

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills Party News

This is our PRIDE & JOY!!! Tom and I are on the Board of Directors of this Fantastic organization. We and several others give of our time, ideas and financial support. We are so thrilled to be a part of this group. We all happily donate our time and whatever else we have of value completely free of any honor or reimbursement. This is a donation from the heart. How can we better invest than to give to our States Youth? In visiting with past participants and their families we have learned how very valuable this experience is to them – not just by being a participant of the Bee itself, not just receiving the monies for further education, but because of the details of preparing for the participation itself. We have been personally Thanked by the contestants, non-winners as well as winners, and their families for allowing them to take part and what this event has meant to them. It is a challenge each year to fund the Bee, awards and all it envolves, but GOD has been with us in enabling us to succeed year after year. If GOD was not with us we would never be able to successfully provide Kansas 9-12 youth this opportunity. Every year winners from past years ask us to allow them come back to talk to the new comers and their families. One of our greatest challenges is to “get the word out”. At this time, to the best of our knowledge, this “Bee” for Kansas 9-12 school children is the only one in the USA Can YOU help us spread the word? We would gladly work with anyone wanting to start a “Bee” in other states – talk to us. Please, check out our site, check out the award amounts – amazing, more than most – come listen to Krisanne Hall – she is great!! See Krisanne’s sites below. Sandwiches will be available. We are a 502C(3) organization – We will have someone to give you a tax receipt so YOU can participate!! We look forward to seeing you at the Fire Station (see below) and at the Bee as well as on the Web site. You’ll enjoy it!! Feel free to pas the word!!

Subject: FHTP-Education Fund 5th Constitution Bee w/KRISANNE HALL...

GREETINGS FELLOW PATRIOTS --

SPECIAL EVENT JUST AHEAD IN MANHATTAN KS!!

*The FHTP-Educational Fund, Inc., a certified 501c(3) charitable fund, will be hosting our **5th** Annual Y.E.S. For Liberty Constitution Scholarship Bee just two (2) weeks from now, over the weekend of Sat-Sun March 5th & 6th, at the beautiful KSU Alumni Center, N side of Anderson Ave between 17th & Denison!!*

Admission to all sessions is FREE, with just a "Tip-Jar" on the table next to the sandwiches & refreshments on Saturday at the Manhattan Fire Dept HQ/Station #1, NE corner of Kimball & Denison, just E of Bill Snyder Stadium.

Our contestants have more than DOUBLED the number of Finalists from last year, and we now have confirmation that KRISANNE HALL and her husband Pastor J.C. Hall will bless us here in Manhattan on Saturday for a compressed 5-hour presentation of "Genealogy of the Constitution and State Sovereignty".

Download & print the pdf's of the KrisAnne Hall flyer & Constitution Bee invitation, and share/fwd this info with all the American Patriots on your contact lists!!

The pdf's & related info are also available on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Flint.HillsT.E.A.party/posts/10153411450268359>

See also: <http://krisannehall.com/event/manhattan-ks-constitution-bee/>

And our very own newly re-built website: <http://www.yesforliberty.org>

We look forward to seeing you at the Fire House, Saturday evening, March 5th and the Alumni Center March 6th.

Once a Congressional Outsider, Huelskamp Now Plans to Work on the Inside

[Philip Wegmann / @PhilipWegmann](#) / January 03, 2016 /

WESTERN KANSAS—Tim Huelskamp has the look of a hunted man. Since 2012, the Kansas representative has been crisscrossing back roads, ducking into hundreds of town halls and talking to anyone who will listen.

And he has had reason to run. He's bucked the party line so many times he's been branded an enemy of the Republican establishment.

It started when John Boehner went on the warpath, Huelskamp recalls, when the House speaker "decided to take some scalps." For voting against the Republican budget in 2012, he [was booted from his spot](#) on the Agriculture and Budget committees—"knifed in the back by Boehner."

To survive, Huelskamp hit the road. Again and again, he tried to explain why a Kansas congressman without a spot on the Agriculture Committee should stay in Washington.

And it worked.

Three years later, [Boehner is in retirement](#) while Huelskamp remains in Congress. And now, the Kansas highwayman's knife fight with leadership may be over: under House Speaker Paul Ryan, Huelskamp has been elected to the influential Steering Committee.

'Agriculture runs through everything'

In rural Kansas, farming dominates the political landscape. For a congressional district with more cattle than constituents, a spot on the Agriculture Committee is paramount.

Dr. Chapman Rackaway, chairman of the politics department at Fort Hays State University, says that for over a century, the electorate in "the Big First" congressional district has sent representatives to Washington specifically to serve in this capacity.

"It was absolutely huge" when Huelskamp lost the committee spot, Chapman explains, "because agriculture runs through everything. The 1st District lost any opportunity to have substantive input [in Congress]—and especially on the farm bill."

Huelskamp held town-hall meetings in all 63 counties in Kansas' large 1st District in 2015. (Photo: Josh Powell/Rep. Tim Huelskamp)

To keep his seat from getting rustled altogether, Huelskamp employed a retail politics approach at home. He pledged to hold town halls in every county in his district. And he delivered: so far, he's hosted 332 to talk with thousands of Kansans—often just a handful at a time.

More than a photo-op, this grueling trek requires the endurance of a cattle driver and the temperament of an itinerant preacher. Because in Kansas, the geography is vast: just driving [east to west](#), from one side of the district to the other, takes longer than traveling from [Washington, D.C., to New York City](#).

On the road again

The Daily Signal caught up with Huelskamp as he drove miles of back roads to visit the final four town halls in his 2015 tour of the 63 counties in the 1st District.

In little towns with unusual names like Cimarron and Jetmore, citizens pepper Huelskamp with questions about everything from the recently passed omnibus spending bill to the finer points of farm policy.

And while the attendees loathe Washington, they love their congressman.

Huelskamp's district is known as "The Big First," encompassing 63 counties in western and northern Kansas.

Of course, they're a self-selecting group. Only Huelskamp supporters would bother to show up on the Monday before Christmas during the middle of the workday. But they genuinely appreciate his take-no-prisoners approach.

One woman even brings her Bible to the basement of the Garden City hospital to say a blessing.

From [Proverbs 16](#), she warns that "pride leads to destruction, a proud attitude brings ruin," before

thanking Huelskamp for choosing “to be humble and with those that suffer, rather than sharing stolen property with the proud.”

In a bright red Republican district, this episode isn’t out of the ordinary.

“The message from home has always been the same,” Huelskamp explains, summing up the opinion of his constituency as: “We don’t care if others don’t like you or if they kick you off your committee. Stand your ground.”

Growing up in Kansas

This independent streak is more than political posturing. Huelskamp’s always been headstrong.

At 7 years old, he marched into Fowler State Bank and applied for a loan to finance a 4-H steer (the bank came through but only when his father agreed to co-sign). A creditworthy kid, by 19 Huelskamp was paying off another loan—this one for a small patch of farmland to feed his growing cattle herd.

His parents instilled in him the virtue of “work, work, work.” And it was only by driving his cattle to market that he was able to pay for college, he says.

A devout Catholic, he served as an altar boy and even considered joining the clergy, attending Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Santa Fe, N.M., for two years. But eventually, politics trumped the priesthood.

After graduating with a bachelor’s in education, he attended American University in Washington, where he earned a doctorate in political science. And then he went home. Huelskamp went back to Kansas to work as a farm hand on his father’s farm—a hired hand who just happened to write a dissertation on the finer points of U.S. agriculture policy in the farm bill.

The youngest man to win election in 20 years, he would serve as a state senator in Kansas for eight years while working the farm on the side. Then, in 2010, he rode the tea party wave into Congress.

Opposition at home

A barnburner of a career path from Fowler to Washington, Huelskamp’s rise seems planned. But he insists he’s only serving because he’s needed. He says he doesn’t like the D.C. work environment, and so he’s going to represent his district, not the concerns of party leadership.

“I’ve got four kids, a family, and a farm. Frankly, this is not a fun job,” he says. “Some people appreciate what comes with the position. Frankly, I don’t and I’m not going to give up two years at a time of my life just to go to Washington and be told what to do.”

But not all Kansans are pleased with their [wayward son](#). After all, Huelskamp is facing a Republican primary challenger. Opponents regularly attack him for dusting it up with leadership. They want him to focus on district issues, not ideological battles.

“I’ve got four kids, a family, and a farm. Frankly, this is not a fun job,” says Huelskamp.

Next primary election, he’ll have to fend off [Roger Marshall](#), a practicing physician, and [Alan LaPolice](#), a retired actor.

Already Marshall has picked up the endorsement of the Kansas Livestock Association. That could prove significant. In 2014, Huelskamp [defeated his primary opponent](#) by 10 percentage points—about 7,000 votes. The ranks of the KLA swell past 5,000.

Marshall has made Huelskamp’s absence from the Agriculture Committee a top issue in his campaign. Declaring his candidacy last May, the Republican physician told supporters, “We need some kind of a voice in Congress and specifically on the Ag Committee.”

But the Kansas congressman tells The Daily Signal that criticism is [dust in the wind](#). He’s promising the Jayhawk state that things will be different when he takes his new position.

With his spot on the Steering Committee, Huelskamp’s not just an insider. He’s a de-facto member of leadership.

From outsider to insider

Hugely influential, the Steering Committee represents the first cut of committee assignments. Almost like the human resources department of the federal legislature, the body decides which representatives get what committee positions.

Conservatives have long complained that the committee has devolved into a political clearinghouse where leadership exchanges plum committee positions for promises of party loyalty.

"There's an establishment clique in congress," Huelskamp says, a group "that by design or by chance has kept conservatives off of most key committees." He wants to mess with that clique.

Huelskamp's ready to reform the committee into an apolitical meritocracy that's "more transparent and more accountable." He promises to tailor assignments for members based on their expertise and experience, not their politics.

Huelskamp's supporters have appreciated his outspokenness in Washington. (Photo: Josh Powell/Rep. Tim Huelskamp)

In his district, Huelskamp makes certain to highlight the appointment. He calls it "quite a turnaround," and a sign of "the new way things are done under Speaker Ryan."

Influential but secretive, the new job will occur behind the scenes in Washington. And the Kansans cramming into community centers, libraries, and post-offices don't care about that insider ball.

Instead, they ask when he'll be back representing them on the Agriculture Committee. His answer? Hopefully soon.

"I know a lot of conservatives with a lot of great talent areas," Huelskamp says. "I think I happen to be one of them, as a fifth-generation farmer with a Ph.D. in ag policy. Everybody understands I should be on that committee."

He's "confident" of his return to his old post but he insists he won't cut in line. "Everybody understands I should be on that committee," he says, but "I won't kick anyone off."

When there's an opening, that's when he'll push to return. Meanwhile, Speaker Ryan has already made his move.

Ryan's reforms

Since taking up the gavel in October, Ryan has made significant strides toward changing the way the House of Representatives does business. The elevation of Huelskamp to the Steering Committee is perhaps the most visible manifestation of that effort.

A reform hawk, Ryan completely overhauled the entire committee by removing established members to create six new at-large seats, effectively clearing the way for Huelskamp's election.

"I know that Tim shares my desire to get this place working like our Founders intended," Ryan told The Daily Signal in a statement. "We've had good talks about it, and I'm optimistic going into next year."

A Ryan staffer, AshLee Strong, put Huelskamp's election in even clearer context, tweeting that it shows how "Speaker Ryan [is] staying true to his word about reforming the House."

The Steering Committee shakeup is also politically savvy. It provides an avenue for leadership to corral disenfranchised members back into the fold. As a result, Ryan has already won praise from conservatives.

Huelskamp interprets Ryan's effort as an attempt to court conservatives and says that the speaker "doesn't want to get out of step with the conservative base of the party."

In December, Ryan laid out a detailed [2016 agenda for the House](#). Huelskamp believes conservatives like him are key to fulfilling that plan. "The new speaker understands that he's got to be on the side of the grassroots conservatives if [he's] going to get anything he wants done."

Staying optimistic

In the new year, Huelskamp plans to continue to tour his district and host town halls back home. But for now, under Ryan, leadership views him as a new partner not an old enemy.

While Huelskamp admits that some promotions, like his elevation to the Steering Committee, "are meant to silence opposition," he says he'll continue to promote conservatives and their policies in Congress.

"All things being equal, it wouldn't hurt to have a couple conservatives on Appropriations, a couple more on Energy and Commerce. That's my opportunity: to speak and to point that out."

But he is done running for now. And for the first time under Ryan, the knife fight that Boehner began with Huelskamp may be over.

I am thrilled beyond words that Representative Huelskamp is finally getting the treatment/respect he has earned. He has shown us, since he was first elected, that he WILL DO what he promises, he has kept his word and expanded on it. I don't know IF he can be on the Steering Committee and the Agriculture Committee at the same time – another Conservative on the Agriculture Committee would be OK. Maybe he will now have

the ability to accomplish it.



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The real threat to your freedom is not from men hiding in caves in the middle east wearing turbans. It's from men wearing suits and ties in Washington D.C.

BIG BROTHER JUST GOT BIGGER: DOCTORS CAN REPORT YOU TO THE FBI

1/6/16 by Joe Scudder filed under Big Brother email featured, gun control, 2nd amendment

It would be one thing if this new removal of a basic privacy right had been debated and hammered out between different parties. Instead, it was imposed by a gun-prohibitionist President based on calculating what he could get away with.

Basically, now if you have a mental health crisis you have to worry about a doctor reporting you to the Feds. According to "The Hill", ("The Hill" is a publication out of) Washington, D.C.) "Rules eased on providing mental health records for background checks."

The Obama administration is seeking to make it easier for people to pass along mental health records for people legally banned from owning a firearm.

Some health providers, courts and state officials have been hesitant to share records because of strict privacy laws. As a result, the federal background check system, known as the NICS, has significant gaps on people disqualified from owning guns because of mental illnesses.

New rules issued Monday by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are intended to make it clear that legal authorities can pass along mental health records that could be valuable in a background check. The rules from the Obama administration, to be published Tuesday, clarify that only limited information about the patient is shared – only a person's name and the entity that made the ruling.

"Underlying diagnoses, treatment records, and other identifiable health information are not provided to or maintained by the NICS," the rule reads.

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), people who have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution or found "not guilty" in court by reason of insanity cannot purchase firearms. Every licensed firearms dealer is required to perform a background check of each buyer to determine whether they're eligible for the purchase.

I don't have as much problem with putting a person on the list who used the insanity defense in a court of law. But what kind of checks and balances are in place on each "entity" that notifies the FBI? I don't see any mention of an appeals process in place for those who may have been wrongly diagnosed or reported.

There is no question that, if the system works, we might be safer. But what if the system doesn't work right. The Hill tells us, "only two-thirds of states require mandatory reporting of mental health records, in part because people have raised concerns about privacy."

Well, yes. So what about those concerns? If they kept the states from instituting laws then there is nothing in Obama's executive action that deals with them. He has simply overridden them.

Expect Congress to do nothing.

Now, when people are having problems and consider getting professional help, they are going to have to worry about the possibility of being permanently disarmed. We may see more people avoiding mental health care because of this executive fiat. **So much for accomplishing anything with the mentally ill.**

A President is not a King and States Must Make Sure of It. by Jake MacAulay of the American View

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Our nation's first president, George Washington, under the newly formed Constitution in 1789, found himself in an uncomfortable position. As the nation's first Chief Executive and Commander-in-Chief he knew the delicate ground between strength and tyranny. Fearing any comparison to the monarchal government from which America had just been liberated, Washington took care to avoid any physical or symbolic references to European monarchs. When the Senate proposed that he be called by the official title "His Highness the President of the United States of America and the Protector of Their Liberties", an abashed Washington opted for the more modest address of "Mr. President".

How far we have come in America. Since Washington's modesty there has been no implication that the president of these United States has ever been handed the unilateral authority of kings, monarchs, or dictators.

How unfortunate the present Senate, and all of Congress for that matter, has refused to stop recent presidents from self-nominations to this title.

President Obama's use of executive orders, whether it be immigration or the people's right to bear arms, have been entirely un-Constitutional, which is to say lawless - and by definition, criminal. With no cognizance of Constitutional authority or the will of the people he was elected to protect, the self-nominated monarch announced on Monday his new executive actions on gun control while a newly released Gallup Poll shows that "guns/gun control" ranked 19th out of 23 top problems facing the country last year.

Even if gun control is a concern, the federal government has no authority to speak to this issue because of the God-given right to self defense, the preservation of life, and the law of the land stating unequivocally "The right of the people to keep and bear arms SHALL NOT be infringed".

Many kings and monarchs of antiquity suffered from the dangerous Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD) in which a person is excessively preoccupied with personal adequacy, power, prestige and vanity, mentally unable to see the destructive damage they are causing to themselves and others. This is not a disorder that should be left unchecked in our leaders.

Understand, elected state leaders, your duty is to interpose between your citizens and a central government bent on tyranny. Simply put, you must stake a claim. You cannot remain silent, because silence implies consent.

George Washington believed, "When People shall have become incapable of governing themselves and fit for a master, it is of little consequence from what quarter he comes."

The Hebrew prophet Isaiah resolved, "When God's judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Democrat or Republican, state officials and citizens alike must learn and resist tyranny in all of its forms.

Learn more about your Constitution with Jake MacAulay and the Institute on the Constitution.

We (FHTP) have Constitutions. If you want one come to our Wednesday evening meeting at McAlisters. The constitutions are free, but if you want us to mail them – you pay the postage!!

GUN CONTROL IS LIKE TRYING TO REDUCE DRUNK DRIVING BY MAKING IT TOUGHER FOR SOBER PEOPLE TO OWN CARS. SOME ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S GUN CONTROL MEASURES. THEY THINK HE WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN TO OBTAIN A GUN. PERHAPS THIS IS TRUE. BUT I'M NOT WORRIED. FORTUNATELY, FOR ME I'M NOT A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN!!!

NEWS WEEK CLOSED ITS DOORS WITH A BANG!!!! Date: Mon, 11 Jan 2016 06:23:25 -0600
Newsweek Closed Its Doors with a Slam at Obama

Newsweek Is Now History. The liberal Newsweek Magazine is going out of business, but not before it attacks the President. This is quite an article, even more so when you consider that NEWSWEEK finally had the guts to admit it. WOW! Newsweek COVER!!! It is their last cover before they fold.

Also read the article at the end. AMAZING!!!

Finally, Matt Patterson and Newsweek speak out about Obama. This is timely and tough. As many of you know, Newsweek has a reputation for being extremely liberal. The fact that their editor saw fit to print the following article about Obama and the one that appears in the latest Newsweek, makes this a truly amazing event, and a news story in and of itself. At last, the truth about our President and his Agenda are starting to trickle through the protective wall built around him by the liberal media...

(Newsweek Columnist -- Opinion Writer)

Years from now, historians may regard the 2008 election of Barack Obama as an inscrutable and phenomenon, the result of a baffling breed of mass hysteria akin perhaps to the witch craze of the Middle Ages. How, they will wonder, did a man so devoid of professional accomplishment beguile so many into thinking he could manage the world's largest economy, direct the world's most powerful military, execute the world's most consequential job?

Imagine a future historian examining Obama's pre-presidential life: ushered into and through the Ivy League, despite unremarkable grades and test scores along the way; a cushy non-job as a "community organizer;" a brief career as a state legislator devoid of legislative achievement (and in fact nearly devoid of his attention, less often did he vote "present"); and finally an unaccomplished single term in the United States Senate, the entirety of which was devoted to his presidential ambitions.

He left no academic legacy in academia, authored no signature legislation as a legislator. And then there is the matter of his troubling associations: the white-hating, America-loathing preacher who for decades served as Obama's "spiritual mentor;" a real-life, actual terrorist who served as Obama's colleague and political sponsor. It is easy to imagine a future historian looking at it all and asking: how on Earth was such a man elected president? There is no evidence that he ever attended or worked for any university or that he ever sat for the Illinois bar. We have no documentation for any of his claims. He may well be the greatest hoax in history. Not content to wait for history, the incomparable Norman Podhoretz addressed the question recently in the Wall Street Journal: To be sure, no white candidate who had close associations with an outspoken hater of America like Jeremiah Wright and an unrepentant terrorist like Bill Ayers, would have lasted a single day.

But because Mr. Obama was black, and therefore entitled in the eyes of liberal Dom to have hung out with protesters against various American injustices, even if they were 'a bit' extreme, he was given a pass. Let that Sink in: Obama was given a pass - held to a lower standard because of the color of his skin. Podhoretz continues: And in any case, what did such ancient history matter when he was also so articulate and elegant and (as he himself had said) "non-threatening," all of which gave him a fighting chance to become the first black president and thereby to lay the curse of racism to rest? Podhoretz puts his finger, I think, on the animating pulse of the Obama phenomenon - affirmative action. Not in the legal sense, of course. But certainly in the motivating sentiment behind all affirmative action laws and regulations, which are designed primarily to make white people, and especially white liberals, feel good about themselves. Unfortunately, minorities often suffer so that whites can pat themselves on the back.

Liberals routinely admit minorities to schools for which they are not qualified, yet take no responsibility for the inevitable poor performance and high drop-out rates which follow. Liberals don't care if these minority students fail; liberals aren't around to witness the emotional devastation and deflated self-esteem resulting from the racist policy that is affirmative action. Yes, racist. Holding someone to a separate standard merely because of the color of his skin - that's affirmative action in a nutshell, and if that isn't racism, then nothing is. And that is what America did to Obama. True, Obama himself was never troubled by his lack of achievements, but why would he be? As many have noted, Obama was told he was good enough for Columbia despite undistinguished grades at

Occidental; he was told he was good enough for the US Senate despite a mediocre record in Illinois ; he was told he was good enough to be president despite no record at all in the Senate. All his life, every step of the way, Obama was told he was good enough for the next step, in spite of ample evidence to the contrary.

What could this breed if not the sort of empty narcissism on display every time Obama speaks? In 2008, many who agreed that he lacked executive qualifications nonetheless raved about Obama's oratory skills, intellect, and cool character. Those people - conservatives included - ought now to be deeply embarrassed. The man thinks and speaks in the hoariest of cliches, and that's when he has his Teleprompters in front of him; when the prompter is absent he can barely think or speak at all. Not one original idea has ever issued from his mouth - it's all warmed-over Marxism of the kind that has failed over and over again for 100 years. (An example is his 2012 campaign speeches which are almost word for word his 2008 speeches)

And what about his character? Obama is constantly blaming anything and everything else for his troubles. Bush did it; it was bad luck; I inherited this mess. Remember, he wanted the job, campaigned for the task. It is embarrassing to see a president so willing to advertise his own powerless-ness, so comfortable with his own incompetence. (The other day he actually came out and said no one could have done anything to get our economy and country back on track). But really, what were we to expect? The man has never been responsible for anything, so how do we expect him to act responsibly?

In short: our president is a small-minded man, with neither the temperament nor the intellect to handle his job. When you understand that, and only when you understand that, will the current erosion of liberty and prosperity make sense. It could not have gone otherwise with such an impostor in the Oval Office.

P.S. Please send this article to family and friends throughout America and ask them to read and distribute this article to others.

The fact that the economy has been sooooo bad that the most famous news publication is closing demonstrates the "State of the Nation" is much worse than at the beginning of Obama's time in the White House. Remember that and the many, many more bad things that have come about in the last 7 years. The response of many Americans was to NOT VOTE in the last election – see where that got you and the USA? It got us in the worst mess/spot we have ever been in. The only way out of this is to THINK, Study the Situation, be in touch with your Congress members, let them know what you want. How can we expect them to pass what we want/need if we don't tell them? **Get off your duff and DO SOMETHING!! GOD HELPS THOSE THAT HELP THEMSELVES!! LET'S PRAY!!**

ALEXANDER'S COLUMN **Obama's State of Delusion** Rebutting BO's Final SOTU By **Mark Alexander** · January 13, 2016

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." – Article II, Section 1, Constitution of the United States, 1787

I sure am glad that this will be my final analysis and rebuttal of a Barack Obama [State of the Union address](#). I have endured every word of his rambling rhetoric so you did not have to suffer through it. Obama would not have been around to deliver this speech had he not lied about [al-Qa'ida](#) and [Benghazi](#) in 2012, having centered his whole campaign on his foreign policy "successes." The only person more surprised by Obama's re-election victory than he was would be [Mitt Romney](#), who assumed he had it won, but could not pull it off because he failed to connect with grassroots conservatives. So Obama was given four more years to continue his "[fundamental transformation](#)" of America, starting with converting the [once-noble Democrat Party](#) into the [Socialist Democratic Party](#), and stacking it and his administration with legions of "[useful idiots](#)."

"Socialist"? Some might suggest that is too strident. But I note that in a recent interview, Democrat National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz was asked the difference between "Democrat" and "Socialist," and she [could not articulate the distinction](#). Last week, Hillary Clinton, Obama's heir apparent despite her [record of malfeasance](#), was asked the same question and was [unable to make any distinction](#). Oh, and on the subject of Clinton, I should also note here that she is at substantial risk of [federal indictments](#) related to her malfeasance, including an [expanded investigation](#) into the Clinton Foundation, and that Joe Biden and [Elizabeth Warren](#) stand ready as Demo convention wild cards.

Ahead of the SOTU, I received no less than 25 White House emails promoting Obama's "achievements." As Shakespeare wrote, he "doth protest too much, methinks." In one of them, Obama insisted, "We have every reason to be optimistic going into 2016 — not only because there are important things we can still accomplish in my last year in office, but because we are in a position to elect a Democrat who will protect and build on this progress we've fought so hard for these last seven years."

However, I am sure it has not gone unnoticed that in the latest [Gallup survey](#), "the percentage of U.S. adults identifying as Democrats is now at the lowest point in the past 27 years, down from the prior low of 30% in 2014." Now only 29% self-identify as "Democrat."

In his first SOTU, Obama promised, "We will rebuild. We will recover. And the United States of America will emerge stronger than before."

Nope.

Back then, [Obama declared](#) we have a "responsibility to ensure that we do not pass on to [our children] a debt they cannot pay." Back then, the total national debt was \$10.8 trillion. It's now almost \$19 trillion.

This year, Obama had promised a much shorter speech. [George Washington's](#) final State of the Union address was five minutes. Obama droned on, and even Democrats were dozing.

I would sum up his latest remarks as follows: It was replete with vacuous rhetoric — all fragrance and no substance. Obama's previous SOTUs have been heavy with his legislative agenda for the next year, but his final SOTU was devoid of that agenda. I can only assume that Obama did a reality check, and the biggest change since 2008 is that the legislative branch, which was then controlled by Democrats, is now controlled by Republicans. Obama may be the product of "democracy," but he is being contained by our republican form of government.

Obama divided his remarks into five themes: Economy, National Security, Urgent Challenges, Politics and The Future.

BO's Big Theme One: Economy

Barack Obama: We recovered from the worst economic crisis in generations.

The Patriot: Of course, that "crisis" was seeded and generated by [Democrat policies](#) put into place by Bill Clinton and congressional Demos. After the cascading collapse of the U.S. economy in 2008, Clinton admitted, "I think the responsibility that the Democrats have may rests more in resisting any efforts by Republicans in the Congress ... to put some standards and tighten up a little on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac." That would be correct. But Obama insists the problem began on Wall Street rather than 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

BO: How do we give everyone a fair shot at opportunity?

TP: Get government out of the way! Our colleagues at The Heritage Foundation have outlined a genuine free-enterprise framework for [ensuring opportunity for all](#).

BO: Anyone claiming that America's economy is in decline is peddling fiction.

TP: Obviously, he is peddling snake oil.

BO: The United States of America, right now, has the strongest, most durable economy in the world.

TP: That may be true, but in large part because the economic decline in the U.S. under Obama has undermined the world economy.

BO: What is true...

TP: When Obama says "What is true," that is inevitably followed by a [BIG Lie](#). As for Obama's Biggest Lies, it's difficult to pick just one, given that his entire presidency is a lie. Indeed, [his whole life is a lie](#). Even

his [official White House bio](#) begins, "His story is the American story — values from the heartland, a middle-class upbringing in a strong family..." Nothing could be further from the truth. Obama was a [disciple of bigotry and hate](#), and he was steeped in [Marxist ideology](#) from a young age. His indoctrination is a case study in the advancement of statist tyranny and oppression of Liberty.

BO: More and more wealth and income is concentrated at the very top.

TP: Didn't Obama just finish his seventh year in office? So there has been "more and more" of this under his regime? Of course, Obama has been [living the high life](#) at taxpayer expense while spewing his [classist rhetoric](#) as bait for his constituents.

BO: All these trends have squeezed workers, even when they have jobs, even when the economy is growing. It's made it harder for a hardworking family to pull itself out of poverty, harder for young people to start their careers, tougher for workers to retire when they want to.

TP: Actually, it is Obama's [failed economic policies](#) that have crushed middle-income earners — those who still have a job.

BO: I believe a thriving private sector is the lifeblood of our economy. I think there are outdated regulations that need to be changed. There is red tape that needs to be cut.

TP: Hahahahaha ... ad nauseum... Remember his statement that "[you didn't build that](#)"?

BO: Food Stamp recipients did not cause the financial crisis...

TP: Of course they didn't, but the number of food stamp recipients is at an all-time record under Obama.

BO: Start-ups and small businesses need more of a voice, not less. The rules should work for them.

TP: As the owner of several small businesses, let me just say that our voice has been almost silenced by Obama's plethora of rules and regulations.

BO: How do we reignite that spirit of innovation to meet our biggest challenges?

TP: Get out of the way!

BO's Big Theme Two: National Security

BO: How do we keep America safe...?

TP: Demonstrably, tragically, Obama has NO idea how to answer this question.

BO: The United States of America is the most powerful nation on Earth, period. Period. It's not even close. It's not even close. It's not even close.

TP: Actually, the gap between the U.S. and those nations posing the greatest existential threat to our nation has gotten a lot closer under Obama.

BO: All the rhetoric you hear about our enemies getting stronger and America getting weaker ... is political hot air.

TP: This from the grand master of "political hot air."

BO: When it comes to every important international issue, people of the world do not look to Beijing or Moscow to lead. They call us.

TP: Yes, and then Obama calls Beijing and Moscow.

BO: I know this is a dangerous time. But that's not ... because of diminished American strength.

TP: Actually, again, yes it is.

BO: The Middle East is going through a transformation that will play out for a generation, rooted in conflicts that date back millennia.

TP: No, the transformation has occurred in the last seven years and is the direct result of Obama's [retreat from Iraq](#). His legacy is the current [Middle East meltdown](#) and the resulting [catastrophic humanitarian crisis](#) in the region.

BO: Priority number one is protecting the American people and going after terrorist networks.

TP: Unfortunately, because of Obama's unbridled foreign policy malfeasance, those terrorist networks, and the [threat they now pose](#) to our homeland, have grown exponentially.

BO: [Terrorists] do not threaten our national existence.

TP: Yeah, they are all just [JV Teams](#). While Jihadist attacks at Ft. Hood, Chattanooga and San Bernardino have taken a great toll, the potential of a catastrophic nuclear detonation in a U.S. urban center by terrorist surrogates of Iran is a clear and present danger.

BO: If this Congress is serious about winning this war and wants to send a message to our troops and the world, authorize the use of military force against ISIL. Take a vote.

TP: They voted to support [Operation Iraqi Freedom](#) and [Operation Enduring Freedom](#). Obama retreated from both.

BO: If you doubt America's commitment — or mine — to see that justice is done, just ask Osama bin Laden.

TP: Yes, Obama single-handedly [terminated OBL](#).

BO: [OEF and OIF were] recipes for quagmire, spilling American blood and treasure that ultimately will weaken us. It's the lesson of Vietnam. It's the lesson of Iraq, and we should have learned it by now.

TP: Apparently Obama did not learn it.

BO: As we speak, Iran has rolled back its nuclear program ... and the world has avoided another war.

TP: Obama's "[nuke deal](#)" with Iran is no deal and the consequences may well be a far hotter war. And how is it that a commander in chief does not mention the fact that just hours before his remarks, 10 Navy personnel and their two riverine craft were [commandeered by Iran](#)? As Sen. Tom Cotton, a combat veteran, notes, "It's humiliating Barack Obama, and therefore the United States, to have American sailors held hostage during his final State of the Union." Fortunately, it only took Iran 24 hours to calculate that, while Obama did not mention the fate of these warriors, our Republican Congress was not going to tolerate this seizure.

BO: Recognize the Cold War is over.

TP: Nope.

BO: Leadership means a wise application of military power.

TP: RETREAT!

BO's Big Theme Three: Urgent Challenges

BO: If anybody still wants to dispute the science around climate change, have at it. You will be pretty lonely because you'll be debating our military, most of America's business leaders, the majority of the American people, almost the entire scientific community, and 200 nations around the world who agree it's a problem and intend to solve it.

TP: In regard to Obama's Orwellian statist "[climate change](#)" agenda and his assertion about consensus, the central question remains, *why* is the climate warming? And what does Obama mean by "you'll be debating our military"?

BO: But even if the planet wasn't at stake — even if 2014 wasn't the warmest year on record...

TP: Asserting 2014 was the "warmest year on record" is a [big assumption](#). It's questionable. But even if Obama's right, what's the big deal?

BO: What the Affordable Care Act is all about... Nearly 18 million have gained coverage so far. Health care inflation has slowed. And our businesses have created jobs every single month since it became law.

TP: [ObamaCare](#) is the biggest government hijacking of our economy in the history of our nation. And regarding all those ensured, the majority of those qualified under Medicaid because of loosened eligibility. Furthermore, in a recent study of ObamaCare provisions, researchers at Harvard and Stanford determined that some provisions have resulted in "[wage reductions of approximately \\$1,200 per year](#)." And did I mention *our* premiums went up 25% last year?

BO: Let's make America the country that cures cancer once and for all. What do you think? Let's make it happen.

TP: Great suggestion!

BO's Big Theme Four: Politics

BO: How can we make our politics reflect what's best in us, and not what's worst?

TP: Stop propagating the Democrats' perennial "[politics of disunity](#)."

BO: Our unique strengths as a nation ... our commitment to rule of law ... give us everything we need to ensure prosperity and security for generations to come.

TP: Seriously, Obama has demonstrated exactly NO commitment to [Rule of Law](#).

BO: "We the People." Our Constitution begins with those three simple words.

TP: He is a "constitutional scholar" after all!

BO: Our Founders distributed power between states and branches of government, and expected us to argue ... over the size and shape of government, over commerce and foreign relations, over the meaning of liberty and the imperatives of security.

TP: Yes they did, and Obama has ignored that distribution in spades. And no, our Founders were clear about the "meaning of liberty."

BO: Democracy breaks down when the average person feels their voice doesn't matter; that the system is rigged in favor of the rich or the powerful or some special interest.

TP: The system is "rigged" in favor of the central government.

BO: It's one of the few regrets of my presidency — that the rancor and suspicion between the parties has gotten worse instead of better.

TP: All Obama has done is foment "rancor and suspicion between the parties."

BO: We have to change the system to reflect our better selves. ... If we want a better politics, it's not enough just to change a congressman or change a senator or even change a president. We have to change the system to reflect our better selves.

TP: Yes, the "[fundamental transformation](#)" continues!

Finally, BO's Big Theme Five: The Future

BO: Our collective futures depends on your willingness to uphold your duties as a citizen.

TP: Maybe we should start teaching civics again...

BO: When I no longer hold this office, I will be right there with you as a citizen.

TP: So what is Obama now, a king?

BO: Dr. King believed...

TP: The Democrats' "[Great Society](#)" has turned Martin Luther King's dream into a [hellish nightmare](#), enslaving generations of poor people on [urban poverty plantations](#).

BO: I believe in change because I believe in you, the American people. And that's why I stand here, as confident as I have ever been, that the state of our Union is strong.

TP: Vacuous.

James Madison wrote, "An elective despotism was not the government we fought for; but one in which the powers of government should be so divided and balanced among the several bodies of magistracy as that no one could transcend their legal limits without being effectually checked and restrained by the others."

Barack Obama's legacy will be framed by his utter disregard for his oath "[to Support and Defend](#)" our Constitution.

Oh, and a footnote: Although Obama only referenced "gun violence" once in his opening remarks, he has cut a deal with billionaire Michael Bloomberg, a quid pro quo to make gun control the centerpiece of his last year in office in return for Bloomberg's support of Obama's presidential library. That will be my topic next week....

We will be postponing our monthly meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month for the winter!!

Weekly meetings will be held at McAlister's, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings. They are come and go, at your convenience. Bring your concerns for discussion. Your concerns are important – they are why we exist. In this publication what is in green is me, 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. We must continue working, paying attention, & most of all PRAYING!! With the help of the **LORD** we will prevail!! The USA is too important to the world for us, yes us, to let it be destroyed – Take a deep breath, PRAY, Forge ahead, we will succeed!!! I truly believe GOD is with us. With GOD's help we won't fail. Be informed, work for the good of the USA