

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills TEA Party News

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### ON OUR CALENDAR

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

**Everyone is welcome – we ARE the Working Group**

**November 8 – Three Rivers TEA Party - 7 to 8:30pm at the Baptist Church on 8<sup>th</sup> in Junction City**

**November 9 – Our Manhattan – 5:30 to 7:30pm at MPL - Groesbeck Rm.**

**November 19 – FHTP - 9:30am, at Manhattan Public Library – Main Auditorium**

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On Tuesday October 11th, Kansas Secretary of Administration Dennis R. Taylor made a stop at the Manhattan Public Library auditorium in his capacity as head of Gov. Brownback's new "Office of the Repealer." A variety of subjects were discussed over a period of about 90 minutes, after which Secretary Taylor departed for similar stops in Junction City & Abilene. Further appearances across the state will continue through November 8th to collect information from concerned Kansas citizens.

As head of the Office of the Repealer, Secretary Taylor is running the new agency created by the Brownback administration to identify laws & regulations that may be out of date, unduly burdensome, duplicative, or contradictory. Secretary Taylor was accompanied on his visit by Austin St. John, a student at K-State, who is serving an internship as part of his studies.

A variety of subjects were addressed. Among them was the concern of the possibility of prairie dog eradication in Logan County, which would also eradicate the endangered black-toed ferret. A gentleman present was greatly concerned about that possibility. A gentleman living in Northern Riley County addressed an issue on property line/fencing; Secretary Taylor ask him to talk to him after the meeting. There were 2 young ladies present, however, who were concerned because they are required to have reports into the State several months before they have the information. State Representative Richard Carlson was present and indicated he would be happy to bring forth any problems he came across with his constituents.

State inspectors and cutbacks to Planned Parenthood clinics were some of the points brought up by members of the audience. **FHTP**-member Karla Parsons expressed concerns on behalf of Parsons Communications, the business she and her husband, Evan, own and operate. Their concern is the many confusing rules and regulations concerning disparate sales taxes they are obliged to collect. Not only do they have to record and track the locations of their customers to match the many different rates charged in different cities & counties, the actual rates differ depending on whether they sell outright over-the-counter, or sell-&-ship-or-deliver to the customer's site. There are also different rates to track and charge if an installation is done "as new" or as "service/repair", all of which are part & parcel of their electronics & communications business, which serves customers anywhere in the state. It is their hope that these laws could be simplified.

Among the 2-dozen-plus who attended the meeting was Manhattan resident and 2012 Kansas Senate 22nd District candidate Bob Reader. Also present was Kansas Representative Sydney Carlin (D-66th Dist), who made herself available to the other guests and Secretary Taylor for questions and comments after the main gathering was adjourned. One comment she offered in particular to Mr. Reader was her firm and optimistic belief that incumbent KS Senator Roger Reitz (R-22nd Dist) will stand for re-election next year (!=-O!), thus leading to a primary for the Republican candidates for that office next Spring...

In nearly two weeks of visits to towns across Kansas so far, Secretary Taylor said no central theme has yet emerged. Citizens are raising a wide variety of topics. "As you heard today, we're talking about prairie dogs to broadband," he said. Those present were comfortable with Secretary Taylor and feel at ease should contact him in the future become necessary. A final report will be written for Gov. Brownback after the completion of the listening tour.

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## WHO IS HERMAN CAIN?

**Personal:** Born December 13, 1945 in Memphis, TN. Married: Gloria Etchison in 1968. They have 2 children & 3 grandchildren.

**Education:** Morehouse College - Bachelors in mathematics, 1967. **Purdue - Masters in Computer Science, 1971**

**Employment:** US Dept of the Navy-Ballistics - through 1971; US Dept of Navy-Supervisory Math -1973. Pres. & CEO of Coco Cola - Atlanta-Computer Systems Analyst - 1973. Pillsbury-Minneapolis-Director of Business analysis - 1977. Burger King (subsidiary) - 1980's. Pres. & CEO of Godfather's Pizza (subsidiary) - 1986. Leveraged buyout of Godfather's w/group of investors - 1988. CEO of Godfather's until 1996. CEO-Nat'l Restaurant Assoc. - 1996. Board of Directors of Fed. Reserve Bank-KC - 1992-1996. Chairman Jan. 1995-Aug. 1996. Senior Economic Advisor Dole/Kemp Campaign - 1996. Recipient of Horatio Alger Award - 1996.

**Honorary Degrees:** Creighton Univ., Johnson & Wales Univ., Morehouse College, Univ. of Nebraska, New York City Tech. College. Purdue Univ., Suffolk Univ., Tougaloo College.

**Board of Directors Service:** AGCO, Hallmark, Reader's Digest, Aquila, Nabisco, Super Valu, UtiliCorp. United, Whirlpool, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

**Publications:** Leadership Is Common Sense - 1997. Speak as a Leader - 1999. CEO of Self - 2001. They Think You're Stupid - 2005. This is Herman Cain - 2011.

**Google: "Herman Cain for Kansas" for more information.**

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### INFORMATION FROM CONGRESSWOMAN LYNN JENKINS

**Medicare Open Season** --□ Each year, Medicare recipients have the opportunity to explore new benefits packages and choose the health and drug plan that works best for them. If you are one of the millions of seniors enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, now is your chance to review your current plan and decide if it is still the best option for you. In addition, if you are enrolled in a "Part C" Medicare Advantage plan for your basic health care coverage, you can decide to stay in your current plan, choose a different plan, or go back to the original Medicare program.□ This year Medicare recipients can switch their coverage plans from October 15th to December 7th. This is a change, which allows 7 full weeks to make your decisions and ensures you have all the necessary plan materials and membership cards by January 1, 2012 when the coverage changes go into effect.

If you do not switch by December 7th, you will need to wait until October 2012 to adjust your plans. If you are happy with your current policy, you do not need to do anything to remain in your current plan. However, I encourage all Medicare beneficiaries to look at their current plans, make sure your plan is still offered, and compare plans to ensure you are enrolled in the one that best fits your needs.□ □

**Social Security Gets First COLA since 2009**□ This week, the Social Security Administration announced that all social security recipients will receive their first Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) since 2009. This year's COLA will be a 3.6% increase, and will be seen in Social Security checks beginning in January of 2012. COLA's are designed to compensate for the effects of inflation, and this increase was based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index from the third quarter of 2008 to the third quarter of 2011.

I am pleased that for the first time since President Obama took office our seniors will be receiving a cost-of-living adjustment. The economic turmoil over the past several years has impacted all of us, especially

our seniors, and while the bureaucratic equations may not have shown it, there is no doubt that living costs have increased. Our nation's senior citizens worked their entire lives paying into the Social Security system, and keeping the promises made to them must be a top priority of the federal government.

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I, Sylva Nichols, was a part of a "conference call" with District 2 Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins on October 31, 2011. This a call where Rep. Jenkins calls her constituents at random and answers questions from them. The call on this day was on Medicare and the current open enrollment period, which goes through Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, allowing seniors to make an changes to their current coverage plans.

The first question I heard concerned why Federal Government employees continue to receive pay raises when SS and Medicare recipient's do not. Rep. Jenkins informed us all that while she has NO Control over most Federal employees income, she assured the caller that Congress has TURNED DOWN ALL pay raises since she has been in Congress and that Congress receives the same Health Benefits as all other Federal employees.

The next question was from a gentleman considering retirement soon and what he should do to be able to receive retirement income and health care. He was given the following number: 1-800-860-5260 or go to his local SS Office to get info and enroll. This number is the one to call for information on all Medicare options. Medicare Part A (hospital services) is free of charge for all 65+ that paid in. Part B has a monthly premium. Another Senior Citizen and spouse were Federal Government employees, but will not be able to afford the insurance they now have when they retire and needed info on their options. They were given the Medicare number: 1-800-633-4227 to call to learn available choices.

One lady is enrolled in 3 Medicare programs and is considering dropping one. Rep. Jenkins advised her to speak to a Medicare adviser as well as her doctor to be sure she understands all options and the result of cancelling any one of them before making a decision.

Veterans have many options between care for Veterans, TriCare for Life, SS, Medicare and etc. They need to be sure they receive all information on all possibilities before making a decision as there are some decisions that once made cannot be changed. Go to each source and be sure to understand all options before deciding!!

Veterans have many options for health care through TriCare, the VA hospital and Medicare. However, some benefits through the veteran's coverage differ from what is available under Medicare, so they need to be sure they receive all information on all possibilities before making a decision as there are some decisions that once made cannot be changed. Go to each source and be sure to understand all options before deciding!!

Another gentleman had many of the same questions concerning State and Federal possibilities and again was told to investigate all available programs and be sure his choices were the best for him personally. Be sure the persons informing you are qualified to give you all and complete information

A gentleman with breathing problems was disturbed because his breathing machines, as well as, his medications were all made in other countries and NOT the USA. Rep. Jenkins didn't know if there is a US company that makes the particular item he received but agreed that we need more competition in the health care products sector to help drive down costs. In addition, beginning Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, the new health care law Obamacare places 2.3% excise tax on medical device manufacturers which will make it even harder for these products to be Made in America.

This is a generalization of the questions ask while I was on line. It might be wise to note these phone numbers for individual information. Should you want other questions answered these numbers can probably help you. I am also sure you could contact Congressional Representative Lynn Jenkins office for directions to help solve you problems.

The office number is: Topeka: (785) 234-5966; Washington, D.C.: (202) 225-6601.

I can assure you, Rep. Jenkins is happy to help you regardless of your location, as are other Kansas Representatives.

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## A Quote from Joan Wagon, State Democratic Party Chair

[http://m.cjonline.com/news/2011-10-16/democrats-work-spread-message#license\\_1c836480577ea7a2978780c469a7818d](http://m.cjonline.com/news/2011-10-16/democrats-work-spread-message#license_1c836480577ea7a2978780c469a7818d)

READ CAREFULLY!!

“We need to find the right kind of candidates in the 2012 election that can turn back some of the ultraconservative people that got into the Legislature that are quite frankly, very scary,” Wagon said. “I think the other challenges are **keeping the Senate** firmly in the hands of the **moderate Republicans and the Democrat majority**.”

“I don't think that either Democrats or moderates are going to get a majority, but together they can make a **moderate/Democrat majority**. That's our highest priority.”

**DID YOU HEAR THAT? DID YOU GET THAT? DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?**

The State Democratic Party Chair is saying is that the **Moderate Republican State Senators** are and have been **working hand and hand with the Democrats**. You heard that correctly – **MODERATE Republican State Senators are voting as if they are Democrats!!** Is that why you elected them? Did you elect Republicans for them to vote as Democrats? If you wanted Democrats in office wouldn't you have just voted for a Democrat? When you vote for a Republican don't you expect them to act, vote, write and introduce legislation that would agree with the Republican/Conservative Party? Look up your Senator/Representatives voting record (google: their name & the words “voting record”). Check to see IF they have voted, as you want them to. If they have NOT, tell them about it!!

The Kansas Democrats are holding picnics in an effort to bribe undecided Kansans to become Democrats thru their stomachs. Are Kansans that easy to sway? Doesn't what the Democrats are doing to our country carry any weight? The Democrats are blindly following Obama and then these Moderate Republicans are blinding following the Democrats. **This is not only Scary it is Horrifying!!** Think about it!! As Kansans who love the USA and Kansas we **MUST** step up and help straighten out the mess our Country has become under Democratic governing. The last 3 years have been a major disaster for the USA, demonstrating what **BIG, HEAVYHANDED** Governing can do to a Country intended to be a Republic. Our constitution was written for a citizen governing Republic. What has materialized is the beginning of a socialized, dominating Monarchy. If we are to recover our Republic we **MUST ACT NOW**. **Work to bring forward CONSERVATIVE citizens, or BE ONE YOURSELF, to run for any and all offices at ALL levels of Government. We need/must have strong leadership to carry us OUT of this trough of dictatorship type government. Step up – Encourage strong persons to Step up. If you show your good intentions and strong support others will join you!! Contact your local Republican Party/TEA Party/Conservative Groups, they will support and work with you. Now is the time, the only time left, to SAVE OUR COUNTRY – There is no time to lose!! Later will be too late!! Come forward -- Be willing to stay in the trenches as long as it takes – We are riding to the sound of the guns!! Are you riding with us? Saddle up!! Fly the Flag!!**

**Let's ride 'til we have our Country back to GOD, the Constitution, & “We the People”.**

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Even if you are on the right track you will get run over if you are just sitting there.

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## Car Company Gets U.S. Loan, Builds Cars In Finland

By MATTHEW MOSK, BRIAN ROSS (@brianross) and RONNIE GREENE □ ABC NEWS and iWATCH NEWS □ Oct. 20, 2011

With the approval of the Obama administration, an electric car company that received a \$529 million federal government loan guarantee is assembling its first line of cars in Finland, saying it could not find a facility in the United States capable of doing the work.

Vice President Joseph Biden heralded the Energy Department's \$529 million loan to the start-up electric car company called Fisker as a bright new path to thousands of American manufacturing jobs.

But two years after the loan was announced, the job of assembling the flashy electric Fisker Karma sports car has been outsourced to Finland.

“There was no contract manufacturer in the U.S. that could actually produce our vehicle,” the car company’s founder and namesake told ABC News. “They don’t exist here.”

Henrik Fisker said the U.S. money so far has been spent on engineering and design work that stayed in the U.S., not on the 500 manufacturing jobs that went to a rural Finnish firm, Valmet Automotive.

“We’re not in the business of failing; we’re in the business of winning. So we make the right decision for the business,” Fisker said. “That’s why we went to Finland.”□

Right...because nothing says “Winning at manufacturing Autos like Finland”...

1. IF they couldn’t find someone to build it HERE, then the money should have been returned. We should NOT give \$\$\$\$ to build ANYTHING ANYWHERE ELSE- that’s aiding our competition and a waste of tax-payer dollars.

2. IF they couldn’t find someone HERE to build it then that might be a GREAT BIG SIGN THAT THERE IS NO DEMAND FOR THEM!!!! This is Gov. mandating to business WHAT to do, i.e. Marxism (or Fascism, whichever form of Socialism who want to call it).

3. This smells and looks like a Solyndra-type scam. Send in the U.S. Marshals and arrest the entire Obama Admin! These CRIMINALS belong in the COURT house- NOT the White House!!

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## Can’t sleep? Try counting your blessings.

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### Constituents Rules for Employment

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Statewide -I<sup>st</sup> Notice \_\_\_\_\_

Representative or Senator of all Kansas Districts:

Dear Sir or Madame,

As your employer, we wish to know your stance on Governor Sam Brownback’s, Health Care Exchange for Kansas. I, as your employer, along with other concerned citizens of this state, do not want any part of this Health Care Exchange. The Governor has taken money and grants to implement the groundwork for Federal ACA (Affordable Care Act) which is unconstitutional.

Kansas may try to do what Massachusetts has and that has been a very expensive failure. I, along with other Conservative Kansans, want to know if you stand for or against this Federal Government Health Care. We await a review of your stance.

Sincerely,

Your Constituent and Employer

Kansas Citizens

**YES, THE “HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE” IS A FORM OF OBAMA CARE. DO YOU WANT OBAMA CARE? DO YOU WANT A HEALTH CARE THAT SEVERAL JUDGES HAVE DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL? DO YOU WANT A HEALTH CARE THAT YOU TOLD YOUR GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR, SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE YOU DID NOT WANT? DO YOU EXPECT YOUR GOVERNOR AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE TO INSTALL SAID HEALTH CARE? YOUR LT. GOVERNOR AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ARE INSTALLING THIS HEALTH CARE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THIS TO BECOME YOUR HEALTH CARE YOU NEED TO CONTACT ALL THREE AS WELL AS YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR. NOW IS THE TIME!! THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT THE STATE HOUSE NOVEMBER 14 ON THIS ISSUE - YOU NEED TO BE THERE!! WILL YOU BE THERE? I WILL!!**

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LEGISLATORS AND GOVERNOR**

**Gov. Sam Brownback's office: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, State Capitol, 300 S.W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1590; phone: (785) 296-3232; Fax: (785) 296-7973; Internet: [www.governor.ks.gov](http://www.governor.ks.gov). Lt. Gov. Colyer's office: 785-296-2214; Fax: 785-296-5669; Address: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, State Capitol, 300 S.W.10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1501. Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger's office: 785-296-3071; Email: [commissioner@ksinsurance.org](mailto:commissioner@ksinsurance.org); Address: 420 SW 9<sup>th</sup> St., Topeka, KS 66612-1678; Internet: [www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org). For Capitol e-mail addresses & personal web pages of legislators: [www.kslegislature.org/li/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/). Look them up, introduce yourself & stay in touch – NOW & ALWAYS!!**

**YOU'RE THE EMPLOYER!! THEY ARE THE EMPLOYEE!!**

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If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!  
----- P.J. O'Rourke

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## **Thank You, Mr. President**

By John Ford

FLASHBACK: April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. Many of you may remember this as the second annual Tax Day Tea Party all across this nation, but I remember it for something different in history and the media has all but buried it. Please take a moment and ponder the importance of this day not from a protesting voice or principle standpoint, but from a defensive and narcissistic prospective. Give up?? This was the day when in a clear, sarcastic, and elitist tone one Barack Hussein Obama uttered the words in a speech to DNC fundraisers, "So I've been a little amused over the last couple of days where people have been having these rallies, about taxes. You would think they would be saying THANK YOU!! That's what you'd think". I won't pretend to be speaking for everyone taking a moment to read this, but quite frankly I was infuriated and it rendered me quite speechless actually. And for those that know me well know that to render me speechless is quite a feat. However, after the dust settled and a health care bill was rammed down our throats and the results of the 2010 election, with the blame game and pointing of fingers continues meanwhile millions and millions of American's are out of work with no hope for the future, or the present, we should all look at the bright side. I know that prior statement makes it really hard to do. But I say we should take a moment and do just what the President wants. That's right, say "Thanks!!" So without further ado, here is his "Thanks".

Thank You, Mr. President,

For making American's finally realize that voting really does have consequences.

Thank You, Mr. President,

For awaking a sleeping giant and turning on a voice that had been silent for generations.

Thank You, Mr. President,

For redefining the term "actions speak louder than words" in terms of leadership.

Thank You, Mr. President,

For proving catchy phrases like, "Yes We Can" and "Hope & Change", are just that – catchy phrases.

Thank You, Mr. President,

For making teleprompter's both relevant and popular once and for all

Thank You, Mr. President,

For showing us how dangerous appointed positions in government really are.

Thank You Mr. President

For helping voters elect a new set of leadership at the state levels

Thank You Mr. President

For making the term "spend like a drunken sailor" not seem so bad after all

Thank You Mr. President

For creating a movement that will not only redefine a party but a nation as well

Thank You Mr. President

For helping America realize that campaign promises does not equal Leadership

Thank You Mr. President  
For the return of the silent majority of America  
Thank You Mr. President  
For making the need for the Constitution relevant again  
Thank You Mr. President  
For putting the nail in the coffin of socialism  
Thank You Mr. President  
For November 2010, many generations shall be saved ultimately  
Thank You Mr. President  
For being the worst one term president. This Nation will be grateful for this as history writes itself  
Thank You Mr. President

Last but not least for the elections of November 2012, this is when truly a nation shall reflect on its future and understand its true ability both now and for many generations ahead of us. Clearly you lost these principles but "We The People" have not, and freedom and liberty shall prevail because that is the true Hope and Change that holds and binds us together and shall continue to do so for many Presidents to come. It's just too bad you don't understand these concepts yourself, Mr. President, and then quite possibly we wouldn't have so much to be thankful for.

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## **Flint Hills TEA Party Educational Fund, Inc. Announces Constitution Bee Scholarship**

**Manhattan, KS** – The Board of directors of the Education Fund, Inc, in cooperation with the Flint Hills TEA Party, has announced that applications are currently being accepted for the **You Education Scholarship Constitution Bee** or **YES for Liberty Scholarship**. The actual Bee will be held **February 19, 2012** in Manhattan, Kansas at **FORUM HALL in the Kansas State Student Union**, located on the campus of Kansas State University. Any Kansas 9-12 grader attending public, private, military or home school is eligible to participate. All finalists will receive a scholarship with the winner receiving \$3,500. Winners may attend any accredited two or four year public or private college or university; vocational-technical school; or trade school located anywhere in the United States. The deadline date for submitting applications is **VETERANS DAY November 11, 2011**. Information has been mailed to your high school principal. For complete details visit [www.YESforLiberty.org](http://www.YESforLiberty.org).

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## **Say it Ain't So, Sam!! –**

Does Your endorsement of Rick Perry mean you want the same  
government in Kansas as Texas has?

**Now we know why Gov. Perry panders to illegal immigrants...  
THEY can vote in Texas!**

**By Dave Gibson, Immigration Reform Examiner**

According to a recent audit by the Texas Secretary of State's office, 600,000 registered voters in across the state do not have a valid driver's license or state issued ID. This should not be surprising since Texas does not require presentation of identification when registering to vote.

At least, officially, current Texas law states that those voters who register without ID will be flagged and when they show up to the polls an elections officer will ask them for proper identification before they can cast a vote. But, acceptable forms of ID include "a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter."

While Texas does not issue driver's licenses to illegal aliens, it is no secret that under Gov. Rick Perry's administration, the state has laid-out the welcome mat for those her illegally.

In 2001, Gov. Perry signed into law a measure, which allowed illegal aliens who have graduated from Texas high schools in-state tuition at state universities and colleges. Perry's actions to subsidize the education costs of illegal aliens have undoubtedly cost taxpaying Texans millions.

In 2010, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board released figures showing that during the 2009 fall semester, more than 12,000 illegal aliens paid in-state tuition rates at state schools throughout Texas. Many of them also received taxpayer-funded financial aid.

While the Texas legislature recently passed a bill sponsored by Senator Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) which requires voters to show valid ID at the polls, such as a driver's license, state concealed handgun permit, U.S. military ID or a U.S. passport.

However, the law is being held up by the Obama Justice Department. The DOJ claims to be currently reviewing the measure on grounds of possible discrimination against minority voters.

The law would affect at least 10 percent of those registered to vote in 27 of Texas' 254 counties.

You can view current Texas voting regulations here:

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/pamphlets/largepamp.shtml>

The original address where I found this info: <http://www.examiner.com/immigration-reform-international/now-we-know-why-gov-perry-panders-to-ilegal-aliens-they-can-vote-texas?render=print#print>

Here is an excerpt from: **"Texas Voting" -- Who can vote in Texas?**

To be eligible to register to vote in Texas, a person must be:

**A United States Citizen**

A resident of the Texas County in which application for registration is made;

At least 18 years old on Election Day;

ECT. ECT.

**Did you see what the very first qualification is?**

**A United States Citizen**

**Yet no proof of Citizenship is required at the voting booth. And our own Governor Brownback strongly endorses Texas Governor Rick Perry!!!**

**I think you can figure out where that leaves us Kansans on your own!!!!**

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## Phone calls from Hell

George Bush, Queen Elizabeth and Vladimir Putin all died and went to hell. While there, they spied a red phone and asked what the phone was for. The devil told them it was for calling back to Earth.

Putin asked to call Russia and talked for 5 minutes. When he was finished, the devil informed him that the cost was ONE million dollars, so Putin wrote him a check.

Next, Queen Elizabeth called England and talked for 30 minutes. When she was finished the devil informed her that the cost was SIX million dollars, so she wrote him a check.

Finally George Bush got his turn and talked for 4 hours. When he was finished the devil informed him that the cost was \$5.00.

When Putin heard this he went ballistic and asked the devil why Bush got to call the USA so cheaply. The devil smiled and replied: "Since Obama took over, the country has gone to hell, so it's a local call."

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## OUR EFFORTS ARE WORKING!

**State TEA Party Express --- [www.StateTeaPartyExpress.org](http://www.StateTeaPartyExpress.org)**

We did it! The vote on the first piece of the so-called Obama's Jobs Bill came a day earlier than we expected. Last night, the Senate voted down the \$35 billion dollar state subsidy that would have paid for unionized state public employee salaries was voted down. It needed at least 60 votes to pass and the vote was 50-50. All Republican voted against it and even some level-headed Democrats broke ranks and voted against it. It is good news that Republicans are starting to get the message that fiscal responsibility is a MUST from now on.

This is just the first piece of the Jobs Bill that we defeated. They have broken it up into pieces and will be voting on the rest of it in the coming weeks. We have won this battle, but the war is not over. We must keep the pressure on the Senate to reject the rest of the pieces of Obama's jobs Bill.

We need your help to keep the pressure on! We have been airing our ad titled "The Right Way" nationwide and need your help to keep it on the air and the pressure on the politicians to vote "NO" to more government spending.



We must keep the pressure on the Senate and House to resist the temptation to spend more money on the myth that government can create jobs. We have been through this before - it doesn't work and we can't afford it.

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## Dem Party-Big Labor Coalition goes all out to Recall Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker

by **Brett Healy**

Just because **they spent millions** in their failed attempt to gain control of the Wisconsin State Senate this fall doesn't mean the Big Labor-Dem Party coalition is out of gas. Or funds. Or manpower.

*The **effort to recall Governor Scott Walker is underway** and is highly-organized, with dozens of employees set to work out of more than 20 planned regional offices.*

*The Democratic Party of Wisconsin laid out its initial plan to recall Governor Scott Walker at a volunteer training meeting in Madison Tuesday night.*

*The Wisconsin Reporter website sent a journalist to the local AFSCME offices where the meeting was held. The reporter collected some printed materials before being asked to leave. Those materials reveal a two-phased operation that only takes the recall effort to January 13. Phase one is underway now, and involves building capacity and organizational structure. Phase two is the actual petition process, which goes from Nov. 15 to Jan. 13.*

*The Madison training session **was one of 19 scheduled** to take place at party offices, labor headquarters and public meeting spaces across the state this week. According to materials handed out at the meeting, DPW has divided the state into eight regions and is prepared to have 44 field officers operating out of 22 offices.*

*During the Senate recall elections in August, state Democrats' goal was to recall at least three Republican Senators. While they failed to achieve that objective, organizers hope to use the lessons learned from that effort to help them collect the more than half a million signatures needed to trigger a recall election of the Governor.*

The signature collection process begins next month. The election could take place in the early spring of 2012.

Walker's team is also gearing up for the challenge. Earlier this month his chief of staff, Keith Gilkes, left the office to manage the expected campaign.

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## Democrats begin recall training, kick out reporter

By Kirsten Adshead | Wisconsin Reporter

October 18th, 2011

Share <http://www.wisconsinreporter.com/democrats-begin-recall-training-kick-out-reporter> on Twitter

The URL <http://www.wisconsinreporter.com/democrats-begin-recall-training-kick-out-reporter> has been shared 32 times. View these Tweets.

MADISON — The campaign to recall Gov. Scott Walker may be a grassroots effort as its organizers insist, but it proved less than transparent Tuesday evening when Wisconsin Reporter showed up to report on a [recall training session](#).

**Graeme Zielinski**, a Democratic Party spokesman with a history of threats against Wisconsin Reporter, ranted at the news organization's reporter in attendance by phone and threatened Wisconsin Reporter again.

More than 100 supporters turned out to the event at the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 40 office on Madison's west side. The session, led by the **Democratic Party of Wisconsin**, is designed to ensure that recall volunteers know how to collect signatures properly.

Within minutes of arriving, however, a Wisconsin Reporter journalist who identified herself as a member of the media was asked to leave by an organizer who cited the campaign's desire to keep the information out of the media.

The reporter agreed to leave, but asked to speak with the person making the request. The reporter was then put on the phone with Zielinski.

Zielinski called the reporter unprofessional, accused her of sneaking into a party function and then threatened to discuss the incident Wednesday with the statehouse press corps, of which Wisconsin Reporter is a member.

“Get out,” Zielinski shouted. “Don’t come to our party functions anymore.”  
He then hung up the phone.

The Wisconsin Reporter staff writer had signed up to attend the event on the [Democratic Party of Wisconsin's website](#), using her name and wisconsinreporter.com email address.

Tuesday wasn't the first time Zielinski has [threatened Wisconsin Reporter](#).

In August, the spokesman sent an email to Wisconsin Reporter Bureau Chief M.D. Kittle complaining about the organization's news coverage, charging that it was biased to conservative or Republican causes.

“What happens next is that I contact the publishers and editors of the papers that publish you as ‘unbiased,’ and let them know our deep concern about the obvious bias that permeates your entire operation,” Zielinski wrote in his email.

“Then, we let our activists know which papers publish you, and they write the publisher and editor. Then, we contact the Capitol press pool and let them know about our concerns about your credentialing.

“And we continue on until you actually admit to the truth of your operation.”

Wisconsin Reporter's stories appear in a numerous daily newspapers statewide and several national publications.

The Madison-based news bureau requested to attend the meeting to report on the recall process, an unprecedented event in Wisconsin political history. Nothing in the invitation stated the session was closed to the media.

[This event is one of several](#) Democrats are holding statewide.

The petition drive is expected to begin Nov. 15. Volunteers will have 60 days to collect 540,208 valid signatures to trigger a recall election, but the Democratic Party wants to collect 650,000, which would give a cushion in case any signatures are declared to be invalid.

What Wisconsin Reporter found was an event that drew dozens more people than organizers had anticipated, perhaps signaling what organizers claim: a groundswell of support for the recall movement. Organizer **Nick Niles** announced that they had run out of [training packets](#) and asked people to share. Every chair was taken, including the extra seats organizers brought.

That’s in keeping with a campaign that **Mike McCabe**, executive director of the **Wisconsin Democracy Campaign**, expects to far outpace the state Senate recalls held this summer in terms of how much money and attention are spent.

The nonprofit Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, or WDC, tracks campaign funding.

The senators who faced recall elections “were not really the target of voters’ wrath,” McCabe said. “They were really the proxies for the governor. Now it’s no longer a proxy fight.”

Walker has had a target on his back since he pushed through legislation in the spring that reformed collective bargaining for public union employees.

Nine senators faced recalls in the spring for their role in the collective-bargaining debate. Two Republicans — **Dan Kapanke**, of **La Crosse**, and **Randy Hopper**, of **Fond du Lac** — lost their seats.

The GOP, though, still controls the Senate and Assembly.

On Tuesday, McCabe said he had estimated that spending on those recall campaigns could top \$20 million.

[The total was just less than \\$44 million](#), according to the WDC. McCabe wouldn’t guess how much would be spent on Walker’s recall, though McCabe noted that while the summer recalls only targeted voters in nine of 33 Senate districts, recalling a governor takes a statewide effort.

Is it possible that those trying to oust Walker and those trying to keep the governor in office could spend \$100 million?

McCabe said that would be “outlandish.”

“But then, \$30 million for the Senate recall elections sounded unrealistic to me,” he said. “I guess nothing would surprise me anymore.”

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I CONTEND THAT FOR A NATION TO TRY TO TAX ITSELF INTO PROSPERITY IS LIKE A MAN STANDING IN A BUCKET AND TRYING TO LIFT HIMSELF UP BY THE HANDLE. ~ WINSTON CHURCHILL

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**HERMAN CAIN SAYS JESUS WAS “A PERFECT CONSERVATIVE”  
WHO WAS CONDEMNED BY A “LIBERAL COURT”**

Last December, GOP presidential contender Herman Cain penned an interesting article about Jesus Christ that has been resurrected (no pun intended) and is getting some attention in the blogosphere. Published just five days before Christmas, the piece claims that Jesus was “a perfect conservative” and that “he...changed the world for the better.”

In his article, Cain goes on to explain, though, the reasons why he believes that to be true. He writes:

He helped the poor without one government program. He healed the sick without a government health care system. He [fed] the hungry without food stamps. And everywhere He went, it turned into a rally, attracting large crowds, and giving them hope, encouragement and inspiration.

For three years He was unemployed, and never collected an unemployment check. Nevertheless, he completed all the work He needed to get done. He didn't travel by private jet. He walked and sailed, and sometimes traveled on a donkey.

These certainly are some intriguing comparisons. During Jesus' life, government programs weren't what they are today. And while Jesus was unemployed, there were many along the way who likely offered their hospitality to him and his disciples. Still, the facts behind these notions, from a Christian perspective, are accurate.

Cain also covers the fact that Jesus wasn't born to a royal family, although he left a “royal impression on the world.” Additionally, he says that Christ learned all of the world's ways without becoming of the world.” In addressing condemnation, the successful businessman writes that Jesus never attacked what others believed in. Instead, he focused upon sin, evil and corruption.

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## Enough is Enough

Americans are fed up with Washington's reckless spending. During the past decade, federal spending has nearly doubled. If we continue along this path, America will become the next Greece – on the verge of default and no prospect of economic growth.

Eleven months ago, Americans went to the polls and told Washington enough is enough, cut spending! Of course, not everyone in Washington got the message. Last month, Harry Reid tried to give the Federal Emergency Management Agency *a billion dollars it didn't need*. Conservatives opposed this waste, that \$1 billion was not spent. And FEMA managed just fine! Join us and stand up against Washington's waste.

**LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE THE BOSS!! THE TIME IS NOW! LATER IS TOO LATE!**

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## American Thinker -- October 6, 2011

### Warren Buffett, the Keystone Pipeline, and Crony Capitalism

By **Joe Herring**

A decades-long crusade by the environmental left to convince us that oil is evil, unsustainable, and destroying our planet has yet to accomplish its goal of eliminating oil as a fuel, but it has succeeded in making oil damned expensive. However, new technologies for the extraction and transport of previously unrecoverable oil promise to reverse that trend.

One such project is the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline, which will transport bitumen from the oil sands of Alberta to the refineries and ports along the Gulf coast. It will also feature a spur that will pick up oil from the vast Bakken oil formation in North Dakota. The benefit to our economy and energy security is obvious.

I live in Nebraska, one of the states that will be host to a segment of the pipeline. We have witnessed a remarkably contentious debate locally regarding the construction of the Keystone XL, revealing some rather disturbing attitudes regarding truth and its role in public discourse. I suppose it was naïve to think that the wild-eyed excesses of the radical leftist environmental movement would find little purchase in the commonsense plains of Nebraska, but the

insupportable claims and charges being tossed about by the anti-pipeline crowd have proven that green insanity can take root even in our generally sensible state.

The opposition, led most loudly by a group called BOLD Nebraska, claims a catastrophic risk of contamination to the Ogallala aquifer should the pipeline suffer a breach. The aquifer underlies virtually all of Nebraska, and several other states, and supplies drinking water and irrigation to millions of people. It is understandable that reasonable people would express concern over potential hazards to such a valuable resource, and it is this reasonable concern that BOLD Nebraska is exploiting with a combination of half-truths, innuendo, and outright lies.

As required by law, an [Environmental Impact Statement](#) (EIS) has been prepared for this project. The science reflected in the statement is sound, and it illustrates a comprehensive examination of the project's effects, likely risks, and reasonable alternatives. The EIS arrives at a conclusion supported by recognized scientific method and was conducted by top experts in their fields. The proposed route for the Keystone XL pipeline is, in fact, the safest of the available routes.

The reality of the geology and hydrology underlying the proposed pipeline route precludes any wholesale contamination of the aquifer. To understand why, it is important to understand what an aquifer is -- and what it isn't. It *is* a geological formation that is structured in such a way as to hold water in quantity. It *is not* an "underground lake." It is a vast filter system consisting of layer upon layer of sedimentary rock, silt, clay, and sand that in Nebraska lies much closer to the surface on the western portion of the aquifer than on the eastern portion.

For this reason, the water flow within the aquifer is easterly, making it a physical impossibility for any oil leaked along the proposed route to flow "uphill" to the 75%-80% of the aquifer that lies to the west of the pipeline. Additionally, both the oil and the chemical additives that make it easier to pump are lighter than water and would not emulsify. Leaked oil will simply migrate toward the nearest substrate, remaining localized.

This is according to [Professor James Goeke](#), a hydro-geologist who retired from the University of Nebraska earlier this year after a forty-year career of studying the Ogallala aquifer and the Sand Hills region that overlies it. He is the [foremost expert on the aquifer](#), and he informs us that the geological structure of the formation precludes any possibility that oil could travel for more than a few hundred feet in any direction before encountering substrate. Quite simply, the aquifer and the land above it are not in any real danger from this project.

Given that the science clearly shows that the pipeline opposition is persisting in perpetuating a demonstrable falsehood, it is reasonable to question the opposition's motives. According to their own website [postings](#) and [editorializing](#) in newspapers across the nation, their ultimate aim is not to reroute the pipeline, but rather to halt its construction now and forever. The thinking is, if the pipeline is halted, then the oil will stay in the ground, thereby protecting the earth from the ravages of such a "filthy fuel." Their tactic is to suggest a simple rerouting around the aquifer for the sake of safety.

The environmentalists well know that changing the route at this stage will result in the invalidation of the existing EIS (the real aim of the protests), thereby creating a need to begin the entire process anew. This time, leftists are confident that they will be able to demagogue and politicize that process sufficiently to preclude another approval, resulting in the exercise of a "green veto" despite the clear conclusions of sound science.

So what happens if the pipeline is never built? Well, to fully explore that, it is instructive to look at the players in this game. One can find the usual suspects among the hysterical left: Hollywood environmentalists such as Daryl Hannah and progressive agenda-driven scientists like global-warming alarmist James Hansen of NASA. These, however, are merely the "useful idiots" in the process, and not the actual players. I mentioned BOLD Nebraska earlier. This group is funded almost entirely by Dick Holland, who has been a close friend and business associate of Warren Buffett since the 1960s.

Holland was an original investor in Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, and the two have remained close friends ever since. Buffett and Holland also share a similar political philosophy, both being liberal Democrats, with Holland giving exclusively to the Democratic Party. So why does this matter? It potentially answers a few questions about the recent behavior of Buffett and Obama, and perhaps the real reason behind the Nebraska-centric animus toward the pipeline.

A year after the election of Obama, Warren Buffett bought a giant railroad, the [Burlington Northern Santa Fe](#). The BNSF has more than [32,000 miles of track](#) and right-of-way in this nation, running from the west coast and through the agricultural heartland of America. It also hauls coal from the mines in Montana and Wyoming and is the railroad with the best existing north-south infrastructure. In fact, it's quite well-situated to perform precisely the task for which TransCanada has proposed to build a pipeline.

Should the pipeline fail, the oil will still be extracted, but it will [then be transported by rail](#), and Mr. Buffett, thanks to the efforts of his friend Mr. Holland, will be uniquely situated to derive a fortune from that business, as well as enhance the value of his holdings in Conoco-Phillips petroleum. Is it possible that Warren Buffett's assistance to Obama in both policy and public relations lately may be his way of trying to tip the regulatory scales in his favor? After all, nothing says "I love you" to a Democrat better than a public plea for more taxes.

In any case, the opposition to the pipeline is not only tainted, but intellectually and scientifically bankrupt. BOLD Nebraska are correct when they screech that there is an agenda being served here, but it is not big oil, environmentalism, or even green energy; it appears to be garden-variety crony capitalism, an Obama administration specialty.

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## **Obama to announce actions on housing, student loans**

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(Reuters) - President Barack Obama this week will announce a series of actions to help the economy that will not require congressional approval, including an initiative to make it easier for homeowners to refinance their mortgages, according to a White House official.

The actions come as Obama is facing resistance from Republicans to a \$447 billion jobs package he has urged Congress to pass.

The first of the initiatives will be unveiled during Obama's three-day trip to western states beginning Monday.

He will discuss the changes in mortgage rules at a stop in Nevada, which has one of the hardest-hit housing markets in the country.

The Obama administration has been working with the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the regulator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to find ways to make it easier for borrowers to switch to cheaper loans even if they have little to no equity in their homes.

The FHFA intends to loosen the terms of the two-year-old Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP), which helps borrowers who have been making mortgage payments on time but who have not been able to refinance as their home values have dropped.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the changes should boost refinancing because they will let banks avoid the risk of any "buy-back" on a HARP mortgage as long as borrowers have made their last six mortgage payments and they prove that they have a job or another source of passive income.

They are also set to reduce loan fees that Fannie and Freddie charge and waive fees on borrowers that refinance into loans with shorter terms, the Journal said.

Pricing details won't be published until mid-November, and lenders could begin refinancing loans under the retooled program as soon as December 1, the newspaper reported, citing federal officials. Loans that exceed the current limit of 125 percent of the property's value won't be able to participate until early next year, the report said.

In Denver Wednesday, Obama will announce a student loan initiative.

"The only way we can truly attack our economic challenges is with bold, bipartisan action in Congress," White House Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer told The New York Times.

"The president will continue to pressure Congressional Republicans to put country before party and pass the American Jobs Act, but he believes we cannot wait, so he will act where they won't."

(Reporting by [Caren Bohan](#) and JoAnne Allen. Editing by Sandra Maler and Chris Wilson)

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**A little boy was putting a map of the United States together. It was going quite well. He was not having any problems. As his Mother walked by she commented that she wasn't aware he was so familiar with our country and she was proud he was doing so well. The little fellow smiled up at his Mother and told her, "It is really quite simple – Jesus picture is on the back and I know where those pieces go". -----unknown**

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## **The Patriot Update – A Free Press for the Conservative Revolution**

*Raymond says:*

October 23, 2011 at 3:31 pm

Ever notice how the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) seems to take on only cases that are anti-Christian – pro-sodomy, pro-abortion, anti-family, pro-pornography, pro-prostitution, pro-euthanasia, pro-homosexual, pro-infanticide, pro-crime, pro-humanism, anti-God — and, except for atheism, anti-religion?

It calls itself the American Civil Liberties Union, but the ACLU is not American; it is uncivil (to the unborn, which are shredded mercilessly to pieces without anesthetic); and it knows nothing of true liberty, which can only be found in Jesus Christ, when one is set free from the bondage of all the SIN this evil organization PROMOTES!

The ACLU's founder, Roger Baldwin, stated: "We are for SOCIALISM, disarmament, and ultimately for

abolishing the state itself... We seek the social ownership of property, the abolition of the propertied class, and the SOLE CONTROL of those who produce wealth. COMMUNISM is the goal.” (Source: Trial and Error, by Geo. Grant)

The ACLU is destructive to the fabric of our society. Christians must recognize Satan as the source – the instigator – when the end results of an organization’s efforts are only “to kill, to steal, and to destroy.” All we need to is examine the (rotten) fruit.

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## Obama Spreading Poverty Instead of Wealth

by Thomas Sowell

Like so many people, in so many countries, who started out to “spread the wealth,” Barack Obama has ended up spreading poverty. Have you ever heard anyone as incoherent as the people staging protests across the country? Taxpayers ought to be protesting against having their money spent to educate people who end up unable to say anything beyond repeating political catch phrases.

It is hard to understand politics if you are hung up on reality. Politicians leave reality to others. What matters in politics is what you can get the voters to believe, whether it bears any resemblance to reality or not.

I hate getting bills that show a zero balance. If I don’t owe anything, why bother me with a bill? There is too much junk mail already.

Radical feminists seem to assume that men are hostile to women. But what would they say to the fact that most of the women on the Titanic were saved, and most of the men perished – due to rules written by men and enforced by men on the sinking ship?

If he were debating Barack Obama, Newt Gingrich could chew him up and spit him out.

Whether the particular issue is housing, medical care or anything in between, the agenda of the left is to take the decision out of the hands of those directly involved and transfer that decision to third parties, who pay no price for making decisions that turn out to be counterproductive.

It is truly the era of the New Math when a couple making \$125,000 a year each are taxed at rates that are said to apply to “millionaires and billionaires.”

On many issues, the strongest argument of the left is that there is no argument. This has been the left’s party line on the issue of man-made global warming and the calamities they claim will follow. But there are many scientists – some with Nobel Prizes – who have repudiated the global warming hysteria.

With professional athletes earning megabucks incomes, it is a farce to punish their violations of rules with fines. When Serena Williams was fined \$2,000 for misconduct during a tennis match, that was like fining you or me a nickel or a dime. Suspensions are something that even the highest-paid athletes can feel.

Most of us may lament the fact that so many more people are today dependent on food stamps and other government subsidies. But dependency usually translates into votes for whoever is handing out the benefits, so an economic disaster can be a political bonanza, as it was for Franklin D. Roosevelt. Don’t count Obama out in 2012.

Politicians can solve almost any problem – usually by creating a bigger problem. But, so long as the voters are aware of the problem that the politicians have solved, and unaware of the bigger problems they have created, political “solutions” are a political success.

Do people who advocate special government programs for blacks realize that the federal government has had special programs for American Indians, including affirmative action, since the early 19th century – and that American Indians remain one of the few groups worse off than blacks?

I hope the people who are challenging Obamacare in the Supreme Court point out that the equal application of the laws, mandated by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, is violated when the president can arbitrarily grant hundreds of waivers to the Obamacare law to his political favorites, while everyone else has to follow its costly provisions.

People who live within their means are increasingly being forced to pay for people who didn’t live within their means – whether individual home buyers here or whole nations in Europe.

Regardless of how the current Republican presidential nomination process ends, I hope that they will never again have these televised “debates” among a crowd of candidates, which just turn into a circular firing squad – damaging whoever ends up with the nomination, and leaving the voters knowing only who is quickest with glib answers.

Have you noticed that we no longer seem to be hearing the old familiar argument that illegal aliens are just taking jobs that Americans won’t do?

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## FROM "FRIENDS OF PATRIOT UPDATE" □

Jordan Gehrke, □ Campaign Director □ [AmericansforHermanCain.com](http://AmericansforHermanCain.com)

They're at it again. □ □ The Republican establishment sees Herman Cain surging, and they're doing everything they can to stop him. **Karl Rove went after Herman Cain on FOX this weekend.** I could tell you about it, but I can't say it as well as Herman said it himself: □ □ **"I believe it is a deliberate attempt to damage me because I am not, quote unquote, the establishment choice.** But why not go with the choice that the people seem to like?" □ □

Herman Cain is exactly right. The establishment has been trying to shove Mitt Romney down our throats for a year, despite his flip flops on abortion and immigration. Not to mention the fact that he's the godfather of Obamacare. They even tried to get us to like Rick Perry for awhile, too. Then Perry started calling people who didn't support free college tuition for illegal aliens "heartless." So that didn't really work, either. □ □ **In Herman Cain, conservatives finally have their best candidate since Ronald Reagan.** He's passionate about conservatism, speaks from his heart, and excites people. That's why Herman is surging in the polls, and it's why the establishment has decided to swing into action. □ □

I'm telling you this because when you hear Karl Rove bashing Herman Cain on FOX, I want you to know what's going on. □ □ I respect Karl Rove and what he did with President Bush. But **Rove is the leader of the establishment. He doesn't want to see Herman Cain get nominated.** □ □ This is why we have primaries. "We the People" get to decide who our nominee is. Not the media, not party big shots like Karl Rove.

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[A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself within. The essential causes of Rome's decline lay in her people, her morals, her class struggle, her failing trade, her bureaucratic despotism, her stifling taxes, her consuming wars!! Rome/America](#)

[For America today, decline is not a condition. Decline is a choice. -----Charles Krauthammer](#)

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## Obama's Middle East Blunders Come Home To Roost.

Posted on

October 25, 2011 by [Skip MacLure](#)

Depending on where you are on the conspiracy ladder, all is according to plan. So how's that nation-building scheme workin' now, Mr President? It's apparent that wherever our young President dabbles in mid-east diplomacy, the crescent is in ascendancy.

It made me laugh listening to the academized boneheads of the administration vomiting forth platitudes of a 'democratic Arab Spring'... a democratic Egypt... a democratic Libya. Kumbaya and other fairy tails.

Meanwhile, our intrepid Barack Hussein Obama works diligently to ensure that our mission in Afghanistan fails and the Taliban take over. Starve our troops in Afghanistan of tactical support, as well as supplies. Cripple them with rules of engagement just short of suicidal. The finest military in the world wasted... for what? A monument to Barack Obama's cowardice? Or something more sinister?

Desperation move. Barack Obama, in a desperate move to pull his fragmented base together, has summarily declared that our remaining 25,000 troops in Iraq will be removed, leaving that country undefended. This is a very poor political decision fraught with peril. If we have to go back into Iraq, which is a pretty fair possibility, it will cost far more in American lives and treasure than had we simply stayed there as the strongly stabilizing influence we have been.

If the destabilization of the Middle East was Obama's purpose or his mission, whichever you prefer, he's done a bang-up job. One cannot help wondering if his next outreach will be to Bashar Assad? What is obvious to me is that everywhere Barack's magic touch is found, the Muslim Brotherhood follows, as do all the other forces of darkness. • By the way, I strongly suggest we investigate the Islamists in Barack's own government. Maybe we'll discover where he's getting his marching orders.

Let's face it... war with Islam is coming. They cannot be compromised with on any level. Soon, very soon, the Muslims here will be forced to choose. Freedom or tyranny, it will be that simple. But we will not as a people permit this medieval death cult to invade our society.

No, I don't think every Muslim is an Islamic Jihadist. But I do think plenty enough of them have heard their Mullahs preaching their hatred and said nothing. Plenty of Muslims out there are aware of terrorists hiding among their communities and they say nothing. This is Barack Obama's America and I can't wait to change it.

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### **Does this explain being a liberal to you?**

In a bid to stem taxpayer losses for bad loans guaranteed by federal housing agencies Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac, Senator Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) proposed that borrowers be required to make a 5% down payment in order to qualify.

His proposal was rejected 57-42 on a party-line vote because, as Senator Chris Dodd (D-Conn) explained, "Passage of such a requirement would restrict home ownership to only those who can afford it."

I can't add anything to this.

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### **Willful blindness --** October 27, 2011 --- Jerry Philipson

The United States Department of Justice, which includes the Federal Bureau Of Investigation (the FBI) and the National Security Division, has been **ordered** to remove all references to Islam from any examination of Islamic terror in its training materials and procedures. That means investigation of the Islamic beliefs, motives and goals of Islamic terrorists in the U.S. is verboten in the Department Of Justice and the rest of the Federal Government because accurate, knowledgeable, honest and objective discussion of Islam has been forbidden and is no longer possible there. Islam cannot be examined in depth or criticized in any way, shape or form and woe betide any government employee who does.

Beyond that, Islamic apologists and supremacists whose purpose is to turn America into an Islamic state governed by Islamic Law are the only people the government allows to speak about Islam to its employees and they present a distorted and totally false portrait of it which has nothing to do with reality and history and everything to do with bringing about the downfall of the country.

These edicts come straight from the top, straight from President Obama, and they are a clear, unequivocal threat to freedom of speech and freedom of expression and the survival of the United States as a free, democratic, secular, pluralistic nation. Thanks to Obama, the tyranny of Islam has come to the Federal Government and if Americans aren't careful it will come to the rest of the country as well. It is entirely predictable that Obama will attempt to extend these edicts in some form to the American people themselves...if he is allowed to get away with it the United States is doomed, pure and simple. Islam and Islamists are evil personified and the U.S. is in a war for survival with them, even if Obama doesn't want you to think so and won't allow you to say so.

**Memo to Americans: vote the bum out of office and fight him at every turn because if you don't there won't be an America left.**

And don't forget, as America goes so goes the world.

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## **Bull's Eye Jack!!**

They like to refer to us as senior citizens, old fogies, geezers, and in some cases dinosaurs. Some of us are "baby boomers" getting ready to retire. Others have been retired for some time.

We walk a little slower these days and our eyes and hearing are not what they one were.

We have worked hard, raised our children, worshiped our God and grown old together. Yes, we are the ones some refer to as being over the hill and that is probably true. But before writing us off completely there are a few things that need to be taken into consideration. In school we studied English, history, math and science which enabled us to lead America into the technological age.



Most of us remember what outhouses were, many of us with firsthand experience. We remember the days of telephone party lines, 25-cent gasoline, milk and ice being delivered to our homes. For those of you who don't know what an icebox is, today they are electric and referred to as refrigerators. A few even remember when cars were started with a crank. Yes, we lived those days. We are probably considered old fashioned and out-dated by many.

But there are a few things you need to remember before completely writing us off. We won World War II and fought in Korea and Viet Nam. We can quote the pledge of allegiance, and know where to place our hand while doing so. We wore the uniform of our country with pride and lost many friends on the battlefield. We didn't fight for the Socialist States of America, we fought for the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." We wore different uniforms but carried the same flag. We know the words to the "Star Spangled Banner," "America" and "America the Beautiful" by heart, and you may even see some tears running down our cheeks as we sing.

We have lived what many of you have only read about in history books and we feel no obligation to apologize to anyone for America.

Yes, we are old and slow these days but rest assured, we have at least one good fight left in us. We have loved this country, fought for it, and died for it, and now we are going to save it. It is our country and nobody is going to take it away from us. We took oaths to defend America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that is an oath we plan to keep. There are those who want to destroy this land we love but, like our founders, there is no way we are going to remain silent.

It was the young people of this nation who elected Obama and the Democratic Congress. You fell for the "hope and change" horseshit which in reality was nothing but "hype and lies." You have tasted Socialism and seen evil face to face, and have found you don't like it after all.

You make a lot of noise but most are all too interested in their careers or "climbing the social ladder" to be involved in such mundane things as patriotism and voting.

Many of those who fell for the "great lie" in 2008 are now having buyer's remorse. With all the education we gave you, you didn't have sense enough to see through the lies and instead drank the kool-aid!!

Now you're paying the price and complaining about it.

No jobs, more lost mortgages, higher taxes, and less freedom. This is what was voted for and this is what we got. We entrusted you with the "Torch of Liberty" and you traded it for a paycheck and a fancy house.

Well, don't worry, youngsters, the Grey-Haired Brigade is here, and on ELECTION DAY we are going to take back our nation.

We may drive a little slower than you would like but we get where we're going, and in November 2012 we're going to the polls by the millions.

This land does not belong to the liar in the White House or to Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid. It belongs to "We the People," and "We the People" plan to reclaim our land and our freedom. We hope this time we will do a better job of preserving it and passing it along to our grandchildren.

So the next time you have the chance to say the Pledge of Allegiance, stand up, put your hand over your heart, honor our country and thank GOD for the old geezers of the "grey-Haired Brigade."

AMEN!!

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## Frankly Speaking-----by Frank F. Clark

I recently listened to a message delivered by Ravi Zacharias titled "The Distinctives of Christ". I was interesting how Ravi explained why Jesus is like no other religious leader. Because of these distinctives, we should be encouraged to walk more closely with Him. However, Ravi took a sidebar during the message and this is particularly applicable to America.

In this side bar, he quotes Malcolm Muggeridge who said, "The depravity of man is at the same time the most imperially verifiable fact even as it is the most intellectually resisted." Ravi went on to say that the one thing absolutely certain in life is our depravity. He said that we don't like it when something goes wrong and we are exposed, but at the same time, we take great joy when someone else is exposed.

While talking about this, he told a story of a New York Times reporter who called him recently to ask his opinion of the economic downturn in America. Ravi said, "Before I answer your questions, may I please ask you one question, just one, please?" He said that the reporter was stunned, but finally said yes. Then Ravi began like this. "Why is it that we, in our Ivy League schools, teach our budding business men and women that all ethics is relative, that there is no absolute moral law. We teach them that all morality is relative. Then, when they become heads of Enron and others within the limited relativistic ethic, we put them behind bars? Do you think we should bring the professors to trial, too?" The reporter had no answer.

Ravi's next statement was stunning to me. He said that he is convinced that the gas chambers of Nazi Germany, which he has visited, were not ultimately prepared by ministers of defense, but by the lecture halls of scientists and philosophers, who said that man is nothing but the product of heredity and environment. The Germans called it "blood and soil." It is the academic institutions that have reduced us to this kind of material game end product. If you change the definition of what a human is, you change the definition of what sin is. If you change the definition of what sin is, you lose yourself permanently.

On my Facebook page, this sign appeared the other day. "Dear God, Why do you allow so much violence in our schools? Signed, A Concerned Student." Then it read, "Dear Concerned Student, I'm not allowed in school. God." While some might argue the theology behind this little sign, the point is well taken.

Last week, the Manhattan Free Press stated that the average state proficiency reading level for Kansas high school graduates is 54%. The article said that it would be nice if that

figure was 87.6%. Compare that with the sixth grade reading level that existed in the 1780's when the average American had a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education. The average college graduate today cannot easily read what the average sixth grader could read back then. What is the difference?

I believe that there were two main differences between the schools then and now. The first is that most families were dedicated Bible believing Christians. As a result, the overwhelming majority of families were in tact with the original mother and father raising an average of five children per family.

The second reason is that nearly all of the children at that time were either home schooled or they attended religious church operated schools. There were no public schools. Parents were held accountable for the education of their children. In fact, every college in America at that time was a religious school, except for the University of Pennsylvania and King's College. Most of them were seminaries to prepare men for the ministry. The rest were law schools. God was present and readily recognized in the school and in the classrooms. This included the University of Pennsylvania.

The first semblance of a public school was instituted by the Northwest Ordinance. But those schools, by law were required to teach the Christian religion with the other subjects. Then, in 1850 Horace Mann instituted the first state run public schools in Massachusetts. He proposed consolidating the small schools saying that education would improve due to increased efficiency. Horace Mann was unalterably opposed to the presence of God and the Bible in public schools. The college where he taught was Columbia University. After the Revolutionary War, King's College reopened under the name Columbia with a change of focus from its original intent. It became one of the first totally secular colleges in the nation.

What is the result? Substandard reading and math levels exist in every state, along with a constantly escalating violence in the schools, and constant lawsuits against Christians. As Muggeridge said, "The depravity of man is at the same time the most imperially verifiable fact even as it is the most intellectually resisted." Einstein once said that insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results. Have we now reached that point? I pray not.

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## Report on ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement)

...By R.D. Fry

**This is just another example of our lawless government in action. This is a clear breach of the President's oath of office. He is responsible to see that those under him enforce the laws of the nation. They clearly are not and our fellow citizens are paying with their lives and the lives of their loved ones.**

Before he entered the Execution of his Office, he took the following Oath or Affirmation:

***"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) 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."***

Constitution Article II

## ICE HQ Ordered Agents to NOT Arrest Illegals, Including Fugitives!

### Union President Testifies: ICE HQ Ordered Agents Not to Arrest Illegals...

By Edwin Mora | October 20, 2011

([CNSNews.com](http://CNSNews.com)) - Chris Crane, president of a union that represents Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers, testified in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration last week that ICE agents have been told by ICE headquarters not to arrest illegal aliens who do not have a prior criminal conviction even

if they are fugitives who have been ordered deported by an immigration judge or are individuals who have illegally re-entered the United States after being deported and thus have perpetrated a felony.

"Aliens who could not be arrested included but were not limited to ICE fugitives that had been ordered deported by a federal immigration judge as well as aliens who had illegally re-entered the United States after deportation, a federal felony," Crane, who is also an active-duty ICE agent, told the committee on Oct. 12.

"ICE officers and agents also alleged that they were not permitted to arrest or even speak to confirmed or suspected illegal aliens encountered in the field during operations and were prohibited from running standard criminal record checks for wants and warrants," Crane testified.

Crane had previously testified about the matter in the subcommittee in late July.

"When I last testified before the subcommittee on July 25, 2011, I reported among other things that ICE enforcement removal officers and agents in the field alleged that unwritten directives from ICE headquarters had been issued nationwide ordering officers not to arrest aliens unless it was confirmed that the alien had received a prior conviction for a criminal offense," Crane told the committee last week.

Since his July testimony, he said, his union has been working with the Judiciary Committee on the issue.

"I would like to thank Chairman [Lamar] Smith and his staff for working with the union regarding this matter after the July 25 hearing," said Crane. "Chairman Smith provided us with the opportunity to bring officers forward as witnesses. We were also able to turn over several internal ICE documents which appear to not only verify that these activities did in fact take place, but also named several senior level ICE managers allegedly involved in issuing the directives nationwide.

"Second," Crane testified, "I would like to address the impact and effectiveness of these type of orders. I have never heard of any law enforcement agency in the nation that prohibits its officers from even speaking to or interviewing individuals who are inside a house in which the officers are attempting to affect an arrest.

"From a law enforcement standpoint what could be the possible benefit?" said Crane. "The only purpose for an order such as this is to prevent officers from making arrests which ICE leadership has allegedly stated is its goal. However, these directives not only prevent the arrest of non criminal aliens but also prevent the identification and arrest of very dangerous criminals, potentially individuals involved in terrorist activities."

Crane told the committee that he believed the ICE policy was putting both the public and ICE agents at risk.

"It not only prevents officers from talking to and arresting persons who may be wanted for crimes but also individuals who are being victimized and in need of assistance," said Crane. "Certainly, anyone can see that these practices are contrary to effective law enforcement practice and place the public at risk. Many officers will tell you that the majority of their best arrests, the arrests that most benefit public safety, come from unintended encounters with criminal aliens in the course of looking for a different target in the field.

"Of course, these practices also place our officers at risk," said Crane. "Nothing that I could ever say here today can capture the dynamics as they unfold when a door opens and our officers enter a house that they've never been in before. It's dangerous. Officers don't know who is in the house or what they are capable of doing. Problems often arise that require officers to remain in a house for extended periods. Officers on the scene must have the ability to provide for their own safety. They should never be prohibited from talking to people at the scene, conducting interviews as needed, running appropriate background checks, or even making additional arrests."

During an Oct. 19 hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama asked Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano about the information Crane had brought forward. Napolitano denied that agents were being told not to arrest fugitives and deportees who had re-entered the country.

"What I'm hearing is that while claiming to arrest more criminal aliens, internal ICE documents show that DHS leadership has ordered field officers not to arrest fugitives and re-entries and leadership efforts to conceal this from the public has led to confusion in the field," Sessions told Napolitano.

"Well if they say that, they're not reading it correctly because that's exactly not the case," Napolitano said. "They can be arrested, but at some point in the process there need to be decisions made about who is to be removed."

[CNSNews.com](http://CNSNews.com) recently reported that during fiscal years 2009 and 2010 ICE caught and released at least 28 Iranian who as of this January were considered fugitives in the U.S.--and that ICE would not say whether they were still fugitives as of the beginning of this week. Iran has been designated by the U.S. State Department as one of four state-sponsors of terrorism. The other three are Syria, Sudan, and Cuba.

Chris Crane is president of the National Immigration and Customs Enforcement Council 118 of the

American Federation of Government Employees. The National ICE Council, according to written testimony Crane presented to the committee, represents about 7,200 ICE employees, who mostly work in ICE's Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations. Crane said he had been an ICE officer since 2003. Before that, according to Immigration Subcommittee Chairman Elton Gallegly, Crane had served 11 years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

During his time as an ICE agent, Crane told the subcommittee in his written testimony, he has worked in the Criminal Alien Program, which goes after aliens who have been charged with crimes by local or federal law enforcement, and also as part of a Fugitive Operations Team "whose primary function was to apprehend foreign nationals who had not departed the United States after receiving an Order of Deportation from a federal immigration judge."

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## Reject a Super Committee Tax Hike -- *Asst Natl Dir Mellie*

Patriots,

The so-called "super committee" was created to solve our nation's dire fiscal problems. One look at Europe and the stakes are clear: massive unemployment, social unrest and waning influence throughout the world. We cannot allow that to be , 's future, which is why conservatives should want the "super committee" to succeed in enacting real reforms. Unfortunately, the "super committee" is veering off course and the odds are growing that massive tax hikes will be part of a final deal. Even worse, not all Republicans are willing to take massive tax hikes off the table. According to news reports, more than 100 House members – Republicans and Democrats alike – sent a letter to the "super committee" urging a "big, grand bargain – taking nothing off the table." In Washington, that is code for a tax increase.

Weigh in on our site: discuss how conservatives can reject tax hikes. Click the link: [http://heritageaction.com/2011/10/note-to-super-committee-don%E2%80%99t-raise-taxes/?roi=echo3-10232830990-7004824-6062d1e2132a390474e4b767dfa017b7&UA-16902633-1&utm\\_source=heritageaction&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=wwf-rejectsupertax](http://heritageaction.com/2011/10/note-to-super-committee-don%E2%80%99t-raise-taxes/?roi=echo3-10232830990-7004824-6062d1e2132a390474e4b767dfa017b7&UA-16902633-1&utm_source=heritageaction&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=wwf-rejectsupertax)

Here are the criteria conservatives should use to judge whether the "super committee" is serious:

- Real spending cuts, to both discretionary and mandatory spending
- No tax increases, period

Together, conservatives can fight to save the American Dream from the Washington Establishment and big government special interests, which are entrenched on both sides of the partisan aisle.

Sincerely, □

Michael A. Needham, □

Chief Executive, Officer □ Heritage, Action for America

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## Kansas Representative Tim Huelskamp Sees it like it is!!

Dear Friend:

Back in August, I voted against the deficit 'deal' which raised our debt ceiling to \$15 trillion. Instead of tackling Washington's spending problem, the 'deal' struck by President Obama and Congress formed an elite "Super Committee" to secretly meet and write legislation. Instead of passing a solution, Washington passed the buck onto an elite, secretive, bipartisan group of Beltway Insiders.

You did not send me to Washington to abdicate my responsibilities to a 12-member Super Committee. A Super Committee that will just barely skim the fat off the top of the problem.

**I did not support creating this Super Committee or raising the debt limit** when asked to do so back in August. And, I am not too fond of the way its business is being conducted now that it is trying to come up with the \$1.2 trillion in cuts it has been assigned to do. So much of the Super Committee's business has been conducted behind closed doors. Members of Congress who will be asked to vote on the Committee's recommendations have little to no insight as to what is going on with the Super Committee.

**And, now we are learning that the Super Committee may supersede their duties and write a farm bill.**

What other massive policy changes do they plan on? We don't know because their deliberations are shrouded in secrecy—though apparently K Street lobbyists know what's going on before Members of Congress do.

Democrats—led by Barack Obama—have been working too hard over the past three years to expand government’s reach into our lives. They have no intention to willingly give any of that ground back.

They gave us Obamacare. Obama appointed people to the EPA, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Health and Human Services (HHS) who share his radical views about the scope and purpose of government.

EPA is putting out massive amounts of regulation on manufacturing, farms and every other type of business. The idea is to take choking “greenhouse gases” out of the air. But instead of doing that, they are choking any chance to get away from this weak economy. Hundreds of thousands of jobs are lost every month, and EPA regulations play a major role.

The FCC wants to restrict your freedom of speech. They are just about to implement new regulations on the Internet to give Obama and his ilk control over the Internet just like the Fairness Doctrine did to radio until Ronald Reagan stopped it in the 1980’s.

And HHS—led by former **Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius**—is poised to steal your medical records breaching doctor/patient privacy. She is working to implement an aggressive array of regulations under Obamacare which will radically transform American healthcare.

I just can’t use the word ‘**radical**’ enough to describe what’s happening in Washington. But we knew Barack Obama was a radical even before he was elected. And in the previous two years, he had control of Washington to pursue his extreme agenda unchecked.

The good news is that we have put a stop to part of the massive Obama expansion since 2010. But I am not yet convinced Republicans fully understand what’s at stake here.

After ten months where we never threatened to shut down the government, will we have the will to reverse Obama’s left-wing, progressive agenda? The Republican Study Committee, led by my friend and Ohio Congressman Jim Jordan, has led the charge in the House to make that case.

Now we need all of you to do what you did so well last year; elect a new round of free-market, conservative House Members and Senators to give us conservative control of both houses of Congress.

And even with all this bad news, I am encouraged by **the determination of the American people** to hold their government accountable. And if you continue that determination, I believe we can free the American people to take our country back and turn it onto the proper course of **freedom and prosperity**.

Recent years have shown that government just makes a mess of things. But the United States remains a great country because of her people - and despite her current crop of radical leaders in the White House and Senate.

Serving you in Liberty,  
Tim Huelskamp

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If you have an editorial to submit – be my guest.

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