

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills TEA Party News

*Next meeting Saturday April 13 – 9:30am, Manhattan Public Library, Groesbeck room. The Working Group meets at McAlisters, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings, come & go at your convenience. Bring your concerns for discussion. **Your concerns are our concerns.** In this publication what is in green is my opinion, other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in font are for letting readers know it is a change of subject or person speaking. I would like to include your opinion/concerns. With the help of the **LORD** we will prevail!!*



### 2015 Legislative Update No. 10 from Ron Highland, Representative of the 51st Dist.

Several bills were passed by the House this week. Most of them were non-controversial bills amending laws to update and/or remove inconsistent language. Committees were busy finishing their assigned bills and working bills referred from the Senate. Things will get interesting from this point forward. Bills passed by both chambers have differences and will be referred to a conference committee. Normally the chair, vice-chair, and the minority leader of each committee are assigned to meet with their counterparts from the Senate to discuss and come to an agreement on the language of bills. Then both chambers must agree on the compromise before it is forwarded to the Governor. This is the stage where “gut and go”, bundling, and other maneuvers take place.

Appropriations passed the “mega budget” out of committee. We will debate the bill in the House next week. This is the beginning of the long debate on what we authorize to spend and when done (not anytime soon), we will look at the revenues to date and determine what, if any, tax law changes need to be made.

The Tax Committee heard testimony on several bills designed for possible ways to raise more revenue. As expected, there was vigorous opposition testimony to each. Topics included excise tax on renewable energy and ethanol production, and property tax on renewable energy sites. We also heard presentations on tax exemptions. There are currently about 90 entities that are receiving tax exempt status.

The Education Committee made the news twice this week. The first was when we worked HB 2139 – In state tuition for undocumented individuals. What was to be a discussion of law turned into an animated discussion on ethnicity. We were called racists, bigots, and sexists; those comments later clarified to include anyone who would support such a bill. In actuality, the bill was about Kansas Law vs. Federal Law. Federal law says undocumented individuals may not receive in-state tuition. Current Kansas law says otherwise. I contend that those colleges, universities, and social groups who strongly support giving in-state tuition could easily form a foundation to cover the approximately \$2.5 million dollars per year currently being funded by the Kansas taxpayers. The bill was tabled after lengthy debate.

HB 2292 was also worked. It too was an emotional issue and the debate lasted over two hours. Many Kansans are very concerned that a system of instruction was initiated by the State School Board and Governor Parkinson without legislative oversight. It began with a multi-state compact (contract) without Senate approval that included commitment to fund new text materials and yearly testing requirements. These were commitments that require funding by the Legislature which they did not have the opportunity to approve. I asked the Attorney General's office

for an opinion on the constitutionality of both the compact and the commitment to funding. The Attorney General's Office denied my request for an opinion.

Kansas law states that the districts will select the text books and materials they will use for instruction. However, the selection of texts and materials available for the districts to choose from are limited due to the compact agreements made. When we passed the block grant, the intent was to return maximum control of schools back to the local level. I would encourage all parents to visit their schools and ask to review the materials being used to teach their children and the tests provided by electronic means. You are responsible and have the power to change your schools if you believe change is needed. Local control means exactly that.

I have seen, heard, and read many conflicting reports about the proposed school funding, House Sub for SB 7. For this reason, I have placed the funding spreadsheet data for the school districts in our area on my web-site, [www.ronhighland.com](http://www.ronhighland.com), under the Issues tab. The spreadsheets were copied directly from the Kansas Department of Education's web site. Please review for the appropriations they received for 2013 – 2014, and will receive for 2015 – 2017. There is an increase in funding for each year and the ability to apply for more money should there be a large increase in enrollment or other unforeseen need arise. It is unfortunate that teachers, parents, and students have been needlessly alarmed into thinking otherwise. We are assuming the funding bill will be signed into law by the Governor.

I was thrilled to have the Wamego FFA Officer Team as pages along with their advisor, Mr. Andy Morton. The students who spent the day at the Capitol were Blyth Wagner, Marissa Colson, Rachele Wylie, Keith Zerbe, Peyton Freeman, and Morgan Riat. I enjoyed what little time I had to visit with them and we all had our picture taken with the Governor. Other visitors included Dr. Ralph Richardson, Dean of the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and Bill Persinger, Director of the Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas. This week I also enjoyed attending the Kansas Prayer Breakfast, and the Rossville Community Foundation dinner and fundraiser. It was my honor to Chair my first Committee of the Whole in the House one day this week.

You can read the bills in their entirety by going to the legislative web site, <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. If you need help navigating the site you can go to my web site, [www.ronhighland.com](http://www.ronhighland.com) where there is a syllabus that explains in detail how to get the information you need. My contact information is: 785-296-7310; Rm 561 W, State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas, 66612; and [ron.highland@house.ks.gov](mailto:ron.highland@house.ks.gov). It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

### ***MORE on the Writings by Saul Alinsky:***

**Some people think Alinsky dedicated his "Rules for Radicals" to Lucifer as a joke! Barack Obama & Hillary Clinton are openly Alinskyites! Hillary revered Alinsky as god writing her college thesis on him! And Obama speaks of him in his books! *His writings influenced those in political control of our nation today.....***

**Saul Alinsky Died: June 12, 1972, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA. Education: University of Chicago. Spouse: Irene Alinsky. Books: Rules for Radicals, Reveille for Radicals. Anyone out there think that this stuff isn't happening today in the U.S.A.?**

#### **How to create a social state by Saul Alinsky**

There are eight (8) levels of control that must be obtained before you are able to create a social state. The first is the most important.

- (1) **HEALTHCARE.** Control healthcare and you control the people. **OBAMACARE**
- (2) **POVERTY.** Increase the Poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live. **Many MILLIONS on Welfare!!**
- (3) **DEBT.** Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty. **National Debt – How many TRILLIONS of dollars is it now? 15 or more?**
- (4) **GUN CONTROL.** Remove the ability to defend themselves from the Government. That way you are able to create a police state. **It is a continual battle. This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment right – we still have it!!**
- (5) **WELFARE.** Take control of every aspect of their lives. **(Food, Housing, Income, Schools, Employment)**
- (6) **EDUCATION.** Take control of what people read and listen to. Take control of what children learn in school. **RING any bells? COMMON CORE!!**
- (7) **RELIGION.** Remove the belief in the GOD from the Government and schools. **Basically Successful in Government and schools, but not from our lives and hearts. Only death will destroy that.**

**(8) CLASS WARFARE.** Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to take (Tax) the wealthy with the support of the poor.

Does any of this sound like what is happening to the United States? Alinsky merely simplified Vladimir Lenin's original scheme for world conquest by communism, under Russian rule. Stalin described his converts as "Useful Idiots." The "Useful Idiots" have destroyed every nation in which they have seized power and control. It is presently happening at an alarming rate in the U.S.

If people can read this and still say everything is just fine in the USA, they are useful idiots.

**Useful to whom?** These are the things we must continue fight to keep our Country! Are **YOU** fighting? Is your head still above water? Are you getting and reading your Congressman's newsletters? Are they doing anything? In Kansas our Representatives seem to be working, but **where are our Senators? Yes, Pat Roberts, helped with the "No Government funds pay for abortion!"** and for that we thanked him. Senator Moran even managed to vote for it. Other than that all I've seen from Sen. Moran is "meet and greets". Where were either of them when the Democrat Senators were filibustering against???? I think it is time we let our Senators know than they will be at the end of THEIR time in Congress IF we don't start seeing some results from them or even that they are doing something positive somewhere!! It is not as easy to contact them as our Representatives because they don't WANT to be contacted!!! Hang in there! I'll get contact info to you.

### **How does one sum it up Rudy Giuliani's comment?**

*For me: "Obama's attitude toward America is like a wife beater, she deserves it."*

*Obama is a hugely ungrateful man!! This Country took Obama & his lying, cheating ways under her wing, gave him an education on a "foreign student" loan, then believed him when he claimed to be a natural born citizen. Enough of the Country took him in, believed in him, and adopted him as their own to elect him their President. Now Obama's destructive ways are catching up with him. Yes, Rudy Giuliani is right. Obama hates America & is working systematically to destroy our Country. What now? We must work even harder to bring America back to the amazing great Country she once was to the world, & to Americans. Learn who are the ones that are wise enough to restore & wipe out all the Obama destruction, then VOTE for them to bring back our America! Bring America back to the wise ways Obama has destroyed. We & the World need a restored America!*

**Found this on internet -- I want to shake the guy's hand who wrote this... I would like to see a response from President Obama – why bother, he would just spout more lies.**

Have you ever seen a Muslim hospital? Have you heard a Muslim orchestra? Have you seen a Muslim band march in a parade? Have you witnessed a Muslim charity? Have you shaken hands with a Muslim Girl Scout? Have you seen a Muslim Candy Striper?

The answer is no, you have not. Just ask yourself WHY ???

**Barack Obama, during his Cairo speech, said: "I know, too, that Islam has always been a part of America's history."**

#### **AN AMERICAN CITIZEN'S RESPONSE**

Dear Mr. Obama:

**Were those Muslims who were in America when the Pilgrims first landed? Funny, I thought they were Native American Indians.**

**Were those Muslims that celebrated the first Thanksgiving day? Sorry again, those were Pilgrims and Native American Indians.**

**Can you show me one Muslim signature on the: United States Constitution? Declaration of Independence? Bill of Rights?**

**Didn't think so.**

**Did Muslims fight for this country's freedom from England? No.**

**Did Muslims fight during the Civil War to free the slaves in America? No, they did not.**

**In fact, Muslims to this day are still the largest traffickers in human slavery. Your own half-brother, a devout Muslim, still**

advocates slavery himself, even though Muslims of Arabic descent refer to black Muslims as "pug nosed slaves." Says a lot of what the Muslim world really thinks of your family's "rich Islamic heritage," doesn't it Mr. Obama?

Where were Muslims during the Civil Rights era of this country?

Not present.

There are no pictures or media accounts of Muslims walking side by side with Martin Luther King, Jr. or helping to advance the cause of Civil Rights.

Where were Muslims during this country's Woman's Suffrage era?

Again, not present. In fact, devout Muslims demand that women are subservient to men in the Islamic culture. So much so, that often they are beaten for not wearing the 'hajib' or for talking to a man who is not a direct family member or their husband. Yep, the Muslims are all for women's rights, aren't they?

Where were Muslims during World War II?

They were aligned with Adolf Hitler. The Muslim grand mufti himself met with Adolf Hitler, reviewed the troops and accepted support from the Nazi's in killing Jews.

Finally, Mr. Obama, where were Muslims on Sept. 11th, 2001?

If they weren't flying planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon or a field in Pennsylvania killing nearly 3,000 people on our own soil, they were rejoicing in the Middle East. No one can dispute the pictures shown from all parts of the Muslim world celebrating on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC and other cable news network's that day.

Strangely, the very "moderate" Muslims who's asses you bent over backwards to kiss in Cairo, Egypt on June 4th were stone cold silent post 9-11. To many Americans, their silence has meant approval for the acts of that day.

And THAT, Mr. Obama, is the "rich heritage" Muslims have here in America ...

Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot to mention the Barbary Pirates. They were Muslims.

And now we can add November 5, 2009 - the slaughter of American soldiers at Fort Hood by a Muslim major who is a doctor and a psychiatrist who was supposed to be counseling soldiers returning from battle in Iraq and Afghanistan ..

Also, don't forget the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15, 2013 was done by 2 Muslim Brothers. That, Mr. Obama is the "Muslim heritage" in America.

**EVERY AMERICAN MUST READ THIS!!!**

**Be sure all your friends see this.**

**Muslim Heritage, my butt.**

**Go Israel!!!**

## **Chicken in a Blizzard**

Two years ago Chick-fil-A made national headlines when company president Dan Cathy spoke out in support of traditional marriage. Liberals and gays came unglued and launched massive protests against the restaurant chain. Several mayors spoke out saying they would not allow any more Chick-fil-As to be built in their cities.

They tried boycotting the Christian owned company, but that backfired. Instead, Chick-fil-A had a world record day with many locations selling out of food to the hundreds of thousands of supporters. Is it any surprise that the only news the liberal mainstream media has reported concerning Chick-fil-A has only been the negative?

Remember last week when the ice storm hit the south? The mainstream media showed footage of miles of cars stranded on the frozen interstates. Several national news broadcasts that I saw reported about school kids trapped on busses for almost 24 hours because of all of the ice and parents going frantic wondering where their kids were.

In all of the icy gloom and doom, I bet you didn't hear about the heroic and generous actions of a Chick-fil-A along Highway 280 in Birmingham, Alabama, did you?

Mark Meadows, owner of the Chick-fil-A closed early the day of the storm and sent all of his employees home. However, the employees and Meadows soon discovered that they were not going to be able to get home with all of the stranded motorists stuck on the roads. Some of the cars near the restaurant had been stranded for up to 7 hours.

Meadows and his employees fired up the kitchen and began preparing chicken sandwiches as fast as they could. They prepared several hundred sandwiches and then Meadows and his staff headed out and began distributing the hot meals to the stranded motorists on both sides of Highway 280.

Some of the drivers tried to pay them for the sandwiches, but Meadows and his employees refused to take a single penny. Audrey Pitt, manager of the Chick-fil-A, explained why: "This company is based on taking care of

people and loving people before you're worried about money or profit. We were just trying to follow the model that we've all worked under for so long and the model that we've come to love. There was really nothing else we could have done but try to help people any way we could."

However, Meadows and Pitt were not through with their Good Samaritan efforts. They helped push cars off the roads, up inclines and whatever else they could do to help. Then they kept the restaurant open overnight so that stranded motorists could have a warm place to be. A number of motorists slept in booths or on the benches.

Then in the morning, they again fired up the kitchen and prepared chicken biscuits for their overnight guests and once again they refused to accept any payment. During that 24 hour period, this Chick-fil-A restaurant opened their kitchen, their doors and their hearts to hundreds of stranded motorists and they did so refusing to accept any payment. As one source put it, Meadows and his staff lived up to the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 25:35 which states:

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in..."

Their actions were truly generous and heroic as they also braved the frigid temperatures to hand out hundreds of hot meals to complete strangers. And I bet you never heard anything about this from the mainstream media. Their liberal bias and intolerance would never allow them to report on a Christian company doing something so positive for so many.

We need to support this and other Christian companies that are trying to spread the Good News of the Gospel through their daily work. **Bet you won't get any help on that from Obama's Muslim friends either.**

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## The Washington Post.....

The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consulafft, at Bergen, Norway.

Reports from fishermen, seal hunters and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the gulf stream still very warm.

Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared. Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable.

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I must apologize, I neglected to mention that **this report was from November 2, 1922, as reported by the AP and published in The Washington Post - 93 years ago.** *In my book this not only explains a lot but shows the dateline of Liberal thinking. But then the Liberals always make a lot of fuss about nothing, in particular when it is intended to give a lesson to their opposition. This certainly proves the Liberals "correct" about "Global Warming". Should we check out some other Liberals beliefs? Got particular ones you want checked? Give me some thoughts we can check on.*

I put this article in to demonstrate how long the foolish crap has been put out on Global Warming. Early on a Sunday AM I stumbled on the following article.

## California Dem Warns of Global Warming-Induced Prostitution

**Posted: April 28, 2015 by Philip Hodges**

Things are going to get so bad with manmade global warming that women will be forced to sell themselves just to get food and water for their families. And of course, it's all the anti-science conservatives' fault, even though there's no science to back up the claim that the oil and gas industry and the Koch brothers are behind the effort to heat up the planet. They must not be trying hard enough, because the science shows that the planet hasn't warmed in the past two decades. "Pro-science" liberals claim that the solution to the [non-]warming planet is to give more money and power to the failing green industry.

*Writing for Breitbart, Warner Todd Huston reported:*

*On Wednesday, California Democrat Barbara Lee proposed a resolution in the House of Representatives that*

claims women will eventually be forced into prostitution in order to obtain life-sustaining food and water for their families.

Lee introduced [House Concurrent Resolution 29](#), warning that women will be forced into “transactional sex” to get enough food and clean water — all because global warming will create “conflict and instability” in the world.

**“Women will disproportionately face harmful impacts from climate change,”** Lee’s resolution reads. It continues claiming, **“Food insecure women with limited socioeconomic resources may be vulnerable to situations such as sex work, transactional sex, and early marriage that put them at risk for HIV, STIs, unplanned pregnancy, and poor reproductive health.”**

Lee’s document goes on to urge Congress to agree on the “disparate impacts of climate change on women,” and goes on to demand that Congress use “gender-sensitive frameworks in developing policies to address climate change.”

Lee also charges that women, who are “often underrepresented in the development and formulation of policy regarding adaptation to climate change,” are doubtless in the best position to offer policy ideas.

John Kerry just warned of “[climate refugees](#)” emerging because of global warming. And now here’s a congress(wo)man warning that women will have to resort to prostitution to keep their families from starving.

And “poor reproductive health” just means that in this climatic apocalypse scenario, women will have limited or no access to abortion. To liberals, that’s pretty much the worst thing they can imagine.

**Just to prove I’m NOT the only one with this opinion I’m posting this comment from another person:**

**As if we need more proof liberalism is a mental disorder? Hmmm, how do we take a nonexistant "war on women" and leverage it to accomplish a climate agenda for an event which is not happening? VOILA, invent something. Fantasy, the domain of Hollywood, Academia and Media .**

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## **Disgusting -- A Ford Dealer's Report** (Pass it on!)

The problems we face today are there because the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living. This is exactly why Mitt Romney said that 40 something % of the people are too dependent on the government. They have learned to work the system.

A Ford Dealer’s Report From Tom Selkis' (Latham Ford) Facebook - True story at the dealership. "I'll try to make this as short and to the point as I can. One of my salesmen here had a woman in his office yesterday wanting to lease a brand new Focus. As he was reviewing her credit application with her he noticed she was on social security disability.

He said to her you don't look like you're disabled and unable to work. She said, “Well I'm really not. I could work if I wanted to, but I make more now than I did when I was working and got hurt (non-disabling injury).

She said the gov't sends her \$1500.00 a month in 1 check. And she gets \$500.00 a month on an EBT card (food stamps), and \$800.00a month for rent.

Oh yeah, and 250 minutes free on her phone. That is just south of \$2800.00 a month. When she was working, she was taking home about \$330.00 per week. Do the math and then ask yourself why should she go back to work.

If you multiply that by millions of people, you start to realize the scope of the problem we face as a country.

Once the socialists have 51% of the population in that same scenario, we are finished.

The question is when do we cross that threshold if we haven't already, and there are not enough people working to pay enough taxes to support the non-working people?

Riots?? Be prepared to protect your homes.

She didn't lease the Focus here because the dealer down the road beat our deal by \$10.00/month. Glad to know she is so frugal with her hard earned money."

How passing info onto others in America is having an effect... You pass it to 10 people, they pass to 10 people and so on. Yes, through the power of the Internet America is becoming aware. So, we realize this doesn't seem like we're doing much when we pass these on to our 10, but we CAN help by getting the word out. Media refuses to cover such issues. **Some new rules & regulations need to be applied to these monies. There are those who truly have no why to live without some assistance & we must help them, however, the ones that are mentally and physically capable of working MUST be weeded out. There is NO reason those of us willing to work should support people just too lazy. Organize a group to write a law to be presented to your State Legislators. Speak to your elected officials – let them know you want to work to solve this problem. Put a stop to this robbery!!!**

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**IF YOU HAD A HUNCH THE NEWS SYSTEM WAS SOMEWHAT RIGGED AND YOU**

## COULDN'T PUT YOUR FINGER ON IT, THIS MIGHT HELP YOU SOLVE THE PUZZLE.

ABC News executive producer Ian Cameron is married to Susan Rice, National Security Adviser.

CBS President David Rhodes is the brother of Ben Rhodes, Obama's Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications.

ABC News correspondent Claire Shipman is married to former Whitehouse Press Secretary Jay Carney

ABC News and Univision reporter Matthew Jaffe is married to Katie Hogan, Obama's Deputy Press Secretary

ABC President Ben Sherwood is the brother of Obama's Special Adviser Elizabeth Sherwood

CNN President Virginia Moseley is married to former Hillary Clinton's Deputy Secretary Tom Nides.

And now you know why it is no surprise the media usually goes very easy on Obama's many errors.

Ya think there might be a little bias in the news?

Ya Think?

I think the majority are as crooked as a dog's hind leg!!! This is NOT really NEW NEWS, just evidence. Step up, people, we must get this type of CRAP out our Country. Can we ever return to TRUTH & HONESTY in the workings, rep

*"If we ever forget that we are "ONE NATION UNDER GOD", then we will be "A NATION GONE UNDER." --- RONALD REAGAN*

The Constitution still states "ONE NATION UNDER GOD", however, President Obama thinks he is the god referred to. Please, GOD, keep our Constitution in force. We are so close to being "a Nation gone under". Bless us with a NEW President that will honor and guide by our nations Constitution.

## REPORT TRUTH. TAKE ACTION

from: Grassfire –

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) isn't the only possible GOP presidential nominee who made news this week. Former pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson announced via email that he has filed the necessary paperwork to formally consider running for president in 2016. Here's an excerpt from that announcement: *I've decided to explore a potential run for the office of President because I believe my values, life experience, and willingness to speak the truth and seek solutions, prepares me well to lead our nation toward more prosperity, security, and freedom for every American.*

## 2015 Legislative Update No. 11 from Ron Highland, Rep of the 51st District

Both the House and the Senate passed SB 7 – the block grant bill funding for K-12. The Governor signed the bill on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. It will become effective when published in the Kansas Register that normally comes out on Thursdays, that being next Thursday, April 2, 2015. However, the three judge panel has announced they may step in and stop the action from becoming law. If they do, the old formula and all the budgetary actions taken prior to the passage of SB 7 will stay in effect, to include the cuts made by the Governor for the 2014-2015 school year. We then would have to go back to the drawing board for the two year budget we developed and are negotiating with the Senate now.

This week was shortened so the Legislative staff would have time to make preparations for the next big week. Committee meetings essentially stopped and all are focused on finishing up bills with full debate on the House and Senate floor. In the House, we spent three days on the floor working thirty plus bills. That meant sitting for hours listening to debate and eating lunch while listening. Prior to going into the chamber for the debates, each party group (caucus) meets to discuss the bills to be heard. During these meetings (called calendar) the Representative who will be carrying each bill will give an overview of its contents, the committee's recommendations, and other pertinent information. Anyone is allowed to ask questions until all are comfortable and ready to go to the floor for debate and vote.

Several of the bills were clean up bills, but substantive bills were debated and passed. At this point we see bundling and contents removed and replaced. The more important bills passed were: SB 108 – Increasing real estate broker's and salesperson's license fees, and it was bundled with SB 106; SB 154 – Amending unemployment insurance benefits determination, employer classification and contribution rates, and it was

bundled with HB 2357; HB 2391 – State employees, classified positions converted to unclassified positions; SB 95 – Creating the Kansas unborn child protection from dismemberment abortion act; three firearms bills, HB 2074, HB 2087 (both dealing with regulation of possession) and SB 45 – Authorizing the carrying of concealed handguns without a license under the personal and family protection act. HB 2095 – Allows \$1.5 billion of pension obligation bonds to finance a portion of the unfunded actuarial liability of KPERS; SB 240 – Changes State banking code and includes the addition of special orders by the State Banking Commissioner. The last bill was nicknamed the Uber bill, House substitute for SB 117 (contents deleted and replaced with HB 2286) – Regulation of transportation network company services.

A few of the bills were controversial and the debates lasted a couple of hours for each. Those included the abortion bill, concealed carry, and the Uber bill. The debates were passionate but emotions were held in check. Anger during debate is a losing proposition, no matter how right your argument may be. It made for long hours but the system is designed to take time to allow all points of view to be heard, making for a better end product. The Senate is going through the same process and as one would expect, they have different language in some of their bills dealing with the same subject. Either chamber may reject or agree with the other's language. If they agree then the bill is forwarded to the Governor. If they disagree, a conference committee is assigned to work out a compromise. All of next week will be dedicated to this process. The final day for bill action will be April 3. This is called "drop dead" day. We will adjourn until April 29 for the veto session. During the veto session, bills vetoed by the Governor, Omnibus Appropriations Act, and Omnibus Reconciliations Spending Limit Bill are the items for action. During the adjournment time, the Appropriations and Tax Committees are busy working to reconcile the budget and funding the budgets to finish this year and the next two years.

You can read the bills in their entirety by going to the legislative web site, <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. If you need help navigating the site you can go to my web site, [www.ronhighland.com](http://www.ronhighland.com) where there is a syllabus that explains in detail how to get the information you need. My contact information is: 785-296-7310; Rm 561 W, State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas, 66612; and [ron.highland@house.ks.gov](mailto:ron.highland@house.ks.gov). It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

*Isn't life strange? I never met one Veteran who enlisted to fight for Socialism!!*

*If Muslims can pray on Madison Avenue and the subway areas in Toronto, why are Christians banned from praying in public and from erecting religious displays on their holy days?*

*What happened to our National Day of Prayer? Muslims are allowed to block off Madison Ave. in N.Y.C. and pray in the middle of the street! And, it's a monthly ritual!*

*Tell me again, whose country is this? Ours or the Muslims?*

*I was asked to send this on if I agree, or delete if I don't. It is said that 86% of Americans and Canadians believe in GOD.*

*Therefore, I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a problem in the U.S. having "In GOD We Trust" on their money, and having God in their Pledge of Allegiance, or the Lord's prayer said in our schools or public meetings.*

*It is time we stand up for what we believe!!*

***Stand up for what YOU believe in!! Stand up for WHO YOU believe in!!  
Support & VOTE For WHO & WHAT you believe in!!***

To the Editor –

Some facts in life are both self-evident and eternal:

- "We cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
- "We cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

- "We cannot help little men by tearing down big men.
- "We cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
- "We cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
- "We cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
- "We cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
- "We cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than we earn.
- "We cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.
- "We cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

~ [paraphrased from] William John Henry Boetcker (1873-1962)

Here in Manhattan, the simple truth is that the student & military demographics from which we derive our identity and so much civic pride heavily skew the financial facts-of-life.

Those groups combine with others to place **over half** our population at, below, or very near the poverty line, and a commanding majority of **them** are transient residents who, though ever-so-welcome, nonetheless will not be here for the Long Haul. Aside from subsistence-level contributions to local sales taxes, their share of the overall local tax-burden will always be among the lowest, despite the fact they outnumber the rest of us. **To be blunt – they do NOT pay the taxes that pay off the city debts.**

Yet, contrary to the time-tested wisdom above, some who wish to lead us would slap down the City Gold Card, have the band play on, and let the party continue until the ship strikes the reefs that lurk beneath the surface.

We must acknowledge that the rosy municipal credit-ratings that would allow us to put our grandchildren *even further* into bonded debt are issued by institutions that make no allowance or account for *who our neighbors are*, nor who it is that will be compelled to pay the taxes that must surely follow **any further increase in our bonded debts** -- **Existing long-term bonds already cost Manhattan taxpayers more than \$3 million each year, just to pay the interest.**

It is fundamentally impossible to sustain any government as a 24-hour candy store in defiance of fiscal gravity.

State & federal political storms and national economic woes are no respecters of Good Intentions, pretty parks or fine convention centers. Willful disregard of these realities is no vaccine against the painful consequences of excessive bonded debt.

Wisdom must dictate that we very carefully guide our decisions to avoid the fates of other Cities across the U.S. like Harrisburg PA, San Bernardino, Stockton & Vallejo CA, Central Falls, RI, or Jefferson County, AI & Boise County, ID. Dozens of additional municipal entities like hospital, water, sanitary and improvement districts are also in deep financial peril, all over the country, even in such bastions of Red State sensibility as Omaha, NE.

In the spring 2015 City & School Board elections now underway, it is vitally important that we elect those who closely hold to basic, no-nonsense principles of financial austerity, responsibility and common sense, lest the Little Apple become Little Detroit.

~ Chuck Henderson

The figures on the following grid will probably change many times before the Republican Presidential Candidate for the 2016 election will be selected. We will need to be continually alert to keep up. While "interesting" it will also be slightly entertaining, and educational -- keep track. "Conservative" is not necessarily the most important value for a candidate to possess. Check out all qualifications YOU WANT a person to have. EARNING YOUR VOTE is very important. Learn to "give & take" as time goes by. Don't give TOO much. I know I'll have to keep track on a chart to keep the individuals straight. Some of it will be fun and some will be entertaining, but some will also be confusing and maddening. Follow it thru to the end to be sure you are voting for the one you REALLY want to win. We MUST win this one or our Country will be gone.

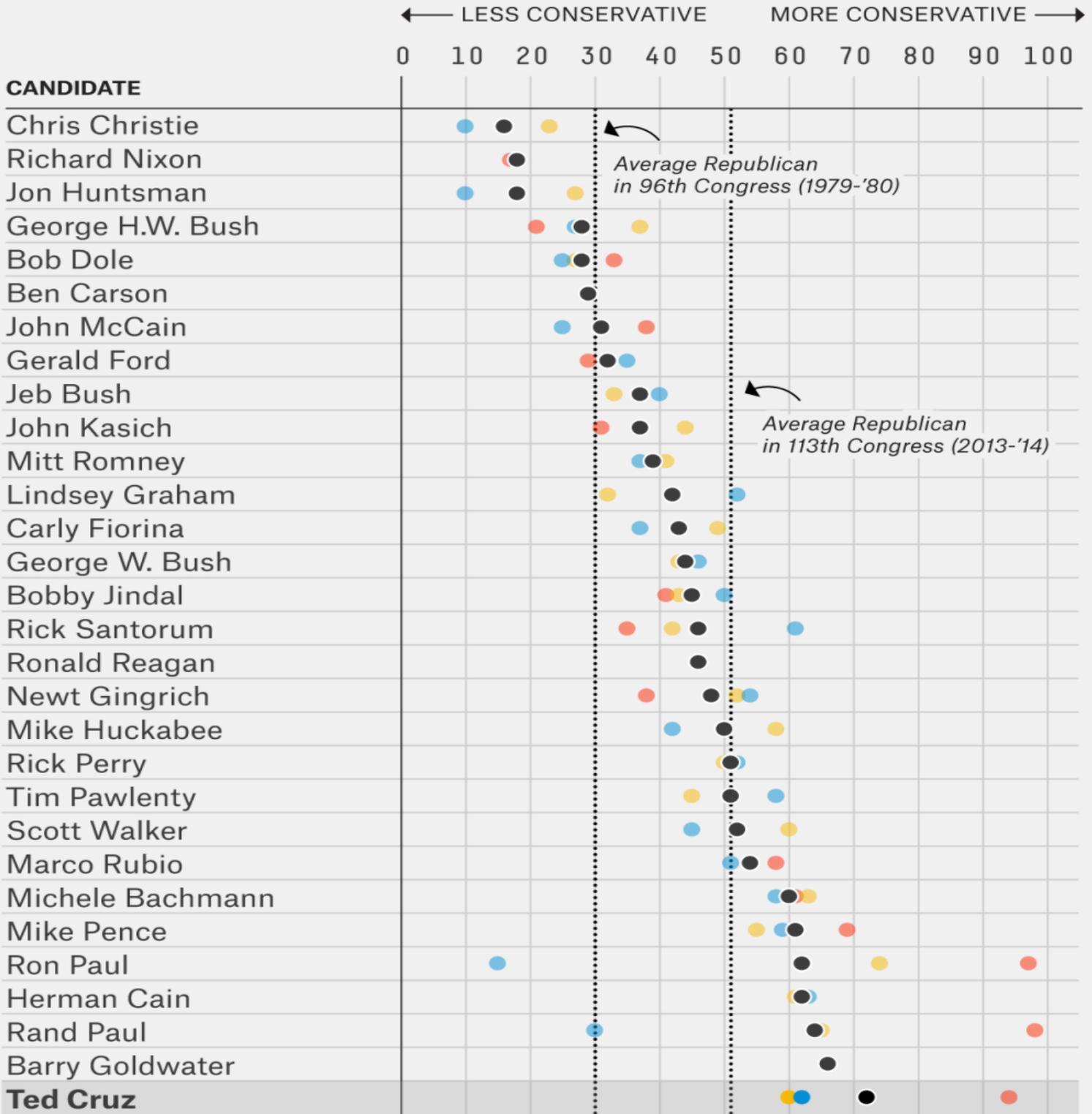
### **Most Conservative vs Less Conservative Big Name Republicans DW ULSTERMAN**

A fascinating graph put together by Nate Silver at *fivethirtyeight.com* places some of the most well known Republican names against one another on a conservative ranking scale based upon public issue statements, voting record, and fundraising. While not a perfect science, it does provide some very interesting information and I believe, gives a strong hint to how someone like Ronald Reagan managed to put together two landslide national election victories of historic proportions – victories present day Republicans with aspirations to win the White House would do well to more fully understand and emulate.

# How Conservative Are GOP Presidential Candidates?

Based on analysis of fundraising, congressional voting records and public statements on the issues, March 23, 2015

- PUBLIC ISSUE STATEMENTS
- CONGRESSIONAL VOTING RECORD
- FUNDRAISING
- AVERAGE COMBINED SCORE



*I received this from Frank Clark to be put here*

Sydney:

I read your March 2015 letter and found some of it interesting, because I had just seen the Kansas employment statistics produced by both the state of Kansas and the federal government. May I humbly suggest that you consult at least the following sites, because they relate quite different statistics than you sent to us.

<http://salinapost.com/2015/03/07/kansas-says-2014-job-growth-better-than-previously-reported/>

Notice the second chart on this site. [Kansas Labor Information Center \(KLIC\) - Monthly Labor Report LIVE](#)

### Kansas Labor Information Center (KLIC) - Monthly Lab...

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View on [klic.dol.ks.gov](http://klic.dol.ks.gov)

Preview by  
Yahoo

Might I also suggest looking at the several PDF links on the right of the above site.

Even this Topeka news source stated that the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics showed Kansas to be in a much better light than those you quoted. I am wondering whether your are for Kansas or for making your party look good.

On another issue, I saw that you voted against the bill that would have stopped the dismemberment of a child in the mothers womb in order to kill it. I am sorry, but as a couple who lost a child due to the unwanted actions of a stranger, this hurts us deeply. These babies in the womb are just as much human as you an I are. At the very least, don't vote at all if you can't vote to protect unborn children.

Sincerely,

Frank Clark  
Manhattan.

*. Read, check out locations, understand, and forward!! Everyone Sydney represents needs to understand what Sydney reports, truly represents and why – Personally, I'm quite sure Frank hit the nail on the head – don't let her fool you. Rep. Sydney Carlin has been in office much too long. I once heard Rep. Carlin described as a "nice person", but a "lousy politician and Representative." Whenever I've met her she wasn't even a "nice person." Isn't it time we replaced her? Be thinking of who is the right person and contact them. Kansas House District #66 deserves to be fairly represented by someone who will listen to the constituents opinions and desires, respect them and act accordingly – Sydney Carlin has GOT TO GO!!!*