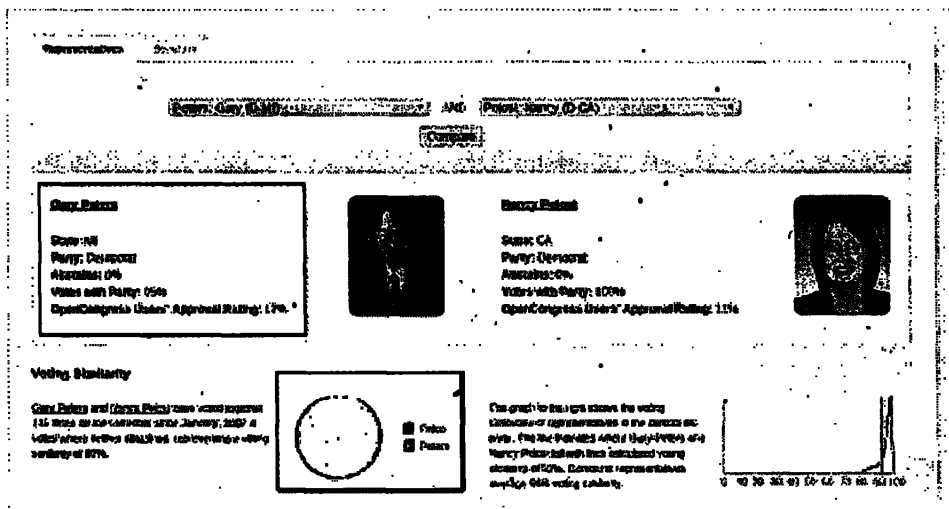
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Democrat Gary Peters is continually, as most Democrats do, couching his economy killing votes with the empty claim that they will create jobs. The Stimulus, ObamaCare and particularly Cap and Trade (this one will create 'green' jobs) all included the empty promise that they will create jobs.

The federal or state government can't create jobs. All it can do is take money from us and give it to someone else. Nothing more.

Oh, by the way, Peters also voted in favor of Financial Reform.

And, aside from the economy killing votes and re-distributive economic policies, Gary Peters is no fan of the Tea Party:

Democratic Congressman Gary Peters'let his hate and disgust for the Tea Party movement show at an Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority candidate forum when he referred to his Republican opponent Rocky Raczkowski as a "tea-bagger." He later went on to say that those who attend Tea Party rallies are "close-minded" and guilty of "creating a polarizing rhetoric." The forum was held at the Bloomfield Township library and most of the crowd were women.

Of course, there is something you can do if you live in Michigan's 9th congressional district. **Vote for Rocky Raczkowski!**



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CAMARILLO, CA (October 25, 2012) – Republican Tony Strickland has been forced to turn to help from a shadowy, out-of-state, ultra-conservative organization misleadingly called the American Future Fund in his race against Julia Brownley for Congress.

"It's clear that the Tea Party and House GOP are looking to bolster their ranks in Congress so they can continue to oppose President Obama's jobs programs at every turn and push forward their radical agenda to restrict women's health rights," Brownley Campaign Manager Lenny Young said. "Ventura County is rejecting Tony Strickland's extreme values, but that's not stopping him from continuing to bring in a host of out-of-state groups and politicians who share his goals of ending a woman's right to choose, defunding Planned Parenthood and restricting access to birth control, to try to put him over the top with misleading attack ads."

The American Future Fund supports candidates who share Tony Strickland's extreme views of opposing a woman's right to choose even in cases of rape and incest, defunding Planned Parenthood and taking away access to birth control. American Future Fund was an early supporter of Tea Party presidential candidate Rick Santorum, and supports Tea Party Senate candidate Richard Mourdock, who called conception by rape "something God intended to happen," earlier this week. The group also cut an ad supporting Tea Party Senate candidate Todd Akin, who said that "legitimate rape" victims rarely get pregnant.

"It's unsurprising that a shadowy, out-of-state, ultra-conservative organization is attempting to bail out Tony Strickland in Ventura County," said Young. "The same extreme-conservative interests Strickland consistently voted with in Sacramento, at the expense of women and the middle class, are now trying to ensure they have his vote in their back pocket in Washington."

The American Future Fund strongly supports the Romney/Ryan campaign, and has run a series of attack ads against President Barack Obama that have been called "false" by FactCheck.org. Their support of close Mitt Romney ally Strickland, who is a California Co-Chair for Romney's presidential campaign for the second time in 2012 and has previously brought Romney to Ventura County to campaign for him, comes as no surprise. This outside support is just the latest for Strickland, who hosted House Republican Leader Rep. Eric Cantor and Tea Party leader Rep. Pete Sessions this week at separate campaign events.

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Garamendi's Response:

Hello friend,

We knew it would come to this. Washington Republicans are now running outrageous attack ads against me for supporting American-made clean energy investments.

Republicans are using these misleading attack ads to distort the truth about clean energy. If the Tea Party has its way, we will surrender our clean energy future to China and other competitors.

So long as I'm in Congress, I'll do all I can to stop them. We need to Make It In America if we're going to make it in America. But, we need urgent Rapid Response funds to fight back and spread the truth about their misleading attacks. We have set a goal to raise \$10,000 before Monday for our efforts. Will you help us with an urgent gift today of \$25, \$50 or more right now?

Contribute \$25, \$50 or even \$100 or more today before Monday's urgent Rapid Response deadline >>>

One in four solar jobs in America are right here in California and the industry has more than doubled its job creation in three years largely thanks to government investments, yet the NRCC would have us believe that because one loan guarantee didn't pan out, the entire program is a mistake. I don't believe investing in American-made clean energy manufacturing and research is a mistake, and I don't think you do either. That's why I need your financial support today to fight back against the Tea Party Republican attack machine.

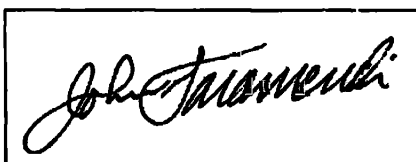
If you believe that clean energy investments are good for California and good for America, help me show the Tea Party that we won't back down from investing in jobs and our future.

Contribute \$25, \$50 or even \$100 or more today before Monday's urgent Rapid Response deadline >>>

Our nation can't afford to surrender the solar industry or the more than 100,000 jobs it has already created. Imagine where our country would be today if we just gave up after early setbacks in the space program, the Internet, and medical research. America has never prospered by listening to the quitters. America has always prospered when we Make It In America.

Clean energy will power our future, but the Tea Party wants to keep us in the past. To articulate our positive vision for the future and respond to the Republicans' baseless attacks, I need your help. **Please consider contributing \$25, \$50, or \$100 today.**

Thank you,



Congressman John Garamendi

{ 42 comments }

1 Voss October 21, 2011 at 9:22 AM

Yes solar does. For localized, off-grid applications. Sometimes. For widescale energy needs? No, it doesn't...and it's a money loser. It's a scam.

2 Rich C. October 21, 2011 at 9:37 AM

Hey John,

If you want to do one thing to support the solar industry in the U.S., introduce legislation imposing tariffs on solar panels produced by Chinese companies.

Dumping products on the American market of any kind is bad. We used to have the will to stand up to this type of behavior. And don't insert any "closed shop" language into the bill...

BTW: Have you moved into the district yet?

3 Jim October 21, 2011 at 9:49 AM

The DNC has millions and John wants our money...why not go to his own party's war chest and get the money?...strange...he talks about all the jobs the money they pour into alternative energy and yet most of these companies are losing money and those that aren't are having their panels made outside the US...How exactly is all the billions saving jobs?...yeah the ad is skewed, it's political ad, what does he expect but it has quite a few facts...Does he really think that an ad made by the DNC will be better or not skewed the other way?...just because the government thinks it's ok to spend my tax dollars without an regard for ROI, doesn't mean I have to follow their example.

4 Tax payer October 21, 2011 at 10:01 AM

Sorry bud... Asking for more money after bad money spent... Throwing money at things is not always the solution. You guys messed up... a lot... You can not spend your way out of every situation. America has been at its greatest during Laissez-faire times... we need to go back to that policy.

You can have businesses run clean and not regulate and tax the heck out of everyone... Imagine how much money would be in the citizens hands, how much money there would be for increasing the economy... if you didnt tax the heck out of us... Gee wouldnt that be a stimulus package...

But then You and Obama wouldnt have my money to pay back the 900 million in corporate fund raising he generated for his presidential election.

Sorry bud. You have one less democrat because of how you treated my money.

5 ProfessorGas October 21, 2011 at 10:08 AM

What 'clean energy' are you talking about? Mythological energy sources are not the answer. We have had solar energy for decades and it is still too expensive compared to our already existing fuel supplies.

If some company can come up with a cost-effective 'clean energy' that actually exists, I'd love to hear about it, but it better be more cost effective than what already exists.

China is not going to corner the market on clean energy. This is an absurd declaration and the kind I would expect from a politician playing into the Soros plan to ruin our economy so he can implement his 'new world order'.

Finally, Mr. Garamendi, your energy policies have led to rampant unemployment and is causing business to invest overseas. It is we, the voter, who should be asking money from you, the rich politician.

6 Goat Head October 21, 2011 at 10:10 AM

Hello Tea Party,

Your wealthy members own stock in the companies that have moved jobs offshore to China. The Chinese unfair competition from illegal government subsidies of \$ Billions is a major reason for the Solyndra failure.

Our local Congressman Garamendi and Miller have both tried to encourage made in America from the start and opposed the new free trade agreements signed today with Korea, Panama and Columbia. The treaties were largely worked out by the Bush administration and passed with the support of the Republican dominated house and signed by a misguided Obama.

7 acc October 21, 2011 at 10:25 AM

Wait, aren't we already on the hook for the \$535M for Solyndra and whatever the case is with Sunpower?

Support this Garamendi.....

8 Misleading October 21, 2011 at 10:42 AM

I didn't see or hear anything that was misleading in the video. John Garamendi and President Obama are the ones running a misleading agenda.

9 I'm The Urban Spaceman October 21, 2011 at 10:45 AM

China currently controls approx 97% of the Rare Earth elements Market. You can't have green Technology without Rare Earth Elements and the Chinese have restricted exports. Want to drive a Prius? minimum 25 lbs of REE's. A 3 mw Wind Turbine...700lbs of Neodymium...an iPhone? iPod? Missile Defense Systems? Gotta have REE's. China will allow exportation of completed products, just not much raw material, so if you want to build it (green tech), you have to build it in China. (Where they get to steal your secrets too.)

xx

Kent Brockman: The spacecraft has apparently been taken over "unmanned" if you will by a master race of giant space ants. It's difficult to tell from this vantage point whether they will consume the captive earth men or merely enslave them. One thing is for certain. There is no stopping them; the ants will soon be here. And I for one welcome our new insect overlords. I'd like to remind them that as a trusted TV personality, I could be helpful in rounding up others to toil in their underground sugar caves.

Read more: <http://www.tvfanatic.com/quotes/characters/kent-brockman/#ixzz1bRjykgTY>

I for one, welcome our new

10 Anonymous Tax Payer October 21, 2011 at 10:51 AM

I completely and respectfully disagree with the Congressman's arguments. This is a Government Spending issue, not a jobs issue. I don't know of any tea partiers that are against job growth within the US.

Put these so-called "investments" towards our schools and law enforcement since Heaven knows our government needs to properly allocate our Tax Dollars instead of choosing companies to "invest" in??? And even after wasting this much money, our State and Federal Government complains that they aren't getting enough money out of the tax payers. Why is our government even investing in companies when it cannot even meet its current obligations?!? (e.g., Teachers, Schools, Law Enforcement, BASIC public services, etc)

I do not approve of my tax dollars being spent to "invest" in companies that cannot stand on their own. I DO approve of taking care of our community, teachers, law enforcement, roads. PLEASE balance the budget and re-assess your priorities!

— A Proud, Honest, Hard-working, Tax-Paying Citizen.

11 Ricardo October 21, 2011 at 10:52 AM

Democrats like Garamendi just chased more business out of California with the cap and trade act. You have to hand it to these politicians who can live their lives telling lies every waking day. One of these days the people who keep voting them in will ask what have they done for me lately and will realize they have done nothing. Of course that is wishful thinking.

12 Barbara October 21, 2011 at 10:53 AM

You've got to love these endearing salutations used by Garamendi, Miller et al. Hello friend. "Friend?" Never met you, and I'm certainly not a supporter. I tried discussing issues with Miller — your other friend. Instead, I'd just receive the typical boiler plate response that his staff chose to send.

So please politicians — especially the ones who have a term about to expire: Call me "Voter." (But just keep in mind, I'm an Independent.)

13 woody October 21, 2011 at 11:02 AM

wow.
baseless?

14 Goat Head October 21, 2011 at 11:13 AM

I work in the solar industry and those who say that Solar doesn't pay are wrong; you can get a Solar Lease and cut your electric bill by a third which is an even greater savings over time. The Solar power generated locally on residences is used where it is needed and doesn't require large upgrades to the grid like centralized large Coal, Gas and Nuclear do.

Wake Up!

15 ConcordeJet October 21, 2011 at 11:30 AM

what a joke this got to be a scam.

16 BagsFlyFree October 21, 2011 at 11:46 AM

Where the money needs to be spent is in science! Make these panels efficient enough to power a home and a car for under 10k and people will buy them up like hotcakes and not think twice about the Chinese panels that can barely keep my plant LED's lit at night. Subsidizing every new tech is becoming too expensive and wasteful when the oversight is clearly lacking at the top.. Obama and his cronies should have known better when subordinating US taxpayers to private Solyndra investors.. dummies!

17 The Professor October 21, 2011 at 11:46 AM

John,

What sort of "rapid response" will \$10,000 get you? Seems a bit disingenuous to me. Does your \$10,000 goal mean that you will return every cent above that number back to the donor? Didn't think so!

Why don't you just donate the \$10,000 to the cause and quit begging us, your "constituents"? Or better yet, go ask George Miller and his son (and his lobby firm) for the help.

Common sense tells me (and should tell you) that solar is not economically viable for most households. If it was such a great deal, we would all get it.

Most manufacturing is not viable with high wages. Stuff gets built where the costs of production is cheap. Hence, we have manufacturing moving offshore. You went to Harvard Business School and should know this stuff. Econ 101!

\$10,000. What an effing joke.

18 WC44 October 21, 2011 at 11:47 AM

Should read, Please help me support crony capitalism with money borrowed from China so my union backers and insiders will continue to support my re-election.

19 anonamom October 21, 2011 at 11:53 AM

John G: SunPower just made a cool \$90million off of MDUSD local taxpayer and another couple of million in job guarantees from DOE, give them a call!

20 GJ October 21, 2011 at 11:58 AM

Johnny, Johnny, Johnny... when will you learn that defending yourself by asking hard-working citizens for money with a self-imposed fake deadline will instill trust in said hard-working citizens? Oh, and that barb about the Tea Party... bad form, dude. The Tea Party didn't put together the ad, so why are you attacking them?

The way to earn hard-working citizen's trust is by making and supporting laws that support hard-working citizens. So show how serious you are to get America working again by making it harder on China to import their cheap crap.

21 Jim October 21, 2011 at 12:00 PM

@ Goat Head

stop drinking the Kool-aid...my neighbor bought into solar...he said he should see it pay for itself in about 17 years...seriously...17 years, by your own admission... "an even greater savings over time"... what if he dies before then... If I'm not getting my cash back in 5 years or less it's a bad investment... you need to Wake Up!... a \$500 million dollar loan... does not a profit make

22 Voss October 21, 2011 at 12:03 PM

Goat Head,

Please. Hardly anyone would be putting panels on their homes or businesses if it wasn't for the rebates and tax credits, i.e. SUBSIDIES. You know the ability to harness the sun's rays for solar power is nothing new, it's been around a long time. If there was a way to do it cost-effectively on a macro scale, it would have already been done. That isn't to say we don't continue researching alternatives to coal, oil, natural gas, and nuclear. We should be. But we shouldn't be engaging in an intentional effort to "necessarily skyrocket" energy prices (so said St. Obama, 2008) to kill those, you know, proven, low-cost sources of energy. Oh, and we probably shouldn't be harping out billions of taxpayer dollars to perpetuate the solar scam.

23 anonk October 21, 2011 at 12:13 PM

Thank Mayor!

Appreciate your bringing this to our attention.

We immediately sent John Garamendi our contribution for the Rapid Response to this outrageous attack ad from the Tea Party.

Once again, thank you Mayor....without your help this might have gone unnoticed!

24 BROKE October 21, 2011 at 12:17 PM

Sorry John. My paycheck and benefit package (unlike yours) don't allow me to live comfortably. How about if you sacrifice like the rest of us and give till it hurts you and your family on a continual basis. Obviously you have no clue.

25 An Armed Liberal October 21, 2011 at 1:57 PM

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@Urban Spaceman -

There are plenty of rare earth elements out in the Nevada desert, and in fact mining is booming out there (again) precisely because of the high demand for lithium and REE's.

26 Tree Farm October 21, 2011 at 4:40 PM

It is weird how 95% of the posters on this blog come out and put people like Miller, Garamendi, Pelosi, and Boxer on blast- rightfully so of course. But then these same career politicians (read- NOT citizen legislators) keep getting elected over and over and over. Makes you wonder if the dead are voting for the Democrats? No, that could never happen. Oh wait, it has....

27 Ven Exeter October 21, 2011 at 4:42 PM

John Garamendi is bought and paid for by the public employee unions. He doesn't give a crap about working people in his district. We've had enough of this phony stimulus that gets sent to companies & unions that funnel kickbacks to corrupt politicians.

28 anonk October 21, 2011 at 6:03 PM

Tree Farm.....maybe you did not notice, but 95% of the folks commenting on this blog agree with your position.....

We laughingly call it "preaching to the choir" or, a "cyber circle jerk" for R's, Tea Party persons and some Libertarian types.

All the best.

29 big jim October 21, 2011 at 6:35 PM

American made clean energy? Like Solyndra?

30 There is no politician, be they democrat or republican October 21, 2011 at 8:08 PM

that does anything for the betterment of their constituency or the United States of America. They are all motivated to improve their own agenda at the expense of tax paying Americans.

If there should be any occupancy of anything, it should be the people occupying the US Congress demanding a resignation of all sitting US Legislators. We can live without a Congress until the next election, it would do the country good.

31 mika October 21, 2011 at 9:04 PM

What are the rare earth elements? Thanks for explanation!

32 Triple Canopy October 21, 2011 at 9:07 PM

Garamendi: You're a dirtbag! How the heck can you represent this district when you don't even live in it? Please remove your head so I can SHIT down your neck.

33 Goat Head October 21, 2011 at 10:17 PM

PV Modules have come so far down in price because of mass production that the utility companies have switched major projects over to them. Companies like mine will lease a system to you that is sized to provide your power for about 2/3 what you normally pay now; you pay nothing down and with the price of power likely to increase the savings will be more over time. Two years ago I would have been skeptical to but the world is changing fast.

34 jeff October 22, 2011 at 3:10 AM

You'll never get a dime from me.

AWP - Another Worthless Politician

35 Anonymous October 22, 2011 at 8:09 AM

Suck it, John Garamendi!! MORE taxpayer money down the rat-hole??!! No thanks! Leads me to believe he must have a personal stake in this, too. Tie for an investigation.

36 Jazzguy October 22, 2011 at 9:14 AM

Mr. Mayor, I hope you don't sell the blog to politicians during what most likely will be a blow-out campaign in 2012. The last "jobs creation" act signed into law cost the American taxpayer approx \$250,000/job! (source: Congressional Budget Office) IT DIDN'T WORK. To do it again for the main purpose of keeping loyal union gov't employees employed is insane. Let's not turn federal spending habits into a

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three card monte game in the alley (Solyndra).

I have noticed that most of the advocates for solar power don't own a system-they only want you to buy it.

37 CLAYCORD.com October 22, 2011 at 9:50 AM

What are you talking about, Jazzguy?

38 ... October 22, 2011 at 9:56 AM

Why do we allow tools like this to represent us?

39 G October 22, 2011 at 10:21 AM

Would be interesting to find out, somehow, just how much he raises.

40 passerby October 22, 2011 at 10:38 AM

noticed that yesterday. mayor, besides the rest of the rambling post, I think jazzguy might be referring to leaving IN the links from the email. true enough, if you just copied and pasted it, it would have picked up the html automatically. but leaving in the links makes it look like your are endorsing john.

41 Jazzguy October 22, 2011 at 12:46 PM

This is a solicitation from Garamendi.

42 ProfessorGas October 22, 2011 at 2:33 PM

I thought the headline (i.e. '-asks for money') indicated Mr. Mayor disapproved . . . ?

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 - @ 38: Not judging, but since you caught the whole thing on video, did you have a chance to shout...
 - **The Professor:** I'm going to profile here. The person of interest is: 1. Male 2. Under 25...
 - **jtkatec:** Hank, you're a piatz
 - **Anonymous:** If they let the person of interest go, I hope the police will put a tail on him and...
 - **NutCreek Frontier:** After Arizona, how anyone could intentionally start a grass fire is beyond...
- **Senator DeSaulnier: "The Bay Bridge is Now 10 Years Late. Costs \$6.3 Billion, and has been Plagued with Questions Regarding Seismic Safety" (72)**
 - **jw:** @ YET #34, Bingo, you hit the nail on the head. This bloated bridge and the stupid...
 - **jw:** @ Republicans #67, Name a single state that is controlled by Republicans, to the extent CA is...
 - **Random Task:** wow blew that ..well the dems school system at its best
 - **Random Task:** yeah the dems could blow up California and #67 would say it was for our won good...
- **Mayor's Healthy Cook-Off Challenge Takes Place on July 18th In Concord (13)**
 - **BCuzitzClaycord:** Random Task and Loreki - please go away. People are soooooo freakin sick...
- **BART: Man Arrested for Public Intoxication After Creating a Disturbance in Walnut Creek (7)**
 - **Ted:** @jtkatec You must be as blind as you are stupid. Concord is bursting at the seams with...
 - **Yo Dival:** Walnut Creek wants the big city bar scene so they get the big city crime scene along...
 - **Good Teef:** And the station agents think they're worth more money
 - **Mike:** It's a shame - there are a lot of alcoholic/mentally unstable people that you...
 - **The Mamba:** Jtkatec, there's a substation in WC, that's probably why. I'm glad...
 - **jtkatec:** It sounds like all the BART police are hanging at the WC station? But then again, thank...
 - **Anon:** Being drunk is the least, who knew.
- **Claycord - Talk About Whatever (129)**
 - **Dr. Jellyfinger:** Killjoy, so ah..... what's in the trailers? Just...
 - **Killjoy:** Oh, and before you folks all want to string me up for driving a big truck, just how many...
 - **Killjoy:** On a lighter note.... I took a different route to work this morning. I drove down...
- **Claycord Online Museum - The City of Concord's Boxing Program (6)**
 - **boxing gym for the youth:** There's actually a boxing gym in Concord for kids ages 8-18 years...
- **BART: Union Leaders Meeting with State Mediators Today (24)**
 - **Things that make you go hmmm...:** Seems like BART employees are really working hard now, trying...
 - **Curious:** I want to know why it took 4 days to figure out, "hey, why den't we extend..."
 - **DoReMi:** #2 Said: ... In Europe you can see the failings of a socialistic government that is...
- **Illegal U-Turns Near the Solano Drive-In (32)**
 - **anon:** this thread is hilarious! it's a u turn on a road where most of the people are doing...
 - **Jeff:** To whoever wrote that the drivers are forced into this maneuver because there is poor...
- **The Water Cooler - Religious Jewelry (68)**
 - **Jim:** @Mister Wister....here was the answer given..."This was one idiot on a power..."
- **Claycord - Talk About Politics (181)**
 - **Antler:** I can verify that friends from North Carolina (the state where I was born and raised),...

o **Armed Robbery in the Parking Lot of Sprouts Grocery Store in Walnut Creek (27)**

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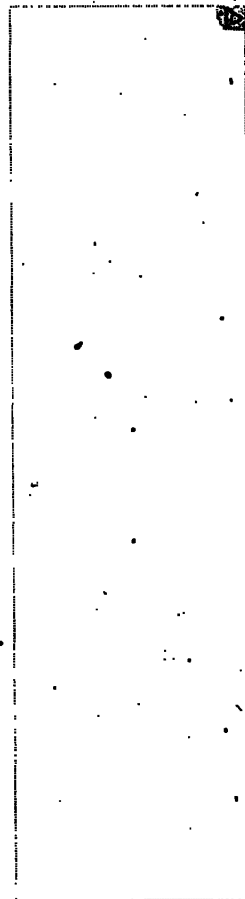


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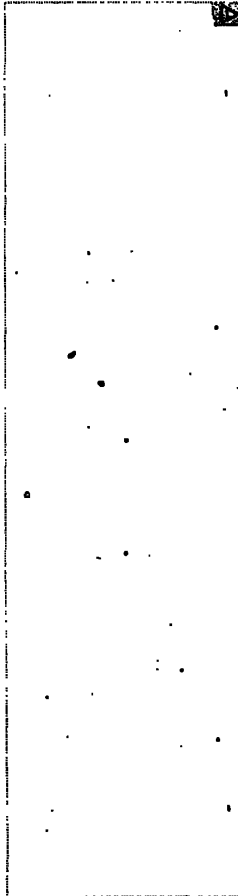
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A big distraction

by Kurt Schrader

We have just over five months to go until the election, and soon the airwaves will be full of attacks and counter-attacks from extremists and special interests.

But I'd rather talk about the work I've accomplished in Congress, and how I need your volunteer help to send me back to fight for the people of Oregon.

Unlike some extremists in Congress who are in league with the Tea Party, I'm focused on finding bipartisan solutions.

I'm eager to continue the fight for **increased economic growth** by supporting smarter and less-costly regulations on small business and **increased opportunities** for working Oregonians in the Fifth district.

And I fundamentally believe that we'll reduce our debt by reaching across the aisle to solve problems, not pointing fingers and shaking our fists at each other.

I support getting our deficit and debt under control the right way – by rooting out wasteful spending, bringing prolonged overseas conflicts to an end, and stopping special interest giveaways; not by putting seniors and our most vulnerable at risk.

That's why, recently, I voted against the final passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which extends the war in Afghanistan beyond 2014 – and doesn't do enough to reduce spending and put those funds to work at home. It's high time we end the war and bring our troops home with honor.

Over the next five months, I'll be working hard to reach out to people across the Fifth district to discuss my priorities. **Can I count on your volunteer support?**

Together, we can show the naysayers that Oregon's Fifth district deserves a positive, bipartisan, can-do approach in Congress with a focus on our middle class and real solutions.

My best,

Kurt

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








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Janice Hahn likens Tea Party tactics to hostage-taking

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Janice Hahn celebrating her victory on July 12, 2011. Photo by Mark McDermott

Congresswoman Janice Hahn on Monday cast her vote against the deal to raise the debt ceiling.

Hahn, a Democrat sworn in only two weeks ago after winning the July 12 special election to replace Jane Harman as District 36 representative, argued that the debt ceiling bill passed by Congress represented not a compromise but a hostage-taking by the Tea Party.

"The other side never compromised at all," Hahn said in an interview Tuesday. "In fact, they bragged about the fact that they got 98 percent of everything they wanted. They never compromised at all, because they didn't have to.... We lost the debate when we began negotiating with the Tea Party. I mean, we have raised the debt limit in this country numerous times - it was 17 times under President Reagan, I think. So it happens all the time - this was the first time in our history that they decided to use this act to hold us hostage, to hold our economy hostage. And they were very willing to take this country over the cliff

and blow up our economy if they didn't get their way."

The debt ceiling legislation passed the House in a 269-161 vote, with 66 Republicans and 95 Democrats voting no. The broad outlines of the deal include an immediate \$900 billion limit to the debt ceiling and an additional \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion within the next year. An estimated \$2.1 trillion in budget cuts are attached to the legislation, the specifics of which will be decided in a newly formed congressional "super-committee." The committee has until Dec. 23 to reach an agreement or across-the-board cuts will be enacted.

Hahn said the bill represented an unbalanced approach that hurt working families.

"That was why I voted no," Hahn said. "I thought the people who lost were the middle class and the poor in this country...these are going to be cuts that hurt families in our country while still not asking the wealthiest of Americans to help out."

Hahn acknowledged that it was a difficult decision to buck party leadership's wishes in her first major vote. But she said feedback from her constituents was overwhelmingly against the deal.

"It was hard for me," she said. "But one of the things that made it easier for me was my constituents – you know, it was like 20 to 1 in phone calls and emails from my constituents urging me to vote no on it. So I figured my first act as a member of the House of Representatives, representing my district, it made it a little bit easier to know I was voting on behalf of my district. But there was nothing about it I liked. I feel like I was sent to Congress to protect Social Security and Medicare, and it wasn't clear to me, long-term, whether this bill did that."

Hahn last week supported a "clean" debt ceiling amendment that would have separated the issue from budget cuts and more routinely increased the debt ceiling, as was the previous practice across several administrations prior to the Tea Party's arrival in Washington.

"I think we should have done that," Hahn said. "It would have allowed this country to pay our bills, to meet our obligations, and then let's have this fight about spending and the deficit later. But to join those two things together was a big problem."

Hahn suggested that any approach to addressing the deficit should include ending tax cuts and loopholes that favor the wealthiest Americans and large corporations. As she frequently noted during her campaign, corporations such as General Electric and Bank of America paid no federal income taxes last year.

"Look, we all know we need to cut spending, we've got to tackle this deficit, but the American people want us to do it in a balanced approach where everybody helps out," Hahn said. "So to put the burden on the middle class and the poor without asking the wealthiest of Americans or big corporations or big oil to help us out of this problem is against everything I believe in."

President Barack Obama's statement in the Rose Garden Tuesday evening mirrored those concerns. He suggested tax reform that ended subsidies for oil and gas companies and eliminated loopholes that allow corporations and billionaires to "pay a lower tax rate than teachers and nurses.

"I've said it before; I will say it again: we can't balance the budget on the backs of the very people who have borne the biggest brunt of this recession," Obama said. "We can't make it tougher for young people to go to college, or ask seniors to pay more for health care, or ask scientists to give up on promising medical research because we couldn't close a tax shelter for the most fortunate among us."

The fight, in other words, has only begun. Hahn said that the debate ahead will be about the very nature of government itself.

"The Tea Party folks don't believe government has a role in our lives," she said. "Of course, I'm sure they call the fire department when there is a fire or the paramedics when somebody is having a heart attack...but they fundamentally want to completely shrink government and not let it play a role in creating jobs or protecting the environment, or making sure our food is safe, or making sure products are tested before they are allowed to be consumed. So there is a philosophical debate we are going to have going forward in the Congress about where these cuts should happen and how they should happen."

Hahn noted that the lion's share of the current deficit was accrued fighting two wars while at the same time enacting tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. She said the Obama stimulus package derided by Tea Party conservatives actually saved the jobs of thousands of teachers and improved infrastructure throughout the country, including the South Bay.

"We don't want to hand our grandchildren this kind of debt or deficit," Hahn said. "But I don't want to hand my grandchildren bridges that are collapsing, highways that are crumbling, schools that are not safe, and air that is not clean. This is going to be a fundamental fight – I think we ought to invest in our grandchildren's future. I want to invest in education and infrastructure....I think this is the worst time in the world to completely slash spending when we could actually improve the economy and create jobs and add more revenue into our tax base."

Hahn said it was "quite sobering" to suddenly be thrust in the middle of such a crucial political battle. She was only sworn into office July 19; the week prior, her mother, Ramona, passed away the day before Hahn defeated Republican and Tea Party favorite Craig Huey.

In part, Hahn was appalled by what she witnessed in Washington.

"I am not sure I would believe some of these things if I had not seen it first hand," she said. "I had heard some of these stories but to see it up close and personal was pretty amazing. You almost have to see it to believe it – some of the tactics that were going on."

But the congresswoman was also inspired by the scene that unfolded Monday night when Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Arizona) made a surprise appearance to cast her vote for the debt ceiling agreement. Giffords earlier this year was shot in the head by a gunman outside a supermarket in Tucson.

"I will tell you, the moment I will never forget as long as I live was the moment last night when Gabby Giffords unexpectedly walked onto the House floor," Hahn said. "We gave her a standing ovation and it was a great, great moment. American needed a miracle, and she was it,"

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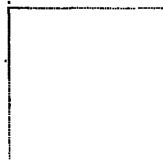
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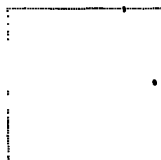
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Today, there's a major fuss being made about the latest example of the Congressional Black Caucus' orchestrated
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attacks on the Tea Party – namely Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN), a Muslim, having told a gathering that the Tea Party wants to see black people “hanging from a tree.”

But Carson's overheated drivel isn't the only noteworthy statement in the ongoing CBC offensive against the Tea Party since Maxine Waters' vow to send the movement to hell three weeks ago.

It turns out that Louisiana's own Cedric Richmond, the lone Democrat in the state's House delegation, accused the Tea Party of fighting a war against President Obama. Richmond spoke Aug. 18 at a town hall even in Atlanta, with his remarks captured in a video compilation first aired at TheBlaze.com.

“I don't have many chances that I get to disagree with a guy whose shoulders I stand on, which is Congressman Lewis, who says we're fighting three wars,” Richmond says in the clip beginning at 0:57. “Actually, we're fighting four wars. And the fourth war is a war that the Tea Party has started with the United States, more particularly the president. And they are willing to, in this war, have as casualties the 14.1 million Americans that don't have a job. They're willing to wreck this economy simply for political gain.”

CBC members have embarked on a five-city town hall tour in which Tea Party members have been equated with the Klan and Jim Crow, which seems like bizarre rhetoric to describe a movement which got its start as a response to runaway government spending and corporate bailouts.

Bizarre, perhaps, but Tea Party calls for downsized government likely affect the black community in disproportionate fashion. [A study released in April](#) by the Center for Labor Research and Education at Cal-Berkeley shows that government work is disproportionately done by the black community...

- The public sector is the single most important source of employment for African Americans.
- During 2008-2010, 21.2% of all Black workers are public employees, compared with 16.3% of non-Black workers. Both before and after the onset of the Great Recession, African Americans were 30% more likely than other workers to be employed in the public sector.
- The public sector is also a critical source of decent-paying jobs for Black Americans. For both men and women, the median wage earned by Black employees is significantly higher in the public sector than in other industries.
- Prior to the recession, the wage differential between Black and white workers was less in the public sector than in the overall economy.
- Examining the five primary industries employing Black workers, the public sector employed the greatest proportion of Black men and Black women in the higher paying occupations.
- In these same industries, the public sector employed the lowest proportion of Black women in lower paying occupations.

CBC members might not be, as a rule, the most well-read folks on basic economics. They are, however, extremely cognizant of the facts in that study. And that's why any suggestion that the public sector is too large in the American economy or that government spends too much money is immediately decried as having come from a racist – it's not just some dumb smear to throw at people, it comes from a position in which the accuser feels a threat – and it's also why CBC members like Richmond are so casual in asserting that the Tea Party wants to destroy the economy.

Because for left-wing Democrats like Richmond who are invested in the political/government machine which so controls the votes of the black community, the "economy" equals the public sector and what it can confer on key constituencies like the one Richmond represents.

The allegations are despicable and politically motivated. They're not baseless, however – or at least they're not grounded in some perceived reality without justification. When CBC members like Richmond start talking about wars and race, they're telling the black community that the Tea Party is coming to shut down all the government jobs so many black Americans have leveraged into a middle class existence.

And while that probably deserves a nod of understanding, what's incredibly unfortunate is the failure of the CBC to promote black entrepreneurship or mobility within the business class as part of its message – or even to promote the entry by African-Americans into the professional fields where there is constant demand, like engineering or health care. To do so would greatly benefit that community, of course, but it would also have the effect of empowering black Americans to move out of inner cities and perhaps make different political judgments.

And because of that failure, the Tea Party is well-justified should it respond to these attacks by calling them racist in their own right in dismissing the ability of the black community to compete in the private sector and disingenuous in the extreme for speaking of wars and race when the real issue is whether the federal government will destroy all of America by spending money it doesn't have whether that spending is disproportionately aimed at the black community or not.

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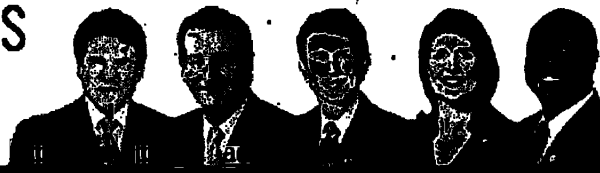
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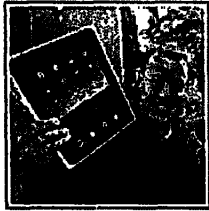


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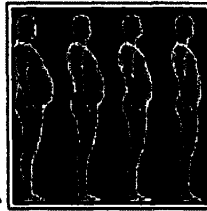
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~ *Booker T. Washington, The Atlanta Exposition Address, 1895*

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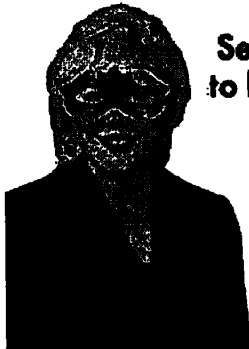
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Cicilline '83 blasts Tea Party, stresses youth involvement

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After almost two years in Congress, Rep. David Cicilline '83, D-R.I., returned to his alma mater last night to address the Brown Democrats — an organization he co-founded almost 30 years ago with John F. Kennedy Jr. '83. He stressed the importance of unifying the Democratic Party as the 2012 congressional elections present the opportunity to gain the 24 seats needed in the House of Representatives for progress on a liberal agenda.

Cicilline began his speech by thanking students for being Democrats during a time when the Party "needs the passion and energy of young people."

The growing strength of the Tea Party movement has driven Democrats and Republicans in Congress further apart ideologically, he said. "The Republican Party was hijacked by the Tea Party."

After Republicans gained a majority in the House of Representatives in the 2010 congressional elections — widely due to the new, overwhelming support of the Tea Party among traditional Republicans — Democrats have struggled to be heard in the legislature, he said.

"Everything we care about as Democrats — infrastructure, women's rights, equality — all of those issues are under attack in this Republican Congress," he added.

Cicilline emphasized that ideological differences between the two parties have prevented Congress from achieving the legislative change that most of America wants. "There are a lot of people who are disappointed," he said.

"For us to have a prosperous and vibrant economy, you need to have a middle class that can buy the goods and services we produce," he said. "(The Republicans) have been advancing policies that undermine the middle class of this country."

During the question and answer session that followed his speech, students asked about Cicilline's time in Washington. He said he struggles with his status as a freshman congressman in the minority party, where he has little voice in contributing to the legislative agenda.

Regardless of his position, "it's really important to be staking out priorities and pushing hard on the things you believe in." He wants his fellow congressmen to know and understand his positions, even if he is not able to further his policy goals at the moment, he added.

When asked about health care and environmental legislation, Cicilline said ultimately much of the Republican Party is not interested in addressing those issues.

"There are folks who fundamentally don't believe in government. They don't believe in the role of government in protecting food safety, the environment and children's health," he said. "A lot of them don't even believe in science."

Cicilline also addressed students' concerns about the ongoing negotiations between the University and Providence. The city is asking the University to increase monetary contributions in lieu of taxes in an attempt to close the city's large budget deficit, which some have attributed to Cicilline's reckless financial decisions as mayor in the eight years prior to Taveras' term. Cicilline said this issue is not specific to Providence but exists across the country.

Taveras' decision to address the issue was prudent in light of the massive amount of property tax-exempt institutions have purchased over the year, he added.

Cicilline said he attempted to solve the issue through a proposal that would give the city a portion of the state's income tax revenue to compensate for revenue earned from property taxes. He called it a "brilliant idea" and said he hopes "there might be some effort to do that again."

At the end of the night, Cicilline returned to his overarching message that the upcoming elections in November are crucial and the Tea Party must be defeated.

"This is the most important election of our lifetime," Cicilline said. "There has never been a time in our lifetimes when we have a new political movement on the ballot, but we do this time — the Tea Party."

The next two years in Congress will be significant, he added. Cicilline said he wants to see the "great bills" — which will not see a vote while Republicans are in the majority — out on the floor and passed into law.

"We, as Democrats, need to keep the Senate, take over the House and reselect our president," Cicilline said to students before urging them to get involved in



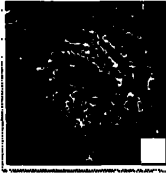
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Hakeem Jeffries (Photo: Facebook)

Months into his first term, his short time in Washington D.C. has Congressman Hakeem Jeffries convinced the Tea Party is out of control.

"Every day I'm in Washington D.C., I'm focused on two things: battling the Tea Party and standing up for President Obama," Mr. Jeffries, a Democrat, said last night at a Brooklyn fundraiser for his successor, Assemblyman Walter Mosley. "The Tea Party folks, they're off the chain. From my perspective, the right thing to do for the country is to make sure we invest in our economy and we stand up for programs like Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid—and stand up for the most vulnerable people among us."

Mr. Jeffries added that he would take the fight to the whole "crew" of Republican leadership, drawing wild applause from his supporters at the Crown Heights restaurant.

"As opposed to what the other side wants to do, which is to basically balance the budget on the backs of children and seniors, working families and the middle class," he said. "And despite what John Boehner says, despite Paul Ryan, despite that whole crew, we're not going to let it happen."

Since replacing the retired Edolphus Towns, Mr. Jeffries has been appointed to the Budget Committee and Judiciary Committee. Republican Congressman Paul Ryan, one of the GOP's rising stars, chairs the Budget Committee and has aggressively pushed for spending cuts as a way to trigger economic growth.

Mr. Jeffries, needless to say, is no fan of that approach.

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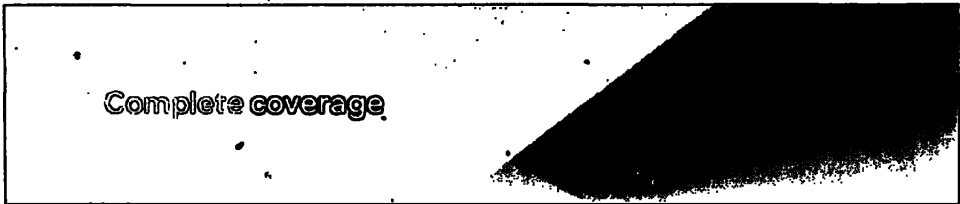
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Yvette Clarke calls the police after a Glenn Beck post incites the Tea Party



BY REID PILLIFANT

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Representative Yvette Clarke of Brooklyn said tonight that she notified the Capitol police force of threatening phone calls made to her office, after Glenn Beck's website posted a video that appeared to show her criticizing Tea Party protesters.

In the video, which shows Clarke talking to the Prospect Heights Democrats for Reform earlier this month, the congresswoman says members of Congress were spit on and called racial epithets during the health care debate, and that the protesters showed the "ugliest sides of the United States of America that you can imagine."

Clarke said in a release that it was "extremely disappointing" that the comments had been edited to appear out of context.

The video is a production of Breitbart TV, the outfit established by the late conservative activist Andrew Breitbart, who drew national attention when he posted an edited video of former USDA official Shirley Sherrod which appeared to show her making racist remarks.

In the video, Clarke describes underestimating the Tea Party's impact after initially dismissing them as "crazy."

"When I first encountered the Tea Party, I thought, 'Oh these people are crazy,'" she says. "And you would hear everyone say, 'Oh, they're crazy.' But you know what? Crazy showed up. And not only did crazy show up, but crazy elected 39 other members to the House of Representatives and took a lot of people out."

Clarke's explanation from the release:

"Unfortunately these actions demonstrate the volatile political environment of 2012. Within my remarks, I was referring to the effectiveness of how the Tea Party organized and made their voices heard. I also discussed how some members of the Tea Party spat on certain members of congress and made racial and bigoted remarks. These actions were indeed seen as 'crazy' to many people and they showed the 'ugliest side of the United States of America.' While I do not believe all Tea Party members subscribe to the thinking that resulted in these incidents, the bad actions of a few affected the reputation of the organization," added U.S. Rep. Yvette D. Clarke.

"Know that I find it extremely disappointing that my words were edited and removed from



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context. I stand by my statement and I will not be intimidated by those who use fear to make their point known. While I appreciate the calls from individuals who respectfully disagree with my remarks, we all have a responsibility to ensure that we change the dangerous discourse that can come from this hostile political environment," concluded Congresswoman Clarke.

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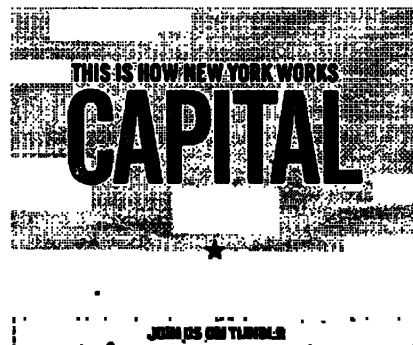
klg1956 wrote on June 24, 2012, 3:17 PM [Link]

A liar and a Congressperson...who would of think it! There was video everywhere, we have the Dem Congress marching through crowds carrying huge gavels....laughing....yet missing from her/their list of accusations, no people spitting at them caught on video, no people yelling obscenities caught on video, just the obscene accusations....but hey, America's used to the left using race as a means to get their word out via the lame stream media.....but their first order for the day is to spread calamity and create and incite chaos. That's what progressives do best! That's what community organizers do best. That's what liberals do best. Can you see the connection here? We now have 10 lbs of crap that has to be shoveled into a 5lb bag and the only help you'll get from a liberal, a progressive or a community organizer is "I thought it was a good idea," as they leave you with the crap.

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Republican Young Guns SuperPac Calls Guinta Proposal 'Extreme'.

Carol Shea-Porter says the Congressman has gone too far.

Posted by Carol Shea-Porter, May 1, 2012 at 09:39 pm

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Today, former Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, who is running for Congress in the First Congressional District, released the DBCS 600

following statement:

"A Republican Super PAC run by those close to House Majority Leader Eric Cantor is attacking a Republican candidate's call to abolish the Department of Education as too "extreme." The Young Guns Super PAC is run by Eric Cantor's ex-aides, and takes its very name "Young Guns" from the self-described "young gun" House Majority Leader Cantor. The Super PAC has been actively trying to defeat one of the Republican primary candidates and they give this as a main reason. The Young Guns Super PAC believes as I do--that Congressman Frank Guinta's call to abolish the Department of Education is too "extreme." Clearly, even Eric Cantor's crowd knows that those who want to abolish the Department of Education, including Congressman Frank Guinta, are too extreme and should be defeated."

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Jane Aitken May 1, 2012 at 10:03 pm

As a teacher of over 33 years, I can tell you that the Dept of Education does more harm than good and is a huge waste of taxpayer monies. Education should be strictly local... all we get handed down from the Feds is a social agenda and mandates for this and that which do not work but are 'sold' by the education industry. This is what is wrong with our schools - an unholy alliance between these corporations and the government which you of all people Carol should OBJECT TO HIGHLY. The situation was bad enough in 1990, but now it is dire.

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Jane Aitken May 1, 2012 at 10:08 pm

Governor Lynch is involved in this effort to allow NGOs and corporations to dictate what schools are doing, involving people like Bill Gates and Marc Tucker.

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Jane Aitken May 1, 2012 at 10:15 pm

And another... <http://www.cnht.org/news/2010/02/08/lynch-bypasses-legislature-signs-on-to-nationalize-education/>

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Hardy Har Har Har May 1, 2012 at 11:09 pm

Your conscience speaking. I know you forgot you had one, well you do. People just do not like you anymore Carol. Sorry, but you did it to yourself.

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Gary G. Krupp May 2, 2012 at 01:24 am

Jane - I couldn't agree with you more ... nearly every teacher I talk to says the same thing. I wish we would just let you fill our children with knowledge rather than all the other non-sense we hold you responsible for thanks to bureaucrats in the Dept of Ed and special interest groups looking to make a buck off the taxpayer!

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Jane Aitken May 2, 2012 at 01:56 am

Thanks Gary.. You would think Democrats and liberals especially would object to the corporations

and NGOs and outsider groups and their expensive consultancies interfering and making money off the taxpayers with their fly-by-night edu-scammers. There were times when even the first graders knew what they were doing was just insanity and would ask me why we were doing it that way. This is the trouble with the education 'industry'. They know that we are good hearted Americans who want to do what is best for our children SO BADLY we are willing to buy into any scheme, even the self-aggrandized IBO nonsense that is going on in Bedford and MVSD currently. A teacher just needs to know his or her subject area, how to deliver it, with a good scope and sequence. They don't need the UN, NGOs, corporations, or wacky consultants to tell them what is a 'best practice' or other nonsense. There is nothing new under the sun in education when you are teaching 25 kids in a class... there are tried and true ways to get the job done efficiently. Most teacher find that way eventually... they don't need to be told by some slickster in suit with a fancy website and Delphi training. The emperor has no clothes.

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Brian St. Onge May 2, 2012 at 10:53 am

Carol Shea-Porter is irrelevant. Apparently, she hasn't gotten the message that voters sent her.

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Gary G. Krupp May 2, 2012 at 12:05 pm

Jane - With 33 years of teaching experience, I hope you are in line to become an administrator or better yet a superintendent somewhere! We could use thinking like yours to reform our system. Parents like me support treating teachers like the educated professionals they've trained to be by giving them more autonomy in the classroom.

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FaithInNumbers May 2, 2012 at 01:36 pm

The point is: who cares what Carol Porter has to say?

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P.S. get rid of the Dept of Education and 3/4 of your problems disappear..

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Laura Rich May 2, 2012 at 03:15 pm

If Carol Shea-Porter would read John Taylor Gatto's book entitled 'The Underground History of American Education', she might see the CRITICAL IMPORTANCE of getting rid of the Dept. of Education!!

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Hardy Har Har Har May 2, 2012 at 03:49 pm

I like Carol, easy to make fun of. Lots and lots of material.

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David Holt May 2, 2012 at 04:25 pm

Our future Congresswoman, Carol Shea Porter is absolutely correct. Eradicating the education department is a ridiculous idea and would result in our country falling even further behind the leading nations of the world in education.

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Jane Aitken May 2, 2012 at 07:36 pm

@DavidHolt: Eradicating the education department is a great idea because it would result in our country going back to the BUSINESS of education and getting away from the practice of using our schools for INDOCTRINATION. The Dept of Ed does absolutely NOTHING of value to help educate children.

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Jane Aitken May 2, 2012 at 07:42 pm

@Gary G. Krupp: Thanks so much for the compliment. As an education activist, I started a nationwide group that includes parents, teachers, taxpayers, state and local school board members, famous education authors (some who've worked in the DOE under Reagan where we seem to have been sold out) and together we spread the message about the scams in education... one of them being this IB program that the liberals in Bedford and MVSD have swallowed hook line and sinker. Not only are faulty fuzzy methods being used, but now with this UN influence, kids are being turned into political activists for the purpose of the UN's pat projects as we saw with my last blog post. Schools could run on half the money they get and still be effective but school administrators keep falling for the education industry's scams. It is going to be up to parents and taxpayers to be like 'peasants with pitchforks', descend upon them all, and toss them out of office if they don't stop this. One of the reasons I voted for Frank was this, get rid of the DOE. I'm not happy with ALL his votes, but this is one issue I feel strongly about after watching the schools deteriorate under our current system for the last 35 years. Carol should take heed from a seasoned professional I guess.

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Hardy Har Har Har May 3, 2012 at 12:14 am

If you triple the money you spend per child on education and you keep falling behind the world something is drastically wrong. Major change is needed and spending more and more while getting less and less is a joke.

I expect results on behalf of my children and grandchildren and we are not getting it. Carol Shea Porter is not the answer but just an obstacle.

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Frank Ferraro May 3, 2012 at 02:04 pm

many, many years ago, Exeter High got. 3-yr federal grant to teach Japanese. I went to school board meetings and argued against it because I knew that when those 3 years were up, the Administration would want to keep it going. But the Finance Mgr and other Brd members said that it

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was only a 3 yr experiment and that Japanese was going to be needed to compete globally (that's how long ago it was.). I said if they were that concerned about global competition they should increase the number of Spanish (our neighbors to the south) and French (north and EU) teachers. Low and behold, 3 yrs later, parents were arguing that we needed to keep Japanese going because some students had invested 3 yrs into it, just as I had predicted. And how important is knowing Japanese today vs a Chinese dialect or Spanish or French? Just another case of not focusing on the basics and spending taxpayer money or "nice to have" instead of "got to have"..

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Jane Aitken May 3, 2012 at 04:49 pm

Nothing wrong with languages. I had taken 2 by grade 5, and 4 by high school. Nothing wrong with studying how things are done abroad either. But there is something wrong with our public schools being used for indoctrination centers as they are today.

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Phil Wilson May 3, 2012 at 08:04 pm

CS Porter's answer is as always, spend more \$. The decline of American public education runs opposite to the exponential increase in edu spending since the DOE began. Only in government does utter failure beget increased money.

As a volunteer in NH schools, I agree with the teachers that one major problem is all the many non-curriculum assemblies and special events and special days that continually interrupt the continuity of teaching math, etc. Let the kids get the classroom education that competent teachers can deliver unfettered by distractions and management.

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Joseph DeVore May 4, 2012 at 07:42 am

Hi Jane (I'm from Dover for reference) I couldn't agree more too ;_ ; its all Brain washing to create a DRONE Army of Laborers ;_ ; a Major thing is the method of teaching, (male Energy type (Spirit Science) used still as far as i know...) sit in perfectly still like statues and force feed kids facts (gov Dictated facts.... Ie. telling us what to think instead of how to think freely for our selves as it is meant to be. I started 2nd grade in fall of 1990 they soon did the ADHD/Ritalin thing to me all the way through the first half of the 1st year of HS... my grades were garbage while I suffered the TYRANNY of Gov FORCED Mediation... after which my mom could no longer afford that evil drug.. by the end of the 2nd year i had made Highest honors, as I took all College Prep except for English at Tech prep (me and language skills not so well) my grades skyrocketed by graduation I was 15th in my class out of.. its was 330 some odd.. ^_^ when you have a second look up Spirit Science, and Indigo Children http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiavazF1SIY&list=PL2C2FBAB7E002EE3E&index=3&feature=plpp_video

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Joseph DeVore May 4, 2012 at 07:43 am

Nationalize Education? Treason(State/local level)!

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Jane Aitken May 4, 2012 at 07:40 pm

@Joseph DeVore: There is no way to reply to your comment except to start a new one here so it's not going to be right under it.

I have heard the expression 'indigo children' before but have never studied it. Usually when I had a child in class that was unable to function in the classroom it was because of an unfortunate home situation. I don't like the idea of medication either, and I tried to help them in any way I could. You have to understand that in a room full of 25 6-year olds it's not always easy... and teachers should get more respect for the impossible job they do. That said, we should not be attacking our teachers over these wacky decisions our school boards and administrators make, nor the money they spend on scams like IB. These problems start at the top, or as my 'foreign' grandmother would say "The fish stinks from the head down"... :-)

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Jane Aitken May 4, 2012 at 08:02 pm

You can add to that the 'activism' component of the IB program. Children are asked to develop the proper 'attitudes' towards transnationalism, then take 'action' on what the UN and UNESCO see as pet projects.

So their learning is really political indoctrination.

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Joseph DeVore May 5, 2012 at 07:39 am

Indigo children, linked to the male energy aspect (ie using more of the creative Female half of there brain to balance out our energies... meaning having to feel or experience the knowledge, not having it reiterated to me while I sit like a statue... :(

in my case my Mother and father separated, Early/Mid 1989 I believe... being the oldest HE placed ALL responsibilities on my head when they separated.. etc Spirit Science -- 4 Male and Female Energy (each half of our brain,,,)

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Dean Rubine November 4, 2012 at 01:06 am

Remember that Paul Ryan is a Young Gun. Guinta's more extreme than them, probably due to his Tea Party roots. Frank Guinta is running away from his Tea Party roots, but the Internet never forgets. <http://notintaguinta.blogspot.com/2012/11/frank-guinta-tea-party-or-not-tea-party.html>

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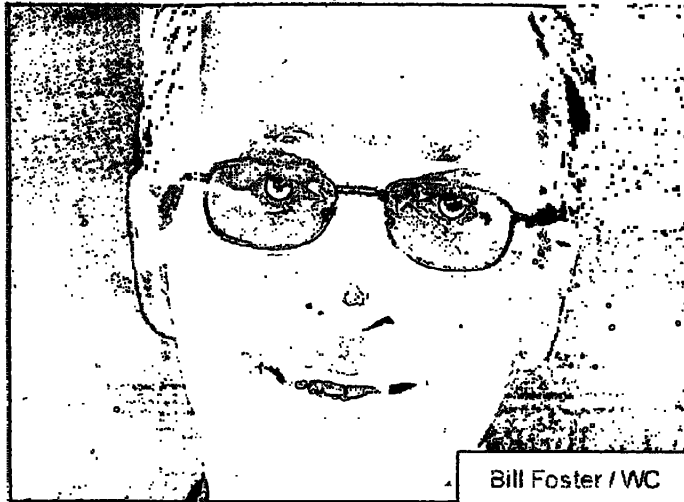
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A Democratic congressional candidate connected the shooting of former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D., Ariz.) to the tea party in remarks given at a town hall event Thursday.

Speaking in Naperville, Ill., on Thursday, Bill Foster, a former U.S. Representative for Illinois' 14th District who is now challenging Rep. Judy Biggert (R., Ill.), spoke about the Giffords shooting in the same breath as the tea party, appearing to link the two.

"It was a Congress on Your Corner event where Gabby Giffords was shot down by that crazy person," said at the event, according to audio obtained by the Free Beacon. "And I used to talk to Gabby. We both lived in districts where there was a substantial Tea Party presence, and we would have substantial fraction of people who would show up there and [audio unclear]. And I would talk to Gabby about how we deal with these people, and what you do when you have to move on to the next person. It had a tremendous effect on my staff when Gabby was shot. It was something I always thought about late at night."

Foster's comments were first noted by the *Naperville Sun*. When pressed by the paper on his comments, Foster disavowed them:

Foster seemed to link the shooting with the Tea Party movement, saying some of his conversations with Giffords were about how to respond to criticisms from the group.

When asked if he had any knowledge of a connection between Gifford's alleged

shooter and the Tea Party, Foster backed off.

"I don't believe there's any connection," he said, admitting that the individual was simply deranged.

But he maintained his position that the country was extremely polarized politically.

"The level of discourse in politics has gotten really unpleasant these days," he said.

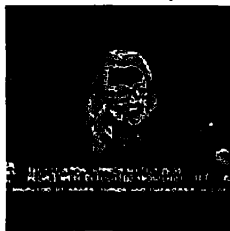
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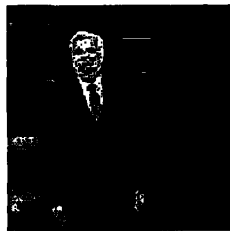
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Larsen offensive takes on Koster Tea Party ties, environmental stances in new YouTube ad

Written by [Sam Taylor](#) | [The Bellingham Herald](#) | August 3, 2010

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Democratic U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen's campaign has released a new attack ad against Republican challenger John Koster today that the Koster campaign says they'd demand an apology for if they thought it would come.

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Here it is:

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The video portrays Koster as an anti-environmentalist who wants to "drill here, drill now" (echoing verbatim a statement from former Republican VP nominee Sarah Palin from another clip in the video) and who says that global climate change has nothing to do with man. Koster also says in the video that regulations on the books now are adequate, right before the clip cuts to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill disaster.

Larsen's campaign also ties Koster to the Tea Party, particularly to accusations that the conservative organization is racially motivated or, simply, racist in general.

I contacted the Koster campaign about the video earlier in the day and they finally responded.

"Rick has not only insulted me, but an important constituency of solid citizens in the 2nd Congressional District. We would demand an apology from Larsen if we didn't believe it would fall on deaf ears," Koster said in a press release sent out at 3:30 p.m.

The campaign said that photos of people in parades holding Confederate flags are taken out of context, and that they had nothing to do with his campaign.

Said the campaign:

One photo shows Koster supporters at a 4th of July parade in Arlington standing next to a civil war reenactment troop carrying battle flags that was positioned next in line to the Koster Team. Another photo was taken at the Everett 4th of July parade where the Confederate flag appeared as part of a historical American flag display by one of the state legislative candidates. While Koster signs may have appeared in the Everett Parade, the Koster Campaign did not even have an entry in that parade.

Koster also argued that Larsen has received money from BP in his re-election bid and also attended a

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Bellingham Tea Party forum.

The Republican's campaign also links Larsen's campaign to Hitler saying that the Everett Democrat's campaign "appears to be digging deep for ways to implement the old "Big Lie" propaganda technique."

UPDATE – Koster spokesman Matt Parker just called me to say that they didn't intend to link Larsen to Hitler whatsoever when they mentioned the "Big Lie." All they were saying is that Larsen has been using falsities and spin in order to try to paint Koster in a bad light, rather than focusing on issues. Parker argued that there is nothing in Larsen's record he can be proud of or to show the voters of the 2nd CD.

"He can't say re-elect me because I've done a good job," Parker said.

Parker didn't dispute, however, any of the overall positions that Koster offers up in the video clips of him.

"His position is his position," he said.

That particular technique was invented by Hitler and first showed up in Mein Kampf.

Koster's full reply is below the fold.

Shameless Attack Ad a Sign of Larsen's Desperation

Arlington, WA – August 3, 2010 – In a year when entrenched incumbents are doing everything possible to divert attention from their dismal voting records, Rick Larsen's shameless attack video posted today sets a new low. Utilizing video footage and still photos gathered from various locations (some in Washington, some from out of state), Larsen attempts to link Koster and Tea Party patriots to everything from the Confederate Army to the BP oil spill.

Conveniently forgetting that he is the only candidate in the race to receive money from BP, and never mind that he himself attended a recent Bellingham Tea Party forum, Larsen appears to be digging deep for ways to implement the old "Big Lie" propaganda technique, where one impudently lies in contradiction to the plain facts.

Utilizing one distortion after another, the photos of confederate flags sprinkled throughout the 2 minute farce are particularly deceitful. One photo shows Koster supporters at a 4th of July parade in Arlington standing next to a civil war reenactment troop carrying battle flags that was positioned next in line to the Koster Team. Another photo was taken at the Everett 4th of July parade where the Confederate flag appeared as part of a historical American flag display by one of the state legislative candidates. While Koster signs may have appeared in the Everett Parade, the Koster Campaign did not even have an entry in that parade.

The most offensive segment of the Larsen video shows a political cartoon with a derogatory depiction of a Tea Party person as a "Tea Bagger" and a Ku Klux Klansman dangling a helpless President Obama in a noose.

"For this kind of trash to surface this early in the campaign, one has to wonder just how deep Rick

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Larsen will sink to retain power," said John Koster. "Rick has not only insulted me, but an important constituency of solid citizens in the 2nd Congressional District. We would demand an apology from Larsen if we didn't believe it would fall on deaf ears. Larsen lost his common sense several years ago when he became a rubber stamp for Nancy Pelosi. Now it appears he has lost his civility as well."

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
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1.   **Shaun says:**
[August 3, 2010 at 3:50 PM](#)

Well what goes around comes around. I'd give this a slight over the top rating, but I found it easy to dance to....

<http://www.examiner.com/x-481-Snohomish-County-Progressive-Examiner~y2009m5d31-The-KosterStickney-campaign-2009>

2.   **Steve Lydolph says:**
[August 3, 2010 at 3:55 PM](#)

So... Koster is calling Larsen a Nazi for pointing out that Koster has aligned himself with the Tea Party movement?

3.  AFY says:

August 3, 2010 at 4:03 PM

“Progressives” are like pig farmers. In an effort to bury opposing viewpoints they sling pejorative slop, labeling as “bigot,” “hater,” “wingnut” or “racist” those with whom they disagree. It’s the height of intellectual sloth.

The ad hominem approach – chief among logical fallacies – undergirds an effort to both marginalize conservative viewpoints and avoid arguing on the merits the controversies of the day.

We’ve seen this tired tactic abused ad nauseum in recent days by the mainstream media and Democrats.

http://townhall.com/columnists/MnttBarber/2010/04/06/the_face_of_hate

AFY!!theheelotsheepdog!!!

...liberal elites have been desperate to throw poison on burgeoning grassroots opposition to Obama’s careening Marxist agenda. It’s straight out of the “progressive” playbook: Saul Alinsky’s “Rules for Radicals.”

4.  Steve Lydolph says:

August 3, 2010 at 4:14 PM

So AFY, was that drivel intended to insult “Progressives”, ‘pig farmers’ or both?

Seems like you’re suffering from a bad case of the blind copy/pasting the blind.

5.  Shaun says:

August 3, 2010 at 4:20 PM

I don’t seek to label anyone. They label themselves bu what comes from their minds via their mouths.

But so are you disavowing the almost knee jerk reaction to any political debate this year to introduce a black angle.

And how sweet is the possibility of a slightly corrupt black angle, like the Charlie Rangel question.

That’s about all this whack job is talking about over at his web site. Trying to tie Larsen to Rangel’s problems because Larsen legitimately and openly took help and money from a long time elected official who has yet to be convicted of an allegation just as most Republicans take money and help from each

other.

So don't give me that tired old ad hominem phrap you and Dave and all the other whiners want to lay out when it comes back to bite you....

We elect officials for who they are in hopes of who they will be and what they will do for us. The bottom line is it's all about the man or woman.....how they feel about things in their gut and how they find ways to work within the system to make it happen and how we feel about them.

6.  *Stephanie Kountouros* says:

August 3, 2010 at 6:19 PM

All federal candidates attended the Tea Party forum at the latter's invitation. I swear, if Rep. Larsen had not attended, Koster would have complained that Larsen had ignored this constituency.

7.  *WORST_EVER_43* says:

August 3, 2010 at 6:39 PM

It's bad enough to affiliate yourself with an organization that clearly, not only tolerates, but some would say promotes, hate and racism, but then to act or be offended when you have to answer for it?

Pathetic.

Fortunately, it's all there in the footage.

It's not hypothetical.

8.  *Sharon* says:

August 3, 2010 at 7:11 PM

Hey! Be fair! Rick had to jigger the ad a little bit because he might get more mileage out of confederate flags than by running on his legislative record. Democrats have two other choices in that race. The only reason Larry Kalb and Diana McGinness are running against an incumbent is that he has helped to create our current economic collapse with his very reliable votes for corporate interests. (The last few weeks don't count because Rick is always a "good Democrat" around election time.) Go to dianaforcongress.com or kalbforcongress.com—the promises they are making are promises broken by Larsen.



9. *pudge* says:

August 4, 2010 at 7:48 AM

The video is riddled with lies.

Yes, Stephanie, the point is that Rick was there, and he didn't say the same things about the Tea Party then, that he is saying now. He was either dishonest then, or he is being dishonest now.

The funniest lie, though, is about the flags: Larsen knew about the Confederate flag being part of a historical presentation all along.

And WORST_EVER: you're just flat-out lying. It is completely untrue that the Tea Party "tolerates," let alone "promotes" any "hate and racism." It's a lie, and you've either bought it, or you're selling it.

You say "it's all there in the footage," but it's not. Finding a few crazies — who aren't even from this state — is not evidence that the Tea Party tolerates or promotes racism. And many of the pictures — such as those about the flags — are proven deceptions. And even the quote about slavery is completely taken out of context, because the guy who said it was talking about New Testament slavery.

And Sam, why did you even mention Hitler? It appears to both sides — both me, and Steve, for example — that you are trying to tie Koster to Hitler. But that phrase "Big Lie" is used often by all sides, and has no Hitler connotation for the overwhelming majority of people who use it. Here's MSNBC/New Yorker and democrats.com using it about Republicans, for example.

I would appreciate an explanation for why you mentioned Hitler. Thanks in advance.



10. *Shaun* says:

August 4, 2010 at 7:48 AM

As far as I can tell from his supporters who have created a sheen of that which floats to the top on this blog, "...the BIG LIE propaganda technique, where one impudently lies in contradiction of the plain facts..." is the modus operandi of argument for this intellectually challenged group of right wing whackos in their 'compound' near Arlington. Whiners, liars, racists, homophobes and Christian cultists all.....



11. *Camille* says:

August 4, 2010 at 8:00 AM

"All federal candidates attended the Tea Party forum at the latter's invitation. I swear, if Rep. Larsen had not attended, Koster would have complained that Larsen had ignored this constituency" — Stephanie

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Kountouros

Your swearing does not make it a fact.



12. *AmericanByChoice* says:
August 4, 2010 at 8:38 AM

Interesting that Rick Larsen starts mud-slinging, right out of the gate, against a candidate who hasn't even won the Primary election yet.

Why doesn't he just run on his voting record?

Oh, never mind.....

13. *AFY* says:
August 4, 2010 at 9:00 AM

A record of debt beyond imagination is a hard one to run on.

AFY!!theheelotsheepdog!!!



14. *AFY* says:
August 4, 2010 at 9:08 AM

SL, the answer is pig farmers! Something I's use to be!

AFY!!theheelotsheepdog!!!



15. *Liberty Bell* says:
August 4, 2010 at 9:19 AM

Loving Larsen?

"There may be folks who can excuse this," Larsen said. "I can never excuse this. In a country built on individual rights and freedoms, people also have a responsibility to act civilly."

Read more: <http://blogs.bellinghamherald.com/politics/national/larsens-office-received-threatening-phone-calls-over-healthcare-vote/#ixzz0veollisF>

And Larsens favorite judge in Virginia???

Acting civilly, always confuses a democrat!

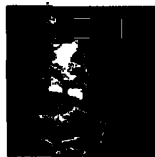


16. *pudge* says:

August 4, 2010 at 9:29 AM

Liberty Bell: are you implying that Larsen dishonestly smearing the Tea Party, the GOP, John Koster, and Adrian Rogers as a bunch of racists is "uncivil"?

Naaaaaaah. ☹



17. *pudge* says:

August 4, 2010 at 10:07 AM

I wonder if Sam is going to explain why he incorrectly said that Koster's campaign linked Larsen's campaign to Hitler. It never happened. It's like saying that driving a Volkswagen means you're a fan of Hitler, just because Hitler came up with the name and got the company going. It's nonsense.

Again, Sam, you owe a retraction.



18. *Sam Taylor* says:

August 4, 2010 at 10:19 AM

Hi Pudge, sorry I didn't see your comment before.

There will be no retraction. The Big Lie is, literally, a creation of Hitler. I noted it because I found it interesting that while Larsen is basically linking Koster to a racist faction of the Tea Party, he cited something from Hitler in talking about Larsen's tactic.

It was nothing more or nothing less than an observation.



19. *Camano Island guy* says:

August 4, 2010 at 11:11 AM

This video is a complete distortion from beginning to end and an insult to all of the concerned citizens and patriots associated with the Tea Party movement. John Koster is absolutely right when he states the Tea

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Party is one of the most important political movements in his lifetime. And the pathetic attempt by Rick Larsen to paint the Tea Party as racists and kooks is an insult to those who love this country and are concerned about the direction we are headed.

Liberals always seem to rely on emotional and dismissive name calling and insults, rather than discussing the issues in a calm and rational manner. C'mon everyone, let's have a reasonable dialogue here rather than a name-calling contest.


Rick's add insinuates John Koster is not concerned about the environment because he supports drilling for more needed energy. Just because one drilling rig (one of over 4,000 drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico) develops a leak doesn't mean that John Koster is not concerned about the environment. Shutting down all exploration because one well develops a leak is like shutting down our air travel industry because one plane crashes. And don't forget, President Obama announced his support for offshore drilling in the gulf about two weeks before the well blew up. Then he shut it down, causing thousands of the oil workers to lose their jobs. Now Obama is considering opening it up again. Which position does Rick Larsen, who has accepted campaign contributions from BP, support? Is he for or against off-shore drilling?

And will Rick Larsen denounce the Lyndon LaRouchies' for their depiction of Obama as a Marxist or Lenenist or even as Hitleresque? They are no more a part of the Tea Party movement than they are a true part of the democratic party, yet Rick's commercial melds the two together.

John Koster has the experience of running a small business (dairy farm) as well as serving his community in the Washington State legislature and on the Snohomish County council. 98% of Koster's contributions come from Washingtonians. Rick Larsen has experience as a lobbyist and a politician and gets 65% of his contributions from out-of-state PAC's and lobbying groups.

I submit that John Koster is the best candidate to represent the will of the people of the second congressional district. He will not ignore us like Rick Larsen did during the passage of the ill-conceived Obamacare legislation, the Cap and Tax bill and other pieces of legislation. Rick needs to learn that he represents "We the people" and not Nancy, Harry and Barack. The best place for him to learn is at the back of the unemployment line, like so many of his constituents.



20.  **Steve Lydolph** says:
August 4, 2010 at 11:34 AM

So, Koster praises the Tea Party, Rick Larsen points that out and Koster complains about it. I'll give him a half point on the Confederate flag in the parade but other than that, Koster is acting like a spoiled prima donna.

I really want Koster to answer the question Dave Goldstein asked:

Just as disturbing is Koster's praise of "the Patriot Movement," long known for its white supremacist and anti-semitic rhetoric, and its close ties to the right-wing militia movement. Either Koster doesn't really know what the Patriot Movement is, or more frightening... he

does.

(<http://horsesass.org/?p=28829>)

We've had our share of 'militia' problems around here, in the '90's and there were plenty of the militia favorite 'don't tread on me' flags at the local Tea Party protests.

Koster should clear this up. He's endorsed by Sarah Palin and she has ties to Alaska secessionists. He spouts a lot of that far right rhetoric. Is he a militia/Patriot movement sympathizer?



21. **pudge** says:

August 4, 2010 at 12:40 PM

Sam:

There will be no retraction.

Unsurprising.

The Big Lie is, literally, a creation of Hitler.

So is the Volkswagen. Citing it, just like driving a VW, does NOT, rationally, mean that anyone is linking anyone to Hitler. You made a flatly false statement, saying: "The Republican's campaign also links Larsen's campaign to Hitler. ..." That never happened. That was your incorrect interpretation of what happened.

It was nothing more or nothing less than an observation.

No, Sam. You made a false interpretation of what the Koster press release did. If you had merely observed it, it would have been a curious and odd statement. But you didn't merely observe it, you made a false judgment of intent.



22. **AFY** says:


August 4, 2010 at 12:46 PM

SL and his typical slant of avoiding any discussion of any issues by trying to paint people as something they are not!

You can call people all the names you like, militia's, white supremacist and anti-semitic but the truth is, it is all about avoiding any real discussion of any real issue's or their solutions. It's so-old and sad.


People can see thru you man & the horse you rode in on, and they will be proving it in November!

AFY!!theheelotsheepdog!!!

23.  **Steve Lydolph** says:
August 4, 2010 at 1:12 PM

No AFY, I haven't called anybody names. Based on something that Koster said, I've asked a legitimate question about where he stands politically.

Why are you so quick to throw up a smoke screen of accusation? Do you think Koster has something to hide?

24.  **pudge** says:
August 4, 2010 at 1:12 PM

Steve:

So, Koster praises the Tea Party, Rick Larsen points that out and Koster complains about it.

Why are you being so dishonest, Steve, when we all saw the video and know you're being dishonest? It is not the fact that Koster praised the Tea Party that ANYONE is complaining about: it is that Larsen lied by painting the Tea Party, and Koster, and the GOP, and Adrian Rogers, as racists and whackjobs.

Larsen lied. THAT is the problem.

And the sad thing is that everyone who sees the video knows it. Everyone knows the images used in that video are not representative of the Tea Party, just as the New Black Panthers are not representative of Obama supporters. And that is where Larsen loses: people see this video and don't think, "oh my, I need to be scared of John Koster because he's a racist just like those Tea Party folks," they think, "why is he dishonestly sliming Koster instead of talking about the issues?"

We've had our share of 'militia' problems around here, in the '90's

I know people in "militias." They are mostly fantastic, law-abiding, good people. They do not cause problems around here; that I have ever seen, except in people hyperventilating at the mere utterance of the word.

there were plenty of the militia favorite 'don't tread on me' flags at the local Tea Party protests.

And an utterly wonderful flag that is. What is your problem with it? Do YOU WANT to be trod upon? I sure don't.

The Gadsden flag is actually an unofficial, but commonly used, standard used by the Tea Party itself, not merely militia people who happen to go to Tea Parties.



25. **Apexnerd** says:
August 4, 2010 at 1:55 PM

pudge Says:
 August 4th, 2010 at 1:12 PM

...
 Larsen lied by painting the Tea Party, and Koster, and the GOP, and Adrian Rogers, as racists and whackjobs.

So am I to understand that the TEA Party is *not* a group of racists and whackjobs?



26. **AFY** says:
August 4, 2010 at 2:31 PM

You understand right Apexman!

SL, as always your inference is way different than your testament!

AFY!!theheelotsheepdog!!!!



27. **Steve Lydolph** says:
August 4, 2010 at 2:33 PM

pudge,

So I'm being dishonest and Larsen lied because he used clips of Tea Party members speaking their mind & a picture of the horrendous billboard that the Iowa Tea Party put up??? Interesting...

you wrote: "*They do not cause problems around here, that I have ever seen*" but apparently that's because you haven't been 'round here very long. Perhaps you should do a little homework: Terrorist Organization Profile: Washington State Militia and that report doesn't even mention Pitner's hit list of local elected officials & journalists!



28. **AFY** says:

August 4, 2010 at 2:45 PM

SL, to infer that Koster or his supporters are terrorist and militia is just another way of showing yourself as someone who would rather hide behind your decoit than debate any valid issues.

Your are only demonstrating as always the irrelevant partisan you always seem to thrive to be.

AFY!!theheelotsheepdog!!!



29. **Steve Lydolph** says:

August 4, 2010 at 3:07 PM

There you go again, AFY... trying to put words in my mouth. I haven't accused or inferred. I've been very clear in asking Koster to clarify where he stands on the Patriot movement because of a statement he made.

Why are you having such a problem with me asking a simple question?



30. **pudge** says:

August 4, 2010 at 3:55 PM

Steve:

So I'm being dishonest and Larsen lied because he used clips of Tea Party members speaking their mind & a picture of the horrendous billboard that the Iowa Tea Party put up???

Yes. What is hard to understand about that? That is the fringe. It does not represent the bulk of the Tea Party, especially here in Washington, and does not represent John Koster.

Perhaps you should do a little homework

There you go again. One guy and a few of his friends were the problem. The rest of the militia people didn't share Pitner's views on bombing anyone. You are dishonestly attacking hundreds of people for the views of a few.

This is what you do, apparently, and it's sad and pathetic.



31. **pudge** says:
August 4, 2010 at 3:56 PM

According to Bellingham Herald's Sam Taylor, Salon writer Joe Conason linked Rush Limbaugh to Hitler (thru) afternoon when he said on Chris Matthews' Hurlball that Limbaugh was telling the "Big Lie."



32. **Steve Lydolph** says:
August 4, 2010 at 4:54 PM

See here's were your running off the rails, pudge. The rest of the militia people did share Pinner's views, they just hadn't acted on them.

you wrote: "*One guy and a few of his friends were the problem.*" Now that is just a brilliant way to explain it all away... except that, in 1995, One guy (Timothy McVeigh, an American militia movement sympathizer) and a few of his friends blew up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City killing 168, including 19 children under the age of 6, and injured more than 680 people.



33. **pudge** says:
August 4, 2010 at 5:11 PM

Steve:

The rest of the militia people did share Pinner's views [on bombing], they just hadn't acted on them.

You're lying, Steve. There is NO EVIDENCE of ANY KIND to support your view that the rest of the militia wanted to bomb ANYONE.

I am quickly coming to believe that you just don't care one whit about honesty.

Now that is just a brilliant way to explain it all away... except that, in 1995, One guy (Timothy McVeigh, an American militia movement sympathizer) and a few of his friends blew up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City killing 168, including 19 children under the age of 6, and injured more than 680 people.

You say that as though it makes your point, when in fact, it makes MY point. Yep, McVeigh and Nichols did that. But they were not connected to any militia. This was just a few people, just like Pinner and his coconspirators — even though he was the head of the militia — was just a few people.

You've been blinded by the government's and the media's obsession with militias, but the facts show that militias are not a problem, though sometimes individuals and small groups inside militias are a problem.

(There are some exceptions ... there was an Idaho militia that caused some problems as a group awhile back, and so on, but generally speaking, it's individuals and small groups, not whole militias.)

34.  **bikerbob1016** says:

August 4, 2010 at 5:20 PM

Actually, pudge, being from both Idaho and Bellingham gives me the unique perspective to see that the militia groups in question are all pretty much the same. You can't say that Steve here is generalizing one militia, and then in the next sentence generalize about some others yourself.

Well, not 'can't', because you just did. I just don't recommend it.



35. **Steve Lydolph** says:

August 4, 2010 at 5:40 PM

Honesty pudge? Here you are trying to win the argument by altering what I wrote, inserting "[on bombing]" to change the meaning, and then knocking down the strawman you just fabricated.

I'd try to explain to you how the conspiracy theory's and paranoia of the Patriot movement swept up people like Pitner & McVeigh and inspired and emboldened them to violent acts. And I'd point you to the evidence... But you'd just call me a liar, again.

Whether members of the Patriot Movement are domestic evil-doers or "*mostly fantastic, law-abiding, good people*", my question to Koster still stands. Was Koster praising the Patriot Movement, did he misspeak while praising just the Tea Party movement or did he think the Patriot Movement and the Tea Party movement are the same thing?



36. **pudge** says:

August 4, 2010 at 6:39 PM

bikerbob:

You can't say that Steve here is generalizing one militia, and then in the next sentence generalize about some others yourself.

The difference is that there is EVIDENCE. There have been, very rarely, militias that have acted as

groups to commit crimes. But in the case of Pitner, that didn't happen. (I was wrong though, the militia I was thinking of was in Montana. I got confused because I recalled they were a Christian Patriot group, which I often identify with Idaho.) If they explicitly act as a group, then — obviously — it makes sense to generalize their actions as actions BY THE GROUP. But if they do not act as a group, as with Pitner, then it makes no sense to do that, as Steve did.

Steve:

Here you are trying to win the argument by altering what I wrote, inserting “[on bombing]” to change the meaning

Absolutely false. I wrote: **One guy and a few of his friends were the problem. The rest of the militia people didn't share Pitner's views on bombing anyone.** You responded directly with, **The rest of the militia people did share Pitner's views, they just hadn't acted on them.** The only “views” mentioned were the ones I mentioned, in the comment you responded to: the “views on bombing anyone.”

I would ask you to apologize for your obviously false claim that I was being dishonest, but I can't fathom you would ever have the cajones to admit you are wrong.

37.  **Sam Taylor** says:

August 4, 2010 at 7:51 PM

Historybuff— Your post, while something I would normally respond to, was removed because you didn't provide a valid e-mail address.

I invite you to repost with something that is valid.

38.  **Shaun** says:

August 5, 2010 at 7:20 AM

So if militias are just peace loving folks with no agenda, why do they form militias built around armed confrontation?

“.. I can't imagine you would ever have the cajones to admit you are wrong.” Now that is rich...coming from you...

39.  **Todd2** says:

August 5, 2010 at 8:50 AM

All the talk in this thread about right wing whackos and whackjobs, and then yesterday, CNN reported


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results from a CNN/Opinion Research Corporation survey, which shows the power of propaganda. The survey found that 41% of Republicans thinks Obama was definitely (14%) or probably (27%) not born in the U.S.


Overall, "more than a quarter of the public have doubts about Obama's citizenship, with 11 percent saying Obama was definitely not born in the United States and another 16 percent saying the president was probably not born in the country."

Happy birthday, Mr. President.

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2010/08/04/cnn-poll-quarter-doubt-president-was-born-in-u-s/>

40.  Shaun says:
August 5, 2010 at 8:57 AM

Yeah I heard that Todd. Pretty depressing. I have long thought the dumbing down of America has found new impetus in the last ten years...but over and over again we see it is more like an fait accompli...

41.  AFY says:
August 5, 2010 at 1:30 PM

Two-faced in the Larsen-Koster race

In commenting about the Tea Party movement, Rep. Rick Larsen told the Seattle Times Editorial Board Aug. 2 that he had been to one of their demonstrations and that they were well-meaning people. "I don't question their integrity," he said, "but I question where they want to take things." In other words, he had a policy disagreement with them. Which is fine.

On Aug 3, the Republicans pointed out a video at the campaign site <http://www.ricklarsen.org> smearing Larsen's Republican opponent, John Koster, for praising the Tea Party. This video includes shots of signs that make the Tea Party folk look like racists and weirdos, such as Obama-as-Hitler signs...the only Obama-as-Hitler signs were by the LaRouchies, who are not Tea Party people. They are gate-crashers.

And so—a reasonable, respectful candidate in person and a nasty, unfair attack ad on the same candidate's Internet page. This is politics today...

http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/edcetera/2012524937_two-faced_in_the_larsen-koster.html?prmid=op_ed

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42. *pudge* says:

August 5, 2010 at 3:53 PM

Todd2:

41% of Republicans thinks Obama was definitely (14%) or probably (27%) not born in the U.S.

I don't believe those numbers, but even if true: so what? A small fringe believes he was not born here. A bunch more think there's a good chance of this. Considering the fact that we have no birth certificate for him, eh, it's hard to get worked up about.

The sad thing is that Obama could release his birth certificate. I believe he won't only because he knows that by not doing so, it encourages people to think it doesn't exist.

(And before you say "yes we do have his birth certificate!!!," no, in fact, we do not. We have a "Certification of Live Birth," which, in Hawaii, is a recent document that certifies that the birth certificate exists. It is legally equivalent as proof of birth, but it is not itself a birth certificate, a document from 1960-whatever that shows the details of his birth. That has never been released.)

Similarly, Todd2, a huge percentage of Democrats think Bush was AWOL, despite the fact that he wasn't. We don't actually have the definitive proof of where Obama was born (though there is some very good evidence he was born in Hawaii, including the certification, and the newspaper clippings). But we have Bush's records: we know that he was never AWOL. If he were, it would be in there.

There are a ton of myths about Bush that most Democrats believe. Another example: Bush never actually said the mission in Iraq was accomplished: he was referring explicitly to the invasion of Iraq and removal of Hussein, while standing on the bridge of a ship that was going home because it HAD accomplished its mission. The USS Abraham Lincoln left the Gulf in May 2003, coming home to Everett WA. He said major combat operations had ended, which was (at the time, and for several years) true: we went on from that to several years of minor combat operations, up until we reengaged in major operations with the "surge" that turned the tide in Iraq (and that, incidentally, Obama opposed).

"Propaganda" goes both ways, as it always has.



43. *Davesix* says:

August 5, 2010 at 9:13 PM

historybuff,

Who'd know?

Give him an email addy.

44.



Todd2 says:

August 6, 2010 at 11:30 AM

pudge,

These days, it seems Republicans are free to believe whatever they want, or to even live within their own insular realities, regardless of the evidence or the truth value of their convictions. Here are few examples:

As of April, 2009, the Pew Research Center reported there had been no decline in the number of Americans who believe Barack Obama is a Muslim:

More than two months into Barack Obama's presidency, as many people incorrectly identify him as a Muslim as did so during the 2008 campaign. When asked about Obama's religious beliefs, 11% say he is a Muslim. . . . As was the case last fall, white evangelical Protestants (19%) and Republicans (17%) are among the most likely to view Obama as a Muslim. Fewer than half in each group — 38% of white evangelicals and 46% of Republicans — correctly identify Obama as a Christian.

<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1176/obama-muslim-opinion-not-changed>

According to a CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll, conducted July 16-21, 2010, of 1,018 adults nationwide (MoE ± 3):

When asked, "Do you think Barack Obama was definitely born in the United States, probably born in the United States, probably born in another country, or definitely born in another country?" 41% of Republicans said that he was probably or definitely born in another country, compared to 15% of Democrats.

According to a CBS News/New York Times Poll, conducted mid-November, 2009 of 1,580 adults nationwide (MoE ± 3):

When asked, "Do you think Sarah Palin would have the ability to be an effective president?" 43% of Republicans said she would, compared to 11% of Democrats.

Back in December of 2007, a FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll of 900 registered voters nationwide (MoE ± 3) asked respondents "Do you believe global warming exists?"

Only 46% of Republicans said "yes," compared to 83% of Democrats.

In March of this year, a CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll asked, "With which one of these statements about the environment and the economy do you most agree? Protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth. OR, Economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent."

Once again, we see a clear split: 70% of Republicans said Economic growth should be given priority, even

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if the environment suffers, whereas only 36% of Democrats felt this way.

I suppose we shouldn't be too surprised by these findings, given that, according to surveys conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, most Republicans have migrated to conservative media, where they say they get most of their news these days.

Of course, this is in a country where, rather than believing evolution is widely accepted within the scientific community, 31% of adults say "many scientists have serious doubts about evolution." [Virginia Commonwealth University Life Sciences Survey. May 12-18, 2010. N=1,001 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3.7]

And, only about 39% of adults say they believe in the theory of evolution. [Gallup Poll. Feb. 6-7, 2009. N=1,018 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3]

Furthermore, 44% believe that "God created human beings pretty much in their present form at one time within the last 10,000 years or so." [Gallup Poll. May 8-11, 2008. N=1,017 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3]

Personally, I would be much happier if more of us were living in an evidence-based reality, rather than one cooked up by conservative media or the christian right.

<http://www.pollingreport.com/index.html>

45.  AFY says:

August 6, 2010 at 12:39 PM

"Is what Obama is calling a recovery a vidence-based reality?"

The real numbers are as follows: (Not played around with numbers!)

The number of folks now collecting unemployment benefits: 9.7%

Actual number of folks now unemployed (17.1%): 26,684,813


Estimated number of folks unemployed for more than 6 months: 7,000,000 +

Number of layoffs for the month of July: 200,000+

To take these numbers in prospective; the 7,000,000 long term unemployment number sets a record as the highest number of people in this situation in US history. True, the percentage was higher in 1932 during the Great Depression, but we now have 3 times the population that we had then. The number of people unemployed, about 27 million, is the largest number in US history and is shattering!"

<http://palousitics.blogspot.com/2010/08/obamas-unemployment-disaster.html>

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46.  *AFY* says:
August 6, 2010 at 12:49 PM

When you are wrong the best policy it seems for some is to duck and run!


“Larsen Video Pulled Down by YouTube

Local conservative talk radio host David Boze called out Larsen yesterday.

Today? The video is offline.”

<http://rwdigest.com/politics/08-06-2010/larsen-video-pulled-down-by-youtube/>

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47.  *MearnsRea* says:
August 20, 2010 at 4:03 PM

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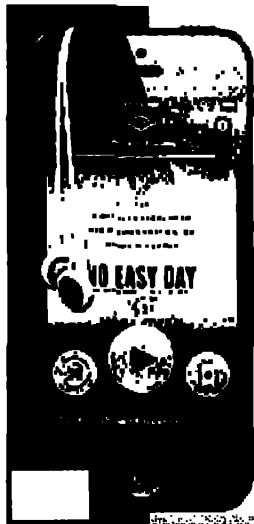


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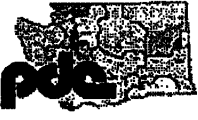

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Senator Maria Cantwell Endorses Suzan DelBene for Congress

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BOTHELL – Today Senator Maria Cantwell enthusiastically endorsed Suzan DelBene for Congress in Washington's 1st Congressional District.

"Suzan DelBene is the clear choice in the 1st Congressional District. Her experience as a successful businesswoman and an entrepreneur and her focus on job creation will serve the people of the district well," Cantwell said. "And her positive approach contrasts with her opponent, who advocates for the same failed policies that ruined our economy."

Senator Cantwell added, "Suzan is someone who will put people above partisan politics to deliver results on the issues that matter to working families like strengthening our schools, making college more affordable, reducing the deficit and protecting Social Security and Medicare. That is the right direction for Washington State and for our nation."

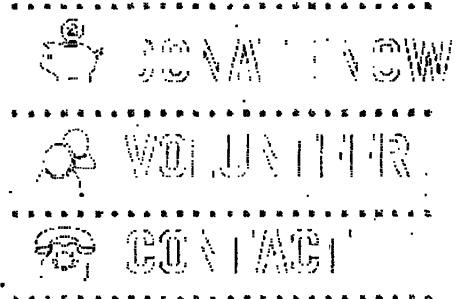
Elected in 2008, Senator Cantwell has been a champion for Washington's families, helping businesses grow and create jobs in Washington and tirelessly working to protect vital programs for seniors and veterans.

"Senator Cantwell's endorsement means a great deal to me. She is a strong leader with a record of accomplishment protecting the middle class from the abuses of Wall Street and leading the efforts on legislation that helps businesses, both small and large, grow and create jobs. It's this focus on results that I intend to bring to Congress, not the uncompromising brinkmanship and extreme Tea Party ideology that my opponent represents."

Cantwell's endorsement is another sign of the growing momentum behind DelBene's campaign after her strong showing in the primary election. Cantwell is the latest addition to a growing list of elected officials including Senator Patty Murray, Gov. Chris Gregoire, Rep. Riek Larsen, Rep. Adam Smith, Ferndale Mayor Gary Jensen, State Rep. Ross Hunter, State Rep. Marko Liias and State Rep. Hans Dunshee. DelBene has also received the endorsements from a number of organizations including the Washington State Labor Council, Emily's List National Education Association, AFT Washington, SEIU, Sheet Metal Workers, Operating Engineers, Communication Workers of America, Aerospace Machinists District 751, Teamsters, Joint Council No. 28, the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club.

Before entering the 1st District race, DelBene served as head of the Washington State Department of Revenue, where she oversaw more than 1,000 employees. Previously, DelBene pursued a successful career in business, working as an executive at Microsoft, and in biotech, technology and microfinance.

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U.S. Rep. John Conyers said the One Nation Working Together march held earlier this month in Washington D.C. was the "most impressive rally

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Video: Conyers speaks at Democratic Socialists of America reception

(<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/43754/>)" he's ever been too.

Referred to as an "antidote" to the Tea Party by USA Today (<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/onpolitics/post/2010/10/washington-rally-liberal-groups-1?csp=hf>), the rally featured thousands of attendees representing dozens of progressive groups from across the nation working together to call attention to the needs of "working-class Americans."

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But it's Conyers' comments to one of those groups, the Democratic Socialists of America that continues to be a hot topic online. As evidenced by a video now appearing on several conservative blogs, the Detroit Democrat spoke at the group's reception prior to the march and accepted a hat from DSA National Director Frank Llewellyn.

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In addition to the controversy (<http://blog.heritage.org/2010/10/14/john-conyers-addresses-the-democratic-socialists-of-america/>) and conspiratorial allegations (<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=216593>) arising from *who* Conyers spoke to, his speech also is notable for *what* he said. Candidly.

He devoted much of his talk to the topic of peace -- in Afghanistan or elsewhere. "Overriding it all is the quest for peace in the world," he said. "We are bent on accidental or intentional nuclear annihilation, and I'm firmly supporting Congressman (Dennis) Kucinich's measure that would make a Department of Peace in the United States Federal Government."

Conyers is one of 72 U.S. Representatives to co-sponsor the latest effort (<http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h808/show>) by Kucinich, an Ohio Democrat who ran against President Obama in the 2009 primary, to establish the cabinet-level peace department. After publicly butting heads with Obama last year over troop escalations, Conyers said there "probably isn't anybody above the fifth grade who doesn't know you cannot win a war in Afghanistan."

Up for re-election himself next month, Conyers argued it is up to progressives to get President Obama "straightened out and on the right track" before he runs for a second term.

"In 2012, there is a highly-organized effort to make sure he is a one-term president," he said. "It started before he was sworn in. It's grown. I only mention the Tea Party because they are small and dismissible. But there are much more serious and affluent sources behind this effort to interfere with a re-election campaign of Obama."

Speaking later to GRITtv (<http://theblackbottom.com/?p=8623>), Conyers explained why he and others attended the One Nation rally, which called for job creation, an end to racial profiling, immigration reform and access to affordable education.

"The reason there are so many Detroiters here at this march is that we're trying to climb out of a continuing depression, that has yet to be addressed by the trillions of dollars we've spent to pull Wall Street out of its malaise," he said.

Check out the full video of Conyers' talk in the embedded player above.

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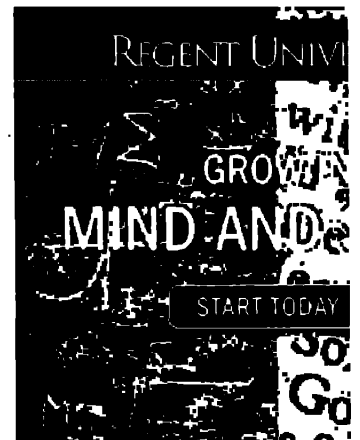
John Conyers is an aging windbag for the extreme fringe left.

As they say in politics: People deserve the government they elect.

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This is someone who outlived his time, no one is dismissable, everyone is electable. He is just going through the motions here, doesn't really represent anyone in particular, except those he has fooled. Tea bagger will find it hard to get what they want because the system for change isn't all that easy. If you plan to roll back benefits and wages of Congress and balance the budget, you will probably find it easier to tear down the "Great Wall" of China. But you can get small battles that can help to turn the tide, but by then its re-election time and you need to get money and do battle again to get back to Congress. Old pros like this guy have played the game so long they have what it takes to keep his job and not sweat. So look for the opening and beat him at his own game, not with words, but with backers!



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Anyone center of hard right radical = marxist.

Anyone that doesn't get their news ONLY from Fox = radical

Anyone that thinks GWB and trickle down didn't bring this nation to its knees = uninformed.

We need to flock to the polls and put the people that ran us into the ditch right back in there to finish the job off. Obama has had 18 whole months and still hasn't managed to finish off the meltdown of October 2008. What's wrong with him ?

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Seriously dittoheads ... is your memory THAT bad ? Or is your skull just that THICK ?

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fuzzyfrag (<http://connect.mlive.com/user/fuzzyfrag/index.html>)

Conyers qualifies for O'Reilly's Rin Head Classification but honest I feel bone head is a better description.

It would be a best selling book if someone could document and prove how much Conyer his wife, family and friends have looted from our Country.

Get in the unemployment line now John, that will save you getting into a really long line after your reelection try fails.

Adios,,,,,,we will not miss you.....

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wrturner (<http://connect.mlive.com/user/wrturner/index.html>)

Dismissible? Yes, there is a chance we will dismiss him. A closer look at the list of groups at the rally would find dozens of names with "socialist" and "communist" in them. "Progressive" groups is what the article said. It should be pretty obvious to anyone paying attention at this point that progressive= marxists and what being a leftist means.

We have a decision to make, citizens. You can be a leftist and have government control, or you can choose to remain a free and self-ruling people. And no, you can't have both. What we have, and what we've been getting, is our federal servants like Conyers telling us how actually reading a bill was more or less a waste of time and mocking those who

felt it was, you know, like, their "job" to read a bill before casting a vote that represents the best interests of the people. Conyers is an excellent example of leftist arrogance and elitism, and why a too powerful central government will ultimately lead to tyranny.

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Congress was out of town.... is Conyers lying? Or is he basing his "observations" on hearsay? Perhaps the Marxist Huff-Post?

While the politicians "fiddle" in Washington, everyday a dozen Michigan boys are coming back nicely dressed out in boxes or riding their wheelchairs for life. Everyday.

That is a crime against our youth. We are murdering our kids.

Why?

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He had a big influence on his wife. Hes just like her. Corrupt. Vote him out.

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I can't believe anyone votes for this bozo, he is a joke.

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Funny, I distinctly remember Harry Reid saying the same thing about Iraq and the surge. How cheap and spineless one has to be to undermine a war effort for political gain. I don't care to debate the party affiliation of which president started whatever war. The fact is the moment an American serviceman has shed their blood, we already have invested too much to pack up, accept a defeat that doesn't exist, embolden our enemies, and humiliate ourselves in front of the entire world, regardless of party in power or which president committed to it. If you want to debate the merits or necessity of a war, do it before the damn thing starts. Once it begins, you owe it to the men and women you put in harm's way to support them, and supporting them includes supporting the mission! If you don't like it, Conyers, maybe you ought to introduce legislation to repeal the War Powers Act, which is unconstitutional anyways, ya big dummy!

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This guy is using air that a worthwhile person could be using.

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Conyers is probably on to something. Afterall, we didn't win in Detroit.
That place was lost decades ago.

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Afghanistan and Tea Party in the same headline is not dismissible.

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'Small and dismissible' I thought that is what Monica said about John.

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John Conyers operates on the same mental wave length as Hillary Clinton
and Joe Biden.....Flat

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What A JERK keep putting him back in there Detroit.

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Conyers is a living example of your brain on government cheese.

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He is a Fool!

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John Conyers only wins because he keeps the education system in Detroit down. The residents of Detroit are getting shafted by John Conyers.

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jayjaykay (<http://connect.mlive.com/user/jayjaykay/index.html>)

This is another idiot who will be carried out of Congress in a coffin.

Leader of the NAACP (National Association Against Conservative People).

The Marxist talks like a Stoner and sounds like Chong.

The guy who will call Black Conservatives - Oreos.

And laugh at the wit like a weasel.

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I thought Conyers died last year....

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I suppose John Conyers would refer to his wife's incarceration as another unfair, black prison inmate statistic??? LOL!!!!!!!!!!

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tranesong2

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Yes, beware of the Teabagger Nationalists. They might just prove Obama was born in Saudi Arabia. If they could stop fighting amongst themselves they might actually be a party. To call them patriots is an insult to all things American. Unless of course, you think America is still segregated.

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For every joke of a candidate that the Republicans can offer (Palin, O'donnell, etc.), the Democrats have 2 or 3 sitting Congressmen that are even more laughable...the fact that Conyers has held his seat so long is among the greatest indictments of the party and of the city of Detroit...

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Considering that Conyers will soon be part of the minority party in Congress...who cares what he thinks about anything?

Reading bills is...fundamental

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Mr. Con-man CONyers is a wonderful example of what has happened to the Democratic Party.

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 **Pastor emeritus Nathan Bickel**

(<http://connect.mlive.com/user/nathanbickel/index.html>)

For someone who refuses to read legislative bills he votes on, Conyers should talk? He may have been impressed with the recent liberal rally he attended, but it pales in insignificance to the greater and more weighty [massive] gatherings of patriotic TEA Party Americans.

I have no doubt that Conyers was impressed with such speakers as Big Eddie and Al Sharpton who have the nasty habits of throwing out the bigot [race] card. But be that as it may, Congressman Conyers can lull himself into political fantasy land all he wants. He will see, this mid-term election what TEA Party patriotism feels about his type of status quo hurodrum liberalism, -- that same extramism, which has brought our nation to the brink of disaster...

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Maybe the voters of Detroit will vote this radical out of office. I doubt it however since he continues to give them unlimited welfare to keep them wards of the state. What a sad, sad example he is. 50 plus years in the same job and things just keep getting worse.

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Charlie Rangel on Immigration, Pope Francis & His Successor

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He's survived redistricting and a censure. At 83, Harlem's controversial House stalwart is finally confronting retirement. He won't be going quietly. By David Freedlander.

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Charlie Rangel barged into his office on the seventh floor of the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building, shouting "Hey hey hey! Here we go!" at 8:30 in the morning, dispatching one aide to get him coffee, another to get a file on China, and complimenting a third on the color of her dress. He settled into a leather chair in his overstuffed office. A life-size cardboard cutout of the longtime Harlem pol points to a seat on the couch, and a sign on the cluttered desk says, "No Guts, No Glory."



Congressman Charles Rangel sits in his Harlem office on December 10, 2012 in New York City. (Michael Loccisano/Getty)



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There is little question that Rangel is nearing the end. First elected 43 years ago, after having defeated the man whose name adorns the building where the congressman keeps his office, he is musing aloud now about what he once forbade anyone to discuss with him: his own retirement.

But even at 83, dressed in a blue bow tie and crisp gray suit, Rangel is relentless toward those who he feels are slowing the forces of progress.

House Republicans? Have done more damage to American competitiveness than al Qaeda ever could. "What is happening is sabotage. Terrorists couldn't do a better job than the Republicans are doing.

The Tea Party? Defeat them the same way segregation was beaten. "It is the same group we faced in the South with those white crackers and the dogs and the police. They didn't care about how they looked. It was just fierce indifference to human life that caused America to any enough is enough. I don't want to see it and I can't be a part of it." What the hell! If you have to bomb little kids and send dogs out against human beings, give me a break."

Surely there are some good Republicans though, right?

"Chris Christie, who is a big Northeasterner, and people only go for Christie because he is reasonable. He says something nice about the president helping out Jersey and now he is on the hit list by Republicans," Rangel said. "And now my friend Peter King is on their hit list. Peter King, a Republican, is considered a goddamn communist."

If Rangel has had a remarkable career—chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; four decades as perhaps New York City's premier political powerbroker; a revitalized Harlem—the last couple of years have been an unseemly capstone. There was the keeping of an extra rent-regulated apartment, the taxes on a Dominican villa, the use of congressional stationery to fundraise for the school of public service at the City University of New York, to name but a few. In the end, he was censured by the House and stripped of his chairmanship.

And in Harlem, where he was used to winning with margins that would make Fidel Castro blush, he suddenly found his power beginning toebb. He 2010, he drew five challengers, and eked out slightly more than 50 percent of the vote. In 2012, his district was redrawn in the decennial redistricting process and, over Rangel's fierce objections, was moved north into the Bronx. It is a district that is now 45 percent Hispanic. Rangel faced Adriano Espaillat, a Dominican, and a handful of candidates proclaiming to represent "the new Harlem"—the rainbow coalition of the overeducated who have been moving into brownstones and can be spotted at the hip new restaurants that dot Malcolm X Boulevard.

After a messy recount and court case that whittled his vote down to a few hundred, Rangel won by a final tally of little more than a thousand votes. The experience clearly exhausted him, and the lions who have guarded Harlem's economic and political gates for decades were given an unmistakable peek into a future that no longer included them.

Rangel has stated that people from outside of Manhattan aren't real New Yorkers, but he said that he was receiving a welcome reception across the river.

"When I go to [new] parts of my district, I don't feel like I am outside of my district. It is the same liberal whites and Latines and blacks, the same problems of poverty and housing and joblessness. And," he adds, "They love having a guy from Manhattan."

Still, it is not the same. Rangel's old district was geographically the smallest in the nation, bound by rivers on all sides and a zigzagging line that separates uptown from the rest of New York City. Rangel crisscrossed it relentlessly over the decade, showing up at block parties and family days and senior center picnics, and everywhere he was mobbed by people aiming to have their picture taken with him, or

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deliver a message from their neighborhoods.

“The pope is talking he can’t judge gays. Well, damn it to hell, ask for another message from God. ... Why is there a silence on old folks and a silence on poverty and a silence on kids?”

“That neighborhood, I am not challenged by it. Leaving New York [Manhattan], I was just more carried away with fighting against change than anything else. I didn’t ever want to leave Manhattan. I have an abnormal fixation. It’s where I was raised and it may even affect my marriage now because my wife swears that 60 years ago we would return back to her native Florida. Goddamn. Well, I never said anything like that. I may have promised her a whole lot of stuff, but I wouldn’t know how to pack up and leave New York City. And that’s the reason why the Bronx and Brooklyn were always awkward to me. Look, I would therapeutically walk down 125th Street when it came back. I could really clear my mind up fighting off people telling me I need to buy something.”

Down in Washington, Rangel has turned his attention, along with the rest of the nation, toward immigration reform. House Speaker John Boehner, he says, “is basically a nice man, but he would rather be speaker than challenge that part of his party. And the proof is that nobody is asking him to support Democratic ideals, but just release his members and not demand that they have this ridiculous loyalty.”

He sees in some of the reluctance to move forward on immigration reform a fear, one that white people have of non-whites.

“Every white son of a gun from Europe has found a way to get here, and these barriers I think have a lot to do with color and the awkwardness or the uncomfortableness that a lot of whites feel about people of color,” Rangel said.

Asked, though, why black congressmen, who have traditionally resisted liberalized immigration laws, are now supportive of them, Rangel rejected the premise. “You are not going to go back to Abe Lincoln now and that bullshit are you? Blacks were tied to Abe, who freed the slaves, and so we followed the Republicans”—and called on all segments of society, including the Democratic Party, including religious institutions, to do more to help the downtrodden.

“It has to do with whether or not in God we trust. I don’t know how much God played a role in the country, but it is everywhere ... And I used to be an altar boy so that I can say, if you are talking about Jews and Christians and probably Muslims and Mormons, [there’s] the whole idea that... we are supposed to help the aged and provide health care and give kids a break and do all of these good things. What are we Democrats fighting for? We are not fighting for salvation and going to heaven. But we are fighting for Medicaid, Medicare, health care, education, jobs, helping old folks. And I’ll be damned, besides same-sex marriage. I don’t hear the voice of the church. As a matter of fact, the pope is talking he can’t judge gays. Well, damn it to hell, ask for another message from God. Here we were born. I mean, why is there a silence on old folks and a silence on poverty and a silence on kids?”

And because of this, Rangel sees a superpower on decline.

“We have been a powerless giant for a long time. It is just that there is no one there, and so therefore we dominate center stage,” he said. “But the dysfunction of the Congress and the inability of the president to make any changes has caused a lot of



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Europeans who admire and respect us to take another look."

"Let's face it," he added. "The Republican presidential candidates didn't make any damn sense. If it wasn't for the presidency, it would be embarrassing as hell for me to get calls from people overseas and ask what the hell was going on."

Rangel has been casting about for a successor. He has approached David Paterson, the former governor, about running for his old seat. The priority, people close to him say, is to find someone who can defeat Espallat, to keep the old pre-gentrified Central Harlem power base together. It is a difficult task. Rangel has been in office for so long that there are scores of people lining up to succeed him, and all are likely to try, splitting the vote among different factions. In the interview, Rangel mentioned finding someone who "doesn't come out of our little group," perhaps someone from the private sector. He is holding a series of meetings with his fellow members of the old guard, trying to figure out what is next for the neighborhood.

After speaking with The Daily Beast, Rangel was summoned by his secretary, told that former state comptroller Carl McCall, Harlem Chamber of Commerce CEO Lloyd Williams, and Charlie King, executive director of the New York Democratic Party, were in the next room, waiting for him. Rangel got up and lumbered in.

"¿Como estas, amigos?" he shouted, "The press is here!"

"Ha!" responded McCall. "You've got to show you are bilingual."

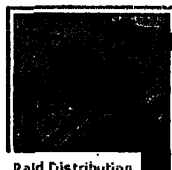
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A corrupt Democrat from a corrupt District is probably the safest seat in the whole congress. Rangel's district probably has a higher percentage of people not paying any Federal Tax and living off the Government entitlements than any other district in the country. Why would they care if he steals someone else's money when they too are stealing Federal money? The only good thing to say is that he really does well represent his district.

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This is nothing but propaganda, for the democrats in this administration has done more to destroy the constitution and life of this country than any president since Washington.

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He's friends with Peter King, of the auxiliary IRA? Who knew?

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I disagree with Charlie on most issues. I always have to point out he is a military hero and served with extreme bravery during the Korean War.

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Sorry but 83 is too old to still be in office. What's wrong these people?

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And he is black too so that really burns righty's arsé. Good for Rangel.

Bite me righty. You and you minions are everything that has damaged America SO badly.

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Black power!

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the poster child for everything wrong with careerism in Congress.

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@wareagle Exactly. They have the power to "mentor" younger pols, but don't. Shame.

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Rangel-a big nothing-same as Shumer-McCain and Graham

They are all corrupt!!!!!!

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And Charlie has lifted the people of Harlem out of poverty! Well he lifted himself out of poverty!

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43 years long in the office, is quoted using the racist term "cracker" in the very article, but this quote really sums it up:

"There was the keeping of an extra rent-regulated apartment, the taxes on a Dominican villa, the use of congressional stationery to fundraise for the school of public service at the City University of New York, to name but a few. In the end, he was censured by the House and stripped of his chairmanship".

Sure he failed to declare overseas assets (perjury) and failed to declare more than half a million dollars in income (tax evasion), but he was censured and lost his chairmanship. See? All is well, no corruption here.

A true Democratic hero. What a wonderful homage in TDB.

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A crook and a racist. He won't be missed.

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Well ickennedy,

maybe it is because he is black, gives out lots of freebies to those who don't want to work and just live off the rest of us. He is very popular with that group.

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Why he wasn't drummed out by his colleagues is beyond me and it one of the most disgraceful non acts by congress, this old crook should be in jail.

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@ickennedy please. There is no chummier group than Congress. Those old dogs look after each other irrespective of party. It's one reason they hate newcomers.

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Rangel is just another black, race baiting, fraud-filled, compulsive lying hypocrite, but on a smaller scale when compared to "the hypocrite of the century", Hussein Obama.

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If you want to see why the black community in America is so dysfunctional-read this

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Today Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Henry A. Waxman, Subcommittee on Health Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr., Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Ranking Member Anna G. Eshoo, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Ranking Member Diana DeGetts, and Committee members Lois Capps, Jan Schakowsky, Tammy Baldwin, Doris O. Matsui, Donna Christensen, and Kathy Castor released a new report on the extreme anti-women agenda of the House of Representatives in the 112th Congress. Since the beginning of the 112th Congress in January 2011, the Republican-controlled House has cast 55 votes for anti-women policies that undermine women's health, roll back women's rights, and defund programs and institutions that provide support for women.

"House Republicans have voted repeatedly for legislation that would be harmful to women's health and women's rights," said Rep. Waxman. "I have worked for decades to promote equality for women, but the bipartisan support for women's programs that used to exist in Congress has been shattered by tea party extremism. The Republican-controlled House has become the most anti-woman House in modern history."

The report, prepared by the Democratic staff of the Energy and Commerce Committee, found that the House passed an average of one anti-women vote for every week that it has been in session for the 112th Congress. These votes constitute almost 5% of all House legislative votes taken since January 2011.

The 55 votes have targeted women in a multiple ways: 17 votes have allowed health insurance companies to discriminate against women; 11 votes have cut women's access to preventive care; 10 votes have restricted or rolled back abortion rights or access to legal abortion; 7 votes have cut funding for key nutritional votes for women; 3 votes have blocked access to reproductive and maternal care services; 3 votes have undermined the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and 14 votes have weakened environmental issues that protect pregnant women from toxic chemicals. The Republican budget drafted by Rep. Ryan further weakens many existing programs and institutions that support and protect women.

The full report is available [here](http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/default/files/documents/Anti-Women-Votes2012-9-5.pdf) <http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/default/files/documents/Anti-Women-Votes2012-9-5.pdf>.

National Organizations

Statement of Cecile Richards, President, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

"Representative Waxman's report demonstrates just how out of touch House Republicans are with the needs of American families. Rather than passing legislation to create jobs or address the economic downturn, House Republicans have focused relentlessly on attacking women's access to healthcare. Eliminating vital preventive programs like the national family planning program and cutting off funding to women's health care providers would mean that millions of women would lose access to basic, preventive health services, and those are economic issues for millions of American families."

Statement of Nancy Keenan, President, NARAL Pro-Choice America

"From the 'Let Women Die' bill to IRS rape audits to attempts to defund family-planning programs, Americans have seen an unprecedented number of attacks on women's health in recent months. Rep. Waxman's report documents the lengths to which this Congress has gone in trying to dismantle reproductive freedom – and will serve as a clarion call to every American woman who cares about her rights."

Statement of Debra Ness, President, National Partnership for Women & Families

"The record amassed by the U.S. House of Representatives this year constitutes an unrelenting attack on women's health and economic security. It is nothing less than despicable, and not in the least interest of our nation. It's time for members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to reject these tactics and stand up for the policies America's women and families need."

Statement of Maribel D. Greenberger, Co-President, National Women's Law Center

"Representative Waxman's report performs a valuable service, detailing the broad-based, unrelenting assault on essential programs that provide basic support for women and families. Even such bedrock programs as nutrition assistance for low-income families, Medicaid and Medicare and expanded access to health care for children with pre-existing conditions have not been spared.

"Rather than working to meet the great need for health care, education, child care and other programs that improve the lives of women and their families, these assaults could pull the rug not from under so many. Women's ability to protect themselves and their families is on the line."

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California-based Organizations

Statement of Maria Elena Durazo, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

"I am outraged by the treatment of women in this Republican-controlled House of Representatives. As a labor leader, I am particularly disturbed by the votes against passing, improving, and funding important programs like the Paycheck Fairness Act, which addresses the pay disparity between men and women.

"The AFL-CIO is grateful for the continued advocacy and leadership of Congressman Waxman. He is a true partner to make sure that women workers are treated fairly."

Statement of Sun Dunlap, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County

"From Rep. Akin's offensive comments to votes on the House floor to restrict contraceptive access, it is clear that too many politicians share a fundamental disregard for women's health. Attempts to limit access to life-saving cancer screenings, STD testing and birth control are dangerous and misguided. Women and their doctors—not politicians—are in the best position to understand the care they need to stay healthy."

Statement of Amy Everett, State Director, NARAL Pro-Choice California

"From day one, the anti-choice leadership in this Congress has done nothing but attack women and their families. Maybe they don't think that women are paying attention, or perhaps they thought that we wouldn't notice when they tried to take our rights away. But they were wrong. We are paying attention. NARAL Pro-Choice California applauds Rep. Waxman for publishing this report which documents the last two years of Congressional attacks on women. Decisions about birth control, abortion and women's health care should be made by women and their families, not by politicians in Washington DC. Congress needs to learn what women already know: politicians make crappy doctors."

Congressional Support

Statement of Congressman Frank Pallone

"Rather than focusing on jobs and the economy, the Republicans have instead used their time in the majority to vote 55 times to undermine women's health and roll back women's rights. Women deserve to know the true priorities of the Republican-led House of Representatives, and this report provides the facts about their extreme anti-women voting record."

Press Contact: Ray Zaccaro, 202-225-4671

Statement of Congresswoman Anna G. Escob

"It's the year 2012, yet American women are still disproportionately hurt by Republican stonewalling on basic issues, such as family planning, protection against domestic violence, reproductive rights, and nutrition assistance for pregnant women and children. We've had a long, bipartisan tradition of Congressional support for these programs. For the sake of our nation's continued progress, it's imperative we keep up with this tradition."

Press Contact: Charles Stewart, 202-225-8134

Statement of Congresswoman Diana DeGette, Co-Chair of the Bi-partisan Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus

"The Republicans in Congress have a terrible record on women's issues. Republicans have passed dozens of votes on issues that hurt women—votes against women's health care, votes that allow health insurers to discriminate against women, votes that roll back access to legal abortion, votes that allow pregnant women to be exposed to hazardous chemicals, and many more. This new report clearly shows how the Republican agenda is bad for women."

Press Contact: Juliet Johnson, 202-225-3041

Statement of Congresswoman Lois Capps, Co-Chair of the Women's Health Task Force of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

"This report highlights an unfortunate truth about this Congress—that instead of focusing on jobs and the economy, the Republican Majority has re-opened the culture wars, with the safety and wellbeing of women bearing the brunt of this effort. Whether on votes to roll back protections for women from health insurance companies, block pay equity legislation, and gut landmark clean-air protections from mercury pollution, the negative effects on women and their families from these policies is clear. We need to stop these partisan attacks on women's health and work together on legislation to support working women and strengthen the economy."

Press Contact: Ashley Schapell, 202-225-7747

Statement of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Co-Chair of the Task Force on International Women's Issues for the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

"In case anyone had any question, this report provides the detailed evidence—vote after vote after vote—of the House Republican majority's repeated attacks on women's health and economic wellbeing. Where we have made progress, they would take us backward—once again allowing being a woman to be considered a pre-existing condition; raising prescription drug prices to senior women, and threatening the health of our children by increasing exposure to toxic chemicals. Women

deserve a Congress that responds to their needs – not wages war against them."

Press Contact: Adjoua Adofu, 202-225-2111

Statement of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

"Whether working to repeal the Affordable Care Act and its many benefits for women, or proposing a budget plan that would end Medicare as we know it and slash the Medicaid safety net, House Republicans have consistently demonstrated a complete disregard for the needs of women and seniors in this country."

Press Contact: Jonelle Trimmer, 202-225-7163

Statement of Congresswoman Denna Christensen, the first female physician ever elected to the U.S. Congress

"It is extremely disturbing that roughly 9 in 10 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives have not only supported, but championed legislation that will not only compromise, but – in many cases – completely devastate the health, life opportunities and lives of American women. The extremely unjust, unfair and thoughtless measures that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have consistently taken against women – like voting against dozens of bills that would protect women against violence and discrimination; strengthen environmental laws to protect pregnant women; ensure that our nation's most vulnerable women had access to nutrition programs to feed themselves and their children; and ensure that all women in this nation have reliable access to preventive health care services – are not only anti-woman; they are anti-family; they are anti-community; and they are un-American."

Press Contact: Monique Christian, 202-225-1790

Statement of Congresswoman Kathy Castor

"Republicans in control of the Congress have exacted a harsh toll on American women and families, including restrictions on family planning, birth control and basic health services. Republicans want to turn the clock back on equal rights and economic opportunity for women. Instead, they should trust women to make their own decisions relating to their health and families."

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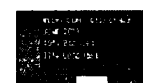
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\$7.25 an hour is federal minimum wage. Working full time minimum wage is a gross pay of \$290.00 a week, \$15,000 a year before taxes. Rarely will you even find full time minimum work because, some benefits might be attached. 1 billion dollars is approximately \$40,000 a day, 365 days a year, every year, for 70 years, if you spent the capital. You have to go past nearly 1200 billionaires on the Forbes list before you finally start finding people who are only worth \$999 million dollars. I'm all for rewarding ambitious, inventive people but, come on, this is ridiculous.

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You had this whole thing pegged Cenk. So sorry you were right. Now watch what happens when Sen. Kerry, who the GOP wanted instead of Rice, comes up for approval by the House.

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You, of course, mean the Senate. The House is not involved in confirmations.

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Your point?

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Price urged Republican leaders to overcome objections from the Tea Party.

"It attempts to hold the House and the Country hostage to an extreme ideological position to which the republican conference has unfortunately caved in," said Price.

He also said a shutdown would disrupt the economic recovery.

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DeLauro 'Fighting Against a Tea Party Agenda'?

News and updates on Connecticut's Senate and Third District races.

Posted by Anthony Karge, October 22, 2012 at 12:01 am

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Linda McMahon (R) and **Chris Murphy (D)** debated for the fourth and final time on Thursday. Social security and women's issues were some of the main topics. According to CBS News:

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Throughout, Democrat Murphy cast himself as a defender of the middle class and McMahon

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as a hard-hearted plutocrat. Republican McMahon, who is running in a largely blue state, defined herself as an "independent thinker" and a job creator and slammed Murphy as a failed career politician.

As with the past debates, both candidates repeated many of the same talking points. According to the New York Times:

The debate, which broke little new ground as both candidates largely recycled talking points from previous debates, ended a phase of the campaign. Mr. Murphy has been gaining a bit of momentum in a tight race that had earlier been dominated by Ms. McMahon's aggressive campaign and expensive television ads.

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Rosa DeLauro (D): A letter from DeLauro's campaign manager asking supporters for donations says DeLauro "is fighting against a Tea Party agenda that is working to dismantle what we have achieved and block us from progress moving forward."

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Christopher Schaefer October 22, 2012 at 12:16 pm

Rosa DeLauro EXPOSED! <http://RosaDeLauroExposed.wordpress.com/> Rosa DeLauro: At the televised "debate" on WFSB: Her answers all were virtually identical to those she gave last Sunday at a church-sponsored forum on poverty—even though all the questions were completely different! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT406srfQYc&feature=share&list=PL5wsVsNCEygo6rCWCN2jIOCRO1R0jUpa0>

Notice that she has a binder to look up answers while Winsley is talking. After 22 years you'd think she wouldn't need it to be an open-book exam. DeLauro: creating jobs means getting constructions unions to get my support for govt-paid "infrastructure" TEMPORARY jobs. Winsely: "You can't love jobs but hate job creators [i.e. business]". Re. New Haven violence, DeLauro: childproof locks on guns. Winsley: give kids role models and a future. Re. illegal immigration, Winsley: "America has always been a welcoming nation...We're a nation of immigrants...It should be as difficult to enter the US as it is to enter a Holiday Inn: we all have to check in." Debate format was too short to address ObamaCare adequately, but you can read plenty here: <http://RosaDeLauroExposed.wordpress.com/>

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Alexander B. C. October 22, 2012 at 12:44 pm

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Mike October 22, 2012 at 04:23 pm

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Rosa is losing it. The DNC Steering Committee charged her with leading a propaganda operation known as "The war on women", which is news to women. Now she's fighting a phantom tea party, as though she's Velma from Scooby Doo.

Not only is she responsible for the total partisan breakdown of Congress, Rosa's lost her edge big-time. She always carries a thick binder with her wherever she goes, and peruses a fixed list of buzzword answers to every question. It is arranged topically with tabs so she can search under, say, "Obamacare" and then "death panels" to find a snappy remark. Her staff compiles this binder on a daily basis through the DNC talking points cables that are issued every morning. This canned-verse situation has grown so intolerable that Rosa had this binder with her when she taped the closed-session debate with Winsley. (The ONLY case where she agreed to appear in the same place with her African-American challenger!) She even had to flip through the sacred binder for a proper answer when Winsley stumped her with a remark on Obamacare. She didn't have to do that in her last debate in 2008, so it shows how degenerative her mental capacity has become in four years. To see Rosa make a completely moronic fool of herself on television, check out the "Face the State" debate from Sunday. It's a ridiculous freak show of outright lies and fantasy legislation like her 16 year-old National Infrastructure Bank Act which not even Pelosi wanted to pass!

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Hansa Junchun October 24, 2012 at 01:44 pm

You're not just making a political statement, you're speaking of a truly evil situation:

Rosa's currently worth a cool \$40 million, with some \$17 million being her own filthy, filthy lucre given to her as a reward for bailing out the biggest mafia bankers on Wall Street, while her crime-boss of a husband Stanley Greenberg was paid millions by Monsanto and other massive mega-corporations to influence Rosa into organizing the wholesale extermination of family farms. Yes, its easy to say Rosa is a career politician when she campaigns on supporting small farms and helping families, while her political agenda pushes farmer families into the grave in order to expand massive

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donors like Monsanto, ConAgra, and the Sugar cane lobbies. Saving America begins with throwing out all the incumbents. Voters must take responsibility for returning Rosa to office where she commits genocide against starving people in North Africa and commits illegal warfare on family farms.

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"To insist on using a blackmail that says in effect, 'We'll destroy the economy by not raising the debt ceiling unless you give us everything we want on cutting budgets' is just beyond the pale," Nadler says. "[Obama] can't permit the Republicans, guided by the tea party caucus, to hold the country hostage that way," he concludes.

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Congresswoman Brown Says Tea Party Wins, American People Lose: Tea Party Incapable of Taking Yes for an Answer

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

(Washington, DC) Congresswoman Corrine Brown made the following statement:

"Sadly today, the Republican Leadership walked away from a possible legislative compromise which would have addressed a number of urgent issues facing the American people. Because of their intransigence, taxes on the middle class will go up beginning in January, and those who depend on unemployment benefits to assist them with their rent, mortgages, heating bills, and to put food on the table for their families, will be simply out of luck.

The Senate bill would have extended unemployment benefits through the end of February for millions of American families, reduce taxes for the middle class, and prohibit the discriminatory and unfair standards to obtain critical funding through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs (TANF). Yet the House Republican Party, disregarding the overwhelming bipartisan support the bill had in the Senate, shot it down.

Indeed, it will be the House Republicans who will have to answer the tough questions their constituents ask when they return to their districts during the holiday season. They will have to explain why they are refusing to extend tax cuts to the middle class, why they are blocking emergency funds from going to those who are unemployed through no fault of their own, and why they are making it more expensive for our senior citizens who receive Medicare from getting services from their doctors.

With today's vote we have another blatant example of Tea Party ideologues controlling the United States House of Representatives." And what would their extremist bill (H.R. 3630), which passed the House of Representatives last week, have done? Here are a few of the items in their proposal:

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Unemployment Benefits:

- Cuts off Unemployment Insurance Benefits for more than one million Americans who lost their jobs through no fault of their own, especially in states with highest jobless rates.
- Ø Slashes Americans' unemployment benefits by more than half, even as families still struggle under the weight of the economic downturn with five people looking for work for every one job opening.
- Ø This would harm people in 22 states, cutting the length of unemployment benefits by 40 weeks in: Alabama, California, Connecticut, DC, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.
- Increases new limits on Unemployment Insurance by restricting benefits that employees have effectively paid for.
- Ø Unemployment insurance is for all Americans who have been working, have lost their job through no fault of their own, and are actively seeking a job.
- Ø These new burdens would deny insurance to those without a high school degree, unless they use the benefits to pay for getting their GED, and require drug testing.

Medicare:

- Requires millions of seniors to pay more for health care, while refusing to ask 300,000 of the wealthiest Americans to pay one cent more in taxes.
- Ø Make millions of seniors, some with incomes as low as \$80,000 a year, pay substantially more for their health care under Medicare - increasing the health care costs of these seniors by \$31 billion over 10 years.
- Ø AARP strongly opposes these increased health care costs for millions of seniors.
- Ø Republicans are asking many middle-income seniors to help pay for the payroll tax cut, all in order to protect those making over \$1 million per year from paying even a little bit more in their taxes.

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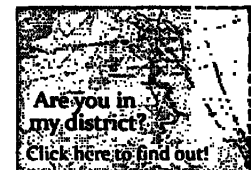
- Violates the bipartisan debt limit agreement, statutory PAYGO and GOP's own Cutgo.
- Ø Despite agreeing to caps on spending in August, the bill reopens that deal and cuts discretionary spending by an additional \$20 billion.
- Ø It increases the deficit by \$136 billion over five years in violation of PAYGO, and increases direct spending by \$156 billion over five years and \$81 billion over 10 years in violation of their own Cutgo rule.

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Ø Substantially increases the end-of-the-year repayments of premium tax credits that working class families receive under health reform if their situation changes during the year - increasing those repayments by \$13 billion.

Ø The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that these provisions would result in the ranks of the uninsured increasing by 170,000.

Slashes prevention funding that is designed to reduce Medicare and Medicaid costs.

Ø Slashes nearly \$11 billion in budget authority and \$8 billion in outlays from the Prevention and Public Health Fund, despite the fact that prevention has been proven to save lives, avert illness, and achieve savings in health care costs.

Ø Cutting this prevention funding is opposed by the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, and the Cancer Action Network American Cancer Society.

Cuts hospital and skilled nursing facility reimbursements, which can jeopardize seniors' care.

Ø Cuts over \$21 billion from Medicare provider rates, over 50 percent of which fall solely on hospitals. Due to these cuts, the American Hospital Association is urging Congress to oppose this bill that will harm health care in communities across America.

Ø The American Health Care Association (an organization of skilled nursing facilities) also opposes the bill and its cuts in Medicare reimbursements.

Undermines air quality, endangering the health of children and families by blocking mercury pollution reduction (EPA rules would place emission limits on less than 1% of all boilers).

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Alcee Hastings: Repeal 'Stand Your Ground' law

By William Gibson March 22, 2012 06:01 PM

"I have always maintained that with Florida's 'Stand Your Ground' law it would only be a matter of time until someone would open fire on an individual innocently walking behind them, just because they look different than them," South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings said on Thursday.



Congressman Alcee Hastings

'threatened.'

Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar, said the case should prompt re-examination of gun laws that allow people to have concealed weapons. And he called for repeal of the 'Stand Your Ground' law.

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"My greatest fear has become reality with the inexcusable killing of this young man." The young man is Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old who was walking through a neighborhood in Sanford last month when he was shot and killed by watch captain George Zimmerman.

Zimmerman, who has not been charged, claimed self-defense under Florida's 'Stand Your Ground' law passed in 2005.

"I said then, and I say it again now, that this law is a license to kill," Hastings said. "It is a wholly unconscionable perversion of the notion of self-defense, enabling people to commit outright murder and then throw up their hands afterward to claim they felt



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Sex harassment suit against Hastings dropped

By William Gibson February 14, 2012 04:54 PM

South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings claimed vindication on Tuesday when a federal judge dismissed allegations that he had sexually harassed a former employee of a human-rights group under his supervision.



Congressman Alcee Hastings

"I appreciate the court's ruling," said Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar. "As I have said repeatedly, this whole thing is ridiculous, bizarre, frivolous, and has wasted — and is still wasting — a whole lot of folks' time and money. In a race with a lie, the truth always wins."

Winsome Packer, a staff representative for the U.S. Helsinki Commission, brought the suit against Hastings, Fred Turner, his former chief of staff, and the commission claiming the congressman made crude remarks and unwanted sexual advances when he was chairman.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein dismissed the claims against Hastings and Turner. The lawsuit continues against the commission, based on Packer's

allegations. "The court finds that plaintiff (Packer) has failed to state claims upon which relief can be granted against these defendants," she wrote.

The House ethics committee is reviewing the same allegations against Hastings.

"Today, the truth prevailed in a court of law," Hastings said, "and I am glad to see that these bogus allegations have finally been dismissed."

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Hastings: End tax break for oil spill cleanup

By William Gibson January 31, 2012 01:34 PM

Big-bucks energy companies should not get a tax break for cleaning up the mess caused by oil spills as an ordinary cost of doing business, South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings said on Tuesday.

Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar, introduced a bill to prohibit oil companies from writing off expenses incurred when cleaning up after a spill.

Citing recent profits by some of the oil giants, Hastings said "these global corporations no longer need charity



Alcee Hastings

from the United States government." "While the high price of gasoline continues to burden American families, oil companies are raking in such huge profits. Why should the American taxpayer pay for what the oil companies are supposed to do anyway?" The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that closing this loophole in the tax code would save an average \$1.3 billion per year, he said.

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Ethics committee probes Hastings sex harassment allegations

By William Gibson January 11, 2012 11:55 AM

South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings faces further investigation by the House ethics committee, which is looking into allegations that he harassed a former staff member of a human-rights group under his supervision.



Alcee Hastings

The announcement on Wednesday unleashed a report from a separate advisory body, the Office of Congressional Ethics, which found enough reason to think a rule might have been violated to recommend an investigation.

The office, which conducted its own review of the case, did not make conclusions and said it was not able to obtain testimony from some witnesses.

Because of that, "and in view of the seriousness of the allegations," the advisory office recommended a review by the committee, which has more power to demand testimony from witnesses.

The former staff member, Winsome Packer, has accused Hastings of unwanted touching and crude comments while he co-chaired a group known as the Helsinki Commission. She says he in effect threatened her job if she complained.

Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar, reaffirmed his denial of the allegations and accused Packer of having a personal agenda, including selling a novel.

"As I have said repeatedly since this matter first came to my attention, I unequivocally deny the allegations made by Ms. Packer," Hastings said on Wednesday. "The acts alleged are contrary to my character and to the main objective of my career in Congress, advancing the civil rights of all people."

"Furthermore, Ms. Packer's allegations are completely false. I never had a romantic or sexual interest in her, nor did I ever express or otherwise suggest that I had any such interest."

Here's the rest of his statement:

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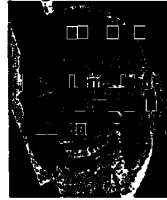


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Ethics panel reviews Hastings' sexual harassment case

By William Gibson November 28, 2011 05:19 PM

The House ethics committee has extended its review of sexual harassment allegations against South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings for up to 45 days.



Alcee Hastings

Winsome Packer — a Republican policy advisor on a human rights commission formerly led by Hastings — has filed a lawsuit accusing him of unwanted advances and crude comments and of threatening her job if she complained.

The Office of Congressional Ethics, an independent advisory panel, referred the matter in October to the House ethics committee, which has the power to investigate and discipline members. The committee said it will "announce its course of action" by Jan. 11.

Hastings, who has denied the allegations and called them "laughable," could not be reached for comment on Monday.

The committee routinely asks for a 45-day extension when reviewing allegations. The extension "does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred," the panel said.

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Hastings tries to save Broward mail centers

By William Gibson November 10, 2011 10:14 AM

Hoping to save mail processing centers in Fort Lauderdale and Pembroke Pines, South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings appealed to the postmaster general on Thursday to keep them open or at least find jobs in the Postal Service for the people who work there.



Alcee Hastings

"If these facilities are closed, well over 200 jobs are projected to be lost, which will adversely affect the entire community during these already difficult economic times," Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar, said in a letter to Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe.

"Furthermore, the loss of these processing centers would end the century-old tradition of all mail posted in Broward County bearing the postmark, 'mailed from Ft. Lauderdale.'"

"I urge you reevaluate the wisdom behind this restructuring measure; preserve the quality of mail service; and, should closure prove to be unavoidable, ensure that all employees affected retain employment and benefits with the USPS," he wrote.

The Postal Service, while exploring ways to save money, is conducting a study of about 250 processing facilities across the country.

"The Fort Lauderdale facility has been serving the South Florida community for over 38 years, while the Pembroke Pines mailing processing center has been in business for 28 years," Hastings said. "Both of these centers provide critical services to many of my constituents, local businesses, and residents living in Broward County."

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Panel looks into Hastings alleged sex harassment

By William Gibson June 22, 2011 12:24 PM

A House advisory panel is looking into allegations of sexual harassment against South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings, according to the conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch.

The inquiry stems from a lawsuit filed by Judicial Watch on behalf of Winsome Packer, a former staff worker at a commission chaired by Hastings. The suit, filed in March, accuses Hastings of making "unwelcome sexual advances" and of retaliating against Packer when she complained.



Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, said the Independent Office of Congressional Ethics contacted Packer regarding the allegations in the lawsuit.

The panel, which does not include current members, was established by the House in March 2008 to provide an extra layer of inquiry into alleged unethical behavior. The panel initiates a preliminary review if two of its six board members, seek one.

If four board members approve it, the matter will be transmitted to the House Ethics Committee, which can choose whether to dismiss it or launch its own proceedings.

The independent panel's staff is prohibited by law from confirming or denying the existence of any preliminary review.

"She (Packer) tried to get the ethics office involved last year but never heard back until May," said Fitton.

"We're pleased the investigation is proceeding," he said. "It's about time. It's the least they could do, given the gravity of the allegations."

Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar, could not be reached for comment Wednesday morning. He flatly denied the allegations in March.

"I have never sexually harassed anyone," he said. "In fact, I am insulted that these ludicrous allegations are being made against me. When all the facts are known in this case, the prevailing sentiment will be, 'How bizarre!'" Judicial Watch is a long-time critic of Hastings and tried to dissuade House leaders in 2008 from naming him to lead the House intelligence committee.

The lawsuit, filed in federal district court in Washington, alleges that Packer "was forced to endure unwelcome sexual advances, crude sexual comments and unwelcome touching by Mr. Hastings" from January 2008 to February 2010 when she served as a representative in Vienna for the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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Suit accuses Alcee Hastings of sexual harassment

By William Gibson March 7, 2011 03:04 PM

Judicial Watch, a conservative watchdog group, filed a lawsuit on Monday on behalf of a woman who accused South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings of "unwelcome sexual advances" and of retaliating against her for complaining.

The suit filed by Judicial Watch says the woman, Winsome Packer, a policy advisor for the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, was subjected to repeated harassment while Hastings served as chairman. Hastings, D-Miramar, flatly denied the accusation.

"I have never sexually harassed anyone," he said. "In fact, I am insulted that these ludicrous allegations are being made against me. When all the facts are known in this case, the prevailing sentiment will be, 'How bizarre!'"

The suit, filed in federal district court in Washington, also names the Commission and its former staff director, Fred Turner, as defendants.

Judicial Watch, a long-time critic of Hastings, said that Packer "was forced to endure unwelcome sexual advances, crude sexual comments and unwelcome touching by Mr. Hastings" from January 2008 to February 2010.

"Although Ms. Packer repeatedly rejected Mr. Hastings' sexual attention and repeatedly complained about the harassment to the commission staff director, Fred Turner, Mr. Hastings refused to stop harassing her," the group said. The accusers said that Hastings and Turner threatened to fire Packer when she objected to the congressman's conduct.

Judicial Watch has lashed out at Hastings for many years.

The conservative group warned House leaders in 2006 not to name Hastings to become chairman of the intelligence committee. Judicial Watch cited Hastings' removal as a U.S. district judge in Miami in 1989 on impeachment charges that he had conspired to accept a bribe.

Hastings, who was acquitted by a jury of the same accusation, has always maintained his innocence. He was elected to the House three years later and served alongside members who had once voted to impeach him.

"I will win this lawsuit," he said on Monday. "That is a certainty. In a race with a lie, the truth always wins. And when the truth comes to light and the personal agendas of my accusers are exposed, I will be vindicated."

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Hastings tries to rally Dems behind Meek

By William Gibson October 21, 2010 11:33 AM

South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings on Thursday confronted the conventional wisdom that Republican Marco Rubio is headed for victory in the three-way Senate race, with Democratic voters split between Kendrick Meek and Charlie Crist.

Doesn't have to be that way, Hastings said in an "open letter to Florida voters."

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Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar, in effect is making a last-ditch effort to save Meek by trying to rally Democrats behind him. That starts with taking a shot at Crist.

"Governor Crist is no Democrat, despite what many Democrats want to tell themselves," Hastings said. "Governor Crist may be an independent for the purposes of this campaign, but he wholeheartedly supports the right-wing agenda, from preserving Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy to opposing President Obama's health care reforms that benefit millions of Floridians across the state."

Meek has had to squelch rumors that he might drop out of the race in hopes that Crist would defeat Rubio and then side with Democrats in the Senate. Hastings suggested an alternative.

"Just by switching their allegiance from Crist to Meek, Democrats would suddenly make this campaign very competitive – and very uncomfortable for Rubio," he said.

Alcee Hastings

"But here is one bit of conventional wisdom I do agree with: if Democrats insist on stubbornly clinging to Crist, Marco Rubio will indeed win the election."

For his part, Crist tells voters that Congress needs an independent voice to help bridge the party divide, avoid legislative gridlock and serve constituents. He's hoping to draw voters from all sides to form a moderate plurality. Chances are we're headed for a Democratic split, with Rubio drawing nearly all Republicans and a lot of independent voters. Hastings is holding out for a late surge to Meek.

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Hastings snubs tea party debate

By William Gibson October 5, 2010 10:59 AM

South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings not only turned down an invitation this week to debate his opponent but delivered a stinging rebuke to the tea parties who tried to arrange it.



"I decline to participate in any Tea Party – arranged, touted, contrived or sponsored – event anywhere at anytime," Hastings said in a letter to the Tea Party of Fort Lauderdale.

He said his constituents have made no demand "that I voluntarily subject myself to any Tea Party shenanigans."

Members of the movement, who have long complained that members of Congress don't listen to The People, especially them, sounded disappointed.

"We were excited with candidate Bernard Sanders' willingness to debate at anytime, but were let down when Congressman Alcee Hastings declined our invitation," the tea parties replied in a terse exchange of letters released to the news media.

The parties acknowledged "a large divide in the philosophy of the Tea Party Movement, versus the way and means in which you (Hastings) have legislated for the past 18 years."

Alcee Hastings

They suggested that someone else play host to an open debate.

"We know of several local South Florida media outlets that would be happy to accommodate the two candidates in putting this event together, and hope you both would agree that the people of this District deserve this," the group told both candidates.

Political forecasters expect Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar, to easily win re-election. A debate, for a couple of reasons, may not be in his interest.

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Mosque flap: Divisive or teachable moment?

By William Gibson September 10, 2010 11:22 AM

South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings on Friday recalled this nation's extraordinary show of unity in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, a quality sorely missing nine years later.

"United We Stand" was the theme after the attacks, a unity that included the Islamic community. Then-President Bush went to a mosque in Washington to make the point that the nation was not at war with Islam and to discourage hate crimes in this country.



Nine years later, the flap over plans to build an Islamic cultural center near ground zero in New York, including a place of worship, reflects a tendency in the American mind to associate one of the world's great religions with terrorism.

"America is divided over precisely who – or what – was responsible for 9/11: was it al Qaeda or Islam?" Hastings said.

The silver lining of this divisive debate may be an outpouring of information leading to a better understanding of the nature of Islam, its long history and its diverse population of peaceful believers around the world. Once we get past the first visceral reaction to the idea of a mosque near ground zero, this episode ultimately could foster a more thoughtful response that makes a distinction

between a radical terrorist movement and all of Islam.

"A greater sense of national cohesion is needed to beat back the will of our enemy," Hastings said. "On this anniversary of 9/11, it is time for America to reach backward and recall the spirit of unity that was so pronounced on September 12 and move beyond our growing fears."

Here is his full statement:

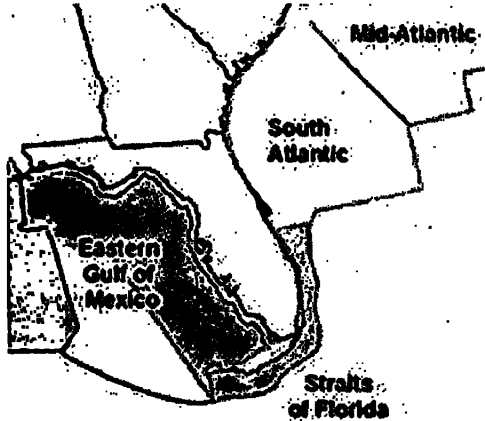
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Three Florida Dems oppose drilling

By William Gibson April 6, 2010 11:08 PM



Three Florida Democrats urged President Obama on Tuesday to abandon his plan to expand offshore oil and gas drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

Their letter to Obama is a reminder that many Florida leaders — or least, many Democrats — still oppose drilling despite pressures in Washington and Tallahassee to tap resources offshore.

The letter was signed by U.S. House members Alcee Hastings of Miramar, Carlos Brown of Jacksonville and Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Weston.

"While we appreciate your intentions, the ramifications of offshore drilling are potentially devastating for Florida's economy and unique ecosystem," they wrote.

They said expanded drilling would jeopardize the state's \$65-billion tourism industry. They also contend it would potentially impair military training missions in the Gulf.

They pressed for a meeting with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Carol Browner, a Miami native who serves as Obama's energy adviser.

Drilling planned for yellow areas

The president, backed by Salazar and Browner, plans to allow drilling in the Gulf more than 125 miles from Florida's west coast. Congress would have to approve that part of the plan.

The administration also plans to allow energy exploration near Florida's northeast coast, though scientists doubt that area contains much oil or gas.

The drilling plan is a bargaining chip in negotiations over a climate-change bill in the Senate.

The drilling proposal unseated some senators to look more favorably on the climate bill, while some Democrats from coastal states warn they are more likely to approve any bill that brings drilling closer to shore.

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Lieberman: End limits on gays in the military

By William Gibson February 22, 2010 01:38 PM

Joe Lieberman has emerged as the Senate champion for trying to scrap limits on gay and lesbian service in the military.

Lieberman announced that he would introduce a bill to repeal the "Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell" policy that became law in 1993.



Joe Lieberman.

In the House, South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings is one of the most persistent voices calling for an end to the practice, which he considers a blatant example of discrimination against openly gay and lesbian soldiers. The lead sponsor of a House bill to repeal the law is Patrick Murphy, a Democrat from Pennsylvania. Co-sponsors include Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar; Ilana Ros-Lehtinen, a Republican from Miami; and Debbie Wasserman Schultz, a Democrat from Weston.

The House bill has been gathering support for months, but gay-rights leaders were looking for someone to sponsor a companion bill in the Senate.

Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut, took up the cause, saying: "To exclude one group of Americans from serving in the armed forces is contrary to our fundamental principles as outlined in the Declaration of Independence, and weakens our defenses by denying our military the service of a large group of Americans who can help our cause."

Lieberman, who has filed liberal Democratic bills in recent months because of his position on other issues, is well known in South Florida after campaigning there for vice president in 2000 and for president in 2004. He often joked that he spent so much time in Florida during the campaigns

he should be licensed as a part-time resident.

Joe Solmonese, president of The Human Rights Campaign, a gay-rights advocacy group, welcomed the announcement, saying:

"As a member of the Armed Services Committee and a longtime leader on issues of national security and foreign policy, Senator Lieberman's leadership on this bill is another positive sign that 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' ends this year."

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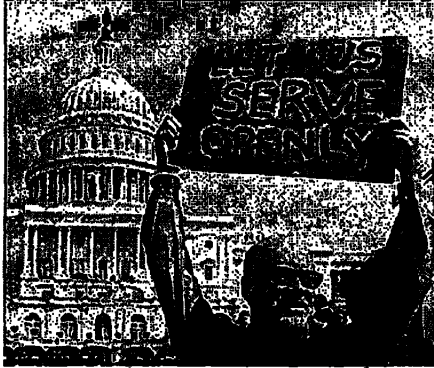


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Ban on gays in the military fading

By William Gibson February 2, 2010 10:41 AM

The controversial don't-ask-don't-tell restrictions on gay service in the military apparently will just fade away.



The Armed Services reportedly have relaxed enforcement of the restrictions. And Defense Secretary Robert Gates is expected to name two Pentagon officials to lead an in-depth study to recommend how to integrate openly gay and lesbian soldiers in the ranks.

These actions indicate that the Obama administration hopes to quietly and gradually end a practice that was codified into law in 1993 to allow gays and lesbians to serve as long as they remained in the closet. It was Bill Clinton's attempt at the time to defuse a controversy. South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings and others in Congress strongly object to the policy, calling it a form of discrimination that deprives the military of courageous and skilled soldiers. Many in South Florida's large gay community see it as a symbol of a broader social prejudice.

Obama told the nation in his State of the Union address that he would work with Congress and the military to end the ban. Hastings demanded to know just how and when the president would accomplish that goal.

The answer appears to be a gradual approach handled by Pentagon brass. Some in Congress may still press for repeal of the law.

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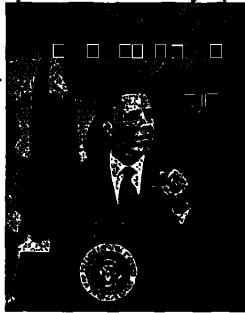
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Obama backs equal benefits for gay partners

By William Gibson January 29, 2010 11:35 AM



While in Tampa to promote high-speed rail projects, President Obama on Thursday said he supports measures to give gay and lesbian partners the same benefits as married couples.

"At the federal level, one of the things that we're trying to do is to make sure that partnerships are recognized for purposes of benefits," he said. He mentioned hospital visitation rights, Social Security and pension benefits.

He backed a bill in Congress that would equalize benefits for federal employees. "A lot of companies — on their own, some of the best-run companies — have adopted these same practices," he told the crowd. "I think it's the right thing to do, and it makes sense for us to take a leadership role in ensuring that people are treated the same."

The matter came up when a student asked Obama to expand on his statement in the State of the Union address calling for repeal of the "don't-ask-don't-tell" law that restricts openly gay people from serving in the military.

South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings, a long-time proponent for repealing the law, said he wants to hear more.

"We have heard his promises to repeal 'don't ask, don't tell' reiterated time and again," Hastings said, "but not exactly when or how he plans to achieve this."

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GOP to host South Florida health-care forums

By William Gibson August 31, 2009 04:11 PM

Here's a public forum on health-care reform where you can hear from both sides of this intense national debate. Democrat Alcee Hastings will square off against Republican congressional candidates Allen West and Edward Lynch in a "civil forum" sponsored by the Palm Beach County Republican Party.



Sid Dinerstein

Town-hall meetings on this topic around the country have been not so civil in recent weeks. Maybe this one will help shed light on the topic so we get a clearer idea of what each side hopes to do.

The GOP hosts clearly indicated their preference. "Please come and express your concerns with the proposed bill (HR 3200) and how you don't want the government to control your health care!" says a notification from the county Republicans.

Sid Dinerstein, county Republican chairman, promises an open discussion about the current legislation before Congress.

The forum is set for this Thursday, Sept. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. on the 6th floor of the Palm Beach County Government Center, 301 N. Olive Avenue in West Palm Beach.

It's open to the public, but you have to get a ticket. Those interested in attending should contact county Republican headquarters at 561-686-7816.

Another Republican forum, by invitation only, is set for this Tuesday, Sept. 1, in Hialeah.

Florida Senator Mel Martinez plans to appear with Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and Senator John McCain at Palmetto General Hospital in

Hialeah at 3:30 p.m.

The three senators will take questions from parties involved in the health-care debate and discuss ways to make cars more affordable and accessible.

"This forum will focus on reform options available and the direction of current efforts," said Martinez, who will leave the Senate shortly. "This is going to be a frank discussion with health-care providers, patients and other stakeholders to air concerns about the current system and what steps Congress should take to address the problems."

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Hastings: Don't deport Haitians

By William Gibson July 28, 2009 04:59 PM

Boat capsized

A vessel carrying as many as 200 Haitian migrants capsized near the Turks and Caicos Islands, the U.S. Coast Guard said.



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This week's tragic capsizing of another boatload of Haitians prompted Congressman Alcee Hastings to call for a halt to deportation of Haitians already in this country.

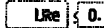
Hastings renewed his request that the Obama administration grant TPS (temporary protected status) to undocumented Haitians, meaning they could remain here legally.

"Critics argue that granting TPS will compel Haitians to leave their country. Tragedies such as this make it clear that the opposite is true," Hastings said. "Those living on the island feel they have no choice but to risk their lives and take to the seas." At least 15 died and 70 were missing after a boat overloaded with 200 people capsized near the Turks and Caicos Islands. Hastings has objected to U.S. policy on deporting Haitians since the Ronald Reagan administration of the 1980s.

Officials have been reluctant to grant TPS for fear of encouraging more people to flee on fragile boats in a mass migration to Florida.

Rather than deport 30,000 Haitians, U.S. officials should allow them to work and send remittances to their homeland, Hastings contends. TPS, he said, would reduce the desperation that leads to such tragedies.

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Hastings retreats on 'don't ask, don't tell'

By William Gibson July 28, 2009 06:22 PM

Pressured by fellow Democrats, South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings today dropped his attempt to end the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that sort of excludes homosexuals from the armed services.



Alcee Hastings

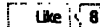
Hastings reluctantly pulled his amendment to a defense spending bill while arguing that the policy is discriminatory and should be eliminated.

"Due to pressure from some of my congressional colleagues and from the White House, I have withdrawn my amendment," he said. "I would, however, like to note that it is most unfortunate that we are not addressing 'don't ask, don't tell' at this time."

The policy, begun under former President Bill Clinton, does not specifically forbid gays and lesbians from serving but bans "homosexual conduct." In effect, gays and lesbians must remain in the closet.

"I realize that this issue is considered controversial," Hastings said, "but it shouldn't be. The vast majority of Americans not only support the inclusion of gay service members in the military, but also the repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell.'"

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Hastings: End limits on gays in the military

By William Gibson June 22, 2009 01:21 PM

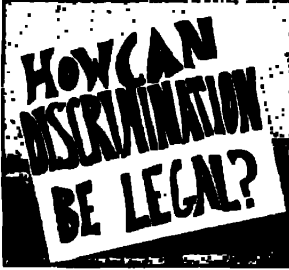
It's time to end the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on gays and lesbians in military service, South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings told President Obama today.

Hastings called the policy discriminatory and urged Obama to suspend the investigation and discharge of service members because of their sexual orientation.

Hastings authored a letter signed by 13 members of Congress, including five others from Florida:

- Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Republican from Miami
- Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Democrat from Weston
- Robert Wexler, Democrat from Boca Raton
- Alan Grayson, Democrat from Orlando
- Kathy Cantor, Democrat from Tampa

"Approximately two service quarters are lost to this misguided, unjust, and flat-out discriminatory policy every day," Hastings said. "At a time when we are engaged in two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender service members offer mission-critical skills that enhance our military's competence."



and readiness and ensure our national security," he said.

"It is my sincere hope that President Obama, together with Congress, will take swift and meaningful action on the dishonorable and debilitating law that is 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.'"

The current policy does not specifically forbid gays and lesbians from serving but does ban "homosexual conduct." In effect, gays and lesbians must remain in the closet to serve in the armed forces.

President Clinton arrived at this painful compromise back in the '90s when trying to satisfy those who wanted to serve without offending those who oppose gay or lesbian participation.

President Obama has avoided this issue, which became a sore point and distraction for Clinton in the early days of his presidency. Some gay and lesbian voters have become increasingly impatient with Obama's inaction

on this front.

Here is a copy of the letter, including the names of House members who signed it:

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Shooting at Holocaust museum condemned

By William Gibson June 10, 2009 05:05 PM



Police outside Holocaust Memorial Museum (Reuters photo)

Today's fatal shooting inside the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum set off alarmed reactions on Capitol Hill, particularly from those who represent large numbers of Jewish constituents.

"This tragic event reminds us all that there are still people in this world who choose hate and intolerance over understanding and compassion," said South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings.

Police reportedly were investigating a white supremacist as a suspect after an elderly gunman opened fire with a rifle inside the crowded museum, killing a guard before being shot.

Hastings -- co-chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, which focuses on human rights -- has warned for months about signs of rising anti-Semitism.

"All across this nation, we have seen a resurgence of the noose and swastika, a rise of anti-Semitism, unjust equation of Muslims and migrants with terrorism, and violence against gays," he said today. "We must work together across all racial, religious, gender and cultural lines and not allow these senseless acts to continue." Congressman Ron Klein of Boca Raton, co-chairman of the Congressional Task Force Against Anti-Semitism, said he was committed to "fight every day against anti-Semitism worldwide."

"The Museum is a living monument to the horrors of the Holocaust, and a place for quiet reflection and memory," Klein said. "To see innocent people attacked in such a place is simply beyond the pale."

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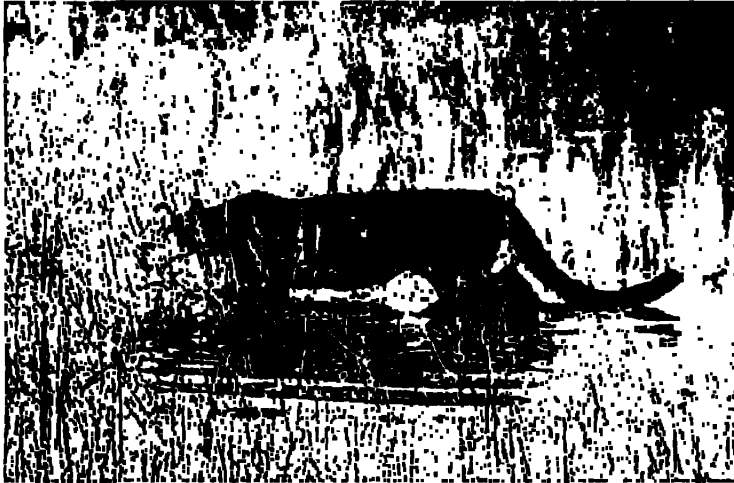
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Floridians push to preserve endangered panther

By William Gibson April 7, 2009 05:20 PM



Florida members of Congress urged the Obama administration today to designate a protected habitat for the endangered Florida panther.

They say the panther is one of the most endangered species in the world, with only 80 to 100 in existence. The main problems: loss of habitat and car-related deaths, both caused by increased development in environmentally sensitive areas. Three were killed by cars in January.

"The best available science suggests that current lands in conservation do not provide enough suitable habitat area to support even the limited number of existing panthers," Congressman Alcee Hastings and four colleagues wrote to President Obama.

A protected area in Southwest Florida, they wrote, would also help protect other resources, such as wetlands, aquifer-recharge areas, drinking water supplies and other endangered species.

The designation would not block all development but would require additional review for getting federal permits. The letter was signed by Hastings and fellow Democrats Corinne Brown, Robert Wexler, Alan Grayson and Ron Klein.

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Hastings returns to intelligence committee

By William Gibson February 5, 2009 06:46 PM



Alcee Hastings

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi today appointed South Florida Congressman Alcee Hastings to return to the House Intelligence committee.

Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar, served on the committee from 1999 to 2007. His attempt to become chairman of the panel was rebuffed in 2006 when critics raised a clamor over his impeachment and removal from the federal bench on bribery-related charges in 1989.

"As co-chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, I have been actively engaged on security issues examining arms proliferation, terrorism and other emerging threats, around the globe," he said today. "Rejoining the intelligence panel allows me to broaden and deepen this work as we start a new course in the 111th Congress."

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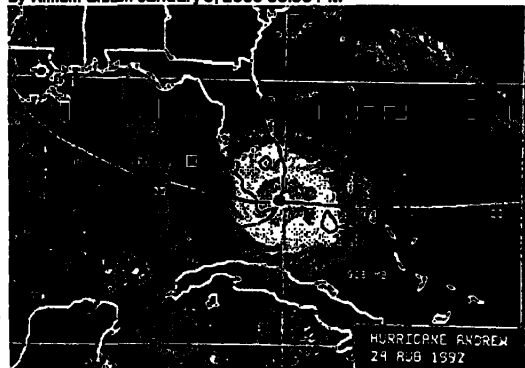
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South Floridians seek hurricane research funds

By William Gibson January 8, 2009 06:56 PM



U.S. House members Alcee Hastings and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen today introduced a bill to dramatically expand hurricane research to the tune of \$2.35 billion over five years.

The proposed funding is designed to help scientists learn better ways to track hurricanes, improve early warning systems and study how storms form and intensify.

"The current federal investment in hurricane research is shameful in contrast to our nation's increasing vulnerability," said Hastings, a Democrat from Miramar. "This legislation will ensure improved coordinated

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research to fill the gaps in our hurricane knowledge."

Ros-Lehtinen, a Republican from Miami, added: "As a state and as a nation, we are woefully unprepared to handle the sometimes devastating consequences of hurricanes and their aftermath."

Their bill springs from recommendations by the National Science Board, a 24-member independent advisory body to the president and Congress.

Here is their summary of the bill:

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A Forced March for American Women: Back to the 19th Century

Right now, in the halls of Congress and in state legislative bodies around the country, there is a calculated and cynical attempt underway to force the women of America to march in lockstep back to the 19th century when it comes to their choices, their rights, and their health care. And those who aren't frightened by this prospect, may not be paying close attention.

Consider this:

In Georgia a bill has been introduced that would make miscarriages a felony if the mother cannot prove there was no "human involvement." Anyone convicted under this law could face the death penalty or life behind bars. Given the fact that as many as 20% percent of all pregnancies end in miscarriage, imagine what a zealous right wing prosecutor could do with a law like this.

In Texas a bill has been proposed that would ban all abortions unless a physician certifies that the woman's life was at risk. It would not permit abortions in the case of rape or incest. Such a law would give the state the cruel and invasive power to compel a woman to bear an attacker's child, and force victims of incest, however young, however fragile, to bear their own siblings.

Though these two bills are not likely to make it into law at this time, they are emblematic of efforts by far right-wing elected officials all across the country to set women's rights back to the 19th century.

In South Dakota a bill is now awaiting the Governor's signature that apparently assumes too many women undergo an abortion on a mere passing whim. The law would require women to wait 72 hours before going through with the procedure. The bill also requires women to undergo counseling at a "pregnancy help center," which pro-choice advocates say are often run by anti-abortion groups. The bill gives the state the coercive power to compel intelligent, well educated, fully informed women to undergo this "counseling" whether they want it or not.

Indiana has a proposed bill that would require a pregnant woman wishing to terminate her pregnancy to view a fetal ultrasound image, unless the pregnant woman states in writing that she doesn't want to see it. This bill would give the state the power to compel a woman to undergo a medical procedure that for some pregnancies would require an invasive vaginal ultrasound probe - whether the woman, the teenager, or the victim of domestic violence, wants the procedure or not. Despite new polls showing that a clear majority of Americans support a woman's right to choose in most or all circumstances, 11 states are now considering legislation to require women to see an ultrasound and 16 states already have such laws.

And in the US Congress:

HR 358 would allow medical providers to decline to perform a life-saving abortion or to transfer the woman to another facility that will. Some critics are understandably calling this bill the "Let Women Die Act."

And the Pence Amendment would strip Planned Parenthood of all federal funding. According to their 2008-2009 annual report, Planned Parenthood conducted one million pap tests, 830,000 breast examinations and 4 million STD tests. Government grants currently make up about 33% of Planned Parenthood's revenue. So, do the math. Take away all that federal funding, and all the cancer screenings, and all the AIDS tests and all the medical care that those funds would otherwise provide, and how many women do you estimate will suffer or die, simply for lack of such basic care?

And mind you, all these new coercive powers that would be granted to the government, all these intrusions into the most private aspects of women's intimate lives, all these forced procedures, are being pushed by those very same people who have decried what they call government's intrusion into people's lives.

And all these unwanted medical procedures are being thrust upon women by those who mean the least that we must get health care costs under control.

And all this legislative time and energy is being spent on divisive social issues that will not help create a single job, do anything to

expand the economy, control health care costs or improve our lives.

Roe vs. Wade, the landmark case on abortion, was decided in 1973. In writing the majority opinion, Justice Blackmun noted that disputes over abortion had ancient roots, but: "at the time of the adoption of our Constitution, and throughout the major portion of the 19th century... a woman enjoyed a substantially broader right to terminate a pregnancy than she does in most States today." Meaning, of course, 1873.

Blackmun also noted that restrictive abortion statutes have their origins, for the most part, in the latter half of the 19th century. Which is just where the extreme right wing of the Republican party would take women today. On a forced march right back to the 19th century.

Instead of dealing with the issues that Americans say they care about the most, the economy and job creation, the far right is focusing its energy on setting back the rights of women to the standards of the 19th century. Maybe they just plain forgot about an important 20th century development. Women got the right to vote. It's time to tell the right wing loud and clear that women matter. Their choices matter. Their health care matters. Their lives matter. Join your voice with others, and sign the Women Matter petition - and let's not let them forget for one minute that women matter.

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WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) today released the following statement after the House Republican Majority refused to allow a vote on the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, and instead voted to conference the bipartisan Senate bill:

"I am beyond disappointed that once again Congress has been derailed by extreme Tea Party politics at the expense of middle class families. The stakes for our nation are too high to get drawn into these games of political brinksmanship.

When they are done tallying their political points, Tea Party Republicans will realize that middle class families, unemployed workers and our economy cannot afford to take on average a \$1,000 tax increase and a lapse in unemployment benefits. The lack of action will also severely affect doctors who will see Medicare reimbursement rates drop, a result that will ultimately affect patients on the Central Coast and across the nation.

Today House Republicans had an opportunity to prevent this, and support the bipartisan Senate bill that would have given families the piece of mind they need heading into the holidays."



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Experts: Doggett's seat safe, Doggett: Campbell is 'tea party extremist'

by MARTIN BARTLETT / KVUE News

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Posted on October 29, 2010 at 9:33 PM

AUSTIN – Though he is running against a Tea Party Republican, incumbent U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, believes he can hang on to his seat in Congress despite the anti-incumbent mood across the country.

Doggett dismisses his opponent as “some Tea Party extremist.” Republican Donna Campbell, M.D., is a political newcomer, who believes members of Congress should not spend more than six years in office.

What is so extreme about this emergency room physician from Columbus, a small town between Austin and Houston?

“She’s advocated an across the board tax that would be a 23 percent tax increase,” Doggett alleges.

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For starters, Campbell says that is only part of the story.

"Income tax, payroll tax, you wouldn't pay any of that. Businesses wouldn't pay anything like that. If it's a retail tax, and you buy something new you'd pay 23 percent," she explained of her plan.

She also believes state should protect their sovereignty and have the power to nullify federal laws.

"Anything that violates our sovereignty, should be null and void," she said.

Campbell says she decided to run following the 2008 presidential election after she was disenchanted by the federal government.

"You know what, I'm a little disenchanted with some of the things that have happened there lately," Doggett responded. "That's why I voted against these big bank bailouts. That's why I voted against some of the spending requests of President Obama."

While Doggett and Campbell do not agree on much, they do, however, agree that the sweeping geography of this district, which stretches from the State Capitol to an area south of Interstate 10, will have a profound impact on this race.

The district now includes parts of metro and suburban as well as rural farm and ranch land. All told, the Texas 25th encompasses eight counties and only part of Austin.

"It's a question of why Central Texas, particularly here in the Greater Austin Area, would want someone who lives in a small rural community over two hours drives away," Doggett said.

To the contrary, Campbell believes her outsider status will prove appealing to voters.

"To not have government as usual, some of that may be me coming up against the establishment, a Republican establishment, but people are tired of government, politics as usual," she said.

While the national political winds may be blowing in Campbell's favor And while she has posed one of Doggett's toughest re-election challenges, most watchers of Congress still give Doggett the advantage going into Tuesday's election.

As of Thursday, the Cook Political Report, an online political publication which ranks

the competitiveness of Congressional races, ranks the District 25 race as "likely Democrat," meaning Doggett's seat is "not considered competitive."

Real Clear Politics has also rated Doggett's seat as safely in Democratic hands.

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Rep. Fattah encourages broader persuasion efforts for LUCC members

By Charlie Ban
STAFF WRITER



Photo by Charlie Ban

Toni Carter, commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.; and Helen Holton, Baltimore City councilwoman and LUCC chairwoman, talk to U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-Pa.) during the LUCC Fly-In May 8. Behind them, Miami-Dade County, Fla. lobbyist Bill Couch and NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase look on.

NACo's Large Urban County Caucus came away from a meeting with Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-Pa.) May 8 assured that their messages were being heard by members of Congress, but also with suggestions for how they could magnify what they had to say. LUCC's meeting with Fattah was one of several with key congressional and White House offices during LUCC's annual fly-in.

Helen Holton, Baltimore City councilwoman and LUCC chair, stressed the importance of maintaining tax-exempt status for municipal bonds, and Fattah responded with advice and a reminder that members pay attention to their local newspapers.

"I think your voice has been heard on this, along with the (U.S. Conference of Mayors)," he said. "But work externally, too. Your newspaper editorial boards need to be speaking out on these issues. Write letters to the editor — they influence members beyond just hearing from (officials) and influence their staffs.

"For policy issues, they should be voting their district," he added. "Members are to be expected to vote with their parties on procedural issues, but when it comes to a policy issue they should be voting their district or vote for what's in the country's interest."

He added that taking positions in print, even if they had been done so ad nauseum, always helps reinforce said positions.

"Leaving this to these tea party characters who say 'nothing government does is useful,' we know that's an unreasonable statement, but unanswered, there will be some people who believe it," Fattah said.

LUCC members came to push for re-authorizations of the workforce development, transportation and elementary and secondary school acts. Fattah said everyone's priority was to settle the nation's financial situation.

"The president's trying to cut a deal around big money issues with the Senate," he said. "Once we settle

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Miami-Dade, Fla. County Commissioner Sally Heyman asks a question of U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-Pa.), while Ramsey County, Minn. Commissioner Jim McDonough and Tarrant County, Texas Commissioner Roy Brooks listen.

money matters, then we can get to work on substantive issues."

Fattah was pessimistic that the House could move any legislation, though.

"The trains are not running, at the moment; we've done nothing," he said. "It was only with a big gigantic push that we did the Violence Against Women Act."

He supported authorization of the Workforce Development Act, saying it was integrated in the approach to restoring and rebounding the economy, but also used examples from his home district in Philadelphia to stress the need for work-readiness programs, too.

"We've had 3,000 manufacturing jobs available for over a year; people don't show up on time; they're not ready to work," he said.

In terms of justice-reform efforts, he was encouraged a growing coalition between justice-reform advocates and conservative members who were getting fed up with the high incarceration rate.

"There are nonviolent offenders taking prison space away from people who really have to be locked up," he said.

Fulton County, Ga. Commission Chairman John Eaves expressed support for the Second Chance jail diversion program, which had seen its funding cut in the sequester. Fattah said, "We hope we'll be able to increase funding but it's a challenging proposition."

Commissioner Sally Heyman mentioned Miami-Dade's public purpose workforce housing initiative in the meeting, describing how public attorneys, teachers, nurses, firefighters and law enforcement officers can rent affordable housing to help establish credit and pay back loans.



The LUCC delegation with U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah as they conclude their May 8 meeting. Top row (l-r): Franklin County, Ohio Commissioner John O'Grady; Ramsey County, Minn. Commissioner Toni Carter; Fattah; Ramsey County, Minn. Commissioner Jim McDonough; Tarrant County, Texas Commissioner Roy Brooks and Fulton County, Ga. Commissioner John Eaves. Bottom Row (l-r): El Paso County, Colo. Commissioner Sallie Clark; Miami-Dade, Fla. County Commissioner Sally Heyman; Baltimore City, Md. Councilwoman Helen Holtor, LUCC chairwoman; and Linn County, Iowa Commissioner and NACo First Vice President Linda Langston.

Large counties deliver Why Counties Matter message to Capitol Hill, Administration

County leaders from the nation's largest counties carried the Why Counties Matter message to Capitol Hill and urged members of Congress and the Administration to support federal funding and legislative priorities affecting large, metropolitan counties and their residents.

The Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) annual fly-in, May 7-8, in Washington, D.C. included visits to 35 congressional offices, a special leadership team meeting with House Urban Caucus Co-chair Chaka Fattah (D-Pa.) and a joint meeting with White House staff.

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Rep. Fattah encourages broader persuasion efforts for LUCC members

The advocacy effort led by LUCC Chair Helen Holton, council member, Baltimore City, Md., focused on preserving the federal-state-local partnership for health care — especially Medicaid funding — the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, and funding priorities for important housing and community development programs such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

LUCC is a bipartisan coalition of elected and appointed county officials from across the nation representing about 130 million people.

Participating in this year's fly-in in addition to Holton were: Tarrant County, Texas Commissioner Roy Brooks; Ramsey County, Minn. Commissioner Jim McDonough; Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman; El Paso County, Colo. Commissioner Sallie Clark; Fulton County, Ga. Commission Chairman John Eavas; NACo First Vice President Linda Langston, supervisor, Linn County, Iowa; Franklin County, Ohio Commission President John O'Grady; and Ramsey County, Minn. Commissioner Toni Carter.

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Earl Blumenauer Wades Into Oregon Special With Re-Air of Old Ad

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By Kyle Trygstad

Roll Call Staff

Oct. 28, 2011, 3:51 p.m.

Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D) will re-air an ad he ran in his first Congressional bid in 1996, which looks strikingly similar to one currently on the air for the Republican running in the 1st district special.

Blumenauer announced the replaying of the ad in Portland, a city split between the 1st district and Blumenauer's 3rd district.

"Rob Cornilles appears confused about his extreme Tea Party positions and trick Oregonians into thinking he is a moderate," Blumenauer said in a statement released by his campaign. "I am re-airing this ad because Oregon voters should know the real Rob Cornilles — a Tea Party Republican wrapped in moderate clothing."

Cornilles, who lost to Democrat David Wu last year and is now running to succeed him, launched his "Running" TV ad Tuesday. Blumenauer's "Running" ad aired for the first time during his 1996 special election campaign to replace now-Sen. Ron Wyden (D) in the House.

Blumenauer's ad was slightly adjusted for the re-air, including a note at the top of the screen indicating it originally ran in 1996 and a message at the end: "I'm Earl Blumenauer and I still approve this message."

In response to Blumenauer's announcement, Cornilles invited Blumenauer to join him in a run along the Willamette River in Portland on Saturday at noon. He proposed starting at the Salmon Street Springs Fountain.

A Cornilles spokeswoman said showing a candidate running was admittedly not the most unique ad strategy, but she said the campaign hadn't been aware of Blumenauer's ad, which ran 15 years ago. It's also garnered the campaign more exposure.

Cornilles will likely need to win some moderate Democratic voters to win the Jan. 31 special in this traditionally Democratic district, and he's tailored a message that he hopes allows him to do that. National Democrats are hopeful the Blumenauer message helps ensure Cornilles, who had \$422,008 in cash on hand as of Thursday, doesn't pull that off.

Cornilles is expected to take the GOP nomination easily on Nov. 8, when voting in the all-mail primary ends. On the Democratic side, state Sen. Suzanne Bonamici has held large leads in two recent polls against state Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian and state Rep. Brad Witt.



Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call

Rep. Earl Blumenauer is reaching into the archive to re-air an old campaign ad after the Republican running in Oregon's special election started running a similar spot.

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Watch the ads:

Congresswoman DeGette: Farm Dust bill underscores Tea Party 'madness' in House

By **Troy Hooper**

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:45 pm

As the House prepared to pass the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act last week, U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette must've imagined herself wearing a blue knee-length dress with a white pinafore overtop.

"This entire session of Congress has felt to many of us like a trip into Alice's Wonderland," the eight-term Democrat from Colorado said Thursday. "While our nation struggles with a devastating economy ... we do nothing about jobs or getting America back to work; instead we repeatedly fall down the rabbit hole of extreme legislation, and now with this so-called 'Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act,' it would seem we're having tea with the Cheshire Cat. To paraphrase the Cheshire Cat, 'We're all mad here. I'm mad. You're mad ... You must be mad or you wouldn't have come here.'"

The fact that the Environmental Protection Agency maintains it has no plans to regulate farm dust is only partially what left DeGette challenging the sanity of her colleagues at a time when their approval rating lags behind both President Nixon during Watergate and Paris Hilton circa 2005. She was also tripping out that they refused to limit the scope of H.R. 1633 to agriculture, as its title implies.

U.S. Reps. Cory Gardner, Scott Tipton and Doug Lamborn — Coloradans who co-sponsored the bill — and their Republican cohorts shot down several amendments that would have exempted farm dust from the Clean Air Act but would have ensured the EPA can regulate coarse particulate matter from the mining and extraction industries, or dust that contains arsenic or other heavy metals, or dust that substantially harms public health.

DeGette floated a "motion to recommit" that sought to refer the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act back to committee so the legislation would clearly state that the EPA could still be able to regulate dangerous asbestos, lead and cadmium emissions but the GOP-led House rejected that too.

Rep. Diana
DeGette

"What would happen if we exempted asbestos from the Clean Air Act? Unfortunately, we already know," DeGette said. "To see the realities of asbestos — a natural material — we could simply ask the families of Libby, Montana. In 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency declared a public health emergency in Libby, Montana, after decades of asbestos exposure from local mines. Even though the Libby vermiculite asbestos mine closed in 1990, the EPA believes that current conditions continue to present significant ongoing threats to public health. There remain significantly higher rates of asbestos-related disease in Libby compared with the national average. Too bad that mine managers told their workers that the dust they inhaled daily was just 'nuisance dust' and would have no permanent effects."

Republicans defended the legislation.

"While our nation's farmers are expected to continue meeting the needs of a growing population, unnecessary regulations that place increased burdens on American agriculture are making production more costly and challenging — hurting jobs and small businesses," Tipton said in a prepared statement. "I urge the Senate to quickly send this common sense pro-jobs bill to the President."

Rep. Scott
Tipton

Many Democrats counter the bill is a solution in search of a problem. A white rabbit.

"The truth is that the EPA doesn't currently regulate farm dust. This bill would prevent a regulation that doesn't actually exist, from overseeing something undefined," DeGette told the House. "... Sadly for the American people, H.R. 1633 simply underscores the 'madness' of this body right now."

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Tea Party Republicans Block Vote to Decrease Taxes for 160 Million Americans

Tuesday December 20, 2011

Outraged McCarthy Says: Stop Playing Politics with Paychecks of Millions of Americans

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WASHINGTON, DC – On the eve of the holiday season, House Republicans have been forced by the Tea Party to block a vote that would have provided a much-needed tax break and extended unemployment benefits for millions of Americans.

After Tea Party members threatened a revolt, House Republicans are now refusing to even hold a vote on extending a payroll tax cut putting about \$1,000 back in the wallets of 160 million Americans, and extending unemployment insurance program – a bipartisan agreement already approved by 89 Senators of both parties. House Republicans have effectively killed the bill and are jeopardizing an economy still struggling because Tea Party leaders are more interested in scoring political points instead of helping millions of Americans and sharing the credit with Democrats.

This week, Senate Republicans who supported the effort to help American workers railed publicly against their Tea Party colleagues and their motives. Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY4), who is cosponsoring legislation to advance the bipartisan compromise bill that passed the Senate, issued the following statement today:

"At a time when so many people are hurting in this economy, and facing the added expenses associated with the holidays, this is one of the worst things House Republicans can do at the end of one of the most partisan sessions I've ever seen in Congress.

"House Republicans and the Tea Party should be ashamed of themselves for not even allowing a vote on a tax cut on 160 million hardworking Americans and unemployment benefits for over two million more, just because Democrats support these measures. House Republicans even praised the bipartisan deal between Senate Democrats and Republicans before their Tea Party colleagues made them backtrack. Worst of all, the reason that Republicans aren't allowing a vote on the tax cut is because they think it will pass. So much for Speaker Boehner's promise to let the House work its will. So much for House Republican's promises to do what's right for America.

"It's time to stop letting the Tea Party hold the House of Representatives hostage. There are very real and immediate consequences to this extreme partisan brinkmanship. Even Senate Republicans have pleaded with Republicans in the House to accept a deal for the American people.

"This is the opposite of the 'small government' House Republicans claim to believe in – House Republicans and the Tea Party are using every political play in the book just to score political points. In the end they're blocking Americans from the prosperity and relief they deserve at a time when so many people are hurting and need all the help they can get.

"Republicans should place the well-being of the nation ahead of politics, and stop playing these disgraceful games with the country's paychecks and bills."

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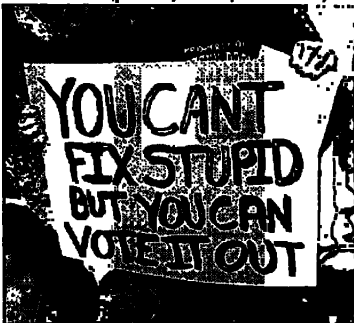
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Congressman Bill Pascrell Attacks Tea Party

Posted on April 13, 2012, 3:00 PM, under [New Jersey](#).



Democrat Congressman Bill Pascrell is in a primary race with Democrat Congressman Steve Rothman (D-9) in the newly realigned District 9. Pascrell has decided that one of the ways he will run his campaign is on the promise of "Stopping the Tea Party". Here is a little video about Pascrell and the New Jersey Tea Party.

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1. [Mark D Quick](#) says:

[April 14, 2012 at 10:16 PM](#)

I think Bill hit his head to many times as a child.... Being a Tea Party Patriot and a candidate for Congress I find Pascrell's comments insulting to say the least. Rep Pascrell and Obama have done more to harm SS and medicare with Obama-care than the Ryan Budget would but lets avoid that and play the blame game on others to hide their own faults. In the next few days I will be sending Rep Pascrell a registered letter to retract his statements on the Tea Party. I for one have a plan to save SS and medicare for our retired portions, But then again my plan puts the founding fathers values back in place.... tariffs on foreign product to protect American manufacturing and the value of our people. Bill voted for Nafta that shipped 2.5 million jobs to Mexico and allowed Tarp money to build GM and Dodge engine and casting plants in Mexico to help make the failed auto companies show a bogus profit at the cost of the American work force. In short, Pascrell is a socialist along with the other 80 some members of the progressive traitors group.

Fair Trade "Not" Free Trade

My idea of fair trade not free trade is intended to restore American manufacturing and enable the American workforce to once again receive a living wage. With the corrupt dealings of the Federal Reserve hiding the effects of our trade deficit it's time to repeal NAFTA, CAFTA, and the rest of the free trade policies meant to profit international interests and bankrupt the American people. It's time our elected officials stop stealing our Social Security Funds and stripping our future retirement benefits for the profit of Wall Street and international interests and start protecting our interests. It's time to reinstata tariffs on foreign goods to return jobs back home, then placing these revenues in a locked box for Social Security and Medicare. Also we as American's must understand we have to fund the 2006 Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program that has never been funded.

2. [George](#) says:

[April 15, 2012 at 12:33 PM](#)

If Barbara identified herself as representing the tea party this is wrong.

I don't think she should have verbally gone after this woman. And I wouldn't be putting it out there like this was something to be proud of.

The OWS people don't get enough coverage, but this is just what the news media is looking for from the Tea Party people.

It would be best to walk away and be the bigger person. It's sad that the mother thought her daughter wasn't beautiful and not very intelligent.

3. [Deaun Jim](#) says:

[April 15, 2012 at 1:41 PM](#)

...ah, the resumption of stalking Barbara Gonzalez. I believe I said last year something to the effect that the collective use of her name by this site had passed the point of creepy.

George: Did you actually read the post? wow...you could almost sue yourself for defamation with that one.

4. [George](#) says:

[April 15, 2012 at 2:36 PM](#)

Deaun Jim said

George: Did you actually read the post? wow...you could almost sue yourself for defamation with that one.

Sorry Jim, I not only read the post, but *I also watched and paused the video* did you?

As far as being sued for defamation goes, what did I say that you object to? Please give a full list of all you disagree with.

I re-read what I wrote and don't see anything wrong. Did you watch the video and pause it? I believe in free speech, so Barbara can say whatever she wants. I read what was written, when I paused the video at the 1:49 mark, and commented on that.

What are your thoughts to what was written there Deacon Jim?

I do think it is unfortunate this got put out like this; but at the same time, since it was, why not point out what I read in the video. Again from what I saw, she did not say anywhere she was representing the Tea Party. I wanted to point out to all that read this, that the news media loves confrontations like these from the Tea Party people. Think what you say before speaking. I feel it far better to ignore them.

As far as suing myself for defamation, I'll tell you right now, I plan to collect every last penny. I plan on collecting double damages too.

5. *Wolfie* says:

April 15, 2012 at 3:06 PM

Don't you understand that nobody is permitted comment on the antics of Barbara?

It is fine for her to applaud people like Hoyas when they attack Glenn Beck, Ron Paul, Steve Lonegan, and Mike Doherty (don't understand what she has against Doherty, he gave her \$1,000) but it is wrong to criticize her.

In the world of these people, it is ok to call Glenn Beck a huckster and a crook but it becomes defamation and slander to question why Barbara Gonzalez invited a Socialist Party candidate to speak at her group.

If you want "stalking", check out Hoyas' website. I don't know what Mike Doherty's crime was (I think he didn't consent to let Hoyas select his friends for him) but he's been called names every week for the better part of a year by Hoyas.

In fairness, I think someone should come up with a name for Barbara that nicely balances "West Point Weasel". When attacked by the likes of Hoyas, we could call it getting a case of the Bayshore crabs.

Do to them as they do to you.

6. *Richard Zuendt* says:

April 15, 2012 at 3:35 PM

Barbara Gonzalez makes no secret that she is a Tea Party "leader". This is evidenced by the following:

<http://www.moremonmouthmusings.net/2012/02/13/bayshore-tea-party-leaders-walkout-on-guadagno-speech/>

<http://redbank.patch.com/articles/debt-ceiling-plan-represents-small-victory-for-tea-party-group>

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Just for a little sampling. Of course now she can add to that resume the label "fate filled name calling radical Tea Party leader".

7. *Deacon Jim* says:

April 15, 2012 at 5:45 PM

George: My 'suing yourself' line was meant to imply that what you wrote appeared to make you look foolish, when in fact you're not. Hence the use of "defamation".

As far as "objections" & thoughts:

"If Barbara identified herself as representing the tea party this is wrong." I don't see where a total stranger could take that conversation & construe some sort of leadership or authority figure. It was an argument between two women.

"I don't think she should have verbally gone after this woman." She didn't. She offered the woman's daughter a compliment, and then sparks flew. She defended herself & her views. Bravo

"And I wouldn't be putting it out there like this was something to be proud of." Agreed, but facebook is not my cup of tea.

"It would be best to walk away and be the bigger person." Not being a bigger person, I just don't think some psycho socialist is worth the bother. Agreed

"It's sad that the mother thought her daughter wasn't beautiful and not very intelligent." You're gonna have to go back and read that again. The woman thought the Palin girl was ugly and stupid. That's what started the whole argument. If after a careful read someone can correct me, I'll sue myself.

"I do think it is unfortunate this got put out like this;..." Horribly unfortunate is my view, and then to take the time to make a youtube video is where the creepy part comes in. It's like one of those late night thrillers...

8. *Deacon Jim* says:

April 15, 2012 at 6:15 PM

Dogwood:

"Don't you understand that nobody is permitted comment on the antics of Barbara?" You think it's OK to troll facebook and spend the time to construct a youtube video about an argument between two women at Carrabba's, in an insipient attempt to disorganize the Tea Party movement. I think that's creepy. We're both permitted to comment, so I guess that's settled.

"...but it becomes defamation and slander to question why..." Please read the above comment to George. Perhaps you wouldn't have such a good case.

"If you want "stalking", check out Hoyas' website." I couldn't possibly care less what's written by Gene Hoyas as it relates to this article. It has nothing to do with an argument between two women at Carrabba's.

As far as nicknames go, you should show some decency. Gene Hoyas calls Doherty a name, so of course the most logical thing to do is tag someone else with a name, 'crabs' to boot. Welcome to the good ship Creepy. Climb aboard, don't mind the leaks...

9. *Wolfie* says:

April 15, 2012 at 6:19 PM

It isn't working. There is a reason why Pascrell is using it in his ads. Polls must show that people hate us.

Barbara's stupid bull doesn't help that any.

10. *Wolfie* says:

April 15, 2012 at 6:23 PM

Deacon, Barb has been up Gene's butt for a long time. She cheers him on and when you are a no-date-on-a-bet loser like him a pretty gal like her can get you to go in any direction. She approves of the names and so she should have one. It is creepy but it aint our rules. It's hers.

11. *Wolfie* says:

April 15, 2012 at 6:25 PM

Troll facebook??? You don't have to. It comes to you. Where have you been?

12. *Deacon Jim* says:

April 15, 2012 at 7:35 PM

I appreciate you ceding a point. Bravo. I don't agree on who's written the current rules, but I hope we can all agree that at some point, the scathing prose needs lose some of it's inertia.

I took poetic license with use of the word "troll." Don't do facebook, pardon my ignorance. I just may sue myself.

13. *Frank* says:

April 15, 2012 at 8:27 PM

This is Barbara's husband.....

S T O P

14. *Rob Eichmann* says:

April 15, 2012 at 10:00 PM

Yo Frank, have you ever asked Gene Hoyas to S T O P his name calling? Do you realize he posted something on his site about this today? Are you kidding? You or Barbara has never asked him to stop what he does. I don't see anything from you asking him to stop on his site. According to your doctrine this implies consent to what he writes.

Frank, by the way, do you think it is a good idea that Barbara posts what she does on Facebook? You know how facebook works, it is forwarded all over the place. Is this the kind of behavior we want to represent conservatives?

15. *Richard Zuendt* says:

April 15, 2012 at 10:08 PM

Frank:

NO!

16. *Wolfie* says:

April 15, 2012 at 10:30 PM

Well Deacon, if you take a look at Hoyas over just the last couple days you will see that he's called someone a "whore" and someone a "dick" and that's just at a quick glance.

If you go on YouTube, there's a lot up there with Hoyas and Barbara and they seem very cozy. I think they are all part of the same team. Take a look at those videos and you tell me.

I've read a lot of her comments on Hoyas' site and I've NEVER yet read a criticism by her of him. Maybe you can find ONE for me?

Hoyas started posting a long time before Eichmann did, so in my mind, he set the rules. *Nobody ever said boo about Hoyas' foul mouth until others started mimicking it.*

Deacon or Frank, did either of YOU ever say something to Hoyas when he called people whores and dicks?

Remember why Hoyas hates Doherty. Doherty refused to call out CNJ. He didn't want to get in the middle of the f.s.

For this, Hoyas made up a name for him and attacks him every week. One of the dolts, i think it was LaRossa, called it "silent consent". Well if silent consent applies to Doherty, it applies to all of you too.

Everyone who hasn't said boo must be held to account for Hoyas' words. This is the Hoyas doctrine, as codified by Richard LaRossa.

Again, your rules.

17. *firedup* says:

April 15, 2012 at 10:48 PM

Wolfie, I am not criticizing you, but this has been said over and over again. about this "question why Barbara Gonzalez invited a Socialist Party candidate to speak at her group." I guess I am tired of hearing it.

But I also wonder why Conservative NJ. when on its site they support the Union County Tea Party that invite and had Al Jazeera at their meetings. So does that mean CNJ supports Al Jazeera?

18. *Wolfie* says:

April 15, 2012 at 11:06 PM

Yes, it does imply support when you invite someone to speak at your group. Debates are different, but Bayshore's wasn't a debate between candidates (and even if it was, they didn't have to invite a Marxist).

If the Union Tea Party did that they are fools, just like Falzon's group was when they invited a bunch of apologists in. That's on YouTube. Check it out.

Just because the Union Tea Party is linked to CNJ doesn't mean that they are incapable of making a mistake. The people at CNJ should recognize it when they do and point it out. If they did as you said, it looks like they made a big one and they should fess up, move on, and make sure it doesn't happen again.

19. *Walter* says:

April 15, 2012 at 11:22 PM

Some TPs remind me of senior groups the way they worry about having interesting speakers. They should remember they are a political action organization. That is the point. Don't worry so much about the speaker and the eats. Worry about getting something done.

20. *Richard Zuendt* says:

April 15, 2012 at 11:23 PM

The Union County Tea Party allowed Al Jazeera to record a meeting, not participate. They hold open meetings and anyone can attend. That is a big difference from inviting Socialists to speak.

The leader of the Union County Tea Party has never posted statements that disparaging liberals. They act like reasonable people that they left can't call "hate filled Tea Party members". And from what I observe, not one of them has a picture of themselves aiming a gun at a reader of their FaceBook page.

21. *Rob Eichmann* says:

April 15, 2012 at 11:31 PM

I've never heard of the Union County Tea Party EVER giving a Socialist or other radical group a platform to speak from.

I think we all know that the Bayshore Tea Party Group did just that and to this day defends it. Shame on them.

22. *Jim Killen* says:

April 15, 2012 at 11:40 PM

Poor little Barbara, with a gun in her hands, needs her husband to come on here and try to get CNJ to S T O P exposing her for the prostitute she is for the idiot Hoyas? Wow!

This woman is psychotic. Her family is enabling her.

The Bayshore Tea Party has fallen so far in the past year and a half. All because of her. And now this. What a shame.

Why not try to focus on defeating socialist legislation like A2168? Oh, because it doesn't further Santorum's presidential campaign. Do you really not understand what you can do to make a difference? Will you even try?

23. *Deacon Jim* says:

April 15, 2012 at 11:45 PM

"Well Deacon, if you take a look at Hoyas over just the last couple days you will see ..."

So to review:

Your rants are somehow justified, as Gene Hoyas has "written the rules."

I'm somehow responsible for Gene Hoyas, by "silent consent." or at least that's what you think.

So, in conclusion, Frank and I are somehow responsible for your filthy childish rants. That is DefCon 5 on the BS scale. BTW, you are responsible for what you write. Period.

It appears to any reasonable reading of your work the culprit is your unmitigated hatred of Mr. Hoyas. What say you?

"Is this the kind of behavior we want to represent conservatives?" That's a good question. Mr Eichmann asked that question. How about you?

24. *Roland Hosey* says:

April 16, 2012 at 12:06 AM

Jim has a very good point, this gonzzalez woman likes to hide behind her guns yet has no fight on something she can make a difference in.

She may be a charlatan. Afterall, she gives silent consent to her mouthpiece trashing the single most conservative state senator in our legislature. She has even egged him on on facebook.

What has she done that is conservative? She trashes every conservative leader in our state, and is silent when a fake colonel, who seems to have a few screws loose, attacks the few conservatives we have in Trenton. She even acknowledges the fake colonel's girlfriend and her stupid comments.

What's next, attacking Glenn Beck? Oh, that's right, her mouthpiece already did that. Again, silent consent.

She is what is wrong with the Tea Party and conservatives. making mistake after mistake, not realizing it, and getting all of us lumped into her little world.

We can't be lumped into her little world. Someone needs to tell her, and her husband, that she is not the conservative movement in New Jersey, or even in her little community. Quite frankly, she is hurting conservatives and what we need to do. Will she realize it? Doubtful.

Her intimidation is a joke while her husband comes on here making a fool of himself and Barbara. They and their family appear to have no shame. Is that who we want to follow? NO!

Barbara and her family fully support Eugene Hoyas and his attacks on the conservative leadership we have in New Jersey. They do this despite knowing the vitriolic venom spewed by him. They do this despite knowing his prominence in the racist report voted on and condemning him and his web site by the Republican State Committee in September of last year. Why would they do that?

Why would they attack this web site if they were truly conservatives?

The Bayshore Tea Party and Barbara Gonzalez have been exposed for what they are. Irrelevant.

25. *Rob Eichmann* says:

April 16, 2012 at 12:30 AM

Frank:

The more I read these comments I'm not sure if I should think you are funny (not) or pathetic. (obvious)

26. *Wolfie* says:

April 16, 2012 at 12:41 AM

Deacon, you are nothing more than a hypocrite, aren't you? Glad we found you out.

You failed this test: "I've read a lot of her comments on Hoyas' site and I've NEVER yet read a criticism by her of him. Maybe you can find ONE for me?"

Come on, just ONE.

Then this one: "Hoyas started prating a long time before Eichmann did, so in my mind, he set the rules. Nobody ever said boo about Hoyas' foul mouth until others started mimicking it."

Show me ONCE when you did complain?

And this one: "Deacon or Frank, did either of YOU ever say something to Hoyas when he called people whores and dicks?"

Nope, you failed again.

Then you try to change the subject with an attack and call me a name. Typical.

You are a hypocrite. You are a phony and no "deacon". You want to throw stones but cry like a wimp when it comes back at you.

You accuse others when you know Hoyas has a lot of hate in him. It serves your purpose to direct that hate, so you play to ignore it.

The poor guy starts with self-hatred and works from there. Ask about what they told him in therapy. If you are his friend you should get him some help, not support his addiction to hatred. Stop using him.

27. *Wolfe* says:

April 16, 2012 at 12:45 AM

"Silent comment" is your thing, Deacon, not mine.

You made this shabby world. Now live in it.

28. *Deacon Jim* says:

April 16, 2012 at 11:20 PM

Wow. So you deny any responsibility for your foul mouth, and blame me. smh...

"BTW, you are responsible for what you write. Period.

It appears to any reasonable reading of your work the culprit is your unmitigated hatred of Mr. Hoyas. What say you?"

You say nothing.

29. *Roland Hosey* says:

April 17, 2012 at 12:02 AM

Deacon:

I don't think anyone "hates" Hoyas, he is the gift that keeps on giving.

It is kind of weird though that you won't answer Wolfe's questions. They are pretty simple.

Conservatives understand who and what Hoyas is. We also understand the destruction him and Gonzalez do every time they open their mouths, or write the garbage they spew. Why don't you see it? Are you related to one or the other?

30. *Walter* says:

April 17, 2012 at 2:56 AM

They always take the focus away from Hoyas because they like it when he attacks their foes. Until they become the object of those attacks.

Hoyas was the original foul mouthed pig of New Jersey's so-called "conservatives". As Manly Rash he vomited over anyone he thought he was smarter than or who he was afraid was smarter than him. He attacked Glenn Beck way back then.

Hoyas is a nut and his use for some is running out because he makes targets of *them*. People are done putting up with him.

I say we organize a fund raiser. If he hates Doherty so much put him in a ring with Doherty and see who comes out of it, the real Captain or the fake colonel.

31. *Deacon Jim* says:

April 17, 2012 at 8:09 AM

Let me get this straight: This entire thread started with two women having an argument at Carrabba's. Now it's all about Gene Hoyas, and by extension

me I'm a hypocrite. Lol!

I didn't realize you fellas share the same unabridged copy of the 'Rhetorical Fallacy Handbook', & I seem to have fallen into the snare.

You will ignore this post and go on your merry way, unbridled cynicism as your banner. Have at it. See ya soon.

32. *Wolfie* says:

April 17, 2012 at 12:28 PM

Hey Deacon, you changed the direction but, per usual, you will cry and throw names when your efforts come back to bite you in your tail.

Still waiting to see if you found one case when you or Barb or Frank or any of you said one word to Hoyas when he trashed Glenn Beck or Ron Paul or Sarah Palin or Michele Bachmann or Steve Lonegan or Mike Doherty or Paul Mulshine or...

Still waiting to see when Hoyas calling someone a "dick" or a "woore" produced a colf for restraint from any of you.

Yes, you got it. You are all a bunch of hypocrites.

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Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., told liberal host Stephanie Miller that every time she tries approaching one of the 87 freshman lawmakers in an effort to build relationships, they're always complaining about something being unconstitutional.

"Everything to them is unconstitutional," she said. "It's unconstitutional, it's unconstitutional, it's unconstitutional, it's unconstitutional."

Miller said she doesn't know how Sanchez starts a conversation with some of them.

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"Sanchez, can I see your papers? I don't believe you're a congresswoman. Let's see your birth certificate," she said.

The congresswoman, who represents Anaheim and other parts of Orange County, laughed and said she knows how to get along with people. Then she used a mock Southern accent to describe her conversations with them play out.

"Hey what's your name? 'My name is M-o-e,'" Sanchez said, feigning a Southern drawl that drew howls of laughter from Miller and her cohort. "Ok Moe. Moe-ster, how you doing baby? What are we going to do today? What's your interest? What can we work on together?"

"Well, it's unconstitutional," she said, using her faux Southern accent.

Sanchez's spokeswoman did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

This isn't the first time Sanchez has played identity politics. During her re-election campaign last fall against Vietnamese challenger Van Tran, she came under heavy criticism for telling a Spanish-language TV station that the "Vietnamese" were trying to take her seat.

"The Vietnamese and the Republicans are, with an intensity, trying to take away this seat -- this seat that we have done so much for our community -- take away this seat from us and give it to this Van Tran, who is very anti-immigrant and very anti-Hispanic," she said, according to a translation on YouTube.

Sanchez went on to defeat Tran by double digits.


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Rep. John Tierney (D) will launch his first television ad of the election season Wednesday. It attacks his Republican opponent, former state Sen. Richard Tisei, for being "too extreme."

"The tea party Republican agenda: outlaw abortion, restrict birth control, billionaire tax cuts, middle-class tax hikes," a female narrator says over spooky music and desaturated slow-motion images of Rush Limbaugh, Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich.

"And Richard Tisei?" the narrator continues over unflattering slow-motion video of Tisei. "He calls the tea party 'a godsend' to Republicans; defends extreme anti-choice Republican views, saying, 'It is what it is.' Republicans plan to gut Medicare? Tisei calls it 'a good starting point.'"

"Tea party Republicans and Richard Tisei: What it is too extreme," the narrator says.

Tisei's campaign immediately hit back.

"We didn't realize that Rush Limbaugh, Newt Gingrich, and Sarah Palin were on the ballot. Last time we checked, they aren't," Tisei campaign Manager Paul Moore said in a statement to Roll Call. "Richard is a pro-choice, live-and-let-live independent Republican who has a 26 year record of independent leadership on Beacon Hill. He's a problem-solver, not a one-caller like John Tierney."

"Richard is confident that John Tierney's slime isn't selling this year," Moore added.

The ad is backed by about \$525,000 on Boston broadcast stations beginning Wednesday and running through Sept. 23. The spot is paid for by the Tierney campaign and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Tisei has already been up on TV with ads introducing himself to the district. As Roll Call reported last week, a GOP-aligned super PAC has begun running a scathing attack ad against Tierney.

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Liberal Dem Rep. Barbara Lee: Tea Party Caucus
"Came Here To Dismantle Government"...

Jesus is to Christians what big government is to Democrats.

Via Free Beacon:

CHRIS HAYES: In certain ways the House Republican caucus, your colleagues is the most conservative part of any major party we have seen in a very long time more conservative than George W. Bush. Is that how you understand the trajectory since then?

BARBARA LEE: Yes indeed. There is no way I can say I have ever seen a more conservative Congress. I've been here now 15 years. I am telling you, when we have an economy now with double-digit unemployment for example in the African-American community and latino community, not to be able to even bring up a jobs bill, a bill to create jobs to reduce unemployment, we can't even get this Congress to talk about and move forward to create jobs. I don't think there are more moderate Congress, more moderate Democrats. This caucus would be obstructionist as these Tea-Party are. This is serious, they're dug in. I think they came here to dismantle government, to

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Patriot Lady → anyonebutary2012 · 3 months ago

Any proof or documentation of: I think they came here to dismantle government. ???
Dems don't like others disagreeing with them. Notice that?
Quite frankly, if I could dismantle this particular government, I would do it in a heartbeat. And what is wrong with dismantling a bad government?

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take it back to 1789 and start from the Bill of Rights.

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Quit your bitching and go back to your Congressional BLACK Corkass.

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blight14 → Rick_Masters · 3 months ago

Rick, I've gotta say, you were really great in the LA movie....lol.....

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Noelle C Campbell → blight14 · 3 months ago

I love that song.

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Thanks for the compliment!

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HA! lol.....

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bigpate · 3 months ago

The technocrat's greatest fear - dismantling and reducing government. You know we are on the right track when we hear these pigs squeal. Give and give generously if you can.

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buzzsawmonkey · 3 months ago

She says that like it's a bad thing..

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Hmzm → buzzsawmonkey · 3 months ago

Who is your Daddy / Abba (who do you follow after / give worth to).. governments of men or The Living God ?

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It's the smartest thing this mental midget has said since she's been in fucking office.

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puhlawa → buzzsawmonkey · 3 months ago

Give her a break buzz. She tries so hard to find big words.

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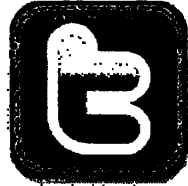
KatherineBranwen → buzzsawmonkey · 3 months ago

For once in her silly life, she's right.
But then she started lying again by claiming that the Dems want to create jobs.... How odd that the 'jobs bill' she's talking about was nothing but a spending bill.....and a growth of government, of course.

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Guest · 3 months ago

It's worst now than 1776...dismantle is one word but hung for Treason is



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Agrippa · 3 months ago

Never seen a "more conservative Congress"? Are you completely out of your mind (obviously, Yes)? About the only true conservatives in the Senate are Cruz and (losing his way on occasion) Rubio, along with Rand Paul. The others (like Teamey) seem to be squishies who will "go along to get along."

In the House, except for Gohmert and a precious few others, the Repubs are all (with some exceptions) belt-way libs like the Demon Rats. What 'cha been smokin', there, Barb?

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The_Patriot → Agrippa · 3 months ago

you can't have a logical argument with an illogical mind. That's why Dems are so tough because they are as illogical as humans can get

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So true....can't reason with idiots.

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a bill to create jobs .. hai

-doesn't work that way, cept if your building Chinese ghost cities

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Laurel · 3 months ago

She is friggin' corrupt and stupid it is beyond the pail.

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nevergiveup → Laurel · 3 months ago

Yep, she's been there 15 years too long.

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term limits and mandatory random drug testing

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alvin691 → Laurel · 3 months ago

Pale, but correct.

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She should be in a pail.

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nevergiveup · 3 months ago

Because the Conservatives of the Tea Party are not handing out any free passes, whether they call themselves Rep or Dem, she consider it dismantling the government instead of holding up the Constitution.

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Delawarr_infidet · 3 months ago

this "give me" society is only licking off the icing of the shit cake

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Jeff Gunn · 3 months ago

Funny how the Senate, which is hardly controlled by conservatives, hasn't brought up any of the stuff she wants, either.

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Cow Cookie · 3 months ago

I have an idea. How about you resign and give one of your unemployed African-American constituents an opportunity to be a member of Congress.

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Texas Jack

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whiskeyzipper · 3 months ago

Chris Hayes - a delicate little four eyed metrosexual flower...

Barbara Lee - a typical CBC member - i've been here 15 years and haven't done jack shit except line my own pockets.

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sneocon → Horsesoldier · 3 months ago

I always have difficulty distinguishing between Chris Hayes & Ralph Maddow....but then I repeat myself.

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Justine00 · 3 months ago

Even if it was true, that should be applauded.

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Dimart45 · 3 months ago

So did she vote against all of the job bills that were passed and weren't brought to the floor in the Senate? What an ignorant thing to say!

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edro3111 · 3 months ago

Where the hell has she been for the last few years? What a moron!

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louisiana_mom · 3 months ago

No not all of it... Just all that has been added to the original government... especially all that has been added in the last 100 years.

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Jack Sharp · 2 months ago

Whatever gets your ignorant racist fat ass out of power is fine with me. I mean whatever, however

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cheechakos · 3 months ago

"with double-digit unemployment for example in the African-American community and latino community"

WHY is that you stupid betch? Because there are 11 MILLION ILLEGALS taking jobs.

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whiskeytangofoxrot · 3 months ago

When the inmates run the asylum...when the ostrich sticks its head somewhere...when a person is in denial...when public education fails...when cognitive meets dissonance...when the spirit has sold itself out...when lust for power trumps love of fellow man...when hypocrisy meets mouth... and the list goes on, and on, and on, and on, and on....

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DanBoone → whiskeytangofoxrot · 3 months ago

that's good. I think that I might say, when the spirit meets desolation though.

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Liberal Democrats are not compatible with normal people

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The Unconstitutional parts yes.

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We just want to dismantle BAD government. And since they are incapable of even conceiving anything other than bad government from their point of



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view we want to dismantle it all.

To put it simply, if we wanted anarchy we would be encouraging
• Obamaphones, Obamacare, amnesty, gun grabs, and the Stimulus 4, Son of Stimulus. Because nothing short of nuclear weapons could collapse our economy, and government faster, leading to the anarchy you accuse us of wanting.

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The Tea Party wants to dismantle BIG gov't stupid. Not gov't, we're not anarchists.

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Boy would I ever like to dismantle the 75% that is unconstitutional.

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yes

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"I've been here for more than 15 years" - There's the problem right there...she's actually been 'politically active' long before that. "She was a young single mother of two receiving public assistance when she began attending collage. Lee was educated at Mills College and received an M.S.W. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975.

While a student at Mills College, she was a volunteer at the Oakland chapter of the Black Panther Party's Community Learning Center (did they not work to 'dismantle government'?) and worked on Panther co-founder Bobby Seale's 1973 Oakland mayoral campaign. Lee was a staff member for United States Representative Ren Dellums and a member of the California State Assembly and the California State Senate before entering the House."too long. But, she is one of those who would call a black conservative who ACTUALLY ran a business, such as a pizza shop, an 'Uncle Tom' and deride him for 'alleged' sexual-harassment towards women who would just 'disappear' when the elections were over. How nice! "I am telling you, when we have an economy now with double-digit unemployment for example in the African-American community and latino

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She seems to be suggesting that is a bad thing

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"I've been here now 15 years."

Your village is missing its microcephalic mongoloid. Go home, Barbs...your filthy constituents need you to hand them free shit at the soup line.

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"Jesus is to Christians what big government is to Democrats."

that's a fact.

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If you mean getting the do-nothings off the government test, then yes...that is our intention.

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She's been in Office for 15 years , its time the Bitch got a real job

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Crowley Fights Yet Another Republican Attack on Women's Health



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Crowley: "Every day it feels more like the movie 'Groundhog Day' in here"

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx) called out Republicans for bringing forward yet another anti-women, anti-health bill instead of focusing on jobs and the economy. Republicans prioritized bringing H.R. 358, a bill that would drastically alter longstanding federal law to permit federally funded hospitals to refuse abortion services, including services for women whose lives are in danger, for a vote in the House over consideration of President Obama's American Jobs Act.

Rep. Crowley's remarks as prepared for delivery are below. To watch his speech, click [here](#).

"Mr. Speaker, we're now more than 275 days into this Congress, and the GOP leadership has put forward zero American jobs bills and out-right rejected consideration of President Obama's jobs proposal.

"So, if jobs aren't at the heart of the Republican tea party's agenda, what is?

"Passage of anti-labor legislation to weaken the rights of middle class

workers and encourage the shipping of jobs overseas. Check.

"Passage of anti-middle class legislation to raise taxes on hardworking families. Check.

"Passage of anti-environment legislation to roll back clean air standards. Check.

"Passage of anti-education legislation to slash Pell Grants for middle-income students to afford college. Check.

"And, up later today – passage of its 7th anti-women's health measure.

"Today's bill will put the government in the middle of Americans' health choices and allow hospitals to refuse life-saving treatment to women.

"Mr. Speaker, every day it feels more like the movie 'Groundhog Day' in here – I wake up hoping there will be something different but it's just the same scene played over and over.

"The Republican tea party agenda stuck on repeat might satisfy the extreme rightwing, but it neither satisfies nor helps hardworking Americans.

"It's time for the GOP leadership to learn a lesson from 'Groundhog Day': the only way out is to do better.

"The American people don't want token legislating, extreme partisanship or the sideshow politics.

"They want real solutions, real jobs and a real vision for America.

"And, like the movie, they are desperate for a new day."

Congressman Crowley is the seven-term representative from the 7th Congressional District of New York, which includes sections of Queens

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and the Bronx. He is a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee and serves as a Chief Deputy Whip in the House of Representatives.


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30 Days of Differences

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With 30 days to go until the August 7th primary election, I thought it would be helpful to list some of the many differences between me and my opponent. One by one, each day until the primary, you can learn how different we really are.

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The Differences Are Clear

2. The bills I cosponsor and the bills I author are for the people of the St. Louis area. When I interact with federal agencies, it's always on behalf of the First Congressional District and the issues that matter to us. Whether it's a constituent having a problem with their Social Security, Medicare or Veteran's benefits; or a city, county or state agency who needs help connecting with a cabinet agency; or a school or non-profit organization applying for a federal grant; or a piece of legislative that will affect our community - my focus is on all of the people in our city and in our county.

3. My focus has been, is, and always will be, the First Congressional District of Missouri. St. Louis is my home. My hometown. It's where I'll always stand for election, and where I'll always represent.

4. I created the First Congressional District Youth Cabinet, with 48 outstanding high school students from across the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County advising me and my staff monthly on key national and local issues that impact young people, and performing required hours of community service.

5. I am a real, Progressive Democrat. I stand up for liberal Democratic values. I show up in Committees and on the House Floor to fight against extremist Tea Party policies. I have the best Democratic voting record in Congress.

6. I voted against authorizing the military to arrest and indefinitely detain US citizens, anywhere in the world, simply on suspicions, and without any requirement of proof, with no trial, no access to a lawyer, and no hope for release.

7. I fight against voter suppression, and any attempt to limit or deny citizens the right to vote.

8. I support, cosponsor, and vote for single-payer universal health care, or Medicare for All.

9. Earlier this year, I voted against H.R. 2630, which made it harder for public employees to support their families. I stood with postal workers, janitors, teachers, nurses, social workers, and police officers.

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10. I am endorsed by House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, House Assistant Leader James Clyburn,
11. This Congress alone, I cosponsored 43 major bills to improve the health and safety of and expand opportunities for women, children and families.
12. I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 191, the Public Option Deficit Reduction Act, which would put back into the Affordable Care Act a robust Public Option for health insurance exchanges.
13. The Missouri AFL-CIO and the Greater St. Louis Labor Council endorsed me because I keep the faith with union workers.
14. I have fought to protect consumers - especially against predatory lending - my entire career, from the State House and Senate to the U.S. House of Representatives.
15. I voted to save the Weatherization Assistance Program, which lowers the electric bills for 38.6 million low-income, elderly, and disabled households.
16. I voted to protect our environment, give states more control over oil drilling along their shores, and produce clean, renewable energy.
17. I voted, along with almost all the Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus, to end the war in Afghanistan.
18. I voted against extending the secret wiretapping and surveillance provisions of the Patriot Act.
19. I voted to direct the President to remove the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan.
20. I am endorsed this year by Governor Nixon, Mayor Slay, County Executive Dooley, 13 Wards, 7 Townships, the St. Louis Ethical Society of Police, the St. Louis Retired Police Officers Association, the Firefighter's Institute for Racial Equality and the Young Democrats of Greater St. Louis.
21. I voted to protect investors and consumers.
22. I voted to stop throwing away money in Iraq.
23. I run clean, honest campaigns, and I don't resort to false accusations or name-calling.
24. I strongly support union workers and families.
25. I am a loyal Democrat and am committed to taking back the House.
26. I fight for the issues most important to the people of the First Congressional District.
27. I voted against the rushed, incomplete and unfair-to-taxpayers bank bailout known as TARP.
28. I strongly support - and have always supported - the Congressional Black Caucus and

the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

29. I am from St. Louis, I have only ever represented the people of the St. Louis area in the House, and I will only ever run to represent the people of the St. Louis area in the House.

30. I am ranked the #1 Liberal in the House.

Difference #2

Your Representative in Congress should be your representative. Their focus should be on you, not other countries, and certainly not their next career.

While I get involved in important issues facing the United States, overwhelmingly my focus has been, is, and always will be, the First Congressional District of Missouri. St. Louis is my home. My hometown. It's where I'll always stand for election, and where I'll always represent. The bills I cosponsor and the bills I author are for the people of the St. Louis area. In December President Obama signed into law my most recent bill, one that I authored and fought to get passed in both the House and the Senate: to improve St. Louis Metro. When I interact with federal agencies, it's always where it belongs, on behalf of the First Congressional District and the issues that matter to them. Whether it's a constituent having a problem with their Social Security, Medicare or Veteran's benefits; or a city, county or state agency who needs help connecting with a cabinet agency; or a school or non-profit organization applying for a federal grant; or a piece of legislative that will affect our community - my focus is on all of the people in our city and in our country. In our First Congressional District.

My opponent's focus has always been on other countries and his own post-Congressional career. Russ has created groups in Congress to focus on Germany, to focus on France, to focus on international affairs. Russ has taken more than thirty foreign trips, many along with family, to the tune of more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of other people's and taxpayers' money. He does not author bills to help the people of the St. Louis area. He does not cosponsor bills to help the people of the St. Louis area. Just this week - with economic conditions in Missouri the way they are, with the heat wave, with all the problems we face in our city and county - Russ published an opinion editorial about international science issues. Russ shows up in the society pages attending fancy parties at different embassies and Ambassador's residences. Late last year Russ sought and received an appointment to the U.S. United Nations team. And it seems as if, to many observers, he's actually making an Ambassador post of his own. All on top of moving around the state to find an office he can win, to position himself even better. What a shame. To use a Congressional seat not to help your people but as a stepping stone, and to a career not even related to the people he claims he wants to represent. The First Congressional District is just another stop on Russ Carnahan's World Tour.

Difference #3

All across our city, all across our county, all across our country, Democrats have endorsed my re-election campaign. They know what's at stake for St. Louis and Missouri in this critical primary election on Tuesday, August 7.

They know we can't cave in to the Tea Party like my opponent has, over and over. They know we can't allow conservatives to roll back the progress we've made - or worse, join them in doing it, like my opponent has, over and over. They know we must focus on our

city and county, not spend more than \$250,000 of other people's money to take more than thirty foreign trips, as my opponent has done. More than what we can't do, these Democratic leaders know what we must do: we must show up, we must stand up, and we must fight for progressive values.

My opponent doesn't share those values. He doesn't share our values. He doesn't represent the people of the First Congressional District, and he won't fight for us. Democratic leaders across the country know there's only one choice in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, August 7. I hope you will join with them and vote for me. I'm counting on you to come out and vote!

Please see this link for a list of the First Thousand Democrats who have endorsed me.

Difference #4

Last year, I launched the First Congressional District Youth Cabinet, the first in Missouri and only the second in the nation. 48 outstanding high school students from across the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County advise me and my staff monthly on key national and local issues that impact young people. In addition, the students perform required hours of community service. Last week, along with Democratic Caucus Chairman John Larson, I introduced legislation to create a Presidential Youth Council, patterned after our successful Youth Cabinets.

This is not just a nice honor, but an exercise in real youth civic engagement. The Congressional Youth Cabinet gives me a direct link to the things that really matter to our community. I need everyone's voices, energy, and personal investment to help me do my job better. The members of the Cabinet discuss and advocate for the most important issues facing our nation and our community. And this learning experience provides students with a path to become advocates for the issues that matter to them. I'm proud of the students who recently completed the Cabinet's first year, and look forward to their continuing participation in making improvements in the lives of the people of the First Congressional District.

Difference #5

National Journal, a weekly political analysis magazine, ranks Members of Congress according to the way they vote. Not the statements they make, the things they claim, the opponents they run against, or the bills they cosponsor. Just like in Congress, for National Journal, votes matter more than rhetoric. And National Journal ranks me as tied for Most Liberal Member of Congress.

This isn't a rating based on opinion; but an analytical ranking on 949 specific roll call votes in this Congress. They classify a vote as being Liberal or Conservative, and weight each vote on a scale of 1 to 3, depending upon how important that vote is to either side. Then they add up the scores and report them. They're unbiased facts.

The analysis demonstrates that I, along with 18 other progressive Democrats who are tied for 1st place, vote more liberal than every other Democrat in the House. The same analysis shows that Russ Carnahan is ranked 139th, in the bottom quarter. Russ' votes place him among the most conservative Democrats in Congress. This means 138 Democrats vote more liberal than Russ. That's a significant difference between us.

If you want a candidate who votes with the Tea Party to defeat Democratic initiatives, who votes for more handguns in DC, who votes to ban funding for a woman's right to choose, who votes against expanding Medicare, who votes against bringing our troops home, who votes to allow indefinite detention of American citizens, who votes to restrict our civil liberties, who votes against our right to privacy, who votes against liberal and progressive causes, who votes against Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Progressive Caucus bills, budgets and amendments, you have a clear choice in Russ Carnahan.

But I believe voters in the First Congressional District want a real Democrat. A Progressive Democrat. A Liberal Democrat who stands up for liberal values. A Democrat who shows up in Committee and fights extremist Tea Party policies. Who shows up in debate on the House Floor and fights Tea Party bills. Who shows up to vote, and has the best Democratic voting record in Congress. A Democrat who is consistent and unwavering in his support for progressive Democratic values, and for the people of the First Congressional District.

I hope I can count on more than your support. I hope I can count on you to come out and vote for me in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, August 7.

Difference #8

We all want a secure nation. We all want to be safe. But at what price? While the amount of money we spend, and on what, for defense and national security is an important debate, in this case, I don't mean money. I mean, what price do we pay as a nation for the way we go about conducting our defense?

Last year the House voted on the National Defense Authorization Act, or NDAA, which funds the Department of Defense and related activities. Of the many areas of the bill that were troubling, one that stood out was a provision to authorize the military to arrest and indefinitely detain US citizens, anywhere in the world, simply on suspicion. And without any requirement of proof. With no trial, no access to a lawyer, and no hope for release.

Now, we have to be safe. But a fundamental part of our Constitution says that you can't just be arrested and jailed indefinitely. We have due process in our courts, or we are supposed to have it. There are already too many problems with our justice system as it is. Now we are going to authorize the military to arrest American citizens, anywhere in the world, on a suspicion, and never have to prove anything? Never give these citizens the right to a trial, or any way to be released? I could not support yet another loss of our rights in the name of "security."

Representing your constituents in Congress requires the ability to say no to bad legislation, no matter what "leader" "insists." Like the Patriot Act - another bad bill that infringed on our rights - I voted against the NDAA, along with my progressive Democratic colleagues. Russ Carnahan voted for it, as well as for the Patriot Act.

Difference #7

We face difficult challenges in our community. Poverty, unemployment, crime, affordable housing, access to health care, equal educational opportunity, justice, and others. One of the most important governmental challenges we face is voter suppression. Across the country, people of color, poor people, the elderly, students, the disabled, and other traditionally Democratic voters are having their right to vote curtailed - or even taken away - illegally. The right to vote, to choose our own representatives, is fundamental, and it

must be protected. We can't solve our community's problems if we don't elect leaders from our community who are interested in solving those problems. We need to choose representatives who are committed to the people of the First Congressional District.

Russ Carnahan published a "guest commentary" about voting rights in the Post-Dispatch about a month before he filed to run in the First Congressional District. In it, he appears to support efforts to stop voter suppression. Russ invoked the "landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965" - and the civil rights movement - to appear to align himself with those who uphold voting rights, especially for "black, young and low-income residents."

Russ wrote, "This is why I will continue to work with my fellow Democrats in the House of Representatives, shoulder to shoulder with the Obama administration, the Justice Department and voting rights groups across the country to make certain that all who have the right to vote can do so and have their votes counted."

But Russ Carnahan doesn't fight for voting rights or support legislative efforts to stop voter suppression. At least fourteen pieces of legislation to stop voter suppression and protect voter rights have been introduced since Russ entered Congress seven and a half years ago, and of those, Russ cosponsored only one. And that was only two months after he had filed to run in the First Congressional District. Five other pieces of voting rights legislation were introduced this Congress alone, but Russ chose not to cosponsor any of them.

I cosponsored all 14 of them. In addition, I cosponsored another 10 bills to stop voter suppression and protect voter rights 2001 and 2004. I've been working to protect voting rights my entire career. And I do this not just for my constituents; I fight to protect my own right to vote.

This March, I held a major symposium at Harris-Stowe State University on voter suppression. Along with the Rev. Al Sharpton as our keynote speaker, my colleagues Rep. Emanuel Cleaver III and Rep. Gwen Moore and state legislators, attorneys and other advocates for voting rights, we began a nationwide effort to fight against voter suppression. I actually have been working with the Justice Department to stop voter suppression. Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer appointed me to the Voting Rights working group. My long fight against voter suppression is one of the main reasons I have a 100% rating from the American Civil Liberties Union. Russ Carnahan has an ACLU rating of 60%.

We have legitimate problems and we need legitimate leaders to solve them. I'm from the First Congressional District. I care deeply about the First Congressional District. And I will always work hard to represent the First Congressional District and the issues that matter to us. That's yet another difference between Russ Carnahan and me.

Difference #8

My ranking as the Most Progressive Member of Congress - and Russ Carnahan's ranking as 139 out of 190 - aren't some meaningless statistics to brag about - or to hide, as the case may be. We're ranked differently because we represent our constituents differently; we vote for and support very different things. I support progressive legislation that would significantly improve the lives of the people of the First Congressional District; Russ simply does not. He supports conservative legislation - for example, Russ votes against Medicare. These differences are real, and make a real difference in your lives.

The Number One health care goal of all progressives is single-payer universal health care:

Medicare for All. One organization would collect all health care fees and pay out all health care costs. It's by far the most fair, least expensive way to provide health insurance, and it will dramatically improve the health of everyone in this country. I have strongly advocated for single-payer my entire career. I have supported legislation, I have given countless speeches, and I have fought for single-payer health insurance for all Americans. My record on single-payer - what I do - reflects what I say. In the 107th Congress I cosponsored H.Con.Res.99, which directed Congress to provide access to comprehensive health care for all Americans. In the 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th and in this, the 112th Congress, I cosponsored H.R. 676, the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act. This creates single payer health care by covering every American under Medicare. It's common-sense, cost-effective legislation, and it's one of the most important moral issues of our time.

Russ Carnahan does not support expanding Medicare for all Americans. Russ has never supported single-payer. Russ is not a cosponsor of H.R. 676 this Congress and has never cosponsored H.R. 676 or any single-payer legislation.

Difference #9

Earlier this year, I voted against H.R. 3630. Russ Carnahan voted for it.

The legislation did some good things that I supported. But it did some very bad things that I absolutely couldn't support, and so I voted against it. This was another Tea Party attack on public employees and I wouldn't stand for it. The Tea Party wants to shut down the government to avoid making Wall Street pay their fair share of taxes. But they're happy to make it harder and harder for public employees to support their families. How much can Russ Carnahan and the Tea Party juggle on workers before their backs break?

If you think we should give tax breaks to Wall Street and make federal workers pay for them, your choice is clear. I'm standing where I've always stood: with postal workers, janitors, teachers, nurses, social workers, and police officers. On August 7, I hope you do too.

Difference #10

I would never ask you for a personal gift on my birthday. And I'm certainly not going to ask you for a \$56 campaign contribution. But I am going to ask you for a different kind of gift: Make a Difference of Your Own. Please consider giving 56 Minutes - one hour - to our community by volunteering. You can give the hour soon, or you can commit today to giving the hour within the next few weeks. One hour to kids. One hour to seniors. One hour to at-risk youth. One hour to our parks. Imagine: an army of volunteers each giving one hour to improving, strengthening, and lifting up St. Louis City and St. Louis City. That's the best birthday present I could ever get.

You know, something interesting happens when you volunteer an hour. It's like that old potato chip commercial: you can't do just one. You'll want to go back for more. You'll get that wonderful feeling of accomplishment for the greater good, and you'll get greedy for it. Each of us has our own skills, talents and interests. I'm asking you, on my birthday, to use yours to benefit our city and our county. Will you? Will you please give 56 Minutes? Here is a list of organizations that accept "immediate" volunteers - you can call, email or walk in and starting making your own difference.

Difference #11

I've championed legislation that positively impacts women, children and families since I served St. Louis in the Missouri State House and Senate. This Congress alone, I cosponsored 43 major bills to improve the health and safety and expand opportunities for women, children and families.

Russ Carnahan chose not to cosponsor any of them. Not a single one.

Difference #12

I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 191, the Public Option Deficit Reduction Act. The bill would put back into the Affordable Care Act a major progressive part of the original bill that was eliminated by conservatives and moderates. The bill would establish a robust Public Option in the health insurance exchanges created by the health care reform legislation. It would allow more people to afford health insurance, bring down the cost of coverage and save the federal government \$68 billion dollars during the first seven years alone. True progressives overwhelmingly support this bill.

Russ Carnahan is not a cosponsor of this important progressive fix to the health care reform law.

Difference #13

I take endorsements very seriously, and they're very important to me. Union endorsements show that I keep the faith with union workers, and they keep the faith with me. That's why the Missouri AFL-CIO endorsed me. It's why the Greater St. Louis Labor Council endorsed me. Hard-working union members know who has their backs.

Difference #14

I have fought to protect consumers - especially against predatory lending - my entire career, from the State House and Senate to the U.S. House of Representatives. Below is a list of just some of the legislation I cosponsored just in this Congress alone that protects the people of the First Congressional District from predatory lending and abusive financial practices, provides jobs and economic security, and ensures they have decent, safe, affordable housing.

Here's the real truth: Russ Carnahan had the opportunity to do so, but decided not to cosponsor any of these bills. Not one.

H.R. 1477 the Preserving Homes and Communities Act of 2011 - requires lenders to evaluate homeowners for modifications before initiating foreclosure, create an appeals process for those who are denied modifications, place limits on foreclosure-related fees and require servicers to prove they have the legal right to foreclose.

H.R. 1489 the Return to Prudent Lending Act of 2011 - prohibit banks from engaging in both commercial banking and investment banking, and prevent the high-risk behavior in America's housing markets that drove the collapse of the housing market.

H.R. 1548 the Right to Rent Act of 2011 - allows families facing foreclosure to remain in their homes as renters by paying fair market value each month.

H.R. 1902 the Minority Business Development Improvements Act of 2011 - provides

qualified minority businesses with technical assistance and contract procurement assistance.

H.R. 1909 the FFSCC Charter Act of 2011 - allows qualifying financial services companies to provide services and credit products to unbanked and under-banked consumers and small businesses, and develop financial literacy programs to assist their customers with improving credit scores and building a complete credit history.

H.R. 2537 the Jobs for Urban Sustainability and Training in America Act of 2011 - allocates \$10 billion in grants to cities with unemployment rates above the national average to provide jobs training, public works, and economic development programs.

H.R. 2809 the Microenterprise and Youth Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2011 - would make it easier for small businesses and young entrepreneurs to access training and other Federal government resources, and examine options for student loan forgiveness.

H.R. 3619 the Permanently Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act - allows tenants living in a property in foreclosure to stay in their homes for the remainder of their leases or for at least 90 days post-foreclosure.

H.R. 3626 the LIHEAP Protection Act - restores funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

H.R. 4210 the Restore Our Neighborhoods Act of 2012 - finances demolitions to eliminate blight and curb crime as well as aid the recovery of property value for homeowners.

H.R. 4277 the Humphrey-Hawkins 21st Century Full Employment and Training Act of 2012 - establishes a National Full Employment Trust Fund to fund an innovative direct job creation program for millions of unemployed workers.

H.R. 3076 - qualifies any low-income building units that provide housing for a student who previously was a homeless child or youth for the low-income housing tax credit.

H.R. 3661 - creates a permanent minimum rate for Housing Credits for affordable rental homes - 9% for new and substantial rehabilitation projects and 4% for acquisition projects.

H.R. 2963 - to offer specialized housing and social services for qualified relatives, age 65 or older, who are raising a child of which they are not a parent either by blood or marriage.

Difference #15

I voted last year to save the Weatherization Assistance Program, which lowers the electric bills for 38.6 million low-income, elderly, and disabled households. 185 Democrats voted Yes to save this important program. 23 Republicans voted with us, but the amendment failed by 15 votes. We needed every Democratic vote, but 6 conservative Democrats helped defeat the program.

Russ Carnahan voted was one of those 6 Democrats who voted No. Russ Carnahan voted

with the Tea Party and said No to helping low-income, elderly, and disabled households on a program so vital to the people of the First Congressional District.

Difference #16

Last year I voted for two Democratic amendments to a Republican so-called "Energy" bill. The two Democratic amendments would have protected our environment, given states more control over oil drilling along their shores, and helped us produce more renewable energy. My Democratic colleagues, Representatives Corrine Brown of Florida and Jay Inslee of Washington, wanted to protect their constituents, their states, and all Americans from oil spills like the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf. They both asked their fellow Democrats to support their amendments - which would have been very good for our economy, and not just the environment - and I gave my support to them. We have to stand together as Democrats against Tea Party efforts to roll back all of the gains we have made over the last eighty years. I voted Yes on both amendments.

Russ Carnahan voted No on both amendments. On Congresswoman Brown's amendment, Russ was one of only 57 Democrats to vote No. On Congressman Inslee's amendment, Russ was one of only 36 Democrats to vote No.

Difference #17

Just two nights ago, I voted, along with almost all the Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus, to end the war in Afghanistan. I voted to bring our troops home safely and responsibly and save the American taxpayers twenty-one billion dollars. It's way past time to end the war and bring our troops home. It's way past time to do some nation building of our own right here at home. It's time to create jobs and provide for the health and economic security of the American people. That's why I voted for the amendment to the Defense Appropriations bill introduced by my friend and colleague, Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Russ Carnahan voted against the amendment.

Difference #18

I voted against extending the secret wiretapping and surveillance provisions of the Patriot Act. The law granted the government sweeping powers to intrude into our lives and privacy. It was bad legislation, and I did not believe it should have been extended. On top of that, the House had done nothing to examine these provisions - not even hold a hearing about them. There were almost no limits to the authority given to the government in this legislation. Some argued that these extraordinary powers were necessary. While I strongly disagreed, we at least should have reviewed the law, and examined how it was working, where it failed, and where exactly it went too far. None of that happened, and so I voted against extending these secret and unnecessary provisions of the Patriot Act.

Russ Carnahan voted to extend them.

Difference #19

In March of last year, I voted to direct the President to remove the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan. We certainly have national security interests in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but we were spending \$100 billion a year on the war and losing many lives. We

had no exit plan, and no timeframe for withdrawal. 73 percent of Americans at the time wanted to bring the troops home. Something had to be done. In Congress, you have to have the political courage to stand up to your party, to your president, and lead. Sometimes you have to show them another way to go. I voted for this resolution, along with 84 other Democrats. Soon after the vote - what some had called only 'symbolic' because the resolution did not pass - President Obama announced a substantial, accelerated withdrawal of American troops.

Russ Carnahan voted against the resolution.

Difference #20

Here is a brief recap of the first ten differences between me and Russ Carnahan. The differences are real, they are honest, and they represent a clear choice for voters in the First Congressional District of Missouri.

21. I voted to protect investors and consumers. Russ Carnahan voted to protect big banks and predator Wall Street speculators.
22. I voted to stop throwing away money in Iraq. Russ Carnahan voted to give 1.5 Billion Dollars to the Iraqi police.
23. I run clean, honest campaigns. Russ Carnahan runs misleading, misrepresenting campaigns.
24. I strongly support union workers and families. Russ Carnahan is anti-union, and voted to prevent transportation workers from even forming a union.
25. I am a loyal Democrat and am committed to taking back the House. Russ Carnahan, by running in the First Congressional District, made it harder for Democrats to win back the House.
26. I fight for the issues most important to the people of the First Congressional District. Russ Carnahan does not stand for the people of the First Congressional District on any issue that is important to them.
27. I voted against the rushed, incomplete and unfair-to-taxpayers bailout known as TARP. Russ Carnahan voted to bail out the banks without any protections for the average taxpayer; Russ' vote allowed the bailed-out banks to hand out huge bonuses with taxpayer money.
28. I strongly support - and have always supported - the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Russ Carnahan votes against the Congressional Progressive Caucus every year, and voted against the Congressional Black Caucus every year until he decided to run in a majority-minority district.
29. I am from St. Louis, I have only ever represented the people of the St. Louis area in the House, and I will only ever run to represent the people of the St. Louis area in the House. Russ Carnahan is from another part of the state, and is now running in his third different Congressional District, seeking only to hold a seat in Congress, not represent the people of the First Congressional District.

30. I am ranked the #1 Liberal in the House. Russ Carnahan is ranked 139th out of 190 Democrats - more conservative than at least four "Blue Dog" conservative Democrats.

Difference #21

I am proud to stand up for the residents of the First Congressional District, especially when it comes to protecting them from unscrupulous businesses in the financial sector. Whether you have a diverse portfolio, a managed pension, mutual funds, or a single retirement savings account, everyone - the wealthy, as well as the rest of us - deserves protection in the financial sector. I voted for the financial reform bill known as Dodd-Frank that protects consumers and investors, large or small. Getting the bill passed was a difficult process, because along the way many conservatives tried to weaken the bill. One provision that I voted Yes on would have restored critical protections for those who invest in smaller publicly traded companies. The risk of losses from small companies is just as important, but they are not regulated like large companies. It doesn't matter whether you are investing in a smaller company or a larger company - you want to know if the company is cooking the books. We need protections for all consumers, not just the ones who invest in big companies.

Russ Carnahan stands against the consumer. Russ Carnahan voted with his conservative allies against protecting consumers and investors. Russ voted to allow smaller companies to go unregulated. Now, we are not talking about small businesses, like "mom & pop" stores. This provision would have regulated companies with total share values of up to \$75 million. That's a lot of money, even though the financial sector calls that a "smaller company." That represents almost half of the publicly traded companies in the United States. When it comes to making a profit - even that means taking advantage of investors, robbing pension funds, or deceiving people's savings - Wall Street doesn't care about smaller or larger. They just care about profit. And Wall Street Russ - who receives hundreds of thousands of dollars from these industries - voted to exempt almost half of the publicly traded companies in this country from basic transparency requirements. This is another demonstration of how Conservative Russ Carnahan does not stand with or for the people of the First Congressional District.

Difference #22

I voted against President Bush's choice to go to war with Iraq. We now know for sure that this was the right way to vote. And while I support our troops, especially those in harm's way, I do not support the more than one trillion dollars already spent on the war in Iraq. It was a bad choice to go to war, and we have to stop making more bad choices. We have to stop throwing away more money in Iraq when we are cutting budgets here at home. That's why, in this Congress, I voted to eliminate the \$1.5 billion in funding for the Iraqi Security Forces Fund. This is not money for our troops, but for Iraqi police. I know that the people of the First Congressional District do not want their tax dollars going to pay for Iraqi police in Baghdad when Republicans and other conservatives are cutting funding for police in St. Louis. The Iraqi government has money from oil sales to pay for Iraq security forces. While we are facing enormous cuts to programs that are critical to the people of the First Congressional District, I will not support sending a billion and a half dollars to Iraq.

Russ Carnahan voted to pay the \$1.5 billion to the Iraqi government. Russ Carnahan voted along with his fellow conservatives to take that billion and a half dollars from American children, seniors, the disabled - from hard-working American citizens. Russ did

not stand up for the people of the First Congressional District. We could have used that \$1.5 billion that Russ voted to give to Iraq to pay for school lunches, increase prescription drugs for seniors, strengthen Supplemental Security Income, improve our cities, increase the safety of our citizens - any number of crucial programs. Instead, Russ voted to give a billion and a half dollars to Iraqi police so that they could purchase weapons, ammunition, vehicles, communications gear and spare parts. Once again, conservative Russ Carnahan stands against the people of the First Congressional District.

Difference #23

I run honest, clean campaigns. I do not mislead the voters about my or my opponent's record. I do not misrepresent my or my opponent's record. I do not lie. Besides being just plain wrong, I don't have to mislead, about myself or my opponent. I am proud of my record, and I welcome questions about how I have served the people of the St. Louis area for almost thirty years. And Russ' record is so terrible, so against what the people of the First Congressional District stand for, that it doesn't need any embellishment. It would be hard to imagine how Russ' record could be any worse.

Russ Carnahan does not run honest campaigns. Russ Carnahan misleads, misrepresents, and, yes, lies about his opponent - and himself. And this isn't some new tactic that Russ is employing - it's how he runs campaigns. All the way back in 1990, Russ lost his first run for Congress by lying about his opponent. In fact, Russ spent so much time lying, misleading, distorting his opponent's record that several newspapers had to call him out on it. Here are just a few of the comments from newspapers in Russ' race in 1990, in the 8th Congressional District:

St. Louis Standard-Democrat October 21, 1990:

"...Russ Carnahan has brought more mud into a Congressional campaign than the days of Bill Burlison..."

Rolla Daily News October 22, 1990:

"We have already heard enough from Carnahan, whose loose interpretation of Mr. Emerson's record is grossly misleading. Mostly B.S., in other words."

Southeast Missourian, November 4, 1990:

"Our concern here is more with the way that this campaign has been conducted. While we don't intend for this endorsement to dissolve into a hashing of Russ Carnahan, Emerson's opponent, it would be wrong for this newspaper not to comment on Carnahan's tactics of deliberate misinformation and distortion of facts."

"Carnahan's claims of Emerson taking money from oil companies are a gross misrepresentation."

Difference #24

I stand up for workers. I always have and I always will. Hard working American union workers helped build this nation of ours. I will always fight for the right to organize, and for workers to democratically choose to form a union. The right to be represented, the right to collectively bargain, is fundamental, but it is being attacked by conservatives - Republican and Democratic conservatives - across this country. Public employee unions are under attack and so are private sector unions. I am consistent and unwavering in my support for union rights, and I will strongly oppose any attempts to

destroy workers' rights.

Russ Carnahan does not support unions. Russ Carnahan does not support workers. He opposes their right to form unions. As a conservative Democrat, Russ Carnahan votes to prevent workers from unionizing. This year, Russ voted to make it much harder for workers to organize. HR 658, the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, unfairly changes the rules for holding union elections, making it very difficult for workers to have the opportunity to have union representation. The bill that Russ voted for - and that I strongly opposed, and voted against - makes it easier to strip away union rights in the case of mergers between airlines or railways. Russ' vote to sell out workers also allows any union election results to be challenged in-person, not by workers, but by their bosses...which opens up union elections to voter intimidation. That is unacceptable to me - but not to Russ. Russ Carnahan and other conservatives in Congress are attacking the democratic principle of 'one person, one vote.' Shouldn't a supposed Democrat like Russ stand up against conservative attacks on union workers, instead of leading them?

Difference #25

I want to take back the House of Representatives. The Republicans have delayed and blocked President Obama's agenda to get this country back on track. The Republicans are only interested in stopping President Obama and Progressive Democrats from fixing what Republicans broke when they and President Bush were in charge. Democrats need to win back twenty-five seats in the House in order to regain control. The "Drive for 25" is the Democratic plan to win the majority. We need to run as many candidates who have a good chance of winning as possible. A Democrat with a chance to win in one district who runs against a sitting Democrat in another district isn't helping the Democrats win back the House. He's ensuring that the Republicans will keep control of the House.

Russ Carnahan's selfish actions are helping to ensure Republicans keep control of the House. Russ Carnahan misled national Democratic Party leaders, and so they put him on a special list. Frontline Democrats are given extraordinary assistance and a huge spotlight to raise money - to run against Republicans. You can't be a Frontline Democrat if you're running against a sitting Democrat. Russ got an enormous amount of financial help by being a Frontline Democrat - from people who thought he would use it to run against a Republican. Russ could have run in the 2nd District. He had a good chance of winning. National leaders of the Democratic Party strongly encouraged Russ to run in the 2nd District, promising considerable support. With Russ running in the 2nd, Democrats would have had twice as many chances to meet the Drive for 25. But Russ misled everyone. Russ isn't interested in taking back the House. Russ is only interested in Russ.

Difference #26

I fight for the people of the First Congressional District. For the issues that are most important to them. I have dedicated my career to protecting and advancing equal rights for all; to increasing voter registration; to ending voter suppression; to protecting Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security; to providing affordable, quality health care for all; to ensuring access to affordable housing for all; to protecting the elderly, the very young, the disabled and the poor; to improving education and educational opportunities; to bringing and keeping good-paying jobs to our district; to stopping predatory lending; and ensuring an accurate Census. All of these, and more, are vital to

the success and well-being of the First District. And they are all commitments I have made and demonstrated during my time serving the people of the St. Louis area.

Russ Carnahan's record proves that he isn't the least bit interested in the people of the First Congressional District - past their vote to keep him in a Congressional job. Russ Carnahan's record demonstrates a complete lack of commitment to what matters to the First District. Russ does not fight for minority rights; he does not fight for voter rights; for housing rights; for civil rights; for improving opportunities in education and the workplace for all; for access to health care for all; for the social safety net; for bringing jobs to St. Louis. His record is especially bad when it comes to low- and middle-income families and individuals. Russ' record is very clear when it comes to the issues most important to the people of the First Congressional District: it's nonexistent.

Difference #27

I voted against the bank bailout, known as TARP. While the financial crisis that happened under and because of Bush Administration policies needed to be addressed, Congress should have been more responsible in crafting the law. I did not support either of the bills. They did not address the real issues underlying the crisis, and did little to rein in the free-wheeling spending - particularly the bonuses - of those receiving TARP funds. I stood for working people, who were footing the bill for this vague and rushed bailout by twice voting NO.

Russ Carnahan voted FOR the bank bailout. Twice. Russ voted to allow the banks receiving taxpayer funds to hand out huge bonuses. After helping to pass this very bad bill, Russ later did yet another about-face. The next year, adding his name to a bill intended to address the bonusiasco, Russ said, "Taxpayers want us to get this money back." No, taxpayers wanted not to hand out the money with no restrictions in the first place. Once again, Russ does not stand with average taxpayers, and he does not stand with the people of the First Congressional District.

Difference #28

Caucuses are formal groups in Congress that discuss, support and advocate for specific issues and legislation that are important to the people they represent. I'm a proud member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC). In fact, I'm a Vice Chair. The CPC is the largest caucus of Democrats in the House, which means that more Democrats are members of the CPC than any other caucus. The CPC represents what it means to be a Democrat. Our four core principles are economic justice and security for all; protecting and preserving our civil rights and civil liberties; promoting global peace and security; and advancing environmental protection and energy independence. Do you know any real Democrat who wouldn't stand up for those principles? Who wouldn't fight for those values? Would you vote for a Congressman who calls himself a Democrat, but who votes AGAINST those principles?

Russ Carnahan is that Congressman. Russ is not a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Russ refuses to join the largest Democratic Caucus in the House. The Caucus that most represents what it means to be a Democrat. And it's not just that Russ is not a member of the CPC - it's worse than that: Russ votes AGAINST the Progressive Caucus every chance he gets. Russ has voted NO on every CPC Alternative Budget since he came to Congress. Russ does not support the principles of the Progressive Caucus, because Russ is not a progressive. Russ is ranked 139th - among the

most conservative Democrats in Congress. How can Russ call himself a "brave progressive" - much less a Democrat - when his record proves otherwise?

Difference #29

I am a native St. Louisan. I was born here. I spent my childhood here. I represented the people of St. Louis in the Missouri House and Senate 17 years and now for 18 years in U.S. House of Representatives. I have only run for the House in the First Congressional District of Missouri. I will only ever run for the House in the First Congressional District of Missouri. I am from St. Louis, and I want to serve and represent the people of St. Louis.

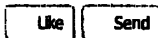
Russ is not a native St. Louisan. He was born in another part of the state. In 1990, he first ran for Congress - and lost - in Rolla, yet another part of the state. People move into St. Louis all the time, and you don't have to be born here to be a St. Louisan. But in his forties, to improve his chances of electoral success, Russ moved to St. Louis and ran in his second different Congressional District. Now he is trying to run in his third different district. After he loses on August 7, there's a good chance Russ may move out of Missouri in search of an office he can win. What matters to Russ is Russ being a Congressman, not St. Louis or St. Louisans. Russ represents only Russ and a select few who give him the big bucks.

Difference #30

I am a Liberal. I am a Progressive. That means, among other things, that I work hard to provide economic justice & security for all; to protect & preserve our civil rights & civil liberties; to promote global peace and security; and to advance environmental protection and energy independence. The rich - the 1% - have their representatives that they pay handsomely; I am for the 99%. Because of the way that I vote and the issues that I champion, I am tied for first place as the #1 Most Liberal Member of Congress. I'm proud to be a Liberal, and to fight for the people - all of the people - of the First Congressional District.

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Describing it as "Washington politics at it worst," Congressman Jim Langevin is calling for an end to the stalemate in the House of Representatives and has reached across the aisle and demanded the members get back to work. "No legitimate reason exists for any further delay in trying to reach a compromise," he wrote in a letter to Speaker John Boehner.

The letter began with an immediate call to bring the House, now in recess, back to session.

On the WPRO Morning News With Tara Granahan and Andrew Gobeil, Langevin expanded upon the letter's demand, telling Gobeil that "...it's the right approach, the right thing to do." The Congressman pointed out that only 200 billion dollars separate the President and the Speaker as they negotiate an end to the fiscal cliff crisis.

In the days before Christmas Speaker Boehner, recognizing it could not pass a measure with the majority of Republicans on board, ended the House session. The move has some questioning the viability of the Speaker's position in the leadership.

"It certainly doesn't look like he's in a strong position," Langevin told Gobeil. "The speaker is bound to the wishes of this very conservative element in the Republican Party - the Tea Party caucus within the Republican Party - and that's unfortunate."

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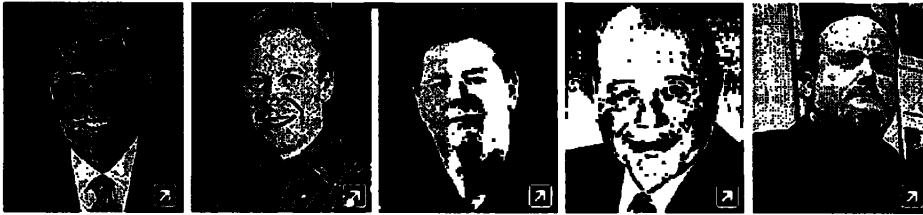
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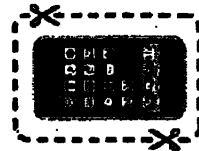
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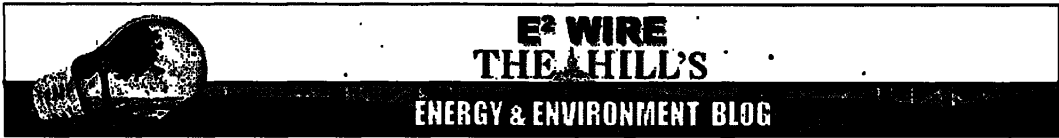
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Both Republicans and Democrats have doubled down on attacks on candidates facing allegations of corruption and misconduct, indicating that these could be potent issues giving otherwise safe lawmakers a tough reelection fight.

The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) launched its "10 Most Corrupt Democrats" campaign last week, an effort to highlight one Democratic candidate facing charges of corruption per week leading up the election.

NRCC spokeswoman Andrea Bozek said that this cycle in particular, the large number of Democratic candidates facing allegations of corruption warranted a particular focus from the group.

"There's such an abundance of Democratic candidates running this cycle that have ethics issues that we can't

even keep up. We have more than one a week that we could do," she said.

But Democrats, too, are making misconduct an issue this cycle with their House of Scandal campaign, which showcases a Republican facing investigations each month. A Democratic operative familiar with the planning of the campaign said that even if Democrats are facing similar allegations, what sets Republicans apart is the severity of their misconduct.

"The severity of [the Republican scandals] is just head and shoulders above anything [our candidates are] dealing with," he said.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has so far this year targeted Reps. David Rivera (R-Fla.), Michael Grimm (R-N.Y.) and Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) (twice), among others. Those three in particular were cited by DCCC spokesman Jesse Ferguson as candidates under a level of investigation unparalleled by Democrats.

Severity can make a difference in how misconduct plays in the minds of voters, but sometimes all it takes for a scandal to stick are juicy details. Melanie Sloan, executive director of the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a nonpartisan government watchdog group, says that some issues are simply easier to fit into the 30-second sound bites that make up an average

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"Complicated financial transactions like those involving Bush's mistress are less immediately comprehensible — voters pick up on these a little less than they do on more salacious scandals," she said.

Buchanan is under congressional investigation into possible illegal donations to his campaigns for Congress in 2006 and 2008, as well as the possibility that he pressured a former business partner to sign an affidavit concerning those donations that he knew to be false.

The three-term lawmaker was recently cleared of wrongdoing by the Department of Justice, but the congressional investigations are ongoing — and though the details aren't simple, his opponent, Democrat Keith Fitzgerald, launched a website outlining the investigations.

"The Democrats have used this smear campaign too many times for voters to take them seriously," said Buchanan spokeswoman Sally Tibbetts. "It's a mirror replay of their negative campaign of 2008, when Vern won by a landslide."

Other scandals remain potent, however, and might have room to grow — including those surrounding Rep. John Tierney (D-Mass.), whose in-laws were convicted of running an illegal gambling ring. Tierney denied any involvement or knowledge of the situation, but his wife spent 30 days in jail in 2010 — which Republican opponent Richard Tisei says stretches Tierney's credibility.

"Most people for a long time were willing to give him the benefit of the doubt when he said he didn't know what [the gambling ring] — it just hit his credibility," Tisei said.

"Voters don't expect perfection in their elected officials, but they do expect them to be honest and forthright, and on that account I think the congressman has failed. And that's what I hear from people as I go around," he added.

Tisei is the GOP's best hope at picking up a district in the staunchly-blue state, and the race is as tight, indicating that despite strong Democratic support there, Tierney's family's legal troubles could be taking a toll on his campaign.

Rep. David Cicilline (D-R.I.) was targeted by the NRCC on Wednesday as its next corrupt Democrat, a day after winning a tough primary fight during which his opponent for the nomination, Anthony Gemma, alleged that the candidate had engaged in voter fraud. The NRCC's attacks instead focused on Cicilline's time as mayor of Providence, R.I., during which he left the city deeply in debt, of which his administration might have obscured the level and degree.

What makes some of these charges more potent than a typical ad attacking a candidate's policy positions is that they are often corroborated by third-party reports, or seem more severe because of independent investigations.

That's why this time around, the city budget issue could dog Cicilline. Though it was raised during his 2010 run, the controversy has since been head due to an independent audit of Providence's budget released in 2012 that offers corroboration that Cicilline's administration managed the city's finances poorly.

Rep. Tim Bishop (D-N.Y.), too, is facing an independent report that could hurt his reelection chances. Politico reported in August that the lawmaker might have inappropriately asked for campaign contributions after offering a constituent help through his office.

Sloan said that the report could be damning not because it found any clear evidence of wrongdoing — Bishop contests that he broke any rules — but because the race in New York's 1st district was so close in 2010, and remains close. Bishop defeated Republican Randy Altschuler, whom he faces again this

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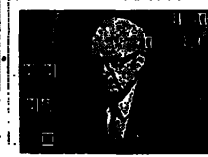
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And investigations into misconduct are, by definition, extraordinary, so they usually receive an extraordinary amount of media attention — meaning opposing candidates have to spend little time and money talking about the issues.

Jeffrey Garcia, campaign manager for Democratic candidate for the 25th district Joe Garcia, said the federal investigations into Rivera have been blanketing the front pages of local papers in recent weeks.

"We are in such an advantageous spot, where we don't even have to carry the bad news," Garcia said, adding that people in the district "are openly wondering and discussing their expectations for how much time he's going to be spending incarcerated."

Rivera's campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

— This story was updated on Sept. 9/14 at 1:16 p.m. to reflect that Rep. Buchanan is no longer under federal investigation.

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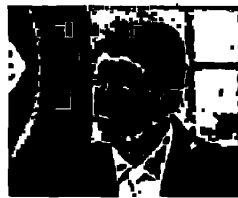


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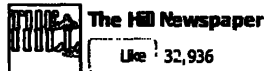
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Grijalva: Tea Party Must Look At Their Own Behavior

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Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.), who represents a district adjacent to Gabrielle Giffords's, said that Saturday's shooting is a consequence of the vitriolic rhetoric that has arisen over the past few years among extreme elements of the Tea Party.

"The climate has gotten so toxic in our political discourse, setting up for this kind of reaction for too long. It's unfortunate to say that. I hate to say that," Grijalva said in an interview with The Huffington Post. "If you're an opponent, you're a deadly enemy," Grijalva said of the mindset among Arizona extremists. "Anybody who contributed to feeding this monster had better step back and realize they're threatening our form of government."

Grijalva said that Tea Party leader Sarah Palin should reflect on the rhetoric that she has employed. "She - as I mentioned, people contributing to this toxic climate - Ms. Palin needs to look at her own behavior, and if she wants to help the public discourse, the best thing she could do is to keep quiet."

Grijalva said that his family has been provided with protection and that he expects further precautions will be taken by Capitol Police when he returns to Capitol Hill.

"Her whole future's ahead of her," Grijalva said of Giffords. "She's a moderate. I'm not. She's my friend. Our difference of opinion did not interfere with our friendship."

"This is a very sad day for the nation."

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Rep. David Scott, a Georgia Democrat, who came under scrutiny after accusing a local doctor of "hijacking" a recent town hall meeting is standing by his remarks and says some of the conservative protesters are motivated by racism.

Mr. Scott, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, appeared on Fox Business's "Happy Hour" Monday afternoon to give his side of the story after a Washington Times report of his contentious town hall was linked by the highly-trafficked Drudge Report over the weekend.

During the interview the congressman said "drama" over health care reform was being manufactured by right-wing protesters and has produced an uptick in racially-motivated attacks.

"There were tea baggers all over the place," the congressman said of his past town hall meeting. Later in the interview Mr. Scott produced a flier for the television camera that had an image of President Obama styled as The Joker. "If you look at this, that's a picture of President Barack Obama," Mr. Scott said holding the sign up. "He's grinning there like here's the clown from Batman. Underneath that it says Nigga, nigga David Scott. It says you were, and you are, and you always forever shall be but a nigga. If that ain't it I don't know what is."

"This was sent to my office as a result of this event that we had in terms of reaction to the news clips" of an angry exchange he had with an Atlanta doctor during a previous event he said.

Mr. Scott also read portions of offensive letters he said he received calling him a racist. "There have been a lot of racial overtones and these are a sampling of what I've gotten in my office," he said.

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The event that helped sparked the racist attacks, according to the congressman, held to discuss a new road project. When the floor was opened for questions, however, Dr. Brian Hill asked Mr. Scott about



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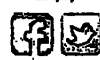


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The congressman replied by accusing the doctor of "hijacking" his event. "I'm listening to my constituents, OK?" Scott said, "These are people who live in the 13th Congressional district, who vote in this district. That's who I've got to respond to ... So what you've got to understand, those of you who are here, who have taken and same and ... ed this event we dealing with here, this is not a health care event."

"You chose to come and to do it on your own," he yelled. "Not a single one of you had the decency to call my office and set up for a meeting." He went on, in a threatening voice, "You want a meeting with me on health care, I'll give it to you!"

Mr. Scott's public tirade against the doctor was filmed by WXIA-TV News, a local NBC affiliate that confirmed the doctor lived in the congressman's district in a follow-up interview.

The doctor told WXIA he wasn't working for any outside causes and had called Mr. Scott's office repeatedly, asking to speak with the congressman.

"I did not go to a meeting to create any problems, I went to the meeting to literally ask a question that I thought was very, very important for my patients," he said.

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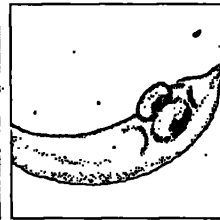
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Jaayd · 4 years ago

Dee321-- you are mistaken about the doctor ranting—he asked questions that David Scott did not want to answer. I attended another so called "health forum" put on by the AARP that David Scott was on a panel. He would not answer specific questions about health care by stating that there were multiple bills and he could not speak to the details.

Why is someone opposing the President called a racist while those opposing Bush were considered patriots?

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JW Morrison · 4 years ago

Seeing how the derogatory meaning of 'teabagger' I guess that it is Dee321's idea to criticize Barry Frank. As far as those attending these meetings, it was quite obvious that Scott was very 'civil' in his exchange with one of his constituents. If you are in Congress you have to be able to face the fire of your constituents or get out of Congress. These people have every right to be upset and at the tricks of Congress trying to force things through. And what did the doctor do that you would shame him for? He was accused by Scott as being a plant and not in the district. I'm afraid Scott should be shamed for the way he treated one of the voters in his district.

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Raman · 4 years ago

When the only tool in your toolbox is a hammer, your problems all look like nails. Race baiting has served Democratic leaders for generations. Why stop now? It is in the eye of the beholder; if the persons feels they were a victim of discrimination, then it is so, no discussion allowed. The only people who are qualified to judge matters are minorities.



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Deb021 · 4 years ago

It is a shame the teabaggers cannot be civil. It is clear they are blind followers of racists like Glenn Beck (912 groups), Lou Dobbs, Michelle Malkin and Hannity. Each of these repulsive racists LIE to their audience and scare them to death. This racist doctor ranted and raved. The Congressman was subject to his attacks. I read the evil letters sent to him. I saw the awful, racist cartoons of our President Obama. I can imagine the terrorists laughing over the right wingers demonizing our President. Shame on the doctor. Shame on Beck, Hannity, Malkin, Dobbs and all of the other anti-American zealots. Shame on them!

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shipley130 · 4 years ago

I guess the flip side is that Democrats are a bunch of liberals like Saul Aulinsky and others that want to destroy our Republic. If I had to choose, I will choose tea baggers. At least they are not trying to let new age commies take over.

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cndfox · 4 years ago

Mr. Scott would be far more accurate if he talked about the "closed mind set" that most of these people have versus saying they are racist. Their lack of common sense and ignorance to the subjects (versus demonizing, name-calling, conspiracy thinking and fear mongering to prevent needed change) is where the main problem is.

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Latimer · 4 years ago

Quite simply, as anyone could see from the manner in which Obama was 'sold' to Americans as the 'first black candidate' for the Presidency (he isn't), there was intended to be, and remain, a playing card in anything to do with him and, if he was successful in his bid, his administration. Naturally, therefore, the ultimate 'charge' against anyone or any group disagreeing with him and his policies, will be that racism is at the root of it. This, from a man who belonged for 20 years to a disgustingly racist en—y calling itself a church which extolled the 'value' of Black Liberation Theology and, in its 'values system' on its website, 'rejects the pursuit of Middleclassness' (the ultimate evil?!).

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Rep. Van Hollen: Boehner Has Given 'Veto Power' to 'Extreme' Tea Party

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(CNSNews.com) - Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) told a crowd gathered outside the U.S. Capitol on Friday that House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) has given "veto power to the most extreme members of the Tea Party caucus."

Van Hollen called on the House to vote on a Senate measure that would raise taxes on individuals making more than \$200,000 in order to avoid the fiscal cliff.

The Democrat claimed that the Republican Boehner will not call for the vote because of the Tea Party caucus: "So even though a majority of the members of the House, duly elected by the American people, Republicans and Democrats, even though a majority of them would vote for the Senate-passed bill he's saying, 'we're not going to allow you to vote'. In other words, he's given veto power to the most extreme members of the Tea Party caucus."



Maryland Democrat Rep. Chris Van Hollen (AP Photo)

"Because that's what Speaker Boehner has done through this artificial rule. A rule that's not in law, it's not in the Constitution. He says he won't even allow a vote in the House unless a majority of his Republican members are in favor of it," Van Hollen said.



Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) is among Democrats who are pointing their finger at House Republicans on the fiscal cliff issue. During an appearance on CNN's *Starting Point* on Friday, Stabenow said, "The tough part is in the House where they have taken this very extreme position about protecting the wealthiest Americans at all costs, even holding middle class families hostage to do it. And that really isn't rhetoric. I mean that's what we're seeing over and over again."

She continued, "I absolutely believe if it were up to the Senate Democrats and Republicans, we would get this done. I think the problem is, unfortunately, with the extreme elements in the House, and for whatever reason the Speaker won't act."





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Rep. Jim McGovern



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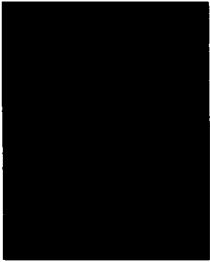
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Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. Bonamici) for a unanimous consent request.

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici



Party

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State

OR

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in strong opposition to the farm bill rule and the underlying bill because it will increase hunger in America.

Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Oregon?

Rep. Louie Gohmert



Party

R

State

TX

I object.

Objection is heard.

Rep. Jim McGovern



Party

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State

MA

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my good friend, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Kennedy) for a unanimous consent request.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in strong opposition to the farm bill rule and the underlying bill because it takes food nutrition away from working families.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

Rep. Louie Gohmert



Party

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I object.

Objection is heard.

Rep. Jim McGovern



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Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The gentleman from Massachusetts will state his point of parliamentary inquiry.

Rep. Jim McGovern



Party

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Am I understanding the gentleman's objection correctly that what he is doing is not even giving Members on our side the courtesy of stating their statement in the Record?

The gentleman will state a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Rep. Jim McGovern



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I'm trying to understand what the objection means of the gentleman from Texas. Does that mean that the statement that the gentleman from Massachusetts just made will not appear in the Record?

The objection was to the unanimous consent request.

Rep. Jim McGovern



Party

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State

MA

Mr. Speaker, at this point I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. Lowey), my good friend, for a unanimous consent request.

Rep. Nita M. Lowey



Party

D

State

NY

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in strong opposition to the farm bill rule and the underlying bill because it hurts the working poor and takes food and nutrition from hardworking families.

Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

Rep. Louie Gohmert



Party

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State

TX

I object.

Objection is heard.

Rep. Jim McGovern



Party

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State

MA

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlelady from Nevada (Ms. Titus) for a unanimous consent request.

Rep. Dina Titus



Party

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State

NV

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in strong opposition to the farm bill rule and the underlying bill because it takes the safety net away from America and Nevada's poor families.

Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

Rep. Jim McGovern



Party

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State

MA

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. Norton) for a unanimous consent request.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton



Party

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State

DC

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in strong opposition to the farm bill and the underlying rule because it increases hunger and poverty in America.

Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

Rep. Louie Gohmert



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I object.

Objection is heard.

Rep. Jim McGovern



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Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 15 seconds.

I think it is extremely unfortunate that Members on the other side of the aisle would deny Members on this side of the aisle the ability to insert written materials in the Record. In all my years here, I have never seen such a discourteous gesture.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Rep. Pete Sessions



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Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Rep. Jim McGovern



Party

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MA

Mr. Speaker, at this time I am proud to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Butterfield).

Rep. G. K. Butterfield



Party

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NC

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that the Republican Tea Party has a national agenda that is playing out right here in this Chamber today. You are attempting to defund food stamps--yes, you are--and place poor people, which includes children and the elderly and veterans, in a position that none of you would want to be in.

When it was time to reauthorize the farm bill, Republicans cut \$16 billion in food stamps. And what happened? The Speaker refused to schedule the bill for floor action, not because the cuts were too deep, but because they were not deep enough. And so the Ag Committee made deeper cuts, this time \$20 billion in cuts. When the bill was debated, Republicans then added mean-spirit amendments that doomed the bill. Now you bring us another bill with no nutrition title at all.

We cannot stand by and be silent when Republicans take these actions that offend what we are as Americans. We can do better than this.

Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair and not directly to other Members of the body in the second person.

Rep. Pete Sessions



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Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Rep. Jim McGovern

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State

MA

I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. Blumenauer).

Rep. Earl Blumenauer



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OR

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the relentless focus on the nutrition programs at risk; but remember, this is going to be the costliest farm bill in history. It contains no reform. It concentrates Federal cash on the largest, most profitable agribusiness. It shortchanges conservation, guts protection for wetlands, prairies, and forests. It rewards government dependency, not innovation.

You have managed to unite the Environmental Working Group, the Farm Bureau, and the Club for Growth in opposition. Congratulations.

Please reject the rule and the underlying bill.

Rep. Pete Sessions



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Mr. Speaker, I believe it's important for us to understand what's in the bill, and I'd like to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. Lucas), the chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

Rep. Frank D. Lucas



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Mr. Speaker, I would have preferred to focus my time in the general debate, and that's still my intention. The rule debate historically, as we all know in this body, is more of a partisan discussion, generally less focused on the details of the bill than the intensity of the process or the perspective by which the next action takes place. I understand that.

But I would say to my friends, and I will go into greater detail on this in just a little bit, remember what you are about to vote on, a rule to enable us to proceed to a vote entails, is consideration of a bill that took two markups over 2 years in committee, where 100 amendments were considered in both markups, a process by which a bill to the floor a couple of weeks ago subject to another 100 amendments, tremendous debate, tremendous discussion, yet a bill that could not quite get the muster of both the left and the right. {time} 1230

So we wound up a little short in the middle. What you're voting on today is the farm bill farm bill. It's what a lot of the folks back home have said for years they want: consider every issue on its own merit. Well, now, we're about to vote for a rule that will make that possible.

But in the farm bill farm bill, we achieve savings in the commodity title, do away with the direct payments, that thing that's caused such great angst--people getting money for not doing anything. That's gone, a substantial number of billions of dollars in savings.

Now, the committee had the spirit to believe that every part of the existing farm bill policy should save resources, so we save money in the conservation title, \$6 billion. We consolidate programs. We refocus.

I would say to all my friends on the floor, vote for the rule. Give us a chance to proceed to the bill so that we can consider a farm bill farm bill.

I can assure all of you that I have given my word to the members of the Rules Committee, to Members on each side of this Chamber that the committee will work hard to achieve a consensus on a nutrition bill. I don't know what kind of a consensus that will be yet. It probably won't satisfy both of my friends on each side of the room to the extreme.

But we, in good faith, did our work. Give us a chance to consider the merits of our reform-minded bill. Give us a chance, then, to address the nutrition title. Let the place work. Let the place work.

I thank the chairman of the Rules Committee for yielding some time to me. I ask my colleagues to vote for this.

I would tell you, if anything, part of the biggest problem with the bill 2 weeks ago was we saved money everywhere; and for some reason, no one ever wants to give anything up in this place.

The time of the gentleman has expired.

Rep. Pete Sessions

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I yield the gentleman an additional 30 seconds.

Rep. Frank D. Lucas

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Sometimes you have to have reform. Sometimes you have to do things differently. But at least the Ag Committee chose to make the reforms across our jurisdiction, to make everybody have a stake in the savings.

I know that's contrary to how the place works; but for one time, maybe, this session, or this day, or this year, or this decade, let's try it the old way. Let's try and look at the issue. Let's try to be fair and equitable to everyone, and let's do the legislative work to get, ultimately, to where we need to be.

Rep. Jim McGovern

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Mr. Speaker, I'd like to insert in the Record the letter from Taxpayers for Common Sense against this bill. I'd like to also insert in the Record a letter from over 500 farm groups and conservation groups that oppose this bill.

I also want to point out to my colleagues, the CBO estimates that this bill, as written, will add \$1.3 billion to the deficit in 2014.

House Leadership Proposes Outspending Senate in Farm Bill Fresh on the heels of losing a Farm Bill vote on the Floor because the rushed bill did not cut spending enough, House leadership is floating another plan to keep the checks flowing to agriculture special interests: strip out nutrition programs and pass an Ag-only Farm Bill that spends more than one passed by a Democrat-controlled Senate. In fact it would spend drastically more than either the comparable portions of the President's FY14 budget request or Rep Paul Ryan's FY14 budget (which called for \$38 billion and \$31 billion in savings, respectively). That's right, the Republican House majority leadership is pushing a bill that would save less than they promised, President Obama proposed, or the Senate adopted. The Ag-only Farm Bill shows just how resistant House lawmakers are to reining in our nation's deficits. House Ag-only Farm Bill Savings: \$12.8 billion. Senate Ag-only Farm Bill Savings: \$13.9 billion. Splitting nutrition and agriculture programs into separate bills is a good idea, but only because it would break the Ag-Urban unholy alliance that logrolled over attempts to reform both programs. To deny amendments and reforms would make bifurcation virtually meaningless. Each bill must be open to robust debate to ensure taxpayers are footing the bill for only the most cost-effective, accountable, transparent, and responsive safety net for farmers and the hungry poor. An Ag-only Farm Bill the likes of H.R. 1947 is the opposite of reform. It would: Cannibalize savings to create new generous shallow loss entitlement programs. Resurrect government-set target prices that are higher than in the Senate bill. Exclude all common sense steps toward right-sizing the federally subsidized crop insurance program--which was estimated to cost taxpayers a record \$14 billion in FY12. No means testing to exclude millionaire businessmen, no limit on subsidies, zero cuts to insurance company delivery subsidies, and no transparency on who is benefiting from taxpayer spending. Increase spending on subsidized crop insurance by \$9 billion. But that's not all, the House bill would: Increase FY14 spending by \$1.34 billion above the current baseline. Only save \$3.9 billion over the life of the actual bill (FY14-18) with the rest (\$9 billion) occurring after this farm bill expires in FY18. If Congress simply eliminated direct payments and the failed Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program (which nearly everyone agrees needs to happen), taxpayers would save nearly \$50 billion. Adding in a few common sense reforms to the highly subsidized crop insurance program (instead of sheveling \$9 billion in new special interest subsidies) would easily save taxpayers \$100 billion or more. Splitting the bill should be used to get better reforms out of both nutrition programs and the rest of the farm bill instead of just using it as a tactic to get to a conference committee to protect agriculture and nutrition's sacred cows. Simply divorcing the two with no opportunity for additional reforms isn't acceptable when our nation faces a \$16.8 trillion debt. Instead of eventually sticking taxpayers with a trillion dollar farm bill that barely puts a dent in the deficit, lawmakers need to go back to the drawing board and come up with a fiscally responsible solution that enacts a more cost-effective, accountable, transparent, and responsive farm safety net.

Rep. Jim McGovern



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At this point I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. Cicilline).

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Rep. David Cicilline

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Mr. Speaker, this is a shameful day. The House Republican leadership has decided again to abandon all efforts to come to a bipartisan agreement on the farm bill. Instead, they've launched an attack--on the working poor, veterans, children and seniors who rely on the nutrition program--in a desperate attempt to win political points with their conservative base.

After an embarrassing, chaotic defeat of their last proposal, they've decided to make a bad situation even worse. This proposal strips out the entire nutrition title, putting families and children at risk of going hungry.

They made a clear choice to protect generous subsidies for agriculture corporations at the expense of the hungry and the working poor.

Make no mistake: today, House Republicans are telling hungry children, food banks struggling to meet the needs of their communities, and low-income seniors who depend on food assistance that their needs don't matter.

And I urge my colleagues to understand that for 180,000 Rhode Islanders who benefit from this nutrition program, they are not extraneous. This is disgraceful, it's immoral, and it's contrary to our values as a Nation.

I strongly urge my colleagues to oppose this shameful proposal.

Rep. Pete Sessions

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I reserve the balance of my time.

Rep. Jim McGovern

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Mr. Speaker, I yield for a unanimous consent request to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Serrano).

Rep. José E. Serrano



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NY

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in strong opposition to the farm bill rule and the underlying bill because it takes food nutrition from working families.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York.

Rep. Louie Gohmert



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I object:

Objection is heard.

Rep. Jim McGovern



Party

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MA

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to yield for a unanimous consent request to the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. Welch).

Rep. Peter Welch



Party

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VT

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in strong opposition to the farm bill rule and the underlying bill because it takes food nutrition from working families.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Vermont?

Rep. Louie Gohmert



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I object.

Objection is heard.

Rep. Pete Sessions



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Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time. I have no additional speakers except myself when I close.

Rep. Jim McGovern

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Mr. Speaker, I'm the final speaker on our side, so I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, this is about our values. This is about what we stand for.

The constant attacks by some of my Republican friends, by many on the other side of the aisle, on SNAP, on poor people, on the vulnerable is just plain wrong. And, quite frankly, it's offensive.

Three weeks ago, this farm bill failed in this House because the Republicans cannot govern. You know, you are in control. Sixty-two of your Members, including five committee chairs, voted "no."

To suggest that somehow Democrats should have carried this bill is ludicrous because I want to make one thing clear: we are not going to vote for a bill that sticks it to poor people, and that's exactly what this bill does.

The bill that you had on the floor that threw 2 million people off SNAP was unacceptable, and we could not vote for that.

There are 50 million people in this country who are hungry; 17 million of them are children. Millions of people who are on SNAP work for a living. They go to work every day; but they earn so little, they still qualify for this benefit.

These are our neighbors. These are our brothers; these are our sisters. Please do not turn your backs on them. Please do not turn your backs on these people. We are a better country than that.

Please don't be so callous, because that's what this is about, when you throw 2 million people off this benefit, or even more. Because we have no idea what was promised to get votes on this current bill right now. We have no idea how much you're going to cut the SNAP program or whether you're going to sunset it, because none of us know what was decided in the Republican Conference.

But when you cut people who are poor, when you deny them the benefit of food, which should be a right in this country, that is callous. That is cruel. We should not be doing that.

We should be about helping people, not hurting people. So have a heart.

Where's your conscience?

What makes this country great, what makes America great is that we've had a tradition for caring for the least among us. That's why we're so angry over here, because all of a sudden it seems like we're turning our backs on

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the poor.

There used to be a bipartisan consensus when it came to making sure that the hungry in this country get enough to eat. There's a long history of bipartisanship on this.

All of a sudden this has become a partisan issue, and the target, so that you can try to balance the budget, has been placed right on the programs like SNAP, nutrition programs, programs that feed our senior citizens, provide our children meals in schools.

You've even gone after WIC. Enough. Enough. We can do better. We can have a bipartisan farm bill if you will move over to our side and understand that we have an obligation to take care of the most vulnerable.

So vote "no" on this rule. Vote "no" on the underlying bill. We can do so much better.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair, not to other Members of the body in the second person.

Rep. Pete Sessions



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Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the remaining time.

I believe that the gentleman from Oklahoma represents not just the conscience of my party, but also of the Members of the House of Representatives. I think he well and faithfully is attempting to do his job; and it is this body today that will have an opportunity, after hearing the gentleman from Oklahoma speak about not just his desire, but his leadership on behalf of the Agriculture Committee.

As he approached the Rules Committee last night, he spoke very clearly and eloquently and said it is his desire to have the farm bill farm bill, as he calls it, to be able to be before this body today where we can pass good and wise farm bill policy.

He also stated, before not only all the Members, but also in testimony that he presented to the committee, that it is his intent to follow up today's bill, farm bill farm bill, with a nutrition program bill that he would bring to the Rules Committee for this House to consider.

This man has worked on a bipartisan basis and, I believe, should have the admiration and respect of this body. But more importantly, the gentleman placed his word of what he's trying to do before this body. I think he is a sincere and honest man.

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It is my intent, as the chairman of the Rules Committee, as it was last night, to say to this body today, this bill, farm bill farm bill, that is before you does appropriate and good things for farmers and for people who make a living and provide this country with the agriculture and products it needs. We are trying to make sure that that is faithfully and well done today.

I believe the gentleman from Oklahoma deserves the respect of this body, and I would ask for each and every one of us to please vote "yes" on this rule and the underlying legislation.

Rep. Pete Sessions



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I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Rep. Jim McGovern



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Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were--ayes 223, noes 195, not voting 16, as follows:

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Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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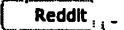
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Female GOP House Members Are 'Literally Battered Women,' Democrat Tells Ed Schultz

By Jack Coleman | May 25, 2012 | 21:45



Not only that, a member of Congress doesn't know what "literally" means.

It's not often Ed Schultz is taken aback when one of his lippy left-wing guests makes an outlandish claim, but that's what happened on his radio show Wednesday. (audio clip after page break)

Schultz was talking with Democratic Congresswoman Gwen Moore about GOP Rep. Mike Coffman criticizing President Obama as "not an American." Just as Schultz went over the top in describing Coffman's remarks (for which he's apologized) as "treasonous," Moore was determined not to be outdone in hyperbole. (audio) --

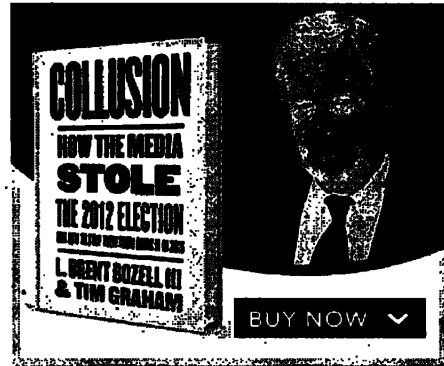
MOORE: Even with all of the obstruction, (Obama's) been transformational in just his first term. And as amazing and outstanding as he, even if you don't, if you didn't vote for him, you have to admit that he's smart, he's decent, and the only thing that they can do is the, are these ad hominem attacks. When you can't attack someone on their ability, the only thing left for you to do is to characterize them as monkeys, as something other than American, and it's sad to see racism in this country resurging, you know, as it was back in the days of the Ku Klux Klan.

First warning sign: Coffman smeared as little more than a KKKer who sees Obama swinging through trees --

SCHULTZ: It's amazing, you're in the same chamber with these people.

MOORE (sighs): Yeah, it is.

SCHULTZ: It is amazing. ... Let's talk about this video that has been produced by Republican women in the House trying to make the case that, you know, the Republican Party has done a lot for women. I documented it last night, put it on the show obviously that they voted against Lily Ledbetter, they voted against the equal pay. I mean, you can go right down the list. President Obama leads Mitt Romney, his opponent, by 15 percentage points in the women's category in the



polling. Do you think it'll stay like this? Do you think the Republicans can make up ground on that the way the way they've been voting?

MOORE: Just let me say this, Ed. You know, I know most of the women that were in that video, I know them personally, I've been the co-chair of the Non-Partisan Women's Caucus and vice-chair for several years, taking a leadership role in this women's organization. There are several of those women who I'm sure were dragged kicking and screaming into that room to take that video.

"Dragged kicking and screaming into that room"? A tad much, but what we can expect on any given day. Alas, it got worse --

MOORE: The reality is is that Congress is a very male-gendered oriented institution. Out of the, you know, more than 10,000 people who've ever been elected to Congress, you know, only about 250 of them have ever been women. And certainly we're at a point and time when in 30 years the percentage of women who are in Congress or have been elected is lower than it's been in 30 years.

If only liberals had considered these numbers when they voted against Sharron Angle and Christine O'Donnell in 2010. Moore followed with her jaw-dropper --

MOORE: And as they are as battered, they are literally battered women in that caucus. Time and again, they've been forced to vote against the interests of women and the consequences for not voting with the Republican Party are great. I mean, you just, male or female, just look at Dick Lugar who cooperated with the president. Or I'm thinking of Jean Schmidt (R-Ohio), who was in that video. She had a primary and was beaten in a primary. She was one of the women that showed up at the non-partisan women's meetings on a regular basis. And so there are, there's a huge cost in being bipartisan, a tradition started by Newt Gingrich when he took over the House in 1994 and has continued forward, that you dare not vote against the Republican Party even if you're voting against your own initiatives and your own interests.

SCHULTZ: So there's a cost to being bipartisan. You think those women went kicking and screaming in front of that and you go so far as ...

MOORE: A couple of them, a couple of them...

... the number of alleged unwilling participants dropping precipitously in a matter of minutes. Schultz, to his credit, pressed Moore on that alarming claim she just made about women getting beaten up in Congress --

SCHULTZ: And they're battered women in the caucus?!

MOORE (laughs): Yes, yes, they are. They're battered by, um, (gears furiously whirring), you know, not necessarily the mainstream Republicans (and not battered per se ...), but this is not my grandmother, my grandmother died a Republican, she refused to go along with the realignment, my grandmother for whom I'm named. This is not the party of Lincoln. This is the tea party and to the extent that they have a large, uh, contingency (you mean "contingent," right ...?) in the House, I think that not only are these women battered, but the leadership is battered. When you see John Boehner crying (laughs, more goofily), believe you me, it's because he cannot control, uh, that wild contingency called the tea party.

If what Moore claims is true and she has been aware of this but did nothing to stop it, doesn't that make her ... an enabler?

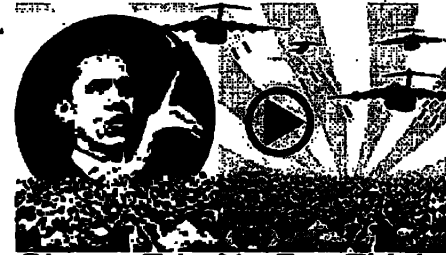
Gwen Moore -- literally part of the contingency in Congress that turns its back on battered Republicans, regardless of gender.

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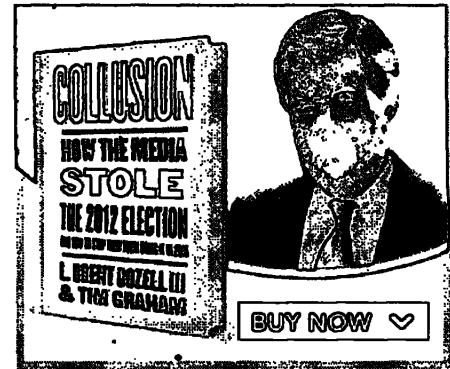
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I love how they whine about people getting voted out...

Submitted by dmacleo on Fri, 05/25/2012 - 10:09pm.

then say they are there to represent their constituency.
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How does she explain everyone's favorite

Submitted by Radical1979 on Fri, 05/25/2012 - 10:10pm.

crazy lady Debbie Wasserman Schultz being pushed out because she's not a
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Proud member of the 53%!

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Satchel Paige

Submitted by Cool Arrow on Fri, 05/25/2012 - 10:20pm.

"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." - Satchel Paige

Poor ignorant woman is deathly afraid she might someday face a qualified
contender who knows more than her stereotypical roles of gender and race.

Mia Love, Utah, comes to mind.

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It scares the Hell out of me that there are idiot voters...

Submitted by Dave. on Fri, 05/25/2012 - 10:20pm.

...that would put a mindless moron like this into a position of power.

Even as local dogcatcher.

But having seen some people residing in my state send Cynthia McKinney to congress multiple times, and follow her up with Hank Johnson, I guess I shouldn't really be surprised.

Damn do we have some seriously stoopid people in this country.

-Dave

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Share the love Dave...

Submitted by bigdaddy on Fri, 05/25/2012 - 11:10pm.

We have Patsy Murray, Maria Cantwell, and Jim McDumass out here in the Great Pacific Northwest. We need deceased voter ID in our state.

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sad

Submitted by Mark81150 on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 11:30am.

There are districts so rabidly democrat.. so urban in make up.. they elect these mindless clowns simply because they run.. they can barely form complete sentences.. but if they are black enough and have that d after their name..

these people would elect a friggin goat. They simply are that stupidly partisan..

I'm as republican (conservative) as anyone.. but you put a dumb as a hammer loon like her on the ticket... I'm staying home before I send her to Congress.. Lord.. WAKE up people..

"Evil is powerless, if the good are unafraid" ~ President Ronald Reagan

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Gwen Moore, she of the bad

Submitted by Trix Rabbit on Fri, 05/25/2012 - 11:44pm.

Gwen Moore, she of the bad comb-over, would certainly know about being battered. She looks like she had lost a round with Mike Tyson.

For the MSM: In your pomp and all your glory, you're a poorer man than me. As you lick the boots of death born out of fear.

Ian Anderson "Wind up"

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Old FATSO

Submitted by grammajane on Fri, 05/25/2012 - 11:54pm.

is all ears hearing about battered women. That subject is quite close to his heart as a wife beater and dog shooter, according to Google

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LOL
He attracts them, appoints them, or promotes them...

Projection again. Liberals

Submitted by Styrr on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 1:43am.

Projection again. Liberals are saying what THEY want do to women if they thought they could get away with it.

I haven't forgotten all that liberals have said, and are STILL saying about women - IF they happen to be voting for 'the wrong people'.

Democrats look at women who don't vote Democrat as traitors, and they want to wipe them out so they can't damage 'the cause'. I haven't forgotten - all the posts, blogs, comments and commentary from liberal media types, boasting about what they wanted to do to Sarah Palin if they could get her alone and unguarded. No, I have NOT forgotten.

You liberal democrat women - and I am not speaking to those in politics or the media, like Hillary Clinton, Diane Sawyer and all the rest. I am speaking to you rank and file liberal democrat women. If you knew what your leaders REALLY thought of you... if you could hear what they say and think of you when the doors are closed and the cameras and microphones have been turned off...

But why imbolite? All you have to do is go back to 1992, the original Clinton campaign. When asked what she would do if she became First Lady, Hillary responded by saying something like, 'Well I'll tell you what I'm not gonna do - I'm not gonna sit at home all day and bake cookies!'

THAT is what your leaders think about women and stay-at-home moms. They think that you're traitors to feminism. They think any woman who doesn't do what they order them to do are the 'Uncle Toms' of the feminist movement - willing slaves who betray other slaves to protect the slave system. They literally think that marriage is slavery, that motherhood is slavery, and that pregnancy is a disease that must be stamped out. And any woman who gets married and raises kids is a slave being raped and kept barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen.

They really are a sad, bitter, twisted bunch. I say after November, we round them all up and give them California or something. They only live in New York and California anyway, let's just give them two western states and clear them out of every other part of the country. Let them have their loveless, marriageless, childless utopia of gays, transgenders and tree-huggers. Let them try to live that way and SHOW us that it's the 'wave of the future'.

Meanwhile, the rest of us will restore society to normal and fix the economy - something that Obama and all his thugs have utterly failed to do, despite their grand promises.

If a Liberal/Democrat politician/media figure wants to put their arms around you, or pat you on the back, all they're doing is looking for a good place to stick a knife.

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What's wrong?

Submitted by Herbster on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 2:10am.

people complain about Congress. What can be done to improve Congress? Stop electing morons like this Gwen Moore to terms in the House would be a good start. Obviously, the woman has the IQ of a turnip. To have a person like Moore in government is shameful.

The dumping down of our society continues.....

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Yep

Submitted by Brudin on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 2:41am.

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...which would result in getting eaten, because we'd be in a traffic jam.

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Nancy Reagan (bless her heart) is probably too old to realize that this traitorous woman is portraying her. It doesn't matter. I'll not be watching the movie.

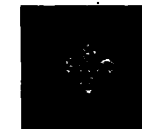
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Dictionaries record the meanings of words as used by people. Why 'shouldn't' they keep up to date?

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cajun_2

Talk to e. you two seem to think alike.

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samuelra01

From personal experience, however, I have seen such stories are often told to sympathetic sources without an effort made to verify the facts...both ways.

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What would you call 400

Submitted by rickdail on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 6:34am.

What would you call 400 members of Congress that went off a cliff? A good start.

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Is It Just Me...?

Submitted by Samaritan01 on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 3:03am.

.....or does this woman look like Gary Coleman in drag?? One look at her picture and I was expecting her to say, "What you talkin' about Willis?"

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Another black women who

Submitted by LAM SON 719 on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 4:43am.

Another black women who proves stereotypes are based on fact.

Non, je ne regrette rien. "You aren't angry because I might be a racist, you're angry because you know I'm right".

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She's right

Submitted by rickdail on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 6:35am.

We conservative hate woman, kids, dogs, cats and old people. Wait a mintue I'm an old people.

A well regulated militia being necessary to a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringeJ.

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She's right ..

Submitted by almostacowboy on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 7:38am.

..about one other thing - no one can criticize Obamugabe on his 'ability'!
Bwah-hahahahahaha!

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Four Democratic blacks have been in the Senate, four more as Republicans and one, Tim Scott is a Republican now.

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Moore is "clean" but not "articulate."

Submitted by malherbert on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 7:12am.

And she held a forum to teach people how to write grant proposals.

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Submitted by searcher0 on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 8:39am.

once battered immerse reps in canola oil set at 365 degrees until golden brown and crispy.

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Look at Gwen

Submitted by pabarge on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 9:15am.

pic of Gwen, [click here](#).

Oh look. It's a moron! Who would have guessed.

Bonus question: guess the race.

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Literally, indeed.

Submitted by BoilerFan on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 8:50am.

With her absolutely over-the-top remarks, the congresswoman offers up yet another example of just how stupid liberals are, literally. She also provides additional evidence as to why so-called "majority-minority" districts should be eliminated, literally.

Right in Lafayette

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Here in Ohio we have Sherrod Brown

Submitted by TeddyRoos on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 9:18am.

Most Liberal vote in the Senate since he was elected nearly 6 years ago. He has not. Liberal media doesn't have a thing to say about the restraining order his ex-wife has filed against him. We can add him to Wiener, Kennedy, Dodd, Clinton, Edwards, Gora, etc. etc. etc. Looks like a primo resume enhancement for being a democrat is battering and demeaning women. With all the Klan talk, seems like the latest lynching rhetoric is coming from the New Black Panthers. Listen for the media response..... Crickets, crickets. Chirp, chirp.

People deserve the government they vote for.

TeddyRoos

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"Sounds of silence," eh?

Submitted by BoilerFan on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 3:07pm.

"Listen for the media response.....Crickets, crickets. Chirp, chirp."

Ah, yes, I believe that's called the "sounds of silence."

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Give this lady a little credit please.

Submitted by Kingfish17 on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 9:29am.

Please, cut this poor woman a little slack. This is one of the rare times she used the word "battered" in a context that didn't also include the words "deep fried". Her confusion is understandable.

"You can't go take a trip to Las Vegas...on the taxpayer's dime." Barack Obama

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Was she dropped on her head as an infant?

Submitted by ohio granny on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 10:17am.

Poor dumb, battered lib. Open mouth, inert foot. She must have been dropped on her head as an infant to show such stupidity. Smart people laugh at such idiocy. Everybody laugh now hahahahahahahahah!!!!!!

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Really? This is the kind of clueless rube the Democrats send

Submitted by WarEagle01 on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 11:30am.

out to speak for them to the national media? Do they literally want to lose?

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Sorry, Gwen, I'm

Submitted by nolefan2 on Sat, 05/26/2012 - 2:54pm.

not going to admit that the Anointed One is "smart" until I see some proof. Being sneaky, wily, and good at lying do not qualify one as smart in my book. Nor do hangin' with celebrities, playing golf, bowing to foreign leaders, pandering, etc. From your comments, it is obvious what mentality your supporters display. You do a very good job at advancing racial stereotypes.

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This is literally true. People who incorrectly use the term..

Submitted by jawebster1 on Sun, 05/27/2012 - 3:37am.

"literally", meaning actually, in a sentence are literally stupid!

Jim Webster

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Rep. Castor says Head Start at risk due to budget cutbacks

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U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor says restoring the preschool program is just as important as eliminating FAA controller furloughs.

By Mike Salinero | Tribune Staff

Published: April 30, 2013

TAMPA - Florida's Head Start early education program will have to turn away 2,000 children next year if Congress doesn't fix automatic, across-the-board spending cuts, Congresswoman Kathy Castor said Tuesday.

Castor, a Tampa Democrat, used a backdrop of a dozen 4- and 5-year-olds at a press conference to rail against "Tea Party Republicans" who she says are acting "irresponsibly" by their insistence that the cuts hit all federal programs equally.

The cuts the so-called sequestration cuts will reduce federal funding for Hillsborough County's Head Start and Early Head Start programs by \$1.4 million out of a total budget \$34.6 million. The cuts will lead to the closing of some slots for youngsters in fiscal year 2014, said Marie Mason, the county's deputy director of programming for Head Start.

"I would hate to give a number but there could be a large number of children that slots will be lost to," Mason said.

The cuts locally will also eliminate planned playgrounds, reduce classroom supplies and bus services and cancel teacher training, according to county records.

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Nationally, Head Start could lose \$398 million in federal funding due to sequestration cuts, meaning 70,000 fewer children will be enrolled, Castor's office estimated.

Castor noted that Congress last week eliminated sequestration-related furlough days for air traffic controllers that caused major flight delays around the country.

"They were able to solve that problem," Castor said. "What we're maintaining is that the children in Head Start are just as important as the travelers and delays in airports and should be addressed swiftly as well."

Head Start pre-school program, which is funded by federal and local dollars, serves low-income children ages 3 to 5. The goal is to ready them for kindergarten and first grade through instruction in language, math, science and phonics, Mason said.

"The goal is having the children read to read by third grade," she said.

Early Head Start is for infants, six weeks to 2 years of age. The program involves singing and rhyming, nutrition and creating a nurturing environment so the toddlers can transition to pre-school.

About 3,472 children are enrolled in the county's Head Start program and partner programs run by the Hillsborough public school system, the YMCA and Lutheran Services. The YMCA and Lutheran Services run Early Head Start services for infants and toddlers; the school system is solely for pre-schoolers; and the county program, with 1,280 kids, services both.

Castor said 1,000 kids are on a waiting list for county Head Start services.

She cited a report released Monday by the National Institute for Early Education Research at Rutgers University which showed state funding nationally for pre-kindergarten programs had its largest drop ever last year. States are now spending less per child on those programs than they were a decade ago, the report said.

Florida ranks 38th among the states in pre-kindergarten spending, according to the study. Last year, the state spent \$2,281 on every child enrolled in the state's Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. That was \$352 less per child than the state spent in 2006.

"We are behind almost every other developed Democracy in the world in the resources we invest in our children, Castor said.

Castor introduced several Head Start parents at the press conference who said the program had helped them as well as their children.

Lyndsay Salbuske said after her marriage broke up, she couldn't support her children with a part-time job and had to enter a women's shelter. The family's situation improved dramatically, however, after she enrolled her handicapped son, Mikey, and daughter Lillian in Head Start.

Salbuske, who had a bachelor's degree, was able to find a job teaching social studies to sixth graders and become self-sufficient.

"I met people where I was (in the shelter) that tried to get on their feet, but they couldn't," Salbuske said. "Without this program, I'd be one of them."

Siria Nunez enrolled her son, Alejandro, in Head Start when he was barely 4. She said he was shy at the time, but came out of his shell after just a few days at the pre-school program. Alejandro, now 5, knows his colors, shapes, letters, and is starting to read.

"He can count to 200," Nunez said. "Right now, he's ready for



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Courtney looking to make impact

By JC Reindl Day Staff Writer

Student loan rates, submarine production among priorities as Democrat seeks fourth term

Washington - Democratic Congressman Joe Courtney stood on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives last week and faced 446 brown leather seats — nearly all of them empty.

It was morning-hour debate in the chamber, a period when individual lawmakers may speak for up to five minutes on any topic. Member attendance is usually sparse, although the speeches are broadcast live after 6-5 P.M. On this morning, the visitors' gallery held a school group of boys and girls in blue and white uniforms and a dozen or so tourists in shorts.

They would see and hear the latest call to action from Connecticut's energetic and wiry Second Congressional District representative, marking the zero hour in his five-month crusade to lighten the financial burden of undergraduate student loans. His prop was a giant yellow poster board marked with a red headline ("A Ticking Timebomb"), and a tear-sheet calendar counting down to the end of the month, when a 2007 cost reduction law is scheduled to expire.

"Mr. Speaker, unless Congress acts in the next 11 days, the interest rate for the subsidized Stafford student loan program is going to increase from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent," Courtney said in a stentorian voice, his hands chopping the air with each word.

He turned and pointed to the top of the rostrum, where the president himself warned of the interest rate deadline during his January State of the Union address. That same night, Courtney filed the first legislative bill to keep the loan rate from reverting back to its earlier level, affecting an estimated seven million college students who will take on new federally subsidized loans for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Now, irritation in his voice, he continued: "President Obama challenged this Congress to avoid allowing that rate to double on July 1. For three solid months, we had absolutely no action in this Congress."

It was Courtney's two-dozen House speech on the loan situation, the most he has done on any single issue in his 5½ years in Congress. In an interview later that day in his office across from the U.S. Capitol, he explained his persistence.

"The thing about this issue is it is a ticking clock, and that unlike a lot of other things we work on here, the impact is literally instantaneous," he said. "It's obviously so important that people are out there talking about it and keeping it visible."

Running for fourth term

Courtney hopes voters this fall will appreciate his efforts and return him to Washington for a fourth two-year term. His district in eastern Connecticut is the largest in area of the state's five congressional districts, stretching from the Massachusetts border to the Long Island Sound and covering 64 towns and cities.

"It's a very diverse district in terms of its interests and issues, but I've really gotten to enjoy that and embrace it," said Courtney, 59, a former lawyer who represented Vernon in the state legislature from 1987 to 1994 and was named the "Democrat most admired by Republicans" by Connecticut magazine.

He also was a candidate for lieutenant governor in 1998 as running mate to former Democratic U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly, who unsuccessfully challenged then-Gov. John G. Rowland.

"I feel that, as difficult as Washington has become, that I'm the right guy to make sure that (the district's) interests are protected. Whether it's the kids up at UConn and their families or whether it's the shipyard workers in Groton, we have developed, I think, a really strong bond."

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Courtney is facing two potential opponents this November.

East Lyme First Selectman Paul Formica won the Connecticut GOP endorsement last month after state Rep. Chris Coutu, R-Norwich, stepped out of the race to pursue a state Senate seat.

Daria Novak of Madison finished behind Formica at the convention but with enough delegate votes to force an Aug. 14 primary. Both challengers are far behind the incumbent in fundraising; Novak reported less than \$30,000 in early spring, and Formica is just beginning to raise money.

"We certainly plan to run a very aggressive campaign," said Courtney, whose war chest totaled just under \$1 million in most recent filings.

Formica, who owns Flanders Fish Market and Restaurant in East Lyme, says his biggest beef is with Courtney's voting record. "I think Joe Courtney's a very nice man," he said recently. "But the fact of the matter is, he votes 96 percent of the time with his leadership."

Frustrated by inaction

Courtney was first elected to Congress in 2006 — his second attempt — edging incumbent Rob Simmons of Stonington by 83 votes in a year when Democrats wrested control of the House from Republicans.

But since Republicans gained their current 242-191 majority in the 2010 elections, Courtney has found himself for the first time in the minority. The new dynamic has been a challenge, Courtney said, especially during last year's debt-ceiling standoff and near government shutdown.

He considers the current House under Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, ineffectual and unproductive.

"We really have hardly originated a single bill that has made it all the way through the process," Courtney said.

He sat on the House's education committee in his first two terms but got booted off when Republicans took over. Overall, his biggest frustrations are that Congress hasn't reformed the national Child Left Behind law or agreed to a new federal transportation bill, which, like the student loan legislation, expires on July 1.

He once considered the education committee one of Congress's most active. "Now it's a place that's just crippled by the Tea Party obsession that the Department of Education should be abolished," Courtney said. "That's a constant refrain that's still heard from the rank-and-file members of that committee, so as a result, it's become a sort of backwater. It shows again how far the national Republican Party has moved."

A message left last week for the committee's Republican leadership was not returned. But for state GOP leaders, it's time that Courtney moved out.

"Joe Courtney had big shoes to fill in succeeding Rob Simmons and he hasn't come close to filling them," said Jerry Labriola Jr., chairman of the state Republican Party. "Sure, he does the bare minimum of bringing home pork for his district, which would be expected of any congressman. But the overarching concern is his support for Obama's liberal agenda and trillions in debt that are leading this country toward European-style economic ruin."

Courtney called Labriola's criticism "a political talking point" that "just rings hollow." He said the president presented a good \$3 trillion long-term deficit reduction plan, and faulted Congressional Republican leaders for the \$1.2 trillion in automatic "sequestration" cuts looming for January.

'2 Sub Joe'

Courtney recently upgraded his living situation in Washington from the "single dingy unit" of his first two terms to a townhouse, which he shares with fellow Democrats Bruce Braley of Iowa and Ed Perlmutter of Colorado, not far from the U.S. Supreme Court Building.

His office is on the second floor of the Cannon House Office Building, notable for its extra-wide corridors and marble floors. Office space for new lawmakers is generally determined by lottery, but because Courtney missed the freshman lottery due to the 2006 race's recount, he wound up in Simmons' former office.

Its walls and desk space are covered with Connecticut posters, photographs and mementos, including two corked vials of what was once Arctic ice (now yellowish water) collected during his 2006 trip aboard the USS *Alexander*, a Los Angeles-class attack submarine.

On a cabinet above his desk is a license plate: "2 Sub Joe." The plate and nickname were given by former Mississippi congressman Gene Taylor after Courtney's successful lobbying effort in his first term for two-per-year Virginia-class attack submarine production at Electric Boat.

More recently, Courtney, a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus, has worked to oppose any future round of military base closures and to prevent a one-year cut in submarine production in 2014. He's also guarding the appropriation for a "stretched" version of a Virginia-class sub with cruise missile tubes being designed at EB's New London offices in the former Pfizer research building.

"The shipbuilding caucus has been a very productive, bipartisan effort," Courtney said.

With Republicans in control of the House, Courtney said, the key to getting through bills for the Second District is finding bipartisan support or working with the White House on goals that can be achieved through executive branch action.

He gave as an example the Environmental Protection Agency's recent attempt to regulate milk under 1970s oil spill prevention rules because it contains butterfat, a nonpetroleum oil.

Dairy farmers became concerned about the looming regulations, which critics said could cost farmers as much as \$10,000 a year to demonstrate that they had the ability to contain milk spills.

Courtney said his office "spearheaded" a letter urging the Obama administration to dump the milk regulations. In April 2011, the EPA gave milk an exemption. Obama cracked a joke about that rollback in his State of the Union address -- "With a rule like that, I guess it was worth crying over spilled milk."

Courtney said he laughed out loud, as the threat truly had been real.

"We wanted to get it out there that this was just a complete overreach by the EPA," said Courtney, the first Connecticut Congressman in a century to sit on the House Agriculture Committee.

The other regulatory victory concerned a proposed Labor Department rule that would have restricted the work youths under age 16 may do on a farm. Courtney said he fielded many concerns from the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association and Second District farmers who rely on sons and daughters for chores, and urged Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis to reconsider. In April, the department withdrew the proposed rule.

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Courtney concedes his GOP critics are right on one count: He often votes with Democrats on important bills. Since the November 2010 election, he joined House Democrats in repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and voted in favor of the DREAM Act that, if it hadn't died in the Senate, would have created a path to citizenship for some illegal immigrants. He also voted against a Republican bill to repeal the new health care law.

However, Courtney faced much criticism in 2008 when he was the only state congressman to vote against the Troubled Asset Relief Program, colloquially known as the Wall Street bailout. The program gave capital infusions to banks and some companies such as GM and American International Group Inc., and is credited by economists with staving off a bigger credit crisis and economic depression.

Courtney said he stands by his vote and believes government missed an opportunity to force banks to take losses on home mortgages to benefit the occupants.

Looking beyond the election, Courtney said he hopes both parties can reach agreement on a long-term deal to avoid the automatic sequestration cuts to defense and social programs. He agrees with the White House on ending the Bush-era tax cuts for families earning more than \$250,000 a year and wishes Congress could pass legislation to hold colleges "more accountable" for rising tuition costs.

U.S. Rep. John Larson, D-1st District, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, credited Courtney with making an aggressive, visible effort to prevent the doubling of student loan interest rates. "In between saving the sub, he is able to focus on an important issue like this," Larson said. "This is the kind of issue that resuscitates at the kitchen table -- in an election year and not in an election year."

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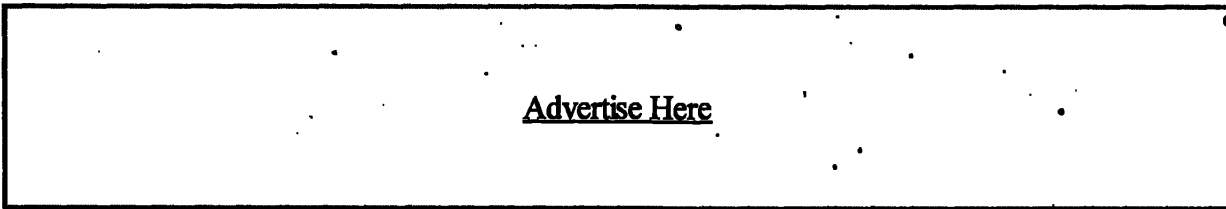
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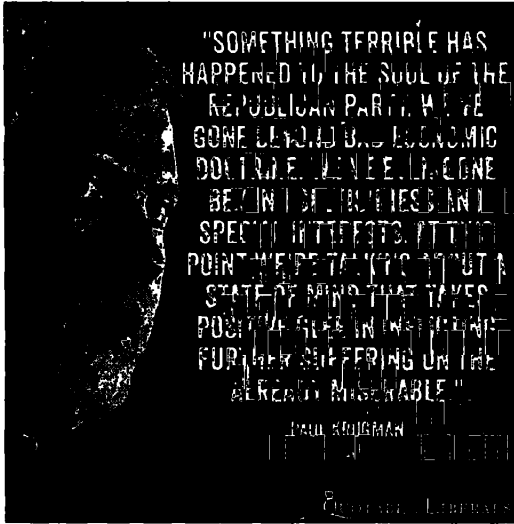
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(Rep. Tim) Walz (D-MN) cautions that the Tea Party won't be able to remove nutrition assistance programs permanently, and so blocking efforts to improve them is counter-productive: "They're probably going to make them more inefficient."

"It's a mess," he continues. "The ideology trumped common sense. For the past year and a half we held 30-plus hearings. What we get on the House floor that passes is a bill cobbled together at 2 a.m... that no one read."

Walz hopes that, when Congress goes home for August recess, representatives' constituents will make a lot of noise. "I hope the pressure is intense," he says, and gets the legislators in a pragmatic enough frame of mind to return to Washington and resuscitate the bipartisan bill that failed two weeks ago.

(City Pages)

The point that I specifically want to make is that this fiasco garnered the votes of Minnesota's three GOP U.S. Reps: Michele Bachmann, John Kline, and Erik Paulsen. It was in keeping with the legislative personas of the first two, but Paulsen presents himself as a "moderate," and far too many voters buy that. That false perception needs to be changed, and Minnesota's corporate media won't help, so it's entirely up to us. While we're at it, the dependency of mega-corporations, and their mega profits, on the SNAP program should become part of the public awareness, as well.



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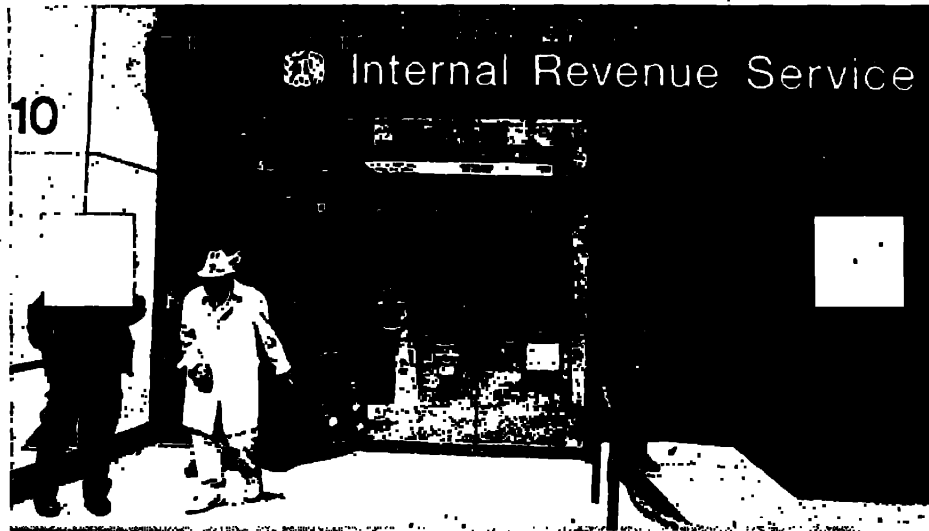
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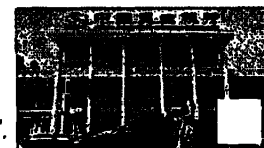
The 2010 Congressional midterm elections were approaching. Attacks on the Tea Party and groups calling for less government spending and taxation were in full swing.

President Barack Obama in his state of the union address in January had attacked the Supreme Court with the justices in attendance for signing off on the Citizens United case, for opening the "flood gates" for special-interest money in U.S. elections

And 2010 was the year Democrats went full bore pressuring the IRS to investigate nonprofit politicking, which resulted in the IRS targeting Tea Party and other nonprofit applicants who were ideological opponents.

Letters from 10 high-profile Democrats to then-IRS commissioner Doug Shulman pressured the IRS to investigate nonprofit politicking, even threatening legislation to change IRS standards if the IRS didn't act.

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Ten Democrats Pressured IRS to Act on Nonprofits



Dems Write Letter to IRS About Political Targeting

The letters show how elected officials pressured the IRS during an election season, fearing opponents were unfairly using the tax law to raise money to their advantage.

Shulman testified yesterday that back in March 2012, there was "absolutely" no special targeting of conservative groups going on. "At no time, to the best of my memory, was I ever given the impression that these [IRS employees] were only [looking closely] at conservative groups," Shulman told Congress on Wednesday.

IRS official Lois Lerner has already publicly apologized for the IRS's targeting of tax-exempt applications by using key words such as "Tea Party" and "Patriots."

The timeline of the events show top-ranking Democrats were sending a flurry of letters to Shulman, demanding that the agency act, and act fast.

Democrats' Letter to the IRS

The letters to Shulman date from September 2010 through August 2012, and are from Democrat senators including Max Baucus, Carl Levin, Charles Schumer and Al Franken, as well as Rep. Peter Welch.

"We write to urge the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to investigate whether any groups qualifying as social welfare organizations under section 501(c)(4) of the federal tax code are improperly engaged in political campaign activity," wrote Vermont Democrat Welch to Shulman in March 2012. (for more, [click here](#).)

Seven senators, including Schumer and Franken, complained to Shulman in March 2012 that "lack of clarity in the IRS rules" is to blame, threatening "legislation" to enact bright-line rules.

The seven Democrat senators signed off: "We urge the IRS to take steps immediately to prevent abuse of the tax code by political groups."

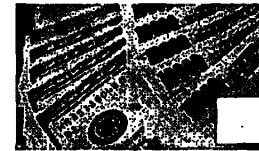
The IRS is behaving "passively," complained Levin to Shulman in July 2012, adding: "How long after a complaint to the IRS does a compliance review begin?" and "What approximate time does it take to review the complaint?"

Sen. Levin also asked Shulman to look into a dozen groups, including Americans for Prosperity, 60 Plus Association, Patriot Majority USA and Club for Growth.

IRS official Steven Miller wrote back to Sen. Levin that the "IRS routinely receives examination referrals from a variety of sources including the public, media, members of Congress or their staff."



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IRS Broke the Rules

Tax-exempt 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations may engage in limited political campaign activities. They can engage in unlimited lobbying and advocacy on the issues. Donors cannot deduct donations on their tax returns.

The intense pressure from the Democrats likely led to the IRS breaking the rules, selectively targeted conservative groups, says the report from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA).

Specifically, the IRS "developed and used inappropriate criteria to identify nonprofit applications" with the words "Tea Party," "Patriots" and "9/12," or had a focus on "government spending," "debt" or "taxes," or said they wanted to "make America a better place to live," or had any statements that "criticize how the country is being run," the report says, instead of focusing on all applications with indications of potential political campaign activities.

A nonprofit's focus on "government spending," "debt" or "taxes," or wanting to "make America a better place to live" or "criticizing how the country is being run," fall within the social welfare education mission of tax-exempt groups under the law.

What Happened in 2010

The president said in his 2010 January state of the union address, "Last week, the Supreme Court reversed a century of law to open the floodgates for special interests — including foreign companies — to spend without limit in our elections," adding, "I don't think American elections should be bankrolled by America's most powerful interests, and worse, by foreign entities."

In May 2010, the IRS unit responsible for reviewing tax-exempt groups in Cincinnati launched "a spreadsheet that would become known inside the IRS as the 'Ba On the Look Out' computer listing, which included "the emerging issue of Tea Party applications," the Treasury IG report says.

In June 2010, this unit "began training its specialists on issues to be aware of," including Tea Party cases, the IG report says. "By July 2010, Determinations Unit management stated that it had requested its specialists to be on the lookout for Tea Party applications," the IG says.

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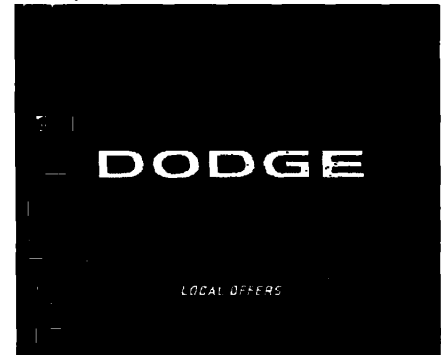
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Workers in the IRS's Cincinnati Determinations Unit then used the Tea Party criterion as "a shorthand term for all potential political cases," the report says, even though it appears so far the IRS did not use key words such as, say, the word "progressive" to target liberal groups.

IRS officials then started asking about the political affiliations of the groups' speakers and candidates they supported; for a list of issues important to the group, its positions about the issues; details about the conversations and discussions the groups' members had about the issues; and other jobs the groups' members held outside the organization, including hours worked.

The IRS also demanded these groups fork over lists of names of past and future donors, which could put a chill on donations. The IG report says the IRS asked how the applicants used donations and grants, and whether the groups' donors or officials have run or will run for public office, in violation of the rules.

By law, applicants for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status do not have to disclose this information, tax pros note.

Baucus Letter to the IRS

On Sept. 28, 2010, Sen. Max Baucus, Democrat chairman of the Senate Finance Committee which oversees the IRS, wrote a three-page letter on Senate Finance letterhead noting: "The Committee has jurisdiction over revenue matters" and the IRS.

The Senator noted his concern about nonprofit lobbying for financial or political gain, and that the tax code was being used to "eliminate transparency in the funding of our elections" with "hundreds of millions of dollars" being spent by nonprofits in elections.

"I request that you and your agency survey major 501(c)(4)" groups for "possible violation of tax laws," he demanded.

In June 2011, the IRS director of exempt organizations "immediately directed that the criteria" used to review tax-exempt applicants "be changed," the Treasury IG report says.

Next month, in July 2011, the criteria were changed to focus on the "potential political, lobbying" or "advocacy activities" of the groups applying for tax-exempt status, targeting Tea Party and other groups worried about the size of government, for example.

The IRS workers then "used inappropriate criteria" that stayed in place for more than 18 months, the IG report says.

Congressman Calls for Action

In March 2012, Welch decried "political groups masquerading as nonprofits," the Congressman's office said in a statement.

Rep. Welch said at the time: "The spigots of spending have been opened and the rules of the campaign road are muddier now than ever before. While we work to overturn this horribly misguided Supreme Court decision, federal agencies should send a clear signal that there is a cop on the boat enforcing federal laws."

The statement from his office went on to say: "Welch is calling on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to investigate whether nonprofit 501(c)(4) organizations affiliated with Super PACs – such as Crossroads GPS, the Karl Rove-backed group spending millions of dollars in campaigns across the country – are in violation of federal law and IRS regulations."

At the same time, Rep. Welch sent a letter to the President urging him to "use his constitutional authority to fill five openings on the six-member Federal Election Commission" so the commission "can immediately get back to work policing the new campaign landscape."

And Rep. Welch sent a letter to IRS commissioner Shulman that said: "We write to urge the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to investigate whether any groups qualifying as social welfare organizations under section 501(c)(4) of the federal tax code are improperly engaged in political campaign activity."

He urged the IRS "to fully enforce the law" and "investigate and stop any abuse of the tax code by groups whose true mission is to influence the outcome of federal elections."

Rep. Welch tells FOX Business: "Our letter was sent in the context of the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United that opened the floodgates of corporate spending in 2012 election. We asked the IRS to do its job and make sure that no group was taking advantage of the taxpayer by claiming a tax break to which they were not entitled."

Ryan Nickel, spokesman for Congressman Welch, said: "No group was singled out in the letter which was sent nearly two years after the IRS began to focus on conservative organizations."

Seven Senators Write to the IRS

In March 2012, nine days after Welch wrote to the IRS, seven Democrat senators – Charles E. Schumer (NY), Michael Bennet (CO), Sheldon Whitehouse (RI), Jeff Merkley (OR), Tom Udall (NM), Jeanne Shaheen (NH) and Franken (Minn.) – sent a letter to Shulman which demanded the IRS "immediately change the administrative framework for enforcement of the tax code as it applies to groups designated as 'social welfare' organizations."

The senators cited an "absence of clarity in the administration of" nonprofit laws, which groups could be "tempted to abuse" to their advantage, noting "worse," they may take advantage of the law "even though they are not legitimate social welfare organizations."

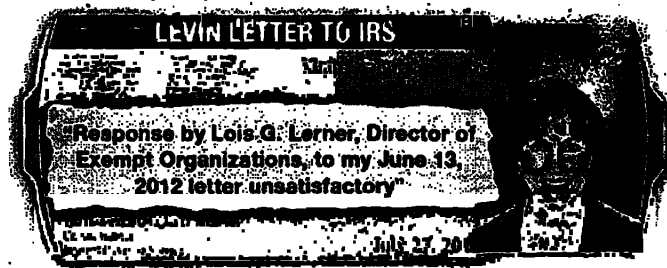
The senators even attacked IRS rules for being in violation of the law: "We think the existing IRS regulations run afoul of the law," which allows wiggle room for nonprofit politicking "behind a facade of charity work," they said.

The letter writers threatened "legislation" if the IRS failed to "adopt a bright line test" for nonprofits.

The senators signed off: "We urge the IRS to take steps immediately to prevent abuse of the tax code by political groups focused on federal election activities," adding, "if the IRS is unable to issue administrative guidance in this area then we plan to introduce legislation to accomplish these important changes."

Sen. Levin's Letters to the IRS

On July 27, 2012, Levin wrote a six-page letter to Shulman on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs letterhead complaining that the July 13, 2012, response from Lerner "was unsatisfactory." (Read letter: [Levin letter to IRS re 501\(c\)\(4\) "social welfare" organizations](#))



In his letter, the senator criticized Lerner, quoting her as saying that the IRS only "takes steps to continually inform organizations of their responsibilities as social welfare organization [sic] to help them avoid jeopardizing their tax-exempt status" and only "actively educates" these groups on nonprofit tax law.

Senator Levin complained that her response "shows the IRS is passively making some information available" once a nonprofit is already in existence.

His stated fear: "Organizations are using Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(4) to gain tax exempt status while engaging in partisan political campaigns."

The senator added: "Making the problem worse is that the IRS knows there is a problem because of the public nature of the activity, but has failed to address it."

He cited two TV ads attacking Ohio Democrat senator Sherrod Brown and Nevada Republican senator Dean Heller, ads paid for by 501(c)(4) nonprofits.

"The IRS needs to immediately review the activities of 501(c)(4) entities engaging in partisan political ads," the senator wrote.

Levin also asked IRS commissioner Shulman: "Typically, how long after a complaint to the IRS does a compliance review begin?" and "What approximate time does it take to review the complaint?"

He asked: "How many persons are involved in the enforcement of the 501(c)(4) rules?" and "why does the IRS allow 501(c)(4) organizations to self-declare?" Meaning, nonprofits get to hang out a shingle as nonprofits and are only scrutinized after the fact.

Sen. Levin's letter noted that nonprofit "advocacy communication is [emphasis the senator's] political campaign activity" if that activity "coincides with an electoral campaign" and "targets voters," among other things.

The senator then asked: "Have the following 501(c)(4) organizations applied for exemption for political activity from the IRS?" The senator listed in his letter to the IRS:

Crossroads Grassroots Policy Strategies

Priorities U.S.A.

Americans Elect

American Action Network

Americans for Prosperity

American Future Fund

Americans for Tax reform

60 Plus Association

Patriot Majority USA

Club for Growth

Citizens for a Working America Inc.

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IRS Responds to Levin

On August 24, 2012, Steven Miller, IRS deputy commissioner for Services and Enforcement, wrote a seven-page letter-back to Sen. Levin, stating "the IRS routinely receives examination referrals from a variety of sources including the public, media, members of Congress or their staff" and that the IRS has "an impartial, independent review process" in place. (Read letter here: [IRS response letter re 501\(c\)\(4\) "social welfare" organizations](#)).

Because they were already nonprofits, Miller could then disclose to Sen. Levin that the groups Americans for Prosperity, American Future Fund, 60 Plus Association, Patriot Majority USA, and Citizens for a Working America Inc. are in fact 501(c)(4) groups, but that the IRS was still determining whether the others were nonprofits.

Sen. Levin again wrote a two-page letter on August 31, 2012, to Shulman thanking him for Miller's letter, but complaining: "I find it unacceptable that the IRS appears to be passively standing by while organizations that hold themselves out to be 'social welfare' organizations clearly ignore the tax code with no apparent consequences." (Read letter here: [Levin response letter to IRS re 501\(c\)\(4\) "social welfare" organizations](#)).

He demanded: "How many 501(c)(4) organizations which appear to be primarily engaged in political activity have been notified by the IRA [sic] within the last 6 months that they may be in violation of the law?"

The senator signed off: "It is urgent that I receive your answers promptly."

Miller then wrote a four-page letter back to the Senator reiterating the IRS's process. (Read letter here: [IRS response letter re 501\(c\)\(4\) "social welfare" organizations](#)).

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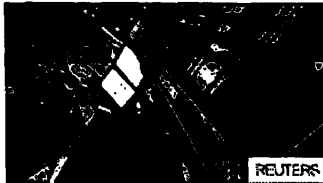
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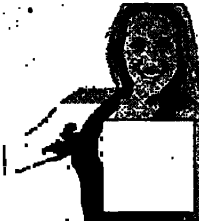
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Democratic Rep. John Yarmuth is rooting for Republican Rep. Michele Bachmann to win the GOP presidential nomination.

On ABC's "Top Line" today, Yarmuth, D-Ky., said he thinks the Republican Party "is much too sensible" to hand the nomination to Bachmann, R-Minn., a tea party favorite who's quickly positioned herself in the top tier of presidential contenders.

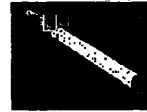
But if Bachmann does win, Yarmuth asserted, expect President Obama to be reelected in an unprecedented landslide.

"Michele Bachmann is not equipped to be president of the United States. She is totally out of the mainstream. Her ideas are extremely radical and reckless," Yarmuth told us.

"Just saying that she's not going to vote against the debt ceiling under any circumstances indicates to me she's obviously not equipped to be president of the United States. She would bring this economy to its knees, just for some philosophical ideology that she has. But that's the way she is."

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Yarmuth made similar comments (http://www.rounderjournal.com/video/work/1032935011001?onstage=roadvideo) about the impact of a Bachmann candidacy last week in an interview with the Louisville Courier-Journal.



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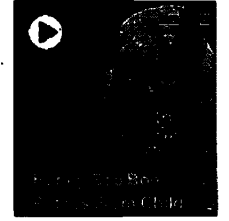


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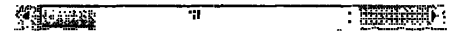
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Nolan also pointed to Cravaack’s support of House Republican efforts to eliminate funding and shut down the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which is responsible for airport safety and regulation. While the agency’s funding is suspended due to House and Senate Republican procedural moves, he said the nation’s major airlines are continuing to collect and pocket some \$200 million a week in airport usage fees from passengers – money that would ordinarily be passed on to a separate fund to support airport construction, rural airports and other public services of the FAA.

“Right wing attacks on Social Security, Medicare, small regional airports and the FAA – none of which have anything to do with a debt ceiling crisis driven by Bush tax cuts for the rich, corporate tax and trade policies that encourage American jobs to move overseas, and multi-trillion dollar wars of choice in the Middle East – is a blind attack on government services to people, not the debt,” Nolan stated.

“If Chip Cravaack were really committed to eliminating the national debt, he would be supporting regional airports in places like Hibbing, Chisholm, Brainerd and Bemidji, that bring jobs and economic development to northern Minnesota. He would be supporting an increase in the Social Security income cap so the rich would be paying their fair share. He would be supporting an end to Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. And he would be supporting efforts to permit the government to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for fair prices under Medicare Part D.”

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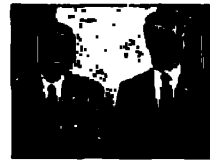
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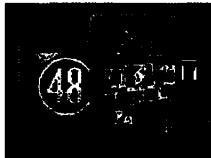
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Congresswoman Chellie Pingree fighting for Maine.in Congress

Exclusive interview with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree about the transition in Washington D.C. with a Republican led congress.

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Congresswoman Chellie Pingree in Portland photo by Ramona du Houx

You bucked the national trend last election with a substantial win over your opponent. To what do you attribute your success?

Thank the people that Gov. LePage won only by 38 percent; if you combine the people who went for Elliot Cutler and the voters who went for Libby Mitchell, it's similar to the people who voted for Mike [Michaud] and I.

Even though we lost control of the Legislature, and we have a governor who won in a three-way race, it wasn't as if the state said, "We don't have any progressive values." We are Maine. Voters were all over the map. No one can credibly say that we turned into a Red state. At the same time, we are all very worried about what's happening with the

situation with the governor and the Statehouse.

We worked very hard. People underestimate how much people put into a campaign. I had a great team. The newspapers kept reporting on polls that said our opponent's attacks were working and that the races were close. I think that motivated people to get out and vote. We had a huge volunteer turnout with people making calls and knocking on doors. Some of my opponent's tactics went too far and made people mad. People don't like the personal side of politics; they like you to stick to the issues. Maine voters actually are fairly progressive and common-sense oriented.

I lost a lot of good colleagues. It's been frustrating to watch the Republicans trying to push their right-wing agenda.

Many progressive organizations, Civil Rights groups, and everyday citizens are worried about the Tea Party agenda that seems to be dominating House issues. Do they have reason to be?

They are too busy doing things that aren't creating jobs and aren't helping the country during this tough economic time. They spend their time on the floor trying to defund Planned Parenthood, National Public Radio, and dismantle environmental protections. These are people who want to undo protections of workers and defund education, while they undo Social Security and take apart Medicare. They have no desire to work together or to compromise. Anytime we get close to a workable budget agreement, the Tea Party just says, "We are not voting for anything unless you follow our right-wing agenda."

That's scary. They are intent on putting on a show for their base at the expense of the American people.

Is it harder being in the minority in the House or being in the majority?

There is plenty to do in minority. Our office is focused on doing as much as we can to progress the things that we know are helpful to the people of Maine, working directly with constituents and businesses. We're putting together people who can work together on farming, fishing, and transportation issues — and have had successful

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results. We were able to get a \$20 million TIGER II grant to reconstruct the Memorial Bridge connecting Maine and New Hampshire. [Pingree recently fought hard — against Republican pushback — to ensure the funds were allocated; she also talked to Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.]

You owned and operated a successful business in Maine — Northern Island Yarn, which became North Island Designs. You understand the needs of businesses. Last year you held town halls on health care and business needs. In April you'll be holding a government procurement workshop. What's it about?



Congresswoman Pingree talks to concerned citizens about measures she has taken to rebuild the bridge connecting Maine to NH

We are hosting General Services Administration procurement workshops in Maine. There are a lot of businesses that are interested in understanding how they can sell their products to the Department of Defense — they just don't know how, or that there's that opportunity there. We're hosting the workshops to make sure our constituents have that information.

We look for opportunities in the district that don't require bringing a bill to the floor. And we are looking at ways to modify legislation that we can find agreement on. Whether you are in the majority or the minority there are always ways you can find to help your constituents, grow the economy and create jobs.

The Tea Party have made it plain that they are extremists but, as in Maine, aren't there reasonable Republicans that you can find common ground with?

I work with Walter Jones, who is a Republican from North Carolina. He cosponsored the public financing bill with me. He and I are both part of the activists against the war. So, yes you can find reasonable Republicans to work with.

I'm on the Agriculture Committee. It doesn't tend to be partisan; it's more about what area of the country you are from and if you are old-guard, big-chemical-commodities agriculture or if you represent small, local farms, like me. [Pingree was an organic farmer in Maine, so she understands the needs of Maine's farming community.]

We're looking for ways to work with the Republicans on the committee.

With the working waterfront bill, we have a Republican from Virginia. He has a lot of small fisherman who fish crabs and oysters. So he is very familiar with the kind of coastline we have and the waterfront development pressures fishermen face while they are trying to make a decent living.

We look for opportunities to progress where we can, but on the big legislative agenda it is basically gridlocked.

People want us to work on jobs and the economy. They want us to get something done, and they are very worried. So many jobs have been outsourced, big corporations get all the tax breaks and the little guy is getting hurt. If there aren't changes around that, then they are just going to say at election time, "We will throw the bums out."

Why did they change the environmentally friendly practices in the Congress cafeteria to Styrofoam?

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Pingree talks with women involved with Emergence Maine photo by Ramona du Houx

Nobody thinks we should move backwards on the environment. Kids in the fourth grade come home and tell their parents routinely nowadays, "We should recycle and take care of our environment."

The idea that the Republicans' practically first act was to get rid of all the recycling products we used in the cafeteria, down to the composting of the garbage, is so ridiculous.

At first we were stunned, asking, "Are you kidding?" They weren't. Now we all cringe when we see the Styrofoam containers. Some of our staff bring in reusable containers of

their own. When I tell people they did this they look at me in disbelief and shock asking, "Really? They went back to Styrofoam?"

It's so ridiculous — especially at a time when we are at war, and coming out of the recession.

Do you think that Republicans are consciously making the income gap bigger, squeezing the middle class?

There's no question that the Republican agenda is creating a wider gap in incomes.

Gov. LePage's ideas of getting rid of a huge part of the Medicaid safety net, hurting people with disabilities and the elderly, rolling back child-labor laws and people's wages, are all ideas the Tea Party has here. They've got the same playbook. These are all national trends that we are fighting back.

As a state senator you helped seniors get the medicines they needed and created Maine Rx. Now Gov LePage wants to eliminate the program. What do you think about that?

Gov. LePage is really going after the wrong people. He's more willing to help out the insurance and drug companies than the citizens of Maine.

Maine continues to work towards building offshore floating wind farms. You were there when the Department of Energy Sec. Steven Chu came to UMO to see the research that could make this a reality. Getting the electricity to market once the platforms are up and running requires transmission lines being built. But the Midwest is trying to usurp New England by lobbying to have those transmission lines for the national grid. That would cut Maine out. What's the status on these lines?

The congressional delegation continues to lobby for the transmission lines being built in New England. It's imperative that any agreement that comes out of talks with the states that are a part of the Eastern Interconnect has transmission lines in New England. And Maine is the best location in New England.

The Midwest states should have their own lines to serve the people that live close to them. Maine is ideally suited for lines to transmit our wind energy for the population centers on the East Coast. We are applying all the pressure we possibly can.

Secretary Chu continues to be very supportive about the possibilities of offshore wind in Maine. It's a very

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important opportunity to grow Maine's clean-energy economy. It will be a great project with 15,000 jobs, and means Maine businesses will be able to manufacture and erect the turbines.

How will the president's energy initiatives help Maine?

We passed a comprehensive energy bill in the House last session, but unfortunately it didn't make it through the Senate. There was plenty in it that would have been beneficial to Maine.

Any funding that helps with weatherization and supports clean energy is great for Maine because we are so oil dependent. When oil and gas prices go up, that goes right to people's bottom line. A lobster fisherman told me the other day that he was happy that they were finally getting a good price for lobster, but he said it would all disappear in diesel fuel.

The Republicans are trying to repeal weatherization funds. This is not a partisan issue. It represents good jobs. There are a lot of people who have been trained in Maine, retooling their businesses to do weatherization. We are doing everything we can to make sure these people aren't cut off. With all this volatility happening in the Middle East what are we thinking being so dependent on oil?

The president has remained committed to creating new sources of clean energy that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil. We have abundant clean-energy resources — like wind and tidal power. And we also have a tradition of innovative, small business that can provide the components to build clean-energy projects.

You sit on the House Armed Services Committee, where you can and have asked General Petraeus difficult questions. Why are you are opposed to the war in Afghanistan?

There is no good argument for it anymore. We really can't afford it with the lives we continue to lose, and financially. Sec. Gates just told us the cost would be over \$40 million a month — for the wars we are in.



Pingree with Commander Fitzgerald at the ceremony opening Brunswick's former navy base up for commercial flights



Congresswoman Chellie Pingree addresses business leaders about how they can obtain government contracts.

When we visit Afghanistan, it's like they set up a movie set. Then they take it down when you leave. It's not the real story; that story is our young men and women are putting their lives on the line, and some pay the ultimate price.

Intelligence reports say that there are a hundred members of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan. How much money are we willing to spend on a hundred men?

What do you think about President Obama's actions in Libya?

I understand why the president was moved on the

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humanitarian side, particularly given that the Qaddafi regime is such a ruthless dictator. We can't sit by when the people ask for our help, knowing the likelihood of them being massacred would happen if we did nothing. I just don't think we can afford to have a projected involvement there. I worry about getting into a third war, and the cost.

Do you believe that the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act saved us from a depression? Why?

Some economists think if not a depression then the recession would have been much, much worse. I absolutely think we had to do it. I can't imagine what would have gone on in the country if we hadn't taken action.

I know it was extremely helpful to Maine, supporting firefighters, police, and teachers, and creating infrastructure and weatherization jobs. Whether it was the expansion of our rail, bringing the Downeaster to Brunswick, or funds for Medicaid, or broadband infrastructure — it's done a great job.

The biggest argument in Congress was whether we were doing enough. It was a big fight to get enough votes in the Senate just to pass what we did.

States still need our help, but until the Republicans can see that they have to compromise to move forward, we are in gridlock. That's very unfair to the American public at a time when people are really struggling.

What's the issue facing Maine right now that concerns you the most?

The economy. People are worried, with the cost of oil rising. There are so many corporations sitting on cash, not making investments. There are still too many people out of work or in a job that doesn't meet their skills. Many businesses are still on the edge. We need to be able to compete in the global economy.

The president said he wants to double exports over the next five years. We need to. If you look at countries like China, when they decided alternative energies are where they need to go — they invested. They are manufacturing solar panels faster than one can imagine. America used to lead in solar panel manufacturing, not anymore. But we could.

We need to bite the bullet and invest in education, green technology, and end the war.

Congratulations on the new arrival to your family. Have you had time to celebrate with Hannah [former speaker of the Maine House of Representatives]?

Congress was on break so, yes, I got to visit two weekends. I got to cook for her — it's been great. My granddaughter is just so beautiful.

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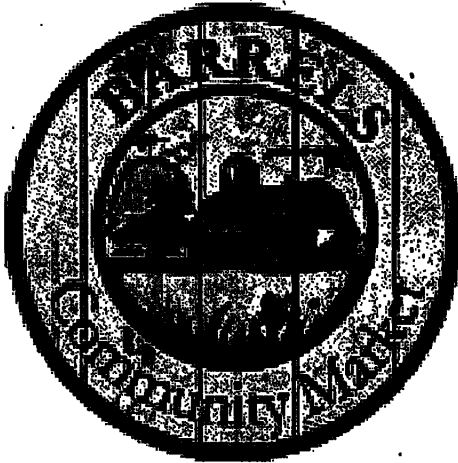
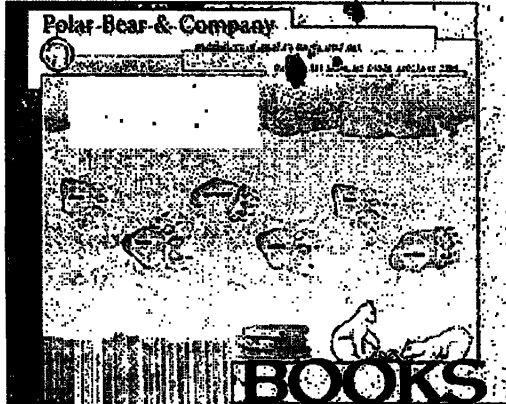
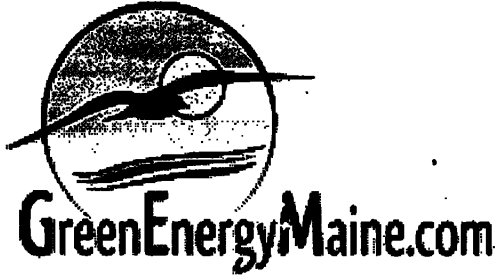
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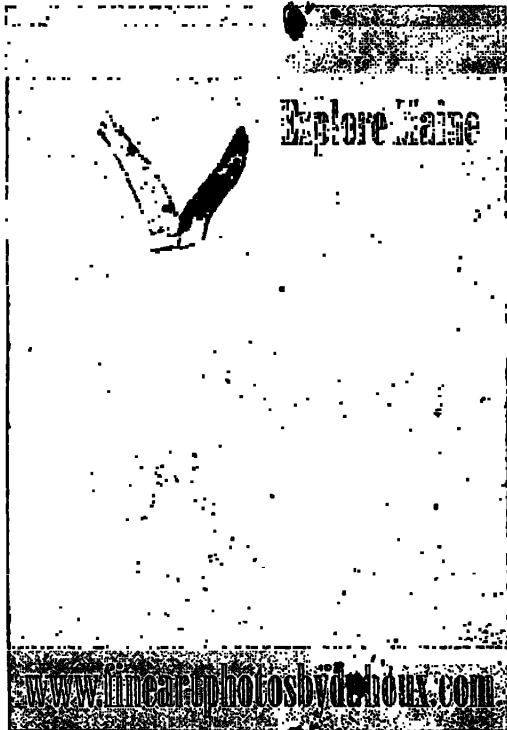
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Polis, Lundberg and their divided supporters

Like 5, those in attendance of Tuesday's debate couldn't be more different. By Jess Porter-Herald Staff Writer 4:40 PM MDT

FOR 0 Polis 0 and D 0 - They weren't on separate sides of the aisle here Tuesday when Rep. Jared in Lundberg squared off in debate, but the division between the Republican erty candidate supporters was still clear in the Hilton Grand Ballroom.

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Acknc the de which • : emotional issues, Turner also urged attendees to keep calm and quiet during • : interrupted in outlining the format for the debate by a front row scuffle in outed that a "Lundberg guy hit me."

There were a couple of outbursts from segments of the audience, one when Polis said the tax increases facing the country are a result of "dysfunction the Tea Party has brought us," and another when Lundberg said job growth has never been worse than the past four years.

Mary Ann Sanfilippo of Berthoud, a Lundberg supporter, said it's unlikely anyone's minds were changed by the debate. In part, she said the question and answer was limiting.

"I would like to have seen the candidates just speak their piece," she said.

Lundberg also said he wished there had been more opportunity for rebuttal.

Polis supporters were also unwayed in their opinions.

"It's a clear decision," Fort Collins resident David Trask said, Polis said he has.

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Mike Quigley willingly tells how things work in the U.S. Congress

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By: Elaine Coorens Date: 04/30/2013

"The less you know about how we (in Congress) work, the happier and easier you'll sleep at night," said Mike Quigley, 5th District U.S. Representative, at the Bucktown Community Organization's (BCO) last meeting.



Mike Quigley

He will be at the Wicker Park Committee's meeting in the Wicker Park Field House, 1425 N. Damen, Wed., May 1, at 7 p.m., telling it like it is.

Giving an example of why it might be best to not know what is going on in Washington, Quigley said, "The Navy put in (budget request) for 9 destroyers last year. They don't need 8. But what did the Congress do? They gave them 10! They said, 'But we don't need 10.'"

"The purchasers said that there was so much competition for these purchases that they thought they could get 10 for the price of 9. This is what happened. They got 10...for the price of 10!"

In February at a WPB SSA #33 meeting, Quigley predicted that sequestration would happen. At the BCO meeting, he predicted that there could be a 4 to 5-hour delays at O'Hare.

"Supposedly we (Congress) couldn't have been stupid enough to let sequestration happen but we did," admitted Quigley. He went on to explain that almost all polls show that people are polarized on issues. That puts fear in elected officials who are concerned that if they do not "do the right thing" in supporting the Tea Party's agenda, they will be targeted in the next election.

As Mark Kirk told him, "everything gets done in the middle." At the moment that appears to be no middle.

Believing that there needs to be 10-year plans for such things as transportation, infrastructure, energy and the postal system, Quigley looks forward to getting beyond what has been happening in Washington. He looks forward to working with Mayor

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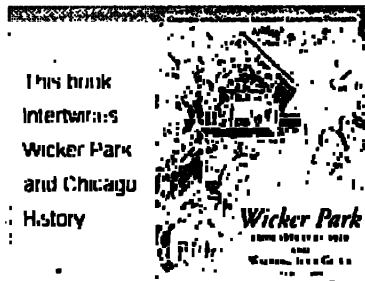
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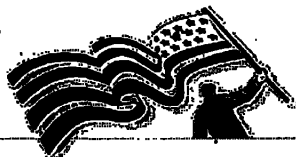
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Tea Party Declares 'War' on Bill Owens (NY 23) on HCR

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Just got email from Bill Owens, US Representative for NY-23 (possibly because I donated to his November special election campaign). The most interesting part reads

There are a lot of good people who support health care reform, and a lot of good people who oppose the plan. Unfortunately, there have been people from outside our community that have been verbally abusive to my staff, and made thinly-veiled threats of violence. Meanwhile, local and national Tea Party groups are more concerned with distorting my record and "declaring war" on me instead of providing real solutions to our nations problems. Now is the time for thoughtful conversation, not aggression, lies, or nonsensical rhetoric.

Unfortunately, his note says that he is still undecided on health care reform.

A lot of you might be wondering where I stand in the ongoing discussion on health care. I am still undecided on how I will vote on this piece of legislation.

OTOH, I really don't think he's liking Tea Party activists too much right about now.

Another paragraph reads:

Most importantly, I am gathering your input. Last week, I held a telephone town hall and spoke with over 3,700 constituents in our community. Your top concern voiced during an nonscientific poll on the conference call was, not surprisingly, job creation at 44%, with 25% stating that health care was their top concern. Telephones in all five of my offices

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have been ringing off the hook. Thousands of people from across the country have left voicemails, sent e-mails and written letters to voice their opinion. It is safe to say that I have heard from all sides of the debate, and most have expressed their concerns in a civil manner. It is no surprise that people on both sides of this issue are passionate.

However, there is a line between civil discourse and the physical and verbal threats that I have received at my offices back home.

I certainly hope no one supporting health care reform is responsible for these threats.

One thing is for sure. Unless he votes for it he will not be receiving any contribution from me to his election this November (and vice versa), and I've told him exactly that. You could let him know that too, if you are so inclined.

Update: More Tea Party insanity documented in Ohio

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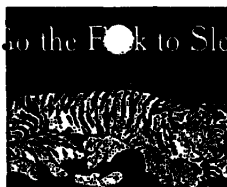
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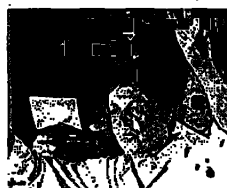
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* [new] Tip Jar (16+ / 0-)

by Jpmassar on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 03:26:25 PM PDT

* [new] Owens voted for the house bill and I haven't (6+ / 0-)

seen him listed among the 'no's'. He does seem to be hedging on where he stands right now.

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by HylasBrook on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 03:41:21 PM PDT

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* [new] I thought he was a yes (4+ / 0-)

but then I got that email, and... says what it says: still deciding.

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by jpmassar on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 03:43:23 PM PDT

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* [new] Please refer to them (5+ / 0-)

as the Teabag Party. I think that's the more correct term. They do not in fact have tea parties or even coffee breaks. So it's a little more accurate for them to be called the Teabag Party.

by Anne Elk on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 03:30:33 PM PDT

* [new] No coffee breaks? (3+ / 0-)

Isn't that a violation of some federal regulation or other...

Oh, wait.

by jpmassar on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 03:38:49 PM PDT

[Parent]

* [new] I think teabagger Party (2+ / 0-)

would be the most accurate.

With Obama's Presidency, I feel the enduring pain of every teabagger, and believe me, I completely enjoy it.

by pollbuster on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 04:05:45 PM PDT

[Parent]

* [new] I'll stop calling them the Teabag Party when (0+ / 0-)

they stop calling us the Democrat Party.

Listen, strange women lying in ponds distributing swords is no basis for a system of government.

by Blug on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 06:26:40 PM PDT

[Parent]

* [new] Is he fishing for donations? (3+ / 0-)

and claiming he is undecided in hopes of getting a surge from pro HCR activists?

"We have passed beyond the absurd, our position is absolutely preposterous" - Ron Tavel

by KnotLookin on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 03:47:02 PM PDT

* [new] Don't read minds! (3+ / 0-)

by jpmassar on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 03:48:09 PM PDT

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* [new] I have contributed to him several times and (3+ / 0-)

have not received the email described here.

With Obama's Presidency, I feel the enduring pain of every teabagger, and believe me, I completely enjoy it.

by pollbuster on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 04:02:37 PM PDT

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* [new] If that were the case, couldn't that go for (3+ / 0-)

HCR opponents as well.

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by pollbuster on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 04:04:01 PM PDT

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* [new] It's a bad strategy if he is (1+ / 0-)

Or at least I'm not foolish enough to give money to people who are saying they're going to do the opposite of what I want.

by Pizzapotamus on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 04:59:51 PM PDT

[Parent]

* [new] NY-24 Rep Arcuri (5+ / 0-)

announced today that he will vote no. If he does, after calls No Way will he get my vote.

Sorry, NY-23 if you get into the same situation.

Americans, while occasionally willing to be serfs, have always been obstinate about being peasantry. F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

by riverlover on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 04:15:56 PM PDT

* [new] I don't understand how any person would vote (1+ / 0-)

for a DEM that did not support this bill. I agree its not perfect. But to vote NO totally undercuts the President on every progressive issue. If this passes Obama gets tremendous political capital, he loses then he has virtually none to spend on any other causes.

You vote for it, tell people why you voted for it, tell them you are proud you voted for it and you move on. Why make the President work harder than he has to?

by NH Flaming Moderate on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 05:48:14 PM PDT

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* [new] Well damn... (2+ / 0-)

So far I'd been pleasantly surprised with him, certainly wasn't living up to the front page claims of him being more republican than the republican. Not only did he vote for HCR he voted against Stupak. When I'd called one of the staffer sounded surprised to hear someone who was

I'd been thinking of giving him a call to thank him for what I assumed was a second yes vote on HCR, I guess now I'll have to upgrade that from a probable call to a must do let them know he's got no support from here if he votes against and it's not like Hoffman is going give him a pass on the first vote.

by Pizzapotamus on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 04:39:32 PM PDT

* [new] Owens has a delicate balance to strike... (2+ / 0-)

...because his district IS generally more conservative than most in NY. He knows he's got to look like a ConservaDem, so I am not surprised by his waffling in his letter.

I am pleased, though, that he's taken such a strong line on the TeaBaggers.

So we'll see. I think he'll vote for it.

Get your copy of WineRev's book, Recounting Minnesota today!

by Ware Fishery on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 05:32:34 PM PDT

* [new] All they really want to do is redeem themselves (1+ / 0-)

after their loss to him. I hope the people in his district will see through all of this mob mentality, then again they might all be teabaggers, not much else to

do out there..)

The religious fanatics didn't buy the republican party because it was virtuous; they bought it because it was for sale

by nupstately on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 06:12:01 PM PDT

* [new] I have contacted him.. (1+ / 0-)

and I hope all other dozen or so Daily Kos residents in NY-23 do too. Our neighbors in NY-20 need to contact Massa, who is also undecided.

by NorthCountryNY on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 06:34:51 PM PDT

* [new] Massa resigned... (0+ / 0-)

by jpmassar on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 06:59:03 PM PDT

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* [new] i don't get it (0+ / 0-)

What possible reason in the world would you have to vote no after already voting yes? Tell him to buck up and do the right thing.

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by thoughtful3 on Thu Mar 18, 2010 at 08:08:59 PM PDT

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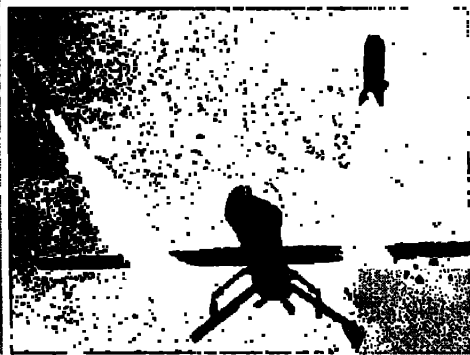
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Administration officials say Obama has sole power to declare citizen's enemies

Tea party fits definition according to Dems



by Matt Lacy -

A pair of lawyers for the Obama administration said the president has sole discretion to fine who is an enemy and that U.S. citizens with that designation are legitimate military targets. Government lawyers, CIA counsel Stephen Preston and Pentagon counsel Jeh Johnson were asked at a national security press conference about the CIA killing of Anwar al-Awlaki, a U.S. citizen who was also a member of al-Qaida.

Following al-Awlaki's killing by a drone aircraft, the administration has faced criticism from both the left and right. Critics have said it is one thing to die in a firefight with troops, but the aerial attack amounted to a targeted assassination.

Last year, a lawsuit by al-Awlaki's father was thrown out by a judge who said courts do not have the authority to review military decisions made by the commander in chief that are intended to protect the country from terrorists.

While not directly addressing the al-Awlaki case, the lawyers said any U.S. citizen who picks up arms with al-Qaida is a legitimate military target. They went on to say that when it comes to deciding who is an enemy, the executive branch, not the courts had sole authority to make that distinction.

While a recent defense authorization bill has come under criticism by those who say it would grant the military powers to detain U.S. citizens here in America, the bill has not yet been signed into law.

Today's statements show that regardless of what the bill contains, the president believes he has full power to declare a U.S. citizen an enemy and order his termination.

Brian Britton with the Greeley 9/12 Project called the statement by the administration "frightening."

"For any president, regardless of his political party to have the power to act as judge jury and executioner of any American citizen based simply on his say so is frightening," Britton said. "Members of Congress and even the Department of Homeland Security have said that everyday citizens can be terrorists if they support Ron Paul for president, are in favor of lower taxes or love the Constitution. Based on those statements, every tea party member is a possible military target."

During this Summers debate over the debt limit, Republican members of Congress and the tea party were called terrorists by several Democratic lawmakers.

On Aug. 1, Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.) speaking about members of the tea party caucus, reportedly said "We have negotiated with terrorists. This small group of terrorists has made it impossible to spend any money." Vice-President Joe Biden supposedly echoed the sentiment

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saying "They have acted like terrorists." Biden has denied making the remark.

A few days before Doyle's comments, former Ted Kennedy staffer William Yeomans wrote, "It has become commonplace to call the tea party faction in the House 'hostage takers', but now they have become full-blown terrorists."

Rep. Ted Deutch (D-Fla.) said "tea party extremists really held this country hostage. Another Florida Democrat Rep. Alcee Hastings said "What we have witnessed in the past several weeks was hardly a negotiation, but rather the Republicans recklessly holding the full faith and credit of the United States hostage until they got everything they wanted and then some."

In 2009 the Department of Homeland Security issued a memo warning law enforcement about terrorist groups. The memo's list of terrorist indicators included: returning vets, people who support state authority over federal authority and those who are dedicated to a single issue such as abortion or immigration. The memo also listed Christians who believe in "end time prophecies" such as the "Rapture" as portrayed in the Left Behind series of books and movies.

DHS Secretary, Janet Napolitano, issued a statement saying she stood by the report. Critics have said the memo's description of terrorist also applies to many tea party members.

The Missouri Highway Patrol was given a similar report by the Missouri Information Analysis Center that linked conservative groups with terrorists. The report said terrorist indicators included support for third-party candidates such as Ron Paul, Bob Barr and Chuck Baldwin. Other characteristics included opposition to illegal immigration, abortion and federal income taxes. The Missouri Highway Patrol disavowed the report after news of it had been made public.

Soldiers taking the Department of Defense's Annual Level I Antiterrorism Awareness Training, in 2009, were asked the question "which of the following is an example of low-level terrorist activity?"

The choices were attacking the pentagon, IEDs, hate crimes against racial groups, and protests. To answer the question correctly on the knowledge check, the examinee had to select the answer "Protests." Following the complaint, the DOD withdrew the question from the training manual.



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The govt wants to turn all of us into a terrorist whenever they want and the people it seems are once again passive as they shred another part of the Constitution. Hopefully Obama will veto but who knows how much money will be offered for him not to veto it.

I say it is past time to recall all in Congress. Sign a petition to throw all of them out who voted for this bill.

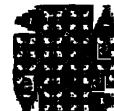
Either term limits of 6 years or mental evaluations on all of them every 6 months, maybe every 3 months to make sure they are mentally capable of running this country because right now they all seem a bit mentally unstable to me.



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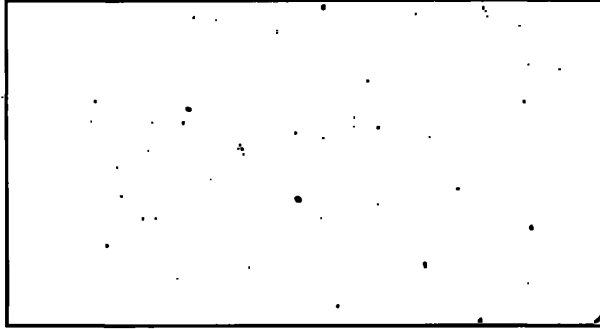
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Los Angeles Wave - Questions & Answers: Rep. Karen Bass

News Article

By: [Karen Bass \(\(candidate/public-statements/28963/karen-bass\)](#)**Date:** Aug. 17, 2011.**Location:** Unknown**By** Lileni De Gruy

With budget problems roiling both the state and federal government, Californians can expect bigger cuts to education and health and human services, according to Rep. Karen Bass. The first-term congresswoman hosted a media roundtable at her Wilshire Boulevard office on Monday afternoon, and in a candid discussion with journalists, she touched on the recent debt ceiling compromise, redistricting, racism and President Obama's prospects in 2012.

How have you dealt with the criticism you received for voting in favor of the debt ceiling compromise?

I didn't mind taking the bullet or the criticism for voting for the deal, because I thought it was important to support the president. I don't take issue with my colleagues who voted against it. I voted against the continuing resolution earlier this year because the stakes were not quite as high for the president over that as they were this time over the debt ceiling.

How will the debt ceiling compromise impact the state of California?

The bottom line with this deal, and part of this is what California is used to. We are so shell-shocked from the budgets here that when you hear a budget with a trillion dollars in cuts that would freak us out here because we know

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we are going to feel those cuts tomorrow. The cuts actually haven't been defined. So the process in Washington is that the dollar number is there, then it goes through the appropriation process and the cuts are actually made specific. What we do know, though, is that education is liable to take the biggest hit because the cuts are in discretionary spending. So, people will feel the cuts to K-12 and higher education. But we won't know exactly what they will be probably for another month because the deadline for the budget is September 30. We have to have a new federal budget by October 1. Bottom line -- education will probably be hit. We don't know how the other cuts will come down, but given the ideology of who's in charge, we can assume the cuts are going to come down in health and human services because that is what this group doesn't believe in. They right now are already upset by the trigger that was put in place, and the trigger says that they have to come up with about \$1.2 trillion in additional cuts by the end of the year. And if they don't agree to the additional cuts, then this trigger goes into place where there are 50/50 cuts in defense and health and human services. The Republicans are already bucking that; they want to know what those defense cuts are going to be. They don't care about the others, they just care about the defense cuts. It's not that the Republicans don't want to spend money -- they just want to spend it on certain things.

There seems to be this overwhelming message from the Republican party that they believe it is their mission to take back America. What are your thoughts?

It's a racist message. I view it as absolute racism. Take the country back from who? From the Black man sitting in the White House. I think it's quite clear. Then when you have the messengers delivering it, it gets slightly confused, but I don't think much when you have Allen West and Tim Scott, the two African-American Republicans, sending the same message. For the most part, I think everybody is clear and I think everybody is clear in the Democratic Caucus about it. Maybe there is a handful of people who don't see it as racist, but I think most people do. It's tough if it's an African-American up saying it's racist, because then you are just discredited as playing the race card, if you do it in mainstream media. Could you imagine the speaker not returning the president's call? That is just so disrespectful, the speaker not attending state dinners that the president invited him to. I mean, the level of disrespect. It's tough when I sit in the Democratic Caucus and hear him being attacked. When [Vice President Joe] Biden was in the room, one of my colleagues got up and said that they wished he was president. Then you have attacks coming from the right.

What are the president's prospects of being re-elected?

I think the president has an excellent chance of getting re-elected and I think [Texas Gov. Rick] Perry entering just upped it...

Both the state and the federal government are facing a horrendous budget crisis. Is there light at the end of this tunnel?

There will eventually be, but I don't think there is anytime soon.

There has been a huge debate over how the redistricting maps for California have been formed. How will they impact African-American representation?

There is good news and there is definitely bad news. There was definitely an effort to eliminate the African-American representation. There is no question about that. The good news is that I think the African-American representation is going to be retained on every level -- Senate, Assembly and Congress. But, I do think that it is compromised. If you look at some of the districts, for example [Rep.] Maxine Waters' district, if you look at Laura Richardson's district, it was kind of cut in half, with half going to Long Beach and extending to Orange County, reducing the African-American population to eight percent, and then the other half of the African-American voting representation is stronger, but it included San Pedro. They eliminated Janice Hahn's district. As for Waters, they put Torrance in her district and now there is this organized Tea Party effort that is just outright racist and is essentially saying "We don't want to be represented by those people." What they did to me was give me back my old Assembly district, and they just extended it to USC. I came out fine, but as far as I am concerned it's not over. They are [expected] to finalize it today and then everybody is going to sue.

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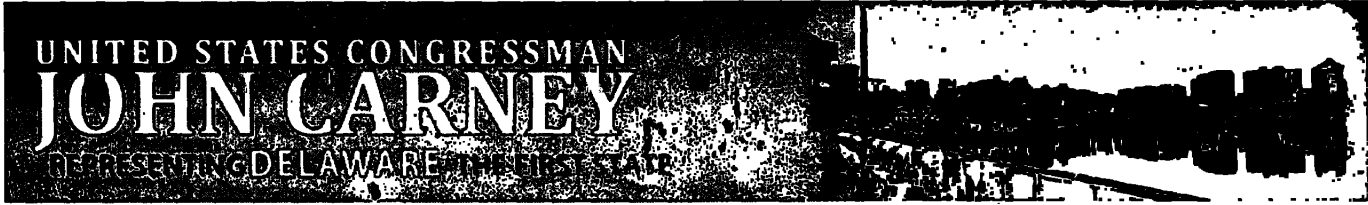
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"Tomorrow, House Republicans intend to vote down a payroll tax cut passed overwhelmingly by Senate. Tea Party Republicans are playing games and manufacturing crises.

"The bill passed by the Senate isn't perfect, but it ensures that middle class families don't receive a tax hike in January, and it gives us time to pass a broader package. I hope that House Republicans come to their senses – and soon."

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With policymakers demanding action, early childhood educators look for funding

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PETER PERERA photos/The Standard-Times Foster grandparent Diane Davignon plays with 6-month-old Omalys Pizarro at the NorthStar Learning Center in New Bedford, last week. There are both federal and state proposals to increase funding for early childhood education, but so far there's been little agreement on funding the plans.

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By Natalie Sherman
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NEW BEDFORD — Advocates of early childhood education in Massachusetts cheered earlier this year when both President Barack Obama and Gov. Deval Patrick highlighted the importance of such work in their annual speeches and unveiled ambitious budget proposals that would have supported their words with funding.

But as negotiations show the prospects for those plans dimming, local pre-school operators, both public and private, say they are concerned that the end result will be policies that demand action without the funding to pay for it.

"I've worked in this field for just about 20 years and this is really the first time that finally it feels as if it's at least being given an acknowledgment that this is something important to pay attention to and invest in," said Pam Kuechler, the coordinator of the Greater New Bedford Early Literacy Consortium and the executive director of the Massachusetts Head Start Association. "Having said that, they're proposals and they're proposals at a time when there aren't a lot of extra resources."

Statewide, about 60 percent of preschool aged children are enrolled in early childhood education programs, which come in a mix of forms, including public school district programs, private, center-based operators and smaller family care programs. In SouthCoast, the percentage of pre-school aged children enrolled in care varies from about 34 percent in Westport to 81 percent in Marion. In New Bedford, where the Early Education and Childcare Department sent about \$1.38 million grants in fiscal 2010, about half of pre-school aged children are enrolled in early education.

"There's no question that universal high quality education would probably do more than any other educational initiative to address the educational attainment problem," said Bob Francis, the associate director of NorthStar Learning Centers, pointing to research that shows that children enrolled in pre-school programs are more likely to graduate, have higher salaries and less likely to be arrested for violent crime later on in life. "In New Bedford it would be an equalizer that would bring all children up to speed."

"The bigger piece is always, ok more is always better, but who's going to pay for it and please don't take the

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money from something we were already getting," said Westport Superintendent Carlos Colley. "The problem ends up being even those programs hardly every take into account all the costs that are involved."

Government focus on the quality of pre-K education is relatively new. The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, which is in charge of licensing programs, dates back to 2006 and the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), which rates providers based on indicators such as teacher education levels. Types of assessments used to evaluate children and curriculum, has been in place only since 2010, with revisions as recent as February.

Providers said the new standards come with demands — for example, that teachers assess students every three months using two different individual tests — that can be difficult, particularly for smaller centers with fewer teachers.

"There are a lot of initiatives that have come down through EEC ... a lot of guidelines, standards, accreditation and we're all part of that, but it all costs funds and ... without getting the funding ... it makes it very, very difficult," said Lori Hanftm, operations officer for the Little People's College Dartmouth and New Bedford sites, which serve about 1,600 families.

"We've always been nationally accredited, but on the state level, their demands have increased — both the paperwork and on the teachers," said Rose Vieira, the center director of NorthStar Learning Centers Samuel Barret site. "It's not so much what they're asking ... it's the fact that there isn't money to back it up."

Providers said the push for teachers to pass state bachelor's degrees is a particularly tough sell, when the average salary for preschool teachers hovers around \$15 an hour. (A 2010 report by non-profit research and consulting firm Root Cause showed just 30 percent of Massachusetts preschool teachers had B.A.s compared to 50 percent nationwide.)

"They're doing the most important work in the world but unfortunately, it doesn't pay the rent," said French.

NorthStar Learning Center teacher LaVerna Oliver, who has been in the field for 17 years, said enrollment in the classes has improved her teaching but she couldn't afford the program without a state scholarship.

"It's good that we're going (to classes)... But for me to go without that scholarship, I don't know what I would do," Oliver said.

In January, Patrick issued a budget proposal that would have devoted \$131 million in new monies for early childhood education, a mix of funding to expand access through parental subsidies and others devoted to quality. That early push was derailed when Commissioner of Early Education and Care, Sherry K... resigned after questions about her simultaneous enrollment in a superintendent training program and an audit that raised questions about the department's oversight, documenting 119 cases where sex offender home addresses matched that of a licensed childcare provider, including four cases in which the offenders were actually living at the sites.

"The House felt this was not the appropriate time to invest substantial additional dollars and I would say I agree with that," said Rep. Antonio F.D. Cabral (D-New Bedford), a longtime supporter of early childhood education.

The House budget approved April 24 would roll back early education funding from fiscal 2013 levels by about \$9 million, but Cabral said he has spoken to House leaders, who said they would be willing to appropriate additional funding to the Early Education and Care Department if they are satisfied the department has taken care of those problems.

"There's a commitment on the part of the House to come back and say, have these issues been addressed and if they have, then we are ready to commit additional dollars to that department so they can carry out their responsibilities in a better fashion," he said.

New Acting Commissioner Tom Weber said he has not heard about discussions for a supplemental budget, but is optimistic that the Senate's proposal — due out May 15 — will devote more money to early education.

"The timing of the House budget was difficult," he said. "I think with the additional time we have for the Senate there's an opportunity between now and July 1 to make some progress this year ... I absolutely haven't forfeited that possibility."

In D.C., Democratic Rep. Bill Keating said Obama's proposal to expand funding for pre-kindergarten programs by \$75 billion has support in the U.S. Senate, but the Republican-majority House remains "a stumbling block," which could prevent it from being considered on the floor for a vote. The money would come from a 94-cents-per-penny increase in the federal cigarette tax.

"It's going to get the support from the president and from the Senate and it has significant support in the House, but once again we're facing the obstinance of the Tea Party-oriented members," Keating said. "To me that's a situation that is really troublesome."

"There is a need for it ... but it would require additional resources at the same time the federal government is trying to trim their deficit," said Barry Rahimovitch, superintendent in Wabanaki, one of the few districts that the EEC licenses for pre-school. "I really question whether that money is going to come."

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Editorial: Suzanne Bonamici for U.S. House (The Daily Astorian)

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America's first congressional election of 2012 happens here. Ballots will soon be in the mail to voters in Clatsop County for the congressional seat left vacant by the resignation of David Wu.

The choices are Republican Rob Cornilles, Democrat Suzanne Bonamici, Libertarian Party candidate James Foster and Oregon Progressive Party candidate Steve Reynolds. Bonamici also has won the Independent Party's nomination.

The two major candidates are Cornilles and Bonamici. Cornilles lost to Wu in 2010. He and his wife run Game Face, a consulting business that works with professional sports teams. Bonamici was an Oregon state senator, whose district included portions of Washington and Multnomah counties. She also served in the state House of Representatives.

The essential choice in this race comes down to the candidates' experience and values.

Citing his history as "a job creator," Cornilles is a classic private-sector businessman who promises to bring his experience to government. Reports in The Oregonian and Willamette Week have added perspective to Cornilles' claims about his company's workforce. The firm once employed 20; now it employs four. The IRS levied a federal tax lien of \$83,284 against Game Face for not paying payroll withholding taxes for nine months.

Cornilles lists service on nonprofit boards such as Oregon Special Olympics and the League of Minority Voters. But he has not served on a public board or commission or held elective office.

As a mother, Bonamici's interest in education issues led her to school advocacy and toward the state Legislature. Trained as a lawyer, she has worked for Legal Aid in Eugene and did consumer advocacy at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C.

In the Legislature, Bonamici's most visible accomplishment was chairing the legislative redistricting committee that was tasked with reapportioning Oregon after the 2010 census. The Oregonian noted this was the first time in 60 years the Legislature succeeded in the task. The evenly split state House helped motivate pragmatism. Nevertheless, Bonamici was a leader in breaking the Legislature's habit pattern of six decades to punt redistricting to the Secretary of State.

While both candidates have made multiple trips to Clatsop County, in interviews neither candidate displays a deep grasp of this county. Cornilles in an editorial page column said the Port of Astoria was "one of Oregon's busiest ports" – a jaw-dropping misapprehension.

The values difference between Cornilles and Bonamici is clear. Cornilles tries to distance himself from ideologically driven, tea party Republicans in the House. In showdowns with President Obama, Cornilles would certainly side with the GOP bloc, in opposition. On social issues such as abortion, Cornilles is pro-life.

Bonamici supports President Obama. She would, for instance, vote to end the Bush tax break for the wealthiest Americans. Moreover, she grasps that growing income disparity is not good for America. She is pro-choice.

Our choice in this race is Suzanne Bonamici. It is not just that she has been a legislator, while Cornilles has not. She has been a stand-out in Salem. Willamette Week – whose biennial legislative ratings are informed by legislators, staff and lobbyists – twice ranked Bonamici at the very top. One of WW’s sources said he thought Bonamici read every bill that came before the state Senate.

State Sen. Betsy Johnson says: “I have rarely seen anyone work harder. (Bonamici) has a ferocious work ethic.”

Aspects of Cornilles business background are troubling. Not paying federal payroll taxes for nine months is a blinking red light.

We also prefer Bonamici’s values. Adding a member to the House Republican contingent – whose brinksmanship is destructive – is not what Oregon needs.

What Oregon and the nation need are members of Congress who are pragmatic and seek consensus. Suzanne Bonamici’s legislative record tells us that’s who she is. Moreover, she displays the energy and even temperament that are essential for success in the House.

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Alan Grayson Takes On Koch Brothers: 'People Are Wising Up' To 'Outright Lies,' 'Trickery,' 'Propaganda' (VIDEO)

The Huffington Post | By Danny S. Lee

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Former Rep. Alan Grayson, who was ousted from Congress during the Tea Party wave of 2010, won back his House seat Tuesday night with a decisive 25-point victory over his Republican challenger, Rep. Louie Gohmert. Grayson joined HuffPost Live Thursday to discuss the significance of the 2012 election and his plans for returning to Congress.

Grayson said that the 2010 election was an "anomaly," in which a "demoralized" Democratic electorate failed to turn out, but by 2012 Democrats around the country wised up to Republican policies and to campaign tricks from the likes of Karl Rove and the Koch brothers.

"Now [Democrats] realize that if they don't vote, it's going to hurt them," he told HuffPost Live host Mike Sacks. "Now that the Republicans have been quite explicit about what they want to do...now it's clear to people that they have to vote to defend themselves. It's not only a question of the Democrats are going to do for you, it's a question about what the Republicans will do to you if you don't vote."

Grayson said that "people are wising up" to the influence of big money backing Republican candidates and the ads put out by such groups.

"The Koch brothers and their allies and Karl Rove were able to depress the Democratic vote through outright lies and trickery repeated endlessly through their TV propaganda ads in 2010," he said in the clip above. "But now people are wising up."

In the clip below, Grayson also told Sacks that he thinks President Obama has been "too modest," and outlined his wish list for the next four years, including full employment, progressive taxation, universal (and not just affordable) health care, and peace.

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In order to pass a progressive agenda through a Republican-controlled House, however, Grayson said House Democrats need to remain united against a fractured GOP.

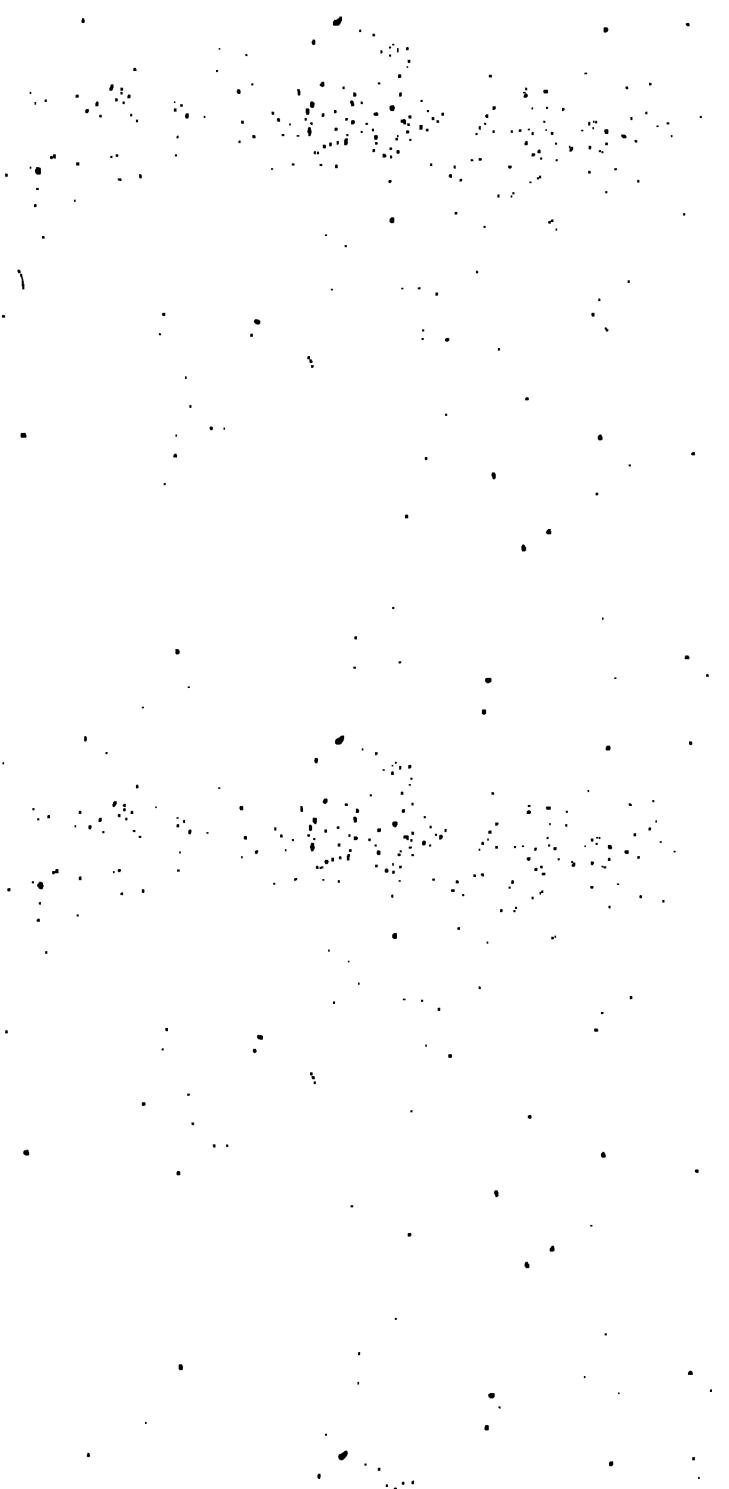
"The Republican majority has become completely incoherent and is falling to pieces," he said, saying there are now "two different parties: the semi-rational Republican part and the Tea Party." Grayson said that creates some leverage for House Democrats, provided they stick together.

"We have shown that we're a united caucus and the Republicans have shown that the crazies have taken over," he said in the clip below.

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Grayson also joked about his American flag shirt.

"If you win by 25 points you can wear shirts like this," he said.





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AZ Republic: Ann Kirkpatrick banking on kinder District 1 race

Ann Kirkpatrick thinks the anger has subsided.

Gone, or at least significantly reduced, she hopes, is the political climate that yielded shouting matches at public events two years ago. Kirkpatrick, a Democrat who represented Arizona's 1st Congressional District for one term after the 2008 election, is seeking a second chance from voters.

With a steady supply of money, a frondier voter map and deep family roots in northern Arizona, the 62-year-old Flagstaff attorney may be well-positioned to get it.

Kirkpatrick lost her seat to U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar in 2010, when "tea party" conservatives pushed back against what they viewed as government overreach by the Obama administration. Kirkpatrick became a target over her votes for the 2009 economic stimulus and the 2010 health-care overhaul, a pair of issues that rankled many in a competitive district where even Democrats often view themselves as conservatives.

Reflecting on 2010, Kirkpatrick called it "a difficult election cycle."

"It was very strenuous, and I came out of that stronger," she said. "When I hit the campaign trail, that people were very interested in talking about solutions. It's a completely different deep sign in 2012 than it was in 2010."

Still, she said she doesn't regret her key first-term votes.

"Once people found out what was in it (the health-care law) -- the specifics -- I began to hear from people saying, 'This is good.' It isn't perfect, but it's helping people in lots of ways," Kirkpatrick said. And the stimulus, she said, offered needed help at the right time.

Republicans say those votes won't go away and will haunt her again.

"She clearly has a long record of being a very partisan Democrat. Her voting record both in the Legislature and as a member of Congress reflects that," said Daniel Scarpinato, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee. "She ran as a self-proclaimed moderate in 2008 and then went to Washington and really was a rubber-stamp for everything President Obama and the Democrats in Washington wanted. It didn't fit the district, and she was voted out."

While the GOP talks of repealing and replacing the health-care law, Kirkpatrick talks of modifications. She said she would like to see reimbursement rates permanently improved for rural physicians under the health-care changes.

Kirkpatrick said her priority in a second term would be to help diversify the economies of rural Arizona.

The timber industry helped build temporary prosperity around the White Mountains, where she grew up.

"When that went away, it's been really difficult to create those kinds of jobs again," she said. "So my vision is creating good-paying jobs in the district, and that's why I'm running."

Scarpinato thinks she's been running away. He said Kirkpatrick has avoided public appearances, and he pointed to an infamous videotaped gathering for constituents in 2009 as emblematic of her detachment from the district. Confronted at a grocery store with people visibly angry with her, Kirkpatrick walked away.

"Unfortunately, the tea party ambushed it," Kirkpatrick said. "But I did the right thing. It was the safe thing to do, and before it got out of hand."

Kirkpatrick acknowledges that Congress is likely to remain locked in a partisan stalemate after November.

But, she said, she managed to get six bills passed in her term and would take the same approach again.

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"I have a record of being able to get to know folks, find common ground, reach across the aisle and get things done," said Kirkpatrick, who spent one term in the GOP-controlled state Legislature.

For Kirkpatrick to complete her comeback, she must first defeat Wenona Benally Baldenegro in the Aug. 28 Democratic primary.

Baldenegro reported having less than \$8,000 in cash on hand at the end of June. By comparison, Kirkpatrick had more than \$800,000.

Beyond that, former state legislator Jonathan Paton is widely regarded as her likely Republican opponent.

Paton, who fumbled a GOP primary in another district in 2010, entered the race in the spring, but nearly matched Kirkpatrick's fundraising in the most recent quarter.

Whoever emerges from the primaries, redistricting ensured a slightly more favorable district for Democrats than the one that voted Kirkpatrick out.

The district no longer includes the Prescott Valley area that voted Republican by 25,000 votes in 2010.

That bulge decisively erased Kirkpatrick's edge over Gosar elsewhere in the district and sent him to Washington instead of her.

The new district picks up the reliably conservative SaddleBrooks area near Tucson but only adds a net 6,000 Republican votes from a different district, according to data compiled for the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

As a result, Democrats had nearly 30,000 more registered active voters in Congress' swing district than Republicans as of June, according to the Arizona secretary of state.

By comparison, Democrats held an 18,000-voter edge in 2010.

But there are nearly 112,000 independent and third-party voters who have helped give the district its conservative reputation.

Still, political prognosticators think Kirkpatrick has the edge at this point.

Last week the Washington-based National Journal unveiled its initial list of 75 House races nationwide that are most likely to change hands. Kirkpatrick's campaign checked in at 13.

Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia politics professor, rates the race as leaning Democratic in his Crystal Ball report. So does the Rothenberg Political Report.

Former state Rep. Pete Hershberger is a Tucson Republican who worked with Kirkpatrick and Paton in the Legislature. He's supporting Kirkpatrick.

"I think Ann is a reasonable person who looks at both sides of issues, and that's the kind of person I want representing our state," Hershberger said. "Jonathan was much more interested in promoting himself."

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October 26, 2012

Dan Maffei Receives Endorsement of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Citing his commitment to strengthening Central New York's middle class, Governor Cuomo endorses Dan Maffei.

(Syracuse, NY) - Democratic Congressional candidate Dan Maffei received the endorsement of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today. New York's Governor pointed to Maffei's commitment to strengthening the middle class, creating jobs, and getting the economy moving again as making him the best choice to represent Central New York in the 24th Congressional District.

Governor Andrew Cuomo said "I am proud to endorse Dan Maffei. He is the best candidate to help boost the economy, create jobs, and strengthen Central New York's middle class. We need a fighter like Dan Maffei in Washington to help New York continue to achieve these goals."

"I am honored to have the support of Governor Cuomo who has been such a strong leader for Central New Yorkers. I look forward to working with Governor Cuomo to strengthen our middle class, create jobs, and get the economy moving again," said Dan Maffei. "Governor Cuomo understands that when we grow Central New York's middle class, our economy grows. I look forward to his endorsement."

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October 19, 2012

Bill Clinton speaks to the faithful at Dan Maffei rally, calls Ann Marie Buerkle a 'tea party extremist'

By Paul Reide

Post-Standard

October 19, 2012

Former President Bill Clinton told about 800 people in Salina today that they had no real choice in how to cast their vote for Congress next month.

"If you really care what happens to people who live in this congressional district, you get to vote for Dan Maffei," he said.

They cheered wildly at several points, including his description of Maffei's Republican Party opponent, Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle, as "a tea party extremist" who would gut the federal budget.

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President Bill Clinton to Endorse Dan Maffei

President Bill Clinton will endorse Democratic Congressional candidate Dan Maffei in his race for New York's 24th Congressional District at a rally on Friday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Landmark Aviation Hangar Building #113 located at 248 Tuskegee Road, Syracuse, NY 13212.

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When: Friday, October 19th, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Landmark Aviation Hangar Building #113 located at 248 Tuskegee Road, Syracuse, NY 13212.

Who: President Bill Clinton and Democratic Congressional Candidate Dan Maffei.

What: Rally with President Clinton to endorse Dan Maffei in his race for New York's 24th Congressional District.

"Please Note: This event is free and open to the public.

More details for press to follow

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Dan Maffei and Concerned Central New Yorkers Call on Congresswoman Buerkle to Take a Stand on Hydrofracking and Protect Our Clean Water

Congresswoman Buerkle says "hydrofracking is a state issue", "can be done safely" and is a "game changer"

October 16, 2012 - Standing in front of the historic Elton P. Stewart standpipe water tower located in Syracuse's Thornden Park as a backdrop, today Dan Maffei and concerned Central New Yorkers called on Congresswoman Ann Marie Buerkle to take a stand on hydrofracking and protect our clean water. Dan and advocates called on Congresswoman Buerkle to protect Central New York's clean water by cosponsoring the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals (FRAC) Act and to support New York State's moratorium on hydrofracking.

"We must continue the moratorium on hydrofracking and bring fracking under the Safe Drinking Water Act" said Dan Maffei. "This is not just a state issue. Our watershed and clean water know no state boundaries. Congresswoman Buerkle say she's been studying this issue since she took office. Then she should know by now, it's time to take stand and protect our water, the health of our children, our environment and our economy."





Congresswoman Buerkle has said that hydraulic fracturing is a state issue, can be done safely, and is a game changer. When Dan was in Congress, he supported the FRAC Act, bipartisan legislation that puts protection of public health first by removing the 'Halliburton Loopholes' that gave the gas industry an exemption to the Safe Drinking Water Act, which is long-standing, basic law to ensure clean and safe drinking water for all Americans.

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October 15, 2012

Congresswoman Buerkle Voted to Let China Get Away with More Unfair Trade

Maffei Campaign Releases Latest Television Advertisement

October 15, 2012 - Democratic Congressional Candidate Dan Maffei's campaign released its most recent advertisement today backed by a significant broadcast and cable television buy. The advertisement informs voters that Congresswoman Buerkle voted to let China get away with more unfair trade and voted against helping displaced workers.

The advertisement informs voters that Dan Maffei fought for Central New York workers. He fought for worker assistance for Central New Yorkers whose jobs were shipped overseas.

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Obama Looms Large For New York's Tea Party Four

By Tom Klatt

www.maffei4congress.com/news?page=2

Talking Points Memo

October 15, 2012

Four tea party-backed House candidates in New York used sharp criticism of President Obama to secure election in 2010. Two years later, his mere presence on the ballot may jeopardize their prospects

Buerkle may be the most vulnerable of the four. She is running against former Democratic Rep. Dan Maffei in New York's newly redrawn 24th District in the central part of the state. Buerkle upset Maffei two years ago in the old 25th District behind endorsements from Sarah Palin and Mitt Romney. Various polls have shown the race extremely tight, including a recent poll from Siena Research Institute that showed the race deadlocked.

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Sandra Fluke in CNY

(WSYR-TV)

On Sunday, Fluke campaigned for Congressional Democrat Dan Maffei.

drawing distinctions between which types of victims should have access to the healthcare that they need and so I'm glad that's a conversation that we're having," said Fluke

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Women's rights activist Sandra Fluke stumps for NY-24 candidate Dan Maffei

By Dave Tobin

The Post-Standard

October 15, 2012

Sandra Fluke, the women's rights activist who spoke at the Democratic National Convention, came to Syracuse today to help raise money for Dan Maffei, the Democratic candidate in the congressional race in the 24th District.

Why are you here in Syracuse? To make sure that people understand what a clear choice they have in this race between Dan (Maffei) and Ann Marie Buerkle, who has one of the most extreme records in Congress on women's health. I want to make sure women in this district and men who care about them know that. Representative Maffei when he was in Congress was an absolute champion on these issues, and I am proud to stand with him.

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October 10, 2012

Dan Maffei Receives Endorsement of United States Senator Charles E. Schumer

Citing his commitment to strengthening Central New York's middle class, Senator Schumer endorses Dan Maffei

October 10, 2012 - Democratic Congressional candidate Dan Maffei received the endorsement of United States Senator Charles E. Schumer today. New York's senior Senator pointed to Maffei's commitment to strengthening the middle class, creating jobs, and getting the economy moving again as making him the best choice to represent Central New York in the 24th Congressional District.





"Dan Maffei has always put middle-class families first and has a long record of getting things done," said Senator Schumer. "Syracuse residents know they'll once again have a fighter in Washington who is a real leader on the issues that matter to working families and seniors."

"I am honored to have the support of Senator Schumer who has fought tirelessly for Central New Yorkers. I look forward to working with Senator Schumer to strengthen our middle class, create jobs, and get the economy moving again," said Dan Maffei. "I am proud to receive Senator Schumer's endorsement here at Mohawk Global Logistics. The success of Mohawk underlines the importance of making smart investments in transportation infrastructure to give our local companies the tools they need to expand, hire new workers and help grow our middle class."

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Breaking News: Metro Police officer dies during rescue of stranded hiker

Dina Titus announces Congressional run, setting up primary against Ruben Kihuen

By **Joe Schoenmann (contact)**

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 | 12:31 p.m.

Former Rep. Dina Titus announced her candidacy for Congress this morning, saying she will seek a return to Washington by running against fellow Democrat and state Sen. Ruben Kihuen in the state's 1st District.

By doing so, she sidesteps a rematch with Republican Rep. Joe Heck, who ousted her two years ago.

Announcing at Dina Titus Estates, a housing complex for the elderly and disabled that was named for her in 2006, Titus decried the "radical right," many of whom were swept into office from widespread anger over the poor economy. House Republicans, now in the majority, are turning back many of the gains made when she served in Congress after election in 2008, she said.

With her announcement, Titus set up a primary fight between herself and state Sen. Ruben Kihuen, who has already announced his candidacy. While sources have said Titus was being pressured not to run against a fellow Democrat considered to have a good shot at the seat, Bob Coffin, Las Vegas City Councilman, called that wrongheaded.

"Competition brings out the best," said Coffin, who joined Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani as local politicians who turned out to support Titus.

Asked if Kihuen, who is Hispanic, might have a better shot at the seat because the district is 43 percent Hispanic, Giunchigliani said that doesn't matter.

"People vote for the candidate based on issues, not whether they are Hispanic or a woman," she said.

Coffin, who is also Hispanic, said "both candidates are good ones," but he likes Titus more for her proven track record. He added that Kihuen is young, and if he loses he'll have decades more to take runs at elected office.

With her husband nearby, Titus made a series of crowd-pleasing statements about the need for the rich to pay their fair share of taxes, that Congress caters to the likes of the billionaire Koch brothers, that she would never favor privatizing Social Security and that her aim will be to create jobs by focusing on education, technology and renewable energy.

Titus' introductory theme song, "Still The One," a 1976 hit used as a jingle for the ABC television network during that era, reminded those attending that just two years ago she was in Congress before being unseated by Heck.

At the close of her announcement, one woman in the audience made reference to that race.

"Thank goodness I saved my bumper stickers," she said.

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Beatty on the air in 3rd District battle

By Joe Hallett

The Columbus Dispatch February 03, 2012 6:02 PM

Joyce Beatty today became the first candidate in the Democratic primary field for the new 3rd Congressional District seat to go on Columbus television and radio with campaign ads.

Beatty, former minority leader of the Ohio House and an Ohio State University vice president, is airing a 30-second spot on broadcast television and a 60-second commercial on radio. Both feature her endorsement by Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman.

In the television ad, shot in a local coffee shop, Beatty is shown talking with different groups of supporters, saying: "This is no time to go along to get along...not while jobs are going to China and India. I will stand up to anyone, especially the Tea Party, when they try to dismantle Social Security and Medicare. It's time for a new voice in Congress to get results." The commercial ends with Coleman appearing to say he supports Beatty.

The radio ad features entirely a testimonial about Beatty from Coleman.

Other than Beatty, state Rep. Ted Celeste is the only candidate to air a TV spot so far in the race before the March 6 primary. His ad was on cable TV, including CNN. Also running is former 15th Congressional District Rep. Nancy Jo Kilroy and Columbus City Councilwoman Email Tyson.

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Dold, Schneider Show Differences in Last Debate

Candidates express variations in ideas on taxes, health care and same sex marriage.

A few clear cut differences emerged during a debate Tuesday on WTTW between Rep. Robert Dold (R-Kenilworth) and his Democratic opponent, Deerfield management consultant Brad Schneider. ([more...](#))

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FOX Chicago Sunday: Dold, Schneider debate

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Dold's Voting Record Shows Loyalty With GOP Values

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Dold is not the poster child for the Tea Party. But the more important fact for 10th district voters in Cook and Lake Counties is that their representative mostly sided with a rightward-moving Republican Party. We offer a closer look at the 10th congressional district race between incumbent Robert Dold and Democratic challenger Brad Schneider. ([more...](#))

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Brad Calls on GOP to Stop Defending Discrimination

Posted on October 19, 2012

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Brad Schneider Calls on Congressional Republicans to Stop Wasting Taxpayer Dollars Defending Unconstitutional Discrimination

Sixth Consecutive U.S. Court Ruling Finds So-Called Defense of Marriage Act Unconstitutional

NORTHBROOK – Earlier today, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York ruled that the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional and a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. Speaker Boehner and Congressional Republicans have wasted \$1.5 million in taxpayer money defending DOMA, even though now six consecutive courts have ruled the 1996 law unconstitutional.

“Today’s ruling is an important decision for equality,” said Schneider. “The courts and the people want to see the end of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, and yet Rep. Dold and his Republican colleagues remain beholden to an extreme, ideologically-driven segment of their party. For Republicans to so readily waste millions of dollars defending a law that perpetuates a two-tiered system of marriage is both egregious and irresponsible. I’m calling on all Congressional Republicans to stop using taxpayer dollars defending what should not have been defended in the first place.”

In the 10th district, where Democratic Nominee Brad Schneider has earned the endorsement of the Human Rights Campaign for his strong support of equality in marriage, the workplace, and the military, this topic has been raised frequently on the campaign trail. Schneider’s Republican opponent, Rep. Dold, voted twice to support DOMA, opposed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and voted to delay the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” repeal – all positions catering to the most extreme elements of his party and an extreme minority of the population.


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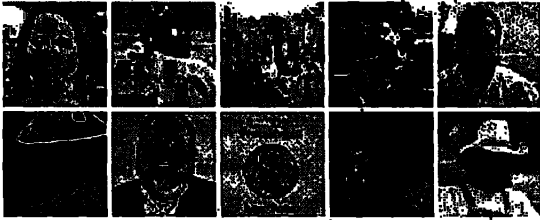
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These reports on the #NSA show a disturbing, unacceptable breach of our privacy:
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Today I proudly joined No Labels, 70 D's, R's and I's committed to working together to address our nation's toughest issues. #nolabels

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Today we thank the men & women who serve, and we remember the incredible sacrifice of those who

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Ruiz campaign pounces on Koch visit

Posted on April 25, 2013 by Erica Felci

Rep. Raul Ruiz is hoping this weekend's Koch conference will spark a wave of donations to his own re-election campaign.



Ruiz, a Palm Desert Democrat, sent an email to supporters this morning saying the only way to "stand a chance against the Kochs and their billions" is to "fund ourselves."

"With this gathering of extremist Tea Party patrons right in our own backyard, we need to show the Kochs they can't just buy elections," Ruiz said in the fundraising pitch.

This weekend marks the 10th time that billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch have brought conservative candidates and deep-pocketed Republican donors to the desert.

Details of the two-day gathering — including the local hotel they have reserved — are a closely guarded secret. But speakers are expected to discuss how to diversify the GOP's voter base.

Officials from the Wichita, Kansas-based Koch Industries have not returned Desert Sun requests for comment.

"We hope they spend thousands of dollars on fancy meals, spa treatments, and souvenirs in our local hotels, restaurants and stores. But unfortunately, it won't make up for the damage their economic policies have done."

in the form of jobs shipped overseas and homes foreclosed," Ruiz wrote in the email to supporters.

"But they're not coming to Palm Springs for a relaxing getaway. They're here to plan how they're going to spend tens of millions of dollars trying to buy the 2014 elections, just like they did in 2012. A lot of that money will be spent trying to defeat me."

Ruiz's 2014 challengers will include state Assemblyman Brian Nestand, a Palm Desert Republican who has launched an early congressional campaign.

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Joan Palmer · Rancho Mirage, California

maybe Pelosi or Arne can help you out; what a joke you are ;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;

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example #1

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How distastful you are Ruiz....but then Occupy likes class warfare and wanting the rich mans wealth. Take for instance...Occupy head speaker Jones (socialist, communist) of last years debacle. You know the one who was head of ACORN....but who Breitbart headlined the error of their ways...Now of course, Breitbart will not be around this year, as he was last year to COUNTER PROTEST. So...someone let me know...the big or cret...I, again will counter protest against Ruiz and his left pocket Occupiers who were bussed in along with the blacks last year and who attempted to stampede the hono...but were eventually stopped by the riot squad. I hope this year some of the Tea Party folks will not wait at the tough unions reputation. I'm sure the riot squad will help out again so there are no riots like in L.A. etc.

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Luci Leopy Parker · Top Commenter · The University Of The Pacific

love cop killers you sick b...and you probably get your kicks out of child porn that would not be surprised if you are a molester too.you make me sick and I hope rott in hell maybe one of your cop killers will get you out ass.pease out bastard.I would love a response from you directly

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Faisal Sipra · Chapman University

Ruiz is a disgrace.

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WHO THE H**L DOES HE THINK HE IS.-GOD.BWAHAHAHHAH

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Good going Congressman Ruiz. Stand up for the working man and ignore all the racist bigots.

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Mike Crist · Chaminade College Preparatory School

Thru you got it wrong. Ruiz is for the illegal alien who atps to take your job. Do some honest research on his motives, will you.

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That sounds like racist fear-mongering Mike. I'll let you know that I never allowed myself to be so poorly trained that I couldn't get SEVERAL jobs.

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New Pocan Ad Discusses Historic Victory for Rape Victims

State Rep. and 2nd District candidate Mark Pocan announced the broadcast of his second TV ad on Tuesday. "Daughter" highlights the importance of working to accomplish real results for women. Pocan authored the original Compassionate Care for Rape Victims Act (CCRV) in 2002 and worked with a variety of actors, including Republicans, to pass the law.

Only 16 other states and the District of Columbia require hospitals to provide emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault. At the time of its passage, CCRV was the first major piece of legislation for the pro-choice movement in 30 years and Pocan received two awards for leading the effort, including the Planned Parenthood Rebecca Young Leadership Award and a "Voices of Courage" Award from the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Pocan released the following statement about this critical law:

"When I heard about this serious issue, I knew it was critical that we should work hard at working together to get the law passed. Someone who has been attacked must be provided with everything available to protect themselves at such a traumatic time in their lives.

"In Congress, I plan to take my experience reaching across the aisle to pass critical legislation, while holding true to my progressive values. I will always remember the people I worked with to pass this measure and I will continue our national struggle to stand up to Tea Party extremists who want to eliminate women's rights."

[View the TV ad here.](#)

[Information about "Women for Pocan"](#)

State Representative Mark Pocan (D-Madison) is running for U.S. Congress in Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District. Since 1999, he has served in the State Assembly, winning accolades as a proven fighter and effective legislator for working people. He hopes to carry the torch of Wisconsin's proud progressive tradition in the 2nd District, following U.S. Representative Tammy

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Baldwin's decision to vacate the seat and campaign to become Wisconsin's first female U.S. Senator.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GRACE MENG AND FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN LIZ HOLTZMAN DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF MEDICARE

Posted on October 9, 2012 by greg

Assemblywoman Grace Meng and former United States Congresswoman Liz Holtzman today stood with seniors to discuss key issues, including Medicare, in front of the CCNS Bayside Senior Center in Bayside.

Liz Holtzman, who served in Congress from 1973 to 1981, remarked: "We can never balance the federal budget on the backs of our seniors. Seniors are rightly worried these days about important programs like Medicare being harmed by the misguided policies of the Tea Party Republicans in Washington, D.C. We need a Congress that is working for us, not against us. I know that Grace Meng can be trusted to stand with seniors and our most vulnerable neighbors as we fight against misguided and dangerous attacks on these vital programs."

Assemblywoman Meng stated: "Our seniors have worked hard raising families, serving our country, and building strong businesses and communities. Too many in Washington are too eager to shamefully turn their backs on our seniors. Republican plans for Medicare would end guaranteed benefits for our seniors and destroy the traditional Medicare program."

Republican designs for Medicare would harm today's seniors immediately. Republicans seek to re-open the prescription drug donut hole, eliminate coverage for preventive care, cut Medicaid, and eliminate the guaranteed benefits of the current Medicare system. Although Republicans claim that today's seniors could retain the traditional Medicare option, this is a false promise because traditional Medicare would collapse as the new private insurers cherry pick the younger seniors, on whose premiums traditional Medicare relies in order to offset the costs of providing for the sick.

"Medicare is not just another government program; it's a commitment by our country to its most respected citizens. It is also a great insurance plan. Preserving this program is simply non-negotiable. As a member of Congress, I'll fight to ensure Medicare is not played as a bargaining chip by the Tea Party-dominated Republican Party as we work to get our country's fiscal house in order, reduce our national debt and close the deficit," continued Meng.

"It's time for the Republicans to cease their draconian scare tactics. We can continue to fully fund Medicare in the long-term by reducing inefficiencies in the system, cutting out waste and fraud, enabling Medicare to leverage its bargaining power to eliminate overpayments to insurers, Big Pharma, and device manufacturers, and broadening the base of the insured in our healthcare system."

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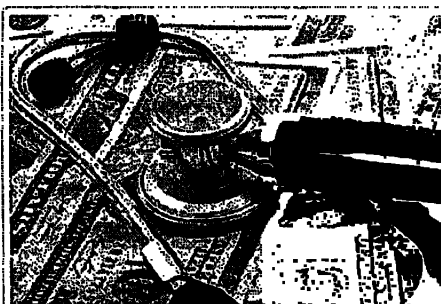
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NM delegation splits on Obamacare vote; new studies come out

Posted by [nikolewski](#) in [News](#) on July 22nd, 2013



NOT SO AFFORDABLE?: Two studies have come out concerning the effect of the Affordable Care Act on individuals and the nation's workforce.

It's hardly a surprise, but the three members of the House of Representatives from New Mexico voted with their party leadership this week in the wake of the Obama administration's decision earlier this month to postpone enforcement of the so-called employer mandate until 2015 in the Affordable Care Act, the sweeping health care originally scheduled to go into effect at the start of next year.

Under the provision, companies with 50 or more workers face a fine of as much as \$3,000 per employee if they don't offer affordable insurance.

On Wednesday, the House had to vote on whether to extend the delay to individuals affected by Obamacare as well.

Republican [Steve Pearce](#), along with GOP leadership, voted yes while Democrats [Ben Ray Lujan](#) and [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#) voted no. Both pieces of legislation passed the Republican-controlled House.

"Obamacare clearly remains unworkable, but the Administration wants to saddle individual Americans with the burden while letting businesses off the hook," Pearce said in a statement. "If—as the President has admitted—another year is needed to make the law work, then no American should be subject to the costs and challenges of this failed legislation."

"This week, House Republicans have renewed their effort to repeal and undermine the Affordable Care Act," Lujan said in a statement. "Rather than obstruct the process, we should be working together to successfully implement the law."

"Let's face the facts," Lujan Grisham said in a statement. "The Affordable Care Act is a job creator. The Medicaid expansion alone will create an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 jobs in New Mexico and pump more than \$5 billion into our state's economy over the next six years."

The White House has a [promised to veto](#) the legislation that passed Wednesday but it may never come to pass since it's doubtful the Democratically-controlled Senate will even hear the bills at all.

In other ACA news, the [Urban Institute](#) came out with a study Friday (July 19) predicting the delay in the employer mandate will leave about a million people scrambling to get covered to meet the Obamacare requirements.

The think tank [considered to be left-of-center](#) on the political spectrum estimated about 700,000 people will move into the individual exchange, shift to Medicaid or find insurance elsewhere but 300,000 would be left uninsured. Many would be subject to penalties — \$95 per adult or 1 percent of family income, whichever is greater, next year — unless they are very low-income.

On Thursday, the [National Bureau of Economic Research](#) — considered a [centrist think tank](#) — estimated the ACA could end up shrinking the workforce.

"Applying our labor supply estimates directly to this population, we predict a decline in employment of between 530,000 and 940,000 in response to this group of individuals being made newly eligible for free or heavily subsidized health insurance," the authors of the study wrote. "This would represent a decline in the aggregate employment rate of between 0.3 and 0.6 percentage points from this single component of the ACA."

[Click here](#) to read the NEBR story and [click here](#) to read the story about the Urban Institute study.

Contact Rob Nikolewski at rob@nmwatchdog.com and follow him on Twitter @robnikolewski

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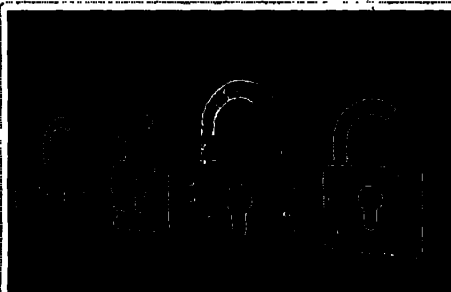
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Controversial cyber security bill may put Udall and Heinrich on the hot seat

Posted by mikolewski in News on April 23rd, 2013



CHOMPIN' ON CISPA: The controversial Cyber Intelligence and Security Protection Act (CISPA) had support of all three NM House members; now it heads to the US Senate.

All three members of the New Mexico delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives — two Democrats and one Republican — voted in favor of a controversial cyber-security bill late last week but it's hard to tell where the state's two members of the U.S. Senate stand on the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act.

CISPA passed the House of Representatives last Thursday (April 18) 288-127, with most Republicans voting yes and Democrats split in their support.

Rep. Steve Pearce, New Mexico's lone Republican on Capitol Hill, voted yes and so did the two Democrats in the House — Ben Ray Lujan and Michelle Lujan Grisham.

"Despite all the wonderful benefits, the internet provides a threat to our economic and physical wellbeing unlike any we have seen before," Rep. Pearce said in a statement. "CISPA provides simple, commonsense steps to defend against these harmful attacks."

The bill would allow sharing of internet data between the government and technology and manufacturing companies, aiming to help investigate cyber threats and ensure the security of networks against cyber attacks.

But CISPA has been denounced by civil libertarians and tech mavens who say it leaves Americans vulnerable to spying by the government and hands over too much personal information to corporations. There have been reports that CISPA would allow employers to force employees to turn over login details to sites like Facebook.

"This legislation, while not perfect, is an improvement over last year's bill that takes important steps to protect consumers from the increasing number of cyber attacks that compromise vital information," Rep. Lujan told New Mexico Watchdog in a statement.

"CISPA will allow businesses to defend themselves against hacking that puts Americans' intellectual property at risk," Lujan Grisham said in her own statement.

In 2012, a similar bill passed the House but died in the Senate. The Obama administration has expressed its own objections to the legislation.

Lujan and Lujan Grisham — perhaps wary of a backlash from some constituents — co-authored a letter to the Democratic and Republican leadership in the Senate, saying the chamber "should improve this legislation to maintain existing privacy protections."

The Senate version of CISPA is still getting worked on and — given the passion such legislation has generated in the past — it's no sure thing what form it will take.

New Mexico Watchdog sent e-mails and voice-mail messages with Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich to see which way they lean on the issue but did not hear back. If we get an update from the two Democrats, we'll post it.

Clarification: A spokesperson for Sen. Heinrich did contact New Mexico Watchdog on Tuesday, saying that "The Senate is not expected to take up the House bill. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is still working on its bill."

Heinrich is a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence but his spokesperson did not indicate which way Heinrich is leaning.

The spokesperson said in a phone call Wednesday that, as a member of the House of Representatives, Heinrich voted against CISPA when it came up in April of 2012.

Artle mere than a year ago, Udall and Lujan beat hasty retreats on a pair of tech-related bills that quickly turned politically radioactive.

Udall and Lujan were not just bystanders in the debate. Along with now-retired Sen. Jeff Bingaman, Udall co-sponsored the Privacy in the Personal Privacy Act (PIPA) in the Senate and Lujan co-sponsored the Stop

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Online Piracy Act (SOPA) in the House of Representatives.

But with the likes of Google, Wikipedia and other worldwide online groups angrily protesting PIPA and SOPA on the grounds that they would lead to censorship of the internet as well as strangling innovation, all three New Mexico reps ended up backpedaling. "We have to listen to all these folks about what they're talking about," Udall said at the time.

Critics of CISPA say it's simply another version of PIPA and SOPA.

Supporters include major telecommunications and information technology companies like AT&T, IBM, Intel, Oracle Corporation, Symantec, and Verizon as well as the United States Chamber of Commerce.

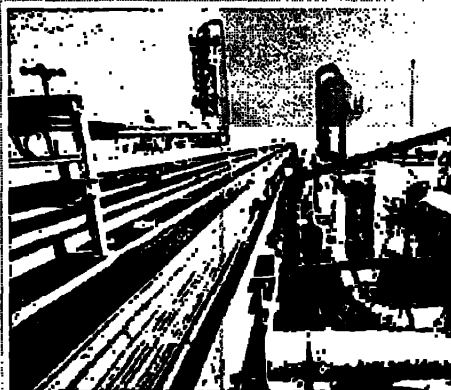
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Udall, Heinrich and Pearce approve of potential natural gas deal with Japan, environmental group 'disappointed'

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PIPE DREAM? Getting natural gas from New Mexico's San Juan Basin to Japan would require sending it through pipelines to terminals that would liquefy the gas to be shipped overseas by tankers. Handout photo from Pembina Corp.

At least three members of New Mexico's Capitol Hill delegation are in favor of potential natural gas expansion to Japan — including Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, who have enjoyed support from environmental organizations that oppose increased production.

"The export of U.S. natural gas to allies such as Japan would economically benefit states like New Mexico because we're rich in the resource," Sen. Udall said in an e-mail to New Mexico Watchdog, adding that "strong state and federal standards" would be needed.

"I'll continue to support creating new opportunities to sell natural gas into global markets and access overseas customers, which could help smooth out historical boom-bust cycles," Sen. Heinrich said in an e-mail. "Realizing stable natural gas prices will help create jobs in the states."

Earlier this week, Watchdog reported on preliminary talks aimed at dramatically increasing production in the natural gas-rich San Juan Basin in the northwest corner of New Mexico by sending it through pipelines, liquefying the gas and shipping it by tankers to Japan.

"It could be enormous for New Mexico," said Kent Cravens of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, who met a few days ago with an energy representative from Japan, which is actively searching for natural gas supplies from North America. "I think we're sitting on something that could be a game changer."

Japan — home to the third-largest economy in the world — has virtually shut down its nuclear program after the 2011 disaster at Fukushima and, as a result, is looking to satisfy its demand for energy through natural gas, which is four times less expensive in the United States than in Japan.

New Mexico Watchdog asked both senators and all three of state's members of the U.S. House of Representatives if they favored trade that might see gas in New Mexico wind up in the Japan through liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

Joining Udall and Heinrich in support is the New Mexico delegation's lone Republican, Rep. Steve Pearce.

"This could be a great opportunity for business growth and jobs in New Mexico," said Pearce spokesman Eric Layer, who added that Rep. Pearce thinks establishing a free trade agreement between the U.S. and Japan to get the deal done "is worthy of consideration."

"Overall, natural gas also has significant environmental benefits compared to other fossil fuels, and can reduce global carbon and toxic air pollution," Udall said. "With strong state and federal standards, and by taking a measured approach on exports to prevent harm to U.S. consumers and manufacturers, New Mexico will benefit from increased natural gas production."

But increasing natural gas production has been opposed by environmental groups, citing their hostility to hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") that gas producers use to extract gas.

"We are so against this," Eleanor Bravo of Food and Water Watch - New Mexico said. "It will mean more fracking — you can't get around it. Shipping this stuff across the ocean increases our carbon

footprint ... and it delays our instituting of renewables."

When asked in the e-mail about fracking concerns from environmentalists, Heinrich wrote, "In New Mexico, we've seen that fracking can be done safely and responsibly. Fracking can open reserves of oil and natural gas, but regulations need to be in place to ensure there is proper oversight and that our water is protected."

Bravo said her organization is "very disappointed" with Udall and Heinrich's support of a possible LNG deal with Japan. "They are our environmental champions ... They don't have all the facts ... They don't know the longer and long-term ramifications."

It's estimated that just a 10-cent increase in the price per thousand cubic feet of natural gas translates into \$10 million extra into New Mexico's general fund so a potential natural gas deal with Japan could boost the state's economy.

"When the industry is working, the state is receiving beverage taxes, sales taxes, and corporate income taxes," said Jason Sandel, president of Anac Well, an oil and gas company in the Farmington area.

Bravo disputes the estimates, saying, "How much money are you going to get when you run out of water? It's a bigger picture than dimes and millions."

Meanwhile, Japanese officials aren't just talking to suppliers in the U.S.

Last week, a delegation from Tokyo appeared at a conference in Canada — which already has a liquefying terminal on the coast of British Columbia — and the Japanese are preparing to invest billions in natural gas infrastructure as part of a plan to secure massive supplies of liquefied natural gas.

[Anac Well](#), [Ben Ray Lujan](#), [Cleaner Solutions](#), [Food and Water Watch - New Mexico](#), [fracking](#), [Fukushima disaster](#), [hydraulic fracturing](#), [Jason Sandel](#), [Kent Cravens](#), [Martin Heinrich](#), [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#), [New Mexico Oil and Gas Association](#), [New Mexico Watchdog](#), [Steve Pearce](#), [Tom Udall](#)

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No surprises in NM Congressional races — Lujan Grisham, Pearce and Ben Ray winning easily

Posted by [mikolewski](#) in [News](#) on November 6th, 2012

The polls in the three New Mexico Congressional districts proved to be accurate as the two incumbents (Republican Steve Pearce and Democrat Ben Ray Luján) and Democrat Michelle Luján Grisham are heading to comfortable victories in their respective races.

CD-1

Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) 58%

Janice Arnold-Jones (R) 42%

49% precincts reporting

CD-2

Steve Pearce (R) 59%

Evelyn Madrid Erhard (D) 41%

38% precincts reporting

CD-3

Ben Ray Luján (D) 60%

Jefferson Byrd (R) 40%

36% precincts reporting

[Ben Ray Lujan](#), [Evelyn Madrid Erhard](#), [Janice Arnold-Jones](#), [Jefferson Byrd](#), [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#), [Steve Pearce](#)

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Wilson says her polls shows a tie race, Heinrich confident he'll win NM Senate seat

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Heather Wilson vs. Martin Heinrich



Going into the final, frantic day before New Mexico determines whether Republican [Heather Wilson](#) or Democrat [Martin Heinrich](#) will head to the US Senate, Wilson says she's closed the gap in polling while Heinrich says he's up by 10 points.

Having trailed their opponent in a tough and expensive race with Heinrich, Wilson's campaign released an internal poll from Glen Bolger of [Public Opinion Strategies](#) claiming that the race is now deadlocked, 46-46 with independent candidate [Jon Barrie](#) at 3 percent.

But at the same time, the Heinrich camp released [its own internal poll](#) last

Tuesday (Oct. 30) from [GBA Strategies](#) claiming Heinrich has a 51-41 lead with Barrie at 6 percent.

So which poll is really accurate?

We asked both candidates Monday (Nov. 5), on the eve of the election. Wilson was in Santa Fe Monday morning while Heinrich was in Albuquerque:

Eight days ago, [the Albuquerque Journal](#) published a statewide poll showing Heinrich up by 8 points, 50-42, with Barrie getting 3 percent. In the most recent poll conducted by a national polling organization, [Rasmussen Reports](#) had Heinrich leading 52-39 in a survey conducted Oct. 11.

But Wilson is a veteran campaigner who has a reputation for closing fast. She spent Monday crisscrossing the state — going from Santa Fe to Clovis to Hobbs to Las Cruces to Farmington to Albuquerque — accompanied by Gov. [Susana Martinez](#).

Heinrich, who came back in 2010 to defeat Jon Barea to win re-election in the US House of Representatives, spent Monday in Albuquerque's South Valley, UNM, Bernalillo and Northeast Albuquerque while being joined at various locations by [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#), US Rep. [Ben Ray Lujan](#) and US Sen. [Tom Udall](#).

Both candidates say they'll campaign right up until the polls close at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

[Albuquerque Journal](#), [Ben Ray Lujan](#), [GBA Strategies](#), [Glen Bolger](#), [Heather Wilson](#), [Jon Barrie](#), [Martin Heinrich](#), [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#), [Public Opinion Strategies](#), [Rasmussen Reports](#), [Susana Martinez](#), [Tom Udall](#)

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Lopsided leads in money and polls for three NM Congressional candidates

Posted by [mikolewski](#) in [News](#) on October 17th, 2012

With less than three weeks until Election Day, the most recent polls and campaign financial disclosures indicate the races in New Mexico's three US Congressional districts may be pretty one-sided affairs.

Congressional incumbents [Steve Pearce](#) in Congressional District 2 and [Ben Ray Lujan](#) in CD-3, along with former Bernalillo County Commissioner [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#) in CD-1, have raised many times more money than their opponents.

According to the latest data from the [Federal Election Commission](#) that was compiled by [Barry Massey of Associated Press](#), here's the breakdown on the amounts of cash on hand for the candidates in each district race and the results of polls released in the past week published by the [Albuquerque Journal](#):

CD-1	Cash On Hand	ABQ Journal poll 10/9-10/11
Michelle Lujan Grisham (Democrat)	\$378,802	91%
Janice Arnold-Jones (Republican)	\$53,457	37%
CD-2		
Steve Pearce (Republican)	\$838,782	55%
Evelyn Erhard Madrid (Democrat)	\$14,660	31%
CD-3		
Ben Ray Lujan (Democrat)	\$473,369	58%
Jefferson Byrd (Republican)	\$17,399	34%

While Pearce and Lujan are defending their seats in Congress, Lujan Grisham and [Janice Arnold-Jones](#) are competing for a seat that's going to be vacated by Democrat [Martin Heinrich](#), who's running for the US Senate against Republican [Heather Wilson](#).

"Polls are not votes," Arnold-Jones campaign manager [Rachel Hadland](#) told AP. "We're focused on votes."

[Albuquerque Journal](#), [Ben Ray Lujan](#), [Evelyn Madrid Erhard](#), [Federal Election Commission](#), [Janice Arnold-Jones](#), [Jefferson Byrd](#), [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#), [Steve Pearce](#)

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Janice Arnold-Jones vs. Michelle Lujan Grisham: "She's a bureaucrat," the Republican says, "I'm bi-partisan," says the Democrat

Posted by [mikolewski](#) in [News](#) on October 2nd, 2012

With exactly five weeks to go until Election Day, Democrat [Michelle Lujan Grisham](#) and Republican [Janice Arnold-Jones](#) are taking their campaigns to the media.

The two women will meet in [three televised debates](#) across Congressional District 1 — which makes up greater Albuquerque and central New Mexico — to convince voters in the district that has been long considered a toss-up between Democrats and Republicans which candidate should replace outgoing Congressman [Martin Heinrich](#), a Democrat who's giving up his seat in the US House of Representatives to make a run at the US Senate.

We caught up with Lujan Grisham and Arnold-Jones on Monday afternoon (Oct. 1) after they finished taping the TV program, "[Report From Santa Fe](#)" with [Lorena Mills](#).

A former Bernalillo County Commissioner, Lujan Grisham says Congress should work in a bi-partisan fashion to tackle the daunting fiscal problems the country faces. But in our interview, we pointed to [Lujan Grisham's news conference last August](#) when she announced her candidacy when she

Lujan Grisham vs. Arnold-Jones



she declared: "I'm running for Congress because our country is under attack. A band of right-wing radicals have hijacked this country, putting the interests of their corporate masters ahead of the middle class, seniors and our New Mexico families."

Hardly sounds bi-partisan. Was Lujan Grisham playing to the political left since she was entering a Democratic primary with liberal [Eric Griego](#) as one of her prime opponents, and now is she pivoting to the center?

"It's not a pivot," Lujan Grisham said. "In those remarks I was very clear about the Tea Party.

Extremism in Congress has got to go away. Who's in control of that extremism right now is the Tea Party. But it should not exist on either end. And the Republicans today, you've got many wonderful Republicans that did great things in this country ... President Eisenhower and President Reagan, they couldn't be elected in Tea Party districts. This is a totally different issue where you've got individuals who are holding Congress hostage who will not allow any compromise."

A former 4-term state representative, Arnold-Jones has been attacked by Lujan Grisham, who has tried to tie the Republican to Paul Ryan's budget proposals that include changing Medicare so that it would work more like a voucher system for those under the age of 55 in order to make the program financially sustainable.

"Continuing to talk about expanding health care programs without ever addressing where the money is coming from is simply foolish," Arnold-Jones said. In regards to the Ryan plan, Arnold-Jones said, "I love this discourse, 'you're for this.' We're just beginning to talk about it [the Ryan plan]. And I am ready to be in the arena to come up with the best ideas."

Back on September 3, a poll from the Abuquerque Journal showed Lujan Grisham leading by 12 points. Arnold-Jones claims that "my latest polling still shows us within about three points."

Here are the interviews we conducted with each candidate.

Here's Lujan Grisham:

And here's Arnold-Jones:

You can watch the discussion the two candidates had on "Report From Santa Fe" on KNME-TV on Sunday at 8 a.m., on KRWG 22 at 6 a.m. Sunday, on KENW in Portales at 6 p.m. Saturday, statewide on | DirectTV/DishTV 3 at 6 p.m. Saturday and on the radio at KANW-FM 89.1 at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

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Will Paul Ryan make a difference in NM races this fall? Susana: "At least he had the courage to come up with a budget!"

Posted by mikolewski in News on Aug. 13th, 2012

Three days after Mitt Romney chose Paul Ryan as his Republican ticket running mate, it's still not clear how the selection could play out here in New Mexico.

Die-hard Republicans are praising Ryan while Democrats are blasting the well-known budget hawk as extreme. That's no surprise.



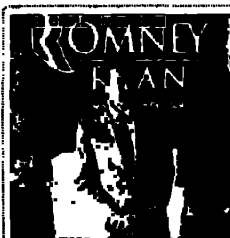
Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin)

But a number of Republican candidates this November in New Mexico swing districts are trying to walk a fine line.

They don't want to alienate their conservative bases that are energized by Ryan but at the same time, they don't want to turn off undecided voters who might buy into Democrats' portrayals of Ryan as somebody whose call for budget cuts in Washington might affect Sandia Labs or the Los Alamos National Laboratory. And of course, any politician who dares speak about reforming entitlement programs is playing a dangerous game.

On Monday (Aug. 13), state Republican cabinet member Jon Barela, state Rep. Larry Larranaga of Albuquerque and GOP state rep candidate Monica Youngblood of Albuquerque called a news conference backing

Romney's choice.



Larry Larranaga, Jon Barela and Monica Youngblood at GOP news conference in Albuquerque, 8/13/12

"Don't be fooled about the lies about how [Ryan] wants to dismantle Medicare," Barela said.

But Scott Forrester, the executive director of the Democratic Party of New Mexico, and US Senate candidate Martin Heinrich, each released statements Monday with Forrester saying, "The Ryan Budget would gut Medicare by turning it into a voucher program", and Heinrich's statement claiming that "The Ryan budget would end Medicare as we know it and force nearly 800,000 New Mexico seniors onto a voucher program."

Ryan's "Path to Prosperity" plan would not affect anybody currently enrolled in the Medicare system but in 10 years (2022), the proposal would change Medicare to a program that would employ vouchers as well as increase the age to become eligible for Medicare (increasing by two months per year until it reached age 67 in 2033).

"If we want to sustain the preferences we have now, if we want our children and our grandchildren to enjoy Medicare and Social Security," Youngblood told Capitol Report New Mexico, "we need to make sure they're solvent. We need to make sure we have a budget and that ... Washington lives on a budget."

"[Romney's selection] changes the whole focus of this campaign from all the mudslinging and things like that to things like ideas and results," Larranaga said.

Heinrich's statement also said Ryan's budget proposals could lead to cuts at Sandia and Los Alamos.

Gov. Steven Marking told Capitol Report New Mexico, "At least his vice presidential selection had the courage to come up with a budget, something that not even the Obama administration has or the ability to get a budget [passed] at all ... I disagree with parts of [Ryan's budget proposals]. I certainly want our labs to be strong here in New Mexico. I will communicate that should Romney and Ryan win. I want New Mexico's labs to remain just as they are."

Those comments echo those of Heinrich's opponent, Republican Heather Wilson, who issued a statement back on Saturday saying that Ryan is "decent, honest and smart" while adding, "I admire his willingness to put forth bold ideas on the biggest issues facing our nation, even if I don't always agree with him."

Republican Janice Arnold-Jones issued a statement on her website saying she supported the decision to choose Ryan, who she said "brings a fresh set of ideas to the national debate."

But a post on the KOB-TV website quotes Arnold Jones as saying the Ryan choice is "Altogether frightening on the lab side, but I intend to go and advocate for the state of New Mexico." Heinrich's campaign cited that quote in their news release Monday.

However, the video accompanying the piece from KOB-TV did not include use the quote. Arnold-Jones told Capitol Report New Mexico, "I do not recall saying that."

A voicemail was left with KOB's news director. As soon as we hear back, we'll post a clarification. Click here to see the video and the accompanying text from KOB-TV.

Arnold-Jones is running against Democrat Michelle Lujan Grisham, who issued a statement saying Romney's selection "shows his disregard for New Mexico's middle class families and seniors."

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Here's a video of our conversation with Gov. Marking about Romney picking Ryan:

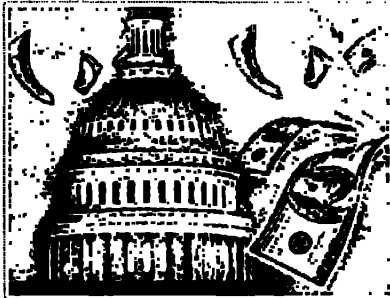
As reported last week, Martinez will be one of the featured speakers at the Republican National Convention later this month. The governor said she doesn't know which day she will speak to the convention and when we asked her what she might say in her speech, she said she's still working on it.

Capitol Report New Mexico, Democratic Party of New Mexico, Heather Wilson, Janice Arnold-Jones, Jon Barcla, KOB-TV, Larry Larranaga, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Martin Heinrich, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Mitt Romney, Monica Youngblood, Paul Ryan, Sandia Labs, Scott Forrester, Susana Martinez

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Nancy Pelosi, Donald Rumsfeld among the names throwing money at NM congressional races

Posted by [mikolewski](#) in [News](#) on July 20th, 2013



Ben Ray Lujan receives a lot of money from Native American tribes. Steve Pearce gets a ton from oil and energy companies. And political figures ranging from Nancy Pelosi to Donald Rumsfeld have thrown cash at candidates in New Mexico's three races in the US House of Representatives.

Capitol Report New Mexico took a look at the campaign contributions this year for the three Democrats and three Republicans seeking jobs on Capitol Hill and scanned some of their biggest contributors as well as some with noteworthy political names.

Our survey also reveals that if fundraising is any indication, the three congressional races may be pretty one-sided.

Lujan, fellow Democrat Michelle Lujan Grisham and Pearce — a Republican — have raked in a lot more money than their respective opponents and in two of those races, their leads are literally hundreds of times larger.

Here are the numbers released earlier this week from the most recent quarter:

1st Congressional District	Net Contributions 5/17-6/30	Cash on hand
<u>Michelle Lujan Grisham</u> (D)	\$297,857	\$203,808
<u>Janice Arnold-Jones</u> (R)	\$70,385	\$77,897
2nd Congressional District		
<u>Steve Pearce</u> (R)	\$223,517	\$814,969
<u>Evelyn Madrid Erhard</u> (D)	\$14,833	\$3,481
3rd Congressional District		
<u>Ben Ray Lujan</u> (D)	\$102,410	\$416,104
<u>Jefferson Byrd</u> (R)	\$7,460	\$919

Lujan Grisham has nearly three times more cash on hand than Janice Arnold-Jones in CD-1 that makes up greater Albuquerque and is generally considered a swing district between Democrats and

Republicans. Arnold-Jones says she'll narrow that gap in the coming weeks. We'll see when the next quarterly numbers come out in early October.



Nancy Pelosi

But the other races are completely lopsided, money-wise. Pearce has 234 times more cash on hand than Evelyn Madrid Erhard in the district that makes up southern New Mexico while Luján has 452 times more than Jefferson Byrd in the district that makes up the northern part of the state.

There are also some interesting individual contributors.

For example, Lujan Grisham has received \$2,500 from state Sen. Lisa Curtis (D-Albuquerque), who was appointed to her state Senate seat late last year after a couple controversial moves.

State Sen. Kent Cravens (R-Albuquerque) resigned his seat with one year left in his term. The district is one of most Republican in the state but

Curtis was appointed to the seat by the Democratic-controlled commissions in Sandoval and Bernalillo counties. Lujan Grisham is a member of the Bernalillo County Commission and cast what proved to be the deciding vote in favor of Curtis.



Donald Rumsfeld

Meanwhile, Pearce received \$1,000 from the chairman of the former Defense Secretary under President George W. Bush, who lives near Taos. Pearce also has raked in thousands of dollars from contributors and political action committees associated with the oil and gas industry.

Incumbent congressman Luján has become a favorite of Indian tribes — and not just in New Mexico. We counted at least \$62,350 from Native American interests, nearly all of which have gaming on their lands.

A couple well-known names in national Democratic Party politics pop up in the search. Former Speaker of the House Pelosi has contributed \$2,000 to Lujan Grisham and the chair of the Democratic National Committee, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Florida), has given

\$2,000 to Luján and \$2,000 to Lujan Grisham.

Former Gov. Bill Richardson's wife, Barbara, has donated \$1,000 to Luján and another former governor, Garrey Carruthers, has kicked in \$1,000 to Arnold-Jones and \$1,000 to Pearce.

Here's a partial list of what we found on the candidates' reports submitted to the Federal Election Commission:

Lujan Grisham:

\$29,966 through earmarks from Emily's List, a pro-choice national organization that aims to elect pro-choice Democratic female candidates;

\$5,000 from the American Federation of Teachers Union;

\$2,500 from state Sen. Tim Jennings (D-Roswell);

\$1,250 from former Lt. Governor Diane Denish;

\$3,400 from Jason Sandel, executive vice-president of Aztec Well Servicing in San Juan County;

\$2,000 from Debbie Wasserman-Schultz;

\$5,000 from state lobbyist Randy Traynor;

\$2,000 from Nancy Pelosi's political action committee;

Lujan Grisham made out a loan to her own campaign for \$95,000

Janice Arnold-Jones:

\$3,300 from state Rep. Don Tripp (R-Socorro)

\$1,000 from Deborah Peacock, Albuquerque lawyer and chair of the Environmental Improvement Board

\$1,000 from former state Rep. Brian Moble

\$1,000 from Garrey Carruthers

Evelyn Madrid Erhard:

\$1,000 from the re-election war chest of retiring Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-New Mexico);

\$2,000 from the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education

\$235 from J. Paul Taylor

Steve Pearce:

\$10,000 (\$5,000 apiece) from oil and gas investor Olen Featherstone II and Charla Featherstone of Roswell;

\$10,000 (\$5,000 apiece) from James Henry of Henry Resources of Midland, Texas (which makes oil and gas machinery) and Paula Henry;

\$10,000 (\$5,000 apiece) from Angel Salazar of U.S. Drilling, Inc., and Mary Salazar, special education coordinator, both of Reewell;

\$10,000 (\$5,000 apiece) from Robert Chase of Mack Energy and Deb Chase of Deerhorn Aviation, both of Artesia;

\$9,800 (\$4,900 apiece) from Raye Paul Miller of Marbob Energy and Mary K. Miller, both of Artesia;

\$9,000 (\$4,500 apiece) from Steve Burleson of Burleson Oil and Elizabeth Burleson, both of Midland, Texas;

\$7,500 from Koch Industries;

\$6,500 from Conoco Phillips Spirit;

\$5,500 from Occidental Petroleum Corp.;

\$5,000 from Devon Energy PAC from Oklahoma City;

\$5,000 from Paul Foster, CEO of Western Refining of El Paso;

\$5,000 from Charles Yates of ABO Petroleum of Artesia;

\$5,000 from John Yates of Yates Petroleum of Artesia;

\$5,000 from Linda Yates of Santo Petroleum of Artesia;

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\$4,000 from Chevron Employees PAC;

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\$2,500 from Valero PAC of San Antonio, Texas;

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\$1,000 from Unisource Energy Corporation;

\$10,000 from Deloitte Federal PAC;

\$10,000 from the American Crystal Sugar Company PAC;

\$1,000 from Garrey Carruthers;

\$1,000 from the election fund of Tom Mullins, who lost to Ben Ray Luján in 2010;

\$500 from Rep. Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso);

\$250 from state Sen. Gay Keman (R-Hobbs);

\$250 from Rep. Anna Crook (R-Clovis);

Jefferson Byrd:

\$2,500 from Cynthia Pearce of Hobbs, who is the wife of Congressman Steve Pearce

Byrd made out a loan to her own campaign for \$12,620

Ben Ray Luján:

\$5,000 from the Pueblo of Tesuque;

\$5,000 from the Pueblo of Isleta;

\$5,000 from Ohkay Owingeh;

\$5,000 from the Pueblo of Pojoaque;

\$5,000 from the Poarch Creek Indians of Alabama;

\$5,000 from the Chickasaw Nation in Ada, Oklahoma;

\$4,900 from the Pueblo of Laguna;

\$4,000 from Deborah Ho of the Mapetsi Policy Group in Washington DC;

\$3,700 from the Pueblo of Sandia;

\$2,500 from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians;

\$2,500 from the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians;

\$2,500 from the Gila River Indian Community Council;

\$2,500 from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe;

\$2,500 from the Sun Carlos Apache Tribe;

\$1,500 from the Leech Lake PAC Band of Ojibwa in Cass Lake, Minnesota;

\$1,500 from the Pueblo of San Felipe;

\$1,250 from the Miccosukee Tribe of Miami, Florida;

\$1,000 from the Pueblo of Santa Clara;

\$1,000 from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians;

\$1,000 from the Morengo Band of Mission Indians;

\$10,000 from NYLife;

\$10,000 from the International Union of Operating Engineers;

\$7,500 from Wal-Mart;

\$7,500 from the AFSCME union;

\$7,500 from SEIU;

\$5,500 from Comcast;

\$4,000 from Univision;

\$4,000 from Intel

\$2,000 from Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-Florida);

\$2,000 from Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-South Carolina);

\$1,500 from state Rep. Brian Egolf (D-Santa Fe);

\$1,000 from Barbara Richardson;

\$1,000 from former state attorney general Patrica Madrid;

\$400 from state Rep. Patricia Lundstrom (D-Gallup);

\$500 from state Rep Jim Trujillo (D-Santa Fe);

\$750 from former Lt. Governor Diane Denish;

\$250 from former Gov. Toney Anaya

As for the race between Martin Heinrich and Heather Wilson, it's more difficult to obtain the individual contributions in US Senate races as candidates there go through the Secretary of the Senate first and then through the FEC.

As soon as we get those figures, we'll comb through them for big donors and interesting contributors. (For example, we reported back in 2010 how Heinrich received \$1,000 from Barbra Streisand.)

In the meantime, we do have the overall numbers in the Heinrich-Wilson race, which is quickly becoming one of the most expensive races in the country.

US Senate	Net Contributions 5/17-6/30	Cash on hand
Martin Heinrich (D)	\$1,417,742	\$1,763,770
Heather Wilson (GOP)	\$1,624,432	\$1,632,518

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Nail-biting time in wild Democratic Senate primary — relatives separated by just two votes

Posted by [mikolewski](#) in [News](#) on June 8th, 2012



Clemente Sanchez
Dem candidate in
Senate District 30

The primary election may have been held on Tuesday (June 5) but days later, there's no clear-cut winner for the Democratic Party nomination for state Senate District 30 — and it looks like there won't be an official decision for a while in a race that, even by New Mexico political standards, is wild and personal.

[Maxine Velasquez](#) of the Laguna Pueblo is trying to hang on to a minuscule 3-vote lead on [Clemente Sanchez](#) of Grants but the district covers four different counties and each of those counties (Cibola, Valencia, McKinley and Socorro) have provisional ballots to go through.

Cibola County was supposed to canvass its 54 provisional and 5 absentee ballots on Friday (June 8th) but Sanchez told [Capitol Report New Mexico](#) that the county clerk's office postponed the count until next Wednesday (June 13).

Capitol Report New Mexico talked to [Valencia County Clerk Sally Perea](#) Friday afternoon, who reported that Sanchez picked up one vote to zero for Velasquez in provisional ballots. So that would reduce Velasquez's margin to just two votes.

[Rick Palochak](#), the director of elections in McKinley County, told Capitol Report New Mexico that four provisional ballots qualified in the one precinct in McKinley County that includes Senate District 30 and that his staff will go through all of the county's provisional ballots at 9 a.m. Monday (June 11).

No word yet from the county clerk in Socorro County.

The incumbent in District 30 is [David Ulibarr](#) but he finished a distant third in the race featuring four candidates.

Here are the unofficial results posted on the Secretary of State's website:

STATE SENATOR — DISTRICT 30		Votes	
MAXINE R. VELASQUEZ	Democratic	1221	31.0%
DAVID ULIBARRI	Democratic	876	22.3%
RANDOLPH MARSHALL COLLINS	Democratic	621	15.8%
CLEMENTE SANCHEZ	Democratic	1218	30.9%

To make things even more unusual,

- 1) this is a recount repeat for Sanchez and
- 2) get this — Sanchez and Velasquez are actually related to one another.

In a story posted by [Milan Simonich](#) of the [Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Partnership](#):

Velasquez is the daughter of Sanchez's brother. She said she has no relationship with her father. Feelings between the candidates — uncle and niece — are not especially warm either.

Velasquez told Capitol Report New Mexico that the contest between herself and Sanchez was "pretty contentious" and Sanchez has accused Velasquez of not actually living in the district.

"I think the voters here are tired of the negative campaigning," Velasquez said Friday.

Going through an ultra-tight primary is déjà-vu all over again for Sanchez.

Four years ago, he lost by just five votes to Ulibarr in a race that originally saw Sanchez in front only to see Ulibarr win by the time the recount was complete.

"It's the same scenario," Sanchez said Friday. "I just gotta wait and see. You get anxious but the voting is done and there's not much you can do."

"There's absolutely nothing we can do," Velasquez said, "except that we make sure the county clerks follow everything to a T. We've done everything we possibly can."

What are the policy differences between Sanchez and Velasquez?

"I wouldn't put a label on myself," Velasquez said. On the hot-button issues of repealing driver's licenses for illegal immigrants, Velasquez said, "I think Democrats put forth an alternative bill to negotiation with the governor [Susana Martinez, who has refused compromise bills and calls for outright repeal]. I would consider an alternative bill like the one introduced earlier."

Sanchez said, "I'm a fiscal conservative and social moderate. I'm a fiscal conservative but not to the point where everything stops. I'm not a liberal. I'm a realist ... I believe in giving a chance to someone but at the



Maxine Velasquez, Dem candidate for Senate District 30

same time you want to encourage people to go out and help themselves."

During the primary campaign, Velasquez raised \$47,075, compared to \$15,673 for Sanchez.

Among some of the big contributors for Velasquez were Conservation Voters New Mexico that gave her \$4,000, various Native American tribes and pueblos that combined for \$9,850, and the Washington DC-based Mapesi Policy Group and its founder Debbie Ho that combined to contribute \$4,600.

Sanchez received \$1,000 from the Pueblo of Pojoaque and took out three loans to himself that totalled \$6,279.20.

Sanchez says the California-based liberal political action committee Progressive Kick has run ads against him. Capitol Report New Mexico spoke to an employee at Progressive Kick Friday afternoon who confirmed that "we are backing" Velasquez. During the primaries, Progressive Kick produced negative campaign spots and fliers in various races across the

state, including a blistering attack on Michelle Lujan Grisham in the Congressional District 1 Democratic Party primary.

The winner between Sanchez and Velasquez will take on Vickie Perea, a Republican who had no primary challenger.

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Michigan legislators still unsure of vote on Medicaid expansion

By RJ Wolcott | Published 07/02/13 6:02pm

As pressure mounts from both sides of the political spectrum to address Medicaid expansion in Michigan, it is uncertain whether legislators will be addressing the concern at their upcoming Wednesday session.

Before breaking for the summer, members of the Michigan Senate began debating the merits of Healthy Michigan, a Medicare expansion plan that would cover more than 400,000 Michigan residents. The plan is in reaction to President Obama's Affordable Care Act, which was signed into law March 23, 2010, and upheld by the Supreme Court a little more than a year ago.

Gov. Rick Snyder continues to voice his support of the Healthy Michigan plan, which he said will reduce hospital costs from uncompensated health care in addition to expanding coverage. The plan has already been approved by the State House of Representatives, which voted 76-31 on June 10 to expand Medicaid eligibility for citizens who make up to 133 percent of the poverty line beginning in 2014, according to the governor's office.

In an article in the Detroit Free Press, Snyder called on state senators to, "Take a vote, not a vacation."

Even with this call to action, members of the governor's own party have yet to embrace the plan.

Patrick Tiedt, the chief of staff for Assistant Majority Caucus Whip Darwin Booher, R-Ewart, said that while the senator plans to attend the July 3 session, he is uncertain whether Booher would vote on the matter.

Booher also is a member of the Healthy Michigan Workgroup, a task force announced by Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, and headed by Sen. Roger Kahn, R-Saginaw Township. The committee was assembled to study the Medicaid legislation as well as to make suggestions on how to improve the bill, and will be meeting Wednesday to continue discussions.

But some, like U.S. Congressman Dan Kildee, D-Michigan, are pressuring Republicans to get a move on.

"This week is full of festivities as we celebrate the Fourth of July and our nation's independence," Kildee said in a press release. "It should also be a time where State Senate Republicans declare their independence from the Tea Party and vote to expand Medicaid in Michigan."

Mitchell Rivard, communications director for Kildee and MSU alumnus, said Republicans have neglected their responsibilities to their constituents by delaying any form of vote in the Senate.

"Michigan residents went to work today, and they expect the same from their elected officials. State senate Republicans should return from a two-month vacation to vote tomorrow on expanding Medicaid, which is a smart, cost-saving investment that a majority of other states have already done," Rivard said.

"As state senate Republicans continue to delay, over 400,000 Michiganders are potentially one medical emergency away from financial ruin."

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Joe Kennedy III speaks out against 'atmosphere of hate'; 5,000 lose power on Cape; Sperm whales use their own distinct language to communicate with their pod; Falmouth govt. study petition fails

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TODAY's quotes: "We have a new Kennedy. He hit that one right out of the ballpark. Another historic speech from another Kennedy." - Senate President Therese Murray.

"This should be the most important thing they have on their radar to get a town manager, but they are more worried about whether there is a yacht club at Green Pond." - F. Bradley Sturcke Jr., Falmouth.

Joseph P. Kennedy III speaks out against "atmosphere of hate"

Is this the first move in his run to replace his grand uncle Ted?

While most local pundits

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The *Register* weekly newspaper offers an intriguing insight this week reporting that Joe III, the grandson of former U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, transfixed a Beacon Hill audience Tuesday as he lamented "an atmosphere of hate" enveloping the country and poisoning the political climate.

Kennedy, 30, in a rare public address to a large gathering of state legislators, referred to last week's shooting of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and an increasingly "toxic" tone in Washington.

"Something happened last week and it's time for a change. For too long the rhetoric in Washington has been toxic," he said. "Anti-war protesters holding up signs saying 'death to terrorist pig Bush', Tea Party protesters shouting out racist and anti-gay slurs to members of Congress. Protesters shouting out, 'Death to Cheney'. Radio talk show hosts calling President Obama and members of Congress communists and traitors."

Read the *Register* story [here](#).



**5,000 on Cape lose power, Outer Cape escapes blizzard
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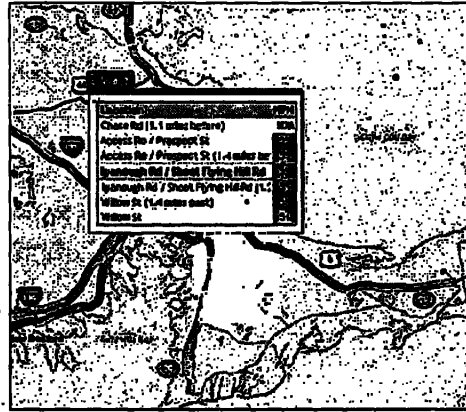
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The *Boston Globe* reports this morning that 35,000 homes are without power this morning and State Police report dozens of crashes as a powerful winter storm hammers Massachusetts, a storm that is bringing heavy wet snow and powerful gusting winds that could cause more power outages as the storm progresses, officials said this morning.

The National Weather Service said this morning that the worse of the blizzard will hit Massachusetts between 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., before ending this afternoon. Snow will fall two three inches an hour at the height of the blizzard and could total 16 inches or more in parts of the region, the NWS said.

National Grid reported that 31,000 customers were without power in a band that stretched from the Rhode Island border to the North Shore. Heaviest hit, however, was Plymouth County where 22,000 customers have lost power, and NSTAR reported 5,000 customers without power mostly on Cape Cod.

Read the *Globe* story [here](#).



Check the "real time" speeds on local highways [here](#).

Sperm whales use their own distinct language to communicate with their pod

According to *PlanetEarth Online*, recent research has led to some interesting insight into how sperm whales communicate with each other.

Canadian researchers at the University of St. Andrews have discovered that all whales in a pod use the same patterned clicks or coda. Scientists originally thought sperm whales had their own individually distinct coda pattern that they used to identify themselves to others. In actuality, researchers now know that the pod shares the collection of sounds to show each member is part of the same pod.

Click [here](#) to listen to the whales communicate through a series of clicks.

Sperm whales don't have the sharpest eyesight or sense of smell according to *PlanetEarth Online*. The codas, which can be very loud, greatly aid the whales in communicating with one another. Scientists also found that females are much more vocal than males.

Read the story in *PlanetEarth Online* [here](#).

Falmouth government study petition fails in signature quest 3,872 signatures needed and only 842 folks signed up so far

The *Falmouth Enterprise* is reporting today that the organizers behind an initiative to change Falmouth's current form of government will not be able to gather the required number of signatures to put the question to voters in May.

"We are not going to make the February deadline."

The group, headed up by F. Bradley Sturcke Jr. of Sailfish Drive, East Falmouth, needed to obtain signatures of 3,872 registered voters, or 15 percent of the electorate, to place the question on the ballot.

Read the *Enterprise* story [here](#).

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Huffman Votes Against House Farm Bill

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Huffman: "By trying to appease the Tea Party fringe, the House GOP leadership has once again missed an opportunity for progress on bipartisan legislation"

WASHINGTON—Following his "No" vote on the controversial House Farm Bill, Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) issued the following statement:

"The last flawed Farm Bill wasn't extreme enough for the Tea Party, so GOP leadership has decided to drop its nutrition and SNAP provisions entirely, potentially leaving millions of low-income families across America hungry. This split Farm Bill is a window into a deeply dysfunctional Republican caucus which unfortunately has serious consequences for the entire country," Congressman Huffman said. **"By trying to appease the Tea Party fringe, the House GOP leadership has once again missed an opportunity for progress on bipartisan legislation, which does not bode well for the critical issues facing Congress this year. I urge Republican leadership to quickly bring a bill to reauthorize the SNAP program to the House floor, and to go to conference with the Senate as soon as possible."**

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Steven Horsford is a leader who puts his heart into the fight. Who understands what it is to face tough times. And who never gives up.

You can see it in the choices he's made.

A devoted family man, Steven has built a strong family with his wife, Dr. Sonya Horsford, and their three children, Benjamin, Bryson and Ella. They are the center of his life. But growing up in West Las Vegas, his family life was less secure. Steven's mother struggled with addiction. His grandmother required around-the-clock care. His father was shot and killed when he was 19 years old because of drugs and crime in the neighborhood he now represents and works in.

So Steven became head of his household at just ten years old. Caring for his three younger siblings. Working his way through high school at Pizza Hut and cleaning kennels. Leaving college at the University of Nevada-Reno when his brothers and sister needed him at home. And helping each of his siblings make it to college themselves.

It didn't take long for Steven to learn the meaning of responsibility and hard work. Or to find out what really matters.

You can see it in the fights he's won.

Steven was elected to the Nevada State Senate in 2004 and got right to work. He wrote and passed the "Clean Energy Jobs Initiative" because he believes Nevada can be the nation's leader in renewable energy technology, and all the good jobs that come with it. He authored legislation providing tax incentives to businesses that create higher paying jobs in Nevada. And he was the chief sponsor of revolutionary K-12 school reform that passed in 2011 that brings greater accountability to our classrooms—so all of our children get the education they need to succeed in college or career.

Knowing that the devastated Nevada economy needed action from Carson City that Republicans were not delivering, he led the 2008 election fight that won two senate seats and put Democrats in the majority for the first time in 18 years. And he was chosen to co-chair Barack Obama's presidential campaign in the state.

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About Steven

Steven was quickly chosen by his peers as their leader – and currently serves as the state's youngest and Nevada's first African American Majority Leader. His service has been characterized by a willingness to work across the aisle with anyone who has a good idea, and the resolve to fight for what he believes in when it matters most.

When Governor Sandoval proposed a 2012 budget that would have caused wide-spread teacher layoffs and larger classrooms around the state, it was Steven Horsford who led the fight against it. In one of the most protracted budget battles in Nevada history, Steven stood firm-- the Las Vegas Sun called him "relentless" and the Governor backed down. The result: while Democrats in Washington and across the country were caving in to extreme Republican Tea Party demands, Steven protected Nevada schools while achieving a balanced budget that made smart cuts to government waste and excess spending.

You can see it in the work he does.

In 2001, Steven went to work at the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas, a one-of-its-kind labor/management partnership between major Nevada employers, like MGM Resorts, Wynn Las Vegas and Caesars Entertainment, and the unions that represent their workers: Culinary Union Local #226 and Bartenders Local #165. The Culinary Academy trains and places Nevadans in good jobs and under Steven's leadership, its working: the Academy trains thousands of unemployed and underemployed Nevadans every year, placing 80 percent of their graduates in good paying jobs in Nevada's hospitality industry, even in this tough economy. As a component of the career preparation provided to youth and adults, Steven has lead the Culinary Academy to be named caterer of record for the world renowned Smith Center for Performing Arts and the Springs Preserve, a cultural and sustainability attraction in southern Nevada. It's the kind of practical, innovative, real world solution that Steven is known for.

Steven Horsford

Tough times call for real leaders. Someone who understands the challenges that Nevada families face because he's faced them himself. A practical leader, who reaches across party lines for commonsense ideas and stands up to the extremists. A tough leader who takes on the special interests and puts his heart into the fight to protect middle class families. And wins.

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Denny Heck ready to represent in D.C.

New 10th District rep campaigned against gridlock



"There is a pent-up hunger in America for problem-solving," Denny Heck, Congressman-elect, 10th District

By Brad Shannon, The Olympian

Sunday, November 11, 2012

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OLYMPIA — Democratic businessman Denny Heck says he is guardedly hopeful the political gridlock he campaigned against can be unlocked.

Heck, who grew up in Vancouver, lost to Jaime Herrera Beutler in 2010 in a 3rd-District race. On Nov. 6, he won a resounding victory in his campaign for Congress in Washington's newly created 10th District, capturing more than 58 percent of the vote against Republican Dick Muri of Steilacoom.

"I think every Congress is mostly colored in its personality by its incoming class," Heck said in an interview after his election. "Two years ago, it was the Tea Party. (This time) I think it's going to be a bunch of people of both political parties — like me — who have talked about moving the economy and sitting down and breaking gridlock.

"There is a pent-up hunger in America for problem-solving. There really is."

Whatever happens, Heck is wasting no time getting ready to take the job in January. On Friday, he named his campaign manager, Hart Edmonson, as his chief of staff. Jami Burgess, a Tacoma native and a graduate of Stadium High School, will serve as his No. 2. Both have worked for retiring U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks, and Burgess has a background in military issues.

Heck, whose election means Washington state will have six Democrats and four Republicans in the U.S. House, flies to Washington, D.C., this week for his first week of orientation and likely meetings with members of the Northwest delegation. He already has met with veteran U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, D-Bellevue, who has talked about the need for higher taxes, and Rep.-elect Suzan DelBene, the Democrat who last week won the 1st-District seat vacated by newly elected Gov. Jay Inslee.

Heck's trip coincides with Congress returning to work Tuesday to deal with looming tax increases and spending cuts dubbed "the fiscal cliff."

But Heck will be able only to watch from the distance.

"It's the members of the lame-duck (Congress) that are going to take the issue up," Heck said. "It would be unconscionable to fail to act and thereby plunge us into another recession."

Despite his catchy campaign themes to "Give Congress Heck" and take on the "Tea Party Congress," Heck could be facing long odds in his bid to help end congressional gridlock. Democrats increased their majority in the Senate, and Republicans increased theirs in the House.

Even so, Heck said he thinks voters are clear: They want lawmakers to sit down like adults and solve the nation's problems, doing what is needed to get the economy moving.

"Out of every big challenge comes opportunity, which is certainly what the 113th Congress has before it — a huge challenge and a huge opportunity," Heck said. "Remember what floats my boat: It's solving problems. If things were going along swimmingly, I would not have done this."

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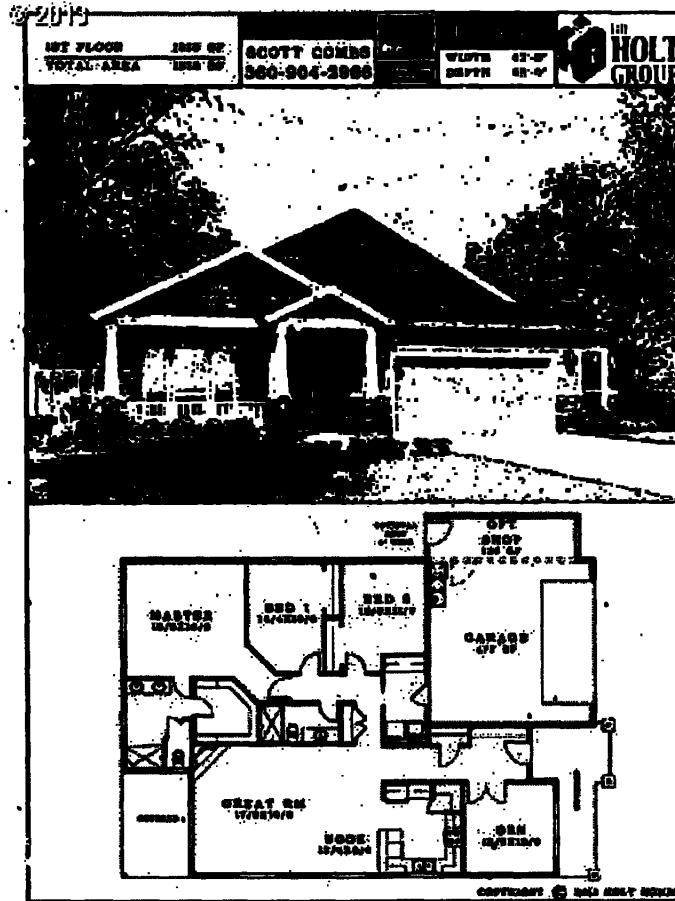
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If gridlock in Washington D.C. is to be avoided Republicans must agree to every crackpot idea Democrats come up with, but then there are those of us who would not be happy if gridlock is avoided that way. Let us not forget, no Senate Democrat voted for Democrat Obama's budget proposal. That is real gridlock and Republicans had nothing to do with it.

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<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/harry-reid-hiking-debt-limit-18794t-we-ll-raise-it>

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said on Wednesday that if the \$16.394 trillion current legal limit on the federal government's debt must be raised in the next few months by another \$2.4 trillion, "We'll raise it."

That would set the debt limit at \$18.794 trillion.

During a Capitol Hill press conference on Wednesday, CNSNews.com asked: "Senator Reid, the Treasury Department said last week that we will hit the debt ceiling again near the end of the year. Are you prepared —will you support—".

"I think the debt ceiling will come after the first of the year," Reid said. "But please everyone accept this: They tried it before—they, the Republicans."

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Yeah, I was trying to figure that out myself. Right now its 233-196, with six seats still undecided. Even if Republicans won all six undecideds, it would still be a three seat gain for the Dems in the House.

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It appears if the 3rd District would have elected Denny two years ago to represent us in Congress he would have abandoned us to represent the 10th District when the new District was created. Denny should not be speaking badly about the Congress that he will need to work with to make Washington State a better place to live.

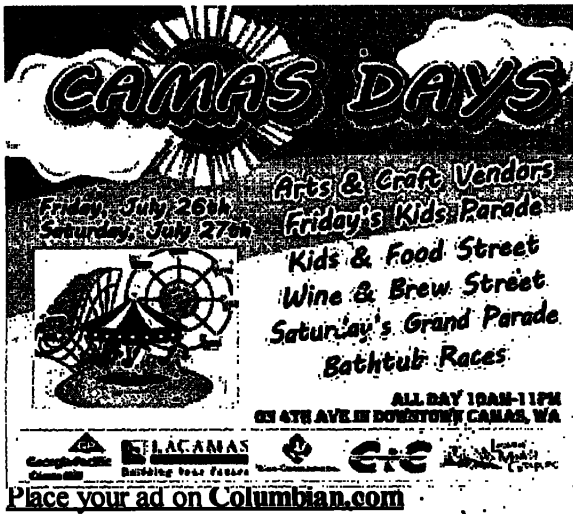
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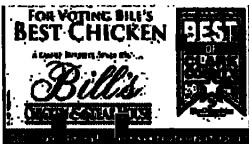
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Tulsi Gabbard 'frustrated' over Congress



By KATIE GLUECK | 7/17/13 6:24 PM EDT

Freshman Rep. Tulsi Gabbard on Wednesday expressed deep disappointment with Congress even as she urged more women, young people and diverse candidates to run.

"This is the daily frustration of my life currently, as you sit there and just wonder, what are we doing?" Gabbard (D-Hawaii) told the audience at the Make Progress Summit, sponsored by the youth arm of the Center for American Progress. "Very, very frustrated, serving in a Congress that's completely unpopular, that all of American is frustrated with, and I can have a 16-hour day and at the end of the day, feel like I've

accomplished nothing because we're talking about issues that seem to be idiotic, and not only are a waste of time but end up hurting people."

Gabbard, speaking on the "Women Changing Politics" panel at Generation Progress's conference, said that activism is the antidote.

"When each of you from across the country stands up and serves as a voice" through technology, reaching out to friends, family and members of Congress, and through "these viral videos that tell real stories of real people being affected by these crazy policies that are being proposed, it holds elected officials' feet to fire. That accountability is what will change things," Gabbard said.

She appeared on the panel with MSNBC's Alex Wagner and Amy Dacey of EMILY's List, who were escorted off the stage with the Beyonce song "Run the World (Girls)." All three urged more women to more actively pursue elected office.

"When Nancy Pelosi was speaker, women were chairing [many of] the major committees up there," Dacey said. "It matters, who's making those decisions."

Wagner invoked another woman popular among liberals: Texas State Sen. Wendy Davis, who last month spoke for 11 hours straight and initially derailed a restrictive abortion bill, which ultimately passed the Lone Star State legislature.

"Wendy Davis put on those pink Mizunos and stood there for 11 hours; and that changed the game," she said to cheers. "Texas may be going through with its radical agenda, but there is a real thought, every single time a governor wants to do this again, there may be another Wendy Davis in the state."

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She also gently took liberals to task.

"I think progressives have a hard time when there's a Democrat in the White House," she said. "There's a sense that you want to preserve unity around a lot of issues and I think that's totally understandable. But I don't think that means progressives need to cede their voices. If you look at the way the Tea Party has effectively gotten a stranglehold [on the GOP] and on moderates — that's not a model we want to work from — but there is something to be said for people with really strong voices being really hard-line on issues that matter, and effectively given party leaders some cover to push a more progressive or more conservative agenda, depending on who they are."

Wagner added, after referencing Davis, "It's a matter of putting in the time, putting in the work, being unafraid and knowing that it sucks for a little while until it gets better."

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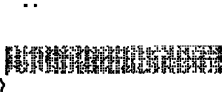
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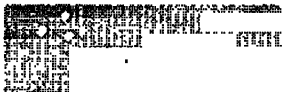
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Esty-Roraback race is a priority in Washington

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Washington – At a lectern emblazoned with a sign that read, "Fire the Tea Party," Elizabeth Esty and 11 other Democratic candidates spoke at their party's headquarters Friday morning as part of an effort to connect their rivals to the most extreme flank of the GOP.

"I've seen this battle on the ground," Esty said. "The Republican Party has all its priorities wrong."

Esty is running for the 5th District congressional seat against Republican state Sen. Andrew Roraback in a race that has been targeted by the national parties.

The race is so important because Democrats want to seize control of the House of Representatives, and Republicans want to hang onto it, making every close House race of national importance.

And the Esty-Roraback race is considered a toss-up by several political analysts, including the Rothenberg Political Report, and even the campaigns' internal polls.

"The House is in play," said Rep. Steve Israel of New York, head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC). "We're on the 20-yard line and ready to kick a field goal."

Israel cautioned, however, that the ability to score with that field goal depends on how the political winds blow in the 46 days left before Election Day.

Few analysts think Democrats will gain the 25 seats needed to win the House. But they say Democrats can pick up as many as 10 to 12 seats, laying the groundwork for a takeover in 2014. Esty is part of that strategy.

At the DCCC event, candidates tried to link rivals to the tea party and to Republican positions that are unpopular in their states or districts. Florida candidates, for example, blasted the GOP for a proposal to turn Medicare into a voucher program and for supporting certain tax breaks for oil companies. The state has a large elderly population and has for decades battled oil companies that want to drill off of its pristine shores.

Esty attacked the GOP for "giving tax breaks to businesses that ship jobs overseas."

She said manufacturers in the 5th District have been hurt by those tax loopholes, and she accused Roraback of joining Republicans "who know how to create jobs overseas."

"We should give them pink slips instead of giving American workers a pink slip," Esty said.

Because she's running in a targeted race, Esty can count on plenty of help from the DCCC, which has made an initial commitment of nearly \$400,000 to her campaign.

As a GOP "Young Gun," Roraback is likely to receive similar help from the National Republican Campaign Committee (NRCC), as well as from the independent Young Gun Super PAC.

But Roraback isn't likely to do what Esty did this morning — stand with party leaders to help promote a national campaign.

Roraback, instead, is keeping his distance from the national Republican Party, which has been drifting to the right.

The 5th District has been represented by both Democrats and Republicans, most recently by Rep. Chris Murphy, a Democrat who is vacating the seat to run for the U.S. Senate.

But 40 percent of the district's voters are independents, and they are likely to decide the election. Many of these independents have been turned off by extremism in both parties.

Roraback's first television commercial in the general election campaign began airing today.

In the 30-second spot, called "Solutions," the Goshen Republican touts his moderate credentials and "record of independence and effectiveness."

He was also taped warmly greeting a series of district residents, while a voiceover promises that Roraback will fight the political gridlock in Washington, D.C. The narrator also says Roraback has "a track record of bipartisanship."

Democrats, including Esty, have tried to connect GOP candidates to vice presidential hopeful Rep. Paul Ryan's plan to turn Medicare into a voucher program. An ad sponsored by the DCCC said Roraback "has now received his marching orders from Washington Republicans, including their extreme agenda to end Medicare."

But in his television ad, Roraback promises to "protect and secure Medicare."

"Esty has been desperately trying to link Andrew Roraback, who has an 18-year record of being a moderate, to some of the more extreme elements of the Republican Party," said Roraback campaign spokesman Chris Cooper. "That just does not wash."

Esty said she will air her first general election ad soon.

Cooper said Roraback hopes to run ads until Election Day.

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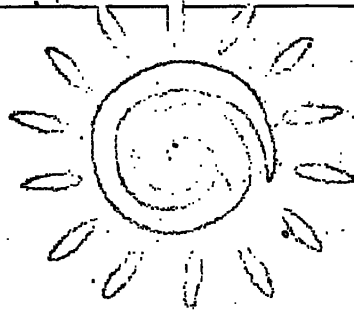


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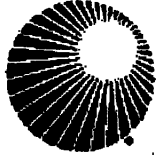
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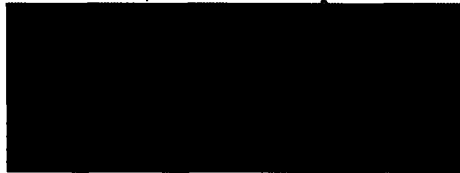


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"I think what's most problematic for Republicans, at this point, is that they seem to be taken right now by the tea party's more-extreme base," Castro said, referring to GOP Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Rand Paul of Kentucky. "I think if they nominate somebody like that, it will be 1964 all over again because that's just not where the majority of Americans are."

The reference is to the landslide victory by Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson over his Republican opponent Barry Goldwater, a strong ideological conservative, in that year's historic presidential race.

"The infighting is getting so severe that I just don't see how you sustain that," Castro said of the conservatives.

On the topic of immigration reform, Castro debunked Republican rationale that the border must be secured before any Dream Act-type bill is passed. He said the number of apprehensions and border crossings "is at a 40-year low."

"We have doubled the number of border-patrol agents that we had in 2004, when President [George W.] Bush was in office, so the border has never been more secure than it is now," Castro said.

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go away you Socialists, These Progressive people need to just shut up and move somewhere else if they don't like it here.

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Obama will be impeached and Attorney General Holder will be serving time in a federal prison (a la Nixon's AG, John Mitchell) before the Tea Party goes away...

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pookiee → peteto1 · 6 days ago

Put down the pipe and step away from pile of dope you are smoking. Communist Republicans will never impeach and Communist Democrats will never vote guilty. STALIN, KHRUSHCHEV, AND MARX HAVE WON, JUST LIKE THEY SAID THEY WOULD.

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true american · 10 days ago

What has Mr. Castro been smokin? He hasn't seen anything yet with the Tea Party! Only three bills on immigration are needed. Number one...lock down the border, fence, land mines, guard towers, machine gun nests, sensors, etc. #2 Hit all employers with huge fines for hiring illegals, #3 give illegals one month to exit this country, and go home before imprisonment, fines. There must never be any form of citizenship in this bill...do not reward law-breakers with the golden egg. The only reason that Dems want this, and ignore the laws of this country, is that they want a never-ending supply of Hispanic lackies to help keep them in power...now, and in the future. They are self-serving and hypocritical when it comes to the laws that they choose to enforce or NOT (DOMA, immigration vs. Voters Right Act, gun laws). Does anyone think for a second that if illegals predominately voted Republican we would be having this debate...it serves their purposes, so they overlook the laws that are currently on the books. There is a legal way to get citizenship, and it involves coming into this country the legal way. No other option should ever be on the table.

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BigSkyTexan · 11 days ago

The ability of the Mexican drug cartels to operate fluidly on both sides of the border grows stronger every year. Within any given gang there is cross border communication, cooperation and precision synchronization of the type that was unthinkable in 2004. Rep. Castro either has his head in the sand, or he's into desperation spin. Since he's Hispanic I don't think he's stupid. It has to be the latter.

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Freedomlover · 10 days ago

Rep. Castro is "California Dreamin'". I still believe there are more Americans that cherish their freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution than do not. I still have a hard time understanding why Dems are quick to label people who believe in these freedoms "extremists". The real extremists are those on the left (mostly Dems) who work daily to suppress or eliminate our freedoms. Somehow they think that freedom is out of style and they are the ones who should fill the gap and lord it over the rest of us. Never on the longest day of the year will they be able to decide what is "best" for me. That is my job and I do not need their help! As more and more people wake up to what the Dems are doing to this country the "tea party" or other groups will rise up and say no more!

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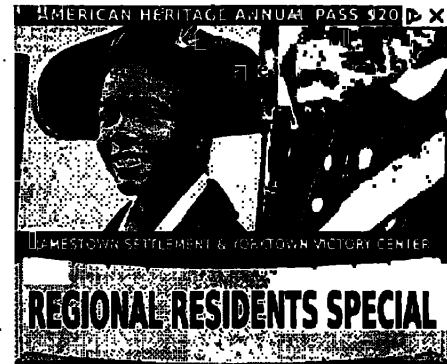
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VOR · 10 days ago

Really I hope the TEA party goes away. The real hope is the GOP makes the @#\$% up and there would be no need for a TEA party. But until that happens, its only going to grow larger as more people see their nest eggs they've invested in for years working dissolve.

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gwennie → VOR · 10 days ago

The TEA Party isn't why people are losing their investments. The TEA Party was created in response to the far Left wing extremists taking over the dem party. If you don't like the TEA Party, then I suggest staying away from the far Left extremist positions....and stop encouraging our idiot prez to follow the far Left extremists in their positions.

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VOR → gwennie · 10 days ago

I was not illustrating a disdain for the TEA party at all. Only stating if the GOP didn't stray so far away from its principals and concepts, there would not have been a need for it at all. You forgot to mention the Repub's were also infiltrated by the same leftists sym pathizers.

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gwennie → VOR · 8 days ago

I'm aware that there are RINOs in the rep party....that's obvious. But they are not akin to obama's far left extremist positions. That should be a given. The TEA Party isn't going to go away until the RINOs and everyone else stop giving in to extreme leftist groups. Until that happens, the TEA Party will prevail.

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VOR → gwennie · 8 days ago

as it very well should

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KansasGirl · 3 days ago

Sounds like Democrat Castro is carrying the RINO's water. Furthermore, I'd rather go down in flames (taking as many RINO's with me), than allow these schmucks to be sent back to Washington.

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pooklee · 6 days ago

More border patrol agents THAT LET ILLEGALS GO FREE does NOT make the border more secure, it just costs taxpayers more taxes.

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ItalguyCG · 6 days ago

Let me tell you something. The GOP has a lot of work to do. It can and will work out their differences with the tea party, and when that happens the GOP will be a force to be reckoned with in this country come 2016.

Mark mv words!

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Another Latino socialist, just like his brother. Self-serving, arrogant, ignorant, anti-white...what else....?

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Joaquin, News flash, Cubans will go back to Cuba before the Tea Party goes away and I guess that makes that never. One thing I observed while living in South Florida for eighteen years is unlike Cuban's, real Americans will fight for their country. The best Cubans could ever muster was to run to the US and talk trash about Castro over a game of Dominos. The folks in the Tea Party have fought a many a battle to keep this country free, they're not going away any time soon.

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You and the RINO's could only hope the Taxed Enough Already party will go away.

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The TEA Party was formed in response to the extreme liberal base of the dem party as a way to prevent complete chaos from the far Left liberal base. If the liberals don't like the TEA Party, then they only have themselves to blame..

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Candidates in new 17th Congressional District spar over taxes and tea party.

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The two candidates vying to represent parts of Northampton County in the new 17th Congressional District squared off Wednesday night, voicing opposing views on taxes and the role of the tea party in their first clash in front of Lehigh Valley voters.

The debate gave voters a glimpse of Democrat first Cartwright and Republican Lauren Cummings, two Lehigh Valley County residents hoping to represent the Easton and State Belt areas under the state's new congressional map.

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Cummings, founder of the Scranton Tea Party, said she wants to abolish the earned income tax and replace it with the FairTax system, a 23 percent sales tax. She said it would ensure that drug dealers, illegal workers and under-the-table workers are paying into the system.

She also cited the FairTax throughout the debate as a method of boosting economic recovery and increasing the life span of Medicare.

"Not only does your employer have an increase in their revenue, but so does every single person that works in America today," Cummings said. "That will be one of the biggest boons to our economy."

Cartwright, a Scranton-based attorney who lives in Moosic, argued the FairTax would hurt middle-class Americans every time they bought groceries, gasoline or medicine. He called the plan an "unfair tax" that's unlikely to be passed because it lacks support from Republican leaders, including GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Cartwright said he favors raising tax rates for those who make more than \$1 million by about 4 percent, a return to a President Bill Clinton-era policy.

"There's no reason to drive this country deeper and deeper into debt to put that 3.5 to 4 percent more tax dollars into the pockets of people making \$1 million or more," Cartwright said.

The debate was held at PBS39 studios at SteelStacks in south Bethlehem and hosted by The Morning Call, PBS39, the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and Muhlenberg College. The moderator was Amy Burkett, PBS39 station manager.

Questions were posed by Colby Itkowitz, The Morning Call's Washington correspondent, and Chris Borick, a political

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scientist and director of the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion. Additional questions came from Muhlenberg College students and Tony Iannelli, president and CEO of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

When asked about the legacy of the tea party, Cartwright called it the party of "No" and made reference to a statement from 2010 on Cummings' website in which she urged Republicans not to pass another piece of legislation proposed by President Barack Obama's administration.

"You have to have an open mind," Cartwright said. "You cannot go down to Washington with a viewpoint of I'm going to say no to whatever the other side has to propose."

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Cummings defended the statement on her website and said it was in response to Democrats' ignoring proposals from Republicans.

"It's not a party," said Cummings, a judge and small business owner from Old Forge. "It's just people, individuals who decided that they were going to stand up and fight for what they believe in."

Neither candidate has held public office.

The race marks the first time in 40 years that congressional candidates from outside the Lehigh Valley are competing to represent its constituents, and the winner will represent turf cut from the 15th District in the state's new congressional map.

In addition to the Easton and State Belt areas, the new 17th District includes Nazareth, Bethlehem Township and a sliver of Bethlehem. The district covers all of Schuylkill County and stretches throughout parts of Carbon, Monroe, Luzerne and Lackawanna counties.

Cartwright took advantage of the district's new Democratic base, including Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, to defeat moderate Democrat Tim Mahlen, a 10-term incumbent from Schuylkill County, in the primary. Cummings ran unopposed in the Republican race.

The candidates also debated last week at Wilkes University in Luzerne County. Other debates are scheduled at 7 p.m. Oct. 31 at WMA studios in Pittston, Luzerne County, and 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Penn State Schuylkill campus in Schuylkill Haven. The Nov. 1 debate will be broadcast by PCN.

The Morning Call and its partners hosted a debate Tuesday between 15th District Incumbent Republican Rep. Charlie Dent and his challenger, Democrat Rick Degeherty. Both debates will be rebroadcast Sunday.

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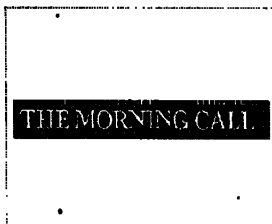
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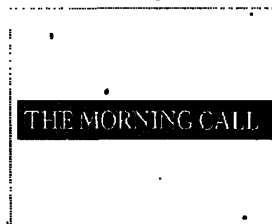
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Bustos Campaign Launches Effort to Combat Schilling Lies

10/29/2012

Over the weekend Democrats across Illinois' 17th Congressional District received a fake newspaper from Congressman Bobby Schilling's campaign that was made to look like it came from the Democratic Party and falsely implied that Schilling is a Democrat.

Today, the Bustos Campaign launched an effort to combat the lies and dirty campaigning from Rep. Schilling. The effort began with a call recorded by Tom Gaulrapp, a worker at Sansata Technologies in Freeport, Ill. whose job is being shipped to China, and the same worker that Rep. Schilling walked out on in a town hall last month.

"The day before the election, Bain Capital is shipping my job to China because of polices that Congressman Bobby Schilling supports," said Gaulrapp on the call that went to around 80,000 households across Illinois 17th Congressional District. "He isn't a Democrat, no matter what his pamphlets say. He's a Tea Party Republican."

"This is the kind of dirty politics that people hate," said Bustos Campaign Manager Allison Jaslow. "These pamphlets, just like his TV attack ads, are false, deceitful and unbecoming of a sitting U.S. Congressman. Rep. Schilling has the wrong priorities and he knows it."

The campaign to combat Schilling's lies involves robo calls, e-mails and social media. Infuriated Democrats have also contacted local media to protest Schilling's latest campaign designed to confuse voters as Election Day nears.

SCRIPT:

This is Tom Gaulrapp and the day before the election, Bain Capital is shipping my job to China because of polices that Congressman Bobby Schilling supports. He isn't a Democrat, no matter what his pamphlets say. He's a Tea Party Republican. Congressman Schilling voted to ship our jobs overseas, the bill was House Resolution 112, and he voted for it on March 29th of this year. You can look it up. It's important to get the facts for yourself. Please join me in voting for Democrat Cheri Bustos on November 6th.

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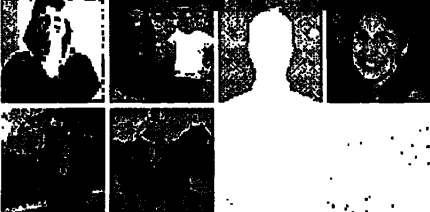
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Congressman Bass Far From Bipartisan:

Annie Kuster released the following statement following remarks this morning by Congressman Bass:

"Congressman Bass is trying to distract from the fact that he has said he shares an agenda with the Tea Party, and has voted to privatize Social Security, end Medicare, and cut veterans benefits. If he thinks he can fool Granite State voters into believing those radical votes were actually 'bipartisan,' he's been in Washington 14 years too long."

"I have spent my life bringing people together to get things done – regardless of political party – including increasing access to affordable medication and higher education for New Hampshire seniors and students. In Congress, I will continue to support New Hampshire businesses by signing on to Republican Senator Kelly Ayotte's resolution to prevent N.H. businesses from having to collect other states' sales taxes, streamlining regulation, and eliminating the capital gains tax on small business investment."

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Canseco Supports Privatizing Social Security

San Antonio- Social Security safeguards the economic security and independence of our parents and grandparents when they get older or become disabled. Half of our nation's seniors would fall below the poverty line without Social Security. Yet, Congressman Quico Canseco and other Tea Party extremists have voted against protecting Social Security, and they support destabilizing this essential program by making it a private voucher system.

"Americans who have worked hard and paid into the Social Security system their entire lives have earned the right to retire with dignity," said State Rep. Pete Gallego. "My pledge is to the seniors and to middle class families. I will protect our seniors by protecting the Social Security benefits that they have earned, now and in the future."

Among elderly Social Security beneficiaries, 54% of married couples and 73% of unmarried persons receive 50% or more of their income from Social Security. Latinos rely on social security at higher rates than the rest of the population. Seventy four percent of Latino beneficiaries rely on Social Security for at least half of their income, 53 percent for at least 90 percent of their income, and 44 percent for all of their income.

"It's unconscionable that Quico Canseco would attack a program on which so many seniors rely for survival," said Gallego for Congress spokeswoman Rebecca Acuna, "Quico Canseco would prefer to punish seniors and cut Social Security than to end tax breaks for corporations that ship jobs overseas. Latino communities could be devastated if Quico had his way. It's obvious whose side the Congressman is on, and it's not the side of middle class families."

Quico Canseco voted against protecting Social Security. Quico voted against a measure that would have prohibited any of the funds in the short-term Continuing Resolution from being used to cut or privatize Social Security. Quico Canseco supports privatizing Social Security which would have a particularly damaging impact on Hispanics who rely on Social Security as their sole income more than any other group.

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La agenda anti-hispana de Quico Canseco: ataques al sistema de la Seguridad Social

Canseco apoya desestabilizar la Seguridad Social a través de la privatización

San Antonio-La Seguridad Social guarda la seguridad económica y la independencia de nuestros padres y abuelos cuando envejecen o se incapacitan. La mitad de las personas de la tercera edad de nuestro país tendrían debajo del índice de la pobreza sin la Seguridad Social. Sin embargo, el congresista Quico Canseco y otros extremistas del Tea Party han votado en contra de proteger la Seguridad Social y apoyan desestabilizar este programa y reemplazarlo con un sistema de bonos privados.

"Las personas que han trabajado duro y que han pagado durante todas sus vidas al sistema de la Seguridad Social se han ganado el derecho a jubilarse con dignidad," dijo el representante estatal Pete Gallego. "Mi compromiso es con las personas de la tercera edad y con las familias de la clase media. Voy a proteger a nuestros parientes a través de proteger lo que ellos han pagado al sistema de la Seguridad Social, ahora y en el futuro."

Entre los mayores beneficiarios de la Seguridad Social, el 54% de las parejas casadas y el 73% de las personas solteras reciben el 50% o más de sus ingresos de la Seguridad Social. Los latinos dependen de la Seguridad Social en mayor proporción que el resto de la población. El 74 por ciento de los beneficiarios latinos cuentan con la Seguridad Social cuando menos para la mitad de sus ingresos, el 53 por ciento cuando menos para el 90 por ciento de sus ingresos y el 44 por ciento cuando menos como su único ingreso.

"Es feo que Quico Canseco atacaría a un programa en el que tantas personas mayores dependen para sobrevivir," dijo la vocera de la campaña de Gallego para el Congreso, Rebecca Acuna. "Quico Canseco prefiere castigar a las personas mayores y hacer recortes a la Seguridad Social que poner fin a las exenciones fiscales para las empresas que envían nuestros empleos al extranjero. Nuestras comunidades latinas podrían ser las más devastadas si fuera por Quico. Está claro de qué lado está en el Congreso, y no es del lado de las familias de la clase media."

Quico Canseco votó en contra de proteger la Seguridad Social. Quico votó en contra de una medida que hubiera prohibido que ciertos fondos sean utilizados para cortar o privatizar la Seguridad Social. Quico Canseco apoya la privatización de la Seguridad Social, lo que tendría un impacto particularmente dañino

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CONGRESSMAN TONKO STATEMENT AFTER REPUBLICANS KILL PAYROLL TAX CUT EXTENSION



12/20/11

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Paul Tonko released the following statement after House Republicans killed bipartisan legislation to extend the payroll tax cut, an action that is likely to result in a tax increase for millions of Americans:

"Tea Party Republicans have manufactured this crisis because they don't want to give middle class Americans a tax cut. While they want to grant lengthy tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires, Tea Party Republicans have played a political game that will result in a tax hike for 160 million Americans, strip unemployment benefits from more than two million others, and jeopardize the health care of 48 million seniors. We had a simple task this week – pass a short term extension to guarantee the payroll tax cut and other measures continue, while continuing to negotiate a long term deal. Instead of joining 89 bipartisan Senators, House Republicans decided to send the bill to another committee for more deliberation and negotiation, in an effort to delay and deny the extension. I am deeply disappointed by these actions."



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Rep. Dave Loebsack speaks about "fiscal cliff" negotiations and proposed Farm Bill

by Greg Deffenbaugh

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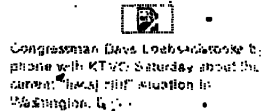
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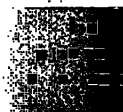
WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Dave Loebsack - I am a mile away from The Capitol. I can make it up there in a matter of minutes if some kind of

resolution is actually achieved. If anything happens, my guess is it will happen no earlier than tomorrow at noon. That is my guess at this point. I am not sure the House will vote on anything until Monday if in fact it gets voted on in the Senate first. So, it is hard to say at this point, you know, one whether there is going to be a resolution and two what it is going to look like. Although, I would suspect there was some kind of resolution, it would be small, it is not going to be big and long-term resolution to the problem; and that is unfortunate because if it is small, that means the negotiations and this conflict are going to continue on into the new year and we will consume a lot of time and energy the first several weeks if not a couple of months into next year.

Greg Deffenbaugh - Do you think that anything is going to be resolved on the Farm Bill in time?



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Congressman Dave Loebsack - That is a great question, and you know, I have been here for a bit, I have been talking to Rep. Peterson about that, ranking

Democrat on the Agriculture Committee and a ranking Democrat, and he and I are very close, and I am not on the committee but I talk to him a lot about this. There is an attempt right now on the part of Debbie Stabenow from Michigan, and you may have been reading this, she is the chair of the Ag-Committee in the Senate. There is an attempt perhaps to have a one year extension of the current bill and that still leaves in place direct payments, it really doesn't change the game as such. But it would prevent of course dairy prices going up - which we could see very quickly if something is not done by the 31st.

Greg Deffenbaugh - So what is the hold up with that long-term plan? I do know that you supported the long-term farm bill. Is it just that House Republicans are holding it up?

Congressman Dave Loebsack - I think that's a big part of it. I do still think that a lot of it goes to the Tea Party folks who simply don't like government involvement in the economy at all. There is some question as to how much crop insurance and whether that should be something that continues but it's important for our family farmers they have to have a safety net and if there are no direct payments, then crop insurance is something that can pick up the slack and for family farms I think that is very important.

Greg Deffenbaugh - How involved are you in this process? I know many people don't realize that there is a hierarchy down there and you have officials in the Democratic Party that go up to the White House; but how involved are you personally in this whole process?

Congressman Dave Loebsack - Well, almost all the negotiations as such is going on among the top leaders of the two parties and the President and their respective staffs. I am having input through various folks, particularly on the Democratic side through the Democratic Party leadership. I am also, as you know, sending letters and correspondences to the President, Speaker Boehner, to Nancy Pelosi, to various folks in the leadership on a regular basis making my views known. There will be a meeting tomorrow of the Democratic Party members, as there will be no doubt of the Republican members as well and that's where there will be input into the process. But really at the moment, this is in the hands of the leadership in the respective parties in the Senate and the President in trying to work out some kind of resolution to avoid the cliff, and that's why I think that if anything does get done it will be much smaller than what we really need. The bottom line is, so long as taxes do not go up for the middle class and the working poor that is my main concern. We have to make sure those folks are protected. That is the bottom line.

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That's right, the next Steve King: a Rush Limbaugh-style talk radio host from Sioux City named Sam Clovis.



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He's a self-described "red meat conservative" who was one of Rick Santorum's biggest backers in 2012. Clovis wants to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood and has claimed that the Supreme Court ruling on DOMA would open the door to marriages between more than two people. And just this week, he called immigration reform "an abomination."

Sound familiar?

Don't let the next Steve King build momentum. Please donate \$10 or more today before Sunday's FEC deadline.
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And just like Steve King, Sam Clovis is "gaining a lot of support from tea party people." You know what that means: we're getting a candidate who can energize his base, raise money fast, and win tough elections.

If that's not enough, two other potential challengers have emerged. One you may already know: Steve King's right hand man, Bob Vander Plaats of The Family Leader, who says he's "going to be very involved in the US Senate race" in 2014. The other is a multi-millionaire ex-Wall Street banker, Mark Jacobs, who can fund an entire statewide campaign with the stroke of a pen in his checkbook.

We need to make sure that we've got the ability to fight back against another Tea Party extremist. Will you chip in \$10 or more before Sunday's deadline to help us? https://brucebraley.z13.ussecure.com/dynamic/50k-by-sunday?utm_source=em20130627&utm_medium=blog&utm_campaign=50kby-sunday

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Icwa Professional Fire Fighters Endorse Braley for Senate (/news/2013-06-iowa-professional-fire-fighters-endorse-braley-for-s)

June 25, 2013

With a unanimous vote, the Iowa Professional Fire Fighters have endorsed Bruce Braley in his 2014 campaign for US Senate. Braley announced in February that he had formed a committee to run for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tom Harkin.

Rick Scofield, President of the Iowa Professional Fire Fighters, said,

"Bruce Braley gets things done for Iowa, solving problems for the people he represents. He'll be even more effective in the Senate, standing up for policies that strengthen the middle class and create economic opportunities for everyone. Like our members, he works hard every day to help Iowans. That's why we're so proud to endorse him for US Senate."

Bruce Braley said,

"I'm honored to be endorsed by the Iowa Professional Fire Fighters. Congress could learn a few things from these brave men and women: when disaster strikes, it doesn't matter what political party you belong to or what you believe in. If you need help, they're there, running into danger to save lives and help others. I hope to be the kind of Senator you can bring people together to help Iowans when they need it."

The Iowa Professional Fire Fighters, a division of the International Association of Fire Fighters, represent over 1,500 fire fighters across the state of Iowa.

Braley has received a wave of endorsements, highlighted by the endorsement of Sen. Tom Harkin in April. In February, Rep. Dave Loebsack (IA-02) and former Rep. Leonard Boswell announced their endorsement; in March, Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald endorsed; on April 3rd, 71 Iowa legislators announced their endorsement of Braley. 17 other Iowa labor organizations have also endorsed Braley. The Planned Parenthood Action Fund has also endorsed Braley.

In April, Braley reported he had raised \$1.07 million for his Senate campaign and had over \$1 million cash on hand as of March 30th. Iowans from all 99 counties have contributed to Braley for Iowa.



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June 07, 2013

The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters have announced their endorsement of Bruce Braley for US Senate. The labor organization, a division of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, represents thousands of carpenters and their families across 47 Iowa counties.

Braley announced in February that he had formed a committee to run for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tom Harkin.

Kurt Brunner, Political Coordinator for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters said,

"The Carpenters are proud to endorse Bruce Braley because he's never forgotten where he's come from. Bruce grew up in Brooklyn, Iowa, and worked hard to put himself through college and law school, working tables and working construction. He's taken the Iowa values he learned and worked hard in Congress to build a ladder of opportunity for Iowa families. He'll do even more in the US Senate."

Bruce Braley said,

"It's an honor to have the Carpenters endorsement. Their members work hard every day to make a better life for their families. That's why I'm running for Senate: to strengthen the middle class, expand economic opportunity for everyone, and bring people together to get things done."

The Carpenters endorsement is the latest in a wave of endorsements for Braley, highlighted by the endorsement of Sen. Tom Harkin in April.

In February, Rep. Dave Luetkenbeck (R-02) and former Rep. Leonard Boswell announced their endorsement; in March, Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald endorsed; on April 3rd, 71 Iowa legislators announced their endorsement of Braley. Sixteen other Iowa labor organizations have also endorsed Braley. The Planned Parenthood Action Fund has also endorsed Braley.

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On Friday, Rep. Bruce Braley will take his campaign for the US Senate to North-Central Iowa for a series of informal "meet and greet" events with interested Iowans.

The full schedule is below:

Friday, May 24, 2013

Hampton Meet and Greet

11:45 AM
El Paisita Family Restaurant
106 4th St NE
Hampton, Iowa

Clarion Meet And Greet

1:30 PM
Grounded Coffee Shop
118 N. Main St.
Clarion, Iowa

Humboldt Meet and Greet

2:45 PM
Miller's Landing
600 13th St S
Humboldt, Iowa

Webster City Meet and Greet

4:30 PM
L.ornitas
500 2nd St.
Webster City, Iowa

Iowa Falls Meet and Greet

6:00 PM
The Coffee Attic
604 Washington Ave.
Iowa Falls, Iowa

For any questions or to RSVP contact our Political Director, Jake Oeth at jake@brucebraley.com (mailto:jake@brucebraley.com) or 515-230-4863.

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Braley for Iowa has received contributions from Iowans in all 99 counties (/news/2013-04-braley-for-iowa-has-received-contributions-from-iowa)

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In April Quarterly filings due to the Federal Election Commission today, Rep. Bruce Braley will report raising nearly \$1.1 million in the first three months of 2013 and Braley for Iowa will show more than \$1 million cash on hand.

Additionally, the campaign has received contributions from donors from all 99 counties in the state of Iowa.

Braley said,

"I'm grateful for this incredible outpouring of support, and I'm particularly proud of our campaign's base of grassroots support from all 99 counties in Iowa.

It's clear that Iowans across the state — from Council Bluffs to Clinton — believe we need someone in the Senate working to bring both parties together to rebuild the middle class, create economic opportunities, and keep America strong. I'm looking forward to continuing the conversation we've begun with Iowans over the coming months."

It's been a several strong months for the Braley campaign. In February, Rep. Dave Loebsack (IA-02) and former Rep. Leonard Boswell endorsed Bruce Braley. Last month, Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald, and 71 Democratic Iowa legislators announced their endorsements. And since declaring his

candidacy, eleven labor organizations have endorsed Braley: the United Transportation Union, the Operating Engineers Local 234, the Iowa Teamsters, the State Association of Letter Carriers, the Iowa Postal Workers Union, the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 3 Iowa Union, UAW Region 4, SEIU Iowa - Local 199, AFSCME Iowa Council 81, the Iowa State Council of Machinists, and the Great Plains Laborers' District Council.

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Braley Begins First Campaign Tour of Western Iowa **([/news/2013-04-braley-begins-first-campaign-tour-of-western-iowa](#))**

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Rep. Bruce Braley will begin his first tour of western Iowa counties tomorrow since announcing in February he had formed a committee to run for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tom Harkin.

Starting on Wednesday and lasting through Thursday, Braley will host a series of informal "meet and greet" events in small towns from Fort Dodge to Osceola. Braley will also travel to central Iowa where he will attend the Polk County Democrats' annual awards dinner. Full schedule below.

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Fort Dodge Meet and Greet

10:00 AM

Bloomer's Coffee

900 Central Ave.

Fort Dodge, Iowa

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Carroll Meet and Greet

12:15 PM

Sam's Sodas and Sandwiches

127 W. 5th St.

Carroll, Iowa

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Denison Meet and Greet

2:30 PM

Reiney's Soda Fountain

1305 E. Highway

Denison, Iowa

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Thursday, April 4, 2013

Red Oak Meet and Greet

10:30 AM

Fountain Park

322 E. Coolbaugh St.

Red Oak, Iowa

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Creston Meet and Greet

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Home of Marcia Fulton

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Creston, Iowa

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Osceola Meet and Greet

2:15 PM

Playa Margaritas Mexican Restaurant

707 W. McLane St.

Osceola, Iowa

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Polk County Democrats Annual Awards Dinner

6:00 PM

UAW Hall Local #450

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State Rep. Tyler Olson Endorses Braley for Senate
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During a live online "Facebook Chat" with Rep. Bruce Braley today, state Rep. Tyler Olson of Cedar Rapids announced his endorsement of Braley for Senate. Olson also serves as the chair of the Iowa Democratic Party.



Braley announced last month that he had formed a committee to run for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tom Harkin.

Olson said,

"I'm excited to endorse Bruce Braley for the US Senate. I make this endorsement not on behalf of the Iowa Democratic Party but as an individual - and as a longtime friend and supporter. No one is better suited to be in the Senate working for Iowa than Bruce."

I know he'll fight to strengthen the middle class, stand up for veterans, and help small businesses grow and expand. I know this because I've watched him already accomplish so much for Iowa. It's time we get Bruce Braley to the US Senate so he can do even more."

Braley said,

"I'm proud to have Tyler Olson's endorsement. Not only is Tyler a friend, but he's an experienced small businessman who brings a wealth of common sense experience to the Iowa House."

I'm running for Senate to help strengthen the Iowa economy, and that means getting small businesses the resources they need to grow and expand. Tyler's support will help us get across the finish line."

Olson announced his endorsement during a "Facebook Chat" focused on entrepreneurship and small business growth linked to Braley's campaign. The online event allowed Iowans from across the state to simultaneously participate in a virtual town hall-style event and ask Braley questions.

Yesterday, Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald announced their endorsements of Braley. Last month, Rep. Dan Loebsack and former Rep. Leonard Bawell endorsed Braley. And eight major labor organizations have endorsed Braley, including the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers, the Iowa Postal Workers Union, the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 3 Iowa Union, UAW Region 4, SEIU Iowa - Local 189, AFSCME Iowa Council 61, the Iowa State Council of Machinists, and the Great Plains Laborers' District Council.



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Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald announced their endorsement of Bruce Braley for Senate today.

Miller and Fitzgerald are the first statewide elected officials in Iowa to announce their endorsement of Braley. Braley announced last month that he had formed a committee to run for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tom Harkin.

Miller said,

"Bruce Braley fights for Iowa, plain and simple. From championing policies that have helped countless Iowa veterans to working to prevent student loan rate increases from hurting Iowa students, Bruce has never forgotten where he's come from.

He'll be even more effective in the US Senate, and I'm proud to endorse him today."

Fitzgerald said,

"In a Washington defined by fiscal irresponsibility and recklessness, Bruce Braley has been a breath of fresh air, working across party lines to save taxpayers money and strengthen the middle class. We need leaders in Congress who will stand up for policies that tackle our nation's growing debt and use taxpayer money more wisely.

Bruce Braley will stand up for common sense in the Senate, and that's why I'm proud to endorse him today.

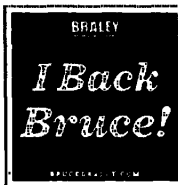
Braley said,

"When I was growing up in Brooklyn, Iowa, and someone had a problem, they didn't ask what party you belonged to. They asked for your help and they got it.

I'm running for Senate to be an effective voice for Iowans of all backgrounds, and I'm thrilled to have Attorney General Miller and Treasurer Fitzgerald's endorsement today.

In 2007, Miller and Fitzgerald endorsed then-Senator Barack Obama for president just one day after Obama made his candidacy official.

Braley has received a flood of endorsements in recent weeks. Last month, Rep. Dave Loebsack and former Rep. Leonard Boswell endorsed Braley. Additionally, eight major labor organizations have endorsed Braley, including the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers, the Iowa Postal Workers Union, the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 3 Iowa Union, UAW Region 4, SEIU Iowa - Local 189, AFSCME Iowa Council 61, the Iowa State Council of Machinists, and the Great Plains Laborers District Council.



[Why I Back Bruce \(/news/2013-03-why-i-back-bruce\)](#)

March 23, 2013

For years, I've watched Bruce Braley fight for Iowans in Congress. I've worked alongside him in electing fellow Democrats to office, and I've been proud to call him a friend.

Now, I'm looking forward to calling him Iowa's next US Senator.

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**That's why I'm showing
to 's that I back Bruce,
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By declaring your support for Bruce, we can show others that we're fired up for our candidate and send a clear message that we're ready to get out and work to send Bruce to the Senate seat that Tom Harkin served in tirelessly for so many years.



So please take a minute, and show off your support for Bruce Braley with me.

Thanks,

Sue Dvorsky
Former Iowa Democratic Party Chairwoman



UAW Region 4 Endorses Braley for Senate
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The United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Region 4 has endorsed Bruce Braley in his 2014 campaign for US Senate.

UAW is the fifth major labor group to endorse Braley this month. Other unions giving Braley their endorsement include SEIU Iowa - Local 186, AFSCME Iowa Council 81, the Iowa State Council of Machinists, and the Great Plains Workers' District Council.

Braley announced last month that he had formed a committee to run for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tom Harkin.

Ron McInroy, UAW Region 4 director, said:

"I've known Bruce Braley since long before he was first elected. For as long as I've known him, Bruce has worked tirelessly for working men and women across Iowa. In Congress, he's fought to create opportunity for Iowa's working families, level the playing field for American manufacturers, and strengthen the middle class. He's never forgotten where he's come from, and he'll be even more effective in the US Senate. UAW Region 4 is proud to endorse him today."

Bruce Braley said:

"I'm proud to have the endorsement of UAW Region 4. The tens of thousands of UAW members in Iowa demonstrate every day why American workers are the most productive and best skilled in the world. I'm running for Senate to strengthen American manufacturing and create more opportunities for American workers, and UAW's support will help get the job done."

UAW Region 4 has over 12,000 active members and more than 10,000 retirees in the state of Iowa.

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Matsui tries new tactic to get levee funding

January 31, 2013

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (KCRA) — Within weeks, the bulldozers and trucks that have been working to strengthen the levees that surround Sacramento's Natomas neighborhood will be gone.

Funding for the \$1 billion project has run out, even though less than half the work has been completed.

The state and local property owners have paid for all of the improvements done so far, about \$400 million worth.

However, the federal government has so far refused to pay for the remainder.

Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Sacramento, has twice introduced legislation that would authorize the federal funding, only to see it rejected each time by Republican leaders in the House of Representatives.

"I have said to the people in Washington, 'Listen, my constituents have invested in this themselves. They've assessed themselves twice. The state has stepped up. We need to step up now,'" said Matsui in an interview with KCRA 3.

Republicans, who hold the majority in the House, have promised to end the practice of earmarks — pet projects that are designed mainly to benefit one lawmaker's district.

Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Granite Bay, has been one of the strongest opponents of earmarks and believes flood protection should not be a federal responsibility.

"Public works of that nature ought to be paid for by those who benefit from those public works and not by general taxpayers," McClintock told KCRA 3.

"There are still, I say, 50 or 60 tea party members in the House that are adamantly against everything," said Matsui.

Recently, Matsui and Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer have been trying a new strategy to get the federal flood funding approved.

Matsui and Boxer have begun drafting legislation that would fund flood control projects that have received a recommendation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through a document known as a Chief's Report.

The draft legislation mentions no specific projects or locations, but Matsui's office said only Sacramento and three other communities would meet the requirements.

The other communities are Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Moorhead, Minn.; and Topeka, Kan.

Matsui said the House Parliamentarian ruled a previous version of her legislation was not an earmark but said she has received no assurance that House leaders will accept that view.

Furthermore, President Barack Obama has also repeatedly opposed earmarks.

Matsui told KCRA 3 she has not specifically discussed the Natomas situation with Obama, but added, "I'm very confident that the president understands the importance of infrastructure."

Obama said as much in an interview last month with KCRA 3.

"Using water issues in California as one example of how we need to build our infrastructure is important. So maybe I can find a good tour to take there," said Obama.

Since then, the White House has announced no presidential tour of California's flood protection and water delivery systems.

According to the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, work has been completed about 18 miles of the 42 miles of levees that surround the Natomas basin, mainly along the eastern bank of the Sacramento River.

The remaining work will focus on the lower stretch of the American River and along various drainage canals.

The Natomas basin is home to more than 100,000 people, Sacramento International Airport and the intersection of Interstate 80 and Interstate 5.

Following the failure of the levees protecting New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Federal Emergency Management Agency increased its scrutiny of levees across the country.

In 2008, FEMA de-certified the levees that surround Natomas, resulting in a de facto building ban.

The Army Corps of Engineers has estimated that it will require \$1.2 billion to reduce the risk of a catastrophic levee break and flood in Natomas.

SAFCA has more recently revised that estimate to \$600-900 million.

The de-certification of the levees would normally have triggered a steep increase in the cost of flood insurance for Natomas property owners.

However, special legislation has allowed those property to continue to receive a discounted rate for the past two years.

"As a result, flood insurance rates were roughly \$350 a year rather than \$1,200 a year," wrote Matsui's press secretary, Janette Trimmer, in an email to KCRA 3.

However, that legislation expired on Jan. 1.

Trimmer said flood insurance rates are set to rise 20 percent a year for each of the next five years.

However, she said it was unclear when the first of those hikes would take effect.

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"This is war, Whitey wants to lynch blacks, call for bank runs, civil unrest, Allen West resign from this hate group"

In Government, Local Government, Uncategorized on September 2, 2011 at 9:22 AM

Can you say "Class Warfare?" Come on lets do it with the great big yell from Washington DC, C-L-A-S-S W-A-R-F-A-R-E!

These hate filled, racist words are not coming from the Ku Klux Klan, the Black Panthers, Aryan Nation or some Skin Head Neo Nazi group, they are coming directly from our elected Congressmen and women, more specifically the Congressional Black Caucus of the most current 112th Congress!

The near 50 members of this current elected Congress are spewing hate and dissension on Tea Party and Americans who dare speak against the Socialist policies of a wayward President.

It is so hard to believe that we live in the United States of America and in "town hall meetings" all across America, members of our Congress are spouting hatred and racism toward Americans of all colors. Listen to a few things recorded in their town hall meetings just last week!

Congressman Andre Carson, Indiana, 17th District

"Would love to see us as second class citizens and would love to see blacks "hanging on a tree" says Andre Carson Democrat from Indiana 17th District in front of a cheering crowd of supporters. He went on to say as he raised his audience in to a fever pitch, Yelling from a stage which resembled a church,

"We got to see change in Washington and the Tea Party is preventing the change!" " They are comfortable having us where we were 50 to 60 years ago, but it's a new day with a black President and a black Congressional Congress (to stand up for you!")

Maxine Waters Democratic Congressman, California, 35th District

" We cant be intimidated, we cant be frightened, as far as I am concerned the Tea Party can go straight to hell!"

Cedric Richmond, Louisiana, 2nd District

Congressman John Lewis, Georgia, 5th District

Said at an Atlanta town hall meeting at Atlanta Technical College on C-SPAN, says Congressman John Lewis says "We are fighting 3 wars, well actually we are fighting 4 wars, the 4th war is a war the Tea Parties have started with the United States of America, more particularly, the President! They are willing in this war to have as casualties the 14.1 million Americans that don't have a job! They are willing to wreck this economy simply for political gain.

Congressman Alcee Hastings, Florida, 23rd District

At a Congressional Black Caucus in Miami this week on 8/22/11, Alcee Hastings says "he has never seen such an attitude, expressed toward poor people! We can dance and tap around all of it, we all know racism, we give the Tea Party (all the credit), that's a whole handful of people, but it's the whole Republican Party has been captivated by that notion!"

Maxine Waters Democratic Congressman California, 35th District

Spoke at the same town hall meeting as Congressman Cedric Richmond on CSPAN says "if you show up at noon at any bank in America, and throw a ring around that bank with human bodies and for one minute think they are going to be a run on that bank, they will change their ways!"

Congressman Frederica Wilson, Florida, 17th district

They are racist and many of them are from Florida, who I serve with, they have said it to my face, they are not voting for any increases in revenue, and if they are going to die by the sword (someone from the audience says "then they gonna have to die"), they are gonna have to do it! We are gonna have to advocate, we are gonna have to go to their homes, they have black people living in their districts too." She stated in a crowded room, wearing her trademark red cowboy hat while speaking to reporters. She went on to say at another town hall meeting this week, "while we discuss our very real concerns, lets all remember who the real enemy is; and the real enemy is the tea party!" Cheers once again from the enthusiastic crowd.

Congressman Al Green Texas Democrat 9th District

Was quoted as saying at his town hall meeting, "We now have folks who call themselves by many names, but ,they have hijacked the principles of the civil rights movement, (crowd member states "that's right") they don't just go into their neighborhoods and protest, they come into the hood and protest! The question is this what will we do? Will we allow the minority forces to speak for the majority? We are going to stand up for the things we believe in! Are we willing to go across town and are we willing to go into other places beyond our comfort zones, and are willing to stand up for the CBC (Congressional Black Caucus) stand with the CBC and help the CBC make a difference, are we going to do it? Crowd enthusiastically cheers and stands to its feet!"

Folks the tide has been turned, racism it raising its ugly, ugly head and it is coming from inside the House of Representatives, straight out of the White House, directly from a group of Congress men and women who represent you. The racist words from our Congressmen and women is encouraging riots in our country and the whole CBC should be brought up on charges and locked away for treason against their country! These are enemies of the people of whom they represent, they are a domestic enemy. These Town Hall meetings were well orchestrated to make the people of this country, the tea parties and all Americans within their constituency, within their districts go away by fear and intimidation and you barely see it covered in the media!

Violent uprising and class war fare is being advocated against the people of the USA from approximately 50 of our Congress men and women of the Congressional Black Caucus and hardly a word spoken.

We need to contact the Attorney Generals and their offices and demand their resignations! This is a dangerous game they are playing. They are promoting a hatred that could bring us indeed back in time 50 or 60 years.

We are living in an extremely dangerous time and if these members of the CBC are encouraging and spewing hatred on the people of America, they are placing Americans in a very volatile position for hate mongering and bullying from the halls of Congress and on our streets. We must put our foot down and vote them out of these positions come election day.

We as a nation have advanced way beyond the days of slavery, segregation and white on black racial attacks, perfected, no, but now I feel the hand has been turned and now many Americans of all colors may be the victim of a runaway caucus. This is no time for the race card to be pulled. Our country is suffering in every category and we do not need this added hate on a simmering society and force them to the edge of a race war, a class war by members of our elected Congress, what a shame!

Many of these hate mongerers and racist have lived through some tough times in their lives, many have seen the ravages of a racist society unleashed. They should have learned from history's blindness. Instead of leading us away from more hatred and violence they are dragging us back to a frightening era, I would prefer to leave behind!

We should drop any thoughts of hate, we should be uniting and this caucus is only encouraging division. In this arena there is no need to divide the races, the debate should go forward regardless of our skin color. We are America, we are supposed to be one, not many colors. These members of Congress if left to spew this violence unchecked may surely cause greater hatred and perhaps a new class warfare....the shame of it all!

While I would be remiss not to mention one of my favorite people in the political world belongs to this rogue CBC! I was only hoping this man would become our next President of the United States! If he continues to be associated with this racist hate group which has hijacked a great portion of our Congress, I will lose confidence in this man whom I thought was above the fray!

Allen West, Florida Congressman, Republican 22nd District, you must resign from this caucus, not say you may reconsider your membership!

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Congress Approves Debt Ceiling - Miller Votes No

President Obama is expected to sign the legislation to raise the debt ceiling and avert a federal shutdown.

Posted by Jim Caroompas (Editor) , August 02, 2011 at 05:50 PM

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A day after the House of Representatives passed a bill to raise the federal debt ceiling and avert a federal shutdown, the Senate also passed the bill. It now goes to President Obama, who is expected to sign the legislation.

Rep George Miller (D-Martinez) released the following statement after voting against the debt ceiling budget deal yesterday:

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"Regrettably, I cannot support the debt ceiling budget deal in the House today. I say regrettably because neither I nor my Democratic colleagues want to see the United States default on its debts.

"And, of course, there was no reason to ever get this close to default. The default crisis was politically manufactured.

"Congress has been taken over by the right wing of the Republican Party, the Tea Party wing that has a radical agenda to end Medicare, cut Social Security and slash health care for the elderly and the poor. Their goal is not deficit reduction. But deficit reduction is being used as the weapon to cut these critical commitments that are so fundamental to our society.

"They used the debt ceiling to hold the economic well-being of the American people hostage to get their way.

~~"In the end, they did not get their way because we have protected Medicare, Social Security, and Medicaid - for now. But they have done great damage by holding the economy hostage this long, and they are doing long-term damage by having negotiated this bill today. We were not able to prevent them from extracting draconian cuts to critical services that help our economy.~~

"This bill will set in place long-term cuts to the economy that will shrink our Gross Domestic Product and raise unemployment. This bill will greatly reduce America's ability to out-compete the rest of the world. It will greatly diminish our ability to make basic investments in education, in research and innovation, in our economic growth and competitive spirit. This bill will make it more difficult for America to lead.

"All of which means fewer Americans will be working because of this bill.

"But this bill lets the wealthiest people in our country get off scot-free. They will not contribute one dime.

"That is a tragedy of enormous proportions.

"At a time when Americans are struggling to climb out of the recession, conservative and liberal economists alike have said that we need to keep investing in the economy, not pull out.

"This bill was never about deficit reduction. This bill was about pursuing a radical agenda. And as long as the Republicans control Congress, this radical agenda to end Medicare and Social Security and withdraw critical government services that create jobs will remain a threat to the American people."

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Patrick J. McNamara August 02, 2011 at 07:08 PM

I get the general reasoning behind Miller's NO vote, and generally agree with it. However, I do not see how... "This bill will set in place long-term cuts to the economy that will shrink our Gross Domestic Product and raise unemployment..." as Miller states. Federal government spending does not create GDP. A vigorous private enterprise in this country does that. The federal government must siphon resources from those private enterprises to fund the legitimate functions of government. While it is true that having to lay off government employees will raise unemployment, government does not exist to manufacture jobs for the sake of employment numbers, whether it is federal, state or local government. That is why governments at all levels must be very judicious as to how quickly they decide to take on personnel. Government employees' jobs should be no more secure than those of the private sector, whose entrepreneurial vigor (GDP) makes those very government jobs fundable and sustainable. For this same reason, regulatory agencies should consider the gain/loss effect their regulations have on the private sector GDP, whose vigor or lack thereof directly affects the agency's ability to exist. Government hiring does not produce tax revenue. It consumes it.

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Jim Caroompas (Editor) August 02, 2011 at 10:38 PM

The government funds more than just "employees," though it takes a massive number of them to run the complex system of government ours has become (under each President, of both parties). Government is responsible for funding, coordinating and benefiting from research that brings us things like the Internet, laser technologies for our (soon to be defunct) CD and DVD players, infrastructure construction and maintenance, etc. This massive funding of military and scientific research plays a major role in job creation, short and long term. Of course, it can be argued that this activity should be left to the private sector and the so-called "free market," but I'm willing to bet the private sector would be the first to balk at an end to decades of free money.

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Patrick J. McNamara August 02, 2011 at 11:08 PM

Noted, Jim. And I agree that government funded research does indeed have collateral spin-off benefits to the private sectors. The high tech items you noted above, along with your car's Garmin GPS and the like came from strategic military research spending. Of course, guess where all those lasers, GPS devices and computers are made now? It seems our tax dollars help make trillions for the Chinese...so they can lend them back to us. I guess it is human nature to cite the beneficial fraction of government spending when defending government spending, just as it is natural to cite the enormous waste when attacking government spending. Government has its purposes. They are just not best when they are ubiquitous.

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Anne Mobley August 03, 2011 at 04:34 PM

If you ever worked for any governmental agency, be it local, state, or federal, you would know that there is a huge amount of wasteful spending. It is easy to spend spend spend when it is not your

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money you are spending. We have way too many governmental agencies, committees and commissions that are a burden to taxpayers and should be abolished. Aside from that, Miller has to go. He has been on the public payroll far too long in my opinion. Many of them have to go for the same reason. We don't need professional politicians. We need people who have run businesses to be able to set budgets and live within our means and know what the term "bottom line" means. I frankly am tired of the blaming game and the fear tactics which are untrue. Shame on Miller for blaming others when he has been in office for too many years and nothing has changed that really could have when Congress in his words wasn't "taken over by the right wing of the Republican Party, the Tea Party wing that has a radical agenda..." Stop the lies that the GOP wants to cut social security, medicare, or health care for the elderly and poor. That is just not true. Shame on Miller for promoting the lies,

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Cindy Brokman August 03, 2011 at 09:31 PM

Beautifully said Anne! We need less government & over paid pension benefits....the taxpayers need a break .

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Patrick J. McNamara August 04, 2011 at 06:44 AM

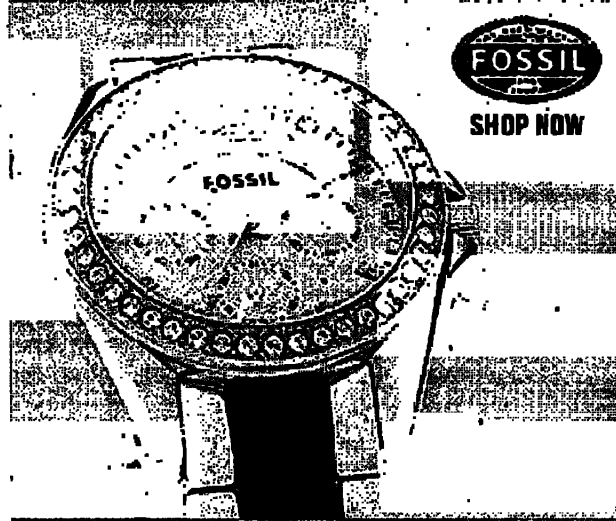
I have to agree that George is either blinded by partisan rage, or he thinks we are all stupid. He has long since ceased being a statesman, and has apparently devolved into a partisan jihadist in tone. Sad.

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Serrano: "C.R. Cuts Are Irresponsible, Extreme"



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Washington, D.C. – February 12, 2011 – Congressman José E. Serrano denounced the extreme cuts to the Financial Services and General Government section of the Continuing Resolution that were released late last night for the rest of Fiscal Year 2011. By cutting the Financial Services section from \$24.1 billion last year to \$20.4 billion for all of FY2011, the drastic decreases will cause great damage to the agencies and departments—costing jobs and curtailing their ability to carry out their basic functions.

"These Tea Party-driven cuts are beyond draconian; they are irresponsible and extreme," said Congressman Serrano. "This is not a belt-tightening exercise, but rather an ideologically-driven attack on the core functions that American people expect their government to carry out.

"How can you cut \$600 million dollars from the IRS during tax season? How is it smart to shut down all construction and repairs on government buildings – laying off thousands of private sector construction workers? Why would it be a good idea to essentially take apart the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, which supports growth and job creation across the nation? Or why would hobbling the SEC just after a financial crisis caused by lack of oversight be a wise plan?

"These cuts show that instead of focusing on creating jobs, the

Republicans have undertaken an anti-government extremist approach, which perversely will CUT jobs by the thousands. I cannot convey more strongly how ill-advised this is."

Some of the more egregious cuts are listed below.

- The Department of the Treasury will take a \$1.1 billion cut from FY2010, even as it works to undo the damage wrought by the financial crisis;
 - o Within Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service will be cut by \$600 million from FY2010, immediately impacting service during tax season;
- The General Services Administration will see a cut of \$1.7 billion from FY2010, halting all new building construction and severely limiting repairs and renovation to government buildings, with the concurrent loss of thousands of construction jobs;
- The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund will go from \$246 million last year to \$50 million this year, ending its work to support financial institutions making investments in low-income or disadvantaged communities.
- The Securities and Exchange Commission will see a \$25 million drop from last year, which will prevent it from hiring the staff it needs to carry out the critical new Dodd-Frank financial oversight functions that it has been given;
- The Election Assistance Commission will see its budget drop from \$93 million last year to \$10 million this year, effectively ending its work to help states with their election practices and equipment;
- The District of Columbia will see a \$79 million cut from last year, precisely as the city faces a budget crisis, and despite the fact that DC is hobbled by federal policies in generating new revenue. Further, the C.R. adds social riders, prohibiting DC from using locally-raised funds as it sees fit.

"This is not a scalpel approach to budget reductions—cutting where it can

be absorbed and without affecting healthy functions and jobs—it is the equivalent of taking a heavy blunt object to these agencies' budgets," added Serrano. "I believe that the majority, forced by their extremist Tea Party wing, have overstepped what little mandate they had from the last election. They will suffer when the American people realize the ideologically extreme and callous approach they have taken to our government and its core functions. These cuts are unacceptable, and the American people will not stand for them."

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Congressman José E. Serrano has represented the Bronx in Congress since 1990. He is the Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

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Jim Costa

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After the U.S. got its first-ever credit downgrading on Friday night from rating agency Standard & Poor's, Democrats and Republicans issued statements bolstering their positions and laying blame on the other side.

Rep. Jim Costa, D-Fresno, issued a statement criticizing tea party supporters in Congress. Assemblyman David Valadao, R-Hanford, argued against reckless spending in a phone interview.

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"Our credit rating was downgraded because the global economic market no longer trusts our political system to make prudent, wise decisions," Costa said. "We can no longer tolerate a radical minority holding our economy hostage only to prove a partisan point."

Costa was referring to tea party backers in Congress who refused to support Democratic deficit-cutting proposals that would have combined spending cuts with revenue increases.

Valadao, by contrast, said runaway spending is the real problem.

"We've got to get back to the root of the problem — spending money we don't have," Valadao said. "I think [the downgrade] is an appropriate thing to do. It's not what I would like to see, but it's the wake-up call we need."

Economists argue about whether the downgrade might cause further harm to an economy reeling from Thursday's stock market drop, the recent debt-ceiling controversy and weak employment numbers.

But the lower credit rating, whatever short-term instability it may cause, is expected to benefit agriculture in the long term, experts say.

A weaker dollar helps agricultural exports, said Doug Verboon, Kings County supervisor, and local farmer. Kings County produced \$1.7 billion worth of agricultural product in 2010, with much of that going overseas.

The declining value of the dollar is expected to increase the value of hard assets like land, including agricultural land and crops. Since the U.S. economic downturn in 2001, investment portfolios that include agricultural land and crop futures have been drawing increasing interest from people looking for low-risk investment opportunities.

The Associated Press contributed to this story. The reporter can be reached at 583-2432 or snidever@HanfordSentinel.com.

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Rush Holt on Budget

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On August 1, while John Boehner, Eric Cantor, Paul Ryan and their colleagues were threatening to shut down the government, Rush Holt gave a speech describing the budget debate as:

at its heart, a debate between two visions for America. One side envisions rebuilding our country, investing in jobs and education and infrastructure, and rising from the Great Recession as a stronger and more resilient Nation. The other side accepts a pessimistic vision of a weakened America with a shrunken government—a Nation hampered by deep cuts to the safety net and hobbled by a refusal to invest in our future.

I couldn't agree more. And, like the Honorable Representative from the 12th District, I hold with the former.

Here's the full text, after the jump, of his August 1, 2011 speech. It will be in the Congressional Record as soon as it is updated - assuming, of course, that funds will be obligated for updating and maintaining the Congressional Record.

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Mr. Speaker, the default debate is, at its heart, a debate between two visions for America. One side envisions rebuilding our country, investing in jobs and education and infrastructure, and rising from the Great Recession as a stronger and more resilient Nation. The other side accepts a pessimistic vision of a weakened America with a shrunken government—a Nation hampered by deep cuts to the safety net and hobbled by a refusal to invest in our future.

I have no doubt that, in a fair debate, a hopeful vision for America would win out. But the default debate has not been held on fair terms. The Tea Party and their enablers have held America hostage. They have insisted that, unless Congress enacted their radical, ideological agenda, they would force an unprecedented default on America's obligations and thus trigger an economic collapse.

From the beginning of this debate, I rejected the notion that America's creditworthiness should be used as a bargaining chip. Yet I was willing to support a balanced, fair deal if that was what was required to prevent a default. Unfortunately, today's deal is not balanced. It is not fair. Most of all, it is not right.

The House has voted for vast cuts in government services that ordinary Americans depend on: student loans, unemployment insurance, food safety inspections, highway safety programs, and more. These cuts will force layoffs among teachers, public safety officers, construction workers, and more. These laid-off workers will, in turn, be forced to pare back their spending at their local grocery stores, drug stores, and small businesses, forcing still more layoffs—a vicious circle that threatens to destabilize our fragile economy. We saw in last week's economic reports that job growth has been choked back by cuts in state and local governments. This

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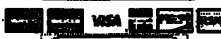
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deal does not help the situation. It hurts the economy.

The deal lays the groundwork for another \$1.5 trillion in cuts to come, to be negotiated behind closed doors by an unelected super-committee. Given that the first round of cuts will have decimated discretionary programs, these later cuts will very likely focus on Social Security and Medicare. The citizens who will be hurt most are those who have the least voice in our democracy. After all, when a handful of politicians gather in the proverbial smoke-filled room, the interests of ordinary Americans are nearly always left out.

Yet although most Americans will sacrifice greatly, the most privileged among us will be immune. Favored corporate interests, millionaires, and billionaires will continue to receive special tax breaks as far as the eye can see. That is not the sort of fair, balanced deal that Americans asked for and expected.

As poor as this deal is on its merits, I am even more troubled by the precedent it sets. The Tea Party and their enablers have, by taking the American economy hostage, transformed a routine budgetary authorization into the most dramatic reshaping of government in decades. Today's deal establishes that government by hostage negotiation is a legitimate, effective way to achieve one's political ends. I am frightened by what this means for the future of our democracy.

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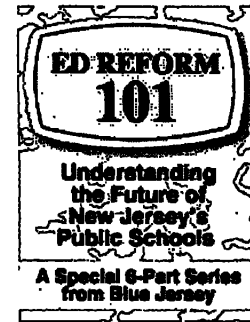
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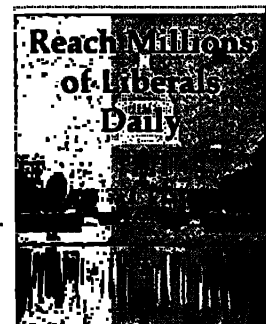
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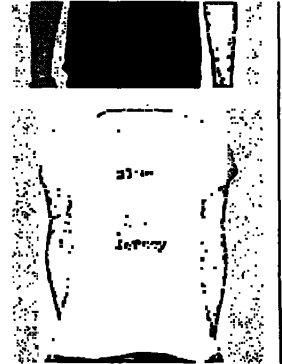


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REP. NAPOLITANO'S STATEMENT ON REPUBLICAN TEA PARTY TAX INCREASE

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(Washington, D.C.) Today, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano made the following statement on House Republicans rejecting a bipartisan Senate bill that extended payroll tax cuts for the middle class, a move which could raise taxes and cut critical programs for working families:

"Here we are back in Washington, once again rehashing whether millionaires and billionaires will again get a pass on doing their fair share. Millions of Americans are losing their homes and losing their jobs. The economy is inching along, worldwide markets are confronting economic troubles – and we are debating whether or not we should extend a simple payroll tax cut for working families.

"Speaker John Boehner was for a compromise bill before he was against it. Is the Tea Party so strong that it is now controlling the Republican Party?

"It is time to alert the American public to what this means for them and what is happening in their own backyard. Without a payroll tax cut, the average family will lose \$1,000 a year. Also lost will be extended unemployment insurance that helps more than a million Americans put food on the table. Doctors serving seniors across the country will receive a nearly 30% pay cut for seeing Medicare patients if the Medicare "doc fix" included in this bill does not pass. We need to keep the economy going, extend these tax breaks for working people, and help our economy create more jobs now."

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Talking Points Memo - Democrat Atop House Gun Task Force Plans Rare Town Halls

By Evan McMorris-Santoro

Washington, Jan 7 - Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA), leader of the House Democratic task force formed in the wake of the Newtown, Conn. shootings, will open up the discussion of what to do about gun violence to the public this week. And gun rights advocates are planning to be on hand to make sure any talk of gun control is held in check.

Thompson is scheduled to host three "Gun Violence Prevention Forums" in his northern California district this week. As a preview of the congressional hearings he plans to lead in Washington later this month, the forums will showcase his plan to bring together stakeholders to discuss a broad range of responses to Newtown, including new gun control legislation.

Members of Congress have been wary of public town hall meetings in recent years, following the rise of the tea party back during the 2009 health care debate. Thompson was heckled by tea party conservatives at one memorable town hall in April of that year.

The congressman, who was once named one of "8 Surprisingly Pro-Gun Democrats" by Guns & Ammo, may be opening himself up to some protest over the gun issue. Gun rights activists in California are calling on gun owners in the state to show up to Thompson's events and make their voice heard.

In keeping with Thompson's promise to take a holistic approach to preventing gun violence after Newtown, he plans to host experts from law enforcement, mental health, and schools, as well as local elected officials at the forums.

It's a model Thompson may suggest fellow members of the House Democratic gun task force replicate in their districts, adding open-public debate into the sometimes vehement battle over gun laws in the wake of Newtown.

Thompson's House task force is running separately from the presidential taskforce chaired by Vice President Biden, which is expected to produce a package of legislation by President Obama's State of the Union address.

Thompson's task force plans to release its set of what staff call "comprehensive policy proposals" in early February.

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'Name-calling' - a Democratic diversion

Becky Yeh - California correspondent (OneNewsNow.com) Thursday, October 20, 2011

A political activist says a congresswoman's attack on Republicans and tea party patriots is another example of name-calling, rather than a united approach to solving the nation's economic woes.

During an interview on *The Ed Schultz Show*, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (D-California) told the host that tea party activists and Republicans are "unpatriotic" and hate America because they disagree with President Barack Obama's policies and want to see him defeated in 2012. The Democrat said the same two groups are not "concerned with the economic well-being of the country" and only seek a power grab in Washington. Sanchez contends, "They don't love this country because they are harming it because they have this petty little spitting match with the president."

Mark Matta of *Preserve Liberty* says that Sanchez' attitude is frightening. "If someone just disagrees with the president, and that is called somehow unpatriotic and hateful — that is a shocking statement as it relates to America's history." Sanchez described tea party activists as "obstructionists" who are "taking this country off a cliff" regardless of fact, logic, reason and history. She added that the conservative activists are so welded to an ideology that they are destroying the working class.



Matta argues that these allegations are simply diverting attention from the real issues at stake, and from the fact that conservatives have ideas that work. "Instead of staying on point and talking about the principles in question — which would be small government, low taxes and less spending — they result to name-calling, saying that people are not concerned," Matta says. "The bottom line is that there are ideas that work — it's real simple — and those are biblical and constitutional ideas."

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Abusive, derogatory and even racist behavior directed at House Democrats by Tea Party protesters on Saturday left several lawmakers in shock.

Preceding the president's speech to a gathering of House Democrats, thousands of protesters descended around the Capitol to protest the passage of health care reform. The gathering quickly turned into abusive heckling, as members of Congress passing through Longworth House office building were subjected to epithets and even mild physical abuse.

A staffer for Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.) told reporters that Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Mo.) had been spat on by a protester. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), a hero of the civil rights movement, was called a 'ni-er.' And Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) was called a "faggot," as protesters shouted at him with deliberately lisp-y screams. Frank, approached in the halls after the president's speech, shrugged off the incident.

But Clyburn was downright incredulous, saying he had not witnessed such treatment since he was leading civil rights protests in South Carolina in the 1960s.

"It was absolutely shocking to me," Clyburn said, in response to a question from the Huffington Post. "Last Monday, this past Monday, I stayed home to meet on the campus of Claflin University where fifty years ago as of last Monday... I led the first demonstrations in South Carolina, the sit ins... And quite frankly I heard some things today I have not heard since that day. I heard people saying things that I have not heard since March 15, 1960 when I was marching to try and get off the back of the bus."

"It doesn't make me nervous as all," the congressman said, when asked how the mob-like atmosphere made him feel. "In fact, as I said to one heckler, I am the hardest person in the world to intimidate, so they better go somewhere else."

Asked if he wanted an apology from the group of Republican lawmakers who had addressed the crowd and, in many ways, played on their worst fears of health care legislation, the Democratic Party, and the president, Clyburn replied:

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"A lot of us have been saying for a long time that much of this, much of this is not about health care at all. And I think a lot of those people today demonstrated that this is not about health care... it is about trying to extend a basic fundamental right to people who are less powerful."

UPDATE 6:56 PM ET: Rep. Emanuel Cleaver's office released the following statement:

For many of the members of the CBC, like John Lewis and Emanuel Cleaver who worked in the civil rights movement, and for Mr. Frank who has struggled in the cause of equality, this is not the first time they have been spit on during turbulent times.

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This afternoon, the Congressman was walking into the Capitol to vote, when one protester spat on him. The Congressman would like to thank the US Capitol Police officer who quickly escorted the others Members and him into the Capitol, and defused the tense situation with professionalism and care. After all the Members were safe, a full report was taken and the matter was handled by the US Capitol Police. The man who spat on the Congressman was arrested, but the Congressman has chosen not to press charges. He has left the matter with the Capitol Police.

This is not the first time the Congressman has been called the "n" word and certainly not the worst assault he has endured in his years fighting for equal rights for all Americans. That being said, he is disappointed that in the 21st century our national discourse has devolved to the point of name calling and spitting. He looks forward to taking a historic vote on health care reform legislation tomorrow, for the residents of the Fifth District of Missouri and for all Americans. He believes deeply that tomorrow's vote is, in fact, a vote for equality and to secure health care as a right for all. Our nation has a history of struggling each time we expand rights. Today's protests are no different, but the Congressman believes this is worth fighting for.

UPDATE 7:48 PM ET: The Buffalo News reports that Rep. Louise Slaughter's district office in Pine View, New York, was vandalized on Saturday.

Sometime early this morning, someone threw a brick through the front window of her Pine Avenue office.

The damage was discovered about 12:30 a.m., city police said.

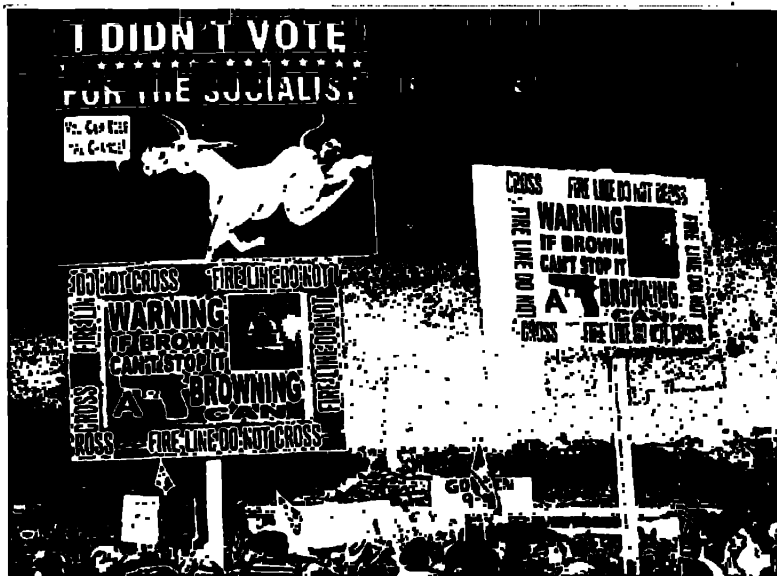
The brick put a hole in the outer-most window at the office at 1910 Pine Ave., but did not damage a second interior window, police reported. A piece of broken brick believed to have caused the damage was found at the scene.

Damage was estimated at \$350.

UPDATE 8:57 PM ET: The Associated Press reports that Capitol Police arrested the man who spit on Cleaver, but the Congressman won't press charges.

See some of the signs from today's protests below:

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Tea Party Protesters Dispute Reports of Slurs, Spitting Against Dem Lawmakers

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A man was arrested for spitting on a congressman. No, he was let go.

Protesters shouted the "n-word" at black lawmakers. Witnesses say it never happened.

A gay congressman was called a slur. Yet he was accused of swearing at someone in the crowd before that.

These are the conflicting claims that have emerged from the series of tense encounters lawmakers say they endured with Tea Party protesters on Capitol Hill Saturday, in the final raucous hours before Congress approved the health care reform bill.

Claims that the protesters hurled anti-gay and racist epithets at them tore through the blogosphere in the run-up to the vote and were used to decry the protests, but Tea Party supporters are challenging those accounts, saying they didn't hear them, or at least that those responsible were not part of the Tea Party protest.

"Never did I hear any type of racial slur," said William Owens, a black Tea Party activist from Nevada who joined in the D.C. protests Saturday.

Here's what is known about Saturday's run-ins:

Several black lawmakers say that as they were walking by protesters on their way to a procedural vote on Capitol Hill, a group of demonstrators shouted at them and called them the n-word.

"They were just shouting, harassing," Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a legend of the civil rights movement, said.

In addition, Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, a black congressman from Missouri, said he was spit on by someone in the crowd who was later detained.

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Plus someone shouted a gay slur at Frank in the hallway of a House office building.

"Today's protests against health insurance reform saw a rash of despicable, inflammatory behavior," House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said.

Now here's where those accounts are called into question:

Though the claims of racist epithets against Lewis and other congressmen drew a lot of media attention, witnesses say they never heard such language and YouTube videos have surfaced that show protesters booing and shouting "Kill the Bill" but not shouting the n-word.

Kay Fischer, a protester from North Carolina, said she was watching the black lawmakers walk by and, like Owens, heard nothing of the sort.

Asked about such claims, Emanuel spokeswoman Mary Petrovic noted that the online videos of the incident are under a minute — and so don't show the entire encounter. She stood by her boss' account.

"He heard slurs," she said.

There's another oddity about that incident. Cleaver's office initially claimed that a protester was arrested after spitting on him, but that the congressman decided not to press charges.

However, U.S. Capitol Police said the protester was never arrested. He was only detained and put in handcuffs, then released.

Sgt. Kimberly Schneider, spokeswoman for the Capitol Police, told FoxNews.com the individual was released because Cleaver couldn't identify him.

"There were no elements of a crime, and the individual wasn't able to be positively identified," she said. "(Cleaver) was unable to positively identify."

Asked about the Capitol Police account, Petrovic said it's not that Cleaver couldn't identify the suspect. It's that he wouldn't identify the suspect, because the police would have been "obligated" to make an arrest, which he didn't want.

"He was aware of that obligation and so did not make an identification," she said. "He saw who did it and he could have identified that person if necessary. But he chose not to."

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As for the initial claim that the individual was arrested, Petrovic said staff members mistakenly presumed he had been arrested because he was in handcuffs.

The account of the run-in with Frank gets a little more bizarre.

Though reporters heard someone call the Massachusetts Democrat, who is gay, a "faggot," and Frank and House Majority Leader Stroy Hoyer publicly condemned the slur, Fischer said the incident was not so cut and dry.

Most importantly, Fischer said Frank was the first to start using salty language.

She said she and a half-dozen other protesters were waiting outside a committee room in the Longworth House Office Building on Saturday for about 45 minutes when Frank finally emerged. He was mobbed by reporters, she said, and the protesters started shouting things like, "Kill the bill." Then she said Frank snapped at them.

"He looked at me and said, 'F— you,'" she said.

Shortly after that, she said, a tall man with brown hair, who hadn't been chanting with the other protesters at all, walked up and said "fag" to Frank.

This has started to sprout some conspiracy theories.

Fischer said the protesters immediately admonished him and told him not to say things like that.

"I have gay friends. ... There were a bunch of people moaning like, 'Oh God,'" she said.

But she said the guy "disappeared" quickly and that was the end of it.

Fischer said she has no idea where he came from, and alleged he was a plant, though she couldn't prove it.

"I think it was staged," she said.

Frank's office was unable to provide clarity.

Frank spokesman Harry Gural said his office does not know the identity of the man who shouted the slur but said it's "highly unlikely" that anything was staged.

And he couldn't fathom his boss swearing at a protester.

"I really doubt that," Gural said. "I've never heard him use that language with people before."

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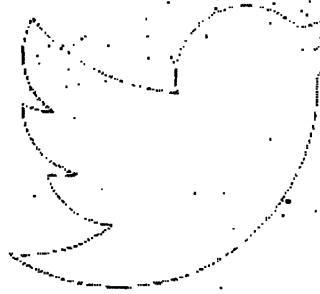
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Emanuel Cleaver: I haven't done anything to hype that spitting incident

posted at 4:10 pm on April 2, 2010 by Allahpundit

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So transparent a lie is this that I don't know how to read it except as a tacit admission that he wasn't, in fact, deliberately spat on.

In an interview on Tuesday with FOX 4 News, Rep. Cleaver would not directly answer the question of whether or not he was intentionally spit upon.

"I haven't talked about this incident on TV or anywhere, and I've been approached to talk about it on every national TV show," said Rep. Cleaver in an interview with FOX 4 News. "I never, I never reported anything, never a single thing in Washington, not one thing. People assume I went somewhere, never done press conference, never done an interview on it and I'm not going to do it."

Rep. Cleaver says that he wants to put the incident behind him.

"All I'm saying is we all have to diffuse [sic] it, and I think it is not in my best interest or in the best interest of this nation to stoke it," said Rep. Cleaver. "I've avoided doing and I will continue to do it."

For the good of the country, he hasn't uttered a syllable. Except, of course, for that press release he rushed out hours after the incident happened implying that he'd been intentionally spat upon and claiming that the perp had been arrested — neither of which was true. Absolutely, positively no interviews granted, though — except, of course, for that one he gave to Courtland "I'll knock your teeth out, teabagger" Milloy a week ago. Remember?

I know how the "tea party" people feel, the anger, venom and bile that many of them showed during the recent House vote on health-care reform. I know because I want to spit on them, take one of their "Obama Plan White Slavery" signs and knock every racist and homophobic tooth out of their Cro-Magnon heads...

Cleaver told me: "I said to this one person, 'You spat on me.' I thought he was going to say, 'Hey, I was yelling. Sorry.' But he continuing yelling and, for a few seconds, I pointed at him and said, 'You spat on me.'"...

"I would prefer to believe that the man who allowed his saliva to hit my face was irrational for a moment," Cleaver said.

Lost in the uproar over Milloy's "cro magnon" bon mot was the fact that, per the boldfaced part, Cleaver's already kinda sorta admitted that it wasn't intentional. The guy wasn't spitting; he was yelling, and some of the spittle hit Cleaver. But Milloy and the media had their storyline and Cleaver would have gained nothing from a forthright "no, it wasn't deliberate" statement after making such a huge stink about it. So we're left with a false narrative that deepens suspicions between liberals and conservatives about the other side's bad faith. Truly wonderful.

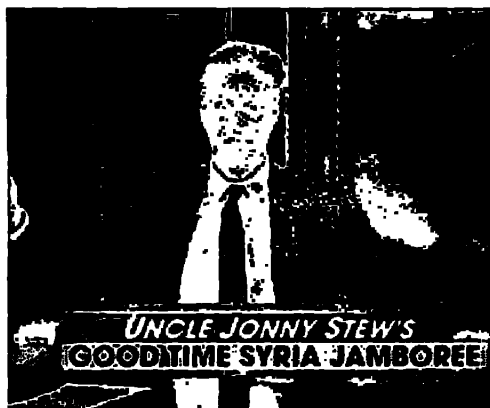
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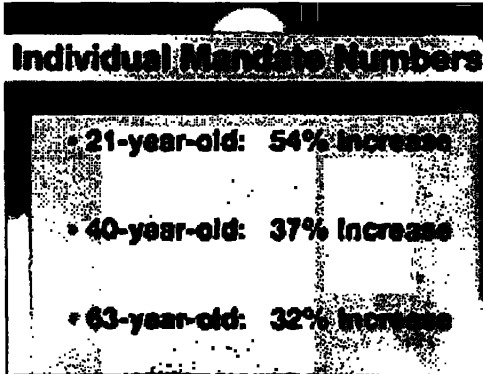
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I forgot how mad I was about the Courtland Milloy article. It's not the first time this bigot spewed his racist crap. I decided that was enough and tried to cancel my Washington Post. Guess what? Each time I tried pushing the option for cancel, and the vocal version, it said my 'response was not recognized'. Try it. After several times, it tells you that no one at customer service is available. The option to cancel probably sends you off to a live person who will try to talk you out of it, or find out why. Even their automated system lies. Typical. I can til Monday.

Over30 on April 2, 2010 at [9:01 PM](#)

Hmm, Bill O'Reilly declared that Rep. Cleaver is a honest guy.

The same Bill O who said john Kerry is a honest man.He said that while he was still on radio and i haven't listened to him since.

BruceB on April 2, 2010 at [9:02 PM](#)

Pa-too-ey!

JeffinOrlando on April 2, 2010 at [9:25 PM](#)

Watched it...oh
Have to take a bath now.

seesalrun on April 2, 2010 at [11:44 PM](#)

Cleaver is a democrat. Johnson was a democrat. Johnson was a racist. Democrat policy has been racist since at least Johnson. Cleaver is a racist.

Cleaver is NOTHING.

daesleeper on April 3, 2010 at [2:16 AM](#)

I am trying very hard to find a kind way of saying this guy Cleaver is a lying sack of sh*t, but in this case of this assclown, that just may be next to impossible.

pilamaye on April 3, 2010 at [7:48 AM](#)

a lying democrat ? no way

badpenny on April 3, 2010 at [9:40 AM](#)

Typical lying criminal. The only thing that separates this fool from a common street thug is the fact that when the lies don't work, he can't run for the projects to blend in.

nukeemnow on April 3, 2010 at [11:26 AM](#)

Yeah, I have to live with that assclown. KCMO.

ace tomato on April 4, 2010 at [10:55 PM](#)

I was waiting for something like this and said so some time ago. Reichstag fire. Maybe a slight misnomer.

The rumor in DC is that the backchannel stuff in this administration runs 24/7.

Anyway, now we watch for new events on immigration and global warming.

They have to do something! Look at the polls.

IlikedAUH2O on April 5, 2010 at [12:52 AM](#)

I'd like to know if anyone has called that Milloy guy on his column, and asked him for a retraction. While I've never attended a Tea Party event, I agree with what they're doing. I'm also sick and tired of being called a racist homophobe nativist just because these people reflexively use terms like this every time they're confronted.

Perhaps Michelle needs to call ol' Courtland up and ask him if he plans to claim the \$100,000 reward for proof of the racist comments supposedly shouted at that other guy, too. It's really time that these people were put on the defensive for a change. It's time for conservatives to let leftists know that their games aren't working anymore.

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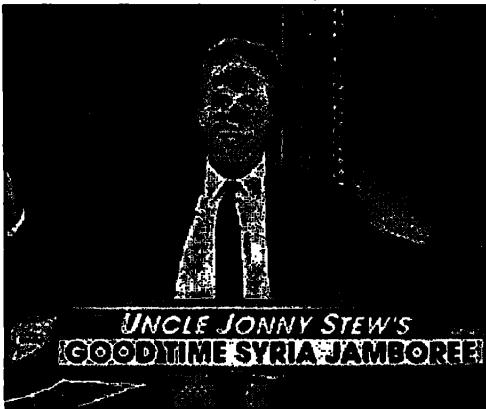
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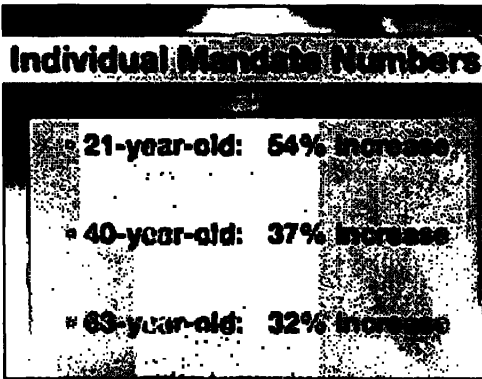
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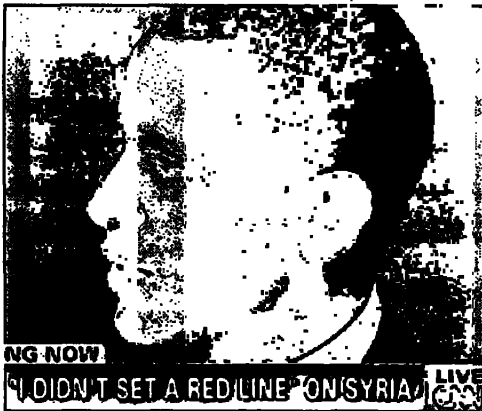
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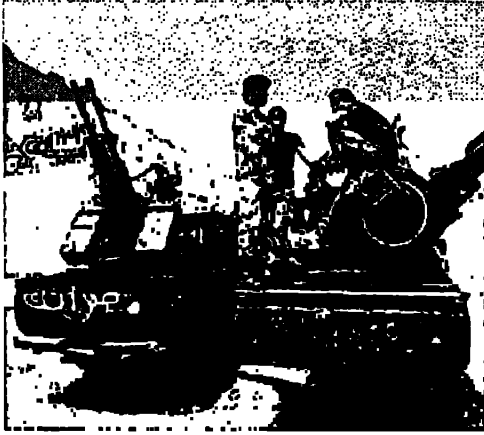
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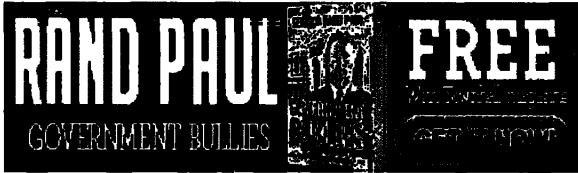


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Robin Kelly Elected New 2nd Congressional District Representative



Tuesday was election day in towns across the Chicago area and, in the highest profile race, Robin Kelly cruised easily to victory in the special election to replace Jesse Jackson Jr. in the 2nd Congressional District. Kelly won 71 percent of the vote against her Republican opponent, convicted felon Paul McKinley, by running on a campaign platform combining economic stimulus and gun control.

Kelly's campaign benefited from \$2.2 million in campaign cash donated by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Independence USA SuperPAC, which was put to use in attack ads in the February Democratic primary against opponent and former congresswoman Debbie Halvorson's record on gun control.

Gun control legislation became one of the primary issues in the IL-2 campaign and, in her acceptance speech Tuesday night, Kelly had the parents of Hadiya Pendleton, a teen who was killed by a gunman in January, on stage. Kelly said her immediate tasks are to set up offices in the district and restore her constituency's faith in the

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office after Jackson's medical leave of absence and resignation from office last year. Jackson pleaded guilty in February to using campaign funds for personal use.

"Yes, we've seen some tough times and some setbacks. I know for some of you, your faith in your leaders is a little shaken," Kelly told supporters at a Matteson hotel. "I thank you for that and I promise I will work very hard not to let you down."

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"Watch us take on the NRA, the tea party and anyone else standing in the way of safety," Kelly said.

After nearly two decades of dealing with congressmen embroiled in scandal, Kelly's constituents in IL-2 told DNAInfo Chicago they only want two simple things from their new representative: honesty and accessibility.

"Everybody says we need jobs, economic development and more police. And yes, we do need those things, but what we need most is someone who will be honest with us and available to meet with us on a regular basis," said Nelson Harris, 55, of Roseland. "I don't think that's too much to ask or expect from an elected official."

As for McKinley, Fox News Chicago reports his goal is now to destroy the local Democratic machine.

"It's a very low turnout, because the people really feel that there's no hope," McKinley told FOX 32 News. "The people, as I was passing out the literature and talking to people, they really felt like there was no more hope in democracy. They felt overran by the machine and they felt like it's, 'What the use?'"

Kelly flies to Washington, DC Wednesday to get to the business of setting up her congressional office before she's sworn in Thursday.

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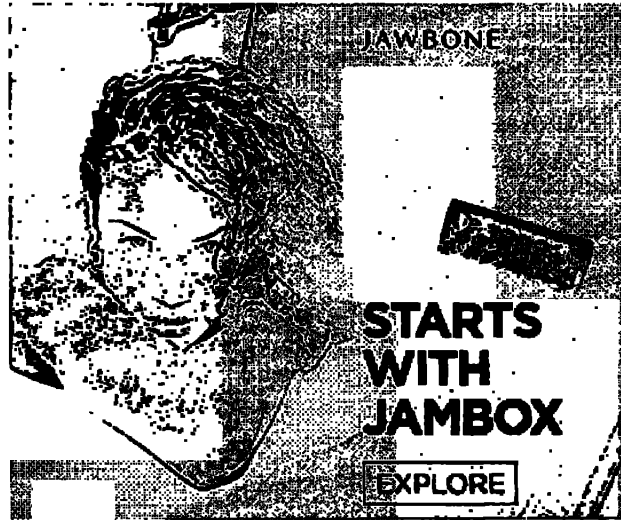
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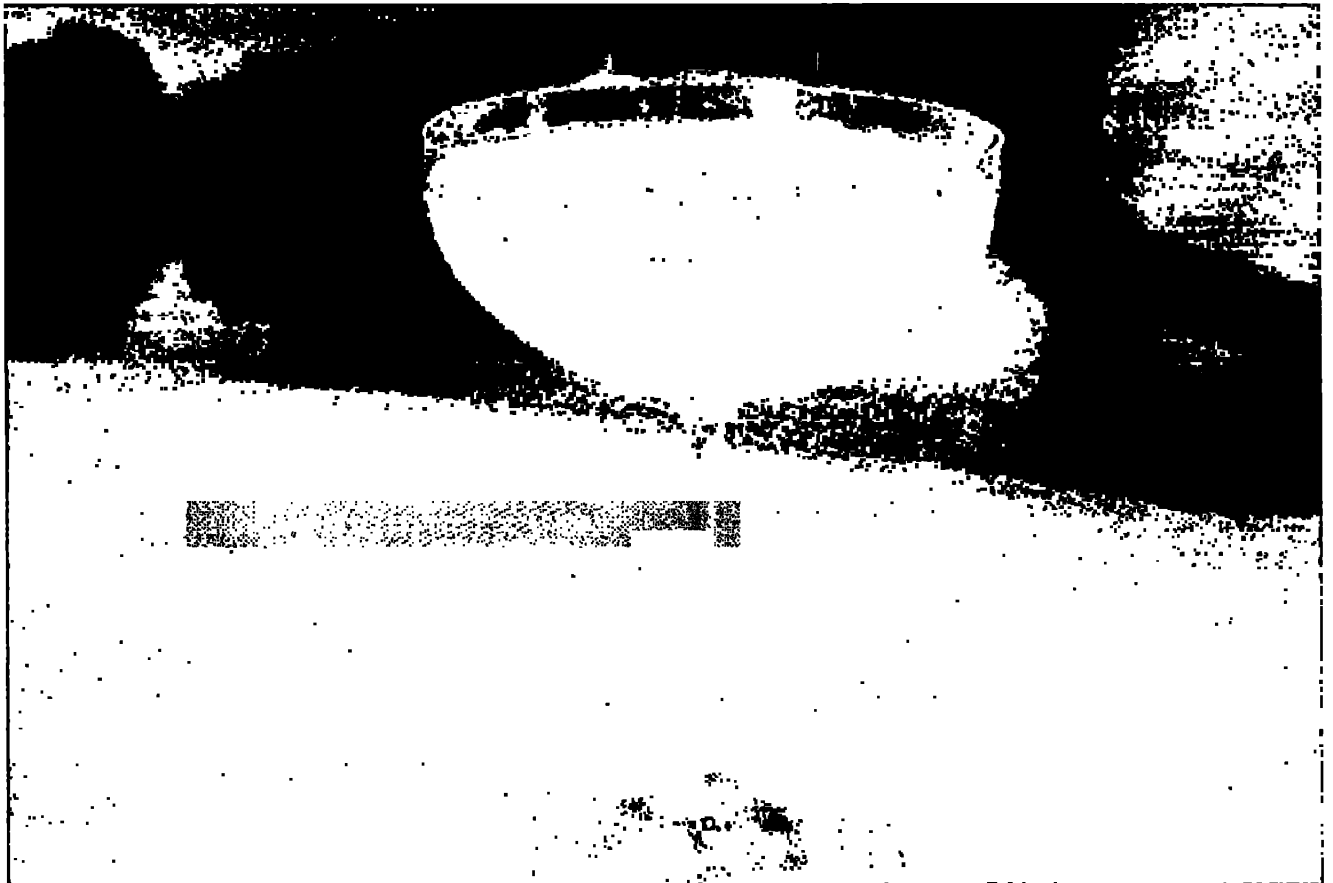
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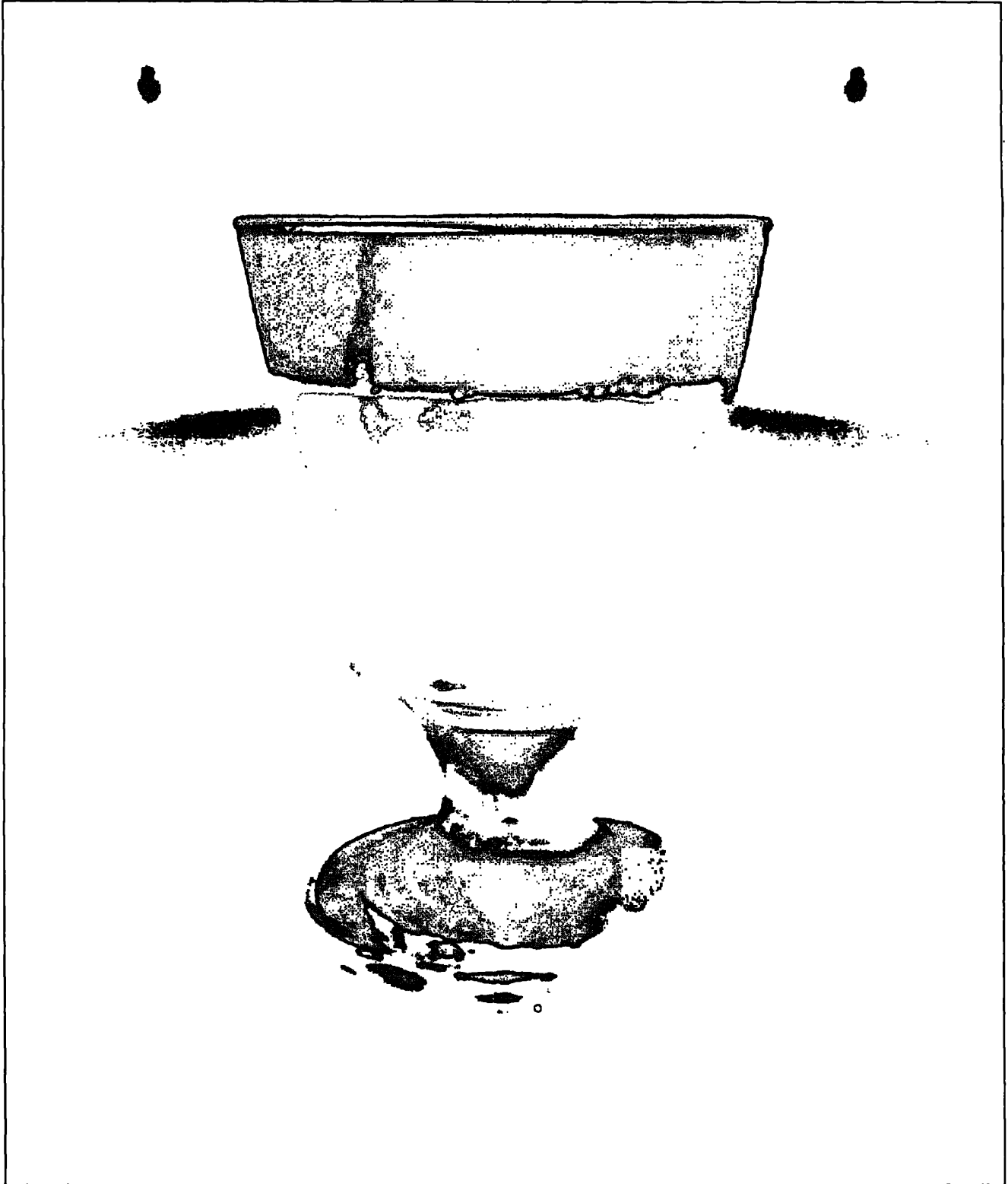
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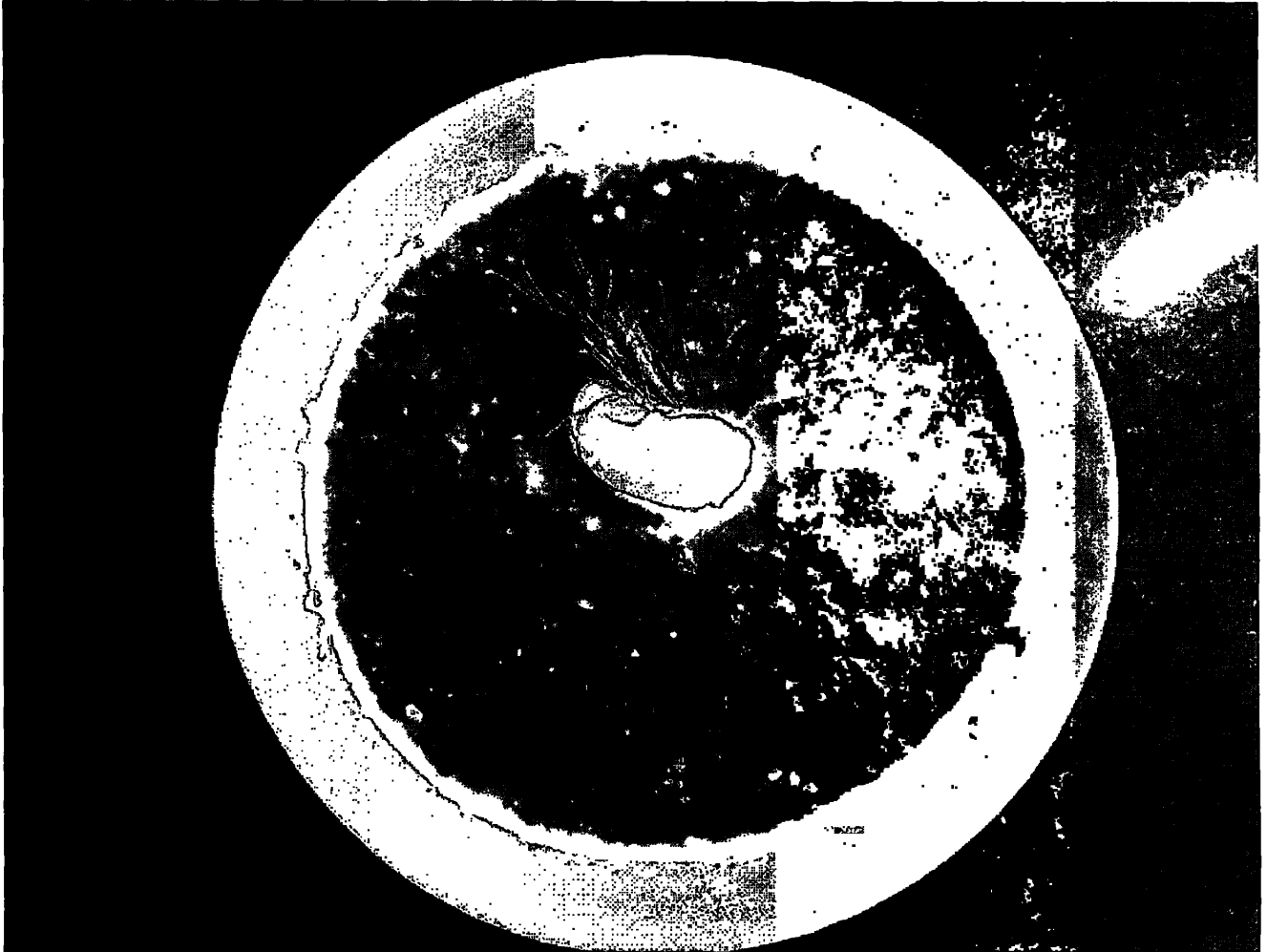


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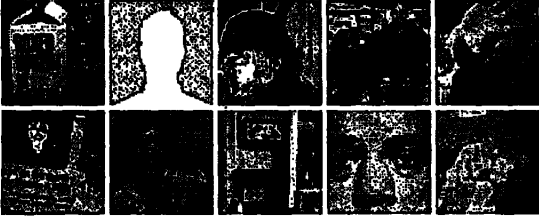
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Tammy Duckworth: Joe Walsh a 'tea party loudmouth'



By MJ LEE | 7/4/12 10:34 AM EDT Updated: 7/5/12 5:42 AM EDT

Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Rep. Joe Walsh's Democratic challenger, stepped up her assault on the Republican congressman late Tuesday, calling him an "extremist loudmouth for the tea party."

Walsh has come under fire since accusing Duckworth — a veteran who lost her legs and the partial use of one arm while serving in Iraq — of discussing her military record too much.

"Now I'm running against a woman who, I mean, my God — that's all she talks about," the congressman said over the weekend. "Our true heroes, the men and

women who served us, that's the last thing in the world they talk about."

In an interview with MSNBC's Ed Schultz on Tuesday, Duckworth — who earlier in the day said Walsh had "disrespected 23 million veterans (<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0712/78102.html>)" — criticized the congressman for having accomplished nothing during his first term in Congress.

"He's just trying to shift the focus away from the fact he's done nothing in his two years in Congress other than be an extremist loudmouth for the tea party, and really he's not served his district at all," Duckworth said. "I'm proud of my service. I'm proud that I have lived up to my responsibilities to this nation in uniform, that I lived up to my responsibilities as a public servant."

Calling Walsh's controversial remarks "irresponsible," Duckworth said for Walsh to "denigrate military service is very insulting."

"He's using it for his own political gain. And our 23 million veterans have done more in one day in uniform than he's done for this country," she said. "He's trying to muddy the waters. He's just trying to shift the focus away from the fact he's done nothing for the people of the district."

Since landing in hot water for his comments, Walsh clarified (<http://walshforcongress.com/news/rep-joe-walsh-statement-on-duckworth-attack>) that he believes his challenger is a "hero," but still maintained that her military service is "dam near all of what Tammy Duckworth talks about."

Duckworth is a former Black Hawk helicopter pilot who lost her legs and partial use of her right arm when her helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in 2004. She was awarded a Purple Heart.

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Schatz introduces Social Security legislation

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By Mileka Lincoln - email

HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - One in six Hawaii residents receives Social Security benefits, but that number is expected to increase considerably. In 2010, the state's elderly population was 15% but by 2030, it's expected to reach 22%.

The average beneficiary gets around \$1,100 a month in Social Security, but studies indicate it's the sole source of income for one in four Hawaii residents who are 65 and older.

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz has partnered with Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa to create legislation that would increase Social Security benefits by about \$85 a month.

Schatz says their plan would also change the way the annual cost of living is adjusted to reflect the real costs seniors face. If approved, the Harkin-Schatz bill would also raise the current wage cap.

"Currently a person making \$114,000 worth of income pays the same dollar amount in Social Security tax as someone who makes \$3 or \$4 million in income—and we just don't think that's fair. We think that's a problem in the tax code that has to be remedied," explained U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, outside the steps of the Federal Building Thursday afternoon.

Senator Schatz, who lives with his father-in-law, says he understands the struggle many local elderly are facing to get by on a fixed income. The average benefit is around \$14,000 per year. He says his plan will ensure lower ones, now and in the future, will "be able to retire in dignity, not poverty".

Bobbi Takeshita is thrilled with the idea.

"It's just exactly what we need. It's wonderful. I fall into that category where I need it to expand," explained Takeshita, who once worked as a flight attendant and in real estate.

"For me, it's going to make a big difference because I just get the minimum right now unless I go to my son or daughter and say, 'Help Mummy out.' It's on my own, so it's going to make a big difference," Takeshita said.

If approved, Schatz says the bill will extend the life of the Social Security program and trust fund to 2049.

"It's critical that we start to resolve these issues to provide solvency for the system to expand it and make sure that the same social safety net that we rely on today will be into the future," said State Representative Chris Lee, who attended Senator Schatz's announcement Thursday.

"240,000 people here in Hawaii — one in six — benefit from this, and that's something absolutely important to understand as we move ahead because what this bill will do is tie into Social Security the cost of living. And what that means is that folks who need that support the most, folks in districts like mine — Waimanalo and Kailua — who depend on those dollars in their retirement to pay for groceries and everything else, will have a little bit more to make it here in Hawaii where it's critically important because our cost of living is so high," explained Representative Lee.

Schatz admits the bill faces opposition in the House.

"The Republicans in the House and the Tea Party seem bound and determined to undermine Social Security and I think it's important for we Democrats in the Senate to state our position that not only are we not entertaining ending Social Security, but we ought to be thinking about ways to enhance the program — both for the beneficiaries and for the trust fund to be healthy over the long run," said Schatz.

"I think it's fair to say that there is broad bi-partisan support among people, among voters, for strengthening and enhancing of Social Security. So while there may be disagreement in the Senate over whether or not to enhance Social Security — Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike all understand that Social Security is a lifeline for our seniors and ought to be strengthened rather than undermined," described Schatz.

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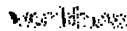
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I'm amazed at how many Democratic politicians are using the word 'teabag' to fire up their constituents. Chuck Schumer proudly called Republican candidate Scott Brown a "far-right teabagger" earlier in the race, and now it appears Sen. Kerry is following suit.

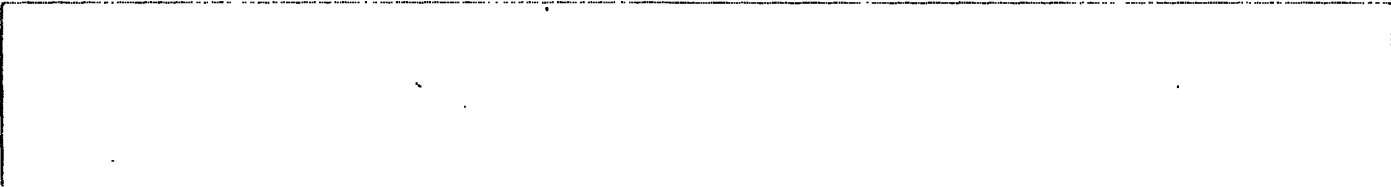
"We also see how revved up the tea baggers are at the thought of hijacking health care reform and every chance we have at making progress in Washington." warned Kerry this morning.

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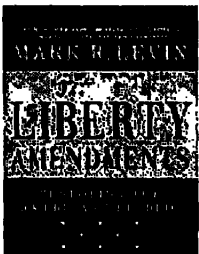
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Sen. John Kerry slams tea party

Kerry: Tea Party is taking country hostage

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Christine Lee, 22News's State House Correspondent

BOSTON, Mass. (WWLP) - Senator John Kerry is in Boston with a strong message for voters to keep in mind next November.

"There is a small group that has the ability in the last days to hold the entire country and our economy hostage and were willing to literally shoot the hostage," said Senator Kerry.

The Democratic U.S Senator from Massachusetts slammed the tea party for equating compromise to a "form of treason" and bringing the country to the brink of default by blocking efforts in Washington to raise the federal debt ceiling "that would have guaranteed a financial crisis more severe than anything since the Great Depression."

In response, the Greater Boston Tea Party has issued a statement:

"Tea Party activists are proud of the Tea Party Caucus in Congress standing up for sane fiscal policy during the debt ceiling debate... If anyone is holding Americans hostage, it is ideologues on the left like Senator Kerry who continue to insist their vision of a big government nanny state will eventually solve all the world's ills, if only common sense would surrender."

Many Massachusetts voters are scratching their heads over the extreme partisanship coming out of Washington, saying that more pressing issues like job growth should take priority.

"I think they should be focusing more on the economy and unemployment," said Jane Kadlubkiewicz of Boston.

"I like to see our money being spent on infrastructure, that will create jobs, that would get people on the tax role that are on the dole," said Robert Hatch, also from Boston.

Senator Kerry agreed, saying he has bipartisan support for an infrastructure bank proposal that will create jobs and grow the economy - something he said congress needs to focus on.

With talks on federal spending cuts on the horizon, Kerry hopes such talks are balanced by a search for revenue sources and suggested eliminating some of the tax breaks within one "73-thousand page" tax code.

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Senate Dems Have as Much to Explain as the IRS

By BRIAN WALSH

May 14, 2013

With Washington gripped by a trio of exploding scandals this week – from Benghazi to government spying on news outlets to thug tactics by the Internal Revenue Service – Senate Democrats seem to be hoping that if they just yell loud enough then voters will overlook a key role they played in at least one of them.

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They quickly sensed the political toxicity associated with Friday's admission by the IRS that they selectively targeted conservative organizations for special government scrutiny, and so Democrats didn't waste any time springing into action. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus of Montana, for example, vowed congressional hearings and called the IRS actions "an outrageous abuse of power and a breach of the public's trust."

He was joined by a chorus of other Democrats including Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire who called it "completely unacceptable," Kay Hagan of North Carolina who called it "disturbing and troubling," and Mark Pryor of Arkansas who tweeted that he's "working to get to bottom of this so we can fire those responsible & ensure this never happens again."

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Fortunately, voters won't need to look very far. The wilful ignorance and revisionist history demonstrated by Senate Democrats on this issue has been breathtaking, even by Washington standards.



Over the last three years, Democratic senators repeatedly and publicly pressured the IRS to engage in the very activities that they are only now condemning today. At the same time, Republicans repeatedly and publicly warned against this abuse of government power and pointed to a series of red flags that strongly suggested conservative political organizations were being targeted by the IRS. Those warnings were deliberately ignored by the Obama administration and Democratic leaders in Congress.

As the New York Times reported back in 2010 :

With growing scrutiny of the role of tax-exempt groups in political campaigns, Congressional Republicans are pushing back against Democrats by warning about the possible misuse of the Internal Revenue Service to audit conservative groups....And the Republicans are also upset about an I.R.S. review requested by Senator Max Baucus, the Montana Democrat who leads the Finance Committee, into the political activities of tax-exempt groups. Such a review threatens to "civilize legitimate exercise of First Amendment rights," wrote two Republican senators, Orrin

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Senate Democrats Pushed for IRS Tea Party Snooping Before Criticizing It - Brian Walsh (usnews.com)

G. Hatch of Utah and Jon Kyl of Arizona, in a letter sent to the I.R.S. on Wednesday. ... Democrats dismissed the Republicans' complaints as groundless.

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You read that correctly.

The same Democratic chairman of the Senate Finance Committee who this week is calling for hearings into IRS activities, specifically called on the IRS to engage in that very conduct back in 2010. And he wasn't the only one. Just last year, a group of seven Senate Democrats sent another letter to the IRS urging them to similarly investigate these outside political organizations.

As the New York Times also reported just one week before they sent this letter:

The Internal Revenue Service is caught in an election-year struggle between Democratic lawmakers pressing for a crackdown on nonprofit political groups and conservative organizations accusing the tax agency of conducting a politically charged witch hunt.

Voters in New Hampshire may be interested to learn that Jeanne Shaheen was among the signatories of that letter urging action by the IRS.

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So lost amid the hubbub surrounding the news that the IRS engaged in McCarthyite tactics to target specific political groups, and their subsequent apology for those tactics, has been the fact that the lobbying campaign from Senate Democrats actually worked.

From Max Baucus to Chuck Schumer to Jeanne Shaheen, key Senate Democrats publicly pressured the IRS to target groups that held differing political views and who, in their view, had the temerity to engage in the political process. The IRS listened to them and acted. And other Democrat senators like Kay Hagan and Mark Pryor said and did nothing about it.


Perhaps their strategy of distraction may work in the short-term with a Washington press corps pulled in a multitude of different directions, but Senate Democrats have a serious political problem that will haunt them as they head into an already-difficult election cycle. When these Senate Finance Committee hearings come to pass it would be a remarkable act of bravery and candor for one of these IRS bureaucrats to appropriately ask Max Baucus and others why they're not sitting at the witness tables next to them, instead of continuing in their charade of faux outrage.

Because Senate Democrats today have just as much explaining to do as the IRS.

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A report in *Roll Call* in March 2012 revealed that leading members of Congress not only were aware that the Internal Revenue Service had begun investigating the political activity of would-be 501(c)4 Tea Party groups that winter, but showed to what an extent members of Congress had been actively putting pressure on the agency to take a closer look at tax-exempt conservative organizations in the wake of the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* ruling. Reported Janie Lorber in 2012:

Tea party outrage over a spate of IRS letters to conservative groups has revived a long-standing dispute over the agency's controversial role in policing politically active nonprofits.

In January, the IRS began sending extensive questionnaires to organizations applying for nonprofit status as part of a broader project to understand whether social welfare organizations—which are not required to disclose their donors—are actually acting as political committees.

Campaign finance reform groups and lawmakers in both parties have repeatedly demanded that the IRS examine the activities of tax-exempt advocacy groups, which proliferated during the 2010 cycle and are on pace to play an even larger role in 2012.

Democrats, whose affiliated outside groups have lost the fundraising race to

Republican organizations this year, have been particularly vocal, sending repeated letters to the agency requesting an investigation. On Wednesday, Rep. Peter Welch (D-Vt.) asked his colleagues in Congress to sign yet another.

Peter Welch is a Democratic congressman from Vermont and sits on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chaired by California Republican Darrell Issa. Welch's March 2, 2012 letter to IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman explicitly called on the IRS to crack down on 501(c)(4)s:

We write to urge the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to investigate whether any groups qualifying as social welfare organizations under section 501(c)(4) of the federal tax code are improperly engaged in political campaign activity.

Congress created a tax break for nonprofit social welfare organizations because communities across our country benefit greatly from their important work. It is clearly contrary to the intent of Congress for organizations supporting a candidate for office or running attack ads against a candidate to receive taxpayer support intended for legitimate nonprofit groups...

We strongly urge you to fully enforce the law and related court rulings that clearly reserve 501(c)(4) tax status for legitimate nonprofit organizations. And we urge you to investigate and stop any abuse of the tax code by groups whose true mission is to influence the outcome of federal elections.

In a statement accompanying the letter, Welch's office urged the IRS to "investigate whether nonprofit 501(c)(4) organizations affiliated with Super PACs—such as Crossroads GPS, the Karl Rove-backed group spending millions of dollars in campaigns across the country—are in violation of federal law and IRS regulations."

Issa, for his part, sent a letter on March 27, 2012 in concert with Republican Jim Jordan of Ohio, who sits on House Oversight and chairs its Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, asking the agency to look into the Tea Party group complaints about excessive information requests.

"Over the past several weeks the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) sent many organizations, operating under tax exempt status, lengthy and detailed questionnaires," Issa and Jordan wrote to Lois Lerner, the director of the Exempt Organizations Division of the IRS, footnoting the above *Roll Call* story and a report in CNSNews as their sources. "These questionnaires ask for information well beyond the scope of typical disclosures required under IRS Form 1024....[S]everal experts suggest these recent IRS questionnaires exceed appropriate scrutiny."

"Moreover," they added, "the IRS must apply the same criteria for all organizations applying for tax exempt status. News reports, however, indicate that the IRS efforts lack balance, with conservative organizations being the target of the IRS's heightened scrutiny efforts."

A group of 12 Republican U.S. Senators on March 14, 2012 also complained to the IRS about the handling of the Tea Party and other conservative groups. "We have received reports and reviewed information from nonprofit civic organizations in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas concerning recent IRS inquiries perceived to be excessive," they wrote Commissioner Shulman. "It is critical that the public have confidence that federal tax compliance efforts are

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pursued in a fair, even-handed, and transparent manner—without regard to politics of any kind. To that end, we write today to seek your assurance that this recent string of inquiries has a sound basis in law and is consistent with the IRS's treatment of tax-exempt organizations across the spectrum."

Signatories on the letter included Orrin Hatch (Utah), Rob Portman (Ohio), Mitch McConnell (Ky.), Chuck Grassley (Iowa), and Rand Paul (Ky.).

Outside groups had been calling on the IRS to investigate non-profits—and especially nonprofit 501(c)(4) groups run by Republican political operatives—since at least the fall of 2011. The "IRS said examining the tax status of 501(c)4 political entities would be a priority for 2012," the *Wall Street Journal* reported in June 2012, noting that the agency was "taking initial steps to examine whether Crossroads GPS, a pro-Republican group affiliated with Karl Rove, and similar political entities are violating their tax-exempt status by spending too much on partisan activities."

Sen. Max Baucus, Democrat of Montana, called on the IRS in 2010 to investigate tax-exempt groups, writing the IRS commissioner that September to request that the agency "survey major 501(c)(4), (c)(5) and (c)(6) organizations involved in political campaign activity to examine whether they are operated for the organization's intended tax exempt purpose and to ensure that political campaign activity is not the organization's primary activity." He said his request was prompted by news reports about the organizing efforts of conservative groups.

"Possible violation of tax laws should be identified as you conduct this study," Baucus wrote. "Please report back to the Finance Committee as soon as possible with your findings and recommended actions regarding this matter."

On Monday, Baucus announced plans to hold a Senate Finance Committee hearing into Friday's fresh round of revelations that the IRS had targeted conservative 501(c)4 groups.

According to a draft inspector general's audit obtained by the *New York Times*, the agency use of "tea party" as a key word to scrutinize applicants for tax-exempt status dated to March 2010 and continued through February 2012, when the Tea Party groups began to raise a public outcry.

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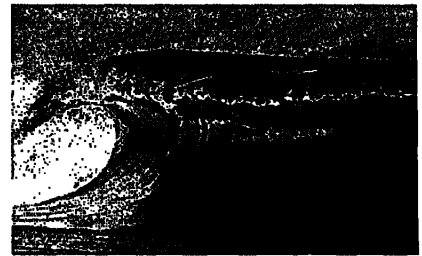
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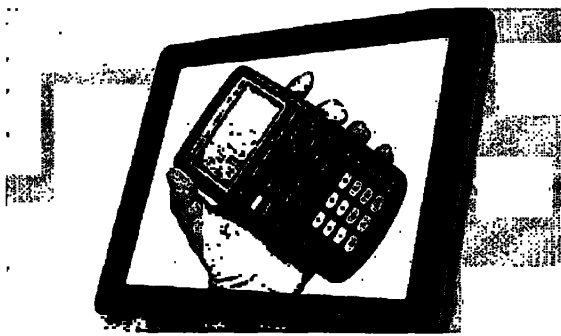
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Well, since there is clearly no scandal at the level of the IRS, or at the White House, maybe the wingers can manufacture an imaginary one at the level of Congress.

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Guest → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

If this was a Republican Administration and we were talking about liberal groups you would be screaming your little head off.

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Ben Railton → Guest · 4 months ago

It happened repeatedly under W. Bush's admin, to liberal groups. Just fyi.

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FrankBronson → Guest · 4 months ago

No, not likely. The W regime did a lot worse—they arrested people at open events, they banned dissent from public presidential addresses, they compiled and executed a public enemies list. Plus they lied to congress, lied to the American people, lied to the UN, conducted illegal wars, conducted illegal torture and on and on.

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Paxmelanoleuca → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

Not that W. didn't suck, but you haven't listed anything that isn't happening now, as well. Were they the worst or just first? (Well, historically efforts to silence dissent have a long record in U.S. politics, neither groups done things that weren't being done 200 years ago, too.)

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FrankBronson → Paxmelanoleuca · 4 months ago

The President isn't excluding Americans from his public addresses, nor is he arresting people who protest his policies lawfully. At a minimum. The W regime was without equal in the history of the US.

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ARC91681 → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

You don't know much about Woodrow Wilson, do you?

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FrankBronson → ARC91681 · 4 months ago

I bet I know a lot more about Woodrow Wilson and his presidency and policies, far more than you do. Nowadays, if somebody mentions Woodrow Wilson its because they heard some dreadful untrue calumny from Glenn Beck in the context of one of his insane discourses about the hated progressives.

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rbsail → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

I doubt it. A definite clue to your ignorance is not knowing how Woodrow Wilson was at heart a man who distrusted the "little people." And your posts show the same sort of inclination.

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FrankBronson → rbsail · 4 months ago

According to, who, exactly, Glenn Beck? Or Conservapedia? If Wilson distrusted the "little people" as you put it, why did he press Germany to adopt more thorough democratic reforms? Why did he found the League of Nations? Why did he reluctantly enter the first world war to make the world "safe for democracy"? Why did he fight corporate lobbyists in order to lower tariffs? Why did he campaign to get child labor outlawed? Why did he fight for the Clayton Antitrust Act? You are completely mislead as to facts on

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Clayton Koppelman says you are completely misquoted as to facts, on all fronts. Poor little lamb. It must be hard for you getting all of your education from the TV.

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maximo12 → rbsall · 4 months ago

frank thinks he's an intellectual. i would say schooled by public education. knows absolutely nothing about w wilson. the man who instituted the fed, income taxes and lied to the american people about the entry into ww1. after his stroke, his goofy bitc# wife pretty much ran the show. this is what happens when you put an academic in office who never had a real job

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79firebird → maximo12 · 4 months ago

It's obvious you never came into contact with an academic.

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ARC91881 → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

Most of what I learned about Woodrow Wilson comes from my studies in college, where I received a degree in political science and got my license to teach middle and high school social studies. But Glenn Beck has done a nice job of educating people about what a little wannabe dictator he was. : P

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liberalloons → ARC91881 · 4 months ago

You're absolutely right about Woodrow Wilson. My uncle taught political science at Ball State University in Indiana. It was in one of his conversations with my father that I first heard of the Sedition Act . Americans were imprisoned for criticizing the government as a whole, or any of its various agencies.

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Paxmelanoleuca → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

Here's three examples of him arresting three different groups of lawful protesters.

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FrankBronson → Paxmelanoleuca · 4 months ago

Uh. No. Try again.

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Paxmelanoleuca → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

Sigh... You guys on the fringe are all the same. I suppose I shouldn't be surprised when your presidents basically are, too.

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IndependentNow → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

No, just killing them with drones, but you're right, I'd much rather be killed by a drone than excluded from a public address.

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Berlin1926 → Paxmelanoleuca · 4 months ago

The Obama Administration has lied to Congress? To the UN? They ban dissent at Presidential addresses ("You lie"?). They've conducted and mismanaged unfunded wars?

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Paxmelanoleuca → Berlin1926 · 4 months ago

Do you mean besides Libya on nearly every count, or are we ignoring that one? :)

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Dcoronata → Berlin1926 · 4 months ago

How on earth you idiotic moron did they ban dissent when that other idiot spoke the line you've quoted?

You astonish me! I never knew anyone could possibly be this stupid- you've permanently enshrined yourself in the idiot's Hall of Fame.

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Richard White → Berlin1926 · 4 months ago

Uh, yes to all of the above. You can go back to sleep now.

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Berlin1926 → Guest · 4 months ago

It happened over and over with your boy Bush. Do we need to talk about Iraq or 9/11/2001 or the 64 attacks on US diplomatic offices during his terms? Do you want to talk about GOP hammering Planned Parenthood or ACORN?

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Another Brad → Berlin1926 · 4 months ago

I can see that you are severely brain damaged. No one need interact with you.

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Richard White → Berlin1926 · 4 months ago

Saying Bush was bad does not excuse your messiah from his faults.

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Paul Wartenberg → Guest · 4 months ago

The liberals were screaming their little heads off back in 2003-2005 when the Bushies were investigating a good number of anti-war groups. They didn't have a Beltway media speaking in their defense, though.

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upsidedownpoint → Guest · 4 months ago

There was also the classifying of liberal leaning non-profits as "terrorist organizations" in 2002. So.... I think that may be worse, no?

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Paul Wartenberg → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

No, there is a scandal here with the IRS - and now with the stuff about the DOJ going after the Associated Press - but it has to be honestly and vigorously investigated, preferably by a special prosecutor that can be trusted to work above the partisan bs. If there are any left, that is...

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FrankBronson → Paul Wartenberg · 4 months ago

Uh. What in the world does the AP thing have to do with the IRS thing (or with Benghazi) except that they are all manufactured and being used by Rove to raise money? Oh.

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ARC91681 → FrankBronson · 4 months ago

It's all about abuse of power at the executive branch.

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Chucklepants · 4 months ago

I remember all the calls by Dem pols asking the IRS to check the tax status of Organizing for America and the Tides foundation.

OOPS! Sorry! They did not ask for those. I wonder why?

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shinynewtoken · 4 months ago

It's getting worse: it just broke that the IRS illegally leaked some of these confidential applications to the leftwing website ProPublica leading up to the election:

<http://www.propublica.org/arti...>

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Buckland → shinynewtoken · 4 months ago

Actually that's been out since it was leaked. Pro Publica was up front when it happened. Just nobody cared since it was conservative groups being hurt.

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Nun Yerbizness · 4 months ago

great photos.

it IS the economy stupid.

which is why republican teabaggers are ginning up bengazi and drones because stocks are at record highs and unemployment numbers are creeping down despite the best efforts of republican teabaggers in congress to create more joblessness

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PaulBunion → Nun Yerbizness · 4 months ago

So, governmental corruption is "OK", so long as the market is up and unemployment is down?

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Nun Yerbizness → PaulBunion · 4 months ago

you confuse "governmental corruption" with "political circus"

actually I'm sure it isn't confusion on your part but willing collusion fronting your alleged "governmental corruption" as a just more diversion from the republican's continued obstruction and sabotage.

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Paul Wartenberg → PaulBunion · 4 months ago

No, government corruption is "OK" as long as it doesn't break the bank, the bribes are evenly distributed, and the roads get paved on time.

It's when people get greedy on the kickbacks that things fall apart, seriously.

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Fr0sty → Nun Yerbizness · 4 months ago

So according to your logic, the "teabaggers" are trying to distract attention away from the great economic news: 7.5% unemployment, record low workforce participation rates, record high food stamp enrollment, and unprecedented numbers of people on disability rolls. They're doing this by drawing attention to the insignificant fact that 4 Americans were killed by terrorists on the anniversary of 9/11 at a US diplomatic facility, an attack that the Obama administration falsely claimed for nearly two weeks was the result of a spontaneous protest sparked by a youtube video? You truly are a useful idiot.

I suppose you also totally support fatal drone attacks on whoever your dear leader determines is a threat, without the benefit of due process. Well, you better make sure you stay on the good side of whoever is controlling those drones, because it's not going to be Obama forever.

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Dcoronata → Fr0sty · 4 months ago

During Bush's presidency, the budget deficit grew by more than all previous presidents combined. Unemployment grew by more than any other president in history. The banking industry lost three out of the big five.

These aren't grand achievements.

Meanwhile the S&P has risen almost as much in Obama's 4 1/4 years than in the entire 28 year span of all Republican presidents since the index was formed. Meanwhile the national annual deficit has shrunk by the most of any president in history.

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nervous122 → Dcoronata · 4 months ago

Yeah, its called the Fed and QE. Or do you somehow believe Obama holds sway over the markets?

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Fr0sty → Dcoronata · 4 months ago

Way to cherry pick. In eight years W added about 5 trillion to the debt, which was shameful. In a little more than half that time, Obama has added 6 trillion, which is frightening. We are likely to add another 1 trillion this year, and every remaining year of the Obama presidency, meaning he will likely double the amount W charged up. Obama's debt totaling 10 trillion. Obama will have increased the debt from around 10.6 trillion to around 20 trillion in two terms, far exceeding W's contribution. But nice try.

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Dcoronata → Fr0sty · 4 months ago

What was the direction? With Bush it was ever-increasing deficits and ever increasing government spending.

With Obama it has been decreasing deficits and flat spending. In fact the budget hasn't been this flat (over a four FY period) in generations.

Why do you guys only talk about deficits? Isn't business growth, job growth, and the overall economic gains FAR MORE IMPORTANT than just the deficit?

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Fr0sty → Dcoronata · 4 months ago

I really don't think you know what you are talking about. Federal government outlays in 2008 were 20.8% of GDP, the highest of any year of W's presidency and also the start of the recession. 2009 the percentage was 25.2, 2010 & 2011 were both 24.1 and 2012 22.8. These are all well above the post war average of around 20%.

Spending under Obama is set to remain above average for the duration of his second term. This is all according to whitehouse.gov. As far as growth goes, we're still missing around 6 million jobs and the labor participation rate is at a near record low. We are not adding jobs at a rate that even keeps up with new additions to the work force. Our economy is growing a rate that is the lowest of any economic recovery in our country's history.

These are just facts and easily verifiable. If it makes you feel better, you are free to keep blaming Bush. Whatever blows your hair back.

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Dcoronata → Fr0sty · 4 months ago

I think you need to go back to school and learn that the budget for FY2009 was the responsibility of President Bush

You are also using an invalid measure of government spending- namely you are using it as a percentage of GDP and I am using REAL DOLLARS. And perhaps more critically, your stat about adding jobs is totally incorrect. We had far more people born per year in the 1950s than the 1980s/90s, even with a higher base population. As a result, about 50% more people are reaching retirement age MORE than reaching their 16th birthday, AND we have 6 million more college aged kids in school today than we did in 2000.

Net result- the workforce (age 16-67) is shrinking.

If you want stats, I'm not the person to argue with. I will eat you for breakfast.

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Fr0sty → Dcoronata · 4 months ago

Well, the fact is you're just plain wrong about a lot of things. Percentage of GDP is the best way to consider spending over time. If you use dollars, what is your baseline? Are they constant dollars? What year? The value of the dollar changes over time, and what about inflation? When I was a kid a Coke cost a quarter. Even if we use DOLLARS as you say, Obama is spending far more of them than W ever did. We are now 6 trillion DOLLARS more in debt than we were when he took office.

The growth rate was higher in the '50's but what were the levels of immigration? People reaching retirement age account for only a fraction of those who have left the labor force. How many of those in college today are there doing a second degree or a masters because they can't find employment? What is the unemployment rate for teenagers? How does it differ from the '50's? I would bet it's much higher today. How many people have turned to disability insurance rather than continue to look for work?

Whether you admit it or not, the low labor force participation rate is very troubling. How low can it go before things come apart entirely? Let's hope we don't find out

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Dcoronata → Fr0sty · 4 months ago

This just in... expected budget deficit for FY2013 will be much lower than anticipated.

BTW you do of course know that so far the last three Republican president's each had a much higher debt to gdp ratio when they left office than when they entered office. With the new projections for the 2015FY deficit being less than 2% of GDP. At that pace (compared with the very weak GDP of FY2009) while Obama will almost certainly have a higher debt to GDP ratio than when he entered office, the change in rate will be lower than any of those three Republicans.

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Fr0sty → Dcoronata · 4 months ago

So your point is that Obama is marginally better with regard to the deficit than recent Republican presidents? That's demonstrably false, however, even if it were true, so what? The economic recovery under Obama is still the worst in modern history, unemployment remains at 7.5% and millions are either underemployed or have given up looking for work. Also, income inequality is higher than it's been in many decades. Obama's policies have been terrible for the economy and the proof is in the pudding.

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Dcoronata → Fr0sty · 4 months ago

If our worst deficit Democrat in recent history is better than the last three Republicans, then what does that tell you about Republicans?

If it is demonstrably false, THEN PROVE IT. DEMONSTRATE.

Income inequality can be very easily cured by massive tax hikes on the rich. Who has been supporting those increases, and who has been preventing them?

Kindly provide an answer.

All I know about the US economy is, almost every single one of our European and major Asian democratic trading partners have had less growth than we have. And nobody has had as much of a reduction in unemployment rates (other than Iceland) measured from the height of the recession as we have.

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Fr0sty → Dcoronata · 4 months ago

Obama has added the most to the debt ever. Period. End of story. Obama has also run the highest deficits ever. Period. End of story. If you can't accept this, well, I seriously question your sanity. By the way, US growth 3rd quarter 2012: 2%. China's: 7.4%. Japan 1st quarter 2013: 2.8%. US 1st quarter 2013: 2.5%. Where are you getting your information? I suppose you won't consider China because of your odd "democratic" criteria, criteria made stranger yet considering your penchant for income redistribution, however do you not consider Japan a major Asian trading partner?

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Dellburt → Dcoronata · 3 months ago

You are an idiot, What it took 8 years for Bush, Qbama did it in only 3 years and he is still going!

S&P Hope you have all \$3 of your money in there because when the Fed stops buying \$65 Billion dollars of bonds every month with money they printed you will see the real S&P. Keep drinking the KoolAid

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Senator Tom Harkin: The Tea Party 'Is Bullying People' (VIDEO)

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Senator Tom Harkin joined HuffPost Live Wednesday to discuss the fiscal cliff and how the Republican party and its Tea Party wing are major obstructionists in getting a deal done.

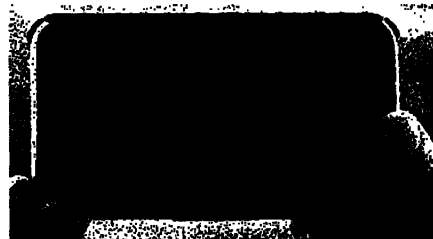
Harkin told HuffPost Live host Alicia Menendez that the Tea Party is "bullying people" and threatening to run primary candidates against sitting senators they don't agree with.

"I won't give credit to anyone who's a hostage taker," he said. "I don't give credit to anyone who uses a minority position to torque the will of a majority."

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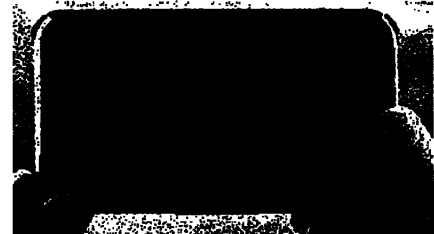
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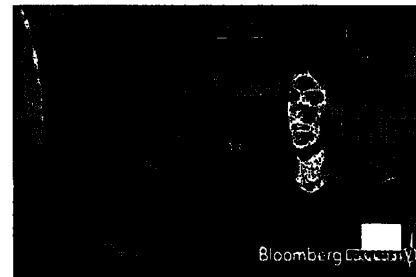
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HARRY REID: TEA PARTY WILL FADE WHEN U.S. ECONOMY IMPROVES



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Leading Through Media:
Obama Refuses To Sit...



Senate Majority leader Harry Reid (R-NV) on MSNBC's "The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell":

LAWRENCE O'DONNELL: There is now a three-party system in the House of Representatives: Democratic Party, Republican Party, and Tea Party.

HARRY REID: I believe the Tea Party is short-lived. I think you will find even people that claim they're Tea Party folks will either be gone as a result of their extreme positions, or they will move to the more moderate position--which is certainly not being a liberal, that is--being a conservative. I think with the economy getting better, you're gonna see less and less agitation from the Tea Party folks. *28 May 2013* | [post a comment \(/Breitbart-TV/2013/05/28/Harry-Reid-GOP-Needs-to-Rid-Itself-of-Tea-Party#comments\)](#)

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Theymaykilmebuttheycantaime · 2 months ago

Based on Harry logic, the Tea Party will be around as long as Democrats keep clogging up the works.

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roccity → Theymaykilmebuttheycantaime · 2 months ago

His keyword was "when"... We've all been waiting for that "when" to come around since 2006... The tea party will fade when the squatter in chief does what we pay him for. Stupid a\$\$clown..

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zmrclanz → roccity · 2 months ago

It looks like Harry is planning on the economy never getting any better. What a naysayer he is.

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GeorgiaPeachie → zmrclanz · 2 months ago

How we all wish there was no need for citizens to have to put pressure on most politicians to STOP SPENDING more than we bring in every year!!!

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Teachem → roccity · 2 months ago

It's more like, the economy will improve when Harry Reid fades...

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Elmer Fruddricks → Teachem · 2 months ago

The only things American's wish would fade is people like Harry Reid..... I can't think of a mere worthless politician than Harry Reid.....

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Elmer Fruddricks → Elmer Fruddricks · 2 months ago

Harry, what you say should, "Stay in Vegas".... because the rest of the country doesn't give a crap about you!

8 ^ | v Reply Share >

patriot2013jrd → Elmer Fruddricks · 2 months ago

The Tea Party will 'NOT' fade or disappear.

It will continue to grow as long as our country continues down this slippery slope towards greater and greater "soft tyranny."

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roccity → Elmer Fruddricks · 2 months ago

He use to be a Christian with convictions. Today, hes another puppet that traded his soul for a desk job.

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io8f → Elmer Fruddricks · 2 months ago

Oh....I dunno. Nancy Pelosi and John McCain - are a couple of other worthless pols. The list is endless.....

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lukuj → Teachem · 2 months ago

Time for Reid to retire before he becomes mummified standing at the podium - if anyone would even notice.

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Petroglyph → Theymaykilmebuttheycanleaste · 2 months ago

This is really just projection on not just Reids part, but the Faacist/Progressive movement as a whole. They say things like this because they desperately want it to be true.

With all of the corruption by the Progressives finally coming out, Harry see's his ruling morement slowly being exposed and rejected. The Democrats (In name only) are beginning to become scared by being associated with Obama. And that is a very attractive thing to see.

There is hope. However, if Scyll (Soros's company) who is looking like they will get the contract to count the votes in the next election cycle, we should all be very concerned about fraud. Does anyone think Soros would count the votes as they stand, or would he try and help the cause he's poured billions of his own money into to obtain that ever elusive "one world government"?

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mcc307 → Petroglyph · 2 months ago

I hope Harry can join Nanny-goat at the minority leaders lunch table soon. They can sit with Maxine Waters, Sheila Lee Jackson, and all their cronies and plot their big comeback. Oh, wait. I don't think Harry or Nanny-goat will live that long for their triumphant return.

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Carol Lightfoot → mcc307 · 2 months ago

Amen, mcc307, these folks have one foot in the grave, it's just a matter of time.

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Tytoalba → Petroglyph · 2 months ago

What is the name of the new building at the World Trade Center?

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KingofFree → Petroglyph · 2 months ago

BINGO !

So much time and effort being spent on trying to figure out how to get the media to do their jobs and all of the Obozo scandals, but Soros' company counting the votes is the single most dangerous problem we face in this country. I believe with every fiber of my being that if not for this fact, we would not be dealing with 4 more years of the socialist regime. I believe it explains his performance in the 1st debate, he knew it was in the bag already.

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io9f → Petroglyph · 2 months ago

Soros, a Jew who sided with the Nazis, will do anything to get a world government. But so will others - some even well known Republicans, aka rinos. One such rino visited Syria to talk with his pals, the al Qaeda rebels, over the weekend. Yup, it's the rino one who supported the Islamist group that overthrew Ghaddafi. He even called them "my heroes."

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Carol Lightfoot → Petroglyph · 2 months ago

Soros has one foot in the grave, how much longer can he control?

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ThreeToedBearkiller → Theymaykillebuttheycanteatme · 2 months ago

reid will be in a dementia home wearing DEPENDS and the TEA Party Conservatives will be still kicking reid flippin floppin liars azzbutts all over the field. The Demmcret party will no longer EXIST

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redleg99 → Theymaykillebuttheycanteatme · 2 months ago

As long as there is sick commie democrats around, Tea Party's going no where.

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Amash → Theymaykillebuttheycanteatme · 2 months ago

With jugs in charge, not really, the TP will be here at least 3 more years. The way things are going, the jugs will be gone far sooner than Mooshell hoped. Notice how all the left loons are out trying to change the focus from the incompetent one to anything else. They read their progressive talking points so well.

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tanstaafi · 2 months ago

Exactly when is the economy going to improve?

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jeo → tanstaafi · 2 months ago

The day Obama leaves office.

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IronScruffy → jeo · 2 months ago

Unfortunately, Obama has done some much damage that it will take quite a while to turn the economy around and undo all of the damage he did.

Case in point:

- Raising the home ownership rate
- Lowering the National Debt
- Lowering Long-Term unemployment
- Raising the US' Credit Rating
- Lowering federal spending

All of this and more will have to be done by his successor.

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jeo → tanstaafi · 2 months ago

And great moniker – There Ain't Nn Such Thing as a Free Lunch

7 ^ | v Reply Share >

tanstaaf → jeo · 2 months ago

Mr. Reid believes in Santa Claus and free lunches.

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Petroglyph → tanstaaf · 2 months ago

After the collapse and shortly after the eviction of Communism/Fascism from this land.

22 ^ | v Reply Share >

jorskippy → tanstaaf · 2 months ago

Not under this administration or with Harry Reid leading the Senate.

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john copper → tanstaaf · 2 months ago

Wall St. is doing Great. Who cares how Main St. does. The more the rich can keep the more Money that trickles down to us.

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IronScruffy → john copper · 2 months ago

Obvious straw man. Not impressed.

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john copper → IronScruffy · 2 months ago

Big Banks on Wall St. should police themselves. If Government stopped trying to regulate them they would do much better. Everyone with 401k's can relax because we all know Wall St. always takes care of the Little Guy and makes sure his money is secure.

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TulkasTruth · 2 months ago

Whistling past the graveyard.

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HokieBird · 2 months ago

Harry, Harry, Harry, you are so sadly wrong. Retire.

25 ^ | v Reply Share >

Tomtoms → HokieBird · 2 months ago

At least Harry admitted that the economy sucks.

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jeo · 2 months ago

Extreme positions ... hmmm. Like stopping bailouts and subsidies? Like getting control on Federal spending to stop the deficits and stop adding to a \$16 Trillion national debt? Like term limits? Yep, Harry. Pretty extreme. What an inside the Beltway, self-dealing puke.

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Hummer · 2 months ago

Wrong- you been around O too long. You don't get it yet-smaller government, lower taxes, fiscal responsibility, and follow the US Constitution not some marxist internationalist idea. Your pig head has been in the trough so long you think you can smell more taxes-you need them like an addict that can't quit.

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1NonPermissive · 2 months ago

But, but, but, the Orae said 4 years ago that it improved, they can't even get their own stories straight. Dingy Harry's an extremist himself.

19 ^ | v Reply Share >

jorskippy → 1NonPermissive · 2 months ago

The Dems have to change the math to get better numbers so that the economy will improve.

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Molon Labe! → jorskippy · 2 months ago

Well you know what all good liberal/commies say... If the truth doesn't turn your way then tell the lie that makes you look good until it becomes truth

you may think that the no stimulus you took good and a decent deal
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Tomtoms → jorskippy · 2 months ago

Should happen in about 2 months when the federal government adds new items that will be considered part of the GDP that was not used to formulate data in the past.

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NavVet · 2 months ago

The Tea Party will be alive long after your family dumps your embarrassing rotting carcass Dirty Harry.

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JJ3378 · 2 months ago

Less agitation? The IRS targeted these Tea Party 'folks' to influence the election. I don't think you've seen anything yet Harry. Senile old fool.

30 ^ | v Reply Share

Wolf Moon → JJ3378 · 2 months ago

NO LIE.

There aren't yard signs up yet. There aren't Tea Party members just waiting up all night for those Obamabots to even TOUCH those yard signs. There aren't Tea Party members rallying all over this country, demanding that the disgraced president leave office or be dragged out by his underwear.

Got one word for you, Harry.

Wait.

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Dave11B · 2 months ago

As long as there are tyrants who threaten our freedom, there will always be a Tea Party.

26 ^ | v Reply Share

CDChambers62 · 2 months ago

Poor Harry seems to me to be one of the least informed people ever to be elected to the Senate. He really has no clue.

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Tomtoms → CDChambers62 · 2 months ago

He is a liar.

A liar is far worse than a fool or a dummy

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inja · 2 months ago

THAT'S AN UGLY OLD SUMBITCH!

WHY HASN'T THE MEDIA CHECKED OUT THIS SHITHEADS DIRTY DEALINGS?

HE'S BE IN PRISON FOR LIFE!

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GOVWORKER · 2 months ago

How did this guy get so rich? Surely it's not from work but probably from political favors! Senator you're despicable, you and your political party's socialist spending is bankrupting our country. If you would focus on the getting spending under control and governing within the constraints of the constitution, there probably wouldn't be a fiscal crisis every couple weeks. But alas Senator Reid, you probably won't because if you did, you would be investigated by the IRS and the IRS just might find out where you got your money!!!!!!!! Just sayin'

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Techster64 · 2 months ago

Not a chance in hell, Harry. Not a chance in hell. You will fade first.

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OK_Loyalist → Techster64 · 2 months ago

And what a day that will be. It will be known as the day America got a Hemorrhoidectomy

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Harry Reid Defends Comparing Tea Party To Anarchists: They 'Throw Monkey Wrenches' Into Government

The Huffington Post | By Nick Wing
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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) spoke with conservative radio host Rusty Humphries on Wednesday, [The Hill reports](#), standing by an earlier contention that the tea party and anarchist movements were similar in their general disdain for government.

"I believe that, my experience with the Tea Party is they are against government in any form. They do throw monkey wrenches into the government," Reid [told Humphries](#), who had earlier said that he considered himself to be a tea party guy. "It's evident. We can't get things done. They don't want anything to happen in government. We pass laws. They fight funding the laws we pass. They don't want government to work. I want it to work."

Reid [made the initial claim](#) last month during a Senate floor speech in which he argued that "government is inherently good." While he admitted that the tea party wasn't violent like anarchists in their anti-government expression, Reid claimed the movement's distrust had made legislating much more difficult over the past years.

"We have a situation where this country has been driven by the tea party for the last number of years," he said. "When I was in school, I studied government and I learned about the anarchists. Now, they were different than the Tea Party because they were violent. But they were anarchists because they did not believe in government in any level and they acknowledged it."

Reid continued: "The Tea Party kind of hides that. They don't say they're against government, but that is what it all amounts to. They're not doing physically destructive things to buildings and people, directly, but they are doing everything they can to throw a monkey wrench into every form of government, whether it's local, state or federal. That's what it's all about."

Reid has been a chief skeptic and critic of the tea party since its rise to power in the early part of President Barack Obama's first term. In early 2011, fresh off defeating a tea party challenger in his 2010 reelection, Reid [predicted](#) that the movement would "disappear" once the economy got better. While the movement has [dropped in nationwide popularity](#) recently, it doesn't appear to be going anywhere just yet.

Instead, according to a [recent survey](#), the tea party appears to be drifting further away from the larger GOP and developing a set of distinct electoral and policy goals that could pose problems for Republicans going forward.



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The two-term Democrat, in accusing Brown of being aligned with the conservative "tea party" movement, used a term that every tea party critic knows refers to a sexual act.

"Chuck has a way of saying things that I don't think he really understands or means, and it's unfortunate," Brown told Fox News Thursday when asked about the e-mail. "I'm not into name-calling. ... so shame on Chuck."

Liberal television hosts had a field day with the "tea bag" term last year when the tea party movement gained steam. It seemed to lose its luster after the joke got old, but Schumer brought it back as he urged supporters to vote for Democrat **Martha Coakley** in next Tuesday's high-stakes special election.

"Martha Coakley is running to fill the rest of Ted Kennedy's term, and her opponent is a far-right tea-bagger Republican," Schumer wrote.

Critics pointed out that Schumer cried foul in 1998 after D'Amato called him a "putz-head" during a meeting with Jewish supporters. The Yiddish word "putz" literally means "penis," though it has taken on a less vulgar meaning in common usage. Schumer, a Brooklyn congressman at the time, seized on D'Amato's insult and blasted the

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—VOW LEGISLATION IF AGENCY DOESN'T ACT**

Senators Seek To End Tax Code Abuse By Political Groups Masquerading As 'Social Welfare Organizations'

In Letter to IRS, Lawmakers Say Firm Limit Should Be Set on Percentage of Nonprofits' Spending That Can Be Devoted To Political Activities

Reforms Also Urged To Prevent Political Donors From Claiming Tax Deduction For Their Contributions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A group of seven Senate Democrats urged the Internal Revenue Service on Monday to impose a strict cap on the amount of political spending by tax-exempt, nonprofit groups.

The senators said the lack of clarity in the IRS rules has allowed political groups to improperly claim 501(c)4 status and may even be allowing donors to these groups to wrongly claim tax deductions for their contributions. The senators promised legislation if the IRS failed to act to fix these problems.








"We urge the IRS to take these steps immediately to prevent abuse of the tax code by political groups focused on federal election activities. But if the IRS is unable to issue administrative guidance in this area then we plan to introduce legislation to accomplish these important changes," the senators wrote.

The letter was signed by Senators Charles E. Schumer, Michael Bennet, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jeff Merkley, Tom Udall, Jeanne Shaheen and Al Franken. It follows an earlier letter, sent to the IRS by the same group of senators last month, that also urged the IRS to better enforce rules pertaining to 501(c)4 organizations.

Federal law defines 501(c)4 groups as groups engaged exclusively in "social welfare" activities. The IRS, however, has allowed these 501(c)4 groups to venture into political activities as long as civic and charitable work remains their "primary purpose." This loophole has caused a number of organizations heavily engaged in political work to organize themselves as 501(c)4 groups in order to gain tax-exempt status and shield their donors from the disclosure requirements that apply to more traditional political organizations.

The senators said the IRS should close this loophole by imposing a strict, percentage-based cap on the amount of a nonprofit group's spending that can go towards political activities. Legal experts have proposed a cap of 45 percent to ensure that political activities never exceed more than half of a group's total spending. But the senators said even this threshold would be too high and would permit more political work than any nonprofit group should be able to perform.

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The senators also said that 501(c)4 groups should have to disclose upfront—on all written and online solicitations that get sent to potential donors—how much of their activities are political. The senators said this would make it clear to potential donors how much of a tax deduction, if any, they could claim on their tax returns. Currently, no such information is required to be disclosed and tax experts have expressed concern that many corporations contributing funds to these political groups may be causing those donations as a business expense eligible for a full tax deduction.

A copy of the senators' letter to IRS Commissioner Douglas H. Shulman appears below.

Hon. Douglas H. Shulman
 Commissioner
 Internal Revenue Service
 Room 3000 IR
 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Dear Commissioner Shulman:

We write to ask the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") to immediately change the administrative framework for enforcement of the tax code as it applies to groups designated as "social welfare" organizations. These groups receive tax and other advantages under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (hereinafter, "IRC" or the "Code"), but some of them also are engaged in a substantial amount of political campaign activity. As you know, we sent a letter last month expressing concerns about the 501(c)(4) issue; an investigation this week by the New York Times has uncovered how, specific problems on how c(4)s conduct business. We wanted to address those very concerns in this letter.

IRS regulations have long maintained that political campaign activity by a 501(c)(4) entity must not be the "primary purpose" of the organization. These regulations are intended to implement the statute, which requires that such organizations be operated exclusively for the public welfare. But we think the existing IRS regulations run afoul of the law since they only require social welfare activities to be the "primary purpose" of a nonprofit when the Code says this must be its "exclusive" purpose. In recent years, this daylight between the law and the IRS regulations has been exploited by groups devoted chiefly to political election activities who operate behind a facade of charity work.

A related concern, raised in a March 7th *New York Times* article, concerns whether certain nonprofits may be soliciting corporate contributions that are then treated by the company as a business expense eligible for a tax deduction. The *Times* wrote: "Under current law, there is little to no way to tell whether contributions are being deducted, especially because many of the most political companies are privately held." This potential abuse distorts the objectives of vital revenue mechanisms and undermines the faith that we ask citizens to place in their electoral system.

We propose that the IRS make three administrative changes to curtail these questionable practices and bring IRS tax regulations back into alignment with the letter and spirit intended by those who crafted the Code:

First, we urge the IRS to adopt a bright line test in applying its "primary purpose" regulation that is consistent with the Code's 501(c)(4) exclusivity language. The IRS currently only requires that the purpose of these non-profits be "primarily" related to social welfare activities, without defining what "primarily" means. This standard should be spelled out more fully by the IRS. Some have suggested 51 percent as an appropriate threshold for establishing that a nonprofit is adhering to its mission, but even this number would seem to allow for more political election activity than should be permitted under the law. In the absence of clarity in the administration of section 501(c)(4), organizations are tempted to abuse its vagueness, or worse, to organize under section 501(c)(4) so that they may avail themselves of its advantages even though they are not legitimate social welfare organizations. If the IRS does not adopt a bright line test, or if it adopts one that is inconsistent with the Code's exclusivity language, then we plan to pursue legislation codifying such a test.

Second, such organizations should be further obligated to document in their 990 IRS form the exact percentage of their undertakings dedicated to "social welfare." Organizations should be required to "show their math" to demonstrate that political election activities and other statutorily limited or prohibited activities do not violate the "primary purpose" regulation.

Third, 501(c)(4) organizations should be required to state forthrightly to potential donors what percentage of a donation, if any, may be taken as a business expense deduction. As the *New York Times* reported in its March 7th article, some of these organizations do not currently inform donors

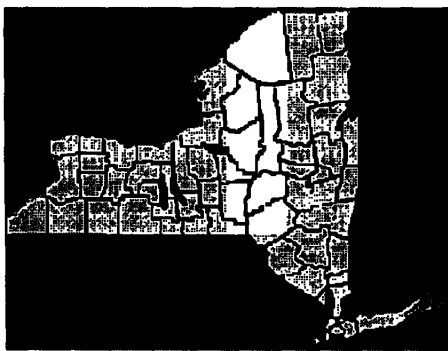
whether a contribution is tax deductible as a business expense at all.

The IRS should already possess the authority to issue immediate guidance on this matter. We urge the IRS to take these steps immediately to prevent abuse of the tax code by political groups focused on federal election activities. But if the IRS is unable to issue administrative guidance in this area then we plan to introduce legislation to accomplish these important changes.

Sincerely,

Senators Charles E. Schumer, Michael Bennet, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jeff Merkley, Tom Udall, Jeanne Shaheen and Al Franken

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Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) accused Tea Party "extremists" of holding the payroll-tax cut "hostage" during the bitter fight to renew the cuts prior to the beginning of the holiday break.

The two-month payroll-tax-cut extension became a "hostage to a small minority of Tea Party members that strike me as basically ideological extremists who don't want to go along with compromise," Blumenthal said in an interview published Wednesday in the *Vernon, Conn., Reminder News*.

The grueling fight, resolved the day before Christmas, threatened to shut down the government for the fourth time in 2011 and also came close to derailing unemployment benefits, which Blumenthal argued are critical for repairing the broken economy.

"Every dollar paid on jobless benefits is spent," Blumenthal said in the interview. "I think this issue goes to the core of our economic recovery and economic security."

The resolution provides that two-month extension of the tax cut, setting up another contentious fight over the tax cuts in February.

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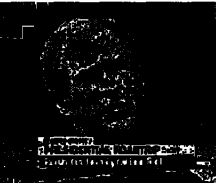
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Boxer Calls on Department of Justice to Protect Americans from Voter Intimidation

Widespread Efforts to Suppress the Vote, Particularly in Low-Income and Minority Neighborhoods, Threaten the Right of Americans to Cast Ballots

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) today wrote a letter to Assistant Attorney General Thomas Perez, the head of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, calling on the agency to enforce voting rights laws following new reports of widespread efforts by Tea Party-linked groups to intimidate voters and suppress the vote, particularly in low-income and minority neighborhoods.

"The right to vote has been the result of a long and difficult struggle in America," Senator Boxer said. **"It has taken generations to ensure full voting rights for minorities, women, and young people. No group can be allowed to intimidate or interfere with this fundamental right that is essential for American Democracy."**

Boxer added, **"The Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 prohibit persons from knowingly and willfully intimidating or attempting to intimidate, threaten or coerce another person for voting, attempting to vote, or registering to vote."**

Senator Boxer highlighted a disturbing account (<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-ohio-voting-flight-20120927,0,811761.story>) in the *Los Angeles Times* today of an Ohio woman recovering from cancer who received a letter questioning her residence and right to vote in this election – even though she had lived at that location for seven years. In the letter, Boxer said, **"This type of intimidation must stop. I don't believe this is 'True the Vote.' I believe it's 'Stop the Vote.'"**

You can read the full text of Senator Boxer's letter to the Department of Justice below:

September 27, 2012

Hon. Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Assistant Attorney General Perez:

I have enclosed a very disturbing article from the *Los Angeles Times*, which details an organized effort in Ohio to question the voting rights of thousands of Americans.

As you know, an organization called "True the Vote," which is an offshoot of the Tea Party, is leading a voter suppression campaign in many states.

The article highlights a woman recovering from cancer who received a letter questioning her residence and right to vote in this election. She was astounded by this outrageous charge as she had lived in that location for seven years.

This type of intimidation must stop. I don't believe this is "True the Vote." I believe it's "Stop the Vote."

The right to vote has been the result of a long and difficult struggle in America. It has taken generations to ensure full voting rights for minorities, women, and young people. No group can be allowed to intimidate or interfere with this fundamental right that is essential for American democracy.

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Cantwell, Baumgartner spar in Senate debate

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SEATTLE (AP) - Sen. Maria Cantwell and her Republican challenger, Michael Baumgartner, squared off Friday over fiscal issues and the war in Afghanistan in the only debate of the race.

Cantwell is seeking her third term. Baumgartner is a first-term state senator from Spokane who is seeking to upset the Democratic incumbent.

They debated in the studios of KCTS, Seattle's public television station.

Baumgartner, who has worked as a civilian contractor in Afghanistan, said he wants to "end the war in Afghanistan now" and use the savings to help with domestic finances. Baumgartner also touted one of his proposals: a 1-cent, temporary tax on gasoline to help pay for veterans services.

"We have a foreign policy disaster now in the Middle East," he said. "Sen. Cantwell has been consistently in support of poorly planned wars."

Cantwell countered that she supports President Barack Obama's plans to withdraw troops in 2014, and she said President George W. Bush deserved blame for not fully funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

She rejected Baumgartner's gas tax idea.

"I don't support taxing transportation for something other than transportation," she said.

Cantwell, a former U.S. House member and executive at Seattle tech company RealNetworks Inc., said her opponent would cut programs like Social Security and Medicare and is too readily influenced by conservative groups.

"The tea party is not the values of Washington state," Cantwell said.

Baumgartner said Cantwell was symbolic of the partisan gridlock in Washington, D.C.

"If she can't work with the tea party, they're not going away, regardless of what you think of them," he said.

On climate change, Baumgartner said "it is clear" that it is happening but it was unclear whether it was caused by mankind. Still, he said steps must be taken to deal with rising carbon emissions.

Cantwell said she worked with Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, on climate change legislation. She said rising temperatures could affect energy prices in Washington state.

"I want us to diversify off fossil fuels," she said. "We need a process to protect consumers of the future." She said she's confident a green energy economy can help create jobs.

Cantwell is favored to win re-election, and she has raised far more money than Baumgartner, a fact that the challenger noted during the debate when speaking about campaign finance laws.

"Obviously I'm at a tremendous financial disadvantage in this race," he said.

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Both political parties are responsible for this fiasco, but the majority of the borrowing was done by the politicians under a Democrat Party Presidents. I repeat this fiasco is the responsibility of BOTH political parties.

Simply put, the deficit spending of congress was covered up to some degree by borrowing of trillions of dollars from the Social Security Trust Fund. There would not be any problems with funding the benefits if the trust fund had remained untouched by our politicians.

One of the only ways to solve the problem with Social Security funding is to drastically cut spending and start repaying the funds taken from the trust fund.

All of our politicians are trying to skirt the issue, some by trying to move it to the private sector, others by pretending that there is no problem, and then there is the party that will try to cover up the problem by simply raising taxes dramatically. None of their fixes will work without dramatically cutting spending.

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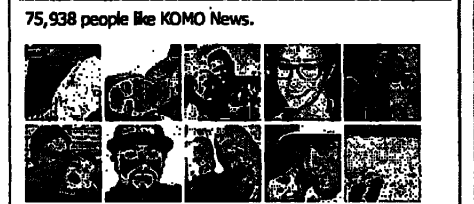
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Must be an election year. Cantwell is paying attention to Washington state voters again. Then after the election, "BAM", back to representing her DNC masters.

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Cantwell said she worked with Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, on climate change legislation. She said rising temperatures could affect energy prices in Washington state."

Seems to me the progressive Democrats are producing their own results. By declaring "climate change" will raise energy prices, while passing legislation to shut down power plants crates the problem.

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Wana is focused more on VA state veterans whereas Mike lays out his position focused at a higher level with the exception to the penny tax for local vets (did I read that right tea party?)...oh wait, that's a temporary tax...

Frankly I don't see any difference on the bottom line game plan between the Dem/Repub regarding our military strategy on the wars. One says we show as weak, but the go ahead planning is the same. Maybe it's just the execution. Good clarity on our positions web site btw Mike.

I have reservations to corporate ex-executives who run but Maria isn't anywhere near her Repub challengers. I knew Mike McGavick at Safeco. Actually attended the leadership school there and he gave a day long seminar. All good inspiring stuff, then he left 6 months later with 28 million in cash! Typical Romney move.

Cantwell will server WA state interests better at home and nationally.

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RE: "Good clarity on our positions web site btw Mike."

I meant Mike has decent website that articulates well on the issues. Kudo's. I wish more were as well done.

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She is rejecting a tax increase? Holy Mark Batman! Stop the presses this must be a mis print! While I do not like the idea of a tax increase this is one of the very few reasons we should raise taxes. She is against it because it did not come from the proper leadership. Time to kick this self-centered politician to the curb and remove the for life pay!!! That would balance the budget without raising any taxes!!

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@Rick4001CS I've been doing this for years, although I'm not sure how much good its doing. I do believe that we need term limits on Congress. I'm sick and tired of career politicians, they are the ones (regardless of party) who are ruining our country.



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Why did she even show up? Maybe she figured that more than 30 percent of the vote going to a raging lunatic teabagger is a loss, even if she retains her senate seat.



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Once again, we send the least to once. Cantwell, you and Murray together make a half wit at best.



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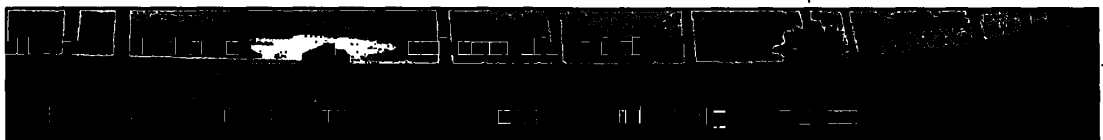
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SENATOR DURBIN REDEFINES THE "DATED" FIRST AMENDMENT



By: John Hayward

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Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) appeared on *Fox News Sunday* to say he has no regrets about pushing the IRS to perform one of those very special conservatives-only audits upon Karl Rove's Crossroads GPS group. He didn't single them out because they're political enemies, you see. He just chose them for a bureaucratic beatdown because he thought they'd make a good example to all the other nonprofit organizations, liberal and conservative alike:

Turning to the IRS's targeting of conservative groups, [Fox News host Chris] Wallace asked Sen. Durbin about a letter he sent to the agency in 2010. In it, he singled out one organization seeking tax-exempt status – Karl Rove's Crossroads GPS. "Why single out Crossroads when you didn't mention a single liberal group, and there were a bunch that were applying for tax-exempt status at exactly that point," Wallace asked.

Sen. Durbin readily admitted that he did it because Crossroads was "boasting" about how much money they raised to beat Democrats. According to the law, he went on to say, these groups had to "exclusively" be engaged in social welfare and not campaigning. "I knew that if they went into investigate this group, every other group would be put on notice."

What a public-spirited fellow Senator Durbin is! And what a stroke of luck that the perfect example to whip the bipartisan pan-ideological spectrum into shape just happened to be a major opponent of Durbin's party! What are the odds, right? Doubtless the example of all those conservative, patriotic, Constitutional, pro-life, and Tea Party groups showed into IRS

thumbscrews proved duly intimidating to the leftist groups who sailed through the Tax Exempt Organizations unit in a matter of weeks, without having to answer any hyper-intrusive questionnaires. One false move and you could be the next Frank VanderSloot or True the Vote, liberals!

He's also not sure if it's time to talk about appointing a special counsel to investigate the Justice Department's spying on Fox News and the Associated Press. Sure, why not let Attorney General Eric Holder investigate himself for a while, even though he's prone to giving false testimony under oath? He seems like such a nice man, and he *does* have impeccable Party credentials.

Durbin continued with a more robust defense of the New Tyranny, in which he said he's all in favor of shield laws to protect the media from the kind of abuse it's been suffering at the hands of the Obama Administration... provided they're duly accredited media organizations recognized as "legitimate" by the government, of course. He's not so sure these bloggers and Tweeps and whatnot can be considered worthy of First Amendment protection:

This is a mixture of two common liberal themes. First, we've got the Constitution as a "living document," about which Durbin says we should be asking "twenty-first century questions." That's code for anti-Constitutionalism – a vision of unrestrained State power, in which any inconvenient Constitutional restrictions can be declared archaic and stripped from the high-performance engine of Big Government during its next tune-up.

The acolytes of Big Government will decide what the people of the 21st Century really need, and of course those "needs" can only be addressed by expanding the power of government. Speed-bump verbiage left over from the quill pen and powdered wig days will then be denounced as an unreasonable obstacle to "progress," constructed by Dead White Males who couldn't possibly have understood our modern world of trillion-dollar deficits and online cat videos.

Durbin blends this with the liberal view of "news" media as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Left. Like every other politically favored industry, they want government-sanctioned monopoly protection for it. They intensely dislike the New Media competition it faces. For all the liberal wailing about the *Citizens United* decision – which they apparently believe is so offensive that it justifies any level of abuse in retaliation – they don't have a problem with big corporations controlling elections. They just think influence should be limited to one set of corporations: Big Media, the corporate sector they control.

And they always *will* control it, because Big Media is an affiliate of Big Government, not an opponent. The network and newspaper guild Durbin wants to protect is deeply sympathetic to the mega-State his party worships, for both ideological and practical reasons. Big Media reports tend to believe in the State as a redemptive power, the only agency capable of building a better world through sweeping programs to address headline-friendly social issues. Those mighty government programs are rolled out at camera-ready ceremonies brimming with quotable speeches. They earn celebrity endorsements, which Big Media *loves* to cover, because the people who can fill movie theaters or populate Hot 100 charts also tend to attract newspaper audiences. It's easy and fun to write about charismatic political titans declaring "war" against front-page problems everyone says they care deeply about.

From a practical standpoint, the media *loves* having easy access to conveniently centralized

power in a few key cities: Los Angeles, New York, and of course Washington D.C. There's a lively revolving door between Democrat Party politics and Big Media organizations. Half the people you see interviewing today's Washington movers and shakers used to be Washington movers and shakers, of work for them.

The government will always have plenty of influence with guild media. It can shape coverage by granting or denying access, and by leaking information when it serves the interests of the Administration - the very "problem" that ostensibly prompted the Justice Department to go fishing in the telephone logs of Fox News reporter James Rosen, and his parents. A world in which only Big Media had the right to unlimited political speech during elections would be an ideal habitat for the Leviathan State.

Leave aside all this prattle about "21st Century questions" and a "living Constitution," and just imagine asking the Founders if they thought the First Amendment should only apply to organizations certified by the government as "free press." They would regard you as a madman for even posing the question. Perhaps they would gently remind you that some of the people who signed the Constitution were the "bloggers" of their day, publishing pamphlets that King George III regarded much the same way as King Barack I looks at Fox News. I suspect the Founders would be absolutely delighted to learn that one day, every citizen would be able to instantly publish fiery broadsides denouncing the government they had created.

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Leahy: Many hurdles are still ahead

By Peter Hirschfeld
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MONTPELIER — Fresh off a successful vote on the immigration bill on which he ran point, Vermont's senior senator headed home Friday from Washington, D.C., for a victory lap in Montpelier.

But with Tea Party "radicals" conspiring against the legislation in the U.S. House, said Sen. Patrick Leahy, the bill's prospects remain fraught.

During a morning press conference at his State Street office in Montpelier, he hailed the 68-32 vote on the immigration bill as a beacon of bipartisanship in an otherwise fractured Congress.

But he said conservative Republicans in the House may yet derail the most comprehensive immigration reform in decades.

"I think it would be a tragic thing for us if we don't get this bill through the House," Leahy said.

House Speaker John Boehner said this week he won't put a bill up for a vote unless it has majority support in his Republican caucus. But Leahy reserved blame not for Republican leadership, but on the "tiny radical element" he said has tied Boehner's hands.

"The speaker is a good man. He's also a good legislator," Leahy said of the Ohio congressman. "But he is being thwarted by a tiny and radical element, the Tea Party element in the House, and they're threatening his speakership."

Leahy said it's now up to Boehner to buck the obstructionists who simply "don't want any immigration," and stand up for legislation that won the support of 14 Republicans in the Senate.

"Frankly, if I was in the House, I'd rather be right than be speaker," Leahy said. "And I think what (Boehner) ought to do is say, 'we're going to do what is best for the country, not what is best for a tiny minority.'"

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Leahy said he'll work his House connections to help the bill along. He said Rep. Bob Goodlatte, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is "an old friend." He said he has a meeting scheduled with the Virginia Republican when he returns to Capitol Hill next week.

"We've worked together on a lot of things," Leahy said.

Leahy said the 1,000-page immigration bill is sprinkled with provisions that would be of particular importance in Vermont, including one that carves out new protections for undocumented workers on dairy farms. Leahy said it didn't make sense to treat migrant dairy workers in the same way the U.S. handles visas for seasonal farm workers.

"You can't say to the cows, 'OK, we'll milk you for four months and be back six months from now,'" Leahy said.

Leahy said he blocked a proposal that would have imposed border-crossing fees on cars passing between the United States and Canada. And a federal law that allows for patrol checkpoints as far as 100 miles away from the U.S. border would, under the Senate bill, be pulled back to 25 miles.

"It bothered me a great deal to find these checkpoints on the northern border are going 100 miles (away from the border)," said Leahy, who said he'd received complaints from constituents about a permanent checkpoint in White River Junction that has since been disbanded.

Leahy said Vermont symphonies will benefit from a provision that streamlines visas for guest artists "to come in from overseas just for one or two performances."

Leahy, whose grandparents emigrated to Vermont from Italy, said his ancestors came here with "all the customs of the Old World, now with the American flag flying on their front porch. He said 21st century immigrants deserve the same opportunities his family enjoyed.

"In all my years (in the Senate), I cannot think of a time I was so emotional on the floor," Leahy said. "I was talking about my family, about (my wife's) family .. and then talking about the young dreamers who now have a path to citizenship. We'll get there."

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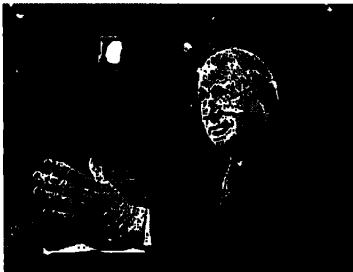
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LANSING (WWJ) - Democratic Senator Carl Levin Tuesday ... talking about the Tea Party with WWJ Lansing Bureau Chief Tim Skubick.

Levin says the Tea Party has taken over the Republican party and the extreme and radical voices are not what the country needs.

Levin was not willing to call the Tea Party members, bizarro or hobbits as McCain had, as he read from a

Wall Street

Journal editorial on the Senate floor in July.

"I agree with John McCain on a lot of things but I don't want to use any label on anybody," said Levin. "I think they have, kind of, taken over the Republican party and that's too bad for the Republican party and the country, because those are some extreme voices, radical voices and we just moderate solutions and bi-partisan solutions."

Skubick noted that the Tea Party members have a legitimate role in the political process to which Levin replied: "Of course they do, but I think they've now had such dominance in the Republican party, that it's going to produce a nominee that is far-out," said Levin.

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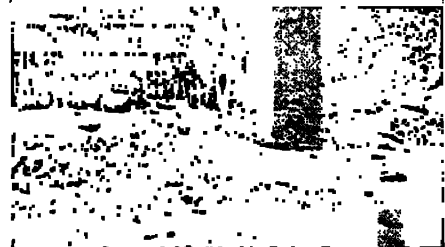
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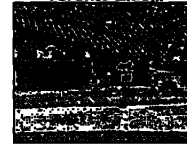
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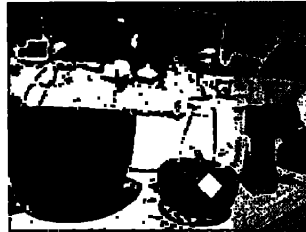
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Patty Murray Says Tea Party Growth Bigger Problem for GOP Than Dems

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By Elizabeth Hartfield Aug 1, 2012 2:37pm (http://abcnews.g



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The primary victory Tuesday by Texas Republican Ted Cruz dealt a big blow to the establishment, gave a boost of energy to the Tea Party movement, and underscored the power that Sarah Palin still wields within the base of her party.

It did not make the Texas Senate race competitive, though, which Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray suggested at a news briefing in Washington, D.C., this morning.

"We're monitoring Texas as we are with all our states," the Washington senator said when asked whether she thought Cruz's victory might put the race into play.

But the Cruz win, Murray said, could present a problem for his own party.

"The bigger issue there is that [Senate Minority Leader] Mitch McConnell is now going to have, potentially, a much more Tea Party-oriented caucus and we have all seen the damage that has done," Murray said. "I think it's more of their problem than ours."



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Murray expressed optimism at the briefing about the Democrats' chances of maintaining control of the Senate, which they hold by a four-seat majority. Although she refused to put any odds on the party's chances of keeping the lead, Murray reiterated her enthusiasm about the candidates in competitive races such as Nevada, Massachusetts, Virginia and Wisconsin, and highlighted Democrats' strong fundraising to date.

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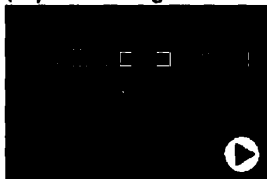
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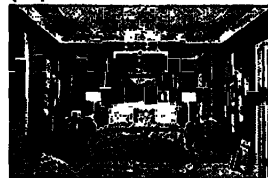
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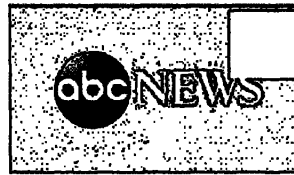
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Murray

But Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., has found themes and bogeymen, first the Republicans' alleged "War on Women," and, as of Wednesday, a familiar demon — the Tea Party.

Murray was out with a fundraising pitch hours after Indiana's Republican "senator-for-life" Richard Lugar saw his long career ended by Tea Party-backed insurgent, State Treasurer Richard Mourdock.

"We can't take the risk of the Tea Party taking over the Senate — not now, when the economy is just starting to pick up . . . Don't let the Tea Party extremists add another member to the Senate," Murray declared, in the Paul Revere style of direct-mail solicitations.

Actually, Democrats now have a shot at holding onto a slim majority in the 100-member Senate — and a tempting target at which to take aim. They held the Senate in 2010 largely thanks to Republicans nominating extreme anti-government candidates in Nevada, Colorado and Delaware.

They're still likely to lose seats in North Dakota and Nebraska, but former Democratic Sen. "Cosmic Bob" Kerrey has moved back to the Cornhusker State to at least give Dems a fighting chance. Open Democratic seats in Wisconsin and Hawaii remain a tossup, and Democratic Sen. Jon Tester is under siege in conservative Montana.

Still, as DSCC chair, Murray can now look at five Republican-held seats that are "in play." Two openings have come recently. The mellow, fairly moderate Lugar lost on Tuesday, and Maine's popular, centrist Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe recently decided to retire.

The Democrats feel they also have a 50-50 chance of picking up a seat in Nevada plus a good shot at Arizona. In Massachusetts, Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren faces GOP Sen. Scott Brown in the marquee Senate race of the 2012 season.

Rep. Joe Donnelly, the Democrats' candidate in Indiana, has described himself as one of the most conservative Dems in the House. Yet, Murray sees opportunity in Lugar's loss.

"We need to keep the Senate majority and Joe will play a key role to ensure we do," she wrote.

Democrats didn't even field a challenger to Lugar in 2006. They're now looking to Indiana as a way of keeping their majority.

Murray has a stake in all this. She is chair of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, and a senior member and subcommittee chair on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee.

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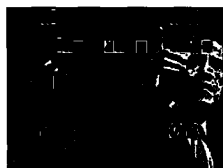
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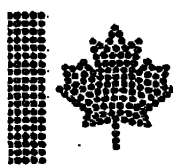
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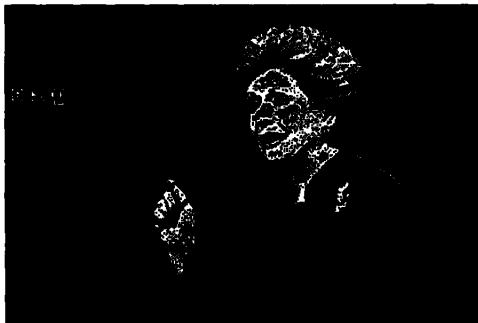
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Stabenow Criticizes Tea Party but Says Farm Bill Is On Track

By Niels Lesniewski

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Among the topics for discussion back home during this Memorial Day recess: the farm bill.

Agriculture Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., is talking about the farm measure in her home state and reaffirming that it is on track to pass the Senate next week, with cautious optimism that the House will follow suit with its own version this year, unlike in 2012.

"We're going to be passing the bill again next week in the Senate," Stabenow told Michigan Live on Tuesday. "The committee in the House has reported the bill out. The problem has always been with the folks that don't think we should be helping farmers at all."

Stabenow and farm bill advocates in both parties will have to contend with opposition from the right, particularly in the House, as the process moves forward.

Two conservative think tanks posted similar criticisms of the House and Senate farm policy proposals on their websites Wednesday.

"Despite the fact that politicians are claiming that the proposed new farm bill cuts spending, it's just a mirage created by rising baselines," the Cato Institute said on its blog.

The Heritage Foundation offered a post criticizing support for farms in which the families of former president Jimmy Carter, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, House Agriculture Chairman Frank D. Lucas, R-Okla., and others have ownership stakes.

"There are folks that are very, very right-wing and sort of the tea party part of the Republican caucus now that believes we shouldn't be providing any kind of crop insurance or help or research or conservation or anything like that. Or nutrition services or anything like that,"

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Stabenow said, adding, "I think there is enough of a bipartisan group though in the House that understands this is a jobs bill."

Stabenow was making an appearance at an apple orchard in Sparta, Mich., Michigan Live reported.

Others talking about the farm bill include Sens. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, and Maria Cantwell, D-Wash.,

"I'm kind of hoping the president gets to sign a farm bill before our August summer break," Grassley told reporters, according to the Des Moines Register.

Cantwell was in Spokane, Wash., at a seed processing facility. She touted provisions supporting pulse crops like lentils and chickpeas.

"Washington state is already the top chickpea producer in the nation. With the right investments, acreage of chickpeas, peas and lentils could double and support even more jobs in the state," Cantwell said.

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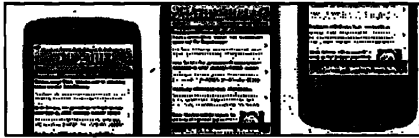
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"For the regular order and business of government, the Tea Party/Hastert Rule combination is deadly for bipartisan Senate legislation," Whitehouse said on the floor Wednesday.

Whitehouse was critical of Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) for following the Hastert Rule, named after former Speaker Denny Hastert (R-Ill.), which means the Speaker will not bring a bill to the House floor unless a majority of his party supports the legislation.

Whitehouse pointed to the fact that the few times the House has passed important bipartisan bills have been when Boehner didn't use the Hastert Rule. Whitehouse used the votes on avoiding the "fiscal cliff" tax increases and Hurricane Sandy relief as examples of what could be done with House Democrats' support along with some Republicans.



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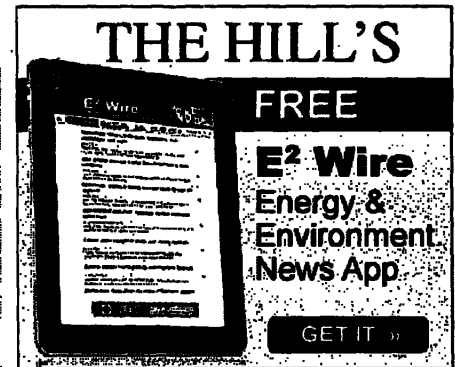
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"The only reason that these critical pieces of legislation avoided the fate of the highway bill and the farm bill is that the Speaker didn't follow the Hastert Rule, and if his Tea Party Caucus had pushed America off the cliff, he knew there would be hell to pay," Whitehouse said. "Now Tea Party lawmakers are up in arms that he violated the Hastert Rule... so it's

probably back to the Hastert Rule on the House side and death-by-Tea Party to any bipartisan Senate legislation."

Whitehouse said the bipartisan Senate-passed highway bill and farm bill were just a few measures that were "trapped in the sinkhole of the House" during the

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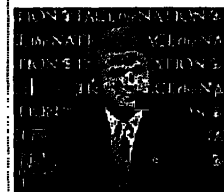


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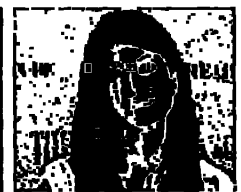
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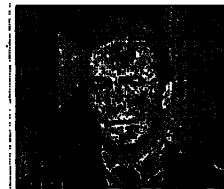
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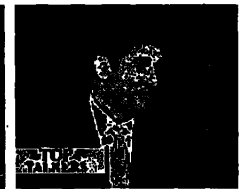
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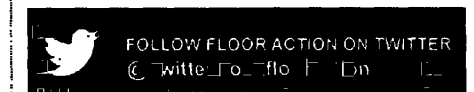


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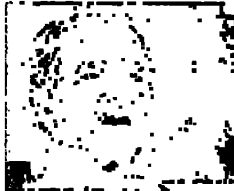
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Claire McCaskill's campaign wasted no time in attacking Todd Akin after his senate primary win. This evening McCaskill sent an email to supporters claiming that Akin is a "dangerous" tea party extremist:

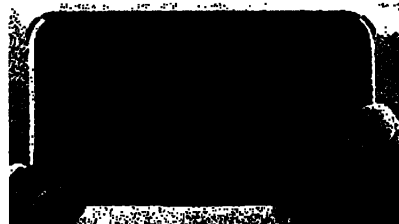
Akin's Rap Sheet Makes It Clear: Tea Party Congressman's Outside Of The Mainstream Views, Dangerous Policies Are Wrong for Missouri, From his record to his rhetoric, everything about Todd Akin's Tea Party policies are outside of the mainstream and dangerous for Missouri families.

When Missouri Republicans nominated him last night, they pinned their Senate hopes on a far right, Tea Party Congressman whose candidacy diminishes the party's prospects for November.

This coming from McCaskill, a Senator so far removed from the will of her people that after she championed for Obamacare in Missouri, 76% of voters voted to repudiate it via Proposition C. Prop C, or the Health Care Freedom Act, was the first legislative challenge to Obamacare.

McCaskill again rubber-stamped the Obama agenda when she sided with him against Missouri jobs and coal by voting in favor of the MACT rule (http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=60189) and effectively shutting the doors (<http://energy.nol.com/2011/12/21/epa-utility-mact-rule-released-coal-plants-set-for-closure-as-b/>) of numerous coal plants. McCaskill once claimed she hated coal (<http://www.pitch.com/cyrobase/sen-claire-mccaskill-may-not-like-coal-but-shes-having-a-hard-time-saying-no-to-it/Content?oid=2198368&showFullText=true>), odd considering she represents a big coal state, the industry of which employs thousands (http://www.countoncoal.org/assets/files/CoC_MO_07102012.pdf). McCaskill has rubber-stamped the Obama agenda on most every policy (<http://www.nytimes.com/gwire/2010/12/23/23greenwire-epa-agrees-to-limit-emissions-from-power-plant-95260.html?pagewanted=all>) that would adversely affect Missouri coal and jobs.

McCaskill cheerleads for an administration that has quadrupled the deficit, run women from the job pool, and devalued the dollar, while trying to persuade seniors that the government knows best how handle their social security. McCaskill has never addressed why government-run social security is the best when that very same government spent it



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all (<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700119667/Once-again-Social-Securitys-trust-fund-is-broke.html?pg=all>). The idea that individuals should have a choice between their own responsibility or government irresponsibility is "extremist" to the incumbent.

McCaskill also attacked Akin over oil subsidies while keeping mum on her support for green tech subsidies. (Akin, in fact, has before said on my show that such subsidies should cease.)

The Democrat incumbent is desperate to cast this race as Harry Reid v Sharon Angle except McCaskill has been trailing in the polls for the past several states, her state repudiated her efforts to cheerlead for Obama, and unlike Reid, McCaskill is attempting to legislate Missouri into the poorhouse with job-killing regulations. Dangerous and "outside of the mainstream?" That sounds like McCaskill.

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digitalPimple · 11 months ago
MO, vote this women out.
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bobdog → digitalPimple · 11 months ago
McCaskill is slipping. She didn't once use the word "extremist" or "racist" or "haters" or "homophobic" or "obstructionist" or "running dog capitalist pigs".

How do I know that this is an authorized attack if she doesn't use the keywords from Approved DNC Attack List? Is this a hoax? Where do I check to be sure that this is not just a fake message planted by the RNC?

Can't be too careful, you know.
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Del45 → bobdog · 11 months ago
I live in McCaskill's district, and believe me she said what the article said she did. She was running a campaign ad using the same words before the primary. Many people in Missouri think she wants to run against Todd Akin instead of Brunner or Steelman because Akin doesn't have the money to campaign like she does. The TEA Party needs to get behind him big time.
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bobdog → Del45 · 11 months ago
Trade you McCaskill for Jan Schakowsky...

No, on second thought, we'd both get a bad deal...
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1854american → Del45 · 11 months ago
Del45- you are an important voice in that race because you are IN that voting district. Outside voices, media, and money can push their agenda all day long for McCaskill, but they CAN'T vote for her. YOUR vote opposing her WILL count. McCaskill has been a politician for 30 years; a career politician making her a part of the political-class. She is part of the reason your state, and our country is in its current condition. We can't keep electing the same people

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and the exact different results. She must go find a real job in the ridiculous system they created. We will hold onto our Republic one vote, one district at a time. Good luck to you all in Missouri.

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Del45 → 1654american · 11 months ago

Believe me, I didn't vote for her the first time she ran and would never vote for her.

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Larrygrant876 → Del45 · 11 months ago

I am hoping the other viewpoint is true and she was hoping Todd Akin wouldn't be her opposition so she hedged her bet and lost. She spent alot to tout Akins conservatism and was so effective he won solely on that I personally think, we'll see.

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Tspoon → digitalPimple · 11 months ago

You rid the Senate of another weaselly Progressive by supporting Akin. Financially.

<http://www.akdn.org/>

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skwirrel08 · 11 months ago

claire mckaskill, You are the one that is dangerous and outside the mainstream, and you will see that when you are without a job yourself, come this november!! hahaha I am a Missourian and have even sent several emails to you, opposing the things you are voting on, and you just cant seem to listen. I am so looking forward to voting you out of your job. And it shows, by you trailing behind all the republicans. Todd Akin is gonna take your job from you. Even the republican party needed cleaning out, and that where WE the Conservatives and the Tea Party come in at.

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Larrygrant876 → skwirrel08 · 11 months ago

Problem is when these idiots are exposed and fired they are still going to end up living better than 99% of the rest of us. Most are rich already or have set themselves up to be so and they get a retirement and cadillac medical for life, which is one reason they aren't opposed to obamacare. obamacare is for thee but not me.

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MrsMiddleAmerica → skwirrel08 · 11 months ago

I also wrote Claire and the response from her was a letter to tell me how wrong I was on the issue..... I thought she was working for me! Akins too conservative... I don't think so! I voted for him in the primary and will again in Nov.

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suburban DUDE → MrsMiddleAmerica · 11 months ago

For a Senator from 'flyover country' I'd say Ms. McCaskill is the one out of touch. It is meant as a slight by the mainstream after all.

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airforcemom2003 → MrsMiddleAmerica · 11 months ago

I've written to Ms. Claire on many occasions. I'm sure she has spammed my email by now. I've never gotten anything other than an "Oh, let's reply with this staff-prepared email. It ALMOST fits the topic." She always says she wants to hear from her constituents, but it's obvious from the responses I've gotten that NOBODY from her office wants to hear from conservatives.

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PeoplesRepublicOfMd → skwirrel08 · 11 months ago

Can't help but observe that Democrats repeatedly go on the offensive accusing Republicans of the very things of which Democrats themselves are guilty of doing and saying.

Republicans have been too long on the defensive end of things and need more aggressive - really aggressive - offensive attacks on Democrats.

Take off those gloves, fellas.

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Hank_Scorpio → PeoplesRepublicOfMd · 11 months ago

No, that's exactly what the DNC wants them to do. They want their opposition to waste their time and energy fighting these types of false associations.

As long as their opposition stays focussed on the real issues, then no amount of Ainsky tactics will save the DNC.

If some dolt like McCaskill calls you an extremist, then instead of saying "No I'm not", you say, "Well if wanting to fix your many mistakes is extremist, then yes, yes I am".

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PeoplesRepublicOfMd → Hank_Scorpio · 11 months ago

Hank, thanks for your post. However, I was saying that Republicans need to go on the offensive, meaning they need to be leading the agenda - and not playing defensive to Obama's ads.

In short, I do agree with your view that Repubs should not waste time answering those pathetic Democratic ads. Rather, I feel they need to be taking aim at Obama perhaps by use of his own words against him, rather than merely sitting back and not coming up with their own stinging ads.

Regardia.

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grainman → skwirrel08 · 11 months ago

Right on! right on!

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Del45 → skwirrel08 · 11 months ago

I call her office about things and email her reguarly and she always skirts around an issue and never votes the way I want her to.

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txdave22 → skwirrel08 · 11 months ago

VITTER FOR VEEP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Are you and rubio and other senators FOR OR AGAINST ADULTERY AND BREAKING THE COMMANDMENTS? You never say a thing about vitter, admitted adulterer, whoremonger. Can we assume adultery so ordinary among pub politicians nothing needs to be said? Sen Ensign's resignation after aduterous affair last year would seem to suggest adultery rife in the GOP. What do you say?What does romney say, rubio, ryan? Nothing. So, if you don't speak against gay marriage, you must be for it. If you don't speak against ADULTERY, WHOREMONGERING, WHICH VITTER ADMITTED, you must be for it. That is not a stretch, logical.No congressional leaders speak out, nor does RNC, or romney or princes of the church: vitter is catholic. Deean't this say A GREAT DEAL about the republican party today and whether they can be trusted to govern?-----FOX'S GRETA VAN SUSTEREN: GOP NEEDS TO EXPLAIN 'WHY THEY GIVE VITTER A PASS' | Fox News' Greta Van Susteren criticizes the GOP's embraces of Sen. David Vitter after he admitted to frequenting prostitutes. Yesterday, Bill O'Reilly stated flatly that Vitter should not be in the Senate.Do ACTUAL christians support/condoneadulterers and with hookersa sitting US senator?This is the pub party: HYPOCRITES, CONTEMPRBL Scandal: Using the services of the "D.C. Madam."How he was outed: Phone number found in list of clientsA staunch advocate of conservative platforms from abstinence-only education to a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage,----- the Republican Louisiana Senator apparently had no problem with high-class call girls, as his phone number was revealed to be on a list belonging to a company owned by the infamous "D.C. Madam."----- Larry Flynt's Hustler magazine found the phone number and -----contacted Vitter's office to inquire about it. -----The next day, Vitter issued a public apology for his "very serious sin," and later managed to retain his seat in the Senate.

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The People's House · 11 months ago

Thanks Dana for keeping us informed.

Todd Akin must win this election and Claire McCaskill must be sent home. We need this Senate seat to help gain the majority in the Senate to stop the Marxist/Socialist takeover of our government.

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patriot1212 → The People's House · 11 months ago

The GOP must take the Senate and have Romney along with the current GOP Congress to undo the damage done by the democrATS. If any GOP office holder fails to keep a conservative agenda in their position they too will be voted out.

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Mark_S · 11 months ago

I gotta ask the same question Jamie Almond asked on the radio yesterday morning...

Akin's been in the house how long?? So how the hell does that make him a "Tea Party" Representative, since the TP is a much newer gathering?

Heck, my only issue with Akin was a blanket comment he made about "changing the way things are done in Washington" (which he is a part of, even though it's the other side of the Legislative branch), without actually identifying those specific changes he'd claim to make.

I admit I voted for Steelman in the primary, but my support is completely behind Akin now (as the CP / LP candidates aren't worth wasting a third party vote for)

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HoR_Emperor → Mark_S · 11 months ago

The Dems just try to paste the label "Tea Party" on any conservative Republican, since in their minds its an insult.

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Del45 → Mark_S · 11 months ago

My husband and I both voted for Steelman. I think McCaskill wants to run against Akin.

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NOLOONZONE · 11 months ago

mccaskil is a LOON and one of the biggest obummer supports of obummercare! It's time to send her packing!

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noodles5 · 11 months ago

So, 71% of Missourians are dangerous? That's how many voted gainst Obamacare. Do you hear the thundering herd Claire? The next sound you hear will be them running over you in November. Bye Bye, Obama Butt kisser.

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gman213 · 11 months ago

She has been so in bed with Obama she would be popping out a little Obamababy if she were 40 years younger

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mikeinidabo → gman213 · 11 months ago

Oooh, I just threw up a little in my mouth!
That is NOT a pleasant picture this early in the A.M.

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ACTSNOW · 11 months ago

If your not corrupt your not mainstream now days, WOW WOW WOW!

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Thread Necromonger · 11 months ago

Sen. McCaskill, you're going down in a ball of flame. The Show-Me State is turning RED!!! You and your little darlings in the Senate are the dangerous ones. The American people don't like Communists and come November get ready for your walking papers. Get the HELL OUT!

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patriot1212 → Thread Necromonger · 11 months ago

I see her seat is basically gone right now. She was trailing all GOP challengers and now Akin won't expect the normber to be more against her.

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Media_Bladders · 11 months ago

Anybody else remember the way McCaskill acted at a town hall meeting when her constituents were livid over Obamacare?

In so many words, she told them to shut up and behave.

But a lot of folks weren't in the mood to take it, and yelled back, "You work for us!"

Well, Missouri voters, now's your chance to fire this arrogant Obama handmaiden.

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flyingmonkey → Media_Bladders · 11 months ago

She was very condescending.

"Do I have to use my mothers voice..." Yea, like her kids listen to her. I think they were in a hayfield hiding her airplane behind a wall of hay bales.

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pharmdkathy → Media_Bladders · 11 months ago

My favorite when she said after we rejected Obamacare, "We hadn't been educated enough about it."

No, we saw Obamacare for what it was: a TAX on the hard working Missourians with more bureaucratic red tape. I read on Obamacare and was very well educated before I voted and REJECTED it. Just like I'm gonna REJECT Claire McCaskill this November.

She's not for veterans (although she showboats that she is), and she is most certainly NOT for Missouri.

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Eileen_For_Freedom_Liberty · 11 months ago

More 'sound bites' and 'photo ops' coming out of the mouth of a desperate Democratzi 'loon'!

You know what to do...get rid of her...she has sold her soul to the devil and he lives in the Washington cocoon! Show me...Missouri...show me that you have what it takes to make things RIGHT for my children and your children...show me in November!

ERADICATION OF THE COCKROACHES PHASE II COMING IN NOVEMBER...BE THERE AND BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU!

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mikeinidaho · 11 months ago

Hey Missouri, stay proud, stay conservative!

Hey hey, ho ho, that dingbat McCaskill has GOT to go!

Go Tea Party!

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larrygrant876 · 11 months ago

Once again you can spot a liberal democrat by the look of insanity in their eyes, plus they are generally on the ugly side which I think is why they become so angry. 'Ol Claire spent alot of money touting Todd Akins conservatism and it helped him win the republican spot. I wonder if inbreeding is something Claire is suffering from? Claire is the type of person who vilifies the rest of the country when they laugh at the Ozarks being full of hillbillies. I live here and I hate that image but like I said ...

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scott0317 → larrygrant876 · 11 months ago

Ms. McCaskill's definition of "mainstream" differs from mine. So be it. The idea of what is and is not mainstream seems less important all the time as the the word is tossed about indiscriminately and cynically. Is it still mainstream once a majority of the electorate votes against it? Is "mainstream" defined philosophically or numerically? Anyhow, being attacked by Liberals has at last become a badge of honor for me. I take my reputation seriously and being wrongfully accused of anything used to be hard for me to endure. I do love my neighbor as myself but I do not respect those espousing the Liberal viewpoint - this is not contradictory and either you know where I'm coming from or you don't. So be that, too. I neither respect nor sympathize with their motives. I have learned to love being criticized, labeled and vilified by such people. I certainly don't want them to see me as being on their side.

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flyingmonkey · 11 months ago

I guess wanting your Senator to pay her personal property taxes on time on an airplane she owns is radical.

I guess wanting your Senator to pay her property taxes on her DC condo on time is

radical.

I guess expecting your Senator to vote with a majority of her constituents is radical.

The evil Claire Bear is incredibly out of touch.

@Todd Akin. Get those fundraising letters out. A check is written and waiting.

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guein · 11 months ago

If you are as far behind as McCaskill is in MO, you need to go negative fast; make the other guy an unacceptable choice for the voters. Use smear tactics, lies, obscure the truth, talk about anything other than what you have done...Sound familiar?

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Walter Langley · 11 months ago

You know, in the days when Americans had guts they would have seen that nuts had taken power and done something about it.

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Guest · 11 months ago

the people on Gilligan's Island were more aware of the mainstream than McCasket.

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Hank_Scorpio · 11 months ago

McCaskill is using an Alinsky tactic. False Association. By calling one group extremists or "out of the mainstream" she's implying that she and her ilk are mainstream and "normal".

It's a common tactic but quite transparent, all liberals use it when they know they don't have anything of substance to stand on.

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Bob Sweeney → Hank_Scorpio · 11 months ago

yeah, tea-party extremist, they all look so threatening, grandmas & granddads, moms and dads, all so radical not wanting higher taxes and bigger govt and debt.

One thing is for sure the media has carried this message for these losers and some people believe this crap.

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Qtaug · 11 months ago

If ugly were a felony, she would be doing life.....

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nowind · 11 months ago

Is it just me, or does the picture above make Claire McCaskill look like the "Bride of Skeletor" or what?

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eyehleedr · 11 months ago

please big mo...vote this vile lying progressive out...shes a tool and is worthless

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Guest · 11 months ago

She's done. Help her pack.

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stukiniL4now · 11 months ago

I think Claire McCaskill is dangerous outside of a padded cell.

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chiefpayne · 11 months ago


Sorry Ms. McCaskill...but it is YOU who are dangerous and outside the mainstream. Those of us who want STABILITY in our government do not want YOU and your ilk in there.

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LYNN "Tea Party Republicans are truly committed to bringing the government down," warned U.S. Rep. Edward Markey Friday in remarks to local business leaders.

"One of the reasons I want to go over to the Senate is because Democrats there are working with Republicans," Markey told 35 Lynn Business Partnership members and local elected officials.

The Malden resident and 36-year member of Congress faces off with U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch in the April 30 Democratic primary for U.S. Senator. Republican voters on the same day will pick a Republican to run against Markey or Lynch in the June 25 final election for the Senate senate. Gabriel Gomez, Daniel Winslow and Michael Sullivan are on the Republican primary ballot.

Republicans and Democrats must "sit down and put their programs on the table" to end stalled congressional efforts to improve the economy, Markey said.

Growing the nation's economy and lowering unemployment will help erase the federal deficit and debt-related spending. Markey said tax dollars spent on building a parking garage at

Markey slams Tea Party

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"It's unleashing one-half billion (dollars) in private investment," he said.

Federal tax cut decisions made during the past 10 years need rethinking, Markey said.

"We have to review tax cuts and say, OK, should oil companies get \$40 billion in tax breaks when oil is \$100 a barrel?" he said.

He said proposals to spend \$100 billion on defense-related nuclear programs should be rethought.

"Tea Party Republicans undermined efforts" to revive the American economy. "Ordinary families didn't have anything to do with this," Markey said.

He called his vote for the Affordable Care Act "the proudest vote of my entire professional career" and said the health care reform law ensures "people who become sick can't become bankrupt."

"That's illegal now," Markey said.

Markey said spending on major health care costs like caring for Alzheimer's patients can be rethought to save \$30 billion on an expense now totaling \$131 billion.

He also said job development and the renewal of cities like Malden and Lynn begins by building "pathways to jobs" that run through community colleges and public universities.

Markey said his focus on proposing telecommunications legislation during his congressional career helped break up telephone monopolies, setting the stage for Internet and social media firms to hire a new generation of workers.

Markey said the U.S. must tread carefully and solicit Russia and China's help in forcing North Korean leader Kim Jong-un to back down from his current war footing.

"He is clearly an unstable character. Every action we take has to be very calibrated to elicit a narrow response," he said.

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The Fargo Forum is calling out Karl Rove's Crossroads GPS for their latest misleading attack ad targeting Heidi Heitkamp.

The attack ad relies mainly on a dated video clip completely out of context. As the report reads:

"Crossroads is spending \$1.2 million on its latest ad blitz in five states, including \$76,000 in North Dakota, according to the group.

In the ad against Heitkamp, Crossroads revisits a campaign attack made by Republicans this campaign cycle by citing a 2008 video, in which Heitkamp said she thinks "Barack Obama is going to be amazing."

It goes on to mention that Rove's \$76,900 smear campaign is among a few they've seen in North Dakota this year:

"Crossroad's isn't the first misleading ad an outside group has produced to target candidates in North Dakota's U.S. Senate race this campaign year.

In February, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce launched an ad blitz that politicized the debate over the Keystone XL pipeline. However, Heitkamp and Republican Rep. Rick Berg agree in their support for the project, which made the chamber's ad a bit tone-deaf to the political situation in North Dakota."

Strong grassroots momentum behind Heidi's campaign is fueling our fight back against these negative campaigns, and helping to protect our critical Senate majority from Tea Party radicals. As Heitkamp wrote in an email to her supporters today, these latest attacks are signs of her campaign's strength:

"They feel threatened. They're coming after us because they know what you and I know: We can win.

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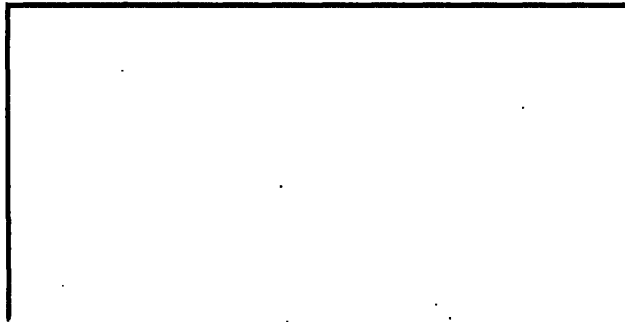
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Most people don't think of Massachusetts as a swing state.

But electing a Democrat at the top of the ticket isn't enough. This year, Massachusetts will cast the deciding vote for the party that will control the United States Senate.

We need a strong Democratic majority in the United States Senate to keep moving our country forward -- and that's why we need to do everything we can to elect Elizabeth Warren on November 6th.

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We all know how Democrats spent the past four years trying to work with the Republicans on health care reform, on debt reduction, and on creating new jobs.

But the Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said in a remarkable moment of candor that his number one priority wasn't putting people back to work -- it was putting Democrats out of work.

No matter your personal opinion of Scott Brown, that's the political party that he wants to set the agenda in the United States Senate. It's controlled by right-wing Republicans and Tea Party radicals who will fight tooth and nail to go back to the same failed policies that got us in trouble in the first place.

Let me reiterate: The balance of the United States Senate is at risk in 34 days -- and Massachusetts will cast the deciding vote.

So please do everything you can to make sure Elizabeth Warren wins on November 6th and protects the Senate Democratic majority for our entire country.

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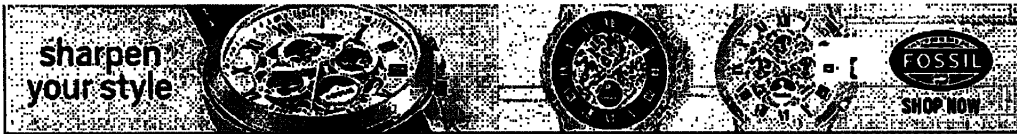
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Tim Kaine: 'The Tea Party Movement Is Savaging The GOP' (VIDEO)

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On Thursday afternoon, DNC Chairman Tim Kaine said the tea party movement had done his rival party no good.

"The tea party movement is savaging the GOP," Kaine said at the 11th annual American Democracy Conference in Virginia. "It is something that we expect to see going forward."

To make his case, Kaine pointed to Sen. Arlen Specter's (D-Pa.) realignment with Democrats and the outcome of the special election in New York's 23rd district. The DNC Chairman suggested that Rep. Bill Owens' (D-N.Y.) victory in the race is a good indicator of what can be expected after future Republican primaries.

Kaine acknowledged that the "headwind" may be against his party in the 2010 midterm elections, but he argued that the wedge being driven in the GOP will ultimately prove to be catastrophic for its coalition.

"On the Republican side, we see a party that is narrowing geographically, narrowing ideologically and narrowing demographically," Kaine said. "There is a corrosive and consistent fight within the tea bag party."

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Martin Heinrich (D)

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Martin Heinrich was born in Fallon, Nev., and lives in Albuquerque, N.M. He earned a bachelor's degree in science and engineering from the University of Missouri.

Heinrich was elected to the U.S. House in 2008 from New Mexico's 1st Congressional District.

Before his election to Congress, Heinrich owned a public affairs consulting business. He was elected to the Albuquerque City Council

in 2003 and became its president in 2006.

Former Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson named Heinrich as state natural resources trustee in February 2006.

He and his wife, Julie, have two children.

Martin Heinrich, a two term Democratic representative in U.S. House, is seeking in 2012 the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Democratic incumbent Jeff Bingaman. He defeated state Auditor Hector Balderas in New Mexico's 2012 Democratic primary.

In his campaign, Heinrich has positioned himself as a defender of working-class New Mexicans: The son of an electrician and factory worker, Heinrich promises to "advocate for the people who get up every day and go to work and do what good New Mexicans do to provide for their families."

"We're going to have to get our finances in line, there's no question about that," Heinrich said. "But we shouldn't do it on the backs of teachers and firefighters. We shouldn't do it by cutting education."

His 2012 Republican opponent, Heather Wilson, has tried to portray Heinrich as a big-spending, big-government Democrat and she criticizes his support for the health care reform bill signed into law in 2010 by President Barack Obama.

When the legislation passed, Heinrich said the "vote to reform our broken health insurance system defines who we are as a nation."

Heinrich was elected to represent New Mexico's 1st Congressional District in 2008. He is the first Democrat to win the Albuquerque-area district in 40 years.

In the House, a third of the members have a more liberal voting record than Heinrich, according to rankings by the National Journal.

Heinrich was the only member of New Mexico's three-member House delegation who supported a bill in 2011 that raised the debt ceiling and prevented a government default.

"Over the last several weeks, House Republicans have hijacked the way serious business of upholding the good faith and credit of our nation," Heinrich said. "We've clearly seen that tea party Republicans are willing to take our economy hostage just to score political points, but I'm not willing to do that. This agreement was necessary to avoid a global financial crisis, and I voted reluctantly to ensure that did not happen."

He backed the 2009 federal economic stimulus package and said it provided an "impressive list of things that will benefit our economy for a long time to come." In 2012, he voted for a \$143 billion package that extended a payroll tax cut and federal unemployment benefits.

As member of the Armed Services Committee, Heinrich has watched out for the interests of Sandia National Laboratories and

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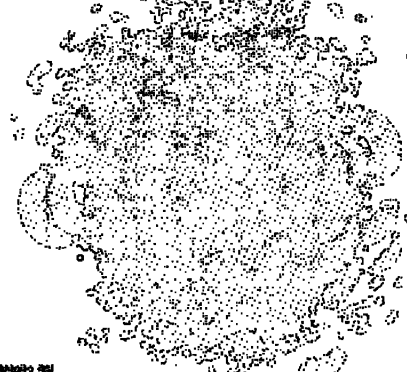
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After Connecticut Voters Reject Radical Plans for Seniors, McMahon Campaign Forced to Spend Millions More to Distort Her Record

ROCKY HILL – In her latest attack ad, former wrestling CEO Linda McMahon desperately tries to cover up her extreme policies to end Social Security and privatize Medicare through the Ryan Plan. McMahon's campaign unraveled last week after the millionaire Republican confirmed her dangerous plans for seniors and struggled to distance herself from the Romney-Ryan ticket. With nothing to say about her own policies, McMahon has resorted once again to an attack that independent policy analysts have called "[simply wrong](http://www.chrismurphy.com/page/m/6532f6c2/4771080c/7e9ca673/7537a035/3035750909/VEsH/)" and a "wild exaggeration."

"Linda McMahon is rarely specific on the issues, but in a moment of candor with her Tea Party supporters, Connecticut voters finally got a glimpse of her extreme right-wing agenda to end Social Security and turn Medicare into a voucher program," said Murphy campaign spokesman Ben Marter. "McMahon's only option is to spend millions more on attack ads trying to distort the facts and distract voters from her radical right-wing policies, but it didn't fool voters two years ago, and it's not going to now."

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This time — with the government due to run out of money when the fiscal year ends on Friday — the standoff hinges on disaster-relief aid, with the Republican-controlled House insisting that nearly \$4 billion in additional assistance be offset by spending cuts.

The Democratic-controlled Senate balked at that proposal Friday, rejecting a stopgap spending bill sent over from the House that would have provided the aid offset by cuts to an Energy Department loan program for energy-efficient cars and another clean-energy program.

The bill passed the House on a second attempt, after deeper cuts were added to appease conservatives.

Pointing to the "tea-party crowd," Warner said in an appearance on CNN's "State of the Union" that this was the same "my-way-or-the-highway" approach that had derailed a long-term debt-reduction deal this year and has caused other standoffs.

"One point about who to blame or not to blame on this current, hopefully non-shutdown is that there is a group — I do believe it is mostly centered in the House in terms of some of these tea-party Republicans — who say on every issue, 'We're going to make this a make-or-break,'" Warner said. "We saw it on the FAA when they shut down the Federal Aviation Administration. We're seeing it now on this debate about FEMA."

Democrats, due to vote today on a counter-offer that would provide new money for the Federal Emergency Management Agency without offsets, claim it's unfair and unprecedented to require spending cuts be linked to emergency aid in the wake of multiple natural disasters such as Hurricane Irene, the recent earthquake centered in Mineral and tornadoes this year.

"The Senate is saying ... why should we in effect rebuild schools in Iraq on the credit card, but expect that rebuilding schools in Joplin, Missouri, at this moment in time have to be paid for in a way that has never been in any of the previous disaster assistance that we've put out before?" Warner said.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has made it clear that Republicans will attempt to block the Democrats' bill with a filibuster.

The \$175 million remaining in the emergency-aid fund for disaster victims could be depleted as soon as Tuesday. Adding to the drama is the fact that House members left for a week's recess Friday, making it unclear how the issue could be resolved this week.

With approval ratings for Congress already at an all-time low, Warner called the latest threat of a shutdown embarrassing.

"Can we, once again, inflict on the country and the American people the spectacle of a near-government shutdown? I sure as heck hope not," he said.

On Friday, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-7th, who was among the first to insist



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that further disaster relief be offset, accused Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., of playing politics with the issue.

"There are people who are suffering in a big way right now, and they need to know that FEMA and the disaster relief monies will be there for them," Cantor said, adding that the House was offering the aid "in a responsible manner." He added: "Harry Reid is arguing with himself. This is why people don't like Washington."

The governors of four East Coast states — two Democrats and two Republicans — issued a statement Friday asking Congress to "put aside politics on disaster issues."

Gov. Bob McDonnell did not sign because of the level of federal aid that Virginia qualified for compared to the other states, but a spokesman said he agrees with the sentiments. "There should be no delay in ensuring that citizens receive the assistance they need in such a difficult time. He joins the other governors in this position," said McDonnell spokesman Tucker Martin. "The federal government must ensure that assistance is provided without delay."

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Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), GOP Mole?

From The Hill:

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) argued in an op-ed that the Tea Party is divisive, driven by anger and doesn't like America "the way we are."

Writing in Monday's USA Today, Brown said that liberals should be proud to run on healthcare and Wall Street reform and discuss the accomplishments "in specific, understandable terms."

"The John Birch Society of 1965 has bequeathed its fervor and extremism to the Tea Party of 2010," Brown wrote. "History tells us that rage on the right should not be confused with populism."...

Oh, please – pretty please! – run on ObamaCare. Throw in cap and trade, too. For good measure, also run against extending the Bush tax cuts. And be sure to keep hurling insults at the TEA Party movement... be sure to call our grandmothers' a bunch of racist hate-mongers... can you do that in national television advertising?

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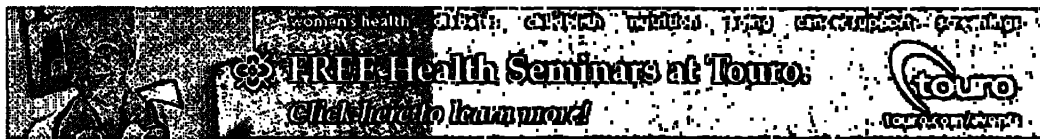
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Mary Landrieu to state Dems: it's me or the Party

BY ANDREW VANACORE
New Orleans bureau
June 19, 2013

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You could call it the unofficial launch of Sen. Mary Landrieu's re-election campaign.

The Louisiana senator came to a meeting of the Independent Women's Organization in eastern New Orleans on Saturday and delivered a stark warning to the state's Democrats, telling a ballroom packed with local political players that it's either her or another vote for the tea party in the Senate.

And as always for Landrieu, who will be asking voters for a fourth term next fall, it will be a close-fought thing, another expensive struggle to hold one of the last Democratic Senate seats in the South as Republicans fight for a majority in the chamber.

"When you look at that map and they start putting down millions and millions of dollars where they're going to go after, I'm targeted every time," Landrieu said. "I've had probably \$60 million to \$75 million spent against me, telling people all sorts of horrible things."

But, Landrieu said, "I do it joyfully," pointing out that if not for her, the Senate seat could have gone to David Duke, the notorious former Ku Klux Klan leader who ran in 1990, or Woody Jenkins, a state representative she beat in 1996 who "was in the tea party before there was a tea party."

Landrieu's remarks, perhaps her most combative this election cycle, come at a busy time in the Senate, with a long debate set to begin over immigration reform and a fight to block steep increases in flood insurance premiums, a battle that could affect thousands of Louisiana residents.

In the meantime, Landrieu also has family headaches to cope with after her 21-year-old son, Frank Conner Snellings, was arrested for allegedly driving drunk in the French Quarter. Landrieu mentioned the arrest briefly on Saturday, saying she was "terribly disappointed" with him and that he will be "fully held accountable by the law."



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But Landrieu made it clear that she already is focused intently on keeping her seat, facing a challenge from Rep. Bill Cassidy, R-Baton Rouge, and perhaps others. She mentioned frequent trips outside of Washington to raise money, reminded her audience of the paper-thin margins of victory that have sustained her thus far and even collected a few checks from supporters before leaving the stage.

State Sen. Karen Carter Peterson, chairwoman of the Louisiana Democratic Party, introduced Landrieu with a sharply worded battle cry, framing her re-election to the Senate as the state party's top priority.

"The most important thing that we have to do in the not-too-distant future to move Louisiana and all of our communities forward is to re-elect Senator Mary Landrieu in 2014," Peterson said.

Imagine, she said, leaving U.S. Sen. David Vitter, a Republican, as Louisiana's senior member of the Senate, a prospect that drew audible groans from the largely Democratic audience.

"OK, so that scares you," Peterson said. "And it should."

She pointed out that Democrats will be defending 21 Senate seats next year as they try to maintain a majority and will be losing a slew of incumbents to retirement.

"It's going to be a dogfight to keep control of the U.S. Senate," she said.

Landrieu's speech carried the same note of warning. She argued that none of her Republican challengers would have been able to harness the millions of dollars that have poured into Louisiana since Hurricane Katrina and pointed out that President Barack Obama's health care overhaul cleared the filibuster threshold in the Senate by only a single vote.

"I am so glad that I am there to vote on these bills that have just a magnitude of impact," she said.

Of course, her opponents will be pointing out the same votes as they try to unseat her, banking on potent conservative opposition to Obama's health care reforms and gun control measures among other things. Louisiana Republicans have aimed a steady stream of criticism at Landrieu, hoping that linking her record in the Senate to Obama's agenda will weaken her support in a state where the president is unpopular.

Landrieu struck a defiant tone. With a \$5 million war chest already established, she said she plans to raise another \$100,000 every week for the next year, aiming to gather at least another \$5 million.

Referring to Gov. Bobby Jindal, who blocked efforts during this year's legislative session in Baton Rouge to expand the federal government's Medicaid program in line with Obama's health care overhaul, Landrieu said, "What this governor has done and what the tea party threatens to do to undermine the safety net for the middle class in this country is breathtakingly cruel.

"If they're going to do it," she said. "They're going to do it over my dead body."

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>framing her re-election to the Senate as the state party's top priority. She's right: it's the only thing they have, thankfully.

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Sounds like a bunch of divisive race baiting to me. Why doesn't she address Voyager Expanded Learning literacy program. She'll do anything if the price is right. So she was put on the "Top 20 Most Corrupt Members of Congress" list put together by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. It doesn't surprise me that she would enter the race in New Orleans east with a lot of divisive race baiting. She typifies small Louisiana politicians. Say whatever to get elected no matter what harm it does to the community. Way to go, Mary.

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Reed Statement on Sequester-related Furlough Notices

WASHINGTON, DC -- After the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) today announced plans to postpone issuing furlough notices to civilian DoD employees nationwide for two weeks, including those at Naval Station Newport, the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, the Naval War College, and National Guard technicians, U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) said he hopes fewer furlough days might occur, but urged Republican lawmakers to work with Democrats to find a balanced solution to avert these avoidable cuts.

According to news reports, furloughed civilian DoD employees were likely to see their work week shortened one day a week without pay for 22 days between April 26 and September 30, the end of fiscal year 2013, which would amount to a 20 percent cut in pay. However, after Congress today passed a 2013 stopgap Appropriations bill that includes a \$10.4 billion boost to the Pentagon's operations and maintenance account, the Defense Department is now reevaluating its options. Non-DoD federal employees may also face furloughs.

Reed, a member of the Armed Services Committee and Appropriations Committee, stated:

"Forced furloughs could cost thousands of Rhode Island workers up to 20 percent of their income. There isn't suddenly 20 percent less work to be done, and canceling contracts, incurring termination costs, and deferring needed repairs can end up costing more in the long run. We need these workers and furloughing them could create a real hardship for families and reverberate through the economy, negatively impacting local businesses and communities across the country.

"Washington must do everything it can to avert these damaging cuts in so many agencies, but the budget brinkmanship that created the

sequester is still being used to block solutions.

"The sequester is the result of Tea Party conservatives in Washington irresponsibly taking our economy hostage and threatening to default on America's debt for the first time in modern U.S. history. In the summer of 2011, our nation came within a day of default before reaching an agreement to avert economic devastation. The sequester was designed to be so painful that no one would ever let it take effect. But now some are claiming these indiscriminate cuts as a victory and blocking a balanced solution.

"Budget Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray has offered a more responsible way to reduce our deficit which includes a mix of new revenues and cuts. But Republicans seem unwilling to even consider closing a single corporate tax loophole or ending a wasteful corporate subsidy for big oil companies. The system is not fair, it is tilted. We need reform, we need action, and we need responsible lawmakers who are willing to do what is best for the country and make principled compromises.

"Congress should work together to replace the sequester with balanced, bipartisan solutions that will create jobs and put our nation on the path to sustainable economic prosperity."

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While gun control dominates the nation's attention, raising the debt ceiling so the federal government can pay for spending to which it already has committed is the first order of business for Congress in 2013, Johnson said.

Gun control, immigration reform and the farm bill will get in line behind that.

Explaining the urgency of dealing with the debt limit, Johnson said "We've been living on borrowed time" since Jan. 1, when the debt ceiling technically was exceeded, although the impact has been forestalled by accounting maneuvers. Unless the debt ceiling is raised, Johnson warned of a possible government shutdown.

"Social Security won't be paid. Medicaid won't be paid. Veterans checks won't go out."

Johnson also said he will decide this spring whether to seek a fourth term in the Senate. He noted he will be 68 by the time his current term expires. In the Senate, that might qualify him as a young man, he said in a humorous aside. Weighed against a possible retirement is his position as chairman of the Senate Banking Committee and chairman of the military construction subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"I'm more powerful than I've ever been. But there comes a time when you should say, 'That's it.' But I don't know if that time has come yet," he said. In the meantime, Johnson said he still is raising money for a possible campaign.

Johnson also said he supports the nomination of former Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., as secretary of defense, barring any disqualifying evidence not yet disclosed.

"I have not yet seen any opposing argument that bears any weight," he said.

He expressed frustration at the inability of Congress to pass a new farm bill last year and blamed "the Tea Party and others in the House, primarily, who don't want to see a farm bill."

He said this is a philosophical position that is prepared to throw rural America under the bus, calling it "a free market attitude that is prepared to let the farm bill go and let rural America go."

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Noem said of the farm bill: "I was a passionate voice last Congress in fighting for a five-year farm bill and will continue to be going forward, because South Dakota's farmers and ranchers deserve certainty in their agriculture policy."

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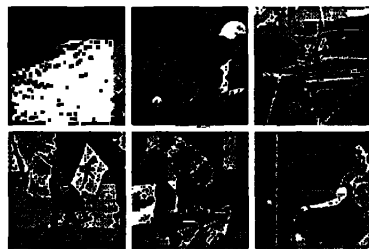
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Feinstein rails against GOP, Tea Party at Democratic convention

U.S. Sen. **Dianne Feinstein** took the stage at the state Democratic Party convention today to rally the base with a stinging rebuke of Republicans in the U.S. House.

"In the five months since Republicans have taken control of the House they have tried to systematically disassemble the American dream," she said.

Feinstein praised fellow Democrats and President **Barack Obama** for standing up to GOP demands to cut funding for Planned Parenthood, but called the budget proposal for next year introduced by Rep. **Paul Ryan**, R-Wis., the "next act in the assault on women, seniors and working people"

She cast the fundamental challenge of the country the conservative Tea Party movement's "singular mission to cut government so it cannot serve our people."

"In reality, the Tea Party has no plans for job creation and economic recovery. What they have is a radical, ideological agenda to dismantle the social and economic safety net of our country," she said.

Feinstein called for a stronger, more comprehensive national policy on nuclear power, saying being vigilant about safety and establishing a protocol for storing nuclear waste over the long term are top priorities.

"There are great lessons to be learned from Japan and we have some problems and some issues that need to be sorted out," she said.

She also applauded the repeal of the Don't Ask Don't Tell military policy and pledged to fight to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act, the federal law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman. But she warned that a victory for the gay-rights community is "not going to happen tomorrow or next month."

"We must right this wrong and it is going to be another long march," she said.

The 77-year-old Democrat called on delegates to come together to re-elect Obama and win the House and Senate in 2012, but was notably mum on her own re-election bid.

A serious GOP challenger has yet to emerge but the four-term senator, who won her last re-election bid by with nearly 60 percent of the vote, reported having more than \$4.3 million cash on hand as of her late March federal

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She declined questions on her impending campaign after the speech except to say it is her plan is to run again in 2012.



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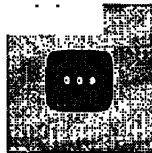
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Apollo_Saturn_V will blame republicans for every ill this country has ever encountered no matter what facts are presented....

The best thing to do is ignore these people because they suffer from Doublethink.

Doublethink, a word coined by George Orwell in the novel Nineteen Eighty-Four, describes the act of simultaneously accepting as correct two mutually contradictory beliefs, often in distinct social contexts. It is related to, but distinct from, hypocrisy and neutrality. Its opposite is cognitive dissonance, where the two beliefs cause conflict in one's mind. Doublethink is an integral concept of George Orwell's dystopian novel Nineteen Eighty-Four. The word doublethink is part of Newspeak.

The House voted as presented below:

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Clearly, this was a bipartisan vote....

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The Glass–Steagall Act prohibited any one institution from acting as any combination of an investment bank, a commercial bank, and an insurance company.

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If you aren't honest enough to admit that republicans and democrats BOTH betrayed the American people, how can we take anything you say seriously....

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amoldsux,

You're correct about socialism. Problem is... the only answer today's "tricked-out right" has to offer... is fascist in it's very nature. History reminds us (1930s-40s) that even socialism was a preferred method of rule over the oppressive (2-tiered) fascist ideal (where the rich have it all and all others have none).

It never ceases to amaze me that Fasce-Lackeys (like yourself) never call the GOP into such question when it comes to the great tax-paid giveaways!

You'd rather stick your G.D. head in the sand (or elsewhere) when it comes to the extraordinary wealth made at taxpayer expense by the likes of the Pharmaceuticals (for illegals, welfare abusers, convicts, etc) and Big Oil. But, that's different because they heavily fund the GOP, right?

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Rockefeller aims comments at tea party

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CHARLESTON, W.Va.-- Playing to his base, Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said he has become "somewhat obsessed" with members of the tea party.

Speaking Saturday night at the Charleston Civic Center for the Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, Rockefeller said members of the tea party are "extremists" who have "hijacked" the Republican Party and by extension the U.S. House and the Senate.

"They have no shame, and that's an interesting concept because I've never really been up against that before, people who will do absolutely extraordinarily bad things that are extraordinarily bad for the country and not care about it," Rockefeller said.

He noted some of the tea party Republicans have said they would not again run for Congress.

"That gives them the freedom to walk in and destroy the fabric of government," Rockefeller said.

He cited cuts made or proposed to research programs and social safety nets, including entitlement programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

He said the tea party Republicans have been using their power to hold up important programs and legislation.

"That's what they do: extortion — legislative extortion," Rockefeller said.

Acting Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, who is running to keep the seat he holds by virtue of being Senate president following Joe Manchin's departure last year for the U.S. Senate, also began to toughen his campaign language ahead of the Oct. 4 election. Without mentioning his Republican opponent, Bill Maloney, Tomblin accused his opponent of having "right-wing schemes."

"My opponent wants to follow the radical agenda of Washington Republicans," Tomblin said.

The tactic, if it were deployed in the race, would mark an interesting turn of events because it was only last year that Republicans used the unpopularity of Democrat President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats to flip local races. The tactic had mixed results, creating a Republican wave in many states, including gains for Republicans in the House of Delegates. But in the state's U.S. Senate race, Manchin was able to parry such claims aimed at him by Republican opponent John Raese.

During the event, Maloney's campaign sent an email to the media trying to tie Tomblin to Obama.

Both sides' tactics are, if anything, attempts to try guilt-by-association. In Tomblin's case, he'd be trying to tie Maloney to something going on in Washington, even though Maloney has never held public office. Likewise, Tomblin is considered a conservative Democrat, has significant backing from business interests and, like Manchin, will likely try to argue he's a different breed from most Washington Democrats.

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But, if anything, Obama continues to be an albatross for Democrats across the country, including in West Virginia. After the speeches were over, one Democrat who attended the event remarked that she'd not heard any reference to Obama during the entire evening of speeches. Indeed, there were few if any mentions of the president, who would normally be the figurehead of the party but is deeply unpopular in West Virginia.

Sen. Manchin, D-W.Va.; Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va.; and state party Chairman Larry Puccio spoke at the event. The keynote speaker was Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn.

Close to 800 people attended the event, Puccio said.

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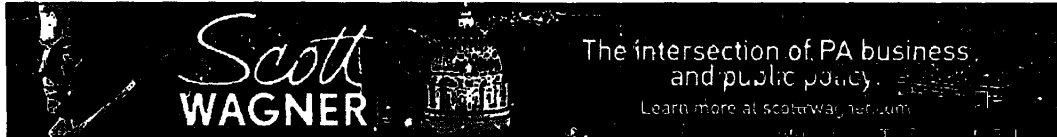
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Casey Camp Launches "Tea Party Tom Smith" Website
 Written by Kelly Cemetich, Deputy Editor



— The home screen of the Tea Party Tom Smith website.

In mid-July the Tom Smith campaign launched their "Senator Zero" website, in an effort to categorize the freshman Senator as a do-nothing politician.

And now the Casey campaign has struck back, unveiling their own "Tea Party Tom Smith" site.

The main talking points of the campaign have been a back-and-forth over Casey's record on "failing to push a single piece of legislation into law" and Smith's affiliation with the small-government movement.

The Democrats also knock the Armstrong County native for starting a Tea Party group there, making it part of the narrative that Smith is too extreme for the Commonwealth.

"Not only did Tea Party Tom Smith start his own Tea Party group – he's hit the campaign trail pushing a divisive agenda that is in lockstep with the Tea Party and out of step with Pennsylvania," Casey Campaign Manager Larry Smar said in an email.

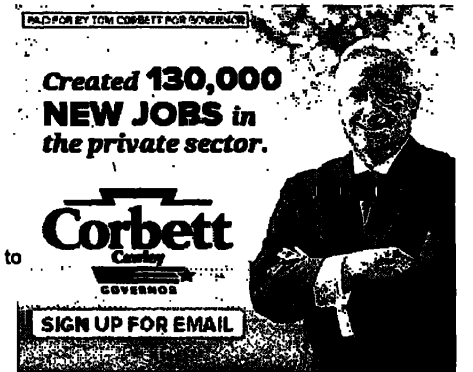
"In fact, Smith has embraced all of the Tea Party's extreme policies – from ending Medicare as we know it to privatizing Social Security. He's even put his support behind a tax plan that would cut taxes on the wealthiest while raising taxes on Pennsylvania's working families."

The email also said that the Tea Party is responsible for the hyper-partisan politics that have defined Congress as of late, and asks supporters to share the website with their friends and family to let them know "whose side Tea Party Tom Smith is on so they can make an informed decision on November 6."

Smith Communications Director Megan Piwower said the website is misleading and distracts from Casey's record.

"Unfortunately, for more than five and a half years, Sen. Bob Casey has offered zero solutions to fix our economic turmoil forcing his campaign to attack Tom on misleading information," she said.

"In November, voters will have a choice to reelect a career politician who has voted in lockstep with President Obama's job-crushing policies, or a proven job-creator. Tom's experience in the private



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sector has required he create and execute budgets, something Bob Casey and his Democratic colleagues have failed to do for more than three years."

This new website comes on the heels of the Casey campaign's own upgrades. Earlier this month they launched a new Bob Casey website, as well as Facebook and Twitter accounts.

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3 THOUGHTS ON "CASEY CAMP LAUNCHES "TEA PARTY TOM SMITH" WEBSITE"

Sid
on August 24, 2012 at 1:05 pm said:

PA made a mistake electing Tea Party Toomey. They won't make the same mistake again.

Bryan
on August 26, 2012 at 11:30 am said:

That image is the most piece of you-know-what Photoshop job I've ever seen.

CaptDot
on August 27, 2012 at 8:32 am said:

And they believe this a negative? Yes, 19 points is a hurdle to overcome. So, Bob Casey believes that espousing the principles of fiscal responsibility, Constitutionally limited government and free markets is a bad thing. He took an oath to defend the Constitution, didn't he? Apparently, he's in the camp to continue spending and spending without a budget to guide any action. This is what PA wants? Wake up, Folks!



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Do you support Governor Corbett's plan to remove the cap on taxes paid by gasoline wholesalers?

- Yes, this will help restore much needed funding to Pennsylvania transportation.
- No, I do not support a tax increase.

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Fla Clicks: Murphy gets out early against West, Nelson in good shape, latest GOP outrages

March 31, 2011

by ReidBlog

Allen West and Patrick Murphy ... kinda similar hair, very different outlooks.

Patrick Murphy isnt waiting on redistricting (to see if FL22 will still be FL22) or to see how much money Lois Frankel vacuums up from her donor list. Hes out early against Allen West, using as his chief prosecution witness. Allen West.

From the in-box yesterday, a glimpse of how Murphy plans to go after West:

Allen West, 2011: We are not extremists!

Allen West, 2010: Proud to be a right-wing extremist.

Fort Lauderdale, FL - Today, in an email to supporters, Allen West cries foul at our claims of his extremism, stating "We are not extremists!". However, even before any of his radical votes in Congress, Allen West called himself an extremist multiple times.

West said:

I guess I am a radical and an extremist: [Fort Lauderdale Independence Day Tea Party, 7/3/10]

I am just honored to be here today with all of my fellow right wing extremists. [Fourth of July Tea Party Rally, 2009]

Since taking office, West has irresponsibly voted in the most extremist positions, including voting to remove protections on food, toys, and drinking water, voting to pull away protections for pre-existing conditions and senior drug coverage, voting to reduce funding for womens healthcare, to end public funding for public broadcasting, and to shut down the government. Hes supported draconian funding cuts to teachers, police officers, scientists, regulators of Wall Street, and even homeless services. He has previously expressed support in abolishing both the Department of Energy and Department of Education.

Meanwhile, likely Democratic frontrunner Lois Frankel has been in office a really, really long time....

To the polls, where Bill Nelson is doing quite well, thank you, against all Republican comers, real and imagined:

Floridas Bill Nelson is in a little better shape now than in PPPs last gauge of his 2012 re-election race last December, leading six potential opponents by anywhere from 13 to 19 points.

For someone who has been in office for ten years, Bill Nelson has a remarkably low profile. As yesterdays release showed, newly elected junior colleague Marco Rubio is slightly better known already, and better liked. 28% of Floridians have no opinion about Nelsons job performance, and as in PPP polls throughout 2010, the rest split pretty evenly. 38% approving and 34% disapproving. He is not hated by Republicans, but he is not loved by his own party either. Independants split down the middle.

But luckily for Nelson, none of the potential opponents tested against him are any better known or more popular; all of them have at least slightly net negative favorability ratings. 83% have no opinion



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Customs officials show Nelson a new kiosk at the Tampa International Airport designed to specifically assist travelers from Canada and other international locations. Nelson has supported efforts to ease long lines for international travelers at Florida's major airports.

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of Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales, 77% of state Rep. Adam Hasner, 69% of former Sen. George LeMieux, 68% of state Sen. Mike Haridopolos, 65% of TV talk show host and former Rep. Joe Scarborough, and 57% of Rep. Connie Mack IV. Unlikely candidate Scarborough comes closest to Nelson, lagging 45-32, followed by LeMieux (48-33), Hasner (48-32), Haridopolos (50-34), and Wales (47-28). Mack announced he will not run after the poll was in the field. He would have fared little better than anyone else, trailing Nelson 47-34.

Two things Nelson has going for him is that he is winning 11-19% of Republican votes and losing only 4-8% of Democrats, while also holding leads with independents of ten to 24 points. Scarborough and Wales were not tested in December, but the others were down only eight to 16 points overall then, versus 13-16 now.

oeBill Nelsons approval numbers make him look vulnerable but they might be a little deceiving, said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. oeDemocrats dont love him but they would still vote for him in a general election and his better than average support across party lines from Republicans means his eventual opponent will be starting from behind.

Nelson is at 38/34 favorability. His match-ups are as follows:

Bill Nelson . 50%
Mike Haridopolos 34%
Undecided . 17%

Bill Nelson . 48%
Adam Hasner 32%
Undecided . 20%

Bill Nelson . 48%
George LeMieux 33%
Undecided . 19%

Bill Nelson . 47%
Connie Mack IV 34% (not running)
Undecided . 18%

Bill Nelson . 45%
Joe Scarborough 32% (says hes not running)
Undecided . 22%

Bill Nelson . 47%
Jimmy Wales 28%
Undecided . 25%

Full poll here.

And PPP gets a shout-out from the Reaganites here.

Meanwhile, more outrages out of Tallahassee:

The State Senate has killed a compromise plan that would have exempted the lowest wage state workers from the deepest salary cuts. Theyre also ending defined benefit pensions in Florida except for oehigh risk jobs, and killing a deferred retirement program called DROP. These quotes pretty much sum it up:

oeEnough already, said Andy Ford, president of the Florida Education Association, the teachers union. oePeople are frustrated! We are in the final days of preparation for the FCAT and you are destroying the moral of the people in this state who have brought it from 45th in 5th in the nation! We should not be balancing the budget on the back of the people of this state.

He warned: oeThe changes to the retirement system guarantees that we will be poor until the day we die.

Gov. Rick Scott is also looking for a way to take even more skin off the backs of the needy, by seeking deep cuts to an agency that aids the disabled:

TALLAHASSEE " Due to a shockingly large deficit, Gov. Rick Scott is planning to invoke his emergency powers and make deep cuts to the rates charged by group homes and case workers who help the developmentally disabled.

Scott could announce a 15 percent rate cut as early as Thursday to close the \$170 million budget gap in the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, according to lawmakers who were briefed Wednesday.

The deficit " which exceeds the agency's spending authority by nearly 20 percent " is partly the legacy of lawsuits, poor planning by the Legislature and a nearly \$20 million veto by Scott's predecessor, Charlie Crist, who starved the program of savings when he refused to trim provider rates last summer.

Those who provide services to the nearly 30,000 Floridians with cerebral palsy, autism and Down Syndrome said they aren't concerned with the origin of the deficit as much as the effect of deep rate cuts.

"This would be a catastrophe," said Kingsley Ross, an advocate and lobbyist for Sunrise Community, a Miami-based group home operator.

And how does Gollum celebrate his unilateral decision to cut the legs out from under people with disabilities (besides downing a raw fish whole)? He's headed off to the Special Olympics torch run. How's that for cruel irony?

Also at St. Petersburg, the Republican state legislature is very busy this week, killing affordable housing, redirecting \$45 million to the governor's economic development slush fund, and pulling out of a state commitment to fund cancer research.

Cutting cancer research? Most people would call that sickening. Or in GOP terminology: Thursday.

BTW, in case you missed it, Steve Schale breaks down the new Census math for Florida here. Three words: Tampa, Tampa, Tampa? Should've filled out those forms, Miami-Dade!

And note to Democrats: you can't say the word uterus in the legislative chambers. Children may be listening. And children are soared of uteruses. Bad memories of near drowning, you know! Be warned.

And last but not least: cue the coming primary wars.

CARDIN CALLS RYAN PROPOSAL TO PRIVATIZE MEDICARE A NONSTARTER

Ex. D-37.

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Washington, DC – **U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)**, a member of the Senate Finance and Budget Committees, today condemned Republican efforts to jeopardize Medicare, putting our seniors' health and financial security at risk.

"The so-called budget plan coming from House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan is designed to take money and benefits from our seniors to put more dollars directly into the pockets of private insurance companies. This is dangerously irresponsible and costly for seniors who already are making tough financial choices on fixed incomes. The Republicans have made it crystal clear that their intent is to privatize Medicare with no regard for the impact on our economy or the health and welfare of tens of millions of Americans. They want to slash benefits and eliminate guaranteed health care coverage for seniors at a time when Americans finally have gained the upper hand over the abusive practices of insurance companies.

"Grandstanding to satisfy the extreme whims of the Tea Party with nonstarter proposals to dismantle a bedrock program such as Medicare will not solve our fiscal problems and must be rejected. What we need is true compromise that requires Republicans and Democrats to work together to produce a budget that makes smart cuts without endangering our economic recovery or the health of our citizens."

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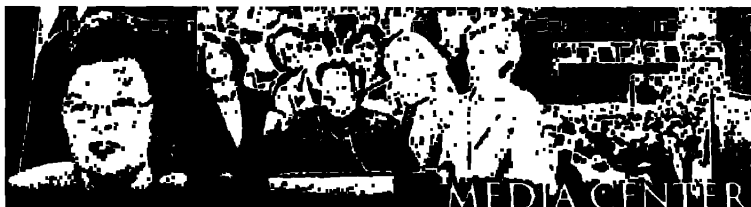
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Maryland, Virginia Senators Introduce Legislation to Guarantee Pay for Involuntarily Furloughed Federal Employees

Bill ensures retroactive pay for all federal employees

April 8, 2011

WASHINGTON D.C. – U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Mark R. Warner (D-VA), Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) and Jim Webb (D-VA) filed legislation today that would ensure that federal workers receive retroactive pay for the duration of a potential government shutdown. Currently, federal pay is suspended in the event of a funding lapse or government shutdown, and retroactive payment for "non-essential" and "essential" employees must be specifically approved by Congress.

"Federal employees who were furloughed through no fault of their own should be paid," said Senator Mikulski. "Dedicated civil servants should not be scapegoats for the decisions of politicians. They should be paid retroactively and I believe they should be paid in a timely way. I oppose this Tea Party shutdown. I am for cuts. I have reformed spending. I have initiated cuts. I believe we need a more frugal, efficient federal government. But it can't be done through serial CRs on the back of federal employees."

"Federal employees, including up to 90% of the civilian workforce at the Pentagon and thousands of other federal employees across Virginia, could be sent home without pay during any government shutdown," Senator Warner said. "These employees provide critical support for our ongoing military operations, including humanitarian relief in Japan, and they should not be penalized for Congress' inability to resolve our political and policy differences with a short-term spending bill."

"Marylanders who work for the federal government do not deserve to be locked out of their jobs and lose pay because lawmakers cannot agree on a budget," said Senator Cardin. "These are real people with families who are hurting and a shutdown is not of their making. I want to make sure they are not penalized by the inability of Congress to pass a budget."

"Individuals who dedicate their lives to public service should not have their livelihoods threatened due to Congress' failure to execute its core function of funding the government," said Senator Webb. "For that reason, as a matter of fairness, this legislation will ensure that federal workers are compensated for any wages lost if the government is forced to shut down."

A copy of the legislation has been posted [here](#).



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John McCain On Tea Party 'Hobbit' Criticism: 'I Am Not Sorry For What I Said' (VIDEO)

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During a town hall in his home state on Monday, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) was asked to apologize by a member of a local Tea Party group for critical remarks he made about some within the conservative movement during the deficit debate last month, Arizona-based station 3TV News reports.

McCain took issue with lawmakers affiliated with the Tea Party for their unwavering opposition to raising the debt ceiling. Speaking on the Senate floor, the Arizona senator read from a *Wall Street Journal* editorial offering a critical take on how some members of the Republican party had approached the pressing fiscal issue. The piece likened members of the Tea Party to "hobbits."

"I am sorry if it was misunderstood," said McCain in response to the call for him to apologize for his remarks. "I am not sorry for what I said."

Here's the relevant excerpt from the *Wall Street Journal* editorial:

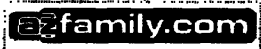
...The idea seems to be that if the House GOP refuses to raise the debt ceiling, a default crisis or gradual government shutdown will ensue, and the public will turn en masse against . . . Barack Obama. The Republican House that failed to raise the debt ceiling would somehow escape all blame. Then Democrats would have no choice but to pass a balanced-budget amendment and reform entitlements, and the tea-party Hobbits could return to Middle Earth having defeated Mordor.

This is the kind of crack political thinking that turned Sharron Angle and Christine O'Donnell into GOP Senate nominees. The reality is that the debt limit will be raised one way or another, and the only issue now is with how much fiscal reform and what political fallout.

McCain's remarks last month drew fire from Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), former Nevada GOP Senate candidate Sharron Angle and others affiliated with the Tea Party movement.

Below, video of the exchange that went down at the town hall in Arizona via 3TV News.

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Lindsey Graham: Tea Party will "Die Out"

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In the past year, many Republican lawmakers have sought the support of the conservative Tea Party movement. But Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, bucking his party once again, is predicting the movement will "die out."

"The problem with the Tea Party, I think it's just unsustainable because they can never come up with a coherent vision for governing the country. It will die out," Graham said in an [interview](#) with the New York Times magazine. "We don't have a lot of Reagan-type leaders in our party. Remember Ronald Reagan Democrats? I want a Republican that can attract Democrats."

Graham added, in a comment sure to rile some in the GOP: "Ronald Reagan would have a hard time getting elected as a Republican today."

In the current hyper-partisan atmosphere in Washington, Graham is one of the few Republicans willing to work with Democrats on hot-button issues like comprehensive energy legislation and immigration reform. In April, he [voted](#) against the controversial Arizona immigration law -- which has [polarized](#) both liberals and conservatives -- [unconstitutional](#). He has [signaled](#) he could vote to confirm Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court and even [chided](#) his Republican colleagues for labeling liberal icon Thurgood Marshall a "judicial activist."

Graham's willingness to cross partisan lines has won the ire of Tea Partiers and other hardline conservatives. Republicans in South Carolina have even [officially censured](#) Graham for his work with Democrats on issues like immigration.

"Everything I'm doing now in terms of talking about climate, talking about immigration, talking about Gitmo is completely opposite of where the Tea Party movement's at," Graham told the New York Times.

The senator described a contentious meeting he had in his office with a group of Tea Partiers. Graham said he asked them, "What do you want to do? You take back your country -- and do what with it?"

"Everybody went from being kind of hostile to just dead silent," he said.

In the story, Graham said that Republicans who will likely be elected in this year's midterm elections will be "more like me, not less like me" -- though he made an

exception for at least one Tea Party-backed candidate, Nevada's Sharron Angle.

"Now, this lady from Nevada?" Graham said. "Probably not."

During a Tea Party rally this spring, a speaker said Graham was working with Democrats out of fear that they would out the lifelong bachelor as a homosexual. Graham smirked at the mention of this incident, the Times reports.

"Like maybe I'm having a clandestine affair with Ricky Martin," he said. "I know it's really gonna upset a lot of gay men -- I'm sure hundreds of 'em are gonna be jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge -- but I ain't available. I ain't gay. Sorry."

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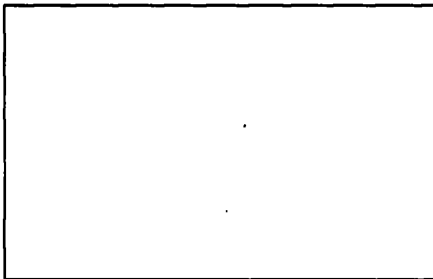
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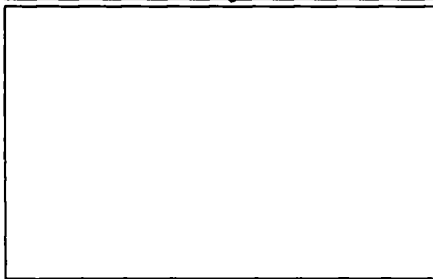
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ron6978 says:

What is Lindsey Graham afraid of. The TEA Party iks about what Graham should be about. Less government, less spending, less taxation, and more freedom. Is Graham afraid of losing his do-nothing job? I think so, and his party will not support him either next time he comes up for re election. All are welcome at TEA party rallies, even politicians from both sides of the aisle. Come on down, face the trouble you have caused and why we are fighting to keep you from destroying America

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nathandrew says:

To those of you Tea Baggers complaining about our taxes, we have one of the lowest tax rates in the world. And our tax rates are basically the same as Bush's. So where were you when the white man was in charge? All of a sudden when it's a black man who is "taking your money" he's taking too much? No one with a percentage of a clue what is going on with the economy can take you guys seriously.

reply

Joystaveley replies:

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With the Bush tax cuts, everyone benefited at all levels. We are complaining now because effective January 1, 2011 those better tax rates will be gone, or were you unaware of that! As far as other countries go, look at Greece! America is not and should not be like any other country. We work hard here and make our own way. If you want Socialism, try Europe, or better yet, Greece!

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mmvale says:

The tea party is a way for average Americans to voice their views. Congress and the president do not listen to us so we have to have a way to tell them how we feel. We don't want 2,000 page bills that no one understands. We want honest debate about important issues that will change our lives.

reply

facelessdrone2005 replies:

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Yeah, but unfortunately you can't fit a health care bill into a news item on Fox. Sorry, it's complicated. Deal with it. And if you sincerely want honest debate, that's great, now tell your conservative buddies. The Republicans in Congress think debate means filibuster and the teabaggers are still hung up on "you're either with us or against us." That's not debate, that's abuse.

Joystaveley replies:

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Not sure what facelessdrone2005 is talking about, but you can't debate a bill if you don't know what's in it, and you can't know what's in it if it's still being written while you are voting on it! That is what happened in the Health Care Bill. The problem Democrats and Republicans is that they are just voting the party line and not voting what the American people want. The Ten Party people don't have that problem. We are fighting for principal.

That is so much more up front than what is happening in Congress!

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Noah_Why says:

Now appearing in the role of Arlen Specter - Lindsay Graham nesty.

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xfler93 says:

dont understand this guy. He will be out of office long before the Tea Party is gone that is for sure. Wierd.

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les_gvt says:

I am a conservative that happens to be gay, so I could care less about his self denial, what I care about is he is a RINO, go ahead and take Snowe, Collins, Mc amuesty all to the Democrats with you, after November, they will need you to maintain control of the Senate

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jjm13 says:

Oh I am absolutely certain it is Lindsey Graham's deepest wish that the TP will die out by his next election cycle (2014). I'm sure hope springs eternal in his heart that we will disappear. Graham, we're not going anywhere. If the TP, those of us who represent and have become the voice of the vast majority of the American people, are no longer a force to be reckoned with by 2014, then BHO and his destructive agendas will have prevailed and, frankly, there will be little to speak in defense of. In Obama's world, he is king, we are his subjects, we toil for his spending pleasures, he would silence us on talk radio, he would silence us and dump us down on the Internet. In short, he would be ruling with an iron fist.

Those such as Graham who has decided we have no clear goals, who still maintain we are a group disconnected and misinformed vastly underestimate the American people. We have no more patience with lies, deception, rhetoric and hyperbole. More importantly, we are done with career politicians...those who point a dampened finger to the political winds and blow for all appearances sake in that direction...then do as they dammed well please.

We are done with people like Graham who correctly points out vital flaws with people like Sotomayor, exposing her as a bigot, an activist judge who seeks to, not interpret law, but create them...and then vote in favor of her proclaiming, "elections have consequences." We shall see what consequences he faces in 2014.

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kbworkman says:

I guess Lindsey isn't a student of history.

When the people are satisfied that they are being listened to grass root movements dissolve and the PEOPLE go about their lives.

It is only the special interest movements need to stay around all the time because they need to keep themselves looking important. That is their daily lives.

When the PEOPLE become unhappy they band together. The special interest groups try to convince everyone that they are nut cases but it won't work. We know who the nutcases are and there are more of us than them.

We aren't gone, but watching. We have lives to lead and a country to try to keep running without any encouragement or help from the government.

We also will remember when it comes time to vote. Politicians can lie very well. In good times people don't pay that much attention but in the bad times we have much better memories.

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MikeInIdaho says:

Can ANY of you argue the merits (if you can) of Obama's policies, or is carping about the Tea Party and it's "members" all you have? Just asking!

So far, it's small minded arguments from small minded people! But then, this IS CBS, isn't it.

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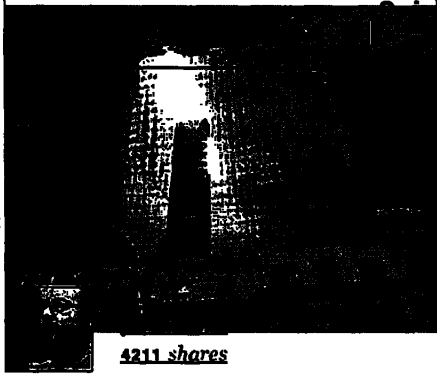
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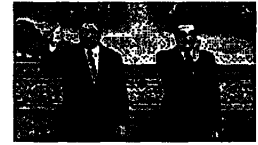
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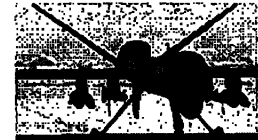
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Zakaria: The Tea Party's un-American behavior

Thursday night, Fareed Zakaria spoke to Wolf Blitzer about turmoil on Wall Street. Here's a lightly edited transcript:

Wolf Blitzer: There is fear out there that we may be about to go into a double dip recession.

Fareed Zakaria: I think there's a fear around the world that growth all over the world is experiencing problems in many different ways.

If you think about this year, it started out strong for the United States. But you had oil spikes. You began to see inflation in China and India. Then Europe started getting yet another replay of its debt troubles. And then you got the United States with its budgetary squabble.

So, in a sense, you went from China and India worrying about inflation, which got the markets worried; Europe errating with regard to Greece, and now Italy and Spain. And the United States, our debt problems and our debt wrangling was probably the straw that broke the camel's back. But it's now happening everywhere.

It's Europe, the emerging markets, the United States - all seem for different reasons to have experienced serious economic troubles. The market is finally catching up with that in a sense.

Wolf Blitzer: Because some of the analysts have suggested: It's one thing for Greece, one thing for Portugal, one thing for maybe Ireland to be having some severe economic dislocation, but when Italy and Spain start going through that, and fears about their viability begin to surface, that really could have a spillover effect not only on the United States, but indeed the rest of the world.

Fareed Zakaria: Absolutely. Remember, Greece is about two percent of the Eurozone's economy. In other words, it's a nano state. It doesn't really matter.

Italy, on the other hand, is one of the largest economies in Europe. And Italy has huge public debt.

So, if interest rates on Italy's debt continue to rise as they are now, frankly it means the end of the euro, because Italy is too large to bail out.

Italy is literally too big to fail, but it's also too big to bail out. Even Germany does not have the resources to do that. The only solution would be a breakup of the euro; Italy would get back to the lira, devalue its currency, which would be a catastrophic event for global markets.

Wolf Blitzer: Fareed, you have written the cover story on the new issue of TIME magazine, The Great American Downgrade: Why the Debt Crisis Has Hurt Growth and Our Position in the World. Let me read a line from the article, because it's very, very poignant - controversial I should say as well.

"People have to cooperate for anything to get done. That is why the Tea Party's insistence on holding the debt ceiling hostage in order to force its policies on the country - the first time the debt ceiling has been used this way - was so deeply un-American."

You're getting some feedback on that, some reaction. "Un-American"?

Fareed Zakaria: I'll explain why.

First, understand how unprecedented it was. The debt ceiling has been raised 78 times since 1960. It has never been used this way, essentially as blackmail. The Democrats did not use it during the Vietnam War. It was not used this way during civil rights legislation.

So nobody has ever held a country hostage and said, 'If you don't pass our policies, we'll blow up the economy, we'll blow up the credibility of the United States.'

The reason I say it's un-American, Wolf, is because the American system - unlike European parliamentary systems - is built on shared powers and overlapping authority. No one is in control in America.

There's the president, there's the Senate, there's the House of Representatives, the state governments. And the founding fathers designed it that way because they wanted there to be an effort to create policies through compromise, through consensus.

So if you take the position that it's your way or the highway, that you will literally not give an inch, what you're doing is really against the spirit of the American republic - against the spirit of what the founding fathers wanted.

Wolf Blitzer: Is the United States on the verge potentially of no longer being the world's economic superpower?

Fareed Zakaria: No, because I think we're in a race for most financially irresponsible superpower, and right now Japan and the European Union are probably winning. You know, at the end of the day, you can only beat something with something else.

So the dollar will remain the reserve currency of the world, and U.S. treasury bills will remain a safe haven as long as there's no other alternative. But the important thing to realize is we are developing alternatives.

There will not be a single alternative. This is why in my book I call it the post-American world. But you are getting these baskets of currencies, where people are increasingly looking and thinking to themselves, what they can do is we can buy a few, you know, Swiss francs, and English pounds and perhaps one day the Chinese yuan will be a currency you can buy, and there will be those kind of mixed alternatives. And that is the picture of the world we're entering - a world in which the United States is not as dominant, but there are a kind of group of countries that become a substitute.

It's a very messy world, because it means there's no leader, and we're going through a period like this, where there's nobody that is able to lead us out of this global economic crisis - out of these recessionary times. It used to be that the United States was the engine, was the motor of global growth. We're not. Right now it isn't clear anyone else can pick up the slack.

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Aravind

Fareed, you should stick to foreign policy and NOT intrude into economics. Why didn't you ask house democrats to support Boehner's plan so that he does not go to Tea party for support? How are they more American than Tea party? President said he will veto ANY plan republicans sent him. How American is he? You are being disingenuous by not standing up for those who are trying to make our economy less indebted and preventing from China controlling us by their debt holdings.

August 5, 2011 at 5:12 pm | Reply

Mik

The democrats were internally debating this whole year about what to spend money on, and the republicans were debating them about whether to spend at all. Republicans theorize that government grows too much and once they are in power, they fail to govern.

August 5, 2011 at 6:17 pm | Reply

CMH

So the Democrats should just pass whatever the Republicans send their way? If I wanted one party rule I'd go to North Korea. Politics should not be about who is willing to kill the most hostages. I'm going to vote for people who would give the other side the baby rather than cut it half.

We need more moderates in both parties, but the Republicans have two kinds of members. Those not willing to work together in the interest of the country and those who just want to do whatever it takes to destroy the other Democrats.

August 5, 2011 at 6:28 pm | Reply

Cedar Hill Press

You are simply out of touch with reality: the vast majority did not vote for the Tea Party, is highly offended and angered at the damage they have done to the lives of ordinary hardworking Americans and our republic. You do not have the voter support to last much longer, in fact the more obstructive and louder you became the more galvanized even the passive become to correcting this travesty. A leader is out there sure to emerge who will fight for what is right for the country as a whole, and the majority of American voters are just waiting for someone effective, self-less and able to clean house, even if he has to kick in public the butts that need kicking. It's happening, no one is harkening to divisive name-calling anymore.

August 7, 2011 at 10:10 pm |

Cedar Hill Press

Please see my comment above, it was stuck in wrong place place, but directed at you. Apologies for any confusion this caused to anyone here.

August 7, 2011 at 10:14 pm |

Liberals are unamerican

I guess republicans should just pass everything that the liberals want. Liberals say that republicans need to move to the center its the reason that they were in the center that we are in this mess. If we had a balanced budget years ago we would be in the mess and raising taxes to spend more on welfare doesnt count as that

August 9, 2011 at 8:37 pm |

J von Kettlingen

I think the word "un-American" might be misleading. Fareded meant, it was unprecedented to raise the debt-ceiling with strings attached. The way the Tea Party dealt with it was holding the country hostage, which would have been ill-liked by the founding fathers.

August 5, 2011 at 6:36 pm | Reply

tony ushiah

you are correct, sir. however, why is voting against raising the ceiling in this instance, irresponsible, fringe and more right wing insanity? However when senators obama and biden voted against raising the ceiling under president bush, we heard nothing from this man or this network. and please don't say, because the vote was meaningless (obama should have just voted "present" as he usually did. another clear example of this media that has been exposed for what it is, an infomercial for the democrats. the problem is, however, now everyone know.

August 7, 2011 at 9:39 pm |

Hwy9

No. The blame for this mess falls squarely on the shoulders of the party of no, and specifically in the laps of the tea party nation. No ifs, ands, or buts. Unbelievable arrogance, incredible ignorance, and disgusting hubris - each and every one of them. This should never have happened, and they are completely to blame - don't even think about blaming the President or the Democrats.

August 6, 2011 at 3:24 am | Reply

Victor Lazlo

You forgot to mention stupidity.

August 8, 2011 at 10:03 pm |

Fact

You a retard.

August 14, 2011 at 5:20 pm |

Mag

You have to love someone that is so sure that someone else is retarded but can't master elementary grammar. You go man!

August 28, 2011 at 7:16 pm |

lifetraveler

Aravind, you need to understand economics. The true way to get out of debt is to bring in more income and cut more expenses. There is a baseline living level in every family and you can't reduce all spending, if you want to survive.

I'm not going to stop feeding my children, while I loan my best friend 10,000 dollars. When you give 'special interest' tax credits to only the corporations that are giving you money for your campaign, then you are doing two things. One, as a politician you are essentially taking legal bribes from corporate supporters. Two, you are treating the individual American as if he or she is less important than the corporation. No corporation should get any tax breaks more than you as an individual should. No corporation should get any tax credits, more than other corporations. You obviously are not aware that BP Oil, the one that fouled our waters is actually getting tax credits (which means we are giving them money) that Coca-Cola (an American company) is not getting. Why because oil companies contribute heavily to the politicians and the numbers will show that the GOP gets most of those contributions, with the Democrats running behind.

Re-election is the holy grail for any politician. Unfortunately the GOP don't even pretend that they are not trying to take the money. You ask them for a plan for jobs, and their response is "blame Obama". You ask them for a plan for investments in infrastructure, they say, "blame Obama". If they would concentrate on solving problems, instead of following their two page manifesto for blaming "Obama", then maybe we'd get somewhere.

August 7, 2011 at 8:51 pm | Reply

Travis

I agree with all of you points – well written. I am a Canadian neighbor / trading partner who is watching this mess unfold and what bothers me the most is that the GOP could have substantially benefited from a more co-operative budget reduction package that included the removal of ~~unfair~~ tax breaks for the large (and extremely profitable) corporations. This however would have been a slap in the face to their biggest campaign supporters. And the stock market continues to plunge.....to allow the Republicans a chance to govern in 2012? I hope the American people (the vast majority of lower-middle income earners) see through the thinly veiled attempt to place the blame on Mr. Obama.

August 8, 2011 at 7:32 pm |

Cedar Hill Press

this is not helpful and does nothing to solve problems we have, only further divisiveness masked as "patriotism". Only more polarizing blather. Who are you, what are your creds and convictions, that make this worthy of note, let alone convincing and actionable?

August 7, 2011 at 9:47 pm | Reply

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, B.A., J.D.

The 2.4 trillion dollars that the Tea Party insisted on taking out of the US Economy will cause a 3,000 to 4,000 point collapse in the Dow before the end of August. The Credit of the United States is ngrade so we will pay between .08 and 1.6% more interest on our national debt. This may make it necessary to withdraw from Afghanistan before the job is finished which could be a fiasco for the entire west. Eventually, the Chinese will demand that we give purchase credit preference for the purchase of American Agricultural products as the US Government confronted with Tea Party Pinheads in Congress will be unable to raise taxes on the richest Americans or the most profitable corporations. Inflation in the United States will top 20% annually once the last American Troops leave Afghanistan. That sad place will see a re-run of what happened in Saigon, the Karzai Government will collapse before the last American troops leave Kabul, and his cabinet will retire to enjoy the billions of dollars that they have looted from American Foreign Aid. The best way for American University graduates to get a good job will be to have excellent Mandarin Language skills as Chinese companies begin to buy-up US Industrial companies that they have not already put out of business. So it won't be a ~~razor~~ or a nuclear war that will put the US into their vernal status, it will be a group of foolish, stupid and arrogant lawmakers who will be more interested in "other people's meridians" than the fiscal survival of what was once the greatest country on earth.

August 8, 2011 at 1:14 am | Reply

SouthernCelt

A Lawyer AND an anglophile? Now, that is low.. =)

August 29, 2011 at 5:16 pm |

Jaime

Aravind you are a pig and you have no credibility or idea on what you are talking about.

August 17, 2011 at 11:48 pm | Reply

James Baker

Not a very well informed opinion. I don't think you even grasped what Zakaria was saying. The Tea Party held the country's financial health hostage to a budget that met their criteria for huge cuts and no tax increases on the rich. The debt ceiling issue should never be tied to the budget. The debt exists because the expenditures have already been made – by Congress, not the President. The Tea Party was basically refusing to pay for the expenditures Congress had already authorized in order to get its way on future budget issues. Shameless and un-American.

August 24, 2011 at 1:28 am | Reply

Stephen Amaden

@aravind

President said he would veto any plan that did not include revenue (not any plan submitted by Republicans) but ended up caving on this requirement even though revenue enhancement is the only long term solution to our debt problem. To cut programs that pay people to work in the midst of a lack of demand recession is not patriotic. The Republican cutting taxes solution cannot work to create jobs. There is already 20% of productive capacity unused because of lack of demand. Repairing infrastructure is one way to make private sector jobs even if it is paid for with government funds. Working people buy things. Main St needs \$\$\$. Banks and Corporations are presently sitting on piles of cash. Banks are not making loans and corporations are not hiring, so tax breaks for corporations and wealthy will not help the economy.

August 5, 2011 at 6:19 pm | Reply

Hwy9

Stephen, the President ran out of time. Did you notice? The tea partiers left him with NO time to veto – we would have defaulted had he done so. Be angry, but be angry at the people who caused this to happen.

August 6, 2011 at 3:27 am | Reply

Yep

Thank you. Exactly.

August 6, 2011 at 4:30 pm |

tony akdah

he has been president for over 2 years. In that time, he has not submitted a serious budget, this is his doing. Oh, wait, he did submit one budget that was so bad, that not one senator voted for it. NOT ONE DEMOCRAT!! This is all a political calculation for this man. Just as Rahm as stated, "never let a crisis to waste". Obama is following that receipt to a T. Why is it "crazy, or ignorant" to expect the government to control spending. You all have it wrong, his ideas are NOT working.....face it.....oh, wait, Bush did it, sorry I forgot.

August 8, 2011 at 1:24 am |

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3.

Mani

@Aravind

The President said he will Veto any plan that came from republicans that didn't put every component of debt reduction on the table [i.e. Tax revenues as well... which Republicans didn't want to discuss at all and were trying to damage in every session]. They got there with and because of it, our debt in 10 years looks like will be closer to 24 trillion and not 26 trillion...brilliant.

Debt reduction will take serious fundamental changes to tackle and without changes and compromise in every aspect and purvue of the government system, it will not work.

August 5, 2011 at 6:27 pm | [Reply](#)

4.

Everald

Fareed -- your insights are always right on. I love the show and rely on it for your diverse panels. One of the things that set you apart is that your show has a global perspective and appeals to a diverse audience. It would be a treat if you could get President Obama on the show!

August 5, 2011 at 6:46 pm | [Reply](#)

5.

Onesmallvoice

Fareed, isn't calling the Tea Party Movement un-American kind of like calling the Nazis un-German? Both have the same right-wing philosophy and ideology of hate!!! Inasmuch as I know what a poor job Barack Obama is doing as President, I'll never support the Tea Party Movement.

August 5, 2011 at 7:38 pm | [Reply](#)*Onesmallvoice*

Sorry folks about the misspelt above. I meant to print "philosophy", not philosophy".

August 5, 2011 at 7:41 pm | [Reply](#)*Trip Richert*

Hitler was Catholic. Mother Teresa was Catholic. Therefore, Mother Teresa was Hitler.

You are not being logical here. What is notable about the Nazi Party in Germany is that they attempted to carry out genocide and started a World War. Unless you think a group is doing something comparable to either of those actions, comparing them to Hitler is being a bit extreme.

August 6, 2011 at 1:28 am | [Reply](#)*j. von hettlingen*

@ Trip Richert, you've missed the point! " isn't calling the Tea Party Movement un-American kind of like calling the Nazis un-German". It's the nationality label that was being discussed, not comparing the Tea Baggers to the Nazis.

I wouldn't say the behaviour of the Tea Baggers "un-American", but unpatriotic. They don't seem to have America's best interests at heart!

August 6, 2011 at 9:03 am |

Trip Richert

@j. von hettlingen

If that was the point, then yes I definitely missed it. I may have misinterpreted because OneSmallVoice said "Both have the same right-wing philosophy and ideology of hate!!!"

August 6, 2011 at 12:30 pm |

Mag

It's not a difficult point to grasp....if you can't then try a critical thinking course at your local jr college and get back with us.

August 28, 2011 at 7:22 pm |

Peter Welsingu

NO, and why is the answer no, simple: did the nazis do a good job for Germany or the german people? I think NOT!
It's not a matter of left or right, it's about extremists and where in the world extremists did a good job for their people or their country?

August 6, 2011 at 12:49 pm | [Reply](#)

6.

SAW_Boy

Un-American?

On one hand, 'American' can be interpreted to mean whoever one thinks 'Americanism' represents. With this type of definition, any discussion on 'Americanism' must disintegrate into the question of what is an accepted meaning of the term. With 'Ideology' in general, much time must be exhausted determining an acceptable meaning of the terms before a discussion can begin on any larger issue. Since nobody can suffer much discussion on acceptable definitions, nobody even bothers to converse further, once one's Ideology is pushed to the forefront.

On the other hand, when 'Americanism' is intended to refer to the things that America has been known to frequently do, the larger issue becomes more of a matter of counting instances of occurrence.

This is not so tedious as arguing about definitions.

If America has never done a certain thing before, it is reasonable to describe this thing as 'Un-American'.

In my reading of Fareed's claim, I recognize his meaning to be clearly that what America has done is unprecedented for America. A meaningful rebuttal would therefore take the form of "On the contrary, America has done this type of thing many times before, as in the cases of.....".

It would be very helpful to America if we could have more effective discussions on the important issues that face America.

It seems that the world STILL looks toward America for some kind of hope.

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Perhaps, our behavior on the debt ceiling issue and the recent stock market decline are indications that America 'has dissapointed'
We should not be hardened against this interpretation.

August 5, 2011 at 7:42 pm | Reply
Carol

7.

I agree totally with Fareed Zakaria and much appreciate his analysis and insight. I would like to mention that there was one thing right about the whole mess in Congress: although there were hard feelings, there were no bullets. We have not chosen to demonstrate in the streets. It has not been necessary to put down rebellion with deadly force. People (all sides) will live to continue to try to improve our economy and our nation. There may not be an ideal nation, but we're working toward it. Everybody makes mistakes. This recent demonstration of dysfunctional Congress was a display of political "tactics", however unseemly, it was not bloody.

August 5, 2011 at 11:55 pm | Reply
leeintulsa

Couldn't have said it better, carol 😊

August 6, 2011 at 12:48 pm | Reply
Yep

I agree, except that I think we SHOULD protest in the streets. It's the only way to let these radicals know that they do NOT speak for the majority of Americans.

August 6, 2011 at 4:34 pm | Reply
AMALIA Pellegrini

WELL SAID !!!! I am ITALIAN AND LIVE IN GENOA . I was expecting the real AMERICANS to PROTEST AGAINST THIS STUPID, ARROGANT, IGNORANT , EGOCENTRIC TEA BAGGERS !!!!!!!!!!!
PLEASE DO !!! I WOULD GLADLY SUPPORT YOU , PROTEST WITH YOU BECAUSE I LOVE AMERICA !!!!

August 7, 2011 at 7:26 pm |
judy

Thank you Carol - I agree.

August 7, 2011 at 1:19 pm | Reply
steve

8.

Totally agree. Threatening the nation with economic calamity should not be leverage for a political party to get its way.

August 6, 2011 at 12:10 am | Reply
Stan Richardson

9.

I feel the true destroyers of the country is the Republican/Tea-Party of the house and all of them needs to be impeached. I will continue to support and defend my President, and the true evil is the Republican/Tea-Party. The United States will be destroyed if we continue to go down their path.

Stan Richardson

August 6, 2011 at 10:12 am | Reply
Sanity

How true that rings, Stan. The Republican/Tea Partiers will bring this country to it's knees if they get their way!

August 6, 2011 at 11:59 am | Reply
CS

10.

Dude are you serious. Within 2 responses you go from describing the catastrophic consequences of Italy's public debt to criticizing a group for reducing public debt.

August 6, 2011 at 10:48 am | Reply
hne

They don't actually care about the debt. That is a red herring. Maybe some do, but they don't realize or don't want to know that their group is being bank-rolled by people who a. don't want their taxes to go up and b. don't want their businesses to be regulated. AKA - The Koch Brothers.

August 6, 2011 at 4:36 pm | Reply
Clayton Yrowbridge

11.

I have agreed with you on so many subjects...but, the Tea Party's behavior is very American and I couldn't disagree with you more. Previous comments should be enough argument to support my conclusions. Please rethink YOUR "un-American" stance on the issue and voice a more open-minded view that isn't so political. Be a mature person and provide an apology for your knee jerk reaction. This article has lessened my respect for you (and CNN).

August 6, 2011 at 7:44 pm | Reply
Sebs

12.

Fareed,

Go tell Muslim leaders, your brothers in Islam how to live. Or go tell Obama about job he cut! Oil jobs, EPA shutdown of farms in Cali. Insurance jobs.
Your people are a drag on the world!
tell them what they do is backward, detrimental, coward, degrading!
Sorry ole Chap.

The Chicken have Come home to rooooooost! and Islam is a drag!

August 7, 2011 at 10:36 am | Reply

LOGIC

13.

Let's put the blame at the feet where the blame belongs...the people who voted for a divided government are to be blamed.

August 7, 2011 at 6:38 pm | Reply

LOGIC

14.

Independents who voted for the Tea Baggers in order to send "Washington" a message must bear the brunt of this problem. Buyers remorse anyone?

August 7, 2011 at 6:43 pm | Reply

baronsternberg

15.

The Tee Tee Party needs to be flushed down the drain where it will do the most good.

August 7, 2011 at 7:23 pm | Reply

AMALIA Pellegrini

I AGREE, the TEA PARTY IS SIMPLY DETRIMENTAL TO ANY GOOD. ITS ACTIONS STILL VIBRATES NEGATIVELY BEYOND THE AMERICAN BORDER

August 7, 2011 at 7:37 pm | Reply

tony ukiah

is it still vibrating, right now??? i've got my feet on the ground, but don't feel anything! anyway, i will keep trying.

August 7, 2011 at 9:16 pm |

BigAl

16.

We have the lowest taxation rate of any industrialized nation. Why do the Tea Partiers have this insane ideological obsession with preventing any tax hikes? Their belief is boarding on a cult like fanaticism. The rest of us are wondering how they got endocrinated in that. We've had this crazy low taxation rate for a decade now and our economy has steadily soured over that same period. In the face of facts, they must be sticking to their mantra out of pride or something.

August 7, 2011 at 7:55 pm | Reply

tony ukiah

17.

sir, thinking people understand, and see through your cheap, dime store method...and yes, it will work, and you will receive the feedback you hope to, so that you can further criticize and point out the "crazy fringe", in the tea party. although I have to say thank you, as you have convinced me to officially join. the issue w/ the tea party and taxes is this: this government is the epitomy of bad governing, wasteful, bloated, and completely out of control w/ no end in sight. I don't want to send more money to washington for them to waste, and that, is NOT unamerican. On the contrary, it is precisely american. but, again you will receive what you require, to further your bogus description of the tea party, and their "unamerican" requirements. are the democrats ready to put obamacare on the table, you know, the same one that everyone, including those who endlessly promoted it now seek waivers, what a joke.

August 7, 2011 at 9:10 pm | Reply

urkie 115

18.

I have a question ..or two. Even though Grover's Pledge has been mentioned, 1. Why has the press not pointed out that there are 240 members of the House and 40 Senators who owe more fidelity to Mr Norquist,(front man for ..?) than to their Oath of Office. Is this treason? They had sworn not to govern.2. Even though everybody is familiar with the saying "follow the Money" why is no one following the money? Folks, there are some BIG piles of money moving around. This is planned . It is not impossible to see that the middle class in America has been milked like a cow and as we speak, those who bet right are making a killing on the Asian Markets..and will repeat the process when Wall Street opens tomorrow. Did the Winners guess right or did they create the conditions for their success? Democracy is still an experiment....and it ain't looking good!

August 8, 2011 at 12:31 am | Reply

Charles Adams

19.

It has never been done before! Anyone in a successful organization who advised to not do something because it has never been done before would probably at least be making a huge down payment on a pink slip. The Tea Party needs to be commended for stopping the good old boys from avoiding dealing with our outrageous fourteen trillion dollar national debt and for keeping our country from slipping into a financial black hole. The Tea Party is being scoffed at and belittled because they have pledged to stop the business as usual by entrenched politicians in Washington. Their efforts kept us from losing more than a half step down from our triple AAA rating. Senator Coburn of Oklahoma gave a summary of the bipartisan Gang of Six report on saving our economy and our country on the Senate floor last week which outlined where Nine Trillion dollars in waste and mismanagement of taxpayer money could be saved. That amount could be saved if Congress, as he stated, had the backbone and courage to clean up the economic mess they have made through waste, mismanagement and self-serving behavior. Google Senator Coburn's web sight to view a video of this remarkable courageous report on the floor of the Senate. If Congress is not embarrassed it is because they obviously think their backroom, self-serving tactics will continue to drown out the truth and hoodwink a public who they obviously believe is not capable of seeing through their less than honest modus operandi. The Tea Party has sent a strong message to Washington and Washington and the media is now trying to kill the messenger.

August 8, 2011 at 2:23 am | Reply

Bill

"Like."

August 9, 2011 at 7:33 am | Reply

See&Oh

20.

Please do not drain Tea baggers.

If you drain them, you'll seriously contaminate the sewage water.

August 8, 2011 at 10:06 am | Reply

21.

Sarak

With all the decisiveness of these past couple of years, I have to admit that it's hard for me to take ANYONE seriously who calls someone else "un-American." However, after reading the entire article, I do understand and agree with what Mr. Zakaria argues. The founding fathers' design of the American government necessarily required compromise, thus, by refusing to accept this basic principle of our system, the Tea Party is un-American. I comment only to say that perhaps Mr. Zakaria should have used a different adjective in order to distinguish himself from those that throw around words like "un-American" and other unnecessary hyperbole the moment they run out persuasive support for their arguments.

August 8, 2011 at 2:45 pm | Reply

22.

NonZionist

We need to put spiritual SUBSTANCE back into our country!

August 8, 2011 at 6:24 pm | Reply

23.

gerry

Irish PM announced Ireland is leaving the Euro

August 9, 2011 at 7:50 am | Reply

24.

Robert

On the contrary, I think Fareed's article is 'un-American,' and almost Orwellian. Since when is it un-American to be against taking more debt, more spending, more bailouts? Since is American to smear this viewpoint as being the *source* of the problem? Or akin to the Nazi Party? Was the Tea Party movement acting behind the scenes in 2006 as the housing bubble festered?

August 9, 2011 at 9:30 am | Reply

Shirley

It's UNAMERICAN to hold the country hostage, like holding your breath til you get your way. When my two-year old used to do that, I would throw 1/2 cup of cold water in her face. That cured her.

August 20, 2011 at 12:54 am | Reply

25.

Justin

Fail. The S&P came out and said that the reason they downgraded the US credit is because Congress didn't go far enough to cut spending. It was the Tea Party that was fighting for deeper cuts and deeper cuts could have saved the rating from downgrade. To say it was "un-American" to fight for the fiscal viability needed to preserve our credit rating is just pure ignorant political bias. Fail, Zakaria. Epic fail.

August 9, 2011 at 9:50 am | Reply

26.

Burton Mac-Holmes

the world economy is based on a previously workable set of ideas. the best economy the world has seen (the current world economy) has assumed that an equilibrium is necessary/ natural/ right. in the universe, equilibria are inherently short-term and unstable, even near absolute zero.

we could create an asymptotic state (economic equilibrium) in our minds and discourse, but never, ever could reach it. with this current round of globalization, the quest for the hoped-for state of normalcy (equilibrium) was possible because the limits within which we functioned were not detectable (or "far away"). the quest for growth was only possible because there was "slack" in the environment (room to expand). our cleverness allowed us to expand our numbers beyond the carrying capacity of our environment.

at some point, that we have passed, there began to be an unsustainable continuing draw down on the elements of the environment that we need to continue to think and behave as though: 1. the limits of nature do not apply to us, 2. whatever problem pops up we can deal with, 3. we can grow ad infinitum. we are now living in an inflection point of humankind's history; this is not cyclical; there will be no return to the good old days of sustained 3-5% GDP increase.. everybody, governments included, used credit (loans) to fake the ability to keep things going as though everything was still okay - to delay the time of reckoning. we have reached the limit of that strategy.

now, to sustain the world economy, we must give up the falacy of continuous growth (anathema, because hope must be held out to the current losers that tomorrow they can improve their lot), and redefine (this is key) the sooner goals we live by. this redefinition will be more fundamental than any other change in worldview ever attempted by humans before. there are too many people (first time ever), there are no virgin places to run to, no more financial tricks to keep living the way we have come to expect. the trouble is, elites will not allow change. [I know this is very compressed, but there are limits to posts and I have covered lots of ground without proper preparation and connecting tissue]

August 9, 2011 at 12:25 pm | Reply

27.

Burton Mac-Holmes

to say that anyone "woo" this unnecessary struggle, is to miss the point

August 9, 2011 at 12:31 pm | Reply

28.

Tommy T

The GOP was asking for less than a 1% reduction in the proposed budget for 2012. But Obama had to squeal like a stuck pig. And do his class warfare schtick. Meanwhile Zacharia is trying to figure out how to slip a few million of his countrymen past border security while chanting about fiscal responsibility as disloyal. To whom? Certainly not to the US. And Zakaria should stop saying "us" all the time. It's getting annoying. Why can't he just say the US?

August 15, 2011 at 4:32 am | Reply

29.

Carl Peters

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Zakaria is a mouthpiece for Obama. Before the 2008 US Presidential election, Zakaria endorsed Barack Obama on his CNN program. In May 2011 it was revealed in The New York Times that President Obama "has sounded out" Zakaria concerning Middle East issues in meetings with him. We also know his father was a Muslim. And we also know that it was Obama who tanked the debt ceiling negotiations with a last minute tax hike.

August 20, 2011 at 6:28 pm | Reply

jimbob

Fareed is an ignorant hack!! In 2004 George W. Bush tried to reform home mortgages, Barney Frank and other dems blocked it, causing the current market crash. The dems decided that if the banks collapsed, they could blame Bush and win back the white house. Well they won, and don't know how to un-crash their problem. Google it, it is true. Bush's tax cuts resulted in tax revenues increasing by 44%. Don't believe me, look up the U.S. Treasury website that shows their yearly income. Fareed heroes are the one screwing the american people. The Tea party campaigned on no new taxes, they won in a landslide. Why should they care what a tax-and-spend liberal says???

August 22, 2011 at 2:29 am | Reply

Danny

This is a reply to "Liberals are Un-American"

We did have a balanced budget years ago. Our surplus was squandered by GW Bush.

August 23, 2011 at 11:02 am | Reply

James

I respectfully disagree with Mr. Zakaria. Demanding financial responsibility is not "un-American." We preach this to our children constantly. The only difference is that the Tea Partiers stood up for what they believe in. That's not unAmerican, it's un-politician. Additionally, if you truly believe that should the nation continue down this path of fiscal irresponsibility that it will destroy the country, then what is the motivation to not hold the economy hostage? From their point of view, the economy was going to blowup either way. There really was no compromise available.

August 29, 2011 at 9:14 am | Reply

A. Samuels

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

August 29, 2011 at 12:25 pm | Reply

TEG

Fareed, I respectfully disagree with your assessment and comment "The Tea Party's un-American behavior" for one simple reason: This is Democracy in practice! The Tea Party advocates and their political Representatives believe in something and refuse to compromise their beliefs - which must seem foreign to MOST politicians today. What we are witnessing is a group of people (a good cross section of Americans) disillusioned and wanting to change the economic course this nation is on because it's simply not working for the majority of Americans. Fareed, because something has been done a certain way for the past 200 years does not make it the best practice today.

September 2, 2011 at 11:52 pm | Reply

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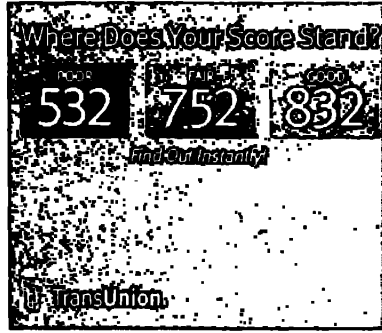
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The tea party's terrorist tactics



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It has become commonplace to call the tea party faction in the House (<http://andrewsullivan.thedailybeast.com/2011/07/why-the-tea-party-owns-the-gop.html>) "hostage takers" (http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/29/opinion/krugman-the-centrist-cop-out.html?_r=1&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss). " But they have now become" (http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/ezra-klein/post/the-recovery-less-recovery/2011/07/11/gIQAOWAhI_blog.html) full-blown terrorists.

They have joined the villains of American history who have been sufficiently craven to inflict massive harm on innocent victims to achieve their political goals. A strong America has *always* stood firm in the face of terrorism. That tradition is in jeopardy, as Congress and President Barack careen toward an uncertain outcome in the tea party-manufactured debt crisis.

As we stumble closer to Aug. 2, it has become clear that many in the tea party are (<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0711/60155.html>) willing to inflict massive harm (<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0711/60113.html>) on the American people to obtain their political objective of a severely shrunken federal government. Their persistence in rejecting compromise, even as the economic effects of the phony crisis they have created mount, has taken their radicalism beyond tough negotiating, beyond even hostage-taking.

As markets fall in anticipation that there may not be a timely resolution; as credit agencies issue dire warnings that the U.S. political system has become so dysfunctional that a credit downgrade may be inevitable, and as America looks weakened in the eyes of the world, the tea party's hostage-taking has evolved into the intentional infliction of harm on innocent Americans to achieve a political objective – terrorism.

Terrorism is a tough term, but, unfortunately, it describes tea party tactics precisely. Their first step was to vow not to vote to raise the debt ceiling.

Here, as in many radical factions, there was a split between the purists and the pragmatists. Pragmatists vowed not to raise the ceiling unless draconian cuts were made in the federal government.

Purists didn't bother with an "unless." They, including presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachman (R-Minn.), were willing to let the entire edifice come crashing down — hiding behind magical thinking that allowed them to deny that anything horrible would happen if the ceiling were not raised.

Out of this vow grew the phony linkage between raising the debt ceiling and addressing the deficit. Raising the debt ceiling, of course, has nothing to do with addressing the deficit. It simply allows the federal government to pay debts that have already been incurred, based on expenditures that Congress has already authorized.

It lets the federal government pay its bills – an act of basic responsibility that every American — conservative and liberal — should embrace. Raising the ceiling is a pro forma act that Congress has performed repeatedly through Republican and Democratic administrations. Every president – from Ronald Reagan to Bill Clinton – has labeled failure to raise it unthinkable, because to do so would be to intentionally inflict harm on America.

The harm is, in part, unknowable because we have always resisted any temptation to run the experiment of failing to raise the ceiling. Even if the federal government could avoid default on its loan obligations for an uncertain time, the harm would be immense. The president would have to prioritize federal expenditures, choosing whether to send Social Security checks, pay federal employees ranging from FBI agents to food inspectors to troops in the field, make Medicare payments, provide for veterans, collect taxes and on and on.

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[Editor's Note: Read Kevin Drum on the tea party's one new trick.]

<http://motherjones.com/politics/2010/08/history-of-the-tea-party>

Are tea party signs racist? Or just offensive? After the [NAACP](http://www.naacp.org/content/main/) (<http://www.naacp.org/content/main/>), [Huffington Post](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/16/the-most-outrageous-march_n_500842.html) (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/16/the-most-outrageous-march_n_500842.html), and protesters circulated photos documenting both strains, tea party activists launched [Diverse Tea](http://www.freedomworks.org/DiverseTea/) (<http://www.freedomworks.org/DiverseTea/>), a [website](http://www.freedomworks.org/DiverseTea/) (<http://www.freedomworks.org/DiverseTea/>) designed to bring more minorities into the fold. "There is this nagging perception that we are not diverse," tea party leader Matt Kibbe told the [Washington Post's](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/14/AR2010091405457.html?hpid=hp_hp-headline) Dana Milbank ([http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/14/AR2010091405457.html?wplsrc=nl_pmheadline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/14/AR2010091405457.html?hpid=hp_hp-headline)). Diverse Tea will highlight "the African Americans, Jews, Hispanics, others that have come to this movement."

As of Tuesday, there were [13 self-identified minority tea partiers](http://www.freedomworks.org/DiverseTea/?p=12)

(<http://www.freedomworks.org/DiverseTea/?p=12>), publicly registered on Diverse Tea, including one who

lists himself as "Welsh."

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This guy obviously needs to go back to "wanna be a racist" school and learn how to spell that n-word!
This guy is someones drunk unde and I'm sure his family is happy to know where he is.

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That is so obviously a fake plant... Love the lib tards who think all the tea partiers are ignorant racists.

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Right, because every Tea Partier that shows up with racist signage is a plant.

Show your proof that he is a plant, or STFU.

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Toby 09/30/2010 05:54 PM
(#comment-82562314) in reply
to Grover27 (#comment-81967555)

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While they deny they are racists, they come across as such. Change scares them, most are older men who see the world leaving them behind.

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(#comment-83597250) in reply
to Toby (#comment-82562314)

<http://disqus.com/quest/a17c534e8846c8b99cf4859b189c860b/>

They only come across that way to Saul Alinskyite comrades who desperately need to portray their opposition as racists so they can cling to their entitlements and ill gotten gains. This publication and the true believers who post here are a joke.

Sorry, what exactly has changed under Obama?! Could you please enlighten us?

Bailouts? no change there. Wars? still going. Stimulus? Nope, they got bigger.

Torture? Still going, broke his promise to close Guantanamo, which is no surprise because the Soviet Union LOVED torturing people too.

Contractors? Increased under Obama

So because he tried to break the back of America's economy with unconstitutional Obamacare & Cap And Trade legislation, here's therefore bringing sincere "change"?! Only a mentally ill Communist ideologue would embrace that change.

Older Men 1, Toby 0

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USMCJock 11/22/2011 02:19 PM (#comment-370262282) in reply to haha (#comment-83597250)

(http://disqus.com/USMCJock/)

Wow....I'm going to enjoy destroying your post. Then why are republicans VOTING FOR THEIR ENTITLEMENTS TOO???????

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/>... (<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/kathy-hudson-defeats-in-the-com/nv-26-special/story?id=13678887&.TsvjUR5I8E>)

BTW, which party was in the White House, when we were attacked on 9/11?

Where are those WMDs???

If the debt is \$15 trillion and Obama has spent approximately \$4 trillion and Bush came in with a surplus, who do you think is responsible for the other \$11 trillion???????

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Tommygun 10/18/2011 09:58 AM (#comment-334146932) in reply to Grover27 (#comment-81967555)

(http://disqus.com/question/30005b04abc4b9d76973ee1893b4c24b/)

That "plant" is Dale Robertson, FOUNDER of TeaParty.org (<http://TeaParty.org>):

<http://teaparty.org/founder.html>... (<http://teaparty.org/founder.html>)

Explain that one away, sparky.

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E_Joyce 11/18/2011 10:52 AM (#comment-367598549) in reply to Grover27 (#comment-81967555)

(http://disqus.com/E_Joyce/)

A plant. of one of the tea party leaders holding the sign. How DID the left manage to make that happen? [http://www.drudge.com/archive/...](http://www.drudge.com/archive/) (<http://www.drudge.com/archive/131613/tea-party-site-leader-held-racist-sign>)

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screwacidqueen 09/29/2010 11:20 AM (#comment-82011213)

(http://disqus.com/question/the5a24c7f88e5395234c4c9X3475dd5/)

Calling the president black and saying he is Kenyan is not racist. The COVER picture is the only racist poster here.

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USMCJock 11/22/2011 02:24 PM (#comment-370267447) in reply to [screwacidqueen](#) (#comment-82011213)

(<http://disqus.com/USMCJock/>)

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There are 7,030,000 hits for "Tea Party Racism"...showing all the evidence you could ever want!

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NeoSupreme 09/29/2010 01:53 PM (#comment-82052778)

(<http://disqus.com/NeoSupreme/>)

The picture with the guy on the bike is the most prideful racist of all the signs.

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Daveb 09/29/2010 03:24 PM

(#comment-82078037) in reply

(<http://disqus.com/guest/195e8095047c0aaa60112a8d8a6ecc39/>) to [NeoSupreme](#) (#comment-82052778)

Actually the guy on the bike is a counter-protester (he's protesting AGAINST the Tea Party), and his sign is pointing out the lack of diversity within the Tea Party. That means he's NOT a racist. I don't know why this slideshow is so limited. There have been MANY more racist images shown at Tea Parties; I don't know why non-racist or counter protest signs are shown when there are so many more to choose from.

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Munkeeguy 10/01/2010 11:34

AM (#comment-83064370) in reply

(<http://disqus.com/guest/dd579d1919ac588a1cc4c6f1ed31fb71/>) to [Daveb](#) (#comment-82078037)

Does Bike guy point out the lack of diversity at white leftist events, like when environmentalists protest? Does he get his panties in a twist over mostly black functions, NAACP conferences, or over La Raza's monochrome brown?

You guys are the ones who discriminate, only one group gets criticized this way. Therefore, whines of "but they arent diverse" mean nothing to me anymore.

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haha 10/03/2010 11:12 PM

(#comment-83597460) in reply

(<http://disqus.com/guest/a17c534e8846c8b99c4859b189c860b/>) to [Daveb](#) (#comment-82078037)

So smearing all white people as "racists" who share a different point of view isn't racist?

Or is it just not racism because Marxist ideologue downs like yourself gave him the go-ahead?

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Husslinyouth 09/05/2011

02:41 PM (#comment-303046480)

(<http://disqus.com/guest/79240939ed9af66dc3280e85cf1f599c/>) in reply to [haha](#) (#comment-83597460)

[haha](http://disqus.com/guest/a17c534e8846c8b99c4859b189c860b/) (<http://disqus.com/guest/a17c534e8846c8b99c4859b189c860b/>)

Man I would love to stomp out scum like you.

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andthenagain... 09/29/2010 04:13 PM

(#comment-82091784)

(<http://disqus.com/guest/2f20508a18b161f5e74f11819d0d5ea7/>)

But he's wearing a "Listen to Bob Marley" shirt?

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Garyfont 09/29/2010 04:36 PM
(#comment-82106647)

(http://disqus.com/question/12e00b9c733ee2450db5fbb56312f23d/)

That looks a little too much like what the media and anti-tea party people have been calling tea partiers...I'm sorry but that guy is a little too over the top to be for real.

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andthenagain... 09/29/2010 05:16 PM
(#comment-82117142)

(http://disqus.com/question/2f20508a18b161f5e74f11819d0d5ea7/)

"Negro", "Black", "Colored". These words are not PC. But none of them carries the level of disrespect and condescension of the N-word. I can see the sign as using it, not in relation to race at all, but as metaphor expressing the level of contempt he feels from a disconnected Government. "Congress = slave owner; taxpayer=" "Slave" just doesn't say it like n--- does. Over the top? Yeah, probably. But if we've even snickered at, say, shock-jocks' intentional offensiveness to conservative sensibilities just for the sake of offending them, this guy has the better argument. We're going to have to swallow our 1st Amendment medicine and take this piece of "poetry" on the chin.

This sign doesn't necessarily prove this guy is racist, much less tag the whole TP. Not a good article at all. Better is expected of MJ.

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(#comment-83595635) in reply
to andthenagain... (#comment-82117142)

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Be careful with that logic and reason, or you just might find yourself at the receiving end of the very same Democrat partisan communist epithets. The Tea Party is "racist" today, you could be called racist tomorrow if you don't fall in line. Think about it.

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OpenMind 09/30/2010 09:00 PM
(#comment-82691174)

(http://disqus.com/question/ebbe2df0e917e6566460ffe1b5f3e6c/)

Other than the n-word, what is racist about this picture? The man is comparing some perceived injustice to the injustice of slavery. There is so much left out of this picture--first word on his sign is definitely not "Obama" and wearing a Texas flag-style shirt has no racist connotations. Finally, who's to say his misspelling wasn't on purpose? How much more offensive is "nigger" than "n---"? Without any sort of meaningful context, or even a decent caption, there's not a justifiable judgment to be made. Tea Partiers are spoon-fed their perceptions, try being at least a step above that.

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Hussinyouth 09/05/2011 02:38 PM
(#comment-30304524) in reply
to OpenMind (#comment-82691174)

(http://disqus.com/question/79240939ad9af66dc3280e85cf1f599c/)

Your inbred white mother getting a train run over her by black men

Yes I said over

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TerryNichiellClark (http://twitter.com/terrymichiel) 12/20/2012 10:28 AM
(#comment-743751450) in reply to OpenMind (#comment-82691174)

(http://disqus.com/twitter/849665005/)

Africans are saying they want... (http://Africans. are. saying. they. want. to. kill. us. go. to).

(DEATH. TO. WHITE. PEOPLE...)

(ANTICHRIST..jesus.said.odamas.whole.name.in.hedrew..FEMMA.DEATH.CAMPS..ODAMAS.CIVIAL.WA
R)..LTTINOES.WILL.KILL.WHITE.PEOPLE)..this.one.is.really.scary(RIOT2013USA)

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Andrew Panken [10/01/2010 07:24 AM](#)
(#comment-82901468)

<http://disqus.com/guest/43b06a32a5c5e3cb27e74f13026e8af/>

A couple of the signs may indicate some religious based bias, but that's their right, of course. The rest of the signs just show the level and depth of the anger against Obama. I couldn't clearly see racism at all. Though, I could clearly see a lot of paranoia on your part that its all about racism. Why not focus on the issues instead of desperately seeking signs that don't prove anything at all.

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Alyssa Rohricht (<http://thecrashculture.wordpress.com/>) [10/01/2010 03:42 PM](#) (#comment-83156614)

<http://disqus.com/aprohricht/>

This is the self-proclaimed "greatest country in the world." What is going on here that so many people have so little understanding, so little compassion, and so much delusion? The attitude of these people is causing great damage to our country that I don't know if we can fix. How saddening.

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haha [10/03/2010 10:52 PM](#)
(#comment-83595274) in reply to Alyssa Rohricht (#comment-83156614)

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"What is going on here that so many people have so little understanding, so little compassion, and so much delusion?"

Ever since I started visiting Mother Jones' website and seeing some of your partisan hack remarks, I've been asking myself the same question.

So according to you, it's Tea Party "racism" that's causing so much damage to the country, it's not the ballouts, the bear sumbats, the drone bombings of Yarmen and Pakistan, or the trillion dollar stimulus bill, or the contractors in Iraq/Afghanistan, or the continuation of illegal wiretaps/Internet surveillance that's harming the country, but it's a bunch of white guys using their First Amendment. Rlllgghhht. Keep telling yourself that, comrade.

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Africans are just as racist as this guy who is not with the tea party your a ller you just dont like it when us white folk get together join the panthers.

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<http://disqus.com/twitter-849665005/>

Africans are murdering every race more than the holocost every year look it up I guess its racist to tell the truth and africans are out in the streets saying they will kill us I guess thats ok look at this site..

(DEATH.TO.WHITE.PEOPLE)..ANTICHRIST..jesus.said.odamas.whole.name.in.hedrew..also.go.to.RIOT2013USA)..I.guess.its.ok.for.africans.not.whites.to.say.they.want.to.kill.us

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haha 10/03/2010 10:51 PM (#comment-83595119)

(http://disqus.com/quest/a17c534e8846c8b99cf4859b189c860b/)

So? Bill Maher said the very same word on Larry King a few weeks ago. Ahhh yes he said the n-word while smearing rightists so it's okay because the comrades who run this farce of a publication say it's okay.

Nowadays, anything less than kissing Barack Obama's ass is tantamount to racism, apparently.

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Husslingyouth 09/05/2011 02:40 PM (#comment-303046041) in reply to haha (#comment-83595119)

(http://disqus.com/quest/613e016bbcd099a6875774c54a46d4b2/)

I guess you want to go back to those time when fucking your saster wasn't frowned upon by normal people.

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TerryNichelClark (http://twitter.com/terrymichiel) 12/20/2012 10:18 AM (#comment-743741194) in reply to haha (#comment-83595119)

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We need to understand something..go to this site see page and watch small TV..go to ANTICHRIST ..Jesus said odamas whole name in HEDREW ..sorry key pad is broken..then go to (RIOT2013USA0...RACE.WAR.IN.AMERICIA)...(DEATH.TO.WHITE.PEOPLE).. (WILL.KILL.WHITE.PEOPLE)..(FEMMA.DEATH.CAMPS)..ODAMAS.CIVIAL.WAR).. (SECEADING.STATES)..CIVIAL.WAR2013USA)...NEW.WORLD.ORDER)...(WILL.KILL.WHITE.PEOPLE).. (LITNOES.WILL.KILL.WHITE.PEOPLE)...this is on the net just thought youd want to see it..

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cpadd 10/30/2012 12:43 AM (#comment-695964688)

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yep tea parties' are racist.. no doubt about it. black people and brown people are under no misconception of who and what they are. The Tea party represents a combination of the modern day Klansmen and women, Nazi's and fascist no use in protesting it at your core its what and who you are. Every single rally or event you have has racist overtones... every single one. Fortunately most of you live in areas where you will likely starve to death in the next few years because your electue officials have or are shipping all of your jobs over seas for 2.00 a day labor - you can thank Mitt for that. Then tell the Black President you dont need food stamps, but dont blame him, because you voted for your local officials (states rights- you asked for it) and they know your all morons. Just saying

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the tea party is not racist..were sick of you lying..this guy is not part of the tea party..also an africa n.ms the tea party his name is David Wedd...this is a lie and africans are up here again trying to start something like usual..this guy is not with the tea party..every race is with the tea party..this is a lie

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2222222 05/20/2013 07:19 AM (#comment-902807369)

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1 : grudgingly mean about spending or granting : begrudging

2 : provided in meanly limited supply

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"Niggardly" (noun: "niggard")

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It's the Tea Party, Stupid

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Apart from certain quarters on the Right predicting a Romney victory on Election Day, the final weeks of the campaign witnessed a gathering sentiment, almost a last-minute conventional wisdom, about the election's outcome. It went something like this: Obama had a significant and reliable lead until the first debate. Pre-debate, Republicans lamented a lackluster Romney campaign. The candidate's enthusiasm gap among Republican voters seemed insurmountable. His financial supporters appeared ready to pull the plug. The campaign's Paul-Ryan shot in the arm had flat-lined. Hailing speculation began on 2016 nominations, as though an Obama reelection was inevitable.

And then came the first debate. Obama's notorious failure to participate gave Romney a revival that resembled an intercardiac adrenaline injection. Obama's lead in the popular vote began melting away. The very idea that Romney might win fed on itself, rousing Republican voters who'd been ho-humming the candidate for months. Swing state polls tightened.

But not quite enough, continued the conventional wisdom. Obama held on to his lead in Ohio. Same in Wisconsin. And in Iowa. The "firewall held." Romney seemed to hold a lead that had no route to 270 electoral votes without Ohio. We had the beginning of discussions of an Obama victory in the electoral college while losing the popular vote. There was an irony to all this: Obama's fortune in the polls seemed to resemble the arc of his administration's 2009 stimulus bill: it wasn't sufficient to whip the great recession, but it managed to put a floor under the economy's free-fall. Obama's first debate debacle sent his fortunes plummeting, but there seemed to be a floor under it. He looked like he'd squeak through. Indeed, in the first week he even seemed to be tallying a bit.

Attached to this conventional-wisdom narrative was an equally conventional-wisdom explanation, an agreed-upon hypothesis. According to this hypothesis, as explained by polling analyst Nate Silver among others, the pivotal fact that Ohio was holding for Obama in the polls was explained by the auto bailout. One in eight jobs in Ohio, we heard repeatedly, was dependent on the auto industry. Without the bailout, a million jobs would have been lost. The unemployment rate in one-time hopelessly rust-belt Ohio has stayed well below the national average. Mitt Romney seemed unable to convince the media-saturated Ohio voter that the administration's auto bailout was just what he meant when he proposed to "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt." Indeed, as though to give sustenance to the auto-bailout hypothesis, the Romney campaign, already celebrated for attacks based on distortion of the opposition's words, forged a doozie, reforming bullish Chrysler expansion plans into a claim of shipping jobs to China. Even the auto companies came off the sidelines to object.

But the auto-bailout hypothesis missed a larger point. There is a bigger and better hypothesis to explain the successful Obama firewall: The 2010 election, and the experience of living under Tea Party rule. 2010 was the Tea Party election. It took place when the effects of the 2008 financial collapse, housing collapse and great recession reached their nadir, creating as near a moment of widespread economic panic as any of us has seen in our lifetimes. The Tea Party's stunning rise, beginning in early 2009, fed the fear that, in a moment of scarcity and debt, policies of aid or support to the unemployed or the uninsured were further threats to the security of the established older conservative voters who made up the movement's constituency.

One part of the Tea Party is made up of free-market absolutists. This is the Koch Brothers' Tea Party, the Dick Armey Tea Party. It is the lineal descendent of an incensed Republican conservatism that furiously objected to Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal policies of the 1930s and has attempted to control the Republican Party ever since. What makes the Tea Party unique in the march of modern American conservatism is that the passions of the populist right, the uncompromising, expressive side of American conservatism, were brought to bear in the name of the doctrines of the free-market absolutists. Suddenly, the zeal and the vitriol usually reserved for opposing abortion or the "gay agenda" were being directed against Keynesian stimulus legislation, cap and trade climate legislation, economic regulation and, above all, expansion of health insurance coverage to tens of millions of uninsured Americans.

The Tea Party understands that its power derives from showing up. Their numbers overwhelmed Republican primaries, ending the careers of Republican politicians they deemed inadequately conservative. In the 2010 by-election, the normal tendency of voters to show up in lesser numbers was exaggerated among Democrats who were disappointed in the presidency of Barack Obama. This, in a country which has been close to split down the middle politically for a generation, and in a year when the opposition was not only more radical than ever, but more passionate as well.

The upshot? In state after state, Tea Party candidates, the most severely conservative faction represented on a major party slate in a hundred years, swept into congressional and state-legislature seats, and state-wide offices. Wisconsin elected a Tea Party governor and legislature, a majority Republican delegation to the House of Representatives, and a U.S. Senator who ousted a long-time liberal incumbent. The same was true in Ohio, where Republicans swept all statewide offices.

For the conservative movement, this was an opportunity it had been lying in wait for over a lifetime: the chance to pass legislation more radical than anything they had ever been able to get through these legislatures. Laws restricting access to abortion were passed in 2011 in numbers threefold any previous year this century. Nineteen states have passed laws making it harder for citizens, especially the poor, to vote. And the free-market absolutists, since the '30s the unbridled foes of organized labor, targeted public employees: Within two months both Wisconsin and Ohio passed legislation that eliminated most of its state workers' collective bargaining rights.

But there was a backlash. In a development that would foreshadow the larger Occupy Wall Street movement that emerged nationally several months later, huge protests, reaching as many as 30,000 participants, developed during the Wisconsin Legislature's consideration of the bill, and included a several-week sit-in of the State Capitol building. In Ohio, more than 1.3 million signatures were collected on a petition that put Senate Bill 5 on the November ballot. The election was a landslide. Sixty-one percent of Ohioans voted to reject the law. The shelf-life of voter approval of Tea Party policy was notable, finally, for its brevity.

Ohio and Wisconsin are Obama's firewall in 2012 because they acted as the canaries in the mine — and the mine was government by the Tea Party. To strip away rights goes beyond winning or losing in a negotiation. It is a form of humiliation. It is a way of telling a class or a category of people that they no longer count. It leaps the immediate and the material. It is about the worth of who you are. Oddly, in this election season we have heard the wails of hedge fund managers who feel disrespected, scapegoated, by Barack Obama. Yet the rather more humble complaints of Ohio have largely gone unheard. "Senate Bill 5 makes me feel like I did something wrong by becoming a public employee," said Mahalia Woods, a corrections officer at Franklin Fire-Release Center. "Don't make me the scapegoat for the problems of this economy."

The larger Ohio public, the one that voted 61 percent to strike down Senate Bill 5, seemed to understand that after the canaries the rest of us get asphyxiated too. Perhaps that has been as well the lesson of Hurricane Sandy, and Obama's positive movement in the polls this week. Rekindled was the unsavory memory of the deeply unpopular Bush administration — rarely if ever mentioned in the campaign. The contrast in competence and bipartisanship could barely have stood out in greater contrast to the tragic experience of Katrina. The politics in which Senate Bill 5 makes sense could just as soon dismantle FEMA — send its functions to the states, privatize it, depend on private charities. The feebleness of these solutions in the face of submerged New York City subway lines or the wreckage of the Jersey seashore: they weren't canaries this time, but they could be next time.

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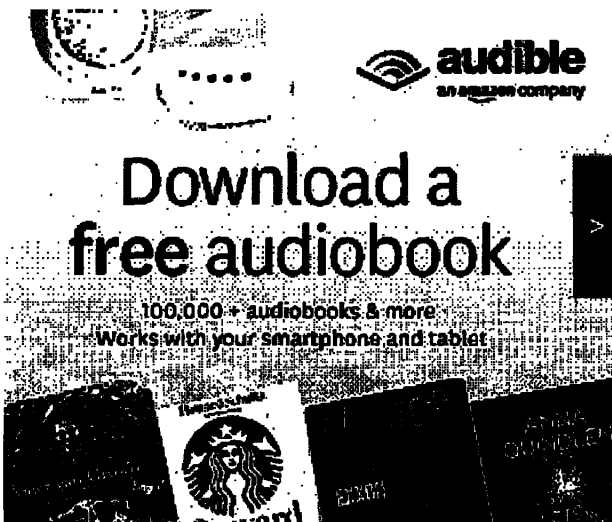
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CBS News reporter Elizabeth Palmer likened new Iranian president-elect Hasan Rowhani to an American tea party activist in a weekend interview on the network.

“Liz, a man named Hassan Rowhani will be the next president of Iran. Is he in the mold of Ahmadinejad?” CBS News anchor Jim Axelrod asked Palmer, who was appearing on the program from London.

“Well he was seen as the most reform-minded of all the candidates who ran this time. That being said, they were all very conservative. In U.S. terms, it was as if all the candidates for the presidency came from the tea party,” Palmer said.

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Rowhani, who was elected to the Iranian presidency last week, hinted Monday that he will strike a more open and diplomatic tone with the United States than his predecessor, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

“Iran and America’s relationship was like a wound that has not healed; we must not look back but forward,” Rowhani said.

Palmer, a veteran of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation [CB](#) who has filed reports for PBS and NPR, has been primarily covering Middle East issues for CBS News since 2000.

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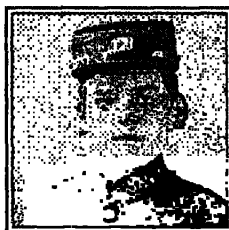
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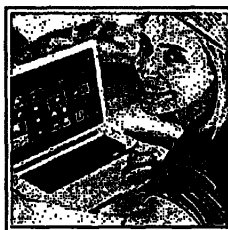
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Naresh Krishnamoorti · 21 days ago

"Conservative" Muslims have a lot in common with American liberals, but nothing in common with the Tea Party.

Both "conservative" Muslims and American liberals hate American values, and both seek to destroy Christianity. That's why they get along so well together.

Tea Party values in Iran are supported by the pro-America Iranian students who took to the streets in the hundreds of thousands in 2009 to protest their own autocratic government of Ahmedinejad. These were the students who were abandoned by Obama, who has a visceral distaste for anyone who seems pro-American.

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Tjeffson · 21 days ago

Leave it to the idiots in the media to compare American citizens to the nuts over in Iran. Iran is none of our business... no need to compare them to Tea Party members or anyone else in America.

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rimpv → Tjefson · 21 days ago

right a conservative AMERICAN is NOTHING like any Iranian, and a conservative Iranian is about as far from any sort of American as a humanoid animal can get.

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A_jenson → Tjefson · 21 days ago

She has the entire situation conceptually reversed. What a freaking dunce Palmer is. Some flippin iota of knowledge on the subject at hand oughta be requisite to anyone addressing a national audience. This is a PRIME example of the dumbing down of the American people. To air something as ludicrous as this simply shows that CBS is a freaking fossil that belongs in a museum.

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onooop · 21 days ago

I wonder if Iran requires ID to vote?

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sysoptions · 21 days ago

But union Marxist are OK with CBS? ALLONS

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1stAmendment_101 · 21 days ago

If your village is missing it's idiot, please contact CBS. Elizabeth Palmer has been found and is being held pending further identification!

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Testiculas · 21 days ago

Well, it's not like SeeBS actually had any credibility in the first place...

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Testicules · 21 days ago

Liberal agit-prop has nothing to do with reality, and they program the mindless sheep that follow them to use words like "conservative" as invective.

Even more ironic, as we see our own government building it's own Big Brother surveillance society, liberal utopia.

According to Orwell, you are only supposed to need two minutes of hate per day to keep a mindless sheep brainwashed, and to reject reality for their agitprop.

I think the liberals are overdosing...

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Hopeinchains → Testicules · 21 days ago

I think the liberals are overdosing.

I'd be proud to assist...

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MicahStone · 21 days ago

Only yesterday, the corrupt socialist media was PRAISING IRAN for putting a "moderate" in power !!!!

Like you, I was wondering about the difference between a "moderate" muslim islamofascist jihadist America-hater and a "regular" muslim islamofascist jihadist America-hater so I went to my local terrorist training center (aka mosque) but they wouldn't talk to me, much less let me in. I then went to the next best source, the local headquarters of the d-cRAT socialist party. They graciously showed me to their "friends" and "enemies" files to use for my research. (Unfortunately, all the "enemies" files were listed as on "permanent loan" to the local IRS office.) In the "friends" files I did find the two key differences between "regular" and "moderate" muslim islamofascist jihadist Amerina-haters:

1. After slaughtering/beheading a Christian, Jew or any American, the "moderates" DO NOT do an NFL-type end-zone victory dance. The "regulars" are quite the hoofers, however.
2. Though the "regulars" insist on 72 virgins when they go to their great Allah in the sky, the "moderates" want ONLY half that many and look forward to 36 virgins. (However, when they see that the virgins look exactly like maxine waters - but with even more facial hair - both the "regulars" and the "moderates" scream "HOLY SHIITE!" and commit themselves to staying perpetually celebrate for the rest of eternity.)

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Hopeinchains → MicahStone · 21 days ago

ROTFLMFAO!..... and here I am thinking I'M sarcastic.... I bow to the maestro...

As far as the 72 raisins go.... I was thinking more along the lines of Helen Thomas or Billary Clintoon... or possibly Nazi Lugozi

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Hopeinchains → deathb4dishonor · 21 days ago

Yep.... meet the new boss, same as the old boss.... all things considered, he is still, after all, a mooselimb....

And looking at Palmer's creds.... CBS, NPR, PBS.... it may be a bit prejudicial of me but I would say she's a leftist shill... either that or she wasn't good enough to get a REAL job as a reporter.

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Bill Morin → Hopeinchains · 20 days ago

a real reporter..a journalist reports the news as it happens. Not as personal political bias, prejudice, race or hate baiting requires..or as reporting the news as you want it to be..none of these state run media tools understand they sold their souls for a paycheck..something their kids must be real proud of..

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ray · 20 days ago

Does anyone watch CBS? I haven't seen it in years. Don't you need rabbit ear antennas to watch it? Is it after Lawrence Welk?

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TheDirtmover · 21 days ago

At it again CBS? We might as well start calling you Aljazeera of the Western Hemisphere. Oh..... sorry about that,, Al Gore sold out to them already and is giving you competition in that dept.

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Sui-Juris · 21 days ago

The Iranians could benefit from an injection of TEA Party values.

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ratamacue76 · 21 days ago

Good grief, what an idiot. This is obviously a planned change of presidency in Iran with this guy being selected months ago by those who wield the real power. This guy will be just like Ahmadinejad by being nothing more than a face for the country ... except this guy won't say as many crazy things ... maybe. Essentially nothing has changed, and anyone who thinks otherwise is either a moren or just really, really naive.

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clem · 20 days ago

To call someone something is one thing and to prove it is another. This CBS/WhiteHouse groupie would be hard pressed to come up with some kind of substantive support. And he or she knows that.

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themaskedblogger · 21 days ago

Tea Party? Rowhani? That's insa... Ah, never mind. CBS.

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orlfla · 21 days ago

You mean he wants to clean up his country too? Cool.



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rennyangel2 · 21 days ago

Eff CBS.

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NTSU · 21 days ago

well maybe there is some hope for that country.

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chrismallory → NTSU · 21 days ago

Don't believe the Israel Firster propaganda. Iran is not a threat to the United States. This election was free and fair.

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The Owl → chrismallory · 21 days ago

Yep, free and fair.

Only duly approved candidates were allowed to run.

Sort of like Obama asking us to select the administration official that is the most like him!

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Hopeinchains → chrismallory · 21 days ago

Nope, not in the least. Keep in mind we've technically been at war with them since the Jimmah Cawtah era (1979). Apparently, you don't remember the picture of a younger Ammadinnerjacket leading a blindfolded US embassy worker to where ever they were held captive for 444 days... is it a case of foggy memory or just plain ignorance of the facts?

Just for a little authenticity, I was stationed at Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas from 1977-1981. It was a flight training base (Air Training Command) and for whatever reason we were training Iranian air force people to fly. You think Obama is arrogant? He's a piker compared to these people, but I digress. From what I saw on the flight line, they were as dumb as the camels they rode in on. The smell on opening the canopy would knock you off the ladder if you weren't prepared for it. No wonder the front seater kept the O2 mask on until he egressed the cockpit.

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When the Tehran embassy was stormed and hostages taken, someone in the chain of command got some balls and told them they were leaving. In less than a week they were gone and all the infidel 'toys' (stereos, Grand Ams, Dodge

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thephranc → chrismallory · 21 days ago

This is stormfront chris. He hates jews, cops, black and the military. He thinks only white christians should be allowed to be American citizens.

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Hussam Imtiaz · 15 days ago

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cowcharge · 20 days ago

What an idiotic thing to say. Tea Partiers want minimum government, and any "President" allowed by the clerics in Iran will be a government man.

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cvr527 · 20 days ago

More proof, as if any one who pays attention needed it, that US corporate news media, is utterly incompetent, contemptuously biased and wholly inaccurate in it's news reporting. Scott Pelley was right.

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Pancake3 · 20 days ago

With the beard and turban this guy is about as fundamentalist Muslim as you can get.

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bobnc57 · 21 days ago

Well he'll probably adhere to the US Constitution a lot more the the elected leaders in this Country do.

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thephranc · 21 days ago

So he is a racist, Brook Brothers, redneck, extremist, Harvy Milk killing*, naz i , astroturfed, insignificant..... and what ever other thing the labeled the TEA party with?

* Being a muzzy from Iran that would actually be something he'd do.

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Savonarola · 21 days ago

now he's a conservative - make up yer dern minds.

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rimpy · 21 days ago

WELL- now they should know WHY I NEVER WATCH CBS NEWS

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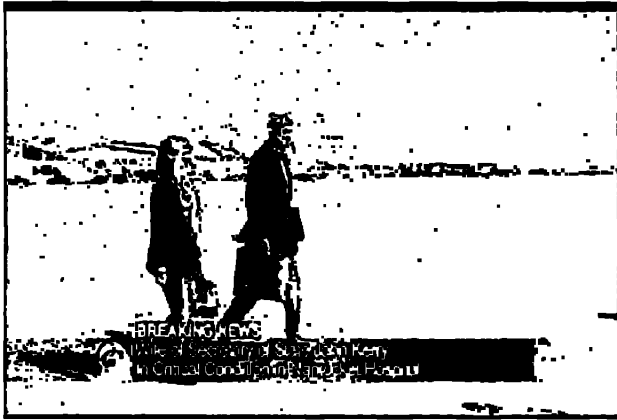
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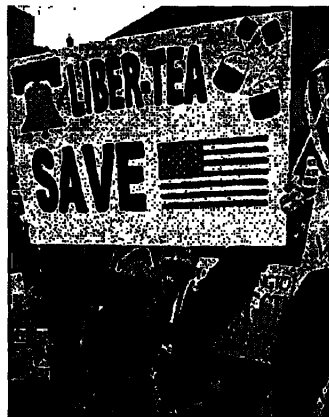
Will Tea Party 'bigotry' drag down the GOP?

Republicans should sever ties with the grassroots movement, say some pundits—or prepare for a backlash in November

By The Week Staff | March 23, 2010

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The GOP has what some are calling a "Tea Party problem." While the Tea Party's ability to deliver conservative support can come in handy, Tea Partiers allegedly made racist remarks during Sunday's health-care protests—the sort of "bigotry" the GOP hoped it had left behind, and has publicly condemned. Is it time for Republicans to sever ties with the Tea Party—before it's too late? (Watch Keith Olbermann's comments on the Tea Party's "racism")



A tea party rally
Harrison Mcclary/Reuters/Corbis

The GOP must distance itself now: "Tea partiers drive news," says Katie Connolly in Newsweek, "and have a proven ability to shift the terms of the debate to GOP-favored territory (see: death panels)." But if Republicans keep "encouraging the anger" of the (often "sadly misinformed") Tea Partiers, they'll pay a price when potentially divisive issues such as immigration reform come to a vote.

"Tea Party protests: Loud, mad and dangerous (for Republicans)"

Republicans need the Tea Party: "Republican strategy" on health care was to sit back and let the Tea Party "scare the bejesus out of lawmakers," says Bill Golden on Republicans United. Well, it didn't work. And now the Tea Party considers the GOP "largely impotent." If Republicans hope to win big in November, they'll have to realize that some of the "cooler heads" in the Tea Party "have the basis for a winning plan" and work with them.

"Monday morning quarterbacking"

The relationship is only benefiting Dems: It's worked to the Republicans' advantage that the media portrays the Tea Party as a "monolithic grassroots uprising," says William K. Wolfrum in Dagblog, when it's actually a "relatively small bunch of political extremists." And when swing voters increasingly see the "ugliness and violence" for themselves on the news, they'll be "turned off as hell." Advantage: Democrats.

"Tea Party, Birthers and anti-government types an asset for the Democratic Party"

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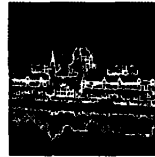
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Tea Party's War on America

By JOE NOCERA

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Like ideologues everywhere, they scorned compromise. When John Boehner, the House speaker, tried to cut a deal with President Obama that included some modest revenue increases, they humiliated him. After this latest agreement was finally struck on Sunday night — amounting to complete capitulation by Obama — Tea Party members went on Fox News to complain that it only called for trillion in cuts, instead of \$4 trillion. It was head-spi

All day Monday, the blogosphere and the talk shows mused about which party would come out ahead politically. Honestly, who cares? What ought to matter is not how these spending cuts will affect our politicians, but how they'll affect the country. And I'm not even talking about the terrible toll \$2.4 trillion in cuts will take on the poor and the middle class. I am talking about their effect on America's still-ailing economy.

America's real crisis is not a debt crisis. It's an unemployment crisis. Yet this agreement not only doesn't address unemployment, it's guaranteed to make it worse. (Incredibly, the Democrats even abandoned their demand for extended unemployment benefits as part of the deal.) As Mohamed El-Erian, the chief executive of the bond investment firm Pimco, told me, fiscal policy includes both a numerator and a

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denominator. "The numerator is debt," he said. "But the denominator is growth." He added, "What we have done is accelerate forward, in a self-inflicted manner, the numerator. And, in the process, we have undermined the denominator." Economic growth could have gone a long way toward shrinking the deficit, while helping put people to work. The spending cuts will shrink growth and raise the likelihood of pushing the country back into recession.

Inflicting more pain on their countrymen doesn't much bother the Tea Party Republicans, as they've repeatedly proved. What is astonishing is that both the president and House speaker are claiming that the deal will help the economy. Do they really expect us to buy that? We've all heard what happened in 1937 when Franklin Roosevelt, believing the Depression was over, tried to rein in federal spending. Cutting spending spiraled the country right back into the Great Depression, where it stayed until the arrival of the stimulus package known as World War II. That's the path we're now on. Our enemies could not have designed a better plan to weaken the American economy than this debt-ceiling deal.

One thing Roosevelt did right during the Depression was legislate into being a social safety net to soften the blows that a free-market economy can mete out in tough times. During this recession, it's as if the government is going out of its way to make sure the blows are even more severe than they have to be. The debt-ceiling debate reflects a harsher, less empathetic America. It's sad to see.

My own view is that Obama should have played the 14th Amendment card, using its language about "the validity of the public debt" to unilaterally raise the debt ceiling. Yes, he would have infuriated the Republicans, but so what? They already view him as the Antichrist. Legal scholars believe that Congress would not have been able to sue to overturn his decision. Inexplicably, he chose instead a course of action that maximized the leverage of the Republican extremists.

Assuming the Senate passes the bill on Tuesday, the debt ceiling will be a nonissue until after the next election. But the debilitating deficit battles are by no means over. Thanks to this deal, a newly formed supercommittee of Congress is supposed to target another \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion in cuts by late November. If those cuts don't become law by Dec. 23, automatic across-the-board cuts will be imposed, including deep reductions in defense spending.

As has been explained ad nauseam, the threat of defense cuts is supposed to give the Republicans an incentive to play fair with the Democrats in the negotiations. But with our soldiers still fighting in Afghanistan, which side is going to blink if the proposed cuts threaten to damage national security? Just as they did with the much-loathed bank bailout, which most Republicans spurned even though financial calamity loomed, the Democrats will do the responsible thing. Apparently, that's their problem.

For now, the Tea Party Republicans can put aside their suicide vests. But rest assured: They'll have them on again soon enough. After all, they've gotten so much encouragement.

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The Tea Party's Legacy of Racism

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Exclusive: The American Right demeans racial minorities for playing the victim's role, but today's Tea Party is draped in "victimhood," claiming to be the target of an African-American president and feeling threatened by the nation's demographic shift. But racist fears have always had a home on the Right, says Robert Parry.

By Robert Parry

The Republican conspiracy theory – that the White House ordered the Internal Revenue Service to persecute Tea Party groups – imploded this week with the release of a House transcript showing that the special attention resulted from bureaucratic concerns of a local IRS office, not from political repression out of Washington.

But the manufactured IRS "scandal" is only one part of a much larger pattern of the Right falsifying both current events and national history. This false narrative then reverberates through the giant right-wing echo chamber, deceiving millions of Americans who rely on the likes of Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh for their news.



Right-wing media personality Glenn Beck addressing Tea Party rally on Capitol Hill on June 19, 2013.

Among other falsehoods, these ill-informed Americans have been convinced that the key Framers of the Constitution – the likes of George Washington, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton – wanted a system of strong states' rights and a weak federal government, when the truth is nearly the opposite. This fake history has, in turn, fueled an intense hatred of today's federal "gov-mint" as Tea Partiers fancy themselves the brave protectors of the Constitution. (More below)

Beyond the made-up founding narrative, the Right has worked overtime to come up with current "scandals" that feed the paranoia of right-wingers and the implicit racism that pulses just below the surface of the Tea Party and similar movements.

The latest example of this practice of deception came from Rep. Darrell Issa of California, the Republican chairman of the House Oversight Committee. Issa has stoked the IRS conspiracy theory of a presidential-driven persecution of Tea Party groups, while concealing a transcript of a mid-level IRS official who told the

opposite story.

The transcript finally was released this week by Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, the committee's ranking Democrat. In the interview of the IRS screening manager in the Cincinnati office, the manager — a self-described conservative Republican — said the idea of isolating Tea Party applications seeking tax-exempt status as “social welfare” organizations started with a low-level employee who was struggling over how to proceed on one Tea Party case that he had.

Amid doubts the Tea Party group qualified for the 501-c-4 tax-exempt status, a decision was made to consolidate the various Tea Party applications so they would all be treated in a similar fashion, according to the manager. “There was a lot of concerns about making sure that any cases that had, you know, similar-type activities or items included, that they would be worked by the same agent or same group,” the manager said.

So, that's why the Cincinnati office ran a search for Tea Party groups, the manager said. “What I'm talking [about] here is that if we end up with four applications coming into the group that are pretty similar, and we assign them to four different agents, we don't want four different determinations. It's just not good business. It's not good customer service,” the manager testified.

As for the supposed White House instigation, the manager said he was aware of none.

QUESTION: Do you have any reason to believe that anyone in the White House was involved in the decision to screen Tea Party cases?

ANSWER: I have no reason to believe that.

QUESTION: Do you have any reason to believe that anyone in the White House was involved in the decision to centralize the review of Tea Party cases?

ANSWER: I have no reason to believe that. [To read the key excerpt of the transcript, [click here](#). To see the full transcript in two parts, [click here](#) and [here](#).]

Fake Scandal

So, rather than some nefarious plot by President Barack Obama to punish his “enemies” — as Issa and many right-wing pundits have alleged — the grouping of the Tea Party applications was explained as an effort to achieve bureaucratic consistency. In other words, the grand IRS “scandal” was really no “scandal” at all, just some clumsy bureaucratic effort to sort through a bunch of similar applications. The greater scandal appears to be Rep. Issa's abuse of a congressional investigation for political ends.

But there's a larger question involved here: the Right's proclivity for falsifying information to serve an ideological agenda. Just as Issa selectively concealed evidence to advance his IRS conspiracy theory, the Right has cherry-picked “history” regarding the nation's Founding to mislead Americans.

The Right has treated U.S. history as a kind of “Terminator” sequel, sending right-wing “scholars” back in time to kidnap key Framers and to hijack the historical narrative. That way, Tea Partiers can dress up in Revolutionary War costumes and pretend that they're channeling the spirits of the Framers of the Constitution.

The Right's “big lie” about the Constitution has been to misrepresent what the key Framers — the likes of Madison, Washington and Hamilton — were trying to do. They were implementing the nation's single greatest shift of authority from the states to the federal government.

Rather than enhancing states' rights — as the Right would like its followers to believe — the Framers were stripping the states of their “independence” and “sovereignty” that had been spelled out in the Articles of Confederation, which governed the United States from 1777 to 1787.

White-Out Slavery

The other element of the Right's deception is to white-out the motivation for the strong Southern opposition to the Constitution: the fear that it would gradually shift power to the North and eventually lead to the eradication of slavery.

In that sense, racism has always been at the heart of the American Right, from the days of southern Anti-Federalists sensing an existential threat to slavery, through Southern secession after Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860, to the Ku Klux Klan's resistance to black liberation and Reconstruction, to decades of Jim Crow laws, segregation and lynching, to anger over the federal government's forced integration in the mid-Twentieth Century, to the Tea Party's inchoate fury against America's demographic changes personified by the first African-American president.

On Wednesday, when Tea Partiers donned their tri-corner onps and rallied against immigration reform on Capitol Hill, it was a Hispanic who suffered the brunt of their fury. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, was treated as their own Benedict Arnold, a traitor in the movement who dared promote legislation that would open a

pathway to citizenship for many of the nation's 12 million undocumented workers.

The Tea Partiers' hatred of what they call "amnesty" is best understood as a recognition that many of those new citizens would have brown skin and likely vote Democratic, thus further diluting white power in the United States. That fear is reflected, too, in the Right's systematic efforts to make voting harder across the country and to continue denying the District of Columbia any congressional representation.

Anyone can figure out that if Washington D.C. were populated by white conservative Republicans, rather than many people of color and liberal Democrats, the cause of D.C. representation would be a matter of "principle" for the Tea Party. There is no clearer case in America of people suffering under a key grievance of the Revolution: "no taxation without representation."

However, given the dark-skin demographics and political leanings of the District's population, Tea Partiers come to Washington to decry "taxation with representation" for themselves while caring nothing about "taxation without representation" for District citizens. The Tea Partiers wave their "Don't Tread on Me" flags, but don't demand seats in Congress for the people who live here.

With similar hypocrisy, the Right has rewritten the nation's Founding narrative, an undertaking that has met little resistance from mainstream commentators who either don't know the history themselves or don't think the fight is worth having. Yet, ceding the historical narrative to the Right has meant that many Americans now think they are following the guideposts that the Framers left behind when they are actually being led in the opposite direction.

Leading the way in the years after independence, Washington and Madison wanted a unified nation that addressed the country's practical needs and overcame the rivalries among the states. "Thirteen sovereignties," Washington wrote, "pulling against each other, and all tugging at the federal head, will soon bring ruin to the whole."

Prior to the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Madison told Washington that the states had to be made "subordinately useful," a sentiment that Washington shared because — as commander in chief of the Continental Army — he had watched the Articles' failure first-hand when his troops suffered without supplies and pay.

However, right-wing propaganda has transformed these key Framers from being the fathers of the Constitution to avatars for the Articles of Confederation, a system that both Washington and Madison despised. It was the Articles that made the states "sovereign" and "independent" and relegated the central government to a "league of friendship."

Madison and Washington were among the pragmatic nationalists who recognized that the Articles were a disaster threatening the fragile independence and unity of the country. For instance, both Madison and Washington believed the central government needed the power to regulate national commerce.

When Madison tried to get a Commerce Clause added as an amendment to the Articles of Confederation, Washington strongly supported Madison's idea, calling the amendment "so self evident that I confess I am at a loss to discover wherein lies the weight of the objection to the measure. We are either a united people, or we are not. If the former, let us, in all matters of a general concern act as a nation, which have national objects to promote, and a national character to support. If we are not, let us no longer act a farce by pretending it to be."

Writing the Constitution

After Madison's commerce amendment died in the Virginia legislature — and as Shays' Rebellion shook western Massachusetts in 1786 while the central government was powerless to intervene — Madison and Washington turned to the more radical concept of a Constitutional Convention. Here is how historians Andrew Burstein and Nancy Isenberg describe Madison's thinking in their 2010 book, *Madison and Jefferson*:

"Building a case against the Articles of Confederation, [Madison] needed to explain why the United States was so ill equipped to accomplish the basic tasks of raising money, making treaties, and regulating commerce. By April 1787 he had a diagnosis in hand. He called it 'Vices of the Political System of the United States,' and it became his working manifesto, a summary view at the end of his first decade as a state and national politician.

"Chief among the vices Madison identified was the undue power lodged in the individual states. Having held a seat in Congress longer than anyone else (four years), he had come to feel that the Confederation was barely a government at all. Like most confederations, the U.S. system was a voluntary compact, a weak 'league of friendship' among the states, and subject to internal dissensions. It lacked executive and judicial components; it rarely if ever represented the collective will of the people. ...

"Madison saw little to be gained in rescuing the Confederation. It was a dysfunctional system, its flaws too ingrained for it to be made energetic or even stable. ... Moreover, the aggrandizing state legislatures of the

1780s resembled nothing so much as a group of rambunctious children refusing to play together fairly. ... Damning the states unmercifully, Madison found his solution in a centralizing government. ...

"Madison explained his thinking to George Washington shortly before the Constitutional Convention was set to open. There was only one way to save the nation, he said. The states had to be made 'subordinately useful'."

In Madison's original draft of the Constitution, the federal Congress would have even been given veto power over state legislation, a provision that eventually was dropped. However, the Constitution and federal law were still made the supreme laws of the land, and federal courts had the power to strike down state laws deemed unconstitutional.

Though not giving the federal government all the powers that Madison had wanted, the Constitution still represented a major shift of authority from the states to the central government. And, that transformation was not lost on the Anti-Federalists who struggled desperately to block ratification in 1788. [For more details, see Robert Parry's *America's Stolen Narrative*.]

The South's Fears

The battle against the Constitution and later against an energetic federal government — the sort of nation-building especially envisioned by Washington and Hamilton — emanated, in part, from the fears of many Southern plantation owners that eventually the national political system would move to outlaw slavery and thus negate their massive investment in human bondage.

Their thinking was that the stronger the federal government became the more likely it would act to impose a national judgment against the South's slavery. So, while the Southern argument was often couched in the rhetoric of "liberty," i.e. the rights of states to set their own rules, the underlying point was the maintenance of slavery, the "liberty" to own black people.

This dollars-and-cents reality was reflected in the debate at Virginia's 1788 convention to ratify the Constitution. Two of Virginia's most noted advocates for "liberty" and "rights" — Patrick Henry and George Mason — tried to rally opposition to the proposed Constitution by stoking the fears of white plantation owners.

Historians Burstein and Isenberg note that the chief argument advanced by Henry and Mason was that "slavery, the source of Virginia's tremendous wealth, lay politically unprotected" and that this danger was exacerbated by the Constitution's granting the President, as commander in chief, the power to "federalize" state militias.

"Mason repeated what he had said during the Constitutional Convention: that the new government failed to provide for 'domestic safety' if there was no explicit protection for Virginians' slave property," Burstein and Isenberg wrote. "Henry called up the by-now-ingrained fear of slave insurrections — the direct result, he believed, of Virginia's loss of authority over its own militia."

Henry floated conspiracy theories about possible subterfuges that the federal government might employ to take away black slaves from white Virginians. Describing this fear-mongering, Burstein and Isenberg wrote:

"Congress, if it wished, could draft every slave into the military and liberate them at the end of their service. If troop quotas were determined by population, and Virginia had over 200,000 slaves, Congress might say: 'Every black man must fight.' For that matter, a northern-controlled Congress might tax slavery out of existence.

"Mason and Henry both ignored the fact that the Constitution protected slavery on the strength of the three-fifths clause, the fugitive slave clause, and the slave trade clause. Their rationale was that none of this mattered if the North should have its way."

Madison, a principal architect of the new governing structure and a slave-owner himself, sought to finesse the Mason/Henry arguments by insisting, according to Burstein and Isenberg, that "the central government had no power to order emancipation, and that Congress would never 'alienate the affections five-thirteenths of the Union' by stripping southerners of their property. 'Such an idea never entered into any American breast,' he said indignantly, 'nor do I believe it ever will.' ...

"Yet Mason struck a chord in his insistence that northerners could never understand slavery, and Henry roused the crowd with his refusal to trust 'any man on earth' with his rights. Virginians were hearing that their sovereignty was in jeopardy."

Enter Thomas Jefferson

Though Madison had served essentially as Washington's right-hand man in developing the Constitution and shepherding it through ratification, Madison gradually shifted his primary political allegiance to Thomas Jefferson, his Virginia neighbor and fellow slaveholder.

Jefferson was in France during the Constitution Convention, but he later took up the Henry-Mason concern about federal abolition of slavery. Perhaps more than any early national leader, Jefferson also injected a bitter "factionalism," ignoring Washington's warnings against it as a threat to the new constitutional Republic.

Jefferson proved to be a clever politician as he built a movement that challenged Washington's Federalists and their vision of a vibrant central government. Jefferson's Democratic-Republican Party supposedly represented the interests of restless "farmers," although his true base of support was among Southern plantation aristocrats. By the early 1790s, Madison had been pulled from Washington's orbit to Jefferson's.

Despite his intellectual brilliance, Jefferson was really just another Southern hypocrite. He wrote that "all men are created equal" (in the Declaration of Independence) but he engaged in pseudo-science of skull measurements to portray African-Americans as inferior to whites (as he did in his *Notes on the State of Virginia*).

His racism rationalized his own economic and personal reliance on slavery. While desperately afraid of slave rebellions, he is alleged to have taken a young slave girl, Sally Hemings, as a mistress. Jefferson's hypocrisy also surfaced in his attitudes toward a slave revolt in the French colony of St. Domingue (today's Haiti), where African slaves took seriously the Jacobins' cry of "liberty, equality and fraternity."

After their demands for freedom were rebuffed and the brutal French plantation system continued, violent slave uprisings followed. In 1801, President Jefferson (along with his Secretary of State James Madison) sided with French Emperor Napoleon in his effort to crush the slave uprising. [For more details, see Consortiumnews.com's "Racism and the American Right."]

Ironically, after the slaves of Haiti defeated the French army, Napoleon was forced to abandon his dream of building a French empire in the center of the North American continent and instead sold the Louisiana territories to Jefferson in a deal negotiated by Madison (although the purchase exceeded the Constitution's "enumerated powers," thus violating their supposed strict constitutional principles).

Madison also flip-flopped on the issue of a national bank, opposing it when the bank was created by Treasury Secretary Hamilton under Washington's presidency. But — as President — Madison struggled with financing the War of 1812 and then embraced the necessity of a bank.

Loyal to Slavery

Even after their presidencies, Jefferson and Madison remained loyal to their neighbors, the slaveholders of Virginia who — as a group — had discovered a lucrative new industry, breeding slaves for sale to the new states emerging in the west. Jefferson himself saw the financial benefit of having fertile female slaves.

"I consider a woman who brings a child every two years as more profitable than the best man of the farm," Jefferson remarked. "What she produces is an addition to the capital, while his labors disappear in mere consumption."

While recognizing the economic value of slavery, Jefferson suggested that the ultimate resolution of slavery would be to expatriate black Americans out of the country. One of Jefferson's ideas was to take away the children born to black slaves in the U.S. and ship them to Haiti. In that way, Jefferson posited that both slavery and America's black population could be phased out.

Jefferson and Madison also insisted on framing the slavery issue as one in which the white Southerners were the real victims. In 1820, Jefferson wrote a letter expressing his alarm over the bitter battle surrounding the admission of Missouri as a slave state. "As it is, we have the wolf by the ear and we can neither hold him, nor safely let him go," Jefferson wrote. The imagery sought sympathy for the Southern slaveholders as the ones caught in a dangerous predicament, tenuously holding onto a ravenous wolf.

After returning to his Virginia plantation, Madison expressed his own sympathy for the slave-owning South in a play that he wrote, entitled "Jonathan Bull and Mary Bull." The plot involved the wife Mary having one blank arm, which husband Jonathan had accepted at the time of their marriage but later found offensive. He demanded that Mary either have her skin peeled off or her arm cut off.

In Madison's script, Jonathan Bull becomes obnoxious and insistent even though his remedy is cruel and even life-threatening. "I can no longer consort with one marked with such a deformity as the blot on your person," Jonathan tells Mary, who is "so stunned by the language she heard that it was some time before she could speak at all."

Madison's play clumsily made the intelligent and cruel Jonathan represent the North and the sympathetic and threatened Mary the South. As historians Burstein and Isenberg note, "Madison's refusal to acknowledge the North's right to speak out against southern slavery is matched by his feminization of the South, vulnerable if not wholly innocent and routinely subjected to unwarranted pressure. ...

"Mary alone appreciates the 'good feelings' that are meant to characterize relations between husband and wife. ... She is calm as she tries to talk sense to Jonathan, whom she continues to refer to respectfully as 'my

worthy partner.' ... [S]he asks him a rhetorical question: Would divorce make your estates stronger than they are as one half of our union."

In other words, Madison considered the South's white slaveholders the real victims here, and the North's abolitionists were unfeeling monsters.

Unlike Washington and some other Founders whose wills freed their slaves, Jefferson and Madison did not grant any blanket freedom. Madison freed none of his slaves; Jefferson only freed a few who were related to the Hemings family.

On Route to War

Jefferson and Madison (at least the later incarnation of Madison as Jefferson's ally) also helped put the nation on the path to the Civil War by lending support to the "nullification" movement in which Southern states insisted that they could reject (or nullify) federal law, the opposite position from the one Madison took in the Constitutional Convention when he favored giving Congress the power to veto state laws.

In the early 1830s, Southern politicians sought "nullification" of a federal tariff on manufactured goods, but were stopped by President Andrew Jackson who threatened to deploy troops to South Carolina to enforce the Constitution.

In December 1832, Jackson denounced the "nullifiers" and declared "the power to annul a law of the United States, assumed by one State, incompatible with the existence of the Union, contradicted expressly by the letter of the Constitution, unauthorized by its spirit, inconsistent with every principle on which it was founded, and destructive of the great object for which it was formed."

Jackson also rejected as "treason" the notion that states could secede if they wished, noting that the Constitution "forms a *government* not a league," a reference to a line in the Articles of Confederation that had termed the fledgling United States a "league of friendship" among the states, not a national government.

Jackson's nullification crisis was resolved nonviolently, but a few decades later, the South's continued resistance to the constitutional preeminence of the federal government led to secession and the formation of the Confederacy. It took the Union's victory in the Civil War to free the slaves and firmly settle the issue of the sovereignty of the national Republic over the independence of the states.

However, the defeated South still balked at equal rights for blacks and invoked "states' rights" to defend segregation during the Jim Crow era. White Southerners amassed enough political clout, especially within the Democratic Party — the successor to Jefferson's Democratic-Republican Party — to fend off civil rights for blacks.

The battle over states' rights was joined again in the 1950s when the federal government finally committed itself to enforcing the principle of "equal protection under the law" as prescribed by the Fourteenth Amendment. Many white Southerners were furious that their system of segregation was being dismantled by federal authority.

Southern rightists and many libertarians insisted that federal laws prohibiting denial of voting rights for blacks and outlawing segregation in public places were unconstitutional. But federal courts ruled that Congress was within its rights in banning such discrimination within the states.

Rise of the Tea Party

The anger of Southern whites was taken out primarily on the modern Democratic Party, which had led the fight for civil rights. Opportunistic Republicans, such as Richard Nixon, fashioned a "Southern strategy" using racial code words to appeal to Southern whites and turned the region from solidly Democratic to predominantly Republican as it is today.

Southern white anger was also reflected in the prevalence of the Confederate battle flag on pickup trucks and in store windows. Gradually, however, the American Right retreated from outright support of racial segregation. The growing public revulsion over the "Stars and Bars" as a symbol of racism also forced the Right to make a stylistic adjustment as well.

The Right stopped deriving its key imagery from the embittered unreconstructed South and turned to the far more palatable era of Lexington and Concord. Instead of highlighting slogans like "the South will rise again," the Right gobbled onto Revolutionary War messages like "Don't Tread on Me," with the elected American government placed in the role of a tyrannical British monarch.

Though the Right's imagery changed, the message remained the same. From the Anti-Federalist days of 1788 through the Civil War and the segregationist South to hatred of the first African-American president, there was a determination to prevent the federal Republic from acting against injustices existing inside individual states.

But the racism that has permeated the American Right for more than two centuries continues to bubble just below the surface and occasionally breaks through, such as with attempts to make voting more difficult for minorities or with opposition to immigration reform (and the prospect of more brown-skinned American citizens).

At Wednesday's Tea Party rally on Capitol Hill, the overwhelmingly white crowd hooted at the mention of Sen. Rubio's name although he was just recently a Tea Party favorite. However, because of his work with Democrats and more moderate Republicans on immigration reform, Rubio became the Right's newest bête noire.

As Washington Post columnist Dana Milbank observed, pro-Tea Party members of Congress "called to the microphone the Heritage Foundation's Robert Rector, who delivered a sustained rebuke of the turncoat 'Marco Rubio,' he charged, 'has not read his own bill.'

"A chorus of boos rose from the crowd of several hundred. Rector mocked the claim that the legislation wouldn't cost taxpayers money. 'Liars! Liars!' the crowd replied. 'Senator Rubio says that [illegal immigrants] are going to have to pay a penalty, 'cause this bill is tough,' Rector said cheerfully. 'Brof Liar! Liar!' ... 'Primary Rubio!' somebody in the crowd shouted."

While Milbank marveled at "the speed with which the tea party turned on Rubio," the behavior should not be surprising given the history of the American Right, a movement that has long harbored racists and resented federal efforts to intervene against slavery, lynching and segregation.

To this day, much of the American Right has refused to come to grips with the idea of non-whites holding U.S. citizenship. And, there is now a palpable fear that the demographics of democracy might finally eradicate white supremacy in the United States. It is that last-ditch fight for white dominance – as much as anything else – that is driving today's Tea Party.

Investigative reporter Robert Parry broke many of the Iran-Contra stories for The Associated Press and Newsweek in the 1980s. You can buy his new book, *America's Stolen Narrative*, either in print [here](#) or as an e-book (from [Amazon](#) and [BarnesandNoble.com](#)). For a limited time, you also can order Robert Parry's trilogy on the Bush Family and its connections to various right-wing operatives for only \$34. The trilogy includes *America's Stolen Narrative*. For details on this offer, [click here](#).

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1. super390 on June 20, 2013 at 10:45 pm said:

Well, I'm glad someone is willing to make these connections between reactionary patriotism and a past founded on white supremacy. But modern citizens are conditioned to think it impossible that any patriot would want to go back to the past without excluding monstrous institutions like slavery or Jim Crow. They lack understanding of the actual legal mechanisms championed by the Tea Party which served those awful traditions in our past. You have to prove to them that there is a pattern to those championings, and that the pattern is meant to restore 2nd class/non-citizenship for people of color.

Which I can do. ALEC, the ultra-capitalist shadow government which shares members with the Tea Party, is now championing the expansion of prison slave labor. Most Americans are aware that the entire legal system is stacked against blacks, but are willing to put up with it because of their fear of crime. If I were to say on TV that the obvious intention of the GOP is to expand prison labor by allowing massively disproportionate arrests of innocent blacks by racist cops and DAs, I would be the one called a horrible person. Yet it is the capitalists' Final Solution, removing black voters, driving down effective wages to Chinese levels, breaking the unions, and creating a replacement labor pool in the unlikely event that illegal aliens are ever effectively expunged as the Tea Party demands.


That's just too many benefits for our owners. The burden of proof should be on them, not me, to show otherwise.




Emily on June 21, 2013 at 1:44 pm said:

in case you have forgotten, slavery and Jim Crow were all championed by the democrat party,


republicans fought to end slavery. The NRA helped train blacks to fight the KKK during the civil rights movement. Democrats have always been the oppressors. They continue that oppression today by keeping blacks and minorities dependent on the state.

▪  Jeff on [June 21, 2013 at 2:39 pm](#) said:

You've conveniently "forgotten" that the racism of the democratic party's "dixiecrats" became firmly and passionately embraced by the GOP with the signing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964. This is a common practice by those on the "right," in their failing, desperate attempts to brush away the harsh reality of their party's well-known, long-established, deeply-seated racism. With the stroke of his pen, LBJ instantly converted the entire south's racist democrats into racist republicans, and it's remained so ever since. You're entitled to your own opinions, but not your own facts. And, as long as folks like me, who care, are around, we're going to demand an HONEST accounting of history, and therefore will confront those like you, who insist upon distorting the facts.

▪  Joe 62 on [June 24, 2013 at 1:30 pm](#) said:

Hello racist!!

▪  Joe 62 on [June 24, 2013 at 1:31 pm](#) said:

Sorry, wrong spot was intended for milly.

2.  Marsha on [June 21, 2013 at 3:05 am](#) said:

Beck and Limbaugh. And then they cut off their Food Stamps (Snap)

3.  Peter Loeb on [June 21, 2013 at 11:18 am](#) said:

GOOD SENSE AND NONSENSE— There are many excellent points made in this piece on the Constitution and its Framers who we have made into eternally wise bastions of wisdom. I concur that today's view of "States' Rights" is nonsense. The most admirable achievement was not their position on this issue but rather their dualism. They accepted the demands of those for States' Rights but preserved in the Constitution the ability to change with the changing needs of different eras. The Constitution they drafted was not a rigid instrument. It could change. It is nonsense to continue to refer to decisions made in taverns then by wealthy white males as paramount. People of color now have citizenship and the right to vote, women participate in government and in our society on a (nearly) equal basis, the Customs House is no longer the largest executive department. Beginning with "left" and "right" with reference to current political parties is meaningless. We have income taxes. We expect more from our government at all levels today.

4.  Jason Blazevic on [June 21, 2013 at 12:39 pm](#) said:

Robert Parry has engaged in some slight historical revisionism. The southern white backlash of the 1870s led to the demise of the Republican Party in the South and the rise of the Democratic Party. The party of Lincoln was the champion of African Americans and was not liked by southern whites. By the 1880s, so strong was the Democratic hold on the South that the party referred to the South as the Solid South — meaning that the South would always vote Democrat. Southern Democrats were the force behind segregationist policies and voter disenfranchisement. Of course, nothing stays the same — by the 1950s the Democratic Party had greatly softened its stance as seen through civil rights legislation and enforced desegregation. Sensing Democrat weakness, Nixon and the Republican Party catered to southern whites to get their votes. The Republicans promised a rollback of civil rights legislation. Of course, the rollback never happened thanks to a crafty Nixon who many in the Republican Party had a strong dislike for. But, the Republican response to the Democrats has stuck even to this time. However, Parry should consider that not all Republicans and Tea Party members are racists. He paints them all with a wide brush which is unfair and somewhat offensive. As for the President

and IRS-Gate, Parry should know more than anyone else that Presidents routinely use the IRS as an attack dog against organizations they do not like. Obama, Bush, Clinton, Reagan all used the IRS in such a manner. Pretending that one party and its President are perfect innocent angels at all times ignores the true reality of politics and makes Parry look like Fox News, MSNBC and other so-called news and information sources.



- Frances in California on [June 21, 2013 at 3:55 pm](#) said:

Jason, where's your proof (source cited, etc) that not all Republicans and Tea Party members are racist? It depends upon where you draw the line; somehow yours is kinda wiggly.



- Chris Herz on [June 21, 2013 at 4:19 pm](#) said:

In the 1930's the Roosevelt Administration used the tax laws to clap Moe Annenberg, publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer in jail. He had played fast and loose with the IRS in order to attack the government on behalf of Fascism.

We should do the same with the modern-day Krupp von Bohlers or Fritz Thyssens who bankroll the Teabaggers out of corporate profits. They are cheating other stock-holders after all in using company money for political purposes.



- Alfredo Villanueva-Collado on [June 22, 2013 at 12:59 pm](#) said:

I am not so interested in the Republican party of the 19th Century but on today's republican Party, whom I squarely blame for trying to turn back the clock to the ante-Bellum era. In other words, the Republican Party has turned into the mortal enemy of the Federal government, and indeed of any kind of social justice. They represent the Senex, which always devours its own children.



- Tony on [June 22, 2013 at 7:37 pm](#) said:

And the Gadsden flag has replaced the Confederate flag.



- Loudiva on [June 23, 2013 at 3:52 pm](#) said:

A slight quibble with the author: The Confederate flag that southerners display on their pickup trucks is the "battle flag." The "Stars and Bars" was a national flag design having a blue union in the upper left with three horizontal bars in red and white. The soldiers had trouble distinguishing it from the Stars and Stripes in the smoky battlefields, so the battle flag was adopted instead. Calling the battle flag the Stars and Bars is inaccurate.



- CLS on [June 23, 2013 at 8:31 pm](#) said:

The Democrats are still the true racists. They have figured out a way to keep minorities on the "government plantation" with feel good social programs that create dependence on the government thus keeping them subservient to the elite ruling class.



- sj on [June 27, 2013 at 9:42 am](#) said:

CLS...you are full of BS!



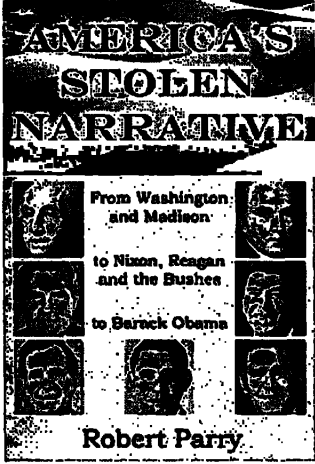
- CLS on [June 27, 2013 at 9:40 pm](#) said:

Typical liberal response, sj. No substance, just profanity. Liberals are wonderfully open-minded, tolerant individuals unless you have a different viewpoint. They cannot hold up their end in a debate so they attack

using any means to silence the other opinion. That is why I laugh derisively when a liberal calls for bipartisanship.

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On Letterman, Maher Charges Racist 'Tea-Baggers' Are 'Corporate America's Useful Idiots,' CBS Expunges Vile Term

By Brent Baker | April 28, 2011 | 02:50

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Regurgitating the same kind of derogatory comments he regularly spews on his Friday night HBO show, Bill Maher showed up Monday night on the *Late Show with David Letterman* where CBS, unlike HBO, excised his vile terminology for Tea Party activists.

Maher denounced Tea Party followers as "sad, unfortunate people" because they are "corporate America's useful idiots" who don't allow "facts" to "get in that tin foil helmet."

Then he employed his usual "tea-baggers" phrase, but CBS silenced the "baggers" so viewers heard dead air when Maher spoke that foul term:

I don't have any respect, no, I don't have any respect for the tea-(baggers) [word silenced] and I do call them the tea-(baggers) [word silenced again] – even though they hate it. I will stop calling them Tea-(baggers) [word silenced for a third time] when they stop calling it Obamacare, that's my deal.

He proceeded to allege opposition to President Barack Obama is motivated by racism. Maher maintained the debt "was mostly ran up under Bush," yet "where were the Tea Party then?" He offered some mock speculation: "So there's just something about him that they don't like. I can't put my finger on what it is. (audience laughter) But there's some way that he's just not like them. I don't know what. He's skinny that must be it. He's skinny, they're fat and he's skinny."

Audio: MP3 clip that matches the video

From the Monday, April 25 *Late Show with David Letterman* on CBS:

DAVID LETTERMAN: What about your Tea Party pals, what do you hear there?

BILL MAHER: Well, the Tea Party, you know, they are sad, unfortunate people because — well, they are, because they are, you know, corporate America's useful idiots. (Applause) They are they — I would have more respect for them if they knew a thing, if any fact could get in that tin foil helmet. If they would get out of their chat rooms and have their house tested for lead for just a minute. (Laughter)

LETTERMAN: Is this part of your friendship campaign, Bill? Is this-

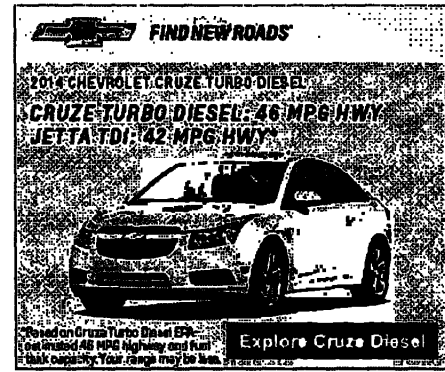
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But here's the thing. Their whole campaign is based on money. It's all about we have too much debt, the deficit is too high. They are, after all, named after a tax revolt. But you know, there's these things called facts. Where did all this debt come from. Well, the facts will tell us it was mostly ran up under Bush. Two wars that we put on the credit card. (Applause) Prescription drug program that was unpaid for. Tax cuts for the richest one percent, that was unpaid for. Where were the Tea Party then? Crickets. But suddenly, when President Nosferatu took office — suddenly debt became intolerable.

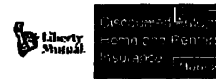
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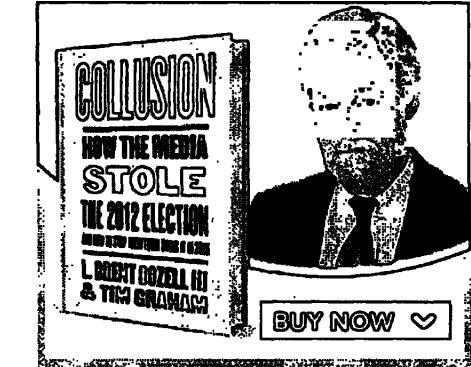
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Lady Killers..... Submitted by almostacowboy on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 10:47am.

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I keep hearing "tax cuts for the rich that were unpaid for", by the libs. First of all, everyone, not just the rich, got tax cuts, and second of all, who exactly is supposed to pay for it? But wait, don't you have to spend money to pay for something? Oh yeah, tax cuts isn't spending, idiots.

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Not quite right
Submitted by jon_torlin on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:39am.

Your assertion that everyone got a tax cut is incorrect. The current tax rates that were cut under Bush were extended, so nothing changed. That means we didn't get a tax increase or a tax out on our income. That's not to say we weren't taxed by other means, which we were. The amount that the cuts were extended for is a pittance compared to the out-of-this-world spending that we are seeing today.

And I sincerely hope you don't buy into the nonsense from the Chairman when he says he cut taxes for 95% of the people of the US when more than half of the people of the US aren't paying ANY taxes while the other less than half are taking up the load, including the "rich" which apparently has a new definition these days.

-Jon

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Yes, and it was Owebama and a massively Dem Congress
Submitted by merly1 on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 9:24am.

that extended the Bush era tax rates. More proof that even idiots CAN get a degree from Cornell.
Plus, it is true, correct,—>haant Owebama added more to the PUBLICLY HELD FEDERAL DEBT (about 3.3 trillion) in barely two years than Bush added in 8 years (about 3 trillion). That is correct, right? Bush raided SS surpluses as much as anything. Owebama either uses China or the printing press to fund his splurge, so Maher really, really is stupid.....

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Well, I meant back in 2001
Submitted by VBaxter on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 5:24pm.

Well, I meant back in 2001 and 2003, I know that this year the tax rates were just extended. And I agree with the rest of your statement.

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No we don't Mahar
Submitted by okiehawk44 on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 4:01am.

We have long ago gotten over all the name calling by you leftist Democrats. Call me anything you want Maher – the source is considered – just not highly.

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Yes. Who cares anymore?

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Submitted by Red Jeep on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:43am.

...Crazy Bill said something?....eh...he's still hanging around?

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Maheer

Submitted by Truestar on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 5:57am.

Maheer is a bigoted idiot. He's not funny, and anyone who thinks this drivel is funny is also a bigoted idiot--so much for the clapping idiots in Letterman's audience. He always gets a pass from the MSM, and has done so for a long time, because he's a Leftist. The nod to civility that CBS made because of the teabagger term is just that...a nod. Otherwise, this idiot is practically the equivalent of a KKK member on the air. He's obviously convinced that he knows everything, which means he actually knows nothing.

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Who puts him on...?

Submitted by MaximusBraveheart on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 12:06pm.

I don't know how these unfunny people even make it on TV. How did Ellen & Rosie keep coming back? Rosie appeared on the cable show about homosexual farmers (Beekman Boys) & she touted how much power she had & now could not get an order of their cheese because it was sold out. What power she has sure went to her brain as they say...

— Maximusbraveheart — Is TRUTH knowable? Moral Relativism is the abandonment of Truth. Truth is knowable. Truth conforms to Reality. Reality is observable by evidence & witness in this day & from history. Relativism is Sesame Street play land.

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These teabaggee's (a Loesch term) are silly willies

Submitted by Funbowhunter on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 6:27am.

Bill Maher was defended by those on the right to speak his hate, so he has not stopped. The core to his hatred is he hates God. Although he would say he could not hate a non-existing entity, the fact that he spews hatred for him gives a different light to what he actually believes.

He does not believe in equal time, for he always stacks the deck on his show. I do not understand the left, to them if there is one conservative voice against ten liberal voices, it is unfairly tilted to the conservative, what gives there?

Just look at what you have to be for in order to be on the left. Socialism, abortion, putting animals over humans, forcing upon others what you want (selfishness), cheating at the poles (while claiming the other side does), distorting the view of those who are not like you, using vile language against the opposition (I know, I know my subject line, but I am not doing a teeth and diarrhea which is employed by the left quite often), covetousness.

I hope Maher comes to his senses one day, I really do.

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bowhunter

Submitted by Truestar on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:36am.

You're welcome to hope for Maher's sensibility all you want, but he's hopeless. Maher's mind is as closed as the doors to Al Gore's carbon polluting mansion-- both of which are monuments to hypocrisy and stupidity.

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The young girls and boys that die from drug overdoses, disease, abuse and suicide are not victims? Typical liberal situational ethics - if you don't think it's wrong then do it. Jesus loves you so...

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The Galt

Agreed. It is a transaction of goods or services between consenting adults, as with any other business. It's called capitalism, isn't it? And by the way, pornography is essentially the same thing...

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In order....

Submitted by almostacowboy on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 10:55am.

In order for Maher to "hate God", wouldn't he have to believe in God? :-). There was a time when I spoke as Bill speaks (a long time ago), but I got sober, then saved. I can only pray for Bill's salvation, too. Nothing speaks louder of God's power as when you get one of Satan's more visible workers. The apostle Paul (Saul of Tarsus) is the best example.

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Yes. No reason to be angry at all.

Submitted by The Vet on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:00am.

Under President Bush's watch, debt as a percentage of GDP went from 29% to 37% in 8 years. A whopping 8 percentage points. Shame. Shame. Shame. Why, that is almost double if you squint and turn your head just so. An outrage that people need to be in the streets over.

Under President Obama, debt as a percentage of GDP went from 37% to 56% and is projected to go to 65% this year. An increase of 18 percentage points in 2 years. 28 points if you include this year.

8 in 8, versus 28 in 3. Stupid bleep bleepers. Racists. Angrists. Big dummiz. Haters.

PS: President Bush had an economic crisis in his last year and spent a lot of money. Were it not for that, debt as a percentage of GDP was a little over 30% at the end of 2007. An increase of almost 2 percentage points in 7 years. WHY WEREN'T YOU BLEEP BLEEPERS IN THE STREETS? DANG YOU ALL!!!@!!"!!!! 2 percent is a reason to take to the streets in the snow and rain!!@!!- DANG YOU ALL TO HELL FOR BEING SO DANG RACIST!!-----|!!!-

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Wow.

Submitted by johnson1 on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:12am.

Let's see: lots of caps, bold type, emoticons..."angrists"? That's a new one. I'm still trying to get how the "racist" angle fits here. You curse others and accuse THEM of hate?

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you: a product of our liberal/socialist educational system. If I were you, my friend, I would sue every school I ever attended, especially Berkeley.

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You should stick to the topic

Submitted by Boudin on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:28am.

Instead of name calling folks your unfamiliar with.

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johnson1 - read much?>>>

Submitted by acaiguana on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:37am.



merkinmuffy

And remember, it wasn't the question that tripped up Dukakis! It was his cold, dispassionate response!

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Sue

It stinks when you "conscience" interferes with your bottom line, doesn't it, Jim? Your success is dependent on your fan base, not your liberal ideology, but has been seen cannot be unseen.

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regmgr

He's hoping that people will go see his stupid movies if he say I'm sorry. Good luck with that.

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Palin hot
Walsh not
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The Salt

Keeping something illegal (marijuana and prostitution, for example) allows far more crime than prevent it.... but such is the folly of a government with a moral superiority complex! Didn't they...

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Get a grip man, can't you see the /sarcasm switch?

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Quoted from: 'Acaiguana notes from the Underground' (Soon to be at theaters near you)

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sarcasm

Submitted by dmacleo on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:40am.

study it and learn it.
if you actually read what was written you may edit your response.

dmacleo <http://www.theconservativevoices.com>

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ummm

Submitted by stunned on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:42am.

I think he was being sarcastic by mocking the libs so outraged that folks dared get upset by Obama and the Dems wild spending over the past couple of years. LOL I laughed when I read the post.

tired of liberal lies

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It was a big truckload of sarcasm sir.

Submitted by The Vet on Wed, 04/27/2011 - 11:00am.

Little clue - people were not upset the first 7 years because the debt as a percentage of GDP had only gone up around 2 percentage points despite being us being in two active theatres of war.

Sorry I was misunderstood. Those familiar with me did recognise it as sarcasm. I will try better for those unfamiliar with me in the future.

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This is classic "projection"

Submitted by johnson1 on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:05am.

by Maher. He is everything that he accuses conservatives of. "Sad", "unfortunate, useful idiot", "tool" of the left.

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Bill Maher is a complete idiot.

Submitted by acaiguana on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:25am.

But he is held up as a brilliant sophist when it comes to whatever he wants to rant about.

Whatever...

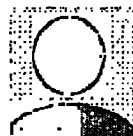
A self-proclaimed expert on everything and his opinion is soooo important.



CO2Maker

Good point about regulated brothels, by which I assume you mean are inspected for safety and health standards, the same as abortion clinics like, oh, to take an example at random, Kermit Gosnell's...

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Ironic that the artist chose a garden to represent a desert.

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PittsburghTiger

someone is worried that his next film will bomb.

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Whatever...

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If by "sophist" they mean pseudo-intellectual BS artist...

Submitted by Phryj1 on Sat, 04/30/2011 - 7:35pm.

...then they're right. A sophist, in modern usage, basically means someone who makes faulty or dishonest arguments appear valid and well constructed. No wonder the left likes him so much.

Progressives seem to be completely averse to facts and logic. Apparently, reality has a conservative bias.

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Obamacare?

Submitted by Boudin on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:36am.

Really Bill? What would you have us call a bill that was not wanted but forces upon us anyway?

Chump

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hmmmm...

Submitted by dmacleo on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:41am.

obama-RAPE ???
works for me bill.

dmacleo <http://www.theconservativevoices.com>

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He called it that!

Submitted by jon_torin on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:42am.

I guess the donkey-faced one didn't know that the Chairman HIMSELF called it ObamaCare. He owns that.

-Jon

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Anger...

Submitted by adamsmith on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 7:43am.

There is only one thing I can think of that can make a "man" like Maher as miserable and nasty as he is. Obviously the good Lord shortchanged him in the genitalia department. I guess I'd be angry and vitriolic too. No wonder he has to pay for it at Hugh's place. For an extra \$100 I'll bet the girls tell him how "manly" he is.....There really is no other explanation unless he spent inordinate amounts of time with his

father in the toolshed.....He's a loser, ageing very very quickly.....HBO probably even pays him in "Bunny Dollars".....

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Boring

Submitted by WarEagle01 on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 8:18am.

Maheer and his mule are just so boring. It's the same stuff over and over with this guy. Teabaggers, racist, Bush.blah, blah, blah. I just don't see how any TV exec interested in ratings would put this guy on the air.

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Funny (maybe not)

Submitted by DontFeedTheTrolls on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 8:33am.

Obama spends 20 years sitting in a hate based 'church' slobbering over his racist mentor Rev. Wright where they blame all the world's ills on white men, but Maher sees the TEA (Taxed Enough Already) Party as a racist organization??? Guess that's Maher's brain on drugs.

Americans keeping their own earnings is a Civil Right! Demand your Civil Rights!

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I am proud to be a Teabagger's daughter...

Submitted by CarolinaJimbo on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 8:58am.

I am not offended by this "term of endearment" anymore. The more they say it, the more they show themselves to be what they are: shallow, idiotic bullies.

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CJ, Ditch the Acronym, "TEA" Party

Submitted by upcountrywater on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 9:42am.

You will be surprised that lots of folks do not know that the Tea IN TEA Party stands for.... TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY. really try it. :)

Of course for those who do not pay any taxes, the concept just flies over their heads, empty of facts like most of the viewers, of the TV show on this thread.

You Didn't Build That.

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the only teabagger in the room is

Submitted by Kuso Jiji on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 9:04am.

the hollywood liberal bill maher himself. the guy has been teabagged so many times, that word is imbedded in the front of his mushy brain.

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Thank you, CBS

Submitted by Cool Arrow on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 9:14am.

Whether you meant to or not, you brought attention to the vulgar antics of the Liberal Lefties (redundant?).

It's about time a major network recognized that term as vulgar.

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If I wanted all the clocks in the room stopped, I would turn on

Submitted by virginia republican on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 9:20am.

the TV when Donkey Face is on, but I don't want to have to buy new clocks (and find DFs rantings not entertaining), so I'll pass. Yet another reason not to watch Letterman. Why can't this DF jerk get a clue and wear a bag over his head? It would be a public service.

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Maher and Letterman Are Better Advertisements

Submitted by Comrade Jim on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 9:49am.

For the Tea Party man against it. Most people who bother to give their words and methods a thought are turned off.

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It's Because of these Idiots

Submitted by scottyusmc on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 10:05am.

It's because of these idiots that TeaParty membership is growing so fast. Soon enough, even the media will have to acknowledge our existence.

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How do you know tea party membership is growing?

Submitted by Lipton on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 10:35am.

Don't get me wrong. I am into the movement and active and everything. Unfortunately, I personally am a bit exhausted and I don't notice the level of enthusiasm that has been there before. I think it is difficult to maintain a strong force over months, but if we can keep enough dedicated patriots willing to work the long haul than the conservative movement can grow and thrive. I'd like to hear about the tea party growing, because from where I sit it seems to be waning. OTOH, I also think and hope that some tea partiers have gone to work inside the Republican party to become Precinct Committeeman and getting inside the GOP to change the party from within.

I'd like to thank Hollywood for renewing my interest in reading.

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Obamacare

Submitted by nkvik75 on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 10:32am.

"I will stop calling them Tea-(baggers) [word silenced for a third time] when they stop calling it Obamacare, that's my deal."

Obamacare!

Obamacare!

Obamacare!

There can only be one reason why libs like Maher object to the "Obamacare" label. They know how much people hate the health care law and don't want their presiden associated with it.

"Always love your country — but never trust your government!" — Bob Novak (1931-2009)

When you put the clowns in charge, don't be surprised when a circus breaks out.

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that it is a great point

Submitted by Lipton on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 11:01am.

If the people liked it, Maher wouldn't care what they called. On the other hand, I have grown to associate the term teabagger more with conservative political activism than the act that it was originally claimed to be, and so I really don't care if somebody wants to call me that. It is kind of like giving someone the finger, it reflects a lot more on the person making the gesture than the one on the receiving end.

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Hmmmmmm

Submitted by Ashrak on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 10:33am.

Tea Baggers has ben said by even Soetoro himself and all of a sudden it is edited out?

Why would CBS worry about offending such a tiny "fringe" and "astroturfed" element that will just die off as Herry Reid said?

Maher is going to be stunned in 2012 when Soetoro is sent packing and he is also going to find out, like so many others in Big Media are already finding out, that the folks have had enough of their garbage to the point the bottom lines are finally starting to show it.

NYT advertising revenues down by half? You Bet:ha. The party is over but the trunks and the addicts are too busy feeding their own addictions to notice.

That an individual right exists requires that some policy positions be removed from the table of debate.

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2012 "surprise" uprising coming...

Submitted by MaximusBraveheart on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 12:12pm.

Like Drudge headline saying only 38% think Obama DEFINITELY born in the USA. That means 62% have their doubts about the MSM storyline and are suspicious of why he would refuse to show it & then spend what, a couple million, hiding it! Simply show it! Safe to say there is a pretty BIG secret he is hiding. MSM will look like total fools. This WILL be revealed at some point!

— Maximusbraveheart — Is TRUTH knowable? Moral Relativism is the abandonment of Truth. Truth is knowable. Truth conforms to Reality. Reality is observable by evidence & witness in this day & from history. Relativism is Sesame Street play land.

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Ash, don't be so sure Obama will be sent "packing" in 2012.

Submitted by no tingly legs on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 2:44pm.

The Republicans can still manage to shot themselves in the foot by nominating another weak candidate. Personally, if someone like Huckaphony goes the nomination, I'll just pass on voting for President. Maybe I'll write in "none of the above" as my choice. Palin, Romney, Bachmann, Rubio, Gingrich, even Trump, no problem. Huckaphony? No way in hell.

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Romney would have gotten the

Submitted by amyshulk on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 3:52pm.

Romney would have gotten the vote by the RINO faction that flipped for Obama. Besides my personal dislike/distrust of Romney, that right there tells me he'd - along with the next in line group - would be a disaster.

Could there be enough "ANYBODY but Obama" to overcome it? I doubt it - the shift is just too profound. Those of us who came late to the party have finally twigged to the real problem: 20% running the country into the ground with the assistance of the R. NO MORE!!!

The government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

Ronald Reagan

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Two hateful, bitter, petty,

Submitted by Beukeboom on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 10:59am.

Two hateful, bitter, petty, little men.

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What men?

Submitted by SickofLibs on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 11:35am.

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Good point.

Submitted by Beukeboom on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 12:19pm.

I stand corrected.

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I guess it is a fair trade off

Submitted by Patriot II on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 11:02am.

maher is the communists and oblahma's gopher boy.....him and his company, "Gibberish R Us"!!

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Im glad they didnt televise the after-party!

Submitted by brutony1 on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 12:10pm.

Showing-and HEARING these two washed-up ugly idiots can do more for birth control than any condoms, IUD's, diaphragms, and abstinence COMBINED!

When will liberals WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE! -Me

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If we could all just be as

Submitted by liberalsarefunny on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 12:21pm.

If we could all just be as smart as Billy and Davy....

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I think people who listen to

Submitted by amyshulk on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 12:50pm.

I think people who listen to these guys are surface voters (if they even vote - I know I didn't when I watched them) then they might be like me in that they start listening to what is really going on, and how they've been had by these guys - I include Jon Stewart in this group - they see how slanted and mean spirited they truly are.

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Liberal Hate Speech

Submitted by HardRightTurn on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 3:47pm.

Only liberal homophiles can get away with hate speech depicting a gay activity. Only liberals would know what it is for that matter.

To more fully comprehend the Left, one must read "Loftism As Psychopathy" by John Ray, M.A., Ph.D. Caution, it might scare you a little bit.
<http://jonjayray.bipod.com/psycho.html>

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Maheer's source of rage

Submitted by fulldroolcup on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 8:02pm.

Every time he looks in the mirror he knows he's looking more and more like Charlie Watts of the Rolling Stones:

<http://www.zimbio.com/photos/Charlie+Watts>

Pretty scary for a guy who fancies himself a hit among women.

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"Pretty scary for a guy who

Submitted by Beukeboom on Wed, 04/27/2011 - 9:41am.

"Pretty scary for a guy who fancies himself a hit among women."

He's a hit only when he pays for it.

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Useful Idiots?

Submitted by Phryj1 on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 8:22pm.

Aside from the fact that Democrats are just as beholden to corporate interests as anyone in the GOP, Maher seems to be blissfully oblivious to the fact the he and his fans are nothing more than useful idiots for George Soros and the progressive establishment.

And playing the racist card again? The old "repeat a lie until people think it's true" tactic. He really does think people are that stupid. His fans are, but everyone else, not so much.

Progressives seem to be completely averse to facts and logic. Apparently, reality has a conservative bias.

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This should be exposed more.

Submitted by MaximusBraveheart on Tue, 04/26/2011 - 11:04pm.

This should be exposed more. The media does a good job at covering it up. But, I want to know who not to buy from!

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I don't think

Submitted by panzerakc on Wed, 04/27/2011 - 3:03am.

Maheer would recognize a fact if it grabbed him by the throat and beat him senseless (which I realize wouldn't take long).

I conclude that Bill is a useless idiot.

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panzerak - good one. ACA

Submitted by acaiguana on Sat, 04/30/2011 - 9:43am.

:-)

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Quoted from: 'Acaiguana notes from the Underground' (Soon to be at theaters near you)

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Bill Maher

Submitted by thescotts on Wed, 04/27/2011 - 9:45am.

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 THEM TWO WORDS: BILL MAHR. BOYCOTT THIS CLOWN.....AND WATCH HIM
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 HIM...THEY ALWAYS FOLLOW THE \$\$. I NO LONGER WAVE HBO...I DONT MISS
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"It's Hard to Talk When You're Teabagging"

By SteveK on April 15, 2009 12:45 PM

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Cooper: "It's hard to talk when you're teabagging."

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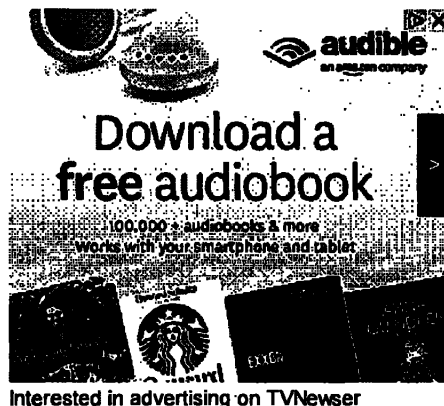
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"Tea Bagging" Rallies Ruthlessly Mocked On Maddow Show

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HuffPost has comprehensive coverage of the [Tax Day Tea Party protests](#). [Click here for the latest photos and video.](#)

Tonight, on the *Rachel Maddow Show*, Maddow and regular guest, Air America's Ana Marie Cox, discussed the fringetastic anti-tax Renaissance Faires known as "tea parties." There is only one thing in all the world worth noting about the people behind these things, and it is this: everyone involved is apparently unaware of what the term "teabagging" means. As you will see, this is not the case with Maddow and Cox.

"Now, no bighing off ast or I will lose it!" begged Maddow, "I'm only barely making it through as it is." She said this BEFORE Cox joined the segment. From there, it just got better: "Who wouldn't want to tea bag John McCain?" Cox asked. "This is all part of the midterm strategy," she added. "You know it's going to be teabagging 24/7 when it comes to the midterms." And it shall be. Of this you can be certain.

I really do not have to say anything more. You all enjoy this, now. I'm just going to show myself out. Good night!

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David Remnick (Photo By Alex Remnick)

David Remnick, editor of *The New Yorker* magazine, engaged in a candid and casual conversation about his new book, "The Bridge: The Life and Rise of Barack Obama," at Barnes & Noble, Union Square on April 28. After a brief history of why he chose to write a book on Obama, a figure who has been extensively covered, Remnick answered questions from the audience.

The tone of the evening was humorous, but serious topics were also addressed, including the role of racial prejudice in opinions about the President.

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On why Obama's story is extraordinary: "He was a U.S. Senator for five minutes, five minutes!, before the questions began: "Are you and when are you going to run for President?"

On the issue of race: "When you hear people in the Tea Party movement saying, 'I want my country back, I've lost my country,' something is being said there, very often, that has to do with race. It has to do with otherness. It has to do with a nostalgia for an imagined America some time ago."

On Obama's talents: "For the first time we have a President of the United States that I would hire as a staff writer. I don't think that that can be said of his predecessor."

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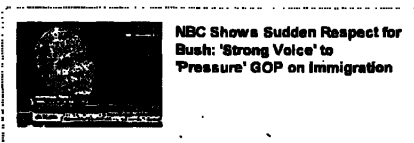


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Olbermann Links GOP & Tea Party to Racism and 'Incitement to Violence' in 'Special Comment'

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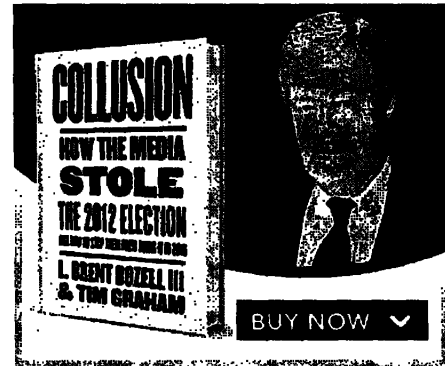
On Monday's Countdown show, MSNBC host Keith Olbermann reaffirmed his accusations of racism against both the Republican party and Tea Party activists, and even tied in the recent racist statements made over the intercom at a Wal-Mart by a disgruntled employee as he tried to link isolated incidents of racism to these mainstream organizations. After recounting reports that someone shouted the "N" word at black members of Congress as they walked past protesters outside the Capitol, Olbermann continued:



But in a backwards, sick-to-my-stomach way, I would like to thank whoever shouted at Mr. Lewis and Mr. Carson for proving my previous point. If racism is not the whole of the Tea Party, it is in its heart, along with blind hatred, a total disinterest in the welfare of others, and a full-flowered, self-rationalizing refusal to accept the outcomes of elections, or the reality of democracy, or the narrowness of their minds and the equal narrowness of their public support." On Saturday, that support came from evolutionary regressives like Michael Bachmann and Jon Voight. On a daily basis that support comes from the racists and homophobes of radio and television: the Michael Savages and the Rush Limbaughs.

Plugging the segment, Olbermann at one point even linked the Republican party and Tea Party activists to "incitement to violence," and warned of possible extinction like the Whig party: "An appeal tonight to the Republicans and to the Tea Partiers. You bet everything you had on health care reform, and you have lost, so try something different with less spitting, less racism, less incitement to violence before you become the Whig party of 2010." During his "Special Comment," he further warned: "You are behind the wheel of a political Toyota. And before the midterms, you will have been reduced to only being this generation's home for the nuts."

Below is a complete transcript of Olbermann's "Special Comment," along with some of the plugs that aired during the show, from the Monday, March 22, Countdown show on MSNBC:





KEITH OLBERMANN, IN OPENING TEASER: Welcome to Waterloo.

DAVID FRUM, REPUBLICAN STRATEGIST: We went the radical way looking for Waterloo, and it looks like we arrived at Waterloo.

OLBERMANN: Where Frum's Republicans were surprised to find they were Napoleon and they were getting their assets kicked by Wellington. Are any Republicans listening to Frum's warning to steer out of the skid? Or are they too busy screaming "baby killer" at him (SHOWS IMAGE OF BART STUPAK), or "go back to Mexico" at him (SHOWS IMAGE OF REP. CIRO RODRIGUEZ), or the F-word at him (SHOWS IMAGE OF REP. BARNEY FRANK), or the "N" at them? (SHOWS IMAGE OF REP. JOHN LEWIS AND REP. ANDRE CARSON) The debate is over, but the racism lingers on. My special guest: Majority Whip James Clyburn. And tonight, the "Special Comment": When the count of isolated incidents reaches double figures, these are not isolated incidents, they are Tea Parties.

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OLBERMANN, BEFORE COMMERCIAL BREAK: But unhappily, the attacks continue on Congressman Lewis, on Congressman Cleaver, on Congressman Rodriguez, on Congressman Frank, on Congressman Stupak. Some of them defended now by a Republican congressman from California. Congressman Jim Clyburn, next. And later, a "Special Comment" on how politics has changed with this, and how it obviously hasn't, and how the Republicans still appear to be convinced the earth is flat and, moreover, that they own it.

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OLBERMANN, DURING COMMERCIAL BREAK AT 8:19 P.M.: Before I talk with House Majority Whip James Clyburn about the appalling racism and homophobia of the tea party protesters inside Congress over the weekend, this is an appropriate place for me to thank you from the depths of my heart for all the messages of condolence and the contributions to the National Association of Free Clinics after the death of my father. At the age of five, all of us look at our dads and see a hero and time than places him in a healthy perspective. At the age of 50, I had the privilege of seeing that perception erased and to have that hero back. More in a moment.

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OLBERMANN: To resume, on full display as the health care reform bill moved towards victory, the full kaleidoscope of hate speech. Worse, some Republican lawmakers encouraged that misdirected anger, and one was the actual source. Shouting from the House floor, something more typical of an enraged protester, such as the ones egged on by Congresswoman Bachmann and other Republican lawmakers from the balcony outside the speaker's lobby Sunday afternoon. Ms. Bachmann later took turns with other GOP lawmakers speaking to that crowd. Just a coincidence that inside over the weekend, Congressman Barney Frank, who is openly gay, had to listen to at least three different homophobic slurs by protesters. The congressman has responded, quoting, "Obviously, there are perfectly reasonable people that are against this, but the people out there today on the whole, many of them were hateful and abusive."

Another strong case in point, protesters shouted the N-word at Congressman John Lewis and Andre Carson. "I've heard this before in the '60s," Congressman Lewis said. "A lot of this is downright hate." A protestor spit on Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, who is also African-American. Hispanic Congressman Ciro Rodriguez was called a racial slur often directed at Hispanics, specifically Mexicans. And from the House floor, Congressman Bart Stupak was shouted down with the phrase, "baby killer." GOP Congressman Randy Neugebauer, a birther who introduced a birth certificate bill to the House last year, has confirmed he said it. He has apologized, though he says his words, in fact, were, "It's a baby killer," referring to the bill, not to the congressman, even though that makes almost no sense grammatically. We're joined now by the House Majority Whip, the gentleman from the Sixth District of South Carolina, Congressman James Clyburn. Congressman, good evening.

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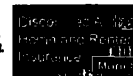
OLBERMANN, BEFORE COMMERCIAL BREAK AT 8:39 P.M.: Special comment ahead; the Republicans may not have met their Waterloo. Maybe it's closer to Selma. Only they're not the protesters at Selma.

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OLBERMANN, DURING COMMERCIAL BREAK: So, having gambled everything they had on stopping health care reform, having lied, cheated and stolen and still lost, surely the republicans will change tactics now and stop the racism and the homophobia and the hatred. Ha, ha, hu, hi, ha. Yeah. Well, we'll suggest it to them anyway in a "Special Comment."

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OLBERMANN, DURING COMMERCIAL BREAK AT 8:48 P.M.: An appeal tonight to the Republicans and to the Tea Partiers. You bet everything you had on health care reform, and you have lost, so try something different with less spitting, less racism, less incitement to violence before you become the Whig party of 2010. A "Special Comment" next.

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OLBERMANN: Finally, as promised, a "Special Comment" in the wake of the passage of health care reform. And it's a first step, there's a lot wrong with it, but the penalty for not paying the fine, for not buying the mandatory insurance has now been reduced to nothing. So, blessings on those who took this first step. Pat yourselves on the back. And, tomorrow morning, get back to work fixing what is still wrong with our American health care system. These remarks tonight are about our political climate in the wake of this bill's passage.

Eight days ago, a 16-year old kid picked up a courtesy phone at a store in Washington Township, New Jersey, and announced over the public address system, quote "Attention, WalMart customers: All black people leave the store now," unquote. The boy has been arrested and charged with harassment and bias intimidation.

Two days ago, a Tea Party protestor shouted the "N" word at Congressman John Lewis of Georgia, one of the heroes of 20th Century America, and Congressman Andre Carson of Indiana. And another shouted anti-gay slurs at Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts. Capitol Hill Police confirm no arrests were made and there were no serious efforts to identify the vermin involved. Television, print, and radio news organizations will not be asked to turn over their tapes and images of the event, nor subpoenaed if necessary.

This is not to dismiss what the 16-year old did in New Jersey. But it would seem that what was shouted at the Congressmen merits at least as much investigation and hopefully as much prosecution. After all, it did occur inside the halls of Congress, a place at least as crowded as, and as sanctified as a WalMart.

But in a backwards, sick-to-my-stomach way, I would like to thank whoever pointed at Mr. Lewis and Mr. Carson for proving my previous point. If racism is not the whole of the Tea Party, it is in its heart, along with blind hatred, a total disinterest in the welfare of others, and a full-flowered, self-rationalizing refusal to accept the outcomes of elections, or the reality of democracy, or the narrowness of their minds and the equal narrowness of their public support.

On Saturday, that support came from evolutionary regressives like Michele Bachmann and Don Voight. On a daily basis that support comes from the pundits and homophobes of radio and television: the Michael Savage and the Rush Limbaugh. Shockingly, that support even comes, on a specific basis, from another Congressman, Republican Devin Nunes of the California 21st. "When you use totalitarian tactics, people, you know, begin to act crazy," he said on C-SPAN. "And I think, you know, there's people that have every right to say what they want. If they want to smear someone, they can do it."

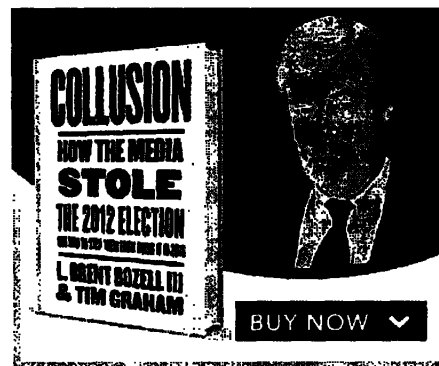
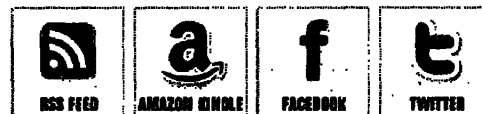
Congressman Nunes, you should resign. You have no business opening the door for a man like John Lewis, let alone serving alongside him. And if you shouldn't resign for your endorsement, your encouragement, of the most vile, the most reprehensible, and the most outdated sprwings of the lizard-brain part of this country, you should resign because of your total disconnect from reality. There have been no "totalitarian tactics," Congressman. People, these few, sad people, have begun to act crazy because it has been the dedicated purpose, the sole method and sole function of the Republican party, to entice them to act crazy. Those shouts against the Congressmen, Mr. Nunes, were inspired not by what people like John Lewis have done in their lives. They have been inspired by what people like you have done in the last year.

And so the far right escalates the rhetoric and the level of threat, just a

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little more. And worse still, it escalates the level of delusion. The election of a Democratic President is socialism. The election of a black President is an international conspiracy. The enactment of any health care reform is an apocalypse. And the willful denial of reality by the leader of the minority party in Congress is the only truth.

A willful denial, incidentally, that includes the leader of the minority party in Congress ignoring the fact that his is the minority party, and that he represents the minority, and that despite having broken all the rules of decorum in place in this nation since the end of the Civil War, that despite having played every trick, mean and low, despite having the limitless financial backing of one of the biggest cartels in the world, he and his cronies and the manufactured outrage of the Tea Party failed to derail health care reform.

Failed, Mr. Boehner! You lost. You blew it. Shame on each and every one of you who substitutes your will and your desires above those of your fellow countrymen, "you said last night just before the vote. The will and desire of your countrymen, Mr. Boehner? If you're one of the leaders of a party that in four years coughed up the Senate Majority, coughed up the House Majority, coughed up the White House, coughed up health care reform, and along the way ignored every poll, and every election result, I would think the will and desires of your fellow countrymen" should be pretty damn clear by now: your countrymen think your policies are of the past, and your tactics are of the gutter.

But Boehner's taunt "shame on you" over the tyranny of the vast majority taking a scrap back from the elite clueless minority, that's just an isolated incident. Just as Congressman Neugebauer shouting "baby killer" at, or "It's a Baby-Killer" during, Congressman Stupak's laudable speech last night was just an isolated incident. Just as the shouting of "N" words at Congressman Lewis and Carson was just an isolated incident. Just as the spitting on Congressman Cleaver was just an isolated incident. Just as the abuse of Congressman Frank was just an isolated incident. Just as the ethnic slurs shouted at Congressman Rodriguez of Texas was just an isolated incident. Just as the oinking by Congressman Wilson during the President's address was just an isolated incident. Just as whatever's next will be just an isolated incident. You know what they call it when you have a once-a-week series of isolated incidents? They call it two things. They call it a "pretern" and in the United States of 2010 they call it "the Republican Party."

American political parties have disappeared before. They are never forced out by their rivals. They die by their own hands only because they did not know that the hatred or the myopia or the mania they thought was still okay wasn't okay, any more. And so I offer this olive branch to the defeated Republicans and Tea Partiers. It is a cold olive branch. It is scarred. There aren't many olives on it, but it still counts. You are rapidly moving from "The Party of No," just "The Party Of No Conscience," towards "The Party of No Relevancy." You are behind the wheel of a political Toyota. And before the midterms, you will have been reduced to only being this generation's home for the nuts.

You will be the flat earthers, the isolationists, the segregationists, the John Birchers. Stop. Certainly you must recognize the future is with the humane; the inclusive, the diverse. It is with America. Not the America of 1910, but the America of 2010. Disard this dangerous, separatist, elitist, backward-looking rhetoric, and you will be welcomed back into the political discourse of this nation. But continue with it, and you will destroy yourselves and whatever righteous causes you actually believe in. And on the way, you will damage this country in ways and manners untold.

But even that damage will not be permanent. Faubus, and the MacNamara Brothers, and Bull Connor, and Lindbergh, and Joe McCarthy damaged this nation. We survived and they were swept away by history. You cannot destroy this country, no matter how hard you seem to be trying to, nor can you destroy this country's inexorable march towards the light. The Belgian Nobel Prize winner Maurice Maeterlinck once wrote that, quote, "at every cross-roads on the path that leads to the future, tradition has placed 10,000 men to guard the past." Last night those 10,000 men fell. Good night and good luck.

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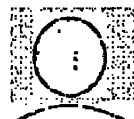
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In an election that has seen a parade of their preferred nominees go down in screaming flames, the Tea Party has seen its relevance dwindle since their tri-cornered heyday. However, they can still manage to get Cenk Uygur worked up. On Tuesday night's *The Young Turks*, Cenk bemoaned the rapidity with which they were "co-opted" by banks, and went off on Rep. Joe Walsh (R-IL), calling him a "Tea Party whore."

Cenk's rant was pegged to a *ThinkProgress* report about freshmen Tea Party congressmen, and the relationship between campaign contributions and their voting records on financial industry issues:

Rather than campaigning on a typical pro-business platform, the Tea Party freshman tapped into public resentment of big banks and bailouts. For example, then-candidate Sandy Adams (R-FL) said on her campaign website that she "opposes government bailouts" and "would have voted against TARP and the auto bailout." Jeff Landry (R-LA) said bailouts of private businesses had "corrupted our free market system by rewarding the irresponsible and penalizing the responsible," blasting "bank bailouts, which led to taxpayer money directly or indirectly going into multi-million dollar bonuses."

But in Congress, the Tea Party has toed the line for big banks. Eleven of the 15 have become co-sponsors of H.R. 3461, a top priority for the ABA. According to Americans for Financial Reform, the legislation would "tilt the playing field further in the direction of excessive deference to industry interests and tie the hands of regulators attempting to protect the public interest." The bill would make it harder for bank examiners to do their job, giving regulatory responsibilities to an industry that's already shown it can't police itself.

In the clip, Cenk goes through a *ThinkProgress* list of 2012 contributions to these 15 freshmen from financial services industry PACs that shows average contributions of around \$40k, including a league-leading \$156k for Rep. Steven Fincher, and a bronze for Walsh's \$70k. In a world of billion-dollar presidential campaigns, this might not sound like a lot of money, but these are congressional races.

It's Walsh whom Cenk keys in on, playing a brief bit from a November viral video in which the Illinois Congressman berates constituents, saying it "pisses (him) off" when people blame the banks.

"You see how he got in her face?" Cenk said. "That's a constituent that put him in office! And he gets in her face: 'How dare you ever say anything about the banks! Don't you know I'm a tea party whore and my job is to protect those guys?' You sicken me the way you sold out your cause entirely."

For what it's worth, I think Cenk is giving Walsh, and the Tea Party, too much credit, and too much blame. Walsh isn't "pissed off" because he's in the banks' pocket, he's pissed off because he's stupid, and actually thinks that banks, and any other business, should be left alone to do as they please.

At the same time, the Tea Party, with whom Cenk has long sought to find common cause, was always a fraud, hoodwinking its membership into believing they were warriors for freedom, when they were always nothing more than a means to oppose Barack Obama. If you ask individual Tea Party members how they felt about George W. Bush's

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spending and bailouts, they'll tell you it made them really, really mad, but where the hell were they all those years? Baking scones?

Here's the clip, from Current TV:

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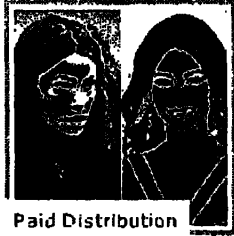
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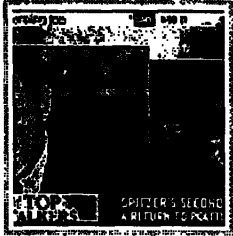


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I'm pleased that Mr. Obama is winding down the wars. I would have been happier if he had just pulled out immediately, but just imagine how loudly you would have howled and screamed if he had done that.

Plenty on the anti-war left still criticize Obama. Cenk Uygur is one of them.

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winding down...yeah triple the troops in afghanistan

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Come on, Bush couldn't kill a fly without MoveOn, Coda Pink, and endless other liberal organizations including those in the media mobilizing, raising money, and making phone calls.

President Obama killed an American citizen and nothing.

I get where your loyalty lies, but I think you recognize the political expedience hypocrisy affords. They don't want to hurt the president, and so are putting their long-held, anti-war positions to bed. Just as they voted for them in the beginning.

Liberals too often bend to the changing political winds.

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That being said, I give it less than a decade before the right are offended if you make accusations about anti-gay intolerance in their camp since they've always been for states rights or something equally laughable.

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Code Pink are still very active, the media just doesn't pay as much attention. For example:

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If you watch DemocracyNow or pay attention to Glenn Greenwald, all these people are still speaking out. It doesn't fit into the corporate media's narrative, so they ignore it. Then there's also Occupy, which opposes the wars and the various extra-constitutional activities going on.

As a liberal I have a choice between the guy who hasn't lived up to all of his antiwar promises, or the guy whose foreign policy advisors are a who's who of Bush's neo-cons. It isn't really a difficult choice.

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That's a very good point and a serious oversight on my part. There is still Noam Chomsky, DemocracyNow, and other very sincere and consistent commentators and activists I completely disregarded.

Likewise, I think I skipped too easily passed the nuanced position that though liberals may be against these wars, by arguing too hard against them they risk damaging the president and ushering in who the view to be a far worse alternative.

That being said, I think a similar case can be made for the silence of fiscal conservatives under President W. Bush. After all, I think there were a few (albeit muffled) voices on the "actual" right who criticized President W. Bush for so poorly, and unconservatively, mismanaging the economy by yielding to big money interests.

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I'm pretty sure you can find some evidence on the libertarian side, but not a whole lot within the republikan party.

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avoidswork → Aar On · a year ago

You must admit, however, that if you are comparing RW vs LW dissent for standing Presidents, the LW has been much more critical of Obama (esp. on

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Civil Liberties, etc.) than the RW was during Bush for spending, wars, etc.

I'm sorry but the RW doesn't have a leg to stand on in the sense that vocal uprising did not occur until after GWB left office. And even when it did occur and was directed at Obama, it was actually GWB policies they were railing against.

To be clear, I wish Americans were more critical of War, period. You want a war? Fund it via raising taxes. You want troops, reinstata the Draft. It's only when you really hit people where it hurts (\$\$ / family members) that we as a nation can take a step back and evaluate whether there is a cost/benefit ratio to being in a War.

But pretending like being in a War-Like State since early 2002 hasn't f*cked America up is absurd. Pretending like what Obama inherited wasn't a sh*t taco is absurd and patently ignorant. How much \$\$ was wasted between 2002 and December 2008?

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Clovis4 → Sirfith™ (D) · a year ago

Check my posts, along with other progressives, for my take on Obama's lack of getting out of both Iraq and Afghanistan sooner. I see a lot more progressives hitting him on that front vs. republicans/teaparty doing the same about the republicans/teaparty who are more obsessed with social issues and not the economy.

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you, ok.....but code pink is nowhere to be seen or heard from now its a democrat, everything Tommy accuses the right of, can be said about the left.....some of us are honest and see it on both sides

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Clovis4 → freespeechcd1 · a year ago

I don't disagree that people play home team politics on both sides.

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Aar On → Sirfith™ (D) · a year ago

Nailed it!

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Moderate · a year ago

Tommy is obsessed with predicting the death of the Tea Party.

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HoutBosques · a year ago

Rirchers Tommy

Comments, Tommy.

The Tea Party story is pretty much the same story as the swallows returning to Capistrano:

And lo did it come to pass that William of Buckley, in an effort to return the angried up sheep to the ranks of party discipline following the fiasco that was Goldwater, cast out of the GOP temple, and into the wildemess of gun rights and private militias, the John Birch Society;

And the years did fly by until it came to pass that the almighty took back to his bosom the same William of Buokley;

When then upon his fresh grave did beat the sounds of Bircher feet in hastened return to the fold, now each grasping not merely a musket, but a peck of tea.

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Stutterin_Jack · a year ago

Tommy is wrong about the Tea Party, they are still very much alive and active at the state and local levels... Tommy can't seem to understand that as he after all is a White House Correspondent and can't seem to thick outside of what happens in DC...

Tommy how's your OWS movement coming along btw your hypocrisy floors me.... Tea Party = Stupid and OWS = brilliant. OWS wants to tear the system down and form a government centered economy, and they are to be admired, Tea Party asks for a government that is based on the original intent of our constitution and they are characterized as terrorists... I am sure that there is some sense in that argument for a deep thinker like Tommy.

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LofR → Stutterin_Jack · a year ago

Where was the Tea Party during the Bush years? When government spending absolutely exploded. New reports show that Obama has not increased spending at nearly the level that Bush or even Reagan did. If you want to look it up it's all there at usaspending.gov.

In fiscal year 2002 the government spent \$263.5 billion on contracts.

In fiscal year 2008, the government spent \$541.5 billion on contracts.

So, spending more than doubles during Bush's terms' Way more than doubles. Yet, where was the Tea party then? Where was all of this outrage over spending? Over wanting limited government? It screams of hypocrisy. It's a little rich when they just happen to show up after forgetting to organize during the Bush years.

I am not a big fan of the OWS movement myself but let's stop pretending the Tea Party is just a group of patriots looking for limited government. It's like Eric Cantor demanding that disaster assistance be offset despite previously supporting it without offsets. When asked what changed, he said it was the size of the deficit. Just for those keeping score at home, he votes for unpaid for wars and other things that explode the deficit then later says we can't do things because of the deficit that he voted for. Hmm.

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Stutterin_Jack → LofR · a year ago



Yes the big Democratic question, where was the Tea Party during the Bush years... I think that they were feeling unsettled but they had not reached the point of activism..

Remember that at the end of fiscal year 2007 going into Bush's last year of his second term the national debt was a paltry \$9,007,653,372,262 as opposed to the \$16 Trillion that we will surpass this year. So yes, they were a little slow on the uptake because the people of this country generally have had a trust in their government to do the right thing and to make the decisions for the betterment and general good of the country. In the last ten years many people on both the right and the left have been shell shocked by the deficit spending of our government and have concluded that it is really run by bureaucrats and politicians who actually are not that smart, and who will act against the interest and welfare of this country and her people for personal and political gain... Sorry if you are thinking that the Tea Party is just some racist group, or that they just hate this president, no that is not the case. You are right, they should have been active sooner as many of Bush's decisions have contributed to us finding ourselves at the place that as a country we have arrived, but we are awake now and not going back to sleep anytime soon.

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Zoe → Stutterin_Jack • a year ago

LOL

<http://static5.businessinsider...>

As you can see from this chart, if we simply undo everything Bush did, which we haven't done yet, we'll be perfectly fine.

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Stutterin_Jack → Zoe • a year ago

I am fine with tax reform that would enhance the treasury, but DC must also face the fact that they should have never entered into the business of trying to be the salvation of every ill which faces our society, that was not what the government was ever intended to be, but rather it is a modern vision for our government and has lead us to an political elitist class in this country that serves no good to the common man, as our politicians have lost touch with the reality of their actions.

They are debasing our currency and we will soon face the greatest financial crisis that we have ever known in this country, as when the interest rates rise back to their historical norm the interest we pay on our debt will surpass our defense budget and settle in somewhere around \$700 billion a year. I never said that I was a fan of president Bush as I am well aware of the structural deficits that he built into the budget... I will also remind you that a great deal of his tax cuts went to the middle class, so when you let his tax cuts expire the middle class will again be the hardest hit... The current president offers no solutions as he calls for a tax only on the rich and that does nothing to address his deficit spending, to make matters worse he has given tax cuts to the middle class via payroll taxes which fund Social Security and Medicare, he is only hastening their downfall while offering no solutions towards our future. Bush is gone, we have to look forward

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Zoe → Stutterin_Jack · a year ago

If we allow ALL the Bush Tax Cuts to expire and wind down the Afghanistan War, we'll be doing so much better as a country. I hope Obama if re-elected has the courage to allow them to expire, and also to cut the budget down to where we're back in the black. We need sensible responsible governance and fiscal responsibility. Agreed.

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LofR → Stutterin_Jack · a year ago

Hey man, I am not accusing the Tea Party of being racist. I do think they hate Obama though.

Look, I don't have a problem with the Tea Party. This is a free country and if they want to organize and have their issues advocated for then good for them. I certainly won't criticize them for that. I just take issue with the fact that all of the sudden, when Obama is now President, that's when they start to care about fiscal conservatism. It's like all of the Republicans in Congress who voted for all of our unpaid wars, the Bush Tax cuts, Medicare Part D, et al wandering why our deficit has exploded and now all of the sudden being so concerned about austerity measures.

I agree with you about the buræaenats issue becausee it's the truth. Both sides are run by their special interests and the people get left out. There's just too much money in politics and I don't see that going away any time soon. Additionally, compromise is now seen as a dirty word and a reason for someone to face a primary which is just ridiculous. I love it when politicians talk about they want to compromise but you should never compromise your principles. Well, after the last few years where has that left us?

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Neil Murphy → LofR · a year ago

Yes we hate obamao.

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Zoe → Neil Murphy · a year ago

Neil stop telling fibs. If Obama came to your house and threw rocks at your windows you'd have the camera out saying I love you mr. president! Can I get a photo of us together with your rocks?

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LofR → Neil Murphy · a year ago

What's funny Neil is that I tried to say that the Tea Party wasn't racist. Yet, you

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have admitted on this site and shown many times that you are an avowed racist.

So, I guess I was wrong.

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Neil Murphy → Neil Murphy · a year ago

Slofr, I sure havent admitted being a racist, though I do enjoy being called one.

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Zoe → Stutterin_Jack · a year ago

The WTP signs that littered countless yards here in Texas a year ago have all but disappeared and Tea Party and WTP gatherings now amount to the tens of tens of people, SJ. Sorry. The Tea Party is dead as a collective grassroots organization. It's just a few rich people now.

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Zoe · a year ago

I adore Cenk. He's such a sharp man. MSNBC should've given him the Politics Nation time slot.

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Zoe · a year ago

The Tea Party were formed around the outrage over bank bailouts, and now they are backing Romney who wants to deregulate the banks and take us right back to the scenario where banks can tank the economy. I think we can all agree that the Tea Party are a political joke.

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Bryan Farris · a year ago

If you ask individual Tea Party members how they felt about George W. Bush's spending and bailouts, they'll tell you it made them really, really mad, but where the hell were they all those years?

Bush's largest deficit: \$400 billion
Obama's smallest deficit: \$1.2 trillion.

How about you stop comparing Hot Wheels to Hummers?

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Hippo Krit (R) → Bryan Farris · a year ago

Does that cherry taste good?

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Eric Crittenden → Bryan Farris · a year ago

Bush's deficits were smaller because he used the old "Emergency War Spending Bills" that came up every six months or so to keep the wars "off the books". Obama famously ran on putting the wars 'back on the books'. You HAVE to know this? It was a MAJOR talking point.

If you exclude both wars and the interest that Bush accumulated from borrowing from COMMUNIST China to give more tax broaks for the wealthy to create jobs (which they didn't)... Obama has actually LOWERED government spending in relation to GDP (which is how economists rate government spending).

Blaming Obama for the deficit caused by the cost of the wars that Republicans wanted but didn't want to pay for, or the tax cuts that Republicans wanted as well as the interest on that borrowed money makes no sense to me.

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Charlton Heston's Ghost · a year ago

#WarOnWomen

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RIChris · a year ago

Those mean-spirited Tea Partiers! They just prove that even if opposing Barack Obama isn't a crime, it should be!

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Roderick2011 · a year ago

I like Cenk but he needs to admit that being the pimp that he is Wall Street has prostitutes on both sides of the aisles and this past week prove that point.

Both Cory Booker and President Obama have taken substantial amounts of money from private equity firms and Big Banks.

Sadly this election is turning out to be another one of those picking the lesser of the two evils events.

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Guest · a year ago

I think being a father who would rather spend his income on his girlfriend than to support his children from a former marriage is far worse than being a Tea Party whore. But that's just me.

And the outrages of this pig Walsh know no limits. The chickenhawk Walsh has dissed disabled veteran Tammy Duckworth's military service record. Is it really possible to get lower than that? If Walsh were within reach of me, I'd slap that smirk off his mouth repeatedly until he was on his knees crying like a small child begging me to stop...because I am certain this spineless ass would do just that.

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Zoe → Guest · a year ago

Walsh and Gohmert are both deadbeat dads.

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Guest → Zoe · a year ago

The senses of any reasonable person should be stunned upon learning that a mother who is beset by chronically late child support or support overdue for months would ever cast a vote for likes of creeps like Walsh.

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astal → Guest · a year ago

But if you REALLY had to face another male face to face

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you would more than likely soil yourself when asked to put up or shut up...Usually the case with keyboard commandos

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Guest → astal · a year ago

You demonstrate most clearly why the right wing are stupid scum.

1. You are talking about coming up against another male when I clearly told you that I am going up against the coward Joe Walsh.
2. No one—except maybe a professional boxer—would ever call to fight anyone in the room: people with minimal intelligence only choose fights they have a reasonable chance of winning. I already know who my opponent is, what his weaknesses are, know that I have the height and the reach and weight too, and I also have point number 3 working for me.
3. When the fight is about a moral principle, the fighter with right on his side and his opponent, being made aware that he is fighting to defend a wrong he's done, is going to be a fight where the person who is in the right usually prevails. That person is bolstered by the fact that he is defending a moral principle, and so it would reflect in any punches thrown.

That's if the fight ever materializes. Most people who have the smallest quantity of scruple and did not come with the full package of psychopathology will back down, and I'd bet the coward Joe Walsh would be just that. It could be easily imagined that Walsh would be sobbing on his knees in front of me and before the assembled crowd, apologizing for what a creep and an asshole he is, and maybe even saying he'd reform himself.

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radsenior · a year ago

It is everyone's responsibility to adequately vet and research every candidate for any connection to those addicted to FOX and the contemptuous talking heads and all who listen only to the TEA party. Please look carefully at every running, because they do not use the (T) behind their name, they are using the (R) to hide themselves. Ron and Rand Paul said, "The revolution is working, we have infiltrated the Republican Party, and we will convert the Republican Party to defenders of liberty." I Heart Radio and other outlets who openly air extremist fringe views should be taken to the cleaners and no one purchase from any advertiser of these narrow-minded outlets. These are the same people who are invited to the "Whites only Cross burning in South Carolina." One would question the level of in-breeding the TEA-Republican party has. It is absolutely shameful that America still has this caliber people in power locally and at the state level in America. Hatred is taught. The TEA-Republicans want to kill funding for schools so that home-schooled can get taught at home all the prejudices of parents.

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etchasketch44 · a year ago

Chuck still is on the air? Who knew?



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astal · a year ago

The Young Turkey, Chunk Chuger (?) something, fired by MSNBC and replaced by Al Shopton?

Now, how would you like to have THAT on your resume?

That, plus the fact he is an idiot!

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BreitbartLives · a year ago

'New Age of Civility'

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JGibsonDem · a year ago

Cenk is totally correct in calling out Joe Walsh for what they (the teabaggers) are.

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DukeCanuck · a year ago

Who's Stink Ogre?

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Tyler · a year ago

The Tea Party was just a sell out. I hate to admit it, but I was once a manager in the original Tea Party Organization. The organization was underfunded by the guys at the top

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seek456 → Tyler · a year ago

Oh yes was that back when you were a conservative? lol

Who were the guys at the top btw?

You realize that sentence gave your little story away, right?

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Tyler → seek456 · a year ago

My story is true. The guys at the top were secret high rollers. I am a real conservative who is not afraid to state my beliefs. As an insider, I know a lot about what really goes on behind the curtain.

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freespeechcd1 → Tyler · a year ago

How old are you really? can you answer a question honestly?

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Tyler → freespeechcd1 · a year ago

W'ell, I'm older conservative from a different generation. My generation had some

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true principled conservative values.

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The GOP's Toxic Tea Party

By Joe Conason

When Newt Gingrich warned Republicans that they were making a grave "mistake" by driving out moderates and enforcing the angry orthodoxy of the far right, the sober tone of his remarks was stunning.

This is a politician who is no stranger himself to the wilder shores of extremism, a populist and a purist who rose to great power against the GOP establishment, and a demagogue whose lexicon lacerated the "Democrat Party" as decadent, elitist, unpatriotic and immoral.

In his day, Gingrich channeled the same phobias and fury as the Tea Party activists whose growing influence in Republican ranks means to have shaken him so badly. Why is Newt scared now?

Despite his habitual ranting against the Eastern elites, the former House speaker is a professional historian and an intellectual with wide-ranging interests — making him a figure of potential suspicion to radio talkers without much formal education and the raving mob that follow them.

Much as he exploited the prejudices of the religious right and fantasies of the conspiracy crowd, Gingrich has always affected a more sophisticated and urbane attitude. He may be troubled to realize that he suddenly ranks far lower than Sarah Palin, who can barely muster a coherent political thought, or Glenn Beck, who enthalls his audience with weird, weepy rants.

Leaving aside any lingering presidential ambitions, Gingrich understandably feels that brand of leadership will have a very limited appeal for most Americans — and that the more voters see of it, the less they will like it.

Is it fair to stigmatize the tea-baggers and their leaders as a movement of the fringe? In New York's 23rd congressional district, Douglas Hoffman, the right-wing carpetbagger who drove out moderate local Republican Dede Scozzafava, apprenticed himself to Beck, obsequiously flattering the Fox News host as his "mentor."

Hoffman signed a pledge to uphold the "912 principles and values" endorsed by Beck — a juvenile tract that demands honesty, thrift, humility and charity even as it complains that government forces citizens to "surrender" when they don't want to. (As far as Beck is concerned, all Democrats are "Marxist" and almost all Republicans are "Marxist-lite.")

No doubt Hoffman is eagerly studying the collected writings of the late Cleon Skousen, the Beck-endorsed prophet whose speeches used to stir up meetings of the John Birch Society, mostly against Republicans of the Rockefeller and Kissinger variety. He has plenty of time for reading now, after losing the special election to Democrat Bill Owens.

If the revival of Birahite mania troubles Gingrich, then the Palin phenomenon, now breaking loose with the publication of her memoir, must be equally disturbing. The former Alaska governor has a long, Beck-like history of affiliation with bizarre causes and characters, including an Alaskan secessionist party and a Kenyan witch-hunting evangelist who conducted an exorcism rite in her Wasilla church. She will ignore or minimize those episodes in "Going Rogue," but putting extra lipstick on thin pit bull may not help.

Most Americans don't know much yet about the idiosyncratic ideology of the Tea Party crowd, beyond their conviction that President Obama was born in Kenya (and that his birth announcement in the Hawaii newspapers is therefore part of a plot that dates back to the Kennedy era). But what they have seen so far, they don't seem to like: The more that Beck, Palin and kindred spirits appear to represent the Republican brand, the less appeal that brand possesses.

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From the perspective of Gingrich and other veteran Republicans, there is deep irony in these untoward developments. Many of the Tea Party types actually hate Republican politicians, unless, like Ronald Reagan or Barry Goldwater, they are already dead. They hate Democrats, too, of course – and lots of other people – but their invective against Republicans is suffused with special outrage.

If they have their way, every Republican who doesn't adhere to the Beck canon will be driven out at the end of a pitchfork, just like poor Dede Scozzafava.

Fifteen years ago, when Newt rode to power on the resentments of the religious right, the gun lobby and the economic royalists, he celebrated their extremism as the political style of "normal Americans." Today when he hears the violent rhetoric, the hateful threats and the fanatical intolerance, he knows they are talking about him, too.

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Ed Schultz On Occupy Wall Street: Unlike Tea Party, No Racist Signs Or Firearms

by [Tommy Christopher](#) | 6:34 pm, October 6th, 2011 video » [113 comments](#)



Defying dismissive mainstream media narratives, the Occupy Wall

0 demonstration continues to grow, and gather momentum. While coverage of the movement has varied in quality, Ed Schultz has been broadcasting live from among the protesters. In an interview with Mediaite, Ed admitted the “good, the bad and the ugly” of the protest, but pointed out that, “Unlike the tea party, I didn’t see any racist signs. I didn’t see any firearms,” but rather, people “concerned about the quality of life and fairness in America.”

I interviewed Schultz on a variety of topics this morning, and when the subject of his live broadcast from the Occupy Wall

Street protests came up, Ed, who has spent a lot of time on the ground at demonstrations this year, was particularly voluble. Here is that portion of our interview:

Tommy Christopher: I was watching some of the footage from your show from Occupy Wall Street last night, what do you think of the way that this is being treated? I've seen the way you've covered it, and I saw the way Fox News covered it and the way the other networks are covering it. What do you think is the big difference?

Ed Schultz: You can't socially engineer a live shot. You can't socially engineer a protest. I went down there for four hours yesterday before I did my show, because I wanted to make sure I had a pulse of what was going on, and I call this America's Middle Class March. They call themselves the 99%, that's a very good description. There's all walks of life down there, the good, the bad and the ugly. And I think that these Americans have very legitimate concerns that they believe their country is not addressing.

I think the angst, and the anger is now coming to a boiling point and it's growing. It's very genuine. Unlike the tea party, I didn't see any racist signs, I didn't see any firearms. I saw a bunch of people who were concerned about the quality of life and fairness in America. Eventually, the politicians are going to have to address this protest.

TC: Do you feel that the protestors are getting a fair shake from the rest of the media or do you think they're being dismissed.

Ed: I haven't watched all the other coverage, you can go around America and find protests just about anywhere. I think that's one of the reasons why this didn't get coverage right away. What is it? What does it mean? What's its impact going to be?

It's obviously taken on a life of its own. There are still some \$64 questions surrounding this protest, meaning how long will it last? What does it mean? And will it really make a difference? And so the curiosity of it all is very interesting. I stand with the protestors. I believe they're making very valid points that our government's not answering.

TC: What do you think of the fact that they're targeting Wall Street though and not the government?

Ed: I think Wall Street has bought the government. I think the Wall Street influence in our legislative process runs really deep.

TC: So they're going over the government's head in a way?

Ed: There are middle classers, there's hard workers down there, there's unemployed people, there's school teachers, there's public workers, there are anarchists, when you say 99%, you've got a pretty big tent.

I think they have legitimate concerns that need to be addressed. I think this isn't a joke, this is a real story.

TC: You've talked to a lot of the protestors. Whats your sense of how they're feeling toward the government, toward the White House, toward the Congress, is there a direction of their anger -- in anyway unified? Or evenly dispersed?

Ed: I think now that the unions are involved, they're going to give them some focus on how to force this change. I think this is America, we seen protests before that have fizzled out, (and) we've seen protests

force change.

TC: On the subject of unions, you've been the man on the street for these protests in Wisconsin and all this anti-union stuff. Do you see the trend against unionization reversing itself? It seems like a desperate situation, unions are really in a fight for their lives.

Ed: I think workers are under attack in this country, there is no shared sacrifice. We have a political party in this country, the Republicans, who think that there should be more tax cuts for the wealthy, more tax cuts for the corporations yet they're willing to take away benefits, wages and security for workers. The battle lines couldn't be any more clear, you're either for the workers, or you're not and these folks protesting down there are sick of the corporate greed and sick of the imbalance and they think that fairness has left the building.

Here's a clip from Ed's live broadcast, from MSNBC:

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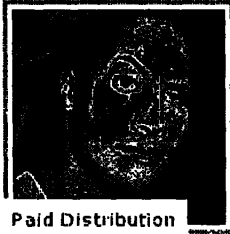
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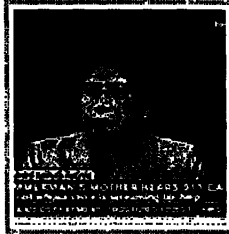


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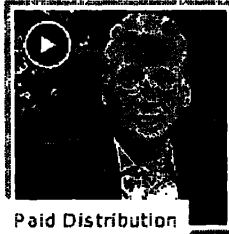


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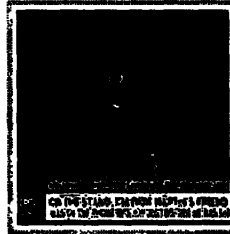


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MarkfromSavannah · 2 years ago

There's no firearms present because federal law prohibits the ownership of guns by convicted felons. I'm sure that applies to a good number of those dipshits.

As for the racist signs, I guess Ed doesn't count those signs with anti-semitic messages!

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TommysNumberOneFan → MarkfromSavannah · 2 years ago

Nice try but anti-Semitism isn't racism, so Tommy is right again!

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Nancillarypelosinton → TommysNumberOneFan · 2 years ago

Anti-Semitism is racism! Check your facts dumbfuck!

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Nerbit → Nancillarypelosinton · 2 years ago

Liberals thrive on the hate, so reasoning with them is futile.

We've got to just purge them from power, and that will happen next year, in spite of the Obama/Media class-warfare effort to prevent it.

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Ace MSDNC → Norbit · 2 years ago

If you think that would help I don't blame you, but do you believe it? I only ask because lets be honest, they are now playing with fire. Think about it, how is this going to end? Not the occupy protests, not the POTUS election, but all of this in general?

The unions are now mobilized. Separatists groups like the NBP are mobilized. And worse than that, the Chicago mafia with its thug in chief, yes, thug, has been in full blown campaign mode as opposed to the half load for the two years. Combine that with the tea party, conservatives, libertarians, independents, and the private sector, what do you have.

Two very angry, very anxious, very partisan groups, who every much believe the other side is now not just wrong, but evil and wants to destroy the US. And you have this fat wife beating piece of shit literally spewing the opposite of everything he said about the tea party protests in now defense of all things pure and middle class toward the occupy protasts.

Now tell me, within the next 14 months or so, by or within a few days after the election, either way, where you think this all is headed?

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Nick Tarlton → Norbit · 2 years ago

Are you serious? Hate is the party motto of the Tea Party/Republicans. They have done nothing but divide us as a country. Rich against poor. That war has been going for for over 30 years and finally the poor/middle class are fighting back.

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seek456 → Nick Tarlton · 2 years ago

Hate is not the motto of the republicans at all nick and you are well aware of that. The "class war" is Obama's doing.

Remember when Obama met Joe the Plumber? That was clue #1 that Obama was on the path to "right the ship" between the haves and have nots.

The tea party was strictly about telling the government (not you, me or Joe the Plumber) to live within their budget. That was the entire premise of the tea party. They didn't want to divide anything - they didn't want to do away with government agencies (as the democrats claimed). They wanted the government to control their spending. To spend only what they had - not what they wished they had. I still can't understand what is so very wrong with that logic? So, the agencies would have to come up with ingenious ways to live within their budgets. Perhaps streamline their operations, perhaps get rid of waste and fraud. When we get into financial trouble we quickly figure out that our twice a day visit to Starbucks has to go. It doesn't mean I quit eating and starve. I might have to get rid of my

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cleaning lady and wash the floors myself! Seriously, we all understand that when money is tight we have to take a good look at our spending and make do with less.

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FreeMike → Nick Tarlton · 2 years ago

@seek - The entire premise of the TEA party was not "live within your budget", it was "no more taxes" (remember what TEA is an acronym for?) and they did call for the elimination of the Dept of Education and EPA (granted, that was not part of the formation, but they did nonetheless). The problem I see is that you want to control Gov spending but not in the area of the most waste, namely military. We are still pouring three Solyndras-worth a week in two unnecessary occupations and the defense budget is still greater than 1/3 of all Gov's spending. Romney's now on record saying he'll increase military spending. I expect the next TEA party rally to be on his doorstep within a month, right?

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Jim → Nick Tarlton · 2 years ago

Gee, I thought the motto was "taxed enough already"

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Joe → Norbit · 2 years ago

so norbit says other americans thrive on hate—as he post his attacks filled with hate?

classic..

do as we say not as we do huh? nice~

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Nick Tarlton → MarkfromSavannah · 2 years ago

oh its ok for the tea party to protest, but honest hard working folks that want a fair shake from our country are dipshits. i just love the hatred for fellow Americans.

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Michelle → Nick Tarlton · 2 years ago

You have a fair shake. Stop blaming others for your failures.

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Joe → Michelle · 2 years ago

what is your excuse? you seem to hate 1/2 of america and most of the rest of the world—

nice example there butter cup~

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Michelle → Joe · 2 years ago

Um, I don't hate anyone. I'm not the one running around screaming I'm owed something

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joe → Michelle · 2 years ago

uh--i think it was the tea party saying 'I want my country back?'

i really wish you would post some real data--you seem to make a lot of accusations..

yet they seem to pulled right out of your rectum--because what you say is not not true.

i do not know any liberals asking for anything but fairness.

we just want what jesus wanted--if that is bad--then i think conservatives should have the courage to say it.

as far as 'not hating'?

have you actually read your posts? or are you too pumped on xanax and crystal meth with a robotussin chaser?

silly girl..

at least you are keeping busy--and that is a good thing-i guess?

omg~

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Michelle → Michelle · 2 years ago

Jesus advocated helping your neighbor and being self-reliant. He didn't advocate stealing from one group of people and giving to another.

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joe → Michelle · 2 years ago

"Jesus advocated helping your neighbor and being self-reliant. He didn't advocate stealing from one group of people and giving to another. "

and that is why we are trying to stop conservatives from doing.

but if you have any examples of liberal stealing? please post it..

otherwise this may be another one of your rectum remarks--that is just silly talk..

geesh`

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seek456 → joe · 2 years ago

I accidentally pushed like - I was trying to respond to your "Jesus" quote.

You are aware that republicans live by that creed. Republicans make more charitable donations than democrats. Republicans feel that they - not the government are responsible for helping their fellow man.

These young people want to steal what isn't there's, they never earned it but they covet it. They can't follow the bouncing ball. The banks that were bailed out?

Caused by the "well meaning" Dodd/Frank, where people who hadn't earned it, couldn't afford it, "qualified" for loans they couldn't possibly repay. The banks had

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to comply and the Government had to step in, not to save the banks, but to save the public who's money was in those banks.

It would be awesome if I was as brilliant as Steve Jobs and got the financial reward he did. I don't covet what the man had, I admired what he managed to do without government help but by his own sweat and blood. It proves that anything is possible! Both Jobs and Gates became billionaires because of their own ideas and brilliance - neither was into the manor barn.

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seek456 → Nick Tarlton · 2 years ago

what exactly do they want nick?

What does your concept of a fair shake entail?

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MarkfromSavannah → Nick Tarlton · 2 years ago

Nick - get a grip pal! Never once in my post did I condemn these protesters for exercising their right to free speech. I did call them dipshits because for the most part, I disagree with their message. See, that's a right that I'm allowed to enjoy, at least for now. The right to disagree - remember that? My issue was Schultz's flat out lie that there were no racist signs on parade. It's been argued that anti-semitism isn't exactly 'racism' in the spirit of the classic definition, but you know what? - it's damn close enough for me!

And a couple of parting comments/questions before I finish my off-handed dismissal of your bullshit commentary: These idiots are whining about not having jobs, right? Is sitting on their collective asses going to change that? Do they expect someone to walk up to them and say, 'damn, you're a great protester, you're hired!'

What about these idiots holding signs with the words, "End Student Loans". I'm sorry, did these creatures not sign the dotted line when they applied for these loans with the promise to pay them back? Just because they can't find a job that's aligned with their major (Elizabethan Poetry or Shakespearean Sexuality) does that mean they should be allowed to welch on their agreement?

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NeverWrong · 2 years ago

Good grief, Ed Schultz, give us all a break, you overfed redhead idiot. You prove daily that an IQ is NOT a requirement to work for LSD/PMSnbc. Look up 'White Trailer Trash' in Webster's and you'll see a pic of the obese Edith Schultz. But if you look up 'Big Mouth' in Webster's you'll find two (2) pics...one of the overfed redhead and the other of Joy 'Blowhard' Scarborough. PMS/LSDnbc has become a 24 hour Romper Room of 6 year olds.

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Brianna MacDougall → NeverWrong · 2 years ago

Really? PMS? And LSD for 6 year olds? WTF are you even saying in this incoherent rant?

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tatboy · 2 years ago

When a liberal says "workers" they only mean UNION workers. Others don't count and don't matter. When conservatives say "workers" they mean ALL of them.

Liberals only care about union jobs, saving union jobs, and creating union jobs... everyone else can go to hell. Example... Boeing.

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Cecelia · 2 years ago

Tommy, was Keith Olbermann unavailable for an interview or something?

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Gloves Donahue, Jr. · 2 years ago

The fact that Schultz is involved in this , along with Soros, unions , Moveon.org and groups like that from the bottom of the barrel should make everyone suspicious . These denizens of the underworld , blackhearted thugs from the lowest depths of society are up to no good at all .This is likely being orchestrated and encouraged by Obama Campaign Headquarters (formerly the White House).

"It hasn't taken long for the socialist-organized "occupation" of Wall Street to jump the shark.

In a surreal news conference at the United Nations, anti-American radical and rogue financier George Soros (net worth: \$22 billion) threw in his lot with the thousands of Communists, anarchists, eco-feminists, malingerers, and professional protesters who have been baiting and taunting police in lower Manhattan as part of a mass demonstration that began September 17

The protests, which have spread to other large cities, are part of what ACORN's neo-communist founder Wade Rathke calls an "anti-banking jihad." Not surprisingly, the remnants of the ACORN network are deeply involved in the Occupy Wall Street movement. New York ACORN's new front group, New York Communities for Change (NYCC), led by veteran ACORN enforcer Jon Kest, is one of the major protest groups leading the effort to turn America into one big socialist armpit."

<http://canadafreepress.com/ind...>

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Cecelia → Gloves Donahue, Jr. · 2 years ago

I am still hoping that when this group matures a bit that they'll dump moveon.org.

Aligning themselves with them is just such a game changer. It's regrettable to say the least.

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Cecelia → Gloves Donahue, Jr. · 2 years ago

As long as these people don't go after Pres. Obama, but give him what he wants anyway...tax

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hikes... they'll be fine. They can use all the anti-govt rhetoric that they wish.

It's sort of like watching a media person being told that the industry is biased to the left, and then seeing them cast THEMSELVES as being corporate whore sell-outs by arguing that they're all controlled by the corporate suits.

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just4thefax · 2 years ago

Fact: Yet be missed the point that you see Che shirts and no American flags either!

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DavidKramer → just4thefax · 2 years ago

I wish we could post pics. I have a great one of the marxist protest in ABQ NM. All the shop owners and workers I talked with having to deal with the useful idiots called them EXACTLY what they are, college kids and other useful idiots trained in the marxist schools.

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Cecelia → DavidKramer · 2 years ago

Get your fill of bailouts and govt ownership of the auto industry and you're a potential terrorist.

Believe that your govt is comprised of people who sell off your interests like they're tube socks at K-mart, and that the entire country is controlled by fat cats, and you're the salt of the earth.

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Unicon™ · 2 years ago

Is Tommy the replacement to MSNBC's old pop-up ad campaign or what?

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Cecelia · 2 years ago

"Ed: I think Wall Street has bought the government. I think the Wall Street influence in our legislative process runs really deep.

TC: So they're going over the government's head in a way?"

It's interesting. These people believe that govt is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wall Street. That govt is bought and paid for and owned by corporations. Not that govt should be small or that it's gotten too much power, etc, but that it is OWNED by the robber barons of Wall Street.

Now just ignoring the irony of believing THIS and at the same condemning others for wanting government to have LESS power (less govt power = less need to buy govt off) and yet NOT going after the CEO of the United States of America?

Yes, they're leapfrogging over the WH and going straight to Mr. Obama's bosses on Wall Street. You know the guys he sold us out to.

No they don't have racist signs and guns out there (just a lot of arrests), Ed can vouch for that. What they do have is one of the most fatuous reporters in the land..

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Michelle · 2 years ago

Tommy, there is plenty of evident to the contrary you could've provided, if you had wanted to be fair and balanced:

'You're a Bum, Jew': Jewish Man Berated by Wild Wall St. Protester, Told to 'Go Back to Israel'

<http://www.theblaze.com/storie...>

The Jews Control Wall Street!': 2nd Alleged Wall St. Protester Spews Anti-Semitism

<http://www.theblaze.com/storie...>

Wall Street Occupier Sign: "Queer Kids: Kill Your Parents"...

Wall Street Occupier: Obama a "Jewish Puppet"...

— Several influential New York state lawmakers have received threatening mails saying it is "time to kill the wealthy" if they don't renew the state's tax surcharge on millionaires, according to reports.

"It's time to tax the millionaires!" reads the email, according to WTEN in Albany. "If you don't, I'm going to pay a visit with my carbine to one of those tech companies you are so proud of and shoot every spoiled Ivy League [expletive] I can find."

Happy to help!!

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TommysNumberOneFan → Michelle · 2 years ago

You accuse Tommy of leaving out facts but you failed to report on the Fart Sniffer guy.

<http://gothamist.com/2011/09/0...>

Hypocrite!

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Michelle → TommysNumberOneFan · 2 years ago

Lord, I apologize. Please be with the pygmies in New Guinea.

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TommysNumberOneFan → Michelle · 2 years ago

Racist!

Tommy always has a way with sniffing out the racists!

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Moosenuts99 → Michelle · 2 years ago



Ahhhhh,"The blaZe". Bastion of intelligence.

Why don't you link us to the Blaze article where Beck calls for the same kind of Wall St uprising? It's just from 2009, I'm sure you have the links ready!

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Texan · 2 years ago

Did Ed happen to mention Obamas energy guy?

THE BUCK STOPS THERE! Head of energy loan program to 'step down'...SOLYNDRA e-mails: Obama admin was poised to approve ANOTHER loan of \$469 million!!!

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DavidKramer · 2 years ago

Wait a frelling minute, do you leftist twits contradict yourselves in the VERY SAME ARTICLES NOW?

"Defying dismissive mainstream media narratives, the Occupy Wall Street demonstration continues to grow, and gather momentum."

Dismissive Mainstream Media Narratives?

For God's sake, you have NBC, the White House propaganda arm broadcasting from the darn protest and immersing themselves ONCE AGAIN (think Wisconsin DNC/NBC/White House debacle) in the news. Not covering the news but being the NEWS.

Tommy, if you were not such a sycophant of this regime, I would think you were up there with Ed Schultz in IQ. Wait a minute, did I say UP there? LOL

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Moosenuts99 → DavidKramer · 2 years ago

You should inform yourself on the coverage before you comment on it; you might not end up looking so foolish

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DavidKramer → Moosenuts99 · 2 years ago

Tommy uses two stories HERE on Mediaite to show the Mainstream Media's dismissive nature. Did you even click the links.

NORMALLY, when one wants to provide a HYPERLINK with words in the HYPERLINK, it is to provide PROOF of one's assertion. Maybe YOU moosenuts should quit worrying about my appearance and worry about yourself.

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Cecelia → DavidKramer · 2 years ago

I've seen coverage of the occupation all over the place, but if it is being lightly covered somehow, the occupiers need to be grateful.

the more they took me an extended lunch from the house for them. They should be glad to have the time to get themselves organized.

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Michelle · 2 years ago

Brad Blanton of Luray, Va. had one of the more extreme messages of the protest, saying it was time to literally start eating the wealthy in order to fix economic inequality

"They're devouring us and now it's time we start devouring them back," Blanton said. "I'm advocating cannibalism."

But actual cannibalism? Apparently so.

"We ought to cut 'em up and have a little ritual where we call it communion," Blanton said. "We're all cannibals, all human beings are cannibals. What we need to do is start eating from the top instead of the bottom."

And again, just so there was no mistake:

"First we ought to kill them and eat them. I think cannibalism is the answer. Second to that, just regulate the hell out of them, that'd be okay," Blanton said.

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Moosenuts99 → Michelle · 2 years ago

We can pull the most extreme quotes from your BAGGERS' conventions too.

Would you like us to do so? It's a lot more scary than this obvious-in-jest cannibal statement. And most of them contain racism and bigotry! Should I start?!?

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Michelle → Moosenuts99 · 2 years ago

You're embarrassing yourself, but I have a feeling you are used to that.

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Texan → Michelle · 2 years ago

That's why he changes names so frequently.

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LAPHil → Texan · 2 years ago

He should change it to "Numbnuts99".

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MarkfromSavannah → Moosenuts99 · 2 years ago

I would love for you to start Nuts. Begin with all those videos of Tea Partiers attacking the members of the CRC as they smugly walked past the protesters DBS 1508 for the

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the members of the OWS as they smugly framed past the protesters, just hoping for the
photo op they didn't get.

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Guest → MarkfromSavannah · 2 years ago

"Smugly"? Really? What ever do you mean?

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Wayne Kerr → Moosenuts99 · 2 years ago

Yes, you should start. Please use footnotes and references.

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policeman stands outside a movie theater in New York on July 20, 2012 during a showing of "The Dark Knight Rises." New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly announced that the New York Police Department would provide police protection "as a precaution against copycats" following a shooting during a midnight screening of the film in Aurora, Colorado, which left 12 people dead and at least 50 injured. (MEHDI TAAMALLAH/AFP/GettyImages)

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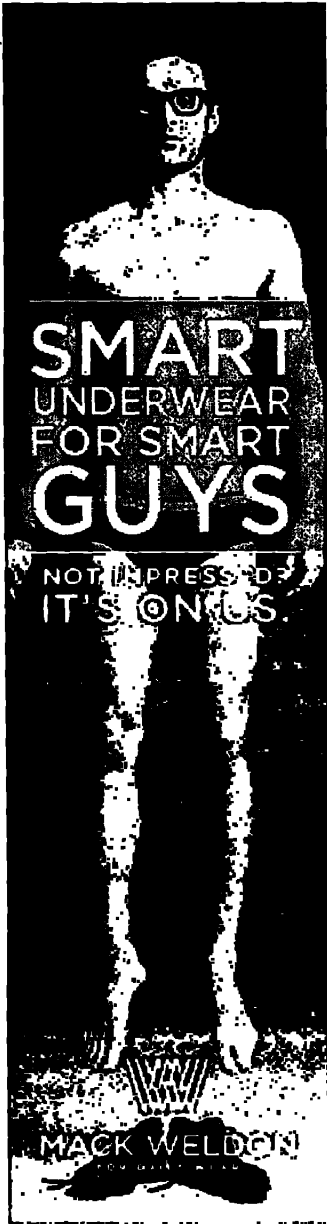
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Man flies plane into IRS office in Texas

When Joseph Stack intentionally killed himself by crashing his small plane into a Texas office building — killing another person and injuring others — a New York Times opinion writer questioned whether Stack was “The First Tea-Party Terrorist?”

Robert Write wrote that, “given the apparent momentum of the Tea Party movement, it would be nice to know if Stack’s kamikaze mission was a not-all-that-shocking emanation from it — whether, as some claim, more than a few Tea Partiers are unhinged.”

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He didn’t appear to have any tea party connections, and actually wrote favorably of communism.

Census worker hanged in 2009

When Census worker Bill Sparkman was found dead in Kentucky — apparently hanged naked — with the words “Fed” scrawled across chest, it was questioned whether tea partiers had been responsible.

A Time magazine article noted that, “Speculation has run rampant that the Sparkman case may be related to the vitriol of the tea partiers, calling it “a time when talk media, tea parties and white-hot town-hall meetings have fanned antigovernment sentiment.”

Authorities ruled that he hanged himself, likely staging his death so his family could collect life insurance.

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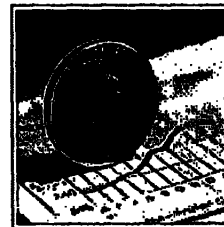
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shepmoors · a year ago

I think the progressive's fear of the tea party comes from the fact that they haven't been able to manipulate it, pin it down and destroy it. That is because even though the tea party has some organizations, there are many of us out here in America who support the ideas of small government, low taxes, cutting spending and getting rid of regulations. The attempt to demonize the tea party and isolate it is like trying to grab onto water. We are out here, we are everywhere, we are law abiding, peaceful, and we are simply trying to keep America great. False accusations about violent, racist tea partiers can't be supported by any facts or examples, so people like Brian Ross just throw out baseless accusations in order to sully ordinary Americans. It is becoming so obvious and desperate on their part. The press hesitates to identify terrorists as radical islamists, but they are quick to label the grandma next door who wants to protect America for her grandchildren as a violent racist. Ludicrous!

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A Concerned Grandmother → shepmoors · a year ago

...and the worst part? Brian Ross' half-hearted apology meant absolutely nothing once the 'idea' had been planted in several million viewers' minds. You cannot put the shit back in the horse.

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Class_A_Stock → A Concerned Grandmother · a year ago

Very old trial lawyer trick...say it and retract it...damage is done. ABC should fire him if they are sorry; we all know they aren't.

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jilgawent → Class_A_Stock · a year ago

He will probably get a promotion!!

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AI_Gore_Sr → A Concerned Grandmother · a year ago

".....You cannot put the shit back in the horse...."You kill me...You really do.

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rennyangel → shepmoors · a year ago

The tea parties are truly grass roots, individualized and independent, with only loosely connected single-purpose ideals. And no one is paid to belong to a tea party.

Most "student demonstrations" today wherever are like OWS, really leftover 60-ites or their children, who are often induced to "march" or whatever by pay, a la the demonstrations in Bonfire of the Vanities, where the poor protagonist who is being roasted alive as a racist and rich plutocrat realizes all these activities only take place when cameras are rolling and the same "spontaneous protesters" are always the same people.

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Class_A_Stock → rennyangel · a year ago

Tea party adults vs. OWS punks.

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ToShep → shepmoors · a year ago

I agree Shepmoors, but don't be so fast in categorizing every group. You are right that many (if not most) American believe in small government, low taxes and deficit reduction. But we also believe in regulation on businesses to keep us safe and our kids healthy. We believe in our "right to bear arms" but an AK-47 and 6,000 rounds of ammo is over the top. We also believe in less abortion but not a total ban (rape, incest and saving the mother's life are a few examples). We believe in tax breaks for small businesses, but not tax breaks for large corporations sending jobs overseas. We believe in a fair and equitable health care delivery system, but not a government takeover. Yes Shep, we are middle America and neither of the current candidates represent us - they are both seriously flawed in that regard. Somewhere in America there is a third party that will represent US. It's not OWS or the Tea Party. They both have good arguments, but some of their views are both too radical. When the right candidate or party comes along we will know it. It will no longer be a 50/50 country as it is now.

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Molly_Pitcher → ToShep · a year ago

We believe that people have a right to bear arms, that shall not be infringed, short of a constitutional amendment. - So why won't any of you start there? We believe that trying to back-door an unconstitutional gun ban is over the top.

Progressives don't believe in less abortion, they want more, and we've got more

under their leadership. - We believe that people should be able to live side-by-side and choose how they want to live. - We believe that since abortion is not an enumerated power of the federal government, then the federal government has no power one way or the other...we believe that abortion is a state issue according to the 10th amendment...we don't care what your particular position on abortion is

If you support no tax breaks for large corporations that send jobs overseas...Then you are the reason there IS an "overseas"...Don't you ever ask yourself why these companies leave, knowing how desperately you want their money? Why would they hoard their cash when they know how badly you want it? We believe that taxing something is a bad thing according to the definition of the word taxing.

The free market always discriminates fairly. Government always discriminates for political purposes

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TheLaw → Molly_Pitcher · a year ago

And what happens when a citizen is harmed by the laws of a state or a state is harmed by the laws of the fed. government? That is why we have a supreme court. To decide the constitutional issues pertaining to any law. Just because YOU don't like the outcome of some of the decisions, doesn't make it any less constitutional. Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), is a landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court on the issue of abortion. Decided simultaneously with a companion case, Doe v. Bolton, the Court ruled that a right to privacy under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment extended to a woman's decision to have an abortion.

The free market does "discriminate" freely. Blacks were not allowed in some hotels until the supreme court decided: Heart of Atlanta v. United States (1964) - Any business that was participating in interstate commerce would be required to follow all rules of the federal civil rights legislation. In this case, a motel that wanted to continue segregation was denied because they did business with people from other states.

~~You cannot state that you have the constitution because YOU don't like it~~

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Molly_Pitcher → TheLaw · a year ago

What happens is that one supreme court was wrong and was one right...Or maybe the other way around...and they'll all be right from now on?...Or at least that's how you think your government works.

The power to try federal cases and uphold or not federal laws has nothing to do with interpreting the constitution. Where in the Constitution is the

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Supreme Court granted the authority to decide what the document that created the court means?

That same court said slavery was legal. government wanted slavery, business can't make something legal or illegal, government does that...and the Supreme Court upheld it...whereas if you read the constitution for what it actually says instead of what you think it can say, you'd know slaves all along had the same rights as all citizens, even when government denied them.

The same court upheld internment of Asian & Italian Americans. Entire families. As would you have.

The judicial power of the united states does not include the power to

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Melanie Goncalves → Molly_Pitcher · a year ago

If Obama's government didn't build the roads, the theater wouldn't be there and there would not have been any murders. So that makes Obama an accessory before the fact. <http://WitTheBestToday.blogspot...>

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rennyangel → Melanie Goncalves · a year ago

In Murdergate, Fastand..., he is an accessory before and after the fact and an accomplice to murder(s).

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Jimmy Jones → Molly_Pitcher · 3 months ago

The Supreme Court has become a major extension of political extremes and less about what is right/wrong based on justice

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ToMolly → Molly_Pitcher · a year ago

And who interprets those powers....you?....the president?....the congress? That is why we have a supreme court. You're talking in circles try to sound as if you know the constitution. You are full of shit Molly.

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Ritchie The Riveter → ToMolly · a year ago

Actually, Congress has the Constitutional authority to rescind the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court for certain types of cases. The fact that it chooses not to do so for a particular issue is a political decision.

And do you know what "judicial activism" is? Congress also has the Constitutional authority to impeach judges who, in their view, stretch the

Constitution like it was made of Silly Putty(TM) to suit their ideology at the expense of the truth within it. Again, politics - and intellectual dishonesty - gets in the way of sound, principled governance.

Molly is more right, than you are.

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June9245 → Ritchie The Riveter · a year ago

The Socialist News Media are oriented toward two things: advancing the Democrat/Socialist Party and whoever runs it — in this case, Barack Obama — and, at the same time, defeating, embarrassing and humiliating the Republicans and conservatives. Those are the two things that are the daily objectives of the media in this country. The media today is simply the implementation arm of the Democrat/Socialist Party. They are simply executing a political agenda, pure and simple, and nothing more.

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July1234 → June9245 · a year ago

"...defeating, embarrassing and humiliating the Republicans and conservatives."The republicans are doing a fine job of that all by themselves.

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stephanie wilson → July1234 · a year ago

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Molly_Pitcher → ToMolly · a year ago

The powers are what they are, you braindead tool of big government. Nobody interprets them. Read it for what it says, not for what you think it could possibly say depending on who's in charge of us.

If you'd stop x-boxing yourself in the closet all day and read the ferkin Constitution, you'd know that those powers are to interpret law, not interpret the Constitution. The government is not allowed to change the meaning of government whenever the government feels like it...you pathetic dolt.

The Consttution is written in English and every word has a definition. Even a retard with no clue as to the most basic function and construction of their government...like you...can understand it. That's the beauty of it.

Why would somebody write a document and create a court that then decides what that document means? why not just have the court and that's it?

You've filled your own head with shit.

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MollyMollyMolly → Molly_Pitcher · a year ago

Molly, molly, molly.....have you ever learned how to read? The framers knew there would be varying interpretations about what they wrote so they wrote Article III of the constitution:

"The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court and in such inferior courts that the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish."

"The judicial power shall extend to all cases, in law and equity, arising under the Constitution, the laws of the United States and Treaties

So yes " somebody wrote a document and created a court that then decides what that document means". ALL CASES ARISING UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. Is that clear honey. So yes, you are full of shit. Now go back to bed before momma catches you playing with her computer.

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Molly_Pitcher → MollyMollyMolly · a year ago

The judicial power of the United States does not include the power to enumerate new federal powers. holding shift and smashing your keyboard won't make it so.

"Under the constitution." Not any case arising under government, Sparky. Again...read it for what it says and not what you think it can say.

So in other words... If a government decides it has the power to make you buy health insurance from a private company (or buy stocks from their favorite car company)...Or say to make you buy war bonds, to make sure invasions are well-funded..

Better yet, say the government wanted us to go back to slavery...everybody...You know, so it was fair this time. And they would make sure of that.

THAT doesn't automatically constitute a case 'arising under the constitution.' (and thus giving 9 judges the power to decide for 330 million people)

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RoundAndRound → Molly_Pitcher · a year ago

You're talking in circles again Mol. Take your meds and go back to bed and everything will be clearer in the morning.

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Molly_Pitcher → RoundAndRound · a year ago

That's your argument? An ad hominem attack?

Make your case or shut the front door, Cupcakes. I don't have time for your angry juvenile putdown contest.

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Jimmy Jones → TheLaw · 3 months ago

2nd Amendment to the Constitution Purpose is to protect us from Tyranny

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. -Thomas Jefferson

"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms..disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed one." - Thomas Jefferson quoting Cesare Beccarie, Criminologist in 1764. That was 230 years ago. -Thomas Jefferson

"The constitutions of most of our states

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crankedup → ToShep · a year ago

Please don't take this the wrong way, but I'd like to know what you think is a reasonable amount of ammunition of the appropriate caliber to accompany a rifle, a shot gun or a hand gun?

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Sam → crankedup · a year ago

When Obama's KGB comes knocking to seize your private property and the last vestige of your liberty and freedom, 6000 rounds sounds about right.

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crankedup → Sam · a year ago

Or when the sale, manufacture or importation of ammunition is halted by executive order. 6,000 rds. of 7.62 X 39 takes up what? Maybe 2-3 cubic feet? The public is supposed to envision a massive arsenal when they hear 6,000 rds.

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SanTheSham → Sam · a year ago

I think you need to see a psychiatrist. Substitute Romney for Obama....then what? 6,000 rounds did not help the Davidians at Waco one bit. If the government wants you, they will get you.

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Ritchie The Riveter → SanTheSham · a year ago

Big difference between cultists, where the actions of the government feed their belief that Armageddon is impending, and more rational human beings who are out to stay alive - and free, knowing that the longer they stay alive and free, the more embarrassing to the Powers That Be it will be if they persist in trying to assault free people.

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HeadHunter54 → crankedup · a year ago

I think my ' fair share ' of ammunition should be whatever I feel I need. I've stocked up, a lot, because the government is already limiting availability of popular rounds of ammo

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Bucky → HeadHunter54 · a year ago

Prove it.

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HeadHunter54 → Bucky · a year ago

I called Wal-Mart, Scheels and 5 different gun shops to purchase 100 hundred rounds of 9MM ammo, they had none. When I asked why an out-of-stock, ALL told me the U.S. Government had been purchasing mass quantities for military usage from the manufacturers. Obviously, you don't own any firearms.....

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Class_A_Stock → HeadHunter54 · a year ago

Google has stopped listing purchasing outlets for guns and ammunition.

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thephranc → HeadHunter54 · a year ago

Mil spec ammo is not the same as commonly available ammo. They simply do not come of the same manufacturing lines.

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JACK → crankedup · a year ago

As many as you want!

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Anthony Brown Jr. → crankedup · a year ago

There should be no limit.... Hey, things come cheaper in bulk, and when the Zombie apocalypse arrives, you're going to need them!

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Cranked → crankedup · a year ago

Tell me what you are using your gun for and I can tell you what is reasonable.

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Mac → ToShep · a year ago

When a group of Americans peacefully protesting against this Governments over reaching their authority & out of control spending is labeled as "radical", I can not visualize what your "ideal" 3rd Party would look like.

Do tell what good points the OWS, Communist affiliated, movement has?

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thephranc → ToShep · a year ago

Why exactly is an AK over the top?

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Elem187 → ToShep · a year ago

How do you differentiate tax breaks for small business and not for large corporations? The equal protection clause says we cannot use the tax code punitively on one group and change it for another group..... A progressive tax code should be unconstitutional based on the same clause.... Thats if we want to return to a constitutional republic instead of a tyrannical democracy.

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Class_A_Stock → Elem187 · a year ago

This is not a discussion of tax breaks....one track mind?

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Ginger Whetstine → shepmoors · a year ago



We are their "monster under the bed"... the scary thing you think will get you if you stick your foot out... but no matter how scared you are or how many times you stick out your foot nothing gets you because the "scary thing" isn't real. We are the cashier at the store, the bank teller, the guy you see at the park, the regular people you see every day.... it's not that they can't understand, it's that they refuse to understand. only by making us bad can they even get close to claiming they are good.

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Tinkerbell25773 → shepmoors · a year ago

Well said Shepmoors!

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Tedx41 → shepmoors · a year ago

Maybe you idiots should do a quick search of Byron Williams and America's moron, Glenn Beck...for starters.

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Joseph G Figliola → Tedx41 · a year ago

You will soon lose your Soros, Inc. paycheck. This is very ineffective troll work, and the Left will be downsizing after November. Don't say you weren't warned.

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Tedx41 → Joseph G Figliola · a year ago

Further proof you nuts need help. The GOP is dead and is now the party of the klan. Deal with it.

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Yrag → Tedx41 · a year ago

It's odd that black folks gravitate to the party that founded the KKK and perpetuated it's racist attitudes for over a hundred years.

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Class_A_Stock → Yrag · a year ago

The government owns the plantation yrag.

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Elem187 → Tedx41 · a year ago

Tedx41 here is obviously ignerant to history... The KKK were born out of the democrat party.... Heck the democrat party had a KKK grand wizard serving in the US Senate all the way to 2009.

Perhaps you need to do some homework as you immediately showcase your gross ignorance to history... Deal with it.

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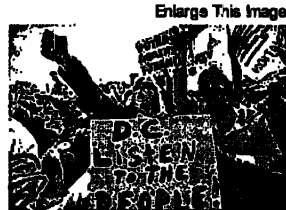


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Poll Shows Negative View of Tea Party on the Rise

By KATE ZERNIKE
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Little more than a year ago, most Americans did not know enough about the Tea Party to have an opinion. Now, more people have opinions, and they are hardly positive.



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A Tea Party gathering in Boston in April 2010, when a poll first asked about the movement and 18 percent expressed support.

The percentage of people with an unfavorable view of the Tea Party in a New York Times/CBS News Poll this week was higher than it has been since the first time the question was asked, in April 2010. Forty percent of those polled this week characterized their view as "not favorable," compared with 18 percent in the first poll.

In the first poll, a plurality, 46 percent, said they had not heard enough about the Tea Party to have an opinion (an additional 14 percent were undecided). Now, just 21 percent said they had not heard enough.

The Tea Party may have benefited early on from people not really knowing exactly what it was.

While 18 percent of people in the April 2010 poll identified themselves as Tea Party supporters, just 4 percent of those polled had actually attended a meeting or given money to the movement.

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Without any central organization or policy platforms, the Tea Party became a vehicle for all sorts of amorphous frustrations. Many people came to it more out of anxiety about the economy or anger toward Washington than for any specific policy position.

On Election Day, while 4 in 10 voters said they were Tea Party supporters, many might not have known what they were signing up for.

The debate over the debt ceiling gave people a more concrete picture: Tea Party groups and members of the Tea Party caucus in the House and Senate — many of them elected in the Republican sweep of 2010 — insisted that they would not raise the debt ceiling under any circumstances. Members of the American public, meanwhile, including Tea Party supporters, were telling pollsters that they wanted compromise, not inflexibility.

Tea Party groups and lawmakers made debt reduction their priority, but many Americans

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said creating jobs was more important. And while many Republicans, influenced by the Tea Party, insisted that they would not allow any increases in tax revenue, a majority of Americans said debt reduction had to include higher taxes as well as lower spending.

Matt Kibbe, the president of Freedom Works, the libertarian advocacy group that has encouraged the growth of the Tea Party movement, said he was not surprised that the negative views had grown, and blamed that change on attacks from Democrats during the debt-ceiling debate.

"It's almost a mantra with Democrats," he said, " 'Call them Tea Party extremists.' It's the inevitable price you pay for having an impact."

He said that the issues that Tea Party groups had been pushing — balancing the budget, reducing the debt and cutting the size of government — continued to be popular. "These issues still animate a lot of independents and a growing number of Democrats with buyers' remorse," he said.

Jenny Beth Martin, a co-founder of Tea Party Patriots, a national umbrella of Tea Party groups, said people might be upset with the Tea Party because it was "holding Republicans accountable and not just Democrats."

"That bothers some people who tend to support Republicans just because they have an 'R' after their name," Ms. Martin said.

She said she had also seen an increase in her hate mail. But she still believes the Tea Party movement is winning. "Part of the reason is that we're being effective, and we're demanding change," she said. "And sometimes change scares people."

Last year, many people were attracted to the Tea Party because they were angry at the way Congress, then led by Democrats, had handled negotiations over health care legislation, and saw it as Washington politics at its worst.

In the most recent poll, most Americans took a negative view of the debt-ceiling negotiations, seeing them as "mostly about gaining political advantage." With Republicans in charge of the House, more of the blame fell on them. And many people — a 43 percent plurality — saw the Tea Party as having too much influence on Republicans.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Democrats were most likely to have an unfavorable view of the Tea Party. But a plurality of independents, too — 40 percent — viewed the Tea Party negatively, and said it had too much influence on the Republican Party.

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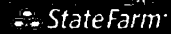
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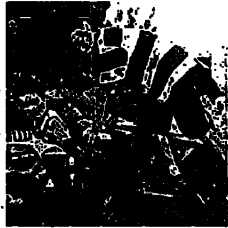
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Vice President Joe Biden caught some flak recently after he and other Democrats reportedly compared tea partiers to terrorists during the debate to raise the debt ceiling.

But it turns out only 29 percent of Americans agree with him, according to a Rasmussen poll released Monday. Fifty-five percent disagree. **(RELATED: Conservatives strike back against 'Tea Party downgrade' label)**

Rasmussen's poll surveyed 1,000 likely voters on Aug. 5 and 6, asking them, "Some people have accused the Tea Party of acting like economic terrorists during the budget debates. Are members of the Tea Party economic terrorists?"

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A spokesman for Biden, who according to Politico joined other Democrats in a closed-door meeting in making the comparison, distanced the vice president from the reports.

"The word was used by several members of Congress," spokeswoman Kendra Barkoff told the publication. "The vice president does not believe it's an appropriate term in political discourse."

Well known tea party groups jumped on Biden's remarks and called them insensitive.

"It is offensive, false and shocking that the person one step away from the Presidency calls Members of Congress, who were elected on tea party principles, a term used for the attackers on 9/11," said Jenny Beth Martin, a national coordinator of Tea Party Patriots.

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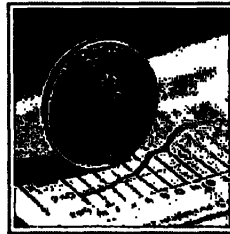
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kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

Oh yeah, I can see the 'terrorists' in those pictures... 3 senior citizens women dressed in red/white/blue and carrying the American flag. I'm sure these tea party women are a grave danger... well, include me and many other who believe that our country has been taken 'hostage' by the liberal socialists, starting with Obama and his administration. We flag bearing tea bag party members believe in smaller government, deep cuts of thousands of programs, get rid of the 'nanny state' giveaways, secure borders, bring home our soldiers, maintain the constitutional rights that were fought for and written by our fore-fathers and clean up Washington. Oh yeah, my 3 senior friends forgot their machine guns and grenades ... ha!

Who's holding our country hostage you ask??? Obama and his liberal left who have lost millions of jobs, stopped even more jobs by not drilling our own oil, shipped millions more of jobs overseas, puts obscene regulations in front of job creator and trying to stick more taxes on to a bloated tax system now.

John Kerry and his bunch (many being tax evaders) are first to 'shout out' that these 3 senior women have made our country lose its 3*** ratings!!! What a croc of crap... I can't wait to waive my American flag, wear red/white/blue, and yell to all... SAVE OUR COUNTRY FROM THESE LEFT WING TERRORISTS... VOTE THEM OUT !!! By the way, I am a senior 64yrs. old and will fight like hell to keep my country... will you help too???

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barryaz → kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

You hit the nail on the head. The arrogance and incompetence of these so-called representatives from BOTH parties is incomprehensible. For these elitists to be name calling and projecting fault to the Americans who put their sorry a\$\$e\$ in office, just makes my blood boil. There will surely be consequences for these Bozos come 2012, and you can take that to the bank; if there are any left after this Marxist tyrannical administration.

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MJHBAMA → kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

kaykay, you have just become my hero. Way to tell it like it is.

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kaykaymoore → MJHBAMA · 2 years ago

thanks... I appreciate it I just posted another comment since reading some of these posts. I am literally sick of the vile, totally stupid remarks that some of these people post... feel the same way? 2012 !!!!!

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Kdbull48 → kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

Agreed.

29%?

Lets see, 90% of blacks, Union workers and those that depend on handouts... that might equal 29% right there. Thank god there are still real working Americans in our country. However, the way things are going, with Obama especially, those groups will expand. His power is the ugly or ignorant side of America and he is working to expand those groups.

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Merry J1 → Kdbull48 · 2 years ago

It's just a wild guess, but my money says the "29% of voters (who) think TEA Partiers are terrorists") are the same 29% of voters who are completely ignorant about current events, political and economic realities, US History, and the legitimate role of government under the US Constitution. Most of them, however, can name all American Idol winners and are well-versed in celebrity trivia.

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Kdbull48 → Kdbull48 · 2 years ago

Apologies, blacks just like Obama because he is black... that is racist and only partly ignorant.

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Jwalker → Kdbull48 · 2 years ago

I'm trying to understand why people like you are always saying that blacks depend on handouts. If you really knew anything about the black community, then you would know that last thing that they want is a handout. Blacks have toiled, built, created and contributed to the United States of America in many ways and continue to do so to-date. I am so tired of hearing this bullshit from ignorant people who know nothing about the needs and wants of black Americans.

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Guest → Jwalker · 2 years ago

That's because when you live in a part of the country that is 99% white with confederate flags being hoisted everywhere, you learn little or nothing about what it's like to be somebody else.

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Smashicus → Guest · 2 years ago

Yes, and because of that life is more enjoyable with much less crime. And who gives a crap what it's like being someone else? Life's hard enough just being yourself. Why don't criminals think about what it's like

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being someone else? Specifically the person they're victimizing.

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Frank Zappa → Jwalker · 2 years ago

you're right, flipping hamburgers at BK is a pretty big contribution, I'd say.

They want handouts so bad that they are rioting, flash-ripping, raping and killing to keep them. They feel threatened by the fast growing power of fiscal conservatism and all the big talk of budget cuts and an end to entitlement programs. Take away their section housing, food stamp cards, tax breaks, and affirmative action to provide them base level jobs they still aren't even qualified to work - and watch the cities get turned on their heads. I live about 5 miles outside the city of Philadelphia and I can tell you, its like being a spectator at the circus.

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rockon53 → kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

Your a F**king idiot. Your to stupid to see you been taking to the cleaner. The only people who love America are Conservatives my ass .Take your Nationalism and stick where the sun doesn't shine.

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thevsed → rockon53 · 2 years ago

Hey rockupyournose, why is it that when you liberals get cornered with facts, you get nasty with the personal attacks? Learn from nature, take the scorpion for example, when it's cornered with no way out, it is said it stings itself. be a good scorpion eh

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Lynai → rockon53 · 2 years ago

rockon must be part of that eloquent 29%

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fourleafclover → rockon53 · 2 years ago

"Take your Nationalism and stick where the sun doesn't shine. "

If we did that we would be able to see your face and I don't want to.

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Tailor.in.stitches → rockon53 · 2 years ago

Don't call somebody an idiot when you can't compose a coherent statement in English.

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OldCon → rockon53 · 2 years ago



rockon53, you didn't address any of kaykaymoore's comments. All you did was attack her mentality and make a crude statement of your own. Your rant comes across like someone with "issues," or at the least, someone with limited composition skills. What is the problem you and Liberals have with Nationalism. We simply take pride in our Country and our heritage. We wish to preserve them. What do you believe in?

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clw → OldCon · 2 years ago

Oh dear God don't ask him questions, he might respond.

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Non Liberal Dude → rockon53 · 2 years ago

Your to stupid? Do you mean you're too stupid? What a moron.

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Seabreeze 101 → Non Liberal Dude · 2 years ago

Government education at it's finest...

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riseabove → rockon53 · 2 years ago

And the first thing we'll do in 2012 is to make sure Sing-Sing no longer lets inmates have internet access.

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Jim → rockon53 · 2 years ago

Rockon53 did not pay attention during English class.

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TommyV → rockon53 · 2 years ago

They're obviously a group to be reckoned with jackass.....unlike you and your communist friends!

Can't wait to boot your asses out in 12! Another historic drubbing is on the way.....buckle up moron....you won't see your kind in again in your lifetime so better enjoy the next year ;)!

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kaykaymoore → rockon53 · 2 years ago

Rockon53, you are one of the posts I was describing... vile and vulgar. You and others like you are the true dividers of our country. You don't talk facts, but tell everyone that don't believe as you do that we are 'stupid' and a F..... idiot and then have the class to state ' stick where etc...'

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You don't even deserve or need to have an opinion since you already know all the answers... and of course we are all wrong in our facts since we don't watch the liberal media... just FOX. Time will tell

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Kerry R → kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

My posts weren't vile and vulgar, yet I was attacked anyway, repeatedly - "Socialist" "Elitist", "Pollyanna". It goes both ways. People just can't talk about politics without tuning into a bunch of savages. They just give in to being hateful in the end. And it's shameful.

But then again, there are a lot of people on the internet that think they can just say what they want and act as rude and uncouth as they see fit.

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clw → Kerry R · 2 years ago

Particularly when they're provoked by know-it-all, condescending, elitist progressives, who don't come here for dialogue, but to "enlighten" the unwashed masses with their self-perceived brilliance.

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Jwalker → kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

Naturally, they would use this type of photo, it doesn't take anyone of great "brilliance" to see through this.

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Scwrtr → kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

I'll take the tea party seriously when they vote to shut down superfluous military bases outside the USA, audit the military, end corn subsidies, and pass laws that ban jumping back and forth between lobbying & government positions. Then they'll have really done something to reign in the budget. Until then, they're just like everyone else in Washington: smoke blowers.

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Abt3u22a2 → Scwrtr · 2 years ago

Those are some great ideas, Scwrtr.

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hodam → kaykaymoore · 2 years ago

First of all, this articles title is about how 29% of American's think they tea party is holding the rest of the country hostage to get 100% of what they want. But, the writer spent 90% of the space reporting on an old story about what Joe Biden said. Biden did not say what you all claim he said. He didn't verbally disagree with what the 946 where

not say what you are claiming. He didn't verbally disagree with what other members were saying but he never said it himself contrary to what all so called conservatives have been reporting.

Now about the label; believe it or not, that is a scary percentage for a group that claims to be prominent to have such a label by 90 million Americans. The truth is, that is what happens when 20% of the population pledges to destroy the country's economy unless they get what they want. Islamic terrorists blow up planes to get once person released from prison and Tea partiers just cost the country 1 trillion dollars (because of credit downgrade) in wealth to get 800 billion dollars worth of tax breaks for the millionaires and billionaires. One is Islamic terrorist and the other is tea party economic terrorists.

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Matt → hodam · 2 years ago

Err, what ? You are equating tea partiers with the 9-11 bombers? Seriously? There's 3000+ families that would not only disagree with you, they'd kick your ass for saying it to their face. You are living proof liberalism is a mental disorder.

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1TrueOne55 · 2 years ago

I am glad to be a Tea-orist, because it was the Progressives that penned the phrase that, "One man's Terrorist is another man's "Freedom Fighter". I will fight for the Freedom of my country and will do what I did in 08, vote for anyone but Obama.

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John · 2 years ago

Let me make a wild guess, that 29% our all liberals, unionist and part of the elistist of our society (in other words the far left fringe).

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truthhasnoagenda → John · 2 years ago

Certainly a very large percentage of the 29% are the Left wing fringe, but I refuse to believe the Left wing fringe is that big, so I'll say that a chunk of that number are simply the ignorant.

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AZVick → John · 2 years ago

Do you think there are that many? I think a lot of polling data is inflated.

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ScienceIsTruth → John · 2 years ago

Why is it that so many conservative and TP citizens believe that liberals are the elite? Most of the wealth and power in this country is concentrated among conservatives and big business. And the actions/policies that result in a jobs vacuum. unaffordable medical

insurance and care, crappy schools, foreclosures, pollution, etc come from the right wing/tea baggers. Please tell me what the GOP and TP Congress has done to actually address these problems? The truth is-NOTHING. They have spent precious time and tax dollars lobbying to ban abortion and gay marriage over all else during this crisis! Any middle-class, working, non-wealthy person who rallies for the GOP or TP is like an African American voting for a KKK leader for president. You have all been duped and brilliantly manipulated. Very sad.

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Jasmine Clark · 2 years ago

i'm not surprised that people thing the tea party are terrorists. tons of liberal commentators have repeated the "terrorist" and "hostage" lines. it's their new talking point, so they say it over and over again.

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ojfl → Jasmine Clark · 2 years ago

The interesting thing Jasmine is that they have been saying it so much that it is actually surprising the number is not higher. Which is a good thing in my book.

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tdpwells → ojfl · 2 years ago

My guess is that 29% +/- of the respondents also identify as liberal. Just a hunch.

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MJHBAMA → tdpwells · 2 years ago

The 29% have become so propaganadized that they can no longer have an original thought. I do believe that "Zombies" (or maybe "Ozombas"?) would be more than an accurate description of them.

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JLL → Jasmine Clark · 2 years ago

Like they say; Liberals will tell you who they're afraid of. All the liberal commentators must have gotten their instructions from the White House.

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Matt → Jasmine Clark · 2 years ago

A liberal acquaintance told me he firmly believes the tea partiers are worse than 911 bombers because "there are so many more" and the tea partiers are "much more extreme". Nothing like having somebody I know equate me with mass murderers, simply for asking the government to stop spending so much money.

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clw → Matt · 2 years ago

The people who criticize the TEA Parties the loudest, have never been to one. Nor will they ever.

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pink → Jasmine Clark · 2 years ago

Sorta like the nonsensical Obama is a Marxist line?

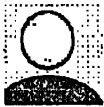
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TommyV → pink · 2 years ago

Leninist!

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Adam D · 2 years ago

These numbers just show us further how ignorant liberals are, or that they are so full of hate they would give answers they know which are wrong in an attempt to label their opponents in the worst possible light. I bet these are the same 29% who believe Bush is behind 9/11. Really despicable that people would say in a poll that people who want lower taxes and less government spending are the same as people who kill innocent people.

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SciencelsTruth → Adam D · 2 years ago

Adam D, the teabaggrs are the same people who would like to see crime rates increase/ fewer police to control the criminals; more potholes & crumbling infrastructure; more starving, homeless & sick children (they only care about the "unborn") & families; The closing of schools & the further gutting of education that makes us lag behind China, India, etc; more joblessness; veterans who come home after risking their lives to find they get zero help w/education, etc; fewer emergency services to save our houses/ businesses from burning down. Are these things free? Where does the \$ come from if not via taxes? The goodness of Americans' greedy, entitled hearts? The myth of a functioning, tax-free society is just that-- a fairytale! You people are stuck in the 18th century and obsolete religious dogma, and need to get your heads out of your obese asses!

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Chris 310 → SciencelsTruth · 2 years ago

You live in La La Lond.

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Rick Clay · 2 years ago



Hey you Liberal Democrats just keep this up. vve Tea Party

Members are going to be just as energized come 2012 as we were in 2010 because of this discourse from the Democrat Party Leadership. Oh sorry I used Leadership and Democrat in the same sentence. The two just do not go together!

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MJHBAMA → Rick Clay · 2 years ago

In the land of the blind the one-eyed man is king. In the DNC the one with the IQ of 70 is the leader.

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Voters think most radical Muslim groups in this country should be under close surveillance by the government as possible terrorist threats but are a lot less suspicious of Tea Party groups. President Obama's supporters, however, feel similarly about monitoring both groups.

A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that 57% of Likely U.S. Voters believe most radical Muslim groups in America should be monitored by the government as potential terrorists. Just 14% think most Tea Party groups should be monitored by the government as possible terror threats. (To see survey question wording, [click here.](#))

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By Jessica Chasmar - The Washington Times

Thursday, March 21, 2013

MSNBC/topics/msnbc/ Host Chris Matthews railed against the tea party again Wednesday night when he invited a guest who claims the movement is racist, homophobic and xenophobic.

Mr. Matthews interviewed a University of Washington/topics/university-of-washington/ assistant professor, Christopher Parker/topics/christopher-parker/ , who conducted a study that found strains of prejudice within the tea party.

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"My study suggests that there is a strain of racism in the tea party," the professor said. "There's definitely a racist strain, but it goes beyond racism. It goes to homophobia and xenophobia as well, Chris."

The "Hardball"/topics/hardball/ host then went on to speculate that tea party folks want America back to the way it was before the Civil War/topics/civil-war/ .

"Is it like that old, dreamy nostalgia you get in the old movies? Like 'Gone with the Wind?'" he posed. "Is it that kind of America they want to bring back or what? When there were no gays, where blacks were slaves, where Mexicans were in Mexico. Is this what they want?"

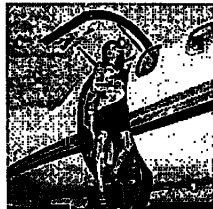
Mr. Parker/topics/christopher-parker/ firmly agreed, saying that where moderate conservatives recognize that politics change, tea party conservatives are "reactionary" and "actually want to go back in time."

The professor ties tea party conservatives to the Know-Nothing party of the 1850s, the KKK of the 1920s, and the John Birch Society of the 1950s and 1960s, in that tea partiers are "scared of losing the America that they know and love to these other groups of people."

"It does sound like pure racism," Mr. Matthews jumped in, "if you want the country to be tribally white 100 years from now."

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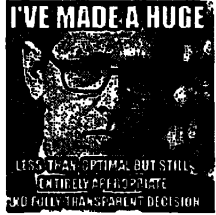
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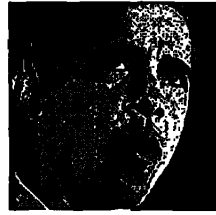
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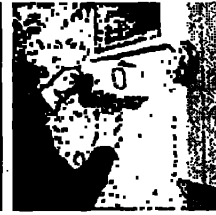
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By Cameron Joseph - 04/22/12 09:15 AM ET

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David Axelrod, a top campaign adviser to President Obama, said comprehensive immigration reform had not occurred during Obama's first term because the Republican senators who'd backed it during President George W. Bush's presidency were not willing to stand up and work with Obama.

"A lot of Republicans in Congress want to cooperate, they know better, but they are in the thralls of this reign of terror from the far right that has dragged this party to the right," Axelrod said on CNN's "State of the Union" Sunday morning.

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Obama tried to work across the aisle but was rebuffed by Republican senators who were scared of the politics of immigration, Axelrod said.

"I was in the room when he called together Republicans and Democrats who had been active in immigration reform ... and the president said I will work with you to get this done. Not one of

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those Republicans was willing to stand up," he said.

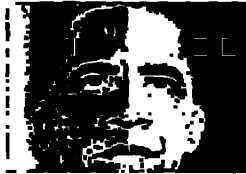
Axelrod argued that it was because the GOP had chosen to block everything Obama had pushed for that immigration reform hadn't happened, and that if Obama wins reelection Republicans will be less resistant to working with him because the election will be a rejection of the party going "way off to the right."

Immigration has become a hot-button issue once again as Mitt Romney, the likely GOP nominee, has sought to soften his rhetoric on the issue and Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) has suggested a "Republican DREAM Act" in recent days. Obama has a big lead with Hispanics in polls, and needs to maintain much of that lead if he's going to win reelection.

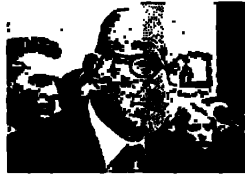
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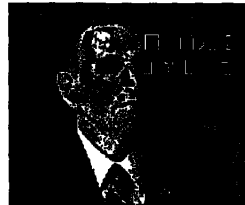
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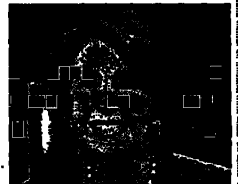
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JOBS_ONE · a year ago

Right Axelrod.

Obama had 2.5 years as the supermajority and could have passed any and all immigration reforms and opted out. Save us from you Tea Party analogies.

The "terrorist" in the White House is the problem.

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Obama Abandons White Voters → JOBS_ONE · a year ago

It's really sad that Obama has abandoned white working class voters to instead support mass amnesty for illegal aliens.

There was a time not too long ago when the Democrats supported blue collar Americans – but not any more.

Romney should confront Obama head on about illegal immigration, because the vast majority of Americans prefer enforcement over "comprehensive immigration reform" i.e., amnesty.

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maisy → Obama Abandons White Voters · a year ago

They ain't your Mamas' democrats anymore.....(Ditto for Republicans.)

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the white one → Obama Abandons White Voters · 5 months ago

selfish lead a person to nowhere, cause this disease make them blind like a bat in the day time for whom have ears hear the words of a wise.

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snowleopard (cat folk gallery) → JOBS_ONE · a year ago

Indeed, they held the reigns of power for the better part of Obama's term; even with Obama care they had to bribe, twist arms, intimidate and threaten their own members who initially refused to support the matter.

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Carl → snowleopard (cat folk gallery) · a year ago

Sure, the GOP didn't want to work with Obama. Why would they when they know Obama was dead wrong.

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snowleopard (cat folk gallery) → Carl · a year ago

Carl its more than that, even on the budget matters and so much else Obama and Reid kept being their usual obstructionists selves:

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when you have Reid constantly patronising the House, declaring no matter what they put forth it will never reach the floor - then you have the Right trying to work with Obama and constantly being slapped in the face.

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Clb2012now → snowleopard (cat folk gallery) · a year ago

Don't even bring budgets into it. That is purely Democrats who is refusing to let a budget on the floor of the Senate.

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Guest → Clb2012now · 8 months ago

4 years without a budget...and they convinced the morons that it is the fault of the Repubs.

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HappyG → Guest · 8 months ago

The dem base is so dumb they don't even know that it was their own democrats who insisted on Paygo in 2010 and have run away from it at every turn...in fact, they've managed to make it seem like the republicans were the bad guys because they demanded that Paygo be adhered to...I blame their teachers...I wonder if they'd believe a WH website? I doubt it though...

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/...](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/)

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Guest → HappyG · 8 months ago

These morons are dumb! then a bag of hammers. I've got Liberal and Progressive idiots responding to my post(s) in a most pathetic manner. They continue to embarrass themselves with the evident lack of intelligence or the ability of critical thought. Now after I've said that some moron is going to respond how I'm being brainwashed by Fox News....or be original by calling me a tea-bagger.

I think it was Margaret Thatcher that said something about what happens when you replace critical thinking with feelings...and the Liberal mind "feels" the only way to make it fair is to steal it from someone else. Obama just gave them a line to stand in. These people are against what made this country

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HappyG → Guest · 8 months ago

Whydon't, I hear you my brother but you really could have stopped after you posted..."people are against what made this country great"...it is the truth and it's the fault of decades long progressive policies that transformed the party of JFK into a party that demands that

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government feed, cloth and house them...in short, America as we knew it died November 6, 2012.

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Guest → HappyG · 8 months ago

Sorry, guess I got on a rant.....really peeved off.

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Americans Oppose Amnesty → JOBS_ONE · a year ago

Mitt Romney should confront Obama's and Axelrod's demagogery on this issue head on, because the vast majority of Americans oppose amnesty and support enforcement.

It's just incredible with working class citizens suffering through record unemployment, Obama peddles amnesty for millions of illegal foreign workers!

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Americans Oppose Amnesty → Americans Oppose Amnesty · a year ago

The Associated Press just reported that 1 in 2 new college grads are jobless or underemployed.

Someone should ask Marco Rubio and Barack Obama why they want to harm these young Americans and hurt their job prospects further by giving amnesty to millions of illegal aliens via the Dream Act.

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Dave Avery → Americans Oppose Amnesty · a year ago

by John Hill

Stand With Arizona

The Obama Administration today announced a virtual amnesty-by-decree for hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens, whose deportations will be "indefinitely delayed". In addition,

*****Obama finally announced a jobs program - but for ILLEGAL ALIENS, not citizens - as those 300,000 illegals will also become eligible for "work permits".*****

This action represents an administrative end-run around Congress, which

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teamosil → JOBS_ONE · a year ago

No silly. The Democrats never had enough votes to override a filibuster. But were you thinking the tea party only had influence on Republicans? All that teabagging breaks moderate Democrats off of the rest too of course.

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Guest → teamosil · a year ago

I'm sorry but that's just a lie. Or you're just tragically misinformed. The democrats had 60 senate seats after the 08 elections. The number of votes needed to override a filibuster.....60. That the democrats couldn't even rise up their own votes for this has nothing at all to do with republicans.

But it's much easier for you to deny reality and howl at the moon about the eeeeeevil republicans than to acknowledge that Obama failed miserably on yet another one of his campaign 'promises'.

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snowleopard (cat folk gallery) → Guest · a year ago

I have checked the Congressional records (and mind you I am a conservative) that show the 110th Congress held 57 Democrats, 2 Independants who mostly voted with them and 41 Republicans with 2 vacant seats as of the start of that congressional term.

The fact is though the denagratism Axelrod is using here is just one more part of the uttermost hypocrisy of the left; they seek to constantly pass blame on others for their own illegal and hypocritical actions across the board.

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SandyToesSC → snowleopard (cat folk gallery) · a year ago

1 of the vancacies was Min. When Franken stole the seat with Acorn's voter fraud, the Dems than had a filibuster proof majority. Spector (traitor of both parties) became a Democrat again. Dems. had a filibuster proof majority even if you do and other dems want the Hispanics to forget.-

Sandy Epinosa

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snowleopard (cat folk gallery) → SandyToesSC · a year ago

Sandy - thank you for the information; I stand duely corrected. I looked up what you stated and my fault is obvious.

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teamosil → Guest · a year ago

No, the highest we ever had was 58 and that was only for a few months, then we were back down to 57.

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Rumpole → teamosil · a year ago

Senate Democrats Have 60 Votes ... Now What?

by Paul Hogarth, Jul. 06, 2009

Online

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Uggy
Tomorrow, Al Franken will finally be sworn into office – giving the Democrats a 60-seat "filibuster-proof" majority in the U.S. Senate.

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teamosil → Rumpole · a year ago

That's Democrats PLUS independents kiddo. And it only lasted until Scott Brown. Just a few months.

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RussinOR → teamosil · a year ago

Joe Lieberman (a democrat until the extreme left wing forced him out) and Bernie Sanders (Socialist) CAUCUS with the democrats.

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Guest → teamosil · a year ago

During those two years the Democrats could have introduced immigration reform and tried to get it passed. The Democrats did not introduce it because they new they did not have the votes,even in there own party to pass it.

If the Democrats really wanted to pass immigration reform they could have presented legislation that only had to attract just 2 or 3 Republicans to get it passed.

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teamosil → Guest · a year ago

It just doesn't work like that. The other times the DREAM Act has been introduced for example it has gotten like 90% of the Democrats to support it and like 10% of the Republicans. It isn't a 100% partisan split. Definitely Democrats are far more likely to be in favor of immigration reform than Republicans are, but some are scared to go near the issue and some Republicans are willing to vote with their conscience rather than to appease their base.

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Teamosil → teamosil · a year ago

Illegals out! And you with them commie

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maisy → teamosil · a year ago

And Scott Brown should have been able to STOP that ugly health care bill , BUT the Dirty Tricksters ala Pelosi and her gang of thugs cheated to get what they want.

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Guest → teamosil · a year ago

No. Again, you are either lying deliberately or are just ignorant.

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Here's the headline

Democrats Reach Magic 60, as Former Comedian Takes Senate Beat

Here's another one:

Democrats struggle to hold critical 60-seat Senate majority

<http://articles.cnn.com/2010-0...>

And here is that notorious right winger....Ezra Klein

<http://voices.washingtonpost.c...>

and the headline from it:
Democrats Have 60 Votes. What Will They Do With Them?

Jesus man don't you even know how to use Google??

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snowleopard (cat folk gallery) → Guest · a year ago

Guest - I have checked the Congressional records; 2 of the allies of the Democrats were INDEPENDANTS! And they did not always vote with them on all subjects.

Maybe you need to check the records better.

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kiddopup → snowleopard (cat folk gallery) · a year ago

you have not checked the record boyh ind and all dems voted for every bill brought up by reid so go back to huff po or mm and keep buying their lies

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Florence V Dutch → kiddopup · a year ago

They never voted for every bill Reid put on the floor. Are you just making things up as you go along?

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Guest → Guest · a year ago

Your statement "Here's the headline" tells much about you. For one, and what else matters, you think that headlines are facts. Delusion.

You think that you are here on this earth to do something the right wing calls "accomplish". Ever wonder how well that squares with Jesus Christ's statement "the last shall be first and the first shall be last"? What you will have "accomplished" is to become forever a lowly servant of those who, on this earth, you called low-life's.

Dust - you came from B and you end all your

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... you want to know, and you know as your so-called values and accomplishments shall return to dust.

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Robertbubba2 → no · a year ago

Wow a democratic religious fanatic and not one link to prove what he said was wrong just dust to dust eh ,take your head out of the dusty hole you have it stuffed in, and join real life !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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maisy → Robertbubba2 · a year ago

He is probably paid by the left...with YOUR tax money . I presume OR watches MESSNBC round the clock. Just the same old TROLL-LIKE behavior.

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teamosil → Guest · a year ago

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Guest → teamosil · a year ago

Nope. That's not true either. lol

Here's a quote from the PBS article that you refused to even look at:

"The Franken win gives Democrats in the U.S. Senate 60 votes, which means they can prevent the Republicans from filibustering bills – an important stalling tactic that can stop bills from becoming law."

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teamosil → Guest · a year ago

They may have phrased it that way. The independents did caucus with the Democrats. But yeah, that was 58 Democrats plus Bernie Sanders and Joe Lieberman. Bernie Sanders reliably voted with the Democrats, but is an independent. Lieberman definitely does not reliably vote with the Democrats.

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Guest → teamosil · a year ago

Now you're splitting nails to make tacks.

You're left to argue that yes the democratic caucus had 60 votes but the senators with the D next to their name only numbered 58. (Because Bernie Sanders and Joe Lieberman voted with the republicans sooo much when it came to social issues.)

The bottom line is that the democratic caucus

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had more than enough to prevent any filibuster. And the democrats didn't even bother to put forward a bill.

Blaming republicans or the tea party for this in anyway shape or form is just sad.

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Spinoneone → Guest · a year ago

Besides which Collins and Snowe of Maine, RINOs in name and performance, frequently voted with the Dems. So, effectively, the Republicans only had 39 generally dependable votes on any given issue.

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teamosil → Guest · a year ago

It seems like you picture it like the entire Democratic party and the independents are all like controlled by one person. That isn't how it works. Virtually no bill ever unifies 100% of the Democrats. It's usually more like 90% of them go one way and 10% go the other way. We aren't like the Republicans. Democrats from swing states tend to be more sympathetic to the Republican point of view and sometimes vote with them and so on.

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RussinOR → teamosil · a year ago

That wasn't your original claim, sport! You claimed the democrats never had the VOTES to override a veto, not that they had the votes but couldn't get them lined up. Moving the goal posts is a favorite debate tactic of the left.

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PatiusG → teamosil · a year ago

Yeah Lieberman was only good enough to be a VP for the Democrats.

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Teamofool → teamosil · a year ago

Teamofool is a half-wit who is always wrong. He just won't admit that he is a lying socialist

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teamosil → Teamofool · a year ago

Teamofool being the "teamo" that is copying me?

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Teamofool → teamosil · a year ago

Actually, I spell it correctly. You, as usual, are wrong.

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BrianC → Teamofool · a year ago

Don't insult half-wits. Teamosil would have to double its IQ to reach half-wit status.

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teamosil → BrianC · a year ago

LOL teabaggers calling normal people stupid... You guys really don't understand where you sit in the order of things do you...

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maisy → teamosil · a year ago

You are a twit who continuously uses vulgar name calling to get your lame points across. They should ban you . Tried to instigate any riots lately?

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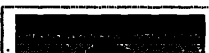
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Former NAACP chairman Julian Bond: It's OK for IRS to target 'racist' tea party

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By Cheryl K. Chumley - The Washington Times

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Julian Bond(/topics/julian-bond/), former chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People(/topics/national-association-for-the-advancement-of-colored-people/), said during a Tuesday interview on MSNBC(/topics/msnbc/) that it's only right and just that the federal government and the IRS target tea party groups.

Tea party(/topics/tea-party/) groups are, after all, "overtly racist" and the "Taliban(/topics/taliban-movement/) wing of American politics," Mr. Bond(/topics/julian-bond/) said, Mediaite reported. The IRS ought to look over these groups' shoulders, he said — at the same time condemning former President Bush(/topics/bush/), for what he alleged was that administration's biased push for the IRS to investigate the NAACP(/topics/national-association-for-the-advancement-of-colored-people/).

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The NAACP(/topics/national-association-for-the-advancement-of-colored-people/) was investigated for improper political activities in 2004 after Mr. Bond(/topics/julian-bond/) made a speech that was highly critical of Mr. Bush(/topics/bush/), Mediaite reported. The group was later cleared of any wrongdoing. But Mr. Bond(/topics/julian-bond/) hasn't forgotten, and said his group was "unfairly targeted," Mediaite said.

He denied holding a double standard with today's IRS targeting of tea party groups and yesteryear's IRS investigation of the NAACP(/topics/national-association-for-the-advancement-of-colored-people/).

"I don't think there's a double standard at all," he said, in the MSNBC(/topics/msnbc/) report. "I think it's entirely legitimate to look at the tea party(/topics/tea-party/). I mean, here are a group of people who are admittedly racist, who are overtly political, who tried as best they can to harm President Obama ... They are the Taliban(/topics/taliban-movement/) wing of American politics and we all ought to be a little worried about them."

(Editor's note: The story has been corrected to reflect that Julian Bond(/topics/julian-bond/) is the former chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People(/topics/national-association-for-the-advancement-of-colored-people/).)

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NPR exec: tea party is 'scary,' 'racist'

James O'Keefe, master of the video sting, targets NPR this time, in a pretty damaging interview with Ron Schiller, NPR's senior vice president for development, and Betsy Liley, senior director of institutional giving.

O'Keefe's compatriots, Shaughn Adeleye and Simon Templar, posed as members of a Muslim group with ties to the Muslim Brotherhood that

wants to give NPR \$5 million in light of the recent Republican threats to defund public broadcasting.

In the course of a lunch at Café Milano, Schiller presents himself as a liberal who thinks the tea party is "scary" and that there are not enough Muslim voices on the American airwaves, nodding as his lunchmates say they are glad NPR allows Hamas's and Hezbollah's views to be heard.

He claims the Republican party has been "hijacked" by the tea party, and when one of his lunch partner's suggests that they're "radical, racist, Islamophobic, Tea Party people," Schiller says, they're "not just Islamophobic, but really xenophobic, I mean basically they are, they believe in sort of white, middle-America gun-toting. I mean, it's scary. They're seriously racist, racist people."

He also veers pretty wildly off the script that NPR CEO Vivian Schiller clung to during her address to the National Press Club Monday, saying "it is very clear that in the long run we would be better off without federal funding." Vivian Schiller (no relation) was very careful to make the point Monday that while federal funding is only about 10 percent of NPR's budget, it's essential.

It was announced yesterday

(<http://currentpublicmedia.blogspot.com/2011/03/ron-schiller-exiting-npr-for-aspen.html>) that Ron Schiller is leaving NPR to take a job at the Aspen Institute.

He came to NPR from the world of university fundraising and became NPR's top fundraising official in late 2009, not long before discussions began for the \$1.8 million gift from George Soros's Open Society Foundations that, along with the Juan Williams firing, helped make NPR such a potent political target for Republicans.

I've reached out to NPR for comment and will update when I hear back.

UPDATE: NPR media reporter David Folkenflik tweets NPR's comment: "We are appalled by the comments made by Ron Schiller in the video, which are contrary to what NPR stands for."

UPDATE: The full NPR statement from Dana Davis Rehm, senior vice president of Marketing, Communications & External Relations:

"The fraudulent organization represented in this video repeatedly pressed us to accept a \$5 million check, with no strings attached, which we repeatedly refused to accept. We are appalled by the comments made by Ron Schiller in the video, which

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are contrary to what NPR stands for. Mr. Schiller announced last week that he is leaving NPR for another job."

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Union Thugs Beat Patriot at Obamacare Town Hall in St. Louis

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The effort to discredit and shut down opposition to Obamacare has gone from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid holding up artificial turf and House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi calling opponents Nazis to violence. During a demonstration Thursday evening outside a forum on aging called by U.S. Rep. Russ Carnahan, D-St. Louis, in Mehlville, Missouri, a patriot was viciously attacked by union thugs.

"Health care reform opponents felt cheated after being locked out of the town hall," writes Ryan Witt for the Examiner. "Some believed that SEIU (Service Employees International Union) members were being let in instead of them... From my personal observation the Carnahan office was allowing people who had RSVP'd beforehand to go in ahead of others."

The Democrat Carnahan packed the event and attempted to prevent the opposition from attending. As the video below reveals, ACORN activists also received preferential treatment at the stage-managed event:

The St. Louis Dispatch reports people opposed to Obamacare "were kept out because of the turnout," an assertion at odds with the above video. "The back and forth between factions within the crowd created a carnival-like atmosphere inside and out between members of the movement opposing President Barack Obama's policies and groups who came to show support for the president's proposals."

In a prepared statement after the event, Carnahan characterized the opposition as "disrupters" and said they were "mobilized" by "special interests in Washington who have lined their pockets by overcharging Americans for a broken health care system."

Union thugs viciously attacked a patriot, Kenneth Gladney, who was handing out Gadsden flags outside the stage-managed event. The St. Louis Tea Party was also demonstrating against Democrats attempting to force Obamacare through Congress.

As the video below documents, the "disrupters" were pro-Obamacare supporters, not Gladney or the St. Louis Tea Party.

"Kenneth was attacked on the evening of August 6, 2009 at Rep. Russ Carnahan's town hall meeting in South St. Louis County," writes Gladney's attorney, David B. Brown, in an email sent to Infowars. "Kenneth was approached by an SEIU representative as Kenneth was handing out 'Don't Tread on Me' flags to other conservatives. The SEIU representative demanded to know why a black man was handing out these flags. The SEIU member used a racial slur against Kenneth, then punched him in the face. Kenneth fell to the ground. Another SEIU member yelled racial epithets at Kenneth as he kicked him in the head and back. Kenneth was also brutally attacked by one other male SEIU member and an unidentified woman. The three men were clearly SEIU members, as they were wearing T-shirts with the SEIU logo."

"Kenneth supports conservative ideals, although he subscribes to no particular political party," Brown continues. "We are calling on the SEIU, Representative Carnahan, and President Obama to condemn the racist actions of these union thugs. In the days to come, we will be investigating whether these thugs are working at the behest of Representative Carnahan and how strong their alliances to various organizations — such as ACORN — may be... We hope the St. Louis Tea Party and tea party organizations around the country will protest Representative Carnahan's offices and also protest SEIU offices in every major city across the U.S. These Democratic strength-arm tactics must end now."

Brown characterizes the attack on Gladney, who was hospitalized with multiple injuries, as "a truly senseless hate crime." According to Democrats, however, the hate criminals and "astroturfers" are citizens opposed to Obama's plan to hijack health care and force all Americans into a mandatory

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government program at gunpoint.

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SEIU Goons Lied – Justice Died... Witness to Gladney Beating Speaks Out After Controversial Verdict

Posted by Jim Hoft on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 5:10 AM

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Pastor **Harris Himes** sent me this letter following the shocking verdict in the Gladney beatdown case. Pastor Himes and his wife Sandra witnessed the local SEIU thugs attack Kenneth Gladney outside a Russ Carnahan town hall event in 2009. They were there when the SEIU beat an innocent black man. Harris was obviously upset with the verdict yesterday.

After a health care town hall meeting in August 2009 St. Louis native **Kenneth Gladney** was beaten, kicked and called racist names by Rep. Russ Carnahan's SEIU supporters. Gladney spent the night in the hospital after the beating.



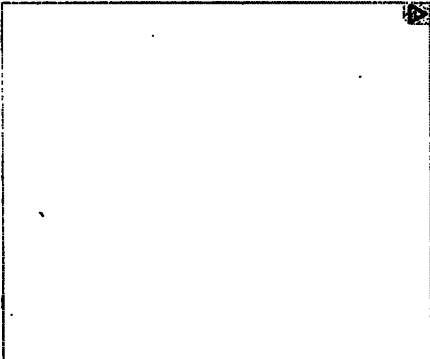
Yesterday the two SEIU goons who beat Gladney were found not guilty of any wrongdoing.

Pastor Himes was one of three impartial witnesses to the crime. The prosecution did not call him to testify in the trial. Yesterday the goons won.

Here's his reaction-

My wife, Sandra, and I attended St. Louis Congressman Carnahan's panel on aging on August 6, 2009. The tactic was clear. They let in about two hundred of us but had about 120 seats set aside, marked "RSVP," and those were for Carnahan supporters. These people were let in by a side door for the "handicapped." Many had purple tea shirts with "Organizing for America" in white letters on the back and large "SEIU," smaller "Service Employees International Union" on the front. Sandra and I managed to get in.

Following this sham townhall meeting, as Sandra and I walked back to our car, she stopped to look at some buttons and flags, "Don't Tread on Me," etc., being sold by a nice, young black man (Kenneth Gladney), when—just as she was walking away—a large, black man in a purple tea shirt (Elston McCowan) confronted Gladney, "What kind of a son of a n_____ are you?" and slapped his hand which held the yellow flags. Then he punched Gladney in the side of his face, knocking him down. Another large, purple-tea-shirt white man (Perry Molens) attacked him from behind, jerking him to the ground. The fight continued across the sidewalk, out into the street—where the video began recording the incident, with Sandra



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and me and several others trying to break it up. We identified McCowan and Molens to the police, and they arrested them. As it turns out, Sandra and I were only two of three witnesses to the start of the fracas. This becomes important, since the union thugs claim that Gladney started the fight.

Finally, after almost two years have elapsed, the trial started on July 11, 2011. The County had subpoenaed both Sandra and me for the trial. The prior week, at the invitation of the prosecutor, Shujat Qalbani, we had gone over our testimony with the young prosecutor. Actually, Mr. Qalbani was the second prosecutor with whom we had contact over this case — the first prosecutor being Vic Melenbrink who was promoted out of the County.

Due to my own well-known activist history in Montana as both pastor and California attorney in addition to being president of Montana Eagle Forum — working in the legislature and elsewhere for pro-family values with Montana's Focus on the Family, Montana Concerned Women for America, the Roman Catholic Conference, Montana Help Our Moral Environment, Right to Life, etc. — the County decided not to use me as a witness, because the defense might be able to distract the jury from my testimony and possibly damage the prosecution's case.

On the morning of July 11, 2011, I accompanied Sandra — who was still a witness — in order to view the proceedings. However, the defense attorney insisted that we be kept out because we were both potential witnesses — a common occurrence in trials. Because of that, I saw virtually none of the trial, and Sandra took part only in the part which involved her own testimony.

Sandra and I are particularly disatisfied with the "not guilty" verdict. As a trial attorney in California since 1979, where at one time I had five offices and 28 attorneys, I feel competent to comment:

- The County downplayed this incident right from the start. Rather than charging the defendants with criminal assault and battery, the offense was only a misdemeanor in violation of a county ordinance.
- The case dragged on and on with no apparent pressure to bring it to trial. However, Melenbrink told me he had tried to set a trial date, but was limited to two days — a time period we both agreed was too short.
- In both instances, the trial attorneys assigned to prosecute the case had no prior jury trial experience. However, the defense attorney is a seasoned trial veteran.
- While Qalbani himself gave a commendable effort in preparation — and had help from a senior County prosecutor, and two others — he should never have been given the responsibility for such a high-profile case. He was a sacrificial lamb.
- The jury completely disregarded the testimony of two witnesses — Sandra and Mr. Morelli(?) — who testified unequivocally that McCowan and Molens initiated the attack upon Gladney. That was the sole issue of the trial. Neither Sandra nor Morelli knew each other or Mr. Gladney prior to the incident and have had almost no contact with each other since.
- It was possibly bad judgment on the County's part to keep me from testifying.
- It is incredible that the jury would believe the defense's evidence that two men, each well over 6 feet tall and approximately 250 pounds, were simultaneously attacked by Gladney who is approximately 5'8" tall and about 140 pounds.
- Mr. Gladney has been on pain medication since the incident. Some criticized his testimony, but he refrained from his medication so he would be clear minded. It is tough to testify when you are in pain, wearing a neck brace following surgery. Apparently, Mr. Qalbani was unaware of this, even though Gladney had given records to Qalbani's predecessor, Mr. Melenbrink. However, that particular municipal court is known to frequently lose/misplace records.
- Judge Robert Adler, a municipal court judge, is hardly a superior jurist.
- Judge Adler informed Mr. Qalbani that he would be allowed only two days for a trial which merited 3 to 4 days — because Adler was due to leave for July 14.
- Some news tabloids — *River Front Times* — suggested that the jury had been stacked with people who had union ties.
- **In sum, it was a miscarriage of justice.** The facts were clearly established by impartial witnesses that the defendants in truth and fact assaulted Mr. Gladney, severely injuring him. Gladney has recently had neck surgery as a result of two very large men attacking him.

Harris Himes

Thank you Pastor Himes.

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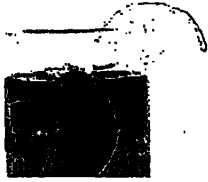
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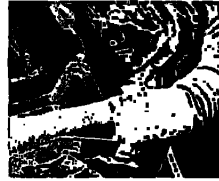
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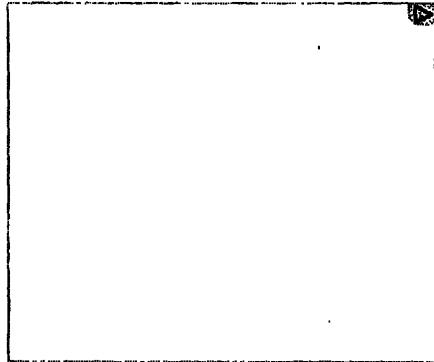
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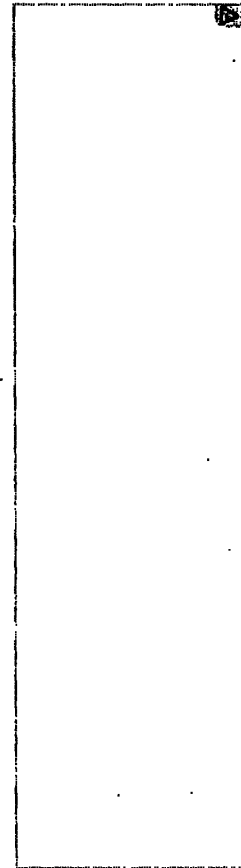
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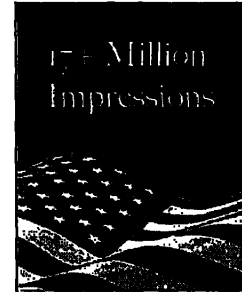
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big L commented:

Not being covered by the press ,No one knows about these things at all SEIU and how anyone onthe other side gets abused. You could ask a 1000 people or 100 timesthat nr and they will not have heard of gladney and his mugging. The tea party needs our own goons prefferably with martial arts training

#4 July 13, 2011 at 6:45 am
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Judges are Kings/Queens in this country's judicial system. We do not know what was and wasn't allowed in this case. ACLU lawyers bring forth stupid law suits. ACLU judges find millions of dollars for the ACLU and the raid on the treasury continues.

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It's gonna get worse. Wait till more people in St. Louis vote for Obama than there are people in St. Louis.

#6 July 13, 2011 at 6:59 am
John03 commented:

Just one question. Where's Jessie Jackson and Al Sharpton?

#7 July 13, 2011 at 7:11 am
#1AMERICAN commented:

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#8 July 13, 2011 at 7:12 am
#1AMERICAN commented:

@#6...jessie was in phoenix at the all star baseball game protesting the immigration law

#9 July 13, 2011 at 7:23 am
SeniorD commented:

Two items:

1. Beyond a miscarriage of justice, this verdict should be used as a textbook case for jury stuffing. With the verdict already known, only the Simpson Murder Trial had more drama.

2. The SEIU, whose IQ resembles that of a kumquat, will retain and expand upon their Brown Shirted tactics. Soon, even kindergarten students will be subjects for their beatings.

What is needed are Freedom Riders to balance the scales of Justice.

#10 July 13, 2011 at 7:24 am
Bitter Clinger commented:

So, it's open season on conservatives in St. Louis. Obama "Just Us". Figures.

#11 July 13, 2011 at 7:25 am
scituate_tgr commented:

Civil action next?

#13 July 13, 2011 at 7:30 am
MA_resident commented:

Cops and courts do not protect conservatives, that is a truism. We're on our own.

#14 July 13, 2011 at 7:34 am
Atlanta Media Guy commented:

I find it sad that Obama's purple shirt goon squad can lie and get away with an assault on a freedom loving Black American. There will be a race war/union war of biblical proportions if Obama wins a second term. We know they are planning to cheat, lie, intimidate and whatever else to win this election, for the liberals dear leader.

Obama has Holder in Justice Dept. to make sure trials go their way. This decision proves the coming election, if it even happens, will be a sham and our Dear PrompterObama will have 4 more years to destroy this once great country. I know I am a skeptic but this jury was obviously bought off by the union. Most likely the Black Panthers came in and did the dirty work/threats for SEIU. The jurors were probably all called and threatened. You see if the goons had been guilty the liberal meme of "all Republicans are thugs" would be ignored. We know the truth to that one. This is a total sham and I for one will NEVER spend another dime in Missouri. Justice is a joke in this Obama world. Lie and get away with it, especially if you are a member of a union or of course black.

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Maybe it's time for the Gateway pundit to move to Texas. They seem to get it right most of the time. Folks it's time to get angry and take our country back from this community organizer.

#15 July 13, 2011 at 7:34 am

Trialdog commented:

Thank you for your insight Pastor Himes.

Sounds like Qalbani received some great help, and that is good. However, I don't think it would have been proper for the DA to assign the case to a senior prosecutor just because of the reputation of the defense attorney. Misdemeanors do not call for senior prosecutors. Misdemeanors are prosecuted by young ADAs.

I don't know enough about the injuries to comment on the charging decision.

I think 2 days is enough for this case. I've no problem with that. Your dire may take most of a day or whole day though, but that would depend on the judge – and given the charge, can hardly be justified.

It does appear the ADA had a very tough jury to convince. In these times, politically charged cases are tough. Especially when a good segment of society is collectively enraged. (I understand why they've been enraged, and by whom. I also know their minds cannot be changed, so their rage needed focus and it should have been focussed on the defendants – a herf task but certainly something that should have been a strategy – if it wasn't)

I think you should have been called as a witness. (As a lawyer, I have been called as a witness and the attorney that tried to score points against me failed miserably.

Lawyers are used to questioning lay people.) As a trial lawyer, you would have known the purpose behind every question presented and that is something that prevents questioning attorneys from laying traps. In fact, their questions will backfire. So, I would have called you. But that was the ADAs decision, and we should respect it.

Anyway, lawyers talk too long. Thanks again for your insight Pastor.

#16 July 13, 2011 at 7:51 am

these commented:

I have never been one for a boycott, BUT I would boycott Anything SIEU is involved with.

Perhaps if everyone brought their own drinks (you can do that at Busch Stadium) and your own snacks and NEVER buy a single item again at any sporting events or concerts through out this Country that may send a message. I am open to any and all ideas. Such a Sad Case of Injustice. This is What an Obama Society Looks Like ! Ugly Very Ugly and Mean !!!

#17 July 13, 2011 at 7:58 am

Ladue Pundit commented:

The judge could overturn this verdict. Since when does a judge dictate the length of a trial?

Qalbani should have appealed or asked that a mistrial be declared. It's too bad that Mr. Gladney could not have gotten a good attorney pro bono to take up his case.

This outcome will embolden the enemies of free speech. On the upside, Carahan's seat is as good as gone.

#18 July 13, 2011 at 8:07 am

Atlanta Media Guy commented:

We need an Obama/Biden, Gladney, SEIU thug beer summit on the south lawn. SEIU can invite all their thugs, while Gladney can invite freedom loving Americans and we can have a steel cage match right on the White House lawn. Michelle Obama can even bring the kids out to watch.

This is a miscarriage in justice and I fear we are headed for a lot more violence as the election nears. You have Time Warner's Bill Maher calling female republican candidates for President unfriendly names. You have union thugs creating violence and violent behavior and getting away with it. You are going to see a lot more of this. Obama is trying to scare the conservatives to a point to where they will not show up to rally's, townhalls or anything else.

It will not be long when there will only be one voice and it will be one that we will hear forever. Obama is destroying this country. Folks, read his words in Obama's book, Dreams for his Father. He dreamed of a utopian society where peace loving conservatives are killed and violent liberals are celebrated. This is NOT the Rope and Change I was looking for.

#19 July 13, 2011 at 8:09 am

carilto commented:

So, you losers lost again.

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Better get used to it.

#20 July 13, 2011 at 8:13 am

Atlanta Media Guy commented:

I would love to know where these purple shirt SEIU goons work. If we can find out that bit of information we can then work up a boycott of the company that employs these criminals.

Folks, let's be clear. the SEIU has an agenda like Obama's and conservatives will lose every time. Remember folks, the unions are in control, especially in a state like Missouri. The show me stata is no longer a place where I will do business in. I've already called and canceled a trip there for a convention in October.. There is no way in hell I will support a union goon in Missouri. I have the freedom to take my business elsewhere. So long St. Louis, Missouri you've come a long way. But you're lost now.....

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Anti-immigration rallies may be taking a violent turn as tea party demonstrations against illegals ramp up during the run-up to the introduction of immigration reform legislation.

The reform debate, which could reach the floor of Congress as early as next month, has polarized activists across the country. During the weekend, two more tea party rallies erupted into brawls between protesters and counter-demonstrators in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Phoenix, Ariz.

In Fort Lauderdale, violence broke out Saturday at when pro-amnesty activists brutally beat two immigration protesters. The clash occurred when tea party protesters entered the protest zone of amnesty proponents who had e-mailed group members calling for "a militant confrontation" with "tea-baggers," the Christian Science Monitor reported.

In Phoenix, a scuffle broke out Saturday between tea partiers and a group of neo-Nazis brandishing a swastika flag and a portrait of Adolf Hitler. Members of the National Socialist Movement found themselves shut out of the event, organized by American Citizens United, leading to shoving and shouting. Police intervened quickly, and no one was hurt.

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Dozens of similar demonstrations across the country have erupted in violence in connection with the immigration reform debate and other issues such as healthcare:

- Members of the Service Employees International Union beat a state worker at a town hall meeting this month, according to an NBC report. A woman filming the violence also was accosted.
- In September, a nationalized healthcare advocate bit off the finger of a healthcare

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opponent after the protester pointed it at him, the Associated Press reported.

- Also last summer, a handicapped woman in a wheelchair was attacked by a protester at an Obama town hall in New Hampshire. Another protester kicked an armed man in the groin and spit into a camera filming it.
- At a tea party in Milwaukee, a heckler attacked several people and rushed the stage while a speaker was talking, YouTube video shows. Police tackled and removed him.

Americans for Legal Immigration is hosting tea parties against amnesty and illegal immigration across the nation. Protests are scheduled for more than 50 towns and cities.

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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's hometown of Searchlight, Nev., served as kickoff site Saturday for a Tea Party Express tour -- and apparently Reid's supporters weren't too happy about it.

The conservative Tea Party activists were there to protest the policies of Reid and other Democratic supporters staged their own protest, with some allegedly throwing eggs at a Tea Party Express bus.

Conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart said he witnessed the egg-throwing while speaking with a Tea Party Express spokesman, though a video of the scene is inconclusive.

Breitbart's story was backed up by Levi Russell, a Tea Party Express spokesman.

"I was on the bus, I saw it with my own eyes, and Andrew Breitbart saw it with his own eyes," Russell said. "So we've got two credible sources that are eyewitnesses."

The Tea Party Express, one of the most prominent groups in the Tea Party movement, is in the middle of a tour that concludes in Washington, D.C., on April 15 -- tax day.

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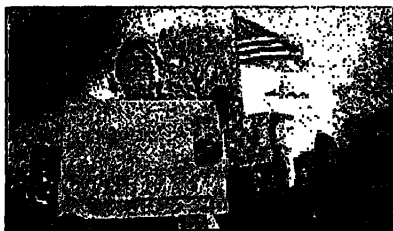
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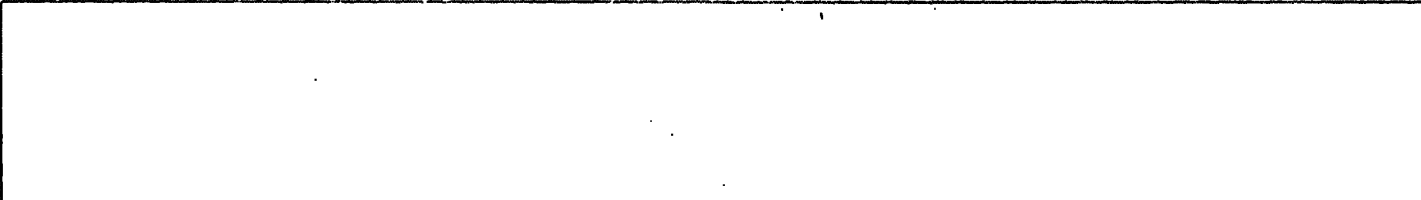


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BLACK TEA PARTY CANDIDATE'S SIGNS VANDALIZED WITH "KKK" GRAFFITI.

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If you are Ed Schultz or Lawrence O'Donnell, you're pointing fingers towards the racist Republicans for ginning up a fake news story. Although, if you are a black conservative Tea Party candidate, you earned this by simply

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pointing out the waste and abuse propagated by the opposing Democrat incumbent. Somehow I don't think this will be the last news story involving vandalism targeting a black conservative candidate.

RALEIGH, N.C. — A candidate who is running for Congress is trying to find the person who defaced one of his campaign signs.

Bill Randall is a Tea Party candidate running in our state's 13th Congressional district. On this campaign sign of his someone defaced it with graffiti, such as painting "KKK" under his picture.

Randall says the crime reminds him of the struggles his father faced during the civil rights movement.

"He was trying to help others register to vote, to help blacks register to vote and the group of men that he was with, were warned just a few minutes in advance that a mob with KKK was on the way to lynch them," Randall said. "They escaped by trailing out into the trees in the woods and they got out of there."

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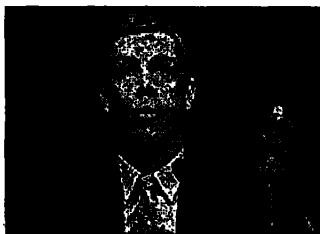


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The Pima County Sheriff's Office said J. Eric Fuller, 63, was involuntarily committed to an undisclosed medical facility, NBC News reported. The Associated Press said he was undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

He faces charges of threats and intimidation and disorderly conduct, according to Tucson TV station KGUN.

The gathering for "After the Tragedy: An American Conversation Continued," to be shown as a special edition of "This Week" Sunday, included witnesses, first responders, victims and heroes of the Jan. 8 mass shooting that killed six and wounded 13 others, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz.

Local officials and others also packed St. Odilia's Catholic Church in northwest Tucson, where the show was taped.

KGUN reported that Fuller took exception to comments by Republican state Rep. Terri Proud and Tucson Tea Party spokesman Trent Humphries.

Fuller was in the front row and apparently became upset when Humphries suggested that any conversations about gun control should be delayed until all the dead were buried, KGUN reported.

Fuller took a picture of Humphries and shouted, "You're dead."

Some media reports said Fuller kept booing and making other remarks before deputies escorted him from the church.

Also at the church were Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., and former Rep. Jim Kolbe.

If Humphries decides not to press charges, the charges will be dropped, Pima Deputy Jason Ogan told Phoenix station KNXV.

The hospital will determine when he will be released, Ogan said.

Fuller reportedly felt a bullet hit his knee Jan. 8, but didn't know he had also been struck in the back. The Arizona Daily Star reported, Fuller, a naval air veteran, drove himself to Northwest Hospital after being shot. He was later taken to University Medical Center where he was released two days later.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Chicago Tea Party Christmas party goes up in smoke



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On Friday, December 10, 2010, the Chicago Tea Party was in the midst of celebrating at their Christmas party at Dugan's Irish Pub when thick, acrid smoke began filling the bar and adjacent rooms. The pub was quickly evacuated and the police and fire department were called. After standing out in the cold for an hour Chicago Tea Party members, other patrons of the pub, and employees were allowed to go into the building to collect their belongings and leave. So much for a night of good cheer, fortunately no one was injured, although, everyone was curious to learn about what had caused the smoke and the closing of the pub.

This is where the story becomes newsworthy, even though after an hour of searching the local Chicago news websites and Google it doesn't seem that the main stream media agreed. The founder of the Chicago Tea Party Patriots, Catherina Wojtowicz, stated that on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 she received a phone call from a detective at the Chicago Bomb and Arson Department. The detective informed her that four roadside flares had been taped together, placed in a garbage can in the men's restroom, and then lit. Whoever the person was that committed arson also left a calling card on the lid of one of the toilets, the arsonist wrote F#@ \$ the Chicago Tea Party in bright red ink. The crime is now under investigation.

The person who went to the trouble to tape together the flares, place them in a trash can, and light them in hopes of starting a fire in a public establishment filled with innocent people will hopefully be caught and charged to the fullest extent of the law. The people who were working in the pub and those who were celebrating with the Tea Party or just enjoying a beer at the end of a long week could have been injured or worse, and for what, an opposing political point of view? Surprisingly this story didn't seem to make the local news, and if it did it's not easy to find in their news archives. Hopefully political bias didn't play a role in the silent reporting of a serious news story.

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Tea Party Group Hit With Death Threats

By PAUL BEDARD

August 25, 2010

One of Washington's principal supporters of the Tea Party movement, former GOP Majority Leader Dick Arney's FreedomWorks, has been receiving death threats and profanity-laced phone calls as it gets involved in the fall elections. The number and intensity have reached such heights that the organization is leaving its downtown location near the FBI and moving to a high-security building near the U.S. Capitol.

"FreedomWorks and Dick Arney receive dozens of threatening and harassing calls and E-mails each day. Many imply violence and use of weapons," spokesman Adam Brandon tells Whispers. "As we get closer to the election we expect the harassment to increase."

He says that FreedomWorks will hire additional security, meaning less money for its election-eve, get-out-the-vote, or GOTV, campaign.

"Unfortunately, we may have to use resources for security guards that we would rather use for GOTV," he said.

The group plans to move to 400 North Capital Street NW, a secure building ~~two~~ blocks from the U.S. Capitol. That building also houses Fox News Channel's Washington Bureau and several other media outlets.

FreedomWorks provided some of the recordings of the threatening calls to Whispers and they include physical threats and profanity aimed at the group, Tea Party spokesmen and even conservative talkers. "You guys better watch it," says one caller. "Now, we are going to destroy and obliterate Rush [Limbaugh] and Sean Hannity," said another. "Those two guys are dead."

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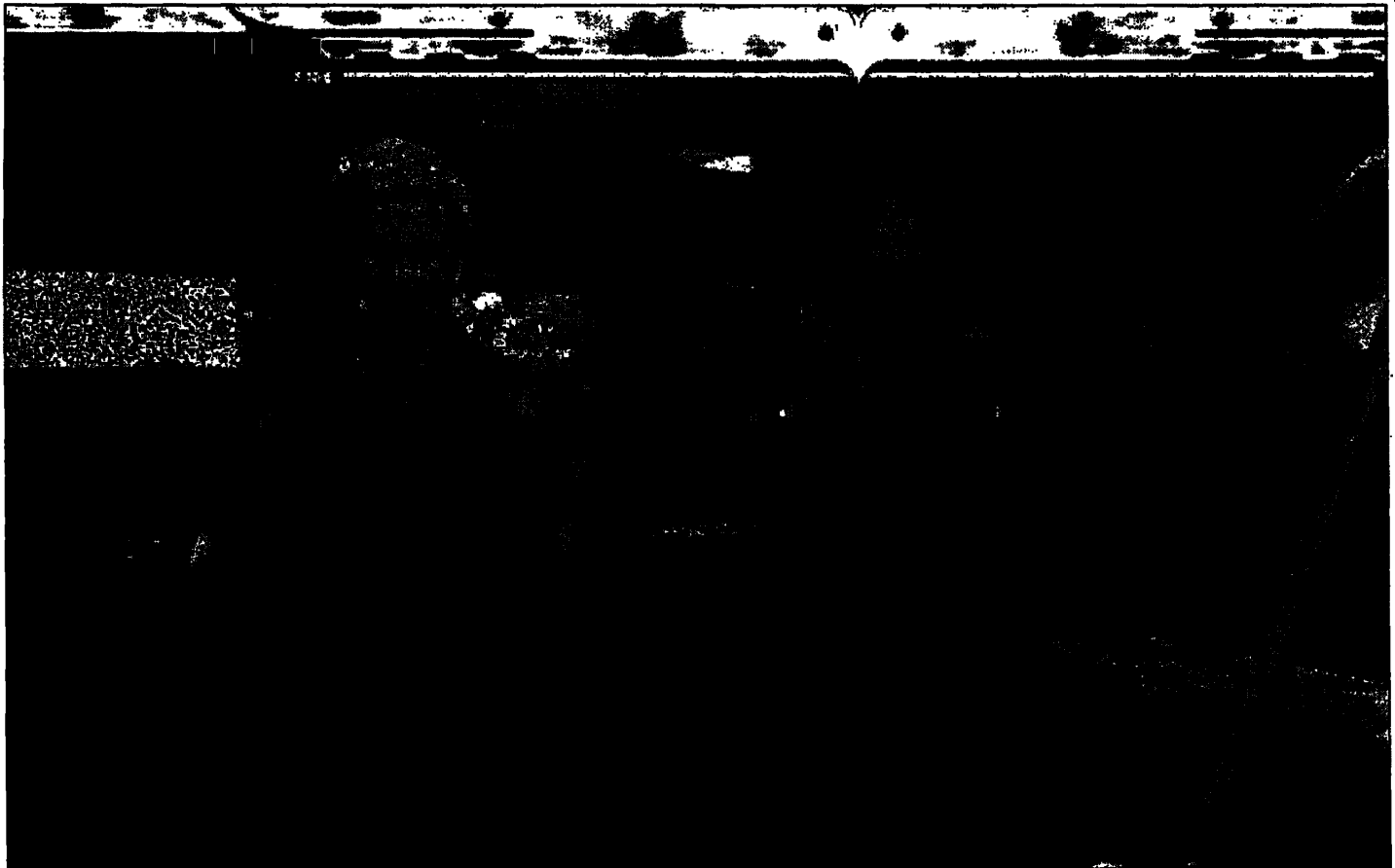
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A screengrab of "Tea Party Zombies Must Die" depicts former U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, left, and Fox News' Bill O'Reilly. The shooter" featuring multiple firearms and a crow bar. TEAPARTYZOMBIESMUSTDIE.COM

A New York-based video game developer has set his virtual crosshairs on Republican and conservative game called "Tea Party Zombies Must Die," which allows players to indiscriminately slaughter politicians like Bachmann, Mike Huckabee and Sarah Palin.

The gruesome game, created by StarvingEyes Advergaming, is billed as "first-person shooter" where players can be targeted with an "arsenal of weapons," including multiple firearms and a crowbar. Notable politicians include current and previous presidential hopefuls like Palin, Bachmann, former Speaker of the House, former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum. Several Fox News personalities are also featured, including Hannity and Brit Hume.

Lesser-known targets include "factory made blonde Fox News Barbie who has never had a problem" and "Koch industries Koch Whore lobbyist pig zombie." Fox News logos and a recreation of its studio are also featured. Spattered screengrabs posted on the company's website.

Attention to the game's release has heightened after violent rhetoric from Teamsters President James Rancie's speech over the weekend told President Obama that his supporters would "take out the son-of-a-bitches" who were waging "war" against unions.

"The liberal media have been preaching for years that conservatives are the ones who invoke violence. In the space of two days, the radical, pro-Obama left calls us 'son-of-a-bitches' and says they will follow that with a hideously violent game where they do just that -- depicting ways of shooting politicians, presidential candidates and journalists," said Brent Bozell, president of the Media Research Center. "Their silence disgusts me."

The game's developer, Jason Oda, of Brooklyn, N.Y., did not respond to FoxNews.com requests for comment. Oda, a Connecticut native is no stranger to violent, politically-themed video games.

In 2008, he created "Kung-Fu Election," which invited players to choose their favorite candidate and fight their political adversary. Democrats like Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards and Bill Richardson and Republican counterparts like Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani and John McCain.

"The would-be presidents duke it out with an array of special weapons and Kung-Fu moves that are available to each person -- standing," reads a press release about the game. "If you thought that McCain was too weak to win the election, wait until you see what he can do with a bo staff in his hands!"

In 2004, Oda also created "Bushgame.com," in which 1980s television characters waged war against politicians in the Bush administration. At the end of each level, players would receive a text critique of the administration's position on Iraq, the economy, taxes and Social Security, according to The Associated Press.

"I just hoped that people can go beyond the obvious little soundbites you hear all the time and have a better understanding of the reasons why Bush should be out of the White House," Oda told The

Oda's website claims a list of clients that includes high-profile firms like Pepsi, Hasbro, Sears, and others.

But those claims are questionable. NASCAR, for instance, told FoxNews.com on Friday that it is not the game's developer.

"NASCAR has never had a relationship with Starving Eyes," the racing giant said in a statement. Eyes falsely claimed NASCAR as a client, but has recently taken down all NASCAR references.

Huckabee discussed the game during his weekday radio commentary.

"I'm personally flattered to be included in this young game-makers efforts to be funny, and I have the right to produce things that are in poor taste or unseemly to rational people," he said. "But I do not want to be on the left who scream at all offenses they can manufacture toward conservatives, but turn their backs when applied to someone of their own political ilk," he told FoxNews.com.

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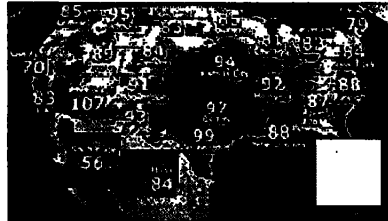
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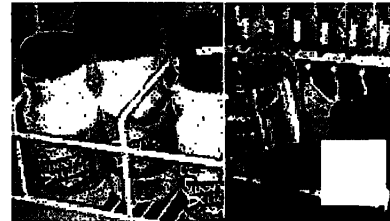
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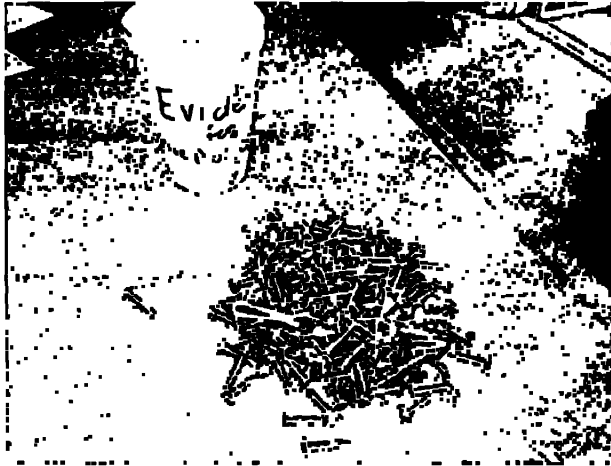
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HUNDREDS OF ROOFERS' NAILS SPREAD ACROSS PARKING LOT BEFORE WI TEA PARTY RALLY



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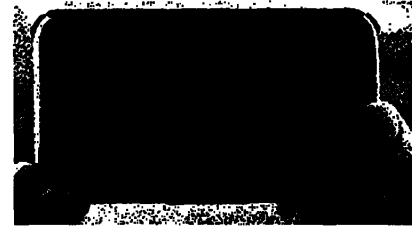
The Racine, Wisconsin Tea Party held a get-out-the-vote rally Saturday to energize conservatives for the final stretch of the upcoming election. Organizers for the rally arrived at the event venue to find hundreds of roofing nails spread across the parking lot where attendees were to park their cars.

It remains a mystery who left the nails in the parking lot, but it is just one more assault in a chain of attacks, likely incited by the left against Wisconsin conservatives who are openly expressing their views and gathering exercise their right to speak and assemble freely.

Over the past week-and-a-half, two Wisconsin conservatives were brutally beaten (<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2012/10/25/Another-WI-Beating-This-Time-a-Gay-GOP-Worker-Hospitalized-in-Brutal-Attack>) by left-wing thugs in two separate attacks (<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2012/10/22/Wisconsin-Senator-s-Son-Beaten-to-a-Pulp-by-Obama-s-Thugs>).

Saturday's rally featured speeches from Governor Tommy Thompson for U.S. Senate, U.S. Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Pat Toomey (R-PA); conservative radio hosts James T. Harris and Vicky McKenna; other local Tea Party leaders; and myself.

There were no other issues or disruptions at the rally.



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Liberals really are immature and juvenile. This is just another example. It reminds me of when clinton was out and bush came into the white house. The democrats left massive amounts of porn with bush superimposed in the pornography on the computers and removed some of the keys on the keyboards to show their displeasure of bush winning the white house. The democratic party really is a gutter party full of miscreants and whiners.
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as performed by their union ogres.
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The level the Obamanation will stoop to. The American people are taking notes. The days of democrats are numbered.
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It's Bush's fault!
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Some witnesses got a license plate and description of a suspect van with Obama stickers which was right where the nails were spread. Racine police refused to take a report.
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This police are one possibility, remember George Zimmerman case - publish the vehicle description and license number, let's see what happens.
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well, sheriff joe got together people and maybe a private investigator could help them out (check credentials)
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Why are Democrats always soo violent? They were also violent during segregation!
Back at you Chris "racist" Matthews.... I think you are projecting from your racist past!
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people choose to ignore the ashes raining down on their town from that strange little camp over the hill, the moral capacity of the nation is at an all time low. When evil men can commit evil deeds (a daily occurrence in Obamaville) and free and open discussion of that evil is institutionally ignored or suppressed, a society is well on the way to committing the sin of silence.

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lukuj → wesley69 · 10 months ago

They rarely get called out in public for actions like these, while a conservative/Republican/Tea Party member doing the same thing would be viciously attacked in the MSM and by people like Chris Matthews, Macdow, Colbert, Sharpton, etc., though few people would see and hear them with their poor ratings.

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tanstaaf1 · 10 months ago

I had no idea the Shining Path was active in Wisconsin.

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Flunking_retirement · 10 months ago

Pretty stupid really; like no ones going to notice?

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m2 · 10 months ago

Romney and camp had better be careful. The more desperate they become, the more we'll need to all wear bullet proof jackets. I think I might need riot gear just to avoid having my skull cracked open by the Black Pansy supporters in front of the precincts. Welcome to Amerika.

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dave413 · 10 months ago

Liberals are constantly harping on how hateful and violent conservatives are, but whenever something like this actually happens, it's always the lefties who are behind it.

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CS_GUY · 10 months ago

Typical Union practice.....if the Police do not find who did this, you will know they were passive participants.

If its a war, its a war.

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neojeremiah · 10 months ago

Vandalism and voter intimidation by democrats are a tradition in Wisconsin. Let's not forget Sowande Omokunde, son of Rep. Gwen Moore, D-Wis., and Michael Pratt, the son of former Milwaukee acting mayor Marvin Pratt, who were convicted of slashing tires on 25 vehicles rented by the GOP on voting day to pick up people and drive them to the polls in 2004.

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yuckfootoo · 10 months ago

We need more 'stand your ground' laws to wipe these political thugs off the map.

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cambo · 10 months ago

Union thuggery. It's a part of their DNA. And, everything they do is cowardly. Jump on a person who is at a disadvantage, spread nails in the dark, make a false 911 call, gang up ... that's the union way. It ain't over yet! Wait 'til Nov.7.

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huge_brain · 10 months ago

Typical left-wing thuggery brought to you by the same human garbage that butchers the unborn and wants to euthanize the sick and elderly.

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shearwater · 10 months ago

During the 2008 presidential elections Obama supporters slashed republican tires in Milwaukee ... it's the Chicago way!

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Bad Kitty → shearwater · 10 months ago

Also have been keying 'Obama' into cars that displayed 'Romney'

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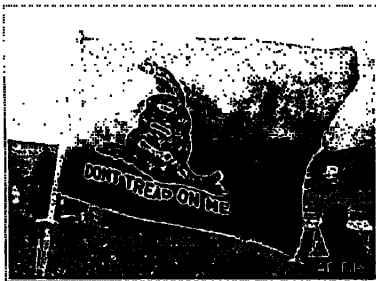
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Independence Hall Tea Party PAC Website Hacked, Vandalized

The Huffington Post | By Nick Wing
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Hackers managed to seize the reins of a Tea Party PAC's website this week, replacing existing material with a variety of offensive messages, before it appeared to be taken offline altogether.

According to [TechEye.net](#), users of the popular 4chan community gained access to administrator privileges for the website of the Independence Hall Tea Party PAC at some point on Thursday after guessing the website's password, which was reportedly "p9ssw0rd."

TechEye reports that the website at one point "flashed a vertical row of animated gifs of an animal appearing to rub its genitals, before redirecting to a Facebook user called 'Dillon Tilly.'" According to the [New Times Broward-Palm Beach](#), the hackers also posted racist and anti-semitic messages, as well as child pornography for a period of time.

Beyond the digital vandalism, TechEye also notes that hackers had obtained and released a full list of the PAC's private donors.

At the time of publishing, the [website](#) appeared to be down entirely.

Independence Hall Tea Party PAC is a small organization covering Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania that [has endorsed](#) GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney. It's unlikely to be a huge financial help for the Republican frontrunner, however, considering it has only raised [around \\$300](#) in the 2012 election cycle.

PAC President Don Adams tells the [New Times](#) that he's now planning legal action.

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"I really don't know if I want to make a comment about it," Adams said. "We're an all-volunteer organization, and our goal is to try to limit government, lower taxes and promote free enterprise. And if that's such an awful thing, there's obviously something wrong."

Click over to the [New Times Broward-Palm Beach](#) for screenshots of the various stages of hacker havoc, most of which are not safe for work.

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By MIKE JOHNSTON senior writer | 15 comments

Local conservative activist Kirk Groenig said his car was vandalized last month and spray-painted with "hateful, sexually explicit derogatory words."

On the night of Feb. 21, Groenig's vehicle, a 1994 Jaguar XJ6, had its windows broken out, tires and upholstery slashed, and was spray painted. He is calling the incident a hate crime.

Kirk Groenig's car

The word racist is spray-painted across the passenger side of Kittitas County Tea Party leader Kirk Groenig's car. The vandalism, which included broken windows and slashed tires and upholstery, was reported on Feb. 21 and took place at Groenig's Badger Pocket home about 16 miles outside of Ellensburg.

The vehicle was parked more than 100 feet from his family's home behind a shop building.

Groenig, 56, a leader in the Central Washington Tea Party movement, said the damage totaled the value of the vehicle, which was in excess of \$3,500, but that wasn't the worst of the damage.



Investigation into incident

The Kittitas County Sheriff's Office investigated the incident of vandalism and malicious mischief at the Groenig residence and is seeking additional evidence or information to move the case forward.

Groenig said shoe prints were not distinct at the scene because they were in gravel around the car. Other types of evidence were scarce, he added. There were no witnesses.

Although the status of the case is inactive until new information or evidence is received, Sheriff's Office officials are looking into whether the incident could be classified as a hate crime.

The state's hate crime law makes it a crime to injure, make credible threats to injure or damage property because of someone's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or mental, physical, or sensory handicap.

"This is a violation of our rights and our personal security," said Groenig this morning. "This is not only a crime to get me to shut up from exercising my First Amendment free speech, but this is a crime that hurts our entire community, and the community's rights to use their free speech to debate the issues facing us."

Groenig conducted a news conference Tuesday in Yakima and issued a news release about the incident at the same time.

In the release, Groenig said the vandalism and its timing "is clearly an attempt to threaten, harass and intimidate me and my family." He held off from alerting the community about the incident right away, he said, until additional security measures were put in place in and around his home, and after he had conferred with his family about



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how they felt about the situation.

Timing

The words "T-bag" and "racist" were spray painted on the vehicle, and a photo shows the front window knocked out. Groenig said T-bag was a modified use of a sexually explicit term changed to be derogatory toward people holding politically conservative views.

A week before the incident, Groenig submitted online comments to the Yakima Herald-Republic's website criticizing

Democratic Party leadership in the Legislature for what he said was their inability to finish a balanced state budget "and wasting half the session on homosexual marriage."

He also indicated his stance that marriage was between a man and a woman was grounded in his Christian faith, and he would be active in the upcoming statewide Referendum 74 campaign to overturn the gay marriage legislation.

"It appears I was targeted by members of the radical homosexual community for my religious beliefs and, in particular, my objection to homosexual marriage," he said in the news release.

Groenig also has been outspoken in the debate over immigration.

His home is more than 15 miles from Ellensburg off a country road, and Groenig said the incident was obviously an intentional, premeditated attack. He has received hateful phone calls and letters in the past, he said.

"My wife was deeply affected by this attack," Groenig said. "It happened just a hundred feet from where we were sleeping. If they would do this, what else would they do? How far would they go to harm me and my family for my beliefs and for lawfully exercising my rights to free speech?"

He said he heard a muffled noise outside between 10 and 11 a.m. Feb. 21, and went outside but saw nothing. It was an extremely windy night, he recalled, which may have lessened the sound of vandals.

Intimidation

He said he's become aware of other incidents of intimidation and harassment in the past month against other outspoken Christians and conservative legislators and their families in regards to the gay marriage issue. This has included assaults, threatening emails, late-night phone calls, he said.

"Such wide-scale harassment and intimidation, also clearly implies that there is a coordinated effort," he said.

Groenig called on local and state community leaders, no matter where they stand politically, to publicly condemn the action as an outrage against free speech.

"If our leaders and the media don't stand up and let the public know where they stand on this, then they are being a party to doing this," Groenig said. "If they look the other way and do and say nothing, they are, in fact, saying this is OK to do."

Groenig said if politically conservative groups had done this to an outspoken gay rights activist in the community, the local and state media "would be all over it" and many community leaders would be condemning the act.

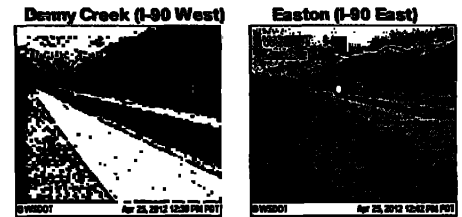
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15 comments:

darwin posted at 11:52 am on Tue, Apr 3, 2012.

The tea party is still going strong.....were just not out making a mess of city parks and getting arrested.

Posts: 1515

Those were your people eastside.. and by the way where have they gone? I guess it just got too cold for those little babies when the snow came they ran here to maintain basement to hang out for the next protest..

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Eastside posted at 8:08 pm on Mon, Apr 2, 2012.

Posts: 559

Does anyone know when the Tea Party died? Last time I looked the Kittitas Tea Party was laying dead on the side of the road outside Thorp. He was holding a sign saying "Keep Government out of Medicare". He kind of looked like Dick Cheney who just had a million dollar Medicare heart transplant. I like the Tea Party and their efforts to keep government out of our lives by making gay marriage illegal and wanting to make abortion a Federal crime. How about it Dar? Where is your beloved Tea Party??

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darwin posted at 11:59 am on Fri, Mar 30, 2012.

Posts: 1515

Lets see Dodge you called everyone knot heads in another blog here in the Daily Record.. We should pass on that tho shouldn't we? Sorta like the rules only apply to others and not to you.

Neyrey I am placing credit where credit is due. Bush signed the SOFA agreement not Obama.

I hate the way the liberal left sticks up for the guy even tho he tells lie after lie..

Why is it so hard for a liberal to accept the facts. They are in writing on the SOFA agreement and the 9/11 commission and the Star report BOTH show a timeline of where Clinton was when they tried to get him to arrest Bin Laden.

Please don't let the facts get in the way of what you claim as truth.

I know the Liberals hate it when a conservative brings up unpleasant things because they then come out with the name calling and sarcasim.

Much like what has happened here to Mr Groenig. You see the liberals don't think we conservatives should be allowed to have freedom of speech. They think they should

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Eastside posted at 11:51 am on Fri, Mar 30, 2012.

Posts: 559

I just want to know who Darwin wanted to be for President. He said his dog could beat Obama but his guy now Romney is 10 points down. Darwin is buying drinks the night Obamacare gets thrown out. Looking forward to that maybe then the Republicans will finally reveal their plan.

With regards to the vandalism in case like this there are just to many possible suspects even people who could care less about politics. Often times the victims have an idea who the person is. Other times its just plain vandalism.

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whatatrip posted at 9:27 am on Fri, Mar 30, 2012.

Posts: 1480

Darwin, it is true that Bush is responsible for negotiating the withdrawal but Obama followed through on it. Unlike the right wing that reneges on deals, Obama made good on Bush's deal. Obama brought the troops home as carefully and thoughtfully as Bush was reckless in getting into Iraq in the first place. I say Kudos to Obama.

Obama also followed through on the bail outs that saved America from a full blown depression. He also is responsible for the stimulus that has put us on a path to

recovery despite 100% Republican opposition.

There was never a question as to whether Obama would approve the Keystone pipeline. There is a part of the pipeline that needs to be rerouted and Keystone has not yet done that. Obama has bent over backwards to approve the pipeline but in a way that satisfies the republican governors who are concerned about damage to their water sources and still get the pipeline built. When it is built, the rest of the world will have access to Canadian and American crude oil. You will never hear that on Rush's program despite the fact that the right wing Bill O'Reilly had finally figured it out. Bill may be "slow" but Rush is a dunce.

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neyney221 posted at 8:37 am on Fri, Mar 30, 2012.

Posts: 42

whatatrip, your enabling darwin with his orgasm of blame when you stray from the subject. A car was vandalized, now we have to listen to "history of the world, part14".

Maybe I'm the only one who gets tired of darwin's diatribes.

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dodge posted at 8:35 am on Fri, Mar 30, 2012.

Posts: 247

Hope the DR takes my reporting of darwin's last comment to heart. Just who in heck does darwin think he is to brand the people that voted for Obama as "Disgusting"? Here is the quote, "The very fact that people who voted for Obama failed to see what little this guy accomplished before running for POTUS is some what disgusting.". Really? You of all people can sit back and call the majority of voters in the US "disgusting"????????????????? See rules #3 and #4 above. If anything is disgusting, it is the way dar constantly gets away with his branding of people that do not think as he does.

Daily Record; lets see what you got.

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darwin posted at 4:58 am on Fri, Mar 30, 2012.

Posts: 1515

I find it interesting that the people on the left fail to see that Obama is stealing honors from others before him who have done the actual work.

Whatatrip you say Obama brought the troops home..

Lets face the facts as they REALLY happened..

But the timeline, terms and the troop drawdown stipulated in SOFA was, in fact, signed by U.S. and Iraqi officials on Nov. 16, 2008. The Iraqi parliament approved the deal on Nov. 27, 2008. President George W. Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki signed the agreement on Dec. 14, 2008.

The agreement, which had been in negotiation since 2007, set a timetable calling for most U.S. troops to leave Iraqi towns and cities by June 30, 2009, with about 50,000 troops left in place until the final withdrawal of all U.S. military forces by Dec. 31, 2011.

You see Obama had NOTHING to do with the negotiations.. He just happened to be the President when the timelines set by Bush were reached...

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whatatrip posted at 1:43 pm on Thu, Mar 29, 2012.

Posts: 1480

Darwin, the 2008 Democratic nomination process not only got the best candidate, it got a candidate that beat the Clintons, McCain/Palin and he will beat Romney and whoever he runs against. President Obama has proven over and over he is far above the crowd when it comes to being a competent president

Darwin, democrats don't jump on every flim flam candidate that comes along. Consider the number of losers in this Republican nomination. To name a few, we had Chris Christie, Palin, Bachman, Perry, Newt, Paul, Cain, Pawlenty, Huckabee, and oh yes, Donald Trump, LOL.

Obama bowed to Republicans and some democrats on the HCA (Health Care Act) and tried to make health care available to all through the private marketplace. It could work but not as efficiently as if it were a universal single payer system or even the present system with a public option.

It might be that the Supreme Court proves that the private sector cannot provide health care for all under our Constitution, at least with the current 5-4 right wing majority. If they rule against the HCA, they will reduce our Supreme Court to a partisan group in black

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darwin posted at 12:22 pm on Thu, Mar 29, 2012.

Posts: 1515

I don't think the hate and discontent you speak of tomcat is necessarily directed at Obama. The very fact that people who voted for Obama failed to see what little this guy accomplished before running for POTUS is some what disgusting. You don't turn the keys to your car over to your child who has never driven and you don't turn America over to a guy who has never run anything in his life.

The 2008 was a hate election against Bush and the fact the Democrats chose Obama over a seasoned Democrat like Mrs Clinton leaves the conservative base scratching their head and wondering what the Democrats were thinking..

Now we are all paying the price for your decisions. Obama spent 2 years on health care and totally ignored the economy. He cost us the downgrade of our credit rating, He refuses to promote drilling so hence we are all suffering at the gas pump and because of gas prices also at the grocery stores and any other store that receives their goods by a gas or diesel powered vehicles..and he has law suits filed against states who are trying to control illegal immigration..

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tomcat posted at 9:12 pm on Sat, Mar 24, 2012.

Posts: 0

I'm deeply saddened to know that Mr. Groenig's property was vandalized. He has every right to voice his strongly held opinions, and intimidation tactics are no way to engage in public debate on important issues.

However, I do agree with the others comments that Mr. Groenig's accusation that this was done by "homosexual radicals" is completely irresponsible, and even quite revealing about his own political agenda to smear his opponents. What proof does he have of this? None that I can tell. I could just as well accuse him of creating a publicity stunt to discredit the opposition, but I don't have any more proof that he does. The only thing I do know is that I am truly sorry for the damage to his property, and I, too, understand and sympathize with his feelings of intimidation and dismay at the trajectory of our civil discourse.

Yes, I am painfully aware that this community is full of intolerance toward those who disagree with a person's beliefs. I and my family were the targets of similar vandalism as with the poster "samnsara". During the last election, we had Obama bumper stickers on three of our vehicles that were parked downtown (usually within a block or two of the courthouse) during the day where we own a business.

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noynoy221 posted at 8:09 am on Sat, Mar 24, 2012.

Posts: 42

I tend to agree with whatatrip's comments. Mr. Groenig enjoys his right of free speech. My hope is that no further harm of any kind to him, his family and property takes place. The lowlife that invaded and damaged his property should be caught and punished. The Yakima "news release" seems a bit much. One discomfoting aspect of vociferous

intolerant views is that it can bring out other intolerant people, who break the law to make their point.

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whatatrip posted at 1:05 pm on Fri, Mar 23, 2012.

Posts: 1480

I agree that crossing that line from being vocal and verbally confrontational to physical damage and implied physical harm is going way to far.

I don't agree with Kirk's views most of the time and I think some of his views and positions are ugly, disgusting and very harmful but crossing that line is CRIMINAL. Crossing that line between discourse and illegal physical damage and harm is a criminal activity.

I don't know who committed these crimes but I hope they are caught and punished. It is easy to blame homosexual radicals for a crime which is presumably retaliatory or intended to terrorize. It is just as it is easy to blame right wing extremists who hope radical homosexuals will be blamed in order to gain sympathy and support for anti-homosexual causes.

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Lullard posted at 11:31 pm on Thu, Mar 22, 2012.

Posts: 3

Kirk, I don't think you should be the target of vandalism, but I think it's wrong of you to blame "members of the radical homosexual community" when we have no idea who did this to you.

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samnsara posted at 5:39 am on Thu, Mar 22, 2012.

Posts: 1

I am so sorry this has happened. we should all be above this. I am not a tea bagger (in either sense) nor am I conservative. During the last election my car had many Obama stickers on it and my car was keyed at the farmers market. cost me 250\$ deductible for a very expensive re paint job that went over both doors. At least they didnt scratch an offensive word in it. So I know that this kind of vandalism does nothing to unite our country. Mr Groenig is entitled to his beliefs and opinions same as I am. Surely those on both sides who disapprove can express themselves in other ways. come on.. I know we can do better. YES WE CAN!!

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Executive Director, Tea Party Leadership Fund PAC
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June 11, 2013

Dear Conservative Organization:

I would love to contribute to your cause because I whole heartedly agree with you. However, after contributing to various conservative groups and the Romney, and other conservative candidate's campaigns, we were personally audited by the IRS. We have never been audited by the IRS and never had cause to be audited. We always use certified accountants to file our taxes so we never have cause to worry. We pay an exorbitant amount of taxes to our government that we get nothing in return from. We have a very small business that we make hardly any profit from other than paying expenses and that business was audited. I am convinced that we were targeted.

I am disgusted with the lack of government officials' accountability, the ignoring of our constitution and the magnitude of corruption in our government and voting process. If ordinary citizens were to do as some in our government have done we would be prosecuted.

I am appalled at the targeting, and unconstitutional behavior of the IRS, EPA and other government agencies. The unconstitutional overreach by the NSA is shocking. But what I am really frustrated with is that there is report after report, congressional hearing after hearing, clear evidence of wrong doing and nothing is ever done about it. There is blatant disregard for the Constitution and our existing laws. Our country is being destroyed from within and our elected officials are just watching it happen. Our citizens are being singled out and personally attacked.

I am appealing to your organization to bring this forward so that others who feel the same will feel protected in contributing as they wish as any free country should permit!

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December 19, 2012

Dear [Redacted]

I want to thank you for speaking to my assistant Paul Nelson, Jr. over the phone and for considering a pledge to support our campaign to STOP OBAMA'S TAX INCREASES. As you and Paul discussed, we are collecting millions of signatures and running some hard hitting ads demanding that Republicans in Congress stand up for our principles and don't cave to Obama!

The Tea Party movement is about reforming our government so that the core principles of our Founding Fathers become, once again, the foundation upon which America stands. Unfortunately many of elected leaders are wavering on these principles and are ready to support Obama's socialist agenda.

As conservatives, we must take action NOW before it's too late.

We need to get our message out immediately and your gift of \$20, \$50 or even more will help us get more of our ads on the air this month. I have enclosed a postage paid envelope for your convenience and I would ask that you please take a moment right now to send in your generous gift.

Mr. Kirkendall, thank you again for your support of our campaign to save freedom in America!

Sincerely,

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Emails undercut the official IRS story on political targeting.

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Congress's investigation into the IRS targeting of conservatives has been continuing out of the Syria headlines, and it's turning up news. Emails unearthed by the House Ways and Means Committee between former Director of Exempt Organizations Lois Lerner and her staff raise doubts about IRS claims that the targeting wasn't politically motivated and that low-level employees in Cincinnati masterminded the operation.

In a February 2011 email, Ms. Lerner advised her staff—including then Exempt Organizations Technical Manager Michael Seto and then Rulings and Agreements director Holly Paz—that a Tea Party matter is "very dangerous," and is something "Counsel and [Lerner adviser] Judy Kindell need to be in on." Ms. Lerner adds, "Cincy should probably NOT have these cases."

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Steven Miller said the agency's overzealous enforcement was the work of two "rogue" employees in Cincinnati. When the story broke, Ms. Lerner suggested that her office had been unaware of the pattern of targeting until she read about it in the newspaper. "So it was pretty much we started seeing information in the press that raised questions for us, and we went back and took a look," she said in May.



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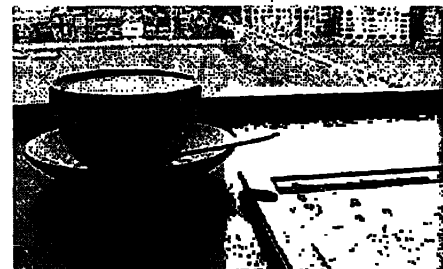
Earlier this summer, IRS lawyer Carter Hull, who oversaw the review of many Tea Party cases and questionnaires, testified that his oversight began in April 2010. Tea party cases under review are "being supervised by Chip Hull at each step," Ms. Paz wrote to Ms. Lerner in a February 2011 email. "He reviews info from TPs, correspondence to TPs etc.

No decisions are going out of Cincy until we go all the way through the process with the c3 and c4 cases here." TP

stands for Tea Party, and she means 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) nonprofit groups.

The emails also put the targeting in the context of the media and Congressional drumbeat over the impact of conservative campaign spending on the 2012 elections.

On July 10, 2012 then Lerner-adviser Sharon Light emailed Ms. Lerner a National



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The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee had complained to the Federal Election Commission that conservative groups like Crossroads GPS and Americans for Prosperity should be treated as political committees, rather than 501(c)(4)s, which are tax-exempt social welfare groups that do not have to disclose their donors.

"Perhaps the FEC will save the day," Ms. Lerner wrote back later that morning.

That response suggests Ms. Lerner's political leanings, and it also raises questions about Ms. Lerner's intentions in a separate email exchange she had when an FEC investigator inquired about the status of the conservative group the American Future Fund. The FEC and IRS don't have the authority to share that information under section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code. But the bigger question is why did they want to? After the FEC inquiry, the American Future Fund also got a questionnaire from the IRS.

Ms. Lerner famously invoked her right against self-incrimination rather than testify under oath to Congress. The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee reported this summer that its investigation had found Ms. Lerner had sent official IRS documents to her personal email account, and many questions remain unanswered. Democrats want to pretend the IRS scandal is over, but Ms. Lerner's role deserves much more exposure.

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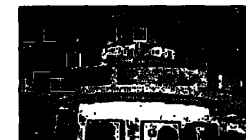
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