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Within this Newsletter when comments are made in green they are the comments of the Newsletter editor.

The Campaign to Defeat Barack Obama 2012

October 16, 2012

Friends, the "chickens are coming home to roost" for Barack Obama. After he repeatedly undermined our constitution, ran up our national debt, passed the largest tax increase in American history and derided us for "clinging to our guns and religion" - now it's all starting to crash down around Obama.

The headline in today's edition of Politico tells the story: "Angst grows among Obama supporters." Obama's supporters are in panic mode over his awful debate performance, his plunging poll numbers and the growing scandal concerning his cover-up of the Benghazi terrorist attack.

We have **only days left** in this election and it is imperative that we take advantage of the momentum we have and help propel the Romney/Ryan campaign into the lead in key battleground states across the country.

Calling Obama's Bluff

Less than a year ago, voters went to the polls in Ohio and resoundingly rejected Obamacare's individual mandate. Actually, that's an understatement. Voters in all 88 counties of Ohio rejected it, and in all but seven of those counties they did so by a margin of at least 20 percentage points. Even in Cuyahoga County, where Cleveland is located and where Barack Obama beat John McCain by a margin of better than two-to-one (68 to 30 percent), voters not only rejected Obamacare's individual mandate but did so by a margin of 16 points (58 to 42 percent). Obama

To be sure, Ohioans don't have the power to cancel out Obamacare's individual mandate any more than the residents of any other single state do (unless, of course, Ohio becomes the deciding state in the presidential election). If Obamacare isn't repealed, then its individual mandate would be imposed on Americans in every state. The Ohio vote, therefore, was essentially symbolic, but what it demonstrates is this: The individual mandate is likely the most unpopular part of President Obama's horribly unpopular centerpiece legislation. As such, it's perhaps his greatest political vulnerability.

Read more: <http://conservativebyte.com/2012/10/calling-obamas-bluff/#ixzz29aitqXce>

You Have A Right

Posted by Erich Dunkelberger on October 15, 2012 at 3:32pm

Forty-four years ago, in 1968, I had just turned 18 years old, graduated high school, gone through US Marine boot camp. I had arrived in Vietnam a week or two earlier. I had enlisted in the Marine Corps knowing

that I would be going there.

Back home, 1968 was a turbulent time. Demonstrations were everywhere. It was an election year. Lyndon Johnson had decided not to seek re-election, so the race for President was between Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey, with the election day being 5 November, just a few weeks ahead. The outcome of this election could be rather important to me, here in a combat zone.

There was only one problem. At 18, I was old enough to fight for my country, but not old enough to vote. It seemed a little odd to me, but that was the way it was. Three years later, the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18. I felt cheated, as the next election, in 1972, I would have been old enough to vote anyway.

I exercised my right to vote in the Presidential election of 1972. Since then, I have not missed an opportunity to vote my opinion, or displeasure. I have taken seriously this great honor of determining the best person for each office and casting a vote for that person.

There has rarely been a more critical time to exercise the right to vote. In a time when our elected officials completely disregard the wishes of the majority of its constituents, virtually thumbing their noses at the people, every vote counts. Did you want the government to control 1/6 of our economy, mandating how and where you spend your money. Do you want to add a 20-25% Value-added Tax to everything you purchase, on top of the existing income tax system? Do you want Cap and Trade to further cripple small business and the economy? These are all important questions facing The United States of America today. Our future depends on the answer. Are we destined to be just another member of the European Union, separated by the Atlantic Ocean? Do we want to surrender our rights to the United Nations?

Thomas Jefferson said, "To preserve our independence... we must make our election between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude." This statement is just as true today as when he said it in 1816. Here in North Carolina, early voting begins this Thursday, 18 October. Exercise your right as a citizen to vote. The destiny of the United States of America relies upon it! This country can't stand another four years like the last four!

The Truth of the Matter!!!!

Mitt Romney is rising in the polls and the goal of defeating President Obama appears to be within sight. This raises an important question for all freedom-loving Americans:

What happens if Mitt Romney wins?

The answer to this question depends almost entirely on a few U.S. Senate elections. **Without stronger conservative voices in the Senate, it will be next to impossible to clean up Barack Obama's mess.**

Without a conservative Senate, we won't repeal Obamacare.

Without a conservative Senate, we won't balance the budget.

Without a conservative Senate, we won't secure our borders.

Without a conservative Senate, we won't stop the bailouts.

Without a conservative Senate, we won't confirm good judges.

And without a conservative Senate, we won't enact the pro-growth policies needed to get America back to work.

If you're reading this letter, chances are, you follow current events more closely than most and you probably understand the point I'm making -- **changing the Senate is essential to restoring America's greatness.**

[Change the Senate ... Before It's Too Late](#)

The simple fact of the matter is this: ***a Republican president without a conservative Senate is a waste of a Republican president.***

A president can campaign on good policies, but he does not write the bills. As long as liberals are in charge of writing legislation, it will be difficult for a Republican president to sign the right bills into law.

Does anyone believe Harry Reid will ever send a bill to the President's desk to repeal ObamaCare?

The answer is "No" and that's why the Senate Conservatives Fund is working so hard to send strong conservatives to the Senate who won't stop fighting until every word of it is repealed.

The **Senate Conservatives Fund** (SCF) is a grassroots organization that was founded by U.S. Senator

Jim DeMint (R-SC) to help elect principled candidates to the U.S. Senate.

SCF has over 100,000 members nationwide and has now raised more than \$13 million to support nine conservatives running for the Senate.

Electing just any Republican to the Senate is not the answer.

Many Republicans simply don't have the backbone to fight for our nation's founding principles and will capitulate to the Democrats if they come under pressure.

[Elect True Conservatives to the Senate](#)

Mitt Romney has pledged to work with Democrats if he's elected like he did as Governor of Massachusetts. If we don't have a solid block of conservatives in the Senate, we could see a return to the Bush years where Washington enacted big-spending compromises.

If we don't work together to elect more Senate conservatives, we will likely get more government-expanding, budget-busting laws like No Child Left Behind, Medicare Part D, and the TARP Wall Street bailout.

If you agree that electing true conservative leaders to the U.S. Senate is vital to our nation's future and if you're willing to help push them on to victory, please do two things today.

Forward this email to your family and friends and encourage them to help us change the Senate.

According to polling averages published by Real Clear Politics, several of these races are toss-ups. Our endorsed candidates in Indiana, Arizona, Ohio, and Pennsylvania are all running neck-and-neck with their liberal opponents.

We are doing everything we can to promote these candidates with TV ads, online advertising, and direct voter contact, but we need to do much more. Your support today will help carry these conservatives on to victory.

[It's now or never, so please answer the call today.](#)

Thank you for your commitment to the principles of freedom and thank you for being willing to fight for America's future.

We live in the greatest country in the world and if we work together, we can preserve it for generations to come.

GRASSFIRE NATION

Wed. Oct. 17, 2012

Even with Hillary Clinton falling on the sword for team Obama -- taking blame for the deadly terror attacks in Benghazi, the pit of deception over Libya grows larger by the day... During Sunday's appearance on CBS's "Face the Nation", Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee said that within 24 hours of the September 11 attack in Benghazi, intelligence sources had told the Obama administration that it was a terror strike associated with al Qaeda... But the administration refused to tell the American people -- choosing instead to blame it on a video.

"I think [the White House has] been misleading us," said Graham to Bob Schieffer. "Either they are misleading the American people or incredibly incompetent." Then Monday morning, on CNN's "Starting Point", former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani asked the liberal panel, including Soledad O'Brien if "he was debating with the president's campaign?" Adding, "I mean, the defense of the president [at this table] is overwhelming." Giuliani minced no words charging Libya was a "cover-up" and suggesting the Obama administration is trying to "run out the clock". "The investigation will be after the debate, after the election is over. What they're trying to do is cover up this scandal as much as possible."

Of course the liberal panel was up-in-arms over the allegation, to which Giuliani added, "If this weren't a Democratic president I think all you people would be going crazy." **++ Grassroots Americans: "Investigate Libya Now!"**

Giuliani is right, the liberal press are giving Obama a pass on Libya. They aren't pressing for answers because they know the truth would land a devastating blow to Obama's re-election chances.

Instead, they are willing accomplices -- allowing the administration to "run out the clock" as Giuliani charged. That's why grassroots Americans need to step up -- DEMANDING A FULL INVESTIGATION RIGHT NOW!

Just last week, Grassfire delivered nearly 50,000 petitions to the House Oversight and Government Reform chairman, Darrell Issa -- sending a message to all that Americans were engaged and eager for answers.

This week Grassfire Nation is announcing a second delivery to Capitol Hill, and we are calling on you to help us rally and mobilize 75,000 petitions by adding your name now.

Don't give Obama a pass. Don't allow him to simply run out the clock. Sign our petition today and guarantee that you will be included in our next delivery to the Senate Armed Services committee, the Foreign Relations committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform committee!

Alert Your Friends Again, the Obama-controlled media refuses to push for this investigation. In fact, they are merely running interference for the Obama re-election team, and doing whatever they can to downplay this scandal and cover-up.

Unyielding grassroots pressure is the key to moving the needle forward, and making it impossible for lawmakers to ignore! + + Comments? Questions?

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For technical questions regarding this email, go here: www.grassfire.com/techemail.asp?ind=15

The Obama Admin leaked the identity of Seal Team 6 involved in the raid that killed Osama Bin Laden. 90 Days later Aaron Vaughn and 21 other Navy SEALs were killed by the Taliban. Hold Obama Accountable: VOTE HIM OUT!



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“How dare they?” Mrs. Vaughn asks. “They put a target on my son’s back and even on my back. But a little over 90 days later, my son was dead.” Aaron Vaughn and 21 other Navy SEALs, “most of whom belonged to Team 6, the unit whose members were involved in the raid that killed Osama bin Laden,” according to ABC, died in Afghanistan when a helicopter he was riding on was shot down.

The video, released by the conservative Veterans for a Strong America, shows Vice President Joe Biden talking about the raid during a public event and Defense Secretary Robert Gates complaining that an agreement to keep the raid details secret “fell apart” as the result of such comments.

“Aaron called me,” Mrs. Vaughn says, referring to her son, Special Operations Chief Aaron Vaughn, who was killed on August 6, 2011. “He said, ‘Mom, you need to wipe your social media clean. Get rid of everything, any reference to me or my buddies, because there is chatter and all of our lives are possibly in danger, including yours.’”

"Veterans for a Strong America, which previously released a video faulting Obama for politicizing the killing of bin Laden, encouraged voters to support the Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan ticket at the end of the video.

VSA executive director hinted that such a video might appear in this election cycle. "We're looking to [put together] a coalition, to field SEALs and operators that want to come out publicly," Arends told BuzzFeed after the release of the bin Laden video. "I've had a lot of discussions with former SEALs and current SEALs. I've been talking to operators in the community. There is palatable discontent."

Biased Moderator Candy Crowley Sides Incorrectly With Obama.....

Posted by Michael CHILDS, Admin II on October 17, 2012 at 6:10pm in Patriot Action Alerts

Candy Crowley, jumped in incorrectly on Obama's side regarding Benghazi and the administration's failure to acknowledge that the attack was due to terror.

I don't know what it'll take to get the undecided people to recognized the lying from Obama and his piece of Candy. Many people are blind to Obama's lies and the dependents are deathly scared to work. My gosh, unemployment will disappear if the dependents quit being scared to lose their welfare checks and food stamps. It's all common sense. Last night was clearly a bias against Romney and he stood his ground!!!

For the first 14 days Obama sent condolences to the terrorists and praised their actions, A TYPICAL OBAMA LIE, JUST ADD THIS LIE TO THE MILLIONS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF HIS MOUTH THE LAST 3 3/4 YEARS, CANDY CROWLEY WAS BOUGHT AND PAID FOR BY OBAMA.

Grassroots Action

by Steve Elliott

Tens of millions watched Barack Obama's lies be exposed again on Tuesday. The President couldn't defend his record or his beliefs.

Of course today Candy Crowley and CNN are spinning their own web of lies.

++ Why Candy Crowley Should Be Crying...

The fact is, what Candy Crowley did was an embarrassment to the institution of journalism and an affront to our cherished political process. Crowley openly interceded and interfered on behalf of Barack Obama -- rescuing Obama when he was backed into a corner by his own words and conducting unprecedented (and erroneous) "fact checking" of Mitt Romney in the middle of the debate.

Crowley should be crying today because her personal bias -- and the overall leftist bias of the media -- was on full display for all to see.

Consider this. During the town hall-styled debate: ++ Obama lied about Libya -- again. But that's not what the media says! They are defending Obama and covering up the cover up.

++ Obama lied about his tax plan -- again. But that's not what the media says! They instead attack Romney as if he is the incumbent with the horrible record of massive spending and economic decline.

++ Obama lied about his energy policies -- again. But once again, the media is rushing to defend Obama even though Romney openly called out the president for his energy untruths.

The Only Thing Standing In Romney's Way

You would not know it from what the media is reporting, but the more people learn about THE REAL Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the faster they bail out on our failed President. The media can't hold back the truth.

With Romney continuing to gain traction in the polls, the ONLY THING that stands in the way of Mitt Romney and the White House is the powerful combination of Team Obama working hand-in-hand with the liberal media.

Tea Party Patriots

sent on October 21, 2012

As the election nears the TPP is making efforts to get a simple message out to all Americans.

What direction do you want to see this country take?

You have an opportunity to make a difference. You are not in cyberspace but are out every day with Your family. Your friends. Your Co-Workers. Your Brothers and Sisters in Faith. You have the power to make a difference in deciding which direction this country takes. You are members of a movement that holds our constitution first. You are a member a movement that seeks to unite. You are a member of a movement that offers the value of meritocracy over mediocrity. The strengths of a free market. The wisdom of a small government. The honest and sincere love for this country and the desire to see her change course in a direction of growth and prosperity, as opposed to allowing her to follow a path that is reducing her to just some mediocre country struggling to survive

You have the power to share your beliefs. To share the views and goals of this great movement. You have the power to influence not only the outcome of elections, but in some ways more importantly, state and local elections.

During the next three weeks, the TPP urges you to take a leap of faith and put what you know to be true out there. To let your voice be heard whenever to opportunity is afforded you. You are a member of the TPP and the movement it supports. You can make your mark and help to claim the prize of freedom this country deserves.

Whether you be a person of faith or not, the TPP offers this blessing.

May the Creator that gave all of us the right to pursue happiness and success in life bless you in your endeavors to help save this great county. Tea Party Patriots



'NUFF SAID'

BAD WEATHER SAVED GM, NOT BIG GOVERNMENT

POSTED AT 4:06 PM ON OCTOBER 20, 2012 BY MATT VESPA

<http://hotair.com/greenroom/archives/2012/10/20/bad-weather-saved-gm-not-big-government/>

Last September, I [wrote a post](#) about the auto bailout which read in part:

... if I have to hear left-wingers touting the “success” of the auto bailout one more time, I might as well toss a chair through my window. It’s patently false to say that the auto bailout was a success. Furthermore, it was more of an United Auto Workers union bailout than it was for the auto industry. [As Amy Payne of Heritage wrote back in June:](#)

The Treasury Department estimates that taxpayers will lose \$23 billion on the auto bailout. Sherk and co-author Todd Zywicki [both are economists for Heritage] find that none of these losses came from saving jobs, but instead went to prop up the compensation of some of the most highly paid workers in America. [They write:](#)

We estimate that the Administration redistributed \$26.5 billion more to the UAW than it would have received had it been treated as it usually would in bankruptcy proceedings. Taxpayers lost between \$20 billion and \$23 billion on the auto programs. Thus, the entire loss to the taxpayers from the auto bailout comes from the funds diverted to the UAW.

Now, Hans Bader, from the Competitive Enterprise Institute, [wrote on October 15](#) that the weather also had a part in “saving” GM. In fact, Bader wrote that “General Motors never would have recovered as it did if not for the [massive Japanese earthquake and Tsunami that devastated its rivals](#), such as Toyota. The tsunami so crippled Toyota that GM could regain market share despite the Obama administration leaving GM’s uncompetitive, inefficient work rules and high labor costs largely intact.” As a result of these disasters, GM was able to become the number one carmaker in the world.

Furthermore, the massive recalls Toyota had to execute in 2010, “helped move Ford and GM move forward at a time when overall auto sales were rising rapidly.” In the end, it cost the Japanese automaker 18,000 sales in the United States during the month of February of that year.

Also, it helps when the “massive Thai floods in 2011... inundated and shut down Japanese car-parts factories in Thailand for many months, crippling Japanese automakers’ global supply chains. On Dec. 8, Toyota “[cut its profit forecast by more than half](#) after Thailand’s worst floods in almost 70 years disrupted output of Camry and Prius vehicles.” The [World Bank estimates](#) the floods did [\\$45 billion in damage](#) to the Thai economy and left half its factories under water for substantial periods.” Hence, “by harming Japanese automakers, the Thai floods gave a huge boost to their competitor, General Motors, enabling it to survive despite the Obama administration’s [costly coddling](#) of the [UAW union in the bailout](#), which threatens the automaker with [future losses](#) in the billions,” said Bader.

However, Bader notes that “GM now is concealing the depth of its problems by financing auto sales with risky loans that may never be paid back, resulting in GM’s increasing [reliance on selling cars to people who can’t pay for them](#).” Investors Business Daily’s GM Ramps Up Risky Subprime Auto Loans To Drive Sales noted that “the automaker is relying increasingly on subprime loans, 10-Q financial reports shows. Potential borrowers of car loans are rated on FICO scores . . . Anything less than 660 is generally deemed subprime. GM Financial auto loans to customers with FICO scores below 660 rose from 87 percent of total loans in Q4 2010 to 93 percent in Q1 2012.”

Lastly, as the Obama administration seeks to increase CAFE standards on American cars, which hurts us more in the global market than it does our competitors, Bader said he expects [50-100,000 autoworker jobs to vanish](#) in the coming years. Bin Laden may be dead, but GM is about to go on life support.

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Those of you without computers, thus are NOT able to go to these internet location need to know that they basically say the same things in numerous ways. If you really want to see them, go to your local library and the helpful people there will assist you in being able to read them, if you ask.

Chuck Henderson found this informative article & sent it to me!!! Thanks, Chuck, I need & appreciate help from you all!

Remember that no matter what the “polls” tell us – EACH & EVERY VOTE IS WHAT COUNTS!!! Don’t be lulled into thinking we have it won and not vote. Your VOTE, my VOTE, each ballot is NEEDED – BE THERE for your candidate, be there for your Country!

Retirees, Taxpayers Ripped Off to Subsidize UAW

by HANS BADER on MAY 21, 2009 · 17 COMMENTS in BAILOUTCH,

Obama accused critics of his [decision](#) to give control of Chrysler to the United Auto Workers Union of being “speculators.” But it turns out that many of them are [pension funds](#) representing the interests of retirees, who are being fleeced to enrich the politically better-connected UAW.

“Indiana Treasurer Richard Mourdock revealed this week that his state’s police and teacher pension funds have lost millions of dollars in the Chrysler ‘restructuring.’ Indiana’s State Police Fund and Major Moves Construction Fund, which finances roads and bridges, together lost more than \$1 million. And the Teacher’s Retirement Fund ‘suffered, at a minimum, a loss of \$4.6 million due to the action of the Federal government,’ reports Mr. Mourdock. Far from being speculators, these funds represent retired public employees, including cops and teachers. The funds paid a premium to buy ‘secured’ status, only to discover that they were politically outranked by the United Auto Workers in the White House hierarchy. ‘In the past, to be secured meant an investor was first in line in the event of a bankruptcy and ‘non-secured’ creditors would receive value after secured-creditors were paid,’ Mr. Mourdock says. ‘In the Chrysler bankruptcy, however, secured creditors received \$.29 on the dollar even as non-secured creditors [the UAW] received higher values and ended up with a 55% ownership of the new company, which is fundamentally wrong and a dangerous precedent to the capital markets.’”

The government is now doing the same thing at General Motors, giving much of the [company’s stock \(plus \\$10 billion](#) in taxpayer dollars) to the UAW while refusing to make good on GM bonds, which were [purchased](#) by some people to put their kids through college (and by some non-union employees to help fund their own retirement).

When public-employee pension funds suffer, as they did at Chrysler, taxpayers do, too. Public employee pensions are already underfunded by perhaps a [trillion dollars](#), and taxpayers will likely end up being forced to pay for any additional shortfalls through increased taxes.

Jobs will disappear, too, as companies find it more difficult to raise money through bonds and loans. In response to Obama’s ripping off bondholders and lenders to enrich the UAW, hedge funds now say they may [not lend to unionized companies](#), and Indiana’s treasurer says that he will [not invest](#) in manufacturing companies or insurers that are participating in the TARP program. Chrysler still faces a [difficult future](#), burdened by excessive wages that even union members were [surprised](#) to see stay high.

Obama’s \$800 billion stimulus package, which [guts](#) welfare [reform](#) and contains provisions that [keep](#) states from cutting the wages of overpaid public employees, is also [harming the economy](#). The stimulus [ignited trade wars](#) with Mexico and Canada that destroyed over 40,000 jobs.

"Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper. Truth itself becomes suspicious by being put into that polluted vehicle."

~ Thos Jefferson, letter to John Norvell, 14 June 1807

Source: *The Writings of Thomas Jefferson, A. A. Lipscomb and E. A. Bergh, eds., 1905, pp. 415-419.*

Isn't it amazing how the truth of these quotes cycle?



President Obama's Taxpayer-Backed Green Energy Failures

[Ashe Schow](#), **October 18, 2012 at 8:25 am**

It is no secret that President Obama's and green-energy supporters' (from both parties) foray into venture capitalism has not gone well. But the extent of its failure has been largely ignored by the press. Sure, single instances garner attention as they happen, but they ignore past failures in order to make it seem like a rare case.

The truth is that the problem is widespread. The government's picking winners and losers in the energy market has cost taxpayers billions of dollars, and the rate of failure, cronyism, and corruption at the companies receiving the subsidies is substantial. The fact that some companies are not under financial duress does not make the policy a success. It simply means that our taxpayer dollars subsidized companies that would've found the financial support in the private market.

So far, 34 companies that were offered federal support from taxpayers are faltering — either having gone bankrupt or laying off workers or heading for bankruptcy. This list includes only those companies that received federal money from the Obama Administration's Department of Energy and other agencies. The amount of money indicated does not reflect how much was actually received or spent but how much was offered. The amount also does not include other state, local, and federal tax credits and subsidies, which push the amount of money these companies have received from taxpayers even higher.

The complete list of faltering or bankrupt green-energy companies:

[Evergreen Solar](#) (\$25 million)*

[SpectraWatt](#) (\$500,000)*

[Solyndra](#) (\$535 million)*
[Beacon Power](#) (\$43 million)*
[Nevada Geothermal](#) (\$98.5 million)
[SunPower](#) (\$1.2 billion)
[First Solar](#) (\$1.46 billion)
[Babcock and Brown](#) (\$178 million)
[EnerDel's subsidiary Ener1](#) (\$118.5 million)*
[Amonix](#) (\$5.9 million)
[Fisker Automotive](#) (\$529 million)
[Abound Solar](#) (\$400 million)*
[A123 Systems](#) (\$279 million)*
[Willard and Kelsey Solar Group](#) (\$700,981)*
[Johnson Controls](#) (\$299 million)
[Schneider Electric](#) (\$86 million)
[Brightsource](#) (\$1.6 billion)
[ECOtality](#) (\$126.2 million)
[Raser Technologies](#) (\$33 million)*
[Energy Conversion Devices](#) (\$13.3 million)*
[Mountain Plaza, Inc.](#) (\$2 million)*
[Olsen's Crop Service and Olsen's Mills Acquisition Company](#) (\$10 million)*
[Range Fuels](#) (\$80 million)*
[Thompson River Power](#) (\$6.5 million)*
[Stirling Energy Systems](#) (\$7 million)*
[Azure Dynamics](#) (\$5.4 million)*
[GreenVolts](#) (\$500,000)
[Vestas](#) (\$50 million)
[LG Chem's subsidiary Compact Power](#) (\$151 million)
[Nordic Windpower](#) (\$16 million)*
[Navistar](#) (\$39 million)
[Satcon](#) (\$3 million)*
[Konarka Technologies Inc.](#) (\$20 million)*
[Mascoma Corp.](#) (\$100 million)

*Denotes companies that have filed for bankruptcy.

The problem begins with the issue of government picking winners and losers in the first place. Venture capitalist firms exist for this very reason, and they choose what to invest in by looking at companies' business models and deciding if they are worthy. When the government plays venture capitalist, it tends to reward companies that are connected to the policymakers themselves or because it sounds nice to "invest" in green energy.

The 2009 stimulus set aside \$80 billion to subsidize politically preferred energy projects. Since that time, [1,900 investigations have been opened](#) to look into stimulus waste, fraud, and abuse (although not all are linked to the green-energy funds), and nearly 600 convictions have been made. Of that \$80 billion in clean energy loans, grants, and tax credits, at least 10 percent has gone to companies that have since either gone bankrupt or are circling the drain.

CORRECTION:

Figures for four companies have been updated: [Beacon Power received \\$43 million](#) from the U.S. government, not \$69 million as originally reported. [Azure Dynamics received \\$5.4 million](#) from the federal government, not \$120 million as originally reported. [Compact Power Inc. received \\$151 million](#) as part of the stimulus, not \$150 million as originally reported. [Willard and Kelsey Solar Group received \\$700,981](#) in government funding, not \$6 million as originally reported.

The following companies have been removed from the original list: AES's subsidiary Eastern Energy, LSP Energy and Uni-Solar did not receive government-backed loans, based on additional research. The National Renewable Energy Lab did receive \$200 million in stimulus funding, but it is a government laboratory.

The following is taken from Congresswomen Lynn Jenkins weekly Newsletter Congresswomen Request Safe Haven for Pakistani Women's Rights Advocate:

This week I joined fellow members of the Republican Women's Policy Committee in sending a letter to Secretary Clinton requesting that she provide Malala Yousafzai a safe haven in the United States.

Malala is the brave, young Pakistani girl who was shot in the head on her way home from school on October 9th, by a member of the Taliban for publicly speaking in favor of girls' education.

Using a pseudonym, Malala started a blog for the BBC about living conditions under the Taliban at only 11 years old, and has spoken publicly about Taliban brutality against women since 2009. Currently, she is struggling to recover in a British hospital, but the Taliban has vowed to kill her should she survive and return home.

Malala is an inspiration to girls and women who are living in regions where freedom is restricted. I admire her courage and hope that the United States will be able to provide her a safe home as she recovers from this cowardly and brutal attack. This young girl has a long way to go, and I wish her strength for a speedy recovery so that she may continue her passionate advocacy for women's rights. Oftentimes, as Americans, we take for granted the many freedoms that democracy affords us. Malala is a clear reminder of the battle many are fighting for basic human rights across the globe.

Welfare: We Need to Reform Largest Government Expense

This week the nonpartisan [Congressional Research Service \(CRS\) reported](#) welfare is now the single largest federal expense. The United States spends more than \$1 trillion on state and federal welfare programs. That is more than the government spends on Social Security, Medicare, or even national defense.

We have been fighting the war on poverty for decades, and still there are 46.2 million Americans living in poverty in the United States—6.4 million more Americans are in poverty today than before President Obama took office.

We need to better provide for our less fortunate. Spending so much to have so little an effect only makes the case that we need to reform the system like we did in 1996. The 1996 welfare reforms made efforts to take care of the most vulnerable members of our communities more effective and more affordable.

The [Welfare Reform Act of 2011](#) deals with the big picture. To better inform Americans about current programs, it requires the president to annually disclose total welfare expenditures as a separate budget category. Once unemployment falls below 6.5 percent, the legislation sets aggregate spending for this category at pre-recession levels, adjusted for inflation.

The American Communist party: Hugo Chavez <<communist **Fidel Castro<<communist**
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These people are all members of the Communist Party – They are all supporters of United States President
Barack H. Obama.
Now what does that tell you about our President? Do you REALLY want to give him a Second Term?

Tonight's presidential debate will focus on foreign policy, an issue where the media has consistently SAID that Obama is stronger on than Romney. Polls taken immediately after the last debate showed Obama at 39% on Foreign Policy, ahead of Romney with 37%. Tonight it will be up to Romney to try to change this perception, but we must do all we can to help!

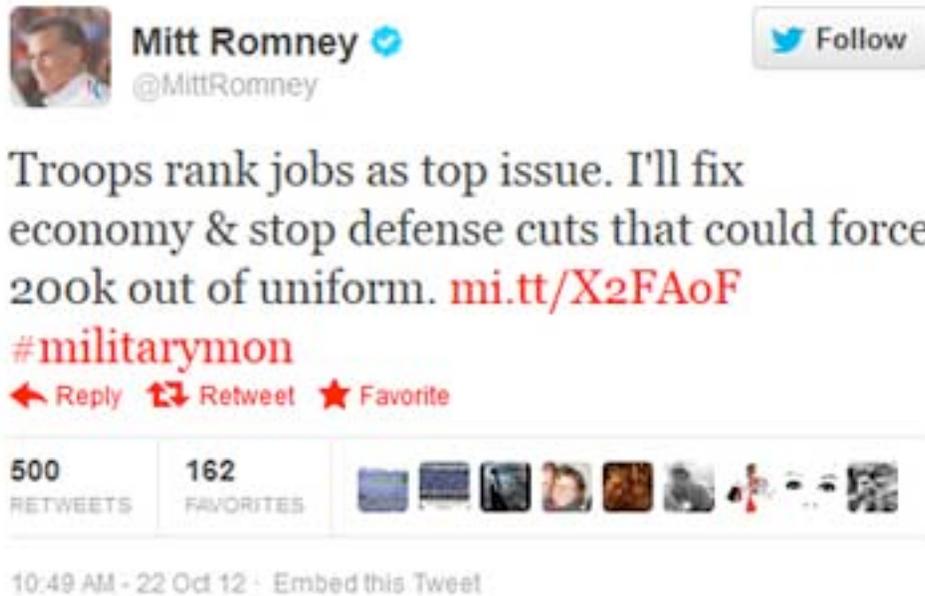
We're trying to reveal the truth - that President Obama has been the worst President on foreign policy since Jimmy Carter and he's put our country in more danger by showing weakness and deference to our enemies. When America is timid, our enemies become bolder and we've seen the results of that in Libya, Egypt, Iran, Afghanistan, Syria and other places around the globe.

Our nation cannot risk the continuation of Obama's dangerous policies! Since setting our goal of raising \$15,000 to get our message out, we have raised more than half. We need about another \$6,800 to reach our goal please help now!

We cannot risk four more years of Obama and his weak leadership. We must FIRE OBAMA!

The Romney camp looks like they're preparing to tackle Foreign Policy, National Security and Military issues tonight. The official Romney twitter account has been more active with military

related tweets recently. This tweet, from today, talked about how Romney would stop Sequestration as well as reverse cuts Obama has already taken away from our troops:



This might explain why Romney has so much more support from active-duty military personnel than Obama. A survey by Armytimes.com showed troops picked Romney over Obama by a 2-to-1 ratio, and that was even before Romney's landmark foreign policy speech at the Virginia Military Institute earlier this month.

ROMNEY GETS SUPPORT FROM OVER 300 RETIRED GENERALS & ADMIRALS

Presidential candidate Mitt Romney boosted his foreign policy credentials with the announcement of his Military Advisory Committee, which includes over 359 retired military generals & admirals who are supporting Romney for President.

The list includes two of the most important military commanders of the last decade, such as General Tommy Franks, who commanded our troops through the initial invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq as well as General James Conway, who helped oversee “the Surge” in Iraq and is one of the most popular Commandants the Marine Corps ever had.

This is extremely important news in our efforts to show why we must defeat Obama and elect a new President who would be a better leader for our troops and better equipped to meet the challenges to security and will not apologize for America’s greatness.

In his 4 years as President Obama has apologized for America, lowered our guard, and tried to ‘reset’ our relations in the Middle East by bowing to foreign leaders and refusing to identify terrorists and terrorist acts where they exist. The result has been that our enemies are bolder and more confident in attacking the United States, assured that President Obama will do little or nothing to stop them!

I’m proud to be supporting Mitt Romney in this critical election about our nation’s future. Governor Romney is committed to restoring America’s leadership role in the world. Instead of playing politics with our military, he will strengthen our defense posture by reversing the President’s devastating defense cuts. The fact of the matter is that we cannot afford another four years of feckless foreign policy. We need level-headed leadership which will protect our interests and defend our values with clarity and without apology.”

■ **General Tommy Franks, USA (RET.), Past Commander, U.S. Central Command**

“I consider the unprecesented national deby amongst the five greatest ghreats to the security of our great nation. And yet, I see no indication the current administration, if reelected, is intent on changing that trajjectory. Clearly Defense should bear a portion of the burden in order to regain control of our debt, but the idea of massive military cuts – at a time of increased global instability – should not even be in the cards. As I listen to Mitt Romney, I am convinced that he ‘gets it’.”

General James Conway, USMC (Ret.), Past Commandant of the Marine Corps

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