

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – McALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30PM

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APRIL 14 – RILEY CO. COURTHOUSE COURTYARD – Tax Day with FHTP

APRIL 21 - FHTP Monthly meeting at Manhattan City Library 2nd floor Aud. – 10AM

JUNE 9 – THIRD ANNUAL “RALLY in RILEY” at Riley County High School

This is from the Office of the Archbishop, January 30, 2012. Put out by The Archdiocese of Chicago.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning a most serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced on January 20th that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has seemingly ignored the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics must be prepared to either violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens because of their religious beliefs. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God-given rights. All that has been built up over so many years in our Catholic institutions should not be taken away by the stroke of an administrator’s pen. This order reduces the Church to a private club, destroying her public mission in society. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same.

Therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

A letter similar to this is being sent to their people by diocesan bishops around the country. I thank you for your consideration of this unprecedented challenge to religious liberty. You and your families are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Francis Kane
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Most Reverend John Manz
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Joseph Perry
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Most Reverend George Rassas
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Alberto Rojas
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Andrew Wypych
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

One American prelate, Cardinal Francis George, the Archbishop of Chicago, made this stark and rather chilling observation of the current state of affairs:

I expect to die in bed, my successor will die in prison and his successor will die a martyr in the public square.

Pray for them.

Regardless of your religion Obama is insulting us ALL & attempting to control us ALL in every way. Are we going to allow this or are we going to stand up & let him know **WE ARE AMERICANS & ARE GOING TO STAND UP FOR OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS GIVEN TO US BY OUR FOUNDING FATHERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR MILITARY EVER SINCE. DON'T FORGET "OUR FREEDOM IS NOT FOR SALE AND WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DEFEND IT FROM THEFT!!!" REGARDLESS WHO THE THIEF IS!!**

ObamaCare's Abortion Funding Rule Finalized

Taken from ACLJ, by Nathanael Bennett, 3:50PM on March 13, 2012

Despite President Obama's empty rhetoric to the contrary, a recently finalized Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) rule makes clear that ObamaCare will use tax dollars to fund abortion.

Remember when [President Obama told us that the Pitts/Stupak Amendment should be rejected because his Executive Order would prevent abortion from being a part of ObamaCare?](#) We told you then that not only was an Executive Order insufficient to replace a strong statutory protection like the Pitts/Stupak Amendment, but also that the language of the Executive Order itself did nothing more than set up an accounting scheme to hide the federal subsidies that would flow to abortions.

Sadly, these facts have now come to fruition. HHS, under the direction of President Obama and Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has issued its [final rule](#) for implementing the state exchanges created by the ObamaCare law. These final rules include requirements for how abortion funding must be handled.

First off, when we consider that the President told us that his Executive Order made it clear that abortion was not a part of this law, it is reasonable to ask why the final rule references 'abortion' 30 times? If abortion funding was not to be a part of this law, the statute needed only a short, clear prohibition of such funding – a prohibition offered in the Pitts/Stupak Amendment, which was initially approved by the House of Representatives, and later stripped out by the President and then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Because the law does indeed contradict the President by allowing abortion funding, this final rule goes to great lengths to devise a scheme that attempts to hide that funding. The result is a complicated web of regulations that reference 'abortion' 30 times.

Everyone concerned about government promotion and funding of abortions should read this [rule](#) for themselves, but allow me to outline a couple of the basic components with regard to the abortion requirements.

First, beginning on page 453, this rule describes and reaffirms the "segregation of funds for abortion services" as required under ObamaCare. Essentially, insurance plans may include abortion services in a plan subsidized by federal taxpayer dollars. To justify this inclusion, the plan will collect a \$1 "surcharge" from all policy holders. Of course this surcharge will be collected as part of a larger premium payment, and not as a part of a separate collection. Additionally, plans are entirely free to advertise the total cost of these plans without mentioning that \$1 of the premium is specifically intended to subsidize the abortion coverage. Further, the surcharge is only to be disclosed when the policyholder first enrolls.

In short, the \$1 surcharge does not even attempt to resemble an actual offset of the abortion coverage cost, is virtually undetectable by the policy holder, and serves the singular purpose of providing a flimsy defense for inserting the federal government into the business of providing coverage for elective abortions.

Additionally, on pages 364-365, the final rule makes it entirely plausible that States that have passed

laws prohibiting abortion coverage will be forced to provide that coverage anyway. This would occur through the multi-state plans administered by the Federal Government. The final rule simply says that rules governing these plans will be issued at a later date, so it's entirely feasible (I'd say likely) that these plans will be permitted to cover abortion, even when one of the States within the multi-State area prohibits it.

This is not a surprising development. In fact, despite the numerous and convoluted attempts to distract from the truth, it has long been clear to many of us in the pro-life community that abortion - and funding for abortion - is [one of the central tenants of ObamaCare](#). Today's final rule is just evidence of that fact.

EDITORIAL: Destroy all churches

Obama silent while Saudi grand mufti targets Christianity

The Washington Times, Friday, March 16, 2012

If the pope called for the destruction of all the mosques in Europe, the uproar would be cataclysmic. Pundits would lambaste the church, the [White House](#) would rush out a statement of deep concern, and rioters in the Middle East would kill each other in their grief. But when the most influential leader in the Muslim world issues a fatwa to destroy Christian churches, the silence is deafening.

On March 12, Sheik [Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah](#), the grand mufti of [Saudi Arabia](#), declared that it is "necessary to destroy all the churches of the region." The ruling came in response to a query from a Kuwaiti delegation over proposed legislation to prevent construction of churches in the emirate. The mufti based his decision on a story that on his deathbed, Muhammad declared, "There are not to be two religions in the [Arabian] Peninsula." This passage has long been used to justify intolerance in the kingdom. Churches have always been banned in [Saudi Arabia](#), and until recently Jews were not even allowed in the country. Those wishing to worship in the manner of their choosing must do so hidden away in private, and even then the morality police have been known to show up unexpectedly and halt proceedings.

This is not a small-time radical imam trying to stir up his followers with fiery hate speech. This was a considered, deliberate and specific ruling from one of the most important leaders in the Muslim world. It does not just create a religious obligation for those over whom the mufti has direct authority; it is also a signal to others in the Muslim world that destroying churches is not only permitted but mandatory.

The Obama administration ignores these types of provocations at its peril. The [White House](#) has placed international outreach to Muslims at the center of its foreign policy in an effort to promote the image of the United States as an Islam-friendly nation. This cannot come at the expense of standing up for the human rights and religious liberties of minority groups in the Middle East. The region is a crucial crossroads. Islamist radicals are leading the rising political tide against the authoritarian, secularist old order. They are testing the waters in their relationship with the outside world, looking for signals of how far they can go in imposing their radical vision of a Shariah-based theocracy. Ignoring provocative statements like the mufti's sends a signal to these groups that they can engage in the same sort of bigotry and anti-Christian violence with no consequences.

[Mr. Obama](#)'s outreach campaign to the Muslim world has failed to generate the good will that he expected. In part, this was because he felt it was better to pander to prejudice than to command respect. When members of the Islamic establishment call for the religious equivalent of ethnic cleansing, the leader of the free world must respond or risk legitimizing the oppression that follows. The United States should not bow to the extremist dictates of the grand mufti, no matter how desperate the [White House](#) is for him to like us.

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“WE WILL NOT COMPLY”: CATHOLIC LEADERS DISTRIBUTE LETTER SLAMMING OBAMA ADMIN CONTRACEPTIVE MANDATE

We've covered [the Catholic Church's ongoing battle](#) with the Obama administration over contraception health care mandates for quite some time. Over the weekend, though, the stand-off took an unusual turn, as Catholic churches across America read a letter to congregants that perfectly encapsulated the church's stance against the impending federal requirements.

The Church's vocal arguments against the Obama administration are centered upon a Health and Human Services Department requirement that employers must include contraception and abortion-inducing drugs in health-care coverage. While this requirement doesn't apply to houses of worship, [it will force](#) Catholic colleges, hospitals & other Christian groups to provide these drugs despite their faith-based opposition to them.

Many of these organizations, despite not being, themselves, churches, are intrinsically rooted in religious belief systems that stand firmly opposed to medications and procedures that would terminate the life

of an unborn child. These deeply-rooted moral codes, which drive the groups' work, will be impeded, Catholic leaders say, should the Obama administration continue with its planned mandate.

Recently, the federal government made one small concession surrounding the requirement, as officials decided to give church-affiliated hospitals and organizations another year before they will be forced to comply with the coverage restrictions.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan (AP)

"In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences," Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, [recently said](#).

"Over the weekend, the Catholic Church's letter went beyond simply issuing oppositional rhetoric to media. Instead, priests read an open note to congregations across the country, dubbing the administration's take on women's health and religious violations as an attack on their faith. In the letter, Bishops highlighted what they called "an alarming and serious matter," as their words contended that the federal government has "dealt a heavy blow" to the Catholic population.

Something stinks in Washington, D.C., I think it might be BO.

H-m-m-m-m-m-m, Yes, I'm sure it is!!!

First Annual Constitution Bee

Manhattan, KS, March 9, 2012 - YES for Liberty, the 1st Annual, statewide, Youth Educational Scholarship Constitution Bee was held on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 2:00 PM. Sixteen finalists competed for the top scholarship award of \$3500.00, which was ultimately awarded to William Kenefake, a senior at Topeka High School, Topeka, KS.

Rock Creek Jr/Sr. High School, Westmoreland/St. George, KS, can boast of two students being awarded the second and third place scholarships: Lane Frazier, a senior, \$1500.00 and Jacob Milham, a sophomore, \$750.00. As a sophomore, Jacob Milham will be eligible to compete again in subsequent competitions.

Other qualifying finalists from Kansas included: Ryan Kelly, Seaman High, Topeka; Chandler Huddleston, Rolla High, Rolla; Anthony Courkamp, Fellowship Baptist, Liberal; Michael Parker of Westmoreland, Rock Creek Jr/Sr. High, Westmoreland/St. George; Luke Sunderland, Sabetha High, Sabetha; Riley Sawyer, Paola High, Paola; Taylor Dean, Junction City High, Junction City; Keonya Jackson, St. Xavier, Junction City; Nicholas Ercolani, Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High, Wichita; Jordan Haya of Maple Hill, Wabaunsee High, Alma; Rebekah Niblock, Stockton High, Stockton; Alana Bucholtz and Annemarie Bucholtz, both of Manhattan, Manhattan High.

Sponsored by Board of Directors of The Flint Hills Tea Party Educational Fund, Inc. and co-hosted with the KSU College Republicans the event was held in Forum Hall on the Kansas State University Campus. Boy Scout Troop 75 of Manhattan, KS posted the Colors.

Special guests in attendance included Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins; Representative Tom Phillips; Kathy Martin, Kansas Board of Education.

Invitations to participate were sent out to more than 380 schools across Kansas including public, private, military and home schools. Accepting applications for the school year 2011-2012, from eligible Kansas 9-12 graders, began on Constitution Day, September 17, 2011 and ended on December 31, 2011. Winners may attend any accredited two or four year public or private college or university; vocational-technical school; or trade school located anywhere in the United States. Two separate mailings announcing the scholarship, YES for Liberty, were sent first to high school principals, then to school counselors as well as home school boards. For more details visit www.YESforLiberty.org.

We are grateful for the funding and support for this Inaugural Event that was contributed by volunteers and enhanced by the following donors: Benefactor Level - R-Tech Tool and Machine, Inc., Wamego, KS and Sponsor Level - Parsons Communication, Inc., Manhattan, KS.

Donors of time and treasure are always welcome and may obtain additional information about this scholarship program by contacting us at info@YesforLiberty.org. To be sure your school's contact information is on our mailing list; or to add your name for direct notification for the 2012-2013 school year announcement contact us at info@YesforLiberty.org. The applications open Constitution Day, September 17, 2012.

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The following is a speech that was to be given by Joshua Charles at the Constitution Bee at Forum Hall, KSU, February 19, 2012. Because of illness Mr. Charles was not able to attend.

Why is the Constitution Important?

By Joshua Charles

In our time, everywhere you look, the Constitution has come under fire. In its July 4th, 2011 issue, TIME Magazine's cover had a picture of the Constitution being shredded and the title of the issue was "Does it still matter?" The Constitution has, for several decades now, been described as a "living document," conveniently and insidiously implying that all who disagree with such a characterization believe that it is a "dead document." Even more recently, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, told an Egyptian interviewer that she would *not* recommend the U.S. Constitution to them. It is the supreme law of the land, and yet it is not even taught from in the contemporary law school. The Federalist Papers are not required reading, civics education is in a decrepit state across the country, and most Americans cannot even pass the test that all legal immigrants to the United States must pass in order to attain their citizenship. The Intercollegiate Studies Institute American Civic Literacy Program has a test it used in order to study the civics knowledge of the average American. In its 2008 test, the average test score was only 49%. Among college educators, it was only slightly better, 55%. [Perhaps this explains who that election turned out how it did...]

Now, in the limited time I have, I have not the time to fully explain this phenomenon, nor go into every reason why the Constitution is important. But if I may be so bold, I would like to offer for your consideration a few thoughts on why the Constitution is important, as well as a way in which the importance it once held in our society can be regained, but much more importantly, *why*.

The first thought I would like to offer to you, assuming that, like myself, you hold the Constitution in high esteem, is that we must not allow the Constitution to become an idol. As wonderful as it is, as foundational as it is, and as essential as it is, we must not allow our honest and well-intended efforts to restore it inadvertently become an effort in which the idol of our age, namely the state, is simply replaced with another. For the fact of the matter is that the only way to truly restore the Constitution is not to idolize it, but to recognize the true source of its power, which is a derived power, not an inherent one.

The second thought I offer to you is directly related to the first. If we ought not idolize the Constitution, even when it is in its most perilous situation yet, why is this so? Because the Constitution is not the foundation of our rights and liberties, it is merely a reflection of the true foundation: the Creator spoken of in the Declaration of Independence. The foundation of this country is based on the idea that the light of liberty, like the light of the sun that bathes the earth, comes from God, and the Constitution, like the moon, finds its radiance in the light of this sun. So while the Constitution is important, it is important because of Him from whom it derives its radiance. If we forget this then like the moon that reflects no light from the sun, the Constitution will simply become a black hole in the American sky, an object of immense power, but only the power to destroy.

This is exactly the situation we find ourselves in today. Every aspect of the decay of our culture, the destruction of our liberties, and the descent of our government from the Constitutional Republic envisioned by the Founders to the bureaucratic utopia of the Statist, can be traced to our abject rejection of God. Even amongst those of us who claim to believe in and live our lives based on God, more often than not we find ourselves content with the dead letter of religion rather than the living reality of the Spirit, the outward appearance of religious convention rather than the living reality of the Spirit, the outward appearance of religious convention rather than the radical transformation of the inner man. We have fallen for the lie that instead of beauty, it is in fact truth that is in the eye of the beholder. And with the surrender of truth, can we now honestly be surprised that we are now being forced to surrender

everything else? For if truth is indeed in the eye of the beholder, than all of life becomes a ploy for who can garner unto himself the most power, and whoever wins defines "truth." We have forgotten that freedom is worthless if its trustee cannot exercise, independent of any external coercion, self-government, for as Alexis de Tocqueville noted in Democracy in America: "How can those who have given up the habit of self-government successfully chose those who shall exercise it for the?" Life, liberty, happiness, rights, freedom: all are now defined in purely human terms, and are now seen to be as dependent upon, and in some ways, found in the state. In other words, with our rejection of God and His truth, all power has slowly, but most assuredly, been going to the next most powerful bidder: the state. The moon has become the sun, and we wonder why we live in a country increasingly cold to the truths upon which it staked its existence and in which it finds its greatness.

The great British historian Arnold Toynbee noted in his magisterial A Study of History, "Sooner or later, man has always had to decide whether he worships his own power, or the power of God." The time has come for us to decide as individuals, and as a nation, "What ought we worship?" Or to be more precise, "*Who* ought we worship?" Man will always worship something, and whether he acknowledges it as divine or not, its hold upon his soul will always have supernatural and eternal consequences, for good or for evil. In this perilous hour, we must not work to restore the Constitution in society so much as we must *be restored* by being connected and in relationship with our Creator. Any *rightful* restoration of the former will simply be bastardized and counterfeit without a *true* restoration of the latter. As John Adams noted of the first American Revolution: "The Revolution was effected before the war commences. The Revolution was I the minds and hearts of the people, a change in their religious sentiments of their duties and obligations." From this pure fountain alone will we find the will, and the ability to carry out another American Revolution, one whose consequences would be immensely more profound in this international and global age. The spectacle of a people who expect, and who know, that their liberty is found in God, not in the state, and not in nature; who have decided that the object most fit for their worship is not the created, but the Creator; a nation that is dedicated to the idea that men can never be equal, and man can never be free, unless she was *created* to be such, and thereby has an inheritance derived not from his fellow man, but from his God, would indeed be a sight to behold. It would be a "*City on a Hill*" to which the entire world be drawn.

That is why the Constitution is important. Not because of what it is, but to whom it points, and upon whom it depends for its grandeur and timelessness. Checks and Balances, Separation of Powers, Federalism, and all of the other great features of the Constitution are based on the timeless truths of God's laws and human nature, but they lose all meaning if the people over whom it operates are ignorant of their duties and obligations as free men and women. Freedom does not exist in a vacuum. It exists for a purpose, and that is to love God, and to serve our fellow men as we *ought*. We recognize the importance of our Constitution only when we recognize that this truth is of infinitely greater importance.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

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Judges [Paul Ibbetson](#), [Richard Fry](#) and [Rep Charlotte O'Hara](#) did a great job reviewing and scoring answers.

I personally know that when I was these kids' age, I knew none of what they were asked.

My final comment on the final question, "Is the Constitution important and why?" is very simple: "The Constitution does not GRANT us anything -- it was written as a safeguard against tyranny, against government interfering with any of our God-given unalienable rights. It spells out limits set by our Founding Fathers on government. It gives Enumerated Powers for the federal government that have been usurped and overrun over the past several decades, and without We The People taking action to defend it, we will lose it. It is the most important document handed down to a nation from any prior generation since the Bible and deserves to be

treated as such. The Bill of Rights was written to further limit the powers of the federal government and the preamble to the Bill Of Rights should be required memorization for any elected official."

Involves [Bob Bowser](#).

Romney's Road to Nomination Rocked by Voters Shredding Rulebook

by Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Michael Tackett – Feb 17, 2012

Mitt Romney has followed the playbook for winning the Republican presidential nomination to the letter. He raised more money than his opponent and built a national organization. He piled up endorsements from prominent party insiders. He proved he could win in a bellwether primary in New Hampshire and a map for state in Florida (BEESFL).

Labeled a front-runner early, he now finds himself getting weaker rather than stronger, raising a prospect unthinkable only two weeks ago: He could lose.

The conventions that have defined the primary process for the last 40 years have been turned inside out, and Romney's fortunes have fallen.

"Through very little fault of his own, Romney is the front-runner, but he's probably the weakest Republican front-runner in the history of the party," said Dan Schnur, an aide on Senator John McCain's 2000 presidential bid who directs the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

"He just had the bad timing to run for president at a time when the party establishment had much less influence over the nomination process," Schnor said.

Party Power Ebbs

The strength of political parties is being undercut as the full impact of the U.S. Supreme Court (1000L) Citizens United case is being felt for the first times. The court held that the government couldn't limit political spending, hastening the rise of a new class of political action committees dubbed super-PACs because they can accept unlimited contributions from individuals, corporations and unions.

New a candidate's run can be kept alive from a single wealthy individual as when Sheldon Adelson, a Las Vegas casino owner, sustained Newt Gingrich and Foster Friess, a fund manager based in Wyoming, helped do the same for Rick Santorum.

The decision has created "a countervailing force on the money side," said Tom Rath, a former member of the Republican National Committee and Romney supporter.

"The great rule was that after a startup period and the politics of the day became clearer, it became harder and harder to raise money if you were under-performing politically," he said. "The existence of super-PACs countermands that, as a virtue has undercut the authority of more establishment groups.

'Individual Decisions'

"The ability of a party to dictate to its voters is almost non-existent," Rath said. "There are very few party decisions being made, tons of individual decisions. The way the party has subdivided, undivided and re-divided is really playing out this time."

Romney had been following a pattern for Republican primary winners since at least 1980. He raided more money, reporting donations of \$50 million in 2011, more than double that of his closest fundraising rival, U.S. Representative Ron Paul of Texas, who recorded \$25.9 million in contributions last year, according to Federal Election Commission reports.

The former Massachusetts governor won New Hampshire, and, like five of the last six nominees of his party, he came with experience, having run and lost before.

This time has been different in other ways, too. Candidate boomlets typically fade along with their chances. This time both Gingrich and Santorum have been written off only to bounce back with the help of their new financiers.

Santorum's Surge

Santorum, who won contests in Minnesota, Colorado and Missouri on Feb. 7 with minimal resources, now leads Romney in polls in Michigan, where Romney's campaign has committed significant campaign funds and emphasized his connections as a native and son of a popular governor.

“One of the reasons that people seem so surprised by the way that this primary has progressed is that Republicans tend to be much more orderly, much more hierarchical than this,” Schnur said. “As the grassroots activists have gained strength at the expense of the Republican establishment, we’ve seen this really spin out of control.”

That chaos has allowed multiple challengers to campaign as the un-Romney in the race, with Santorum now holding the position.

“There is no common denominator between various un-Romneys, except that each has been a vehicle for the various groups in the Republican Party to express their distaste for Romney,” said Schnur. “Other than Romney coming up with a message that appeals to conservatives, there’s not much he can do about any of it.”

Disruptive Dynamics

While every race has its own dynamic, the defining message of this year’s primary thus far is that of disruption..

“The one convention that’s being honored is that there is no real convention,” said Rath, a lawyer in Concord, New Hampshire. “Every race defines itself. I do think this one has really pushed the envelope. There is nothing comparable to this race.”

Nineteen televised candidate debates also have given the race a reality TV dimension.

“It does remind me of these multi-person talent competitions,” Rath said. “It has made this whole race more immediate and accessible. There is a nationalization of this process much quicker than there used to be.”

The next contest in Michigan on Feb. 28 will be a test of whether Republicans will return to regular order. “If Romney loses Michigan,” Schnur said, “then the race will be in complete chaos.”

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Response from Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins when contacted about the need to work w/the KS delegations in Congress & others to stand up to BIO.

Dear Mr. ----,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding H.Con.Res.98. As your representative in Washington, I value hearing your thoughts and concerns.

Like you, I am frustrated that the President has increasingly refused to work with Congress to find solutions to the problems facing our country, and instead prefers sidestepping the legislative process by using the privilege of Executive order to implement his agenda. As you know, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to make laws, and Section 9 provides Congress the authority to appropriate funds to operate the Federal government. If the President is intent on bypassing the legislative process to achieve his policy objectives, it will be a gross overuse of Executive power and must be checked by the Legislative branch.

To prevent this, I have introduced H.Con.Res.98, which expresses the sense of the House that any Executive Order that would require Federal spending has no binding effect until it is enacted into law through a normal legislative process. This legislation clarifies Congressional authority as described in the Constitution. I will continue my work to defend the Constitution against overreaches in Executive power.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please never hesitate to call, email, or write if you have any issues or concerns on your mind. Also feel free to visit my website at: www.lynjenkins.house.gov where you can see what I have been up to and sign up for my weekly newsletter,

Sincerely,

Lynn Jenkins, CPA

Member of Congress

The following is the H. Con. Res. 98:

112TH CONGRESS

H. CON. RES. 98

To express the sense of the Congress that any Executive order that infringes on the powers and duties of the Congress under article I, section 8 of the Constitution, or that would require the expenditure of Federal funds not specifically appropriated for the purpose of the Executive order, is advisory only and has no force or effect unless enacted as law.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2012

Ms. JENKINS (for herself, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. BLACK, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. YODER, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. AKIN, Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. JONES, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. GOSAR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Congress that any Executive order that infringes on the powers and duties of the Congress under article I, section 8 of the Constitution, or that would require the expenditure of Federal funds not specifically appropriated for the purpose of the Executive order, is advisory only and has no force or effect unless enacted as law.

Whereas some Executive orders have infringed on the prerogatives of the Congress and resulted in the expenditure of Federal funds not appropriated for the specific purposes of those Executive orders: Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that any Executive order issued by the President before, on, or after the date of the approval of this resolution that inon the powers and duties of the Congress under article I, section 8 of the Constitution, or that would require the expenditure of Federal funds not specifically appropriated for the purpose of the Executive order, is advisory only and has no force or effect unless enacted as law.

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, 2nd District of Kansas, February 3, 2012

Stopping Overreaching Executive Orders As part of his “We Can’t Wait” campaign strategy, President Obama has stated his intention to bypass the legislative process and further expand his use of Executive Orders. To combat this power grab and constitutional side-step, this week I introduced legislation designed to curtail overreaching Executive Orders. House Concurrent Resolution 98 expresses the sense of the House that any Executive Order that would require Federal spending has no binding effect until it is enacted into law through a normal legislative process.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to make laws, and Section 9 provides it the authority to appropriate funds to operate the Federal government. The founding fathers created three branches of Government with a strong representative legislature for good reason. No President should be allowed to simply ignore the Constitution no matter how inconvenient they find it.

The House has passed over thirty jobs bills designed to help American small business owners create jobs and get our economy moving again, but the Senate has refused to take most them up and the President hasn’t even come to the table. If President Obama is truly concerned with ending Washington gridlock, rather than side-stepping the people’s representatives in Congress and disregarding the Constitution he swore to uphold and defend, he should call Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and ask him to allow the Senate to consider the many reforms that have already received bipartisan approval in the House of Representatives.

Repealing the CLASS Act Portion of Obamacare There are not many areas where Former Kansas Governor and current Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius and I agree, but one thing we do agree on is that the CLASS Act portion of the President’s Health Care package is completely unviable and must be stopped. That is why, I was so glad to hear Secretary Sebelius backtracked on her prior support and pulled the plug on the program in November and why I supported a statutory repeal of the CLASS Act earlier this week.

The CLASS Act was designed as a new national entitlement for purchasing community-living assistance services, and was used by Sebelius and the President as a “pay for” to substantiate their faulty claim that Obamacare was going to reduce the deficit. However, as I, and many others, pointed out at the time, the deficit reduction claim was bogus and based on budget gimmicks that proved false when HHS began implementation.

The CBO can only project the cost of bills in a ten year budget window, so the Obama Administration used a budget ‘trick’ by setting up the CLASS Act to begin collecting premiums in 2012 but not paying out

benefits until 2017. This budget gimmick led CBO to report that the program would reduce the deficit, but it certainly doesn't take a CPA to realize that these initial 'savings' cannot be sustained over time.

The CLASS Act is yet another piece of the Obamacare puzzle to crumble under real scrutiny, and it is essential that Congress repeals this failed portion of the healthcare overhaul, so it does not remain on the Government's books. This week, the House did just that as I was joined by a bi-partisan majority of the House in voting to repeal this fiscally unsustainable program. While we anxiously await the Supreme Court's decision on the constitutionality of Obamacare's individual mandate, I will continue doing everything I can to repeal and replace this flawed legislation with true, responsible, cost-effective reforms to our health care system.

I spoke out in favor of the CLASS Act repeal on the House Floor this week. To view those remarks you can go to my web site and click the video.

Lynn's Weekly Update - Obama's 2013 Budget, Hearing with Treasury Sec. Geithner, NBAF Funding

February 17, 2012

President Obama Releases his 2013 Budget This week, the White House released President Obama's budget proposal for fiscal year 2013. Unfortunately, the President's proposed budget reads far more like a campaign piece than a serious governing document. The President has once again failed to address the mounting fiscal issues facing our Nation, choosing rather to punt on the biggest drivers of our debt and deficits and continue pushing his same failed policies. This budget proposes a \$1.9 trillion tax increase that will crush our job creators and make economic growth even more difficult. It does nothing to ensure the long term stability and short term solvency of our social safety net programs, like Medicare and Social Security, which continue to be the biggest drivers of our national debt. Further, under the President's proposal, the deficit would actually increase in 2013, marking the fourth straight year of deficits over a trillion dollars...a far cry from this President's 2009 promise to cut our deficit in half by the end of his first term. Hardworking American taxpayers deserve better than the irresponsible, gimmick-filled, path toward decline outlined in the President's budget. I believe there is a better way forward. I believe through honest and comprehensive tax reforms, protecting and strengthening our social safety net, and installing pro-growth policies we can address our long term fiscal stability and really grow our economy. The American people are calling out for solutions. The President's budget, once again, simply spends too much money that we don't have and kicks the can down the road on the responsible reforms that we need.

Ways and Means Hearing with Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner This Wednesday, the Ways and Means Committee had the opportunity to question Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner during a hearing on the President's FY 2013 budget. I had the chance to ask Mr. Geithner some questions about taxes and our budget deficit which you can see below, but my over all take away from the hearing is that the President and Secretary Geithner just don't seem to understand that we cannot tax ourselves out of this deep hole of debt. The problem isn't that we tax hardworking Americans too little; it is that the Government spends too much.

In a few months, the United States will have the highest corporate tax rate in the industrialized world, yet the President's budget calls for a \$1.9 trillion dollar tax increase on small businesses, domestic oil and gas producers and family farms. However, even with all these new taxes the President's budget still adds trillions of dollars to our national debt. If we want to grow our economy, solve this debt crisis, and avoid taxing the hardworking middleclass American's, we must reform our spending. The President's budget fails to make these tough decisions. To watch the video of my exchange with Secretary Geithner click the image or link below:

NBAF Funding in the President's Budget Another important development in the President's budget proposal was the funding for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) being constructed in Manhattan. The President's request would cut off the funding for the construction of the NBAF in 2013, but it would move yet another research project from the outdated Plum Island facility to researchers at K-State. While this is a bump in the road, as outlined in the Constitution, it is Congress' job to allocate these funds, and I have been assured time and again by the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman that NBAF is a priority of the House and funding for construction will continue. Earlier this week, I joined Governor Sam Brownback, Senator Pat Roberts, Senator Jerry Moran, Congressman Tim Huelskamp, Congressman Kevin Yoder, and Congressman Mike

Pompeo in issuing the following joint statement about the funding request for the NBAF in President Obama's FY 2013 Budget:

"We appreciate that President Obama's budget contains funding to add research missions currently at Plum Island to Kansas State's Bio-security Research Institute (BRI). It's a signal that Kansas researchers are more than capable of meeting the very challenging task of helping protect our food supply and our overall national security."

"However, for the first time, President Obama's budget fails to provide vital resources for construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) despite his administration's overwhelming support for it in the past. A needless effort to reassess the importance of protecting our nation's food supply is a waste of taxpayer dollars. This change of direction is unacceptable and will leave our country vulnerable."

"That said, President Obama's budget is an exercise in futility and reads more like a campaign document. The Senate Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid has said the Senate will not even consider the president's budget."

"The evidence is clear that we need a cutting-edge bio-security level 4 facility in this country. Kansas has won every competition, met every standard and proven its commitment to this project, and we'll do whatever it takes to fulfill this critical national security need."

A Letter From A Candidate

I am Representative Joe Patton and I am running for the Kansas Senate.

I am Richard Fry and I am running from non-responsive and non-representative politicians. My responses are in blue.

The challenges facing our state and nation are huge.

They are threatening to our Life, Liberty and the Republic itself.

The problems have been building for years but, unfortunately, time and again many elected officials have kicked the can down the road,

Ask Joe how many times since he has been in Topeka he has voted for a budget that included a provision to waive the **statutory surplus requirement** or just ignored it all together.

Ask Joe how many times he has voted for a budget bill that has unconstitutionally robbed sales tax money out of the Transportation Budget. (I think the amount is at about a billion now.)

[...] failing to deal with these problems honestly and forthrightly, and

Well I agree with Joe that too many politicians fail "*...to deal with these problems honestly and forthrightly, and ducking the responsibility that comes with their offices...*" Kind of like the statutory surplus requirement and the robbing of the transportation budget. Both of these have been techniques used by the Kansas legislature to "kick the can down the road".

[...] ducking the responsibility that comes with their offices.

The **primary** responsibility of any government (and thereby our elected officials) is to protect our fundamental rights i.e., **life, liberty** and [property rights]..." As the Supreme Court has pointed out it is the states that have the greatest role in protecting our fundamental rights from infringement.

A major part of this responsibility is to protect the federal Constitution and to protect "We the People" from the federal government when it steps outside the Constitution. In fact per the federal Constitution all state **legislators must take an oath to protect the federal Constitution.**

That is how very important this duty is; the Founders put it right in the Constitution so no state legislator could claim they did not understand that was their primary duty. They have to say "**so help me God**" or words to that affect.

Too many have prioritized their political fortunes over doing the heavy lifting and problem solving that is the hallmark of true leadership.

Brownback Care in Kansas

Ask Joe why he has not spoken out about our "Republican" Governor's implementing Brownback Care in Kansas. The cat has been out of the bag since June or July yet Joe hasn't had time to get around to it. I have sent him information. I have offered to meet with him and he even told me "anytime" once which is like saying "let's do lunch".

Obama Care, according the Governor, is unconstitutional, socialism and will break Kansas' budget. The

Lt. Governor said it would cost a billion bucks to implement. Does Joe disagree with the Governor on these points?

Why hasn't he taken on this "heavy lifting"? Why hasn't he showed "leadership" on this real killer of people and Liberty?

NDAAs Nullifies the Bill of Rights

I have tried to talk to Joe about the NDAA bill that allows the military to pick up citizens in the U.S. whom the President designates as a "terrorist" without an arrest warrant and indefinitely detain them without an indictment and without a trial? He says he agrees with Allen West that NDAA does not apply to citizens. I offered to meet with him with the proof otherwise but alas he is too busy.

By the way Congressman Huelskamp and Congresswoman Jenkins disagree with Joe. They say the NDAA is unconstitutional. Also Senators McCain, Graham, Levin and Feinstein disagree with Joe, as does the President. They all say the NDAA allows indefinite detention of citizens "captured" in the U.S.

In fact there are about 150 federal legislators who disagree with Joe and are sponsoring or co-sponsoring bills to fix the citizen detention provisions of NDAA. Of course the bills all have to get through the Senate and by the President.

I've been taking on tough issues since I first stepped foot in the Kansas House of Representatives. I do not believe we can tax and spend our way to prosperity.

I think we are very tired of hearing this old cliché. Isn't this what the new House Republicans told us before they started cutting deals like raising the debt ceiling, with Obama? I don't think we can ignore unconstitutional threats to our liberty consistent with our oath of office to support the Constitution.

I believe you are taxed enough already. I have crafted several common-sense solutions to problems that threatened our state and community.

What kind of "threat" is Joe talking about? Is it the kind of threat that could result in a tea party member being picked up under the NDAA law and put in Gitmo for a few years? Of course under the NDAA law once you are in Gitmo the military cannot transfer you back to the U.S.

Perhaps Joe is not a tea party member and doesn't have any family members that are TP. He sure is not saying anything that might raise the eyebrow of the Department of Homeland in-Security.

I have consistently voted against job-killing tax increases, earning me high marks from the Kansas Taxpayers Network, causing Americans for Prosperity to name me a "Champion of the Taxpayer"

If I were Joe I would rather be known as the Champion of Citizens and States rights. Once we get the politicians under control again the other little problems like taxes will get worked out.

and leading the Kansas Chamber of Commerce to put me on their "pro-jobs legislator" list.

Is this the same Chamber of Commerce that helped draft and is supporting Brownback's [Kansas Job Bill for Illegal Aliens](#)? Is it the same Chamber of Commerce that has blocked illegal alien reform for the last 4-5 years that I know of? Wow, I'm not sure I would be too proud to be associated with those kinds of anti-citizen anti-American folks.

On the other hand if Joe can help the Governor get his [Kansas Job Bill for Illegal Aliens](#) passed he and the Governor can both be on the Chamber's list together next year. Now wouldn't that be special!

Now it's time to take this fight for traditional, common-sense values to the Kansas Senate.

Why doesn't Joe do a little fighting for our Liberty right there in the House where he is now? Is this just another promise of future performance? My advice to Joe: Walk the walk now.

Job killing tax and spend policies – many originating in the Kansas Senate – have gripped this state for the past two decades, killing jobs and economic growth.

Did I mention Brownback's and the Chamber of Commerce's [Kansas Job Bill for Illegal Aliens](#)?

Common sense solutions and doing what is best for Kansans has too often taken a back seat to political pettiness.

Will Joe think I am being petty because I am concerned that he is concerned about the federal Government's assault on our Bill of Rights? I am only concerned because Joe is not doing anything.

Am I petty because Joe keeps blowing me off on such major issues as Brownback Care and the NDAA? I believe one has to be responsive to be representative. I do not think Joe has been either. Is Joe going to promise us that he will start being responsive if we just put him in the Senate?

Yes I tried to communicate with Joe by conventional methods but they failed and failed and failed. But see I can adapt and overcome!

I am thinking about starting a regular series; [Time with Joe](#) or perhaps [On the Campaign Trail with Joe](#). Please let me know which you think would be catchier.

One should never "dis" the boss.
FOR THE SAKE OF LIBERTY
R D Fry
I am a Citizen of the Republic and Kansas.

I approve of this message.

I received via email from a cousin. I don't know where it originated or who wrote it, BUT I LIKE IT!!
Just wishful thinking but who knows.....

DIVORCE AGREEMENT--

Dear American liberals, leftists, social progressives, socialists, regressive, Marxists, & Obama supporters:
We have stuck together since the late 1950s for the sake of the kids, but the whole of this latest election process has made me realize that I want a divorce. I know we tolerated each other for many years for the sake of future generations, but sadly, this relationship has clearly run its course.

Our two ideological sides of America cannot and will not ever agree on what is right for us all, so let's just end it on friendly terms. We can smile and chalk it up to irreconcilable differences and go our own way.

Here is a model separation agreement:

1. Our two groups can equitably divide the country by landmass, each taking a similar portion. That will be the difficult part, but I am sure our two sides can come to a friendly agreement. After that, it should be relatively easy. Our respective representatives can effortlessly divide other assets since both sides had such distinct and disparate tastes.
2. We don't like redistributive taxes, so you can keep them.
3. You are welcome to the liberal judges and the ACLU.
4. Since you hate guns and war, we'll take our firearms, the cops, the NRA, and the military.
5. We'll take the nasty, smelly oil industry and you can go with wind, solar, and bio-diesel.
6. You can keep Oprah, Michael Moore, and Rosie O'Donnell. You are, however, responsible for finding a bio-diesel vehicle big enough to move all three of them.
7. We'll keep capitalism, greedy corporations, pharmaceutical companies, Wal-Mart, and Wall Street.
8. You can have your beloved lifelong welfare dwellers, food stamps, homeless homeboys, hippies, druggies, and illegal aliens.
9. We'll keep the hot Alaskan hockey moms, greedy CEO's and Rednecks.
10. We'll keep the Bibles and give you NBC and Hollywood.
11. You can make nice with Iran and Palestine and we'll retain the right to invade and hammer places that threaten us.
12. You can have the peace-niks and war protesters. When our allies or our way of life are under assault, we'll help provide them security.
13. We'll keep our Judeo-Christian values.
14. You are welcome to Islam, Scientology, Humanism, political correctness, and Shirley McLain. You can also have the U.N., but we will no longer be paying the bill.
15. We'll keep the SUV's, pickup trucks, and oversized luxury cars. You can take every Subaru station wagon you can find.
16. You can give everyone healthcare if you can find any practicing doctors..
17. We'll continue to believe healthcare is an earned luxury and not a right.
18. We'll keep "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The National Anthem."
19. I'm sure you'll be happy to substitute "Imagine", "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing", "Kum Ba Ya," or "We Are the World".
20. We'll practice trickle-down economics and you can continue to give trickle up poverty your best shot.
21. Since it often so offends you, we'll keep our history, our name and our constitution and our flag.
22. Would you agree to this? If so, please pass it along to other like-minded liberal and conservative patriots and if you do not agree, just hit delete. In the spirit of friendly parting, I'll bet you answer which one of us will need whose help in 15 years.

Sincerely,
John J. Wall
Law Student and an American

P.S.: Also, please take Ted Turner, Sean Penn, Martin Sheen, Barbara Streisand, Jane Fonda with you.
P.S.S.: And you won't have to "Press 1 for English" when you call our country.

**If you can't stand behind our Military, please,
feel free to stand in front of them!**

Frankly Speaking

By Frank F. Clark

I am sure that most of you have noticed the concerted onslaught against our freedoms, especially those freedoms related to the Constitutional Amendments. However, the most telling attack has been against our First Amendment religious freedom.

The First Amendment reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Read it again carefully and pay attention to the wording.

A reading of the writings of the Founding Fathers, who passed this amendment, make it clear that they never intended this to mean an exclusion of religion from public life. The amendment was intended to prevent a state-run church like existed in Europe at that time.

Have you noticed that the Administration has recently issued a number of statements concerning this freedom using the term "Freedom of Worship" instead of the term "Freedom of Religion"? President Obama has also used the same word change when addressing religious matters. "Freedom of worship is a private matter while freedom of religion is a public matter," says Dr. Richard Land.

Dr. Land spent a great deal of time on this subject in his January 28 *Richard Land Live* program. He pointed out that even countries with severe religious persecution permit freedom of worship. That is because this freedom has little or no effect on those in the public arena.

Dr. Land gave his reasons for reversing his original opposition to the *Manhattan Declaration*. He stated that our religious freedoms are under such heavy attack that we must stand up against these attacks. These attacks have taken two primary forms. The first is lawsuits. The administration wither refuses to support a suit that continues to guarantee a religious freedom or files the suit itself. The most notable example of this tactic is the administration's refusal to support the Defense of Marriage Act. The House of Representatives, in fact, had to take up this defense.

Another lawsuit example is the suit against Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School. The church won its defense against the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission at the Supreme Court level in a 9-0 decision. Even the two new Obama appointed justices felt the government's position was too radical! Dr. Land said that it is incredible that the most conservative branch of the government has become the Supreme Court.

The second form used to attack religious freedom is by legislation or by executive order. The most outstanding example here is Obamacare. This act forces religious organizations to compromise their religious convictions or face serious financial penalties. Cardinal Designate Dolan of New York has made it clear that the church will not compromise its beliefs to receive federal money. The Catholic Church has closed its social services office, because it won't adopt children out to homosexual couples.

Christian Colleges are also being forced into the same position. They will be forced to provide contraceptives to all students even though they have a standard of sexual purity and abstinence outside of marriage. Again, failure to comply brings serious financial penalties.

If you go back and study the methods used by Adolph Hitler to attack the Lutheran Church of Germany and defeat it, you will find some uncanny similarities between those methods and the methods being used by the Obama Administration today. It is a calculated, gradual plan to force unpopular choices which box the religious authorities into a corner. The capitulation comes in an attempt to retain government financial support. That is what the German church did.

Dr. Michael Evans, in his latest issue of *The Jerusalem Prayer Team* makes an outstanding statement. He says, "Secular humanists make excuses for evil, or worse, deny its existence, or coddle it by refusing to

confront it. Consequently, they feed it. Jesus did not compromise, nor negotiate, with evil." This was the decision that Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) finally reached when he went back to Germany during WWII to confront Hitler. It cost him his life.

Dr. Land stated that need the courage to stand up for what is right. Can we valiantly proclaim Jesus as Lord in the face of persecution? I have watched a few do so. It may require us to do what that Evangelical Lutheran Church did, or what the 12 nurses at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey did – take a lawsuit all the way to the end. Can we stand up like Catholic Social Services did and refuse the money? Only you can answer that question for yourself. I hope you can say, "Yes!"

Dear Fellow American,

A few weeks ago, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels signed Right to Work legislation into law. Angry protestors have promised to use this weekend's Super Bowl festivities in the state to draw attention to the issue. Ironically, it was nearly a year ago that protestors mobbed the Wisconsin Capitol and Democratic State Legislators fled the state to avoid voting on a budget.

Wisconsin had lost 150,000 jobs over the previous three years and faced a \$3 billion deficit when newly elected Governor Scott Walker enacted fiscally conservative policies designed to right the ship. **Today, Wisconsin enjoys a \$300 million surplus and 10,000 new jobs created in 2011.** But instead of recognizing this remarkable change of course, one million Wisconsin voters have joined with union forces to trigger a recall election of Governor Walker.

This recall election isn't about who should be the Governor of Wisconsin. Even Governor Walker will tell you it is, "about killing reform initiatives in every state in the country." **If the unions succeed here, they'll go after Indiana next and continue until the unions have flexed their muscles in all 50 states.** We can't give them this opportunity.

We've allowed the unions to hold us hostage for too long. Their discriminatory, anti-economic growth agenda is destroying this country! It's time to take America back and we can start by rallying **one million Americans FOR Governor Walker** and his conservative agenda.

Time is running out. Every day, officials move closer to validating enough signatures to trigger a recall election. So please act now.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Horkan

Founder, Alliance for a Stronger Wisconsin

P.S. Governor Walker's limited government, pro-business agenda has transformed a \$3 billion deficit into a \$300 million surplus and ended three consecutive years of jobs lost by adding 10,000 new jobs in 2011. Should he be recalled for getting his state's economy back on track? Absolutely not!

Occupy Wall Street by Thomas Sowell (A great article. One of the most intellectual human beings in this country, hits it right on the head!!!)

The current Occupy Wall Street movement is the best illustration to date of what President Barack Obama's America looks like. It is an America where the lawless unaccomplished, ignorant and incompetent rule. It is an America where those who have sacrificed nothing pillage and destroy the lives of those who have sacrificed greatly.

It is an America where history is rewritten to honor dictators, murderers and thieves. It is an America where violence, racism, hatred, class warfare and of murder are all promoted as acceptable means of overturning the American civil society.

It is an America where humans have been degraded to the level of animals: of defecating in public, having sex in public, devoid of basic hygiene. It is an America where the basic tenets of a civil society, including faith, family, a free press and individual rights, have been always rejected. It is an America where our founding documents have been now shredded and, with them, every person's guaranteed liberties.

It is an America where, ultimately, great suffering will come to the American people, but the rulers like Obama, Michelle Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Barney Frank, Chris Dodd, Joe Biden, Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, liberal college professors, union bosses and all other loyal liberal/Communist Party members will live in opulent splendor.

It is the America that Obama and the Democrat Party have now created with all the willing assistance of the American Media, Hollywood, unions, universities, the Communist Party of America, the Black Panthers and numerous

anti-American foreign entities.

Barack Obama has brought more destruction upon this country in three years than any other event in the history of our nation, but it is just the beginning of what he and his comrades are capable of.

The Occupy Wall Street movement is just another step in their plan for the annihilation of America.

“Socialism in general, has a record of failure that’s so blatant that only an intellectual could ignore or evade it.”

Dr. Thomas Sowell (A National Humanities Medal Winner)

The problems we face today are there because the people who work for a living are out numbered by the people that vote for a living!!

Sam Brownback’s Corruption in Topeka

R. D. Fry, November Patriots

Sam Brownback continues to show disregard for his Oath of Office, the Rule of Law, the Constitution and his own personal word to his constituents. Brownback is pro-illegal alien, pro-open borders and actively favoring the Globalist Agenda.

He is *eager* to work with **Accenture**, a company that only last year paid \$64 million to "settle" a federal case for ripping us off by submitting false statements, inflating its prices, giving *and* taking kickbacks... and which was fired by Kansas in 2005. Sam gave Accenture a waiver to submit an incomplete disclosure statement, a part of the requirements to apply for the KEES contract. Accenture thus did not disclose a case it had been fighting for a decade.

Sam's henchmen in the House (O’Neil) killed the illegal alien bills in the 2011 session to appease the Gov's business cronies. Now KS Ag. Secretary Rodman is seeking an unconstitutional waiver from the federal government, to *again* disregard the rule of law, and make a mockery of justice in Kansas by allowing illegal aliens to work in our state.

Remember Sam's John-Kerry-esque flip-flopping vote(s) on the 2006 Ted Kennedy/John McCain Amnesty bill? (*"I voted for the bill, before I voted against it!"*)

We should recall **Sam Brownback**, for the sake of honesty and transparency in government, fair and open competition in business, the Constitution and for the overall good of the hard-working, law-abiding People of Kansas.

A KANSAS teacher asked her 6th grade class how many of them were Brownback fans.

Not really knowing what a Brownback fan is, but wanting to be liked by the teacher, all the kids raised their hands except for Little Johnny.

The teacher asked Little Johnny why he has decided to be different... again.

Little Johnny said, "Because I'm not an Brownback fan."

The teacher asked, "Why aren't you a fan of Brownback?" Johnny said, "Because I'm a Republican."

The teacher asked him why he's a Republican. Little Johnny answered, "Well, my Mom's a Republican and my Dad's a Republican, so I'm a Republican."

Annoyed by this answer, the teacher asked, "If your mom was a moron and your dad was an idiot, what would that make you?"

With a big smile, Little Johnny replied, "That would make me an Brownback/Switchback fan."

True story and most people will never know it.

Bull's eye!!!! Left wingnut media will never acknowledge this Truth!!

Here's an interesting side bar. After the Japanese decimated our fleet in Pearl Harbor Dec 7, 1941, they could have sent their troop ships and carriers directly to California to finish what they started. The prediction from our Chief of Staff was we would not be able to stop a massive invasion until they reached the Mississippi River. Remember, we had a 2 million man army and war ships... all fighting the Germans. So, why did they not invade.

After the war, the remaining Japanese generals and admirals were asked that question. Their answer... they know that almost every home had guns and the Americans knew how to use them.

The world's largest army... America's hunters! I had never thought about this. A blogger added up the deer license sales in just a handful of states and arrived at a striking conclusion: There were over 600,000

hunters this past season in the state of Wisconsin.

Allow me to restate that number. Over the last several months, Wisconsin's hunters became the eighth largest army in the world.

More men under arms than in Iran. More than in France and Germany combined. These men deployed to the woods of a single American state to hunt with firearms, and no one was killed. That number pales in comparison to the 750,000 who hunted the woods of Pennsylvania and Michigan's 700,000 hunters, all of whom have now returned home. Toss in a quarter million hunters in West Virginia and it literally establishes the fact that the hunters of those four states alone would comprise the largest army in the world.

The point?

America will forever be safe from foreign invasion with that kind of home-grown firepower. Hunting -- it's not just a way to fill the freezer. It's a matter of national security.

That's why all enemies, foreign and domestic, want to see us disarmed. Food for thought when next we consider gun control.

*Now, America, how do you feel about gun control? We must NEVER, EVER for even a second give up our guns. For each individual that has a gun, is a soldier in his own right & quite possibly many are better or, at least, as good a shot as many in the regular army. Those of you who don't have guns &/or don't want to have a gun – OK, just don't expect those of us with guns to give up ours. We are here to stock our freezers or defend our families/country from **foreign or domestic danger** as needed. Home invasions are all too common & who can protect us better than ourselves. Yes, we have the police for our personal protection, but are they at our home or where they can take care of us when the attack occurs? Yes, we have the armed forces, but are they there/where needed as in the case of the threatened Japanese invasion? No, No, and H**L NO in both cases. I don't recommend having a gun with you at all times – although some do. However, never, ever, should Americans, or any individual, be completely dependent on "someone else" for individual protection!! **GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH!!!** That is not just a quote – it has been a way of life for Americans & probably people around the world – that is why there are rebellions/government throw overs. We ARE Americans!! The Constitution gives us the right to own & have guns; to use for sport/acquiring food, protecting ourselves/family from any & all threats. Don't let any politician/individual, even Hilary Clinton, convince you that guns owned by individuals should be controlled or even registered.*

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL!! ONE WITH A GUN!! SAN

HEAD'S UP!! – IMPORTANT!! Proof of Voter Citizenship Date Change

Dear friends:

As reported by the [Associated Press](#), the Kansas Senate Ethics and Elections committee refused to vote on whether to move forward, to June 15th, 2012, the implementation date requiring newly registered voters to provide evidence of citizenship. Moving the date forward would ensure protections would be in place before the primary and general elections later this year.

The Kansas Senate has used two excuses for not moving this bill forward. Both are illusory.

1. The DMV's computer system will not be able to transfer birth certificate images to the elections database before June 15, 2012. Secretary Kobach [proposed an amendment](#) to make this concern completely irrelevant by allowing the receipt of the birth certificates by DMV to be enough.

2. The Senate committee has claimed they simply ran out of time. If the Senate really wanted to protect Kansas's voter rolls, there are other legislative options available. For instance, the citizenship language is included in SB 17, which is currently on the floor of the House. Senators can support a motion to concur on this bill.

A group called Sunflower Community Action, and its alter egos KanVote and Kansans Count, has taken up ACORN's mantle here in Kansas. These groups are currently sending out massive e-mail blasts and calling Kansas Senators and telling them to reject SB 17. Please call Kansas Senators and tell them to protect our voter rolls against organizations that would seek to register non-citizens to vote in 2012.

The bottom line is that radical left-wing organizations in Kansas want to keep our voter rolls unprotected in the 2012 election cycle, and Secretary Kobach wants to keep our voter rolls clean.

Please help him by [calling your Senator](#) and asking him or her to support SB 17, as amended by the House.

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February 3, 2012

Dear Friend,

You might have heard the reports from the Establishment media today that the unemployment rate dropped to 8.3% down from 8.6%. They said there were 243,000 more jobs added to the work force in January.

Well...not so much.

Folks, there's more to this story that meets the eye. And I wish I could bring you good news, but sadly, our national employment picture isn't getting better at all. In fact, it's the worst it's been in 30 years. And even the non-partisan Office of Management and Budget agrees.

The government's unemployment rate is calculated by estimating two groups of people: those currently with a job and those currently looking for work. On the surface, that seems to make sense. And, generally, this is a good way to look at it. But when you've got a really bad economy like this one, ignoring the many people who just give up and stop looking for work is incredibly misleading.

And the Obama economy is so bad, the number of Americans with a job (called "workforce participation") is the lowest it's been in more than 30 years. In fact, a shocking 20-22 million people have just stopped looking for work because they can't find it (and yes, because of Obama's huge welfare expansion, many don't feel like they need to work any more.)

This is something the President just can't hide. He's done nothing to help our economic problems. He's made them worse. Just look at the following graph:



Clearly, Barack Obama has no place to hide - and Americans have fewer and fewer jobs. His performance on the economy has been terrible. A TRILLION-dollar stimulus where the president promised to keep unemployment below 8% has failed miserably. And worse, his over-the-top spending habits have added \$5.6 TRILLION to our national debt in just three years.

Now, I don't want to say we are without hope here. Agricultural and food industries have been doing much better. Manufacturing is beginning to come back. And American entrepreneurs are opening up more export markets around the world and are actually beating the Chinese, Japanese, Mexicans and Europeans at their own game - despite the regulatory and tax obstacles out of Washington.

But the fact remains. This is the worst economic recovery in modern times. Millions of American workers remain sidelined because of the anti-business excesses of this Administration. In fact, this week the head of the Congressional Budget Office publicly admitted that the effective unemployment rate is actually 10%... about 1.25 million more than the Administration claimed today!

You can put lipstick on a pig - but it is still Obamanomics.

Rest assured though, American entrepreneurs will not give up. I am convinced that with a regime change in Washington - combined with freedom from over taxation, over regulation and over borrowing - we can right the ship of state. It happened in the 1950s under President Eisenhower. It happened in the 1980s under President Reagan - it can happen again.

In the mean time, take every economic figure out of Washington with a grain of salt. After all - President Obama did promise he would be a one-term President if he didn't solve the economy in three years! And to that, I think we can all agree.

In Liberty,



Congressional Representative for the Kansas First District

#21 It's Gonna Get Ugly People!

This morning the Muslim Brotherhood warned the United States that if the United States continued meddling in Egypt, Libya, and other potential hot spots in the middle east, they intend to cut off America's supply of 7-11 and Motel 6 managers. If this action does not yield sufficient results, cab drivers will be next, followed by Dell, AT&T and AOL customer service reps. Finally, if all else fails, they have threatened not to send us anymore presidents either. It's gonna get ugly, people.

I don't want President Obama and his cronies to think I don't understand his accomplishments while he has been in office. Here is the list that I came up with. Do any of you know of other accomplishments?

An impressive list of accomplishments!

First President to apply for college aid as a foreign student, then deny he was a foreigner.

First President to have a social security number from a state he has never lived in.

First President to preside over a cut to the credit-rating of the United States.

First President to violate the War Powers Act.

First President to be held in contempt of court for illegally obstructing oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

First President to defy a Federal Judge's court order to cease implementing the Health Care Reform Law.

First President to require all Americans to purchase a product from a third party.

First President to spend a trillion dollars on 'shovel-ready' jobs when there was no such thing as 'shovel-ready' jobs.

First President to abrogate bankruptcy law to turn over control of companies to his union supporters.

First President to by-pass Congress and implement the Dream Act through executive fiat.

First President to order a secret amnesty program that stopped the deportation of illegal immigrants across the U.S., including those with criminal convictions.

First President to demand a company hand-over \$20 billion to one of his political appointees.

First President to terminate America's ability to put a man in space.

First President to have a law signed by an auto-pen without being present.
First President to arbitrarily declare an existing law unconstitutional and refuse to enforce it.
First President to threaten insurance companies if they publicly spoke-out on the reasons for their rate increases.
First President to tell a major manufacturing company in which State they are allowed to locate a factory.
First President to file lawsuits against the states he swore an oath to protect (AZ, WI, OH, IN).
First President to withdraw an existing coal permit that had been properly issued years ago.
First President to fire an inspector general of Ameri-corps for catching one of his friends in a corruption case.
First President to appoint 45 czars to replace elected officials in his office.
First President to golf 73 separate times in his first two and a half years in office.
First President to hide his medical, educational and travel records.
First President to win a Nobel Peace Prize for doing NOTHING to earn it.
First President to go on multiple global 'apology tours'.
First President to go on 17 lavish vacations, including date nights and Wednesday evening White House parties for his friends; paid for by the taxpayer.
First President to have 22 personal servants (taxpayer funded) for his wife.
First President to keep a dog trainer on retainer for \$102,000 a year at taxpayer expense.
First President to repeat the Holy Qur'an and tells us the early morning call of the Azan (Islamic call to worship) is the most beautiful sound on earth.
First President to take a 17-day vacation.

**YES! THAT'S NO OTHER THAN OUR PRESIDENT OBAMA....
NOW LET EVERYONE KNOW.**

Cost to operate a Chevy Volt

Eric Bolling (Fox Business Channel's Follow the Money) test-drove the Chevy Volt at the invitation of General Motors.

For four days in a row, the fully charged battery lasted only 25 miles before the Volt switched to the reserve gasoline engine. Eric calculated the car got 30 mpg including the 25 miles it ran on the battery. So, the range including the 9-gallon gas tank and the 16 kwh battery is approximately 270 miles. It will take you 4 1/2 hours to drive 270 miles at 60 mph. Then add 10 hours to charge the battery and you have a total trip time of 14.5 hours. In a typical road trip your average speed (including charging time) would be 20 mph.

According to General Motors, the Volt battery holds 16 kwh of electricity. It takes a full 10 hours to charge a drained battery.

The cost for the electricity to charge the Volt is never mentioned so I looked up what I pay for electricity.

I pay approximately (it varies with amount used and the seasons) \$1.16 per kwh.

16 kwh x \$1.16 per kwh = \$18.56 to charge the battery.

\$18.56 per charge divided by 25 miles = \$0.74 per mile to operate the Volt using the battery.

Compare this to a similar size car with a gasoline engine only that gets 32 mpg.

\$3.19 per gallon divided by 32 mpg = \$0.10 per mile.

The gasoline powered car cost about \$15,000 while the Volt costs \$46,000.

So Obama wants us to pay 3 times as much for a car that costs more that 7 times as much to run and takes 3 times as long to drive across country.

REALLY?

One of the largest unions we are fighting against in the Wisconsin Recall made a big mistake last week: they ignored the voice of their own people!

It's one thing for us in the Tea Party movement to be fed up with the selfish demands of these Union Bosses and Cronies, it's a whole other thing for their own supporters to be revolting against them!

Wisconsin Teachers Revolting Against the Demands of Their Union Bosses

As Wisconsin taxpayers are faced with an expensive recall election for governor. Rank-and-file members of the state's largest teachers union are fuming mad over the endorsement of a candidate that was hand-picked by their leadership.

Rank-and-file members were upset with WEAC endorsing a unproven candidate for statewide office that lost two times.

Last week the Union Bosses at the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) did what big government types do: make decisions for others. In a backdoor meeting, they decided on behalf of the teachers of the state that they would endorse little-known Kathleen Falk for Governor - **a liberal zealot that has pledged to undue everything Walker has achieved.**

THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR MONTHS! THE MOBS WE SEE ON T.V. DO NOT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE, BUT THE WILL OF BIG GOVERNMENT CRONIES! WE CANNOT LET THEM WIN! JOIN US IN FIGHTING BACK NOW!

*We recently received a letter from an important reader telling us "Unions are not all bad. In fact they can be very good." I, we, agree 110%!! I can remember when we (my husband and I) were campaigning to make Kansas a "Right to Work State". Up to that time I had not had a personal need to be even "aware" of unions or "right to work" situations. Unions had been formed, invented, put in place, and continue to need to be there - IN THEIR PLACE!! - to represent the workers when the employers cease to consider the workers needs. When Employers ceased to treat those they have hired as individuals with individual needs or as a group of people with needs those workers **MUST** have an avenue to approach the Employer/Company Representative. As our reader told us without the Unions there would be: **NO minimum Wage; NO lunch period; NO breaks; NO overtime pay; NO Holidays off, NO sick leave; NO shift differential; NO effort for safe work area; and many, many sweat shops. OK that looked great and was working fine. Then the Unions began to join hands and represent workers of like work across the nation. The leaders of said Unions began telling the Employer, Companies, what they (union leaders) WANTED for the workers, regardless of what the workers told the Union leaders what they NEEDED/WANTED. Union leaders began telling members what they could and could NOT do; if they could or could not go to work. Union leaders began taking money from the workers paycheck without the workers permission and doing whatever they wanted with it, including just putting it their own pocket. The workers CEASED BEING ABLE to tell the Union what THEY wanted or didn't want. It was the Union leaders telling the members what the Union leaders wanted. THIS MUST BE STOPPED!! Unions are for the members' benefits NOT the members for the Union Bosses benefits. That is why the "Right to Work" Law is so very important. It keeps the control with the Workers - Not with the Union Officers. Yes, Unions are important/needed, WHEN they are truly representing the workers. UNIONS ARE GOOD WHEN MEMBERS CONTROL THE UNION; NOT WHEN THE UNION CONTROLS THE MEMBERS!!***

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The **ant** works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter.

The **grasshopper** thinks the **ant** is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

Come winter, the **ant** is warm and well fed.

The **grasshopper** has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold.

MORAL OF THE OLD STORY :

Be responsible for yourself!

MODERN VERSION

The **ant** works hard in the withering heat and the rain all summer long, building his house

and laying up supplies for the winter.

The **grasshopper** thinks the **ant** is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

Come winter, the shivering **grasshopper** calls a press conference and demands to know why the **ant** should be allowed to be warm and well fed while he is cold and starving.

CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, and **ABC** show up to provide pictures of the shivering **grasshopper** next to a video of the **ant** in his comfortable home with a table filled with food. **America is stunned by the sharp contrast.**

How can this be, that in a country of such wealth, this poor **grasshopper** is allowed to suffer so?

Kermit the Frog appears on **Oprah** with the **grasshopper** and everybody cries when they sing, 'It's Not Easy Being Green...'

Occupy the Anthill stages a demonstration in front of the **ant's** house where the news stations film the **SEIU** group singing, 'We shall overcome.'

Then **Rev. Jeremiah Wright** has the group kneel down to pray for the **grasshopper's** sake, while he damns the **ants**.

President Obama condemns the **ant** and blames **President Bush 43, President Bush 41, President Reagan , Christopher Columbus , and the Pope** for the **grasshopper's** plight..

Nancy Pelosi & Harry Reid exclaim in an interview with **Larry King** that the **ant** has gotten rich off the back of the **grasshopper**, and both call for an immediate tax hike on the **ant** to make him pay his fair share.

Finally, the **EEOC** drafts the **Economic Equity & Anti-Grasshopper Act** retroactive to the beginning of is fined for failing to hire a proportionate number of **green bugs** and, having nothing left to pay his retroactive taxes, his home is confiscated by the **Government Green Czar** and given to the **grasshopper**.

The story ends as we see the **grasshopper** and his free-loading friends finishing up the last bits of the **ant's** food while the government house he is in, which, as you recall, just happens to be the **ant's** old house, crumbles around them because the **grasshopper doesn't** maintain it.

The **ant** has disappeared in the snow, never to be seen again.

The **grasshopper** is found dead in a drug related incident, and the house, now abandoned, is taken over by a gang of **spiders** who terrorize the ramshackled, once prosperous and peaceful, neighborhood.

The entire **Nation** collapses bringing the rest of the free world with it. the summer.

The **MORAL OF THE STORY: Be careful how you vote in 2012**

Wild Pigs

THIS IS TRULY THOUGHT PROVOKING

There was a chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class.

One day while the class was in the lab, the professor noticed one young man, an exchange student, who kept rubbing his back and stretching as if his back hurt. The professor asked the young man what was the matter.

The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist regime.

In the midst of his story, he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked: "Do you know how to catch wild pigs?"

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line.

The young man said that it was no joke. "You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground.

The pigs find it and begin to come every day to eat the free corn.

"When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming.

When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence.

"They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side.

"The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat that free corn again.

You then slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd. Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom.

They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn.

They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity."

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening in America .

The government keeps pushing us toward Communism/Socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tax exemptions, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops (CRP), welfare, medicine, drugs, etc.

While we continually lose our freedoms, just a little at a time.

One should always remember two truths:

There is no such thing as a free lunch and you can never hire someone to provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.

If you see that all of this wonderful government 'help' is a problem confronting the future of America , you might want to send this on to your friends.

If you think the free ride is essential to your way of life, then you will probably not worry about this article.

But God help you when the gate slams shut!

Isn't It Ironic?

The SNAP/Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is pleased to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks us to "Please Do Not Feed The Animals." This is because the animals may grow dependent on handouts and not learn to take care of themselves

That ends today's Lesson.

Kansas Patriots!

This was the P.C.O.K. resolution developed by the Patriots Coalition and Oath Keepers in partnership to stop the NDAA's constitutional violations. Rep. Key has been one of the leading state representatives to consistently take a stand to support state rights (including nullification) and oppose further federal government usurpations of the rights of citizens and the sovereignty of states. This guy really gets it!

Rep. Key spoke at the Second Annual State Sovereignty Rally in Topeka sponsored by CCAG and November Patriots and the National Security Conference in Topeka, which was sponsored by the Patriot Coalition.

Once again Oklahoma has beaten Kansas to the punch on these issues. We should expect more in Kansas.

A South Carolina Representative has formally committed to filing a P.C.O.K. resolution.

Stay tuned for more news on the P.C.O.K. project, The Intolerable Acts.

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I am aware that some of these articles are "late", "outdated"; however I feel that they are articles that you need to be aware of regardless of date. You need to KNOW they happened. If you have seen them before – "Hey, OK!!" If you haven't – "Now you know!!"

If you would like to forward this Newsletter as is on to others – be my guest.
If you would like to send comments (just a sentence or two) to the editor – be my guest.
If you have an editorial to submit – be my guest.

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