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DON'T LET OBAMA'S MEDIA CHANGE THE SUBJECT

~ posted by LLOYD MARCUS ON OCTOBER 2, 2012 AT 11:30PM

It goes without saying that the mainstream media is an enemy of the American people. To fulfill its mission to re-elect Obama, the MSM (Mainstream Media) is willing to sacrifice national security, the economy and the best interest of our nation.

Obama continues to lie about our ambassador's murder in Libya. The Obama administration's "fast and furious" gun scandal along with an overabundance of Obama failures in leadership continue to go under-reported. The MSM completely ignores vital major news stories to focus on "gotcha", lets make Romney look bad, trivia. A major network led its evening news TV broadcast asking, "What must Romney do to turn his campaign around?" Numerous U.S. embassies and consulates around the world have recently come under attack. Meanwhile, the MSM stays focused on destroying Romney.

Patriots, we MUST do the work the mainstream Obama media refuses to do.

The Campaign to Defeat Obama has released a new TV ad titled, "[Barack Obama's Legacy of Failure](#)". Please assist us in making it go viral!

Our team is boots on the ground on a 72 city Rebuild America – Defeat Obama national bus tour. In Michigan, someone attacked our bus today with a full can of beer. The coward swiftly disappeared.

Our rallies thus far on this tour confirm that passions run high on both sides of the aisle. But, unlike the Obama OWS minions, I am proud to report that no one on our side has displayed violence or vandalism. And yet, Obama's mainstream media continues to portray the Tea Party as racist and equal to OWS. They shamelessly **lie**, folks.

-- Lloyd Marcus, Proud *Unhyphenated* American

<http://www.campaigntodefearthobama.com/rebuild-america-tour/>

A Sign of Our Unusual Times: [GOP Senators] Vratil, Owens Back Democrats

by Steve Rose on Oct. 2, 2012, **Star columnist**

In an unusual move in Johnson County politics, two longtime Republican political leaders, who served in the most recent session of the state Senate, are endorsing Democrats in the November general election to the state Senate.

John Vratil, a Republican from Leawood, and Tim Owens, a Republican from Overland Park, are lending their names to campaign literature as bona fide endorsers of Democratic candidates.

Vratil, who decided to retire from the Senate before the August primary, is endorsing Democrat Mike Delaney over Republican Jeff Melcher in the 11th district.

Melcher won the August primary against state Rep. Pat Colloton.

(Colloton is not endorsing Melcher — although she said Delaney is a “very, very quality candidate” — but she said she wants to remain active in the Republican Party.)

Owens, in his first term as senator, is formally endorsing two Democratic candidates for the state Senate. One is Lisa Johnston, who will face off against Jim Denning in the 8th District. Denning defeated Owens in the primary election. Owens also is endorsing Democrat Juanita Roy of the 21st District, who is running against state Rep. Greg Smith.

Vratil was first elected to the state Senate in 1998 and served as the Senate vice president since 2003. He was virtually pushed into retirement by the conservative wing of the Republican Party. He was too moderate in the eyes of Gov. Sam Brownback, who let it be known Vratil would be targeted. Vratil either decided it was too stressful to serve or was concerned that he might be defeated.

Owens also was targeted in a statewide conservative-led purge of Republican moderates in the Senate.

Both claim this is not sour grapes, but that they find more in common with the Democratic candidates than they do the ultra-conservative Republicans on the ballot.

Speaking of Delaney, Vratil said, “His views are closer to mine, and they are closer to the 11th Senate District.”

Owens will not put up a yard sign for Johnston, but will put up one that says “Vote Moderate,” he said. Johnston’s views are closer to Owens’ views than her Republican opponent’s.

Owens said he has been a Republican all his adult life, going back to college days. But he does not agree with much of the agenda of the ultra-conservatives.

“I agree with those who support education, are moderate on social issues, are opposed to changing the way we select judges in Kansas, and who do not agree with a budget that I think will be devastating,” Owen said.

One can hear the howls of “RINO” (Republican in Name Only) from conservative Republicans.

Vratil rebuts that. “I am a traditional Republican,” Vratil said. “They (the ultra-conservatives) are the RINOS, because they are no longer traditional.”

Admitting that Republican leaders endorsing Democrats for the legislature is quite unusual, Vratil responded, “These are very unusual times.” *In addition to these “Republicans that are now supporting Democrats. Roger Rietz, of the Riley County area, is also supporting the running Democrat, Tom Hawk. If these “Republicans” wanted to support the Democrat agenda why didn’t they run as Democrats? And, just for the record, “Traditional Republicans” have always been for SMALLER government. That is NOT new.)*

Read more here: <http://joco913.com/news/steve-rose-vratil-owens-back-democrats-a-sign-of-our-unusual-times/#storylink=cpy>

A List of Republican Budget Cuts *Note: S.S. & the military are NOT on this list!*

These are all the programs that the 2010 Republican House has proposed cutting -- Read to the end.

*Corporation for Public Broadcasting Subsidy -- \$455 million annual savings.

*Save America’s Treasures Program -- \$25 million annual savings.

*International Fund for Ireland -- \$17 million annual savings.

*Legas Services Corporation -- \$420 million annual savings.

*National Endowment for the Humanities -- \$167.5 million annual savings.

*Hope VI Program -- \$250 million annual savings.

*Amtrak Subsidies -- \$1.565 billion annual savings.

*Eliminate duplicate education programs – H.R. 2274 (in last Congress), authored by Rep. McKeon, eliminates 68 programs at a savings of \$1.3 billion annually.

*U.S. Trade Development Agency -- \$55 million annual savings.

*Woodrow Wilson Center Subsidy -- \$20 million annual savings.

*Cut in half funding for congressional printing & binding -- \$47 million annual savings.

*John C. Stennis Center Subsidy -- \$430,000 annual savings.

*Community Development Fund -- \$4.5 billion annual savings.

*Heritage Area Grants and Statutory Aid -- \$24 million annual savings.

- *Cut Federal Travel Budget in Half -- \$7.5 billion annual savings
- *Trim Federal Vehicle Budget by 20% -- \$600 million annual savings.
- *Essential Air Service -- \$150 million annual savings.
- *Technology Innovation Program -- \$70 million annual savings.
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- *Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program -- \$125 million annual savings.
- *Department of Energy Grants to States for Weatherization -- \$530 million annual savings.
- *Beach Replenishment -- \$95 million annual savings.
- *New Starts Transit -- \$2 billion annual savings.
- *Exchange Programs for Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Their Historical Trading Partners in Massachusetts -- \$9 million annual savings.
- *Intercity and High Speed Rail Grants -- \$2.5 billion annual savings.
- *Title X Family Planning -- \$318 million Annual savings.
- *Appalachian Regional Commission -- \$76million annual savings.
- *Economic Development Administration -- \$293 million annual savings.
- *Programs under the National and Community Services Act -- \$1.15 billion annual savings.
- *Applied Research at Department of Energy -- \$1.17 billion annual savings.
- *Freedom CAR and Fuel Partnership -- \$200 million Annual savings.
- *Energy Star Program -- \$52 million annual savings.
- *Economic Assistance to Egypt -- \$250 million annually.
- *U.S. Agency for International Development -- \$1.39 billion annual savings.
- *General Assistance to District of Columbia -- \$210 million annual savings.
- *Subsidy for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority -- \$150 million annual savings.
- *Presidential Campaign Fund -- \$775 million savings over ten years.
- *No funding for federal office space acquisition -- \$864 million annual savings.
- *End prohibitions on competitive sourcing of government services.
- *Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act – More than \$1 billion annually.
- *IRS Direct Deposit: Require the IRS to deposit fees for some services it offers (such as processing payment plans for taxpayers) to the Treasury, instead of allowing it to remain as part of its budget -- \$1 billion total savings. WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ABOUT?
- *Prohibit taxpayer funded union activities by federal employees -- \$1.2 billion savings over ten years.
- *Sell excess federal properties the government does not make use of -- \$15 billion total savings.
- *Eliminate death gratuity for Members of Congress. WHAT???
- *Eliminate Mohair Subsidies -- \$1 million annual savings.
- *Eliminate taxpayer subsidies to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change -- \$12.5 million annual savings WELL ISN'T THAT SPECIAL?!
- *Eliminate Market Access Program -- \$200 million annual savings.
- *USDA Sugar Program -- \$14 million annual savings.
- *Subsidy to Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) -- \$93 million annual savings.
- *Eliminate the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program -- \$56.2 million annual savings.
- *Eliminate fund for Obamacare administrative costs -- \$900 million savings.
- *Ready to Learn TV Program -- \$27 million savings.
- *HUD Ph.D. Program.
- *Deficit Reduction Check-Off Act.

TOTAL SAVINGS: \$2.5 Trillion over Ten Years

Maybe this is why the Democrats are attacking Paul Ryan. My question is, what is all this doing in the budget in the first place? *Send to everyone you know.*

BRYANT: The truth about Obamacare in Mississippi By Gov. Phil Bryant

Taxpayers need jobs, not costly handout -- Monday, October 1, 2012

When the Supreme Court ruled on the Obama administration's health care reform law a few months ago, the court upheld the right of the states to decline Medicaid expansion.

States throughout the nation are now looking at the enormous and growing percentage of their budgets already consumed by Medicaid expenses, and many simply cannot fathom shouldering the additional burden of even more Medicaid spending. Mississippi is certainly among those states opposed to expanding the program.

Beyond differences in philosophies on the role of government, beyond Obamacare's superficial approach to righting the issues in America's health care system and beyond this law's inability to put Americans to work in jobs with decent wages and health care benefits, one fact is certain: Government programs come with a price.

People tend to forget that government has no dollar that it has not gained through taxation or borrowing. Even the Obama administration cannot pay for its massive health care law without raiding funding from other programs and levying taxes against the American people. After all, the bills for these expansions will come due, and the money has to come from somewhere.

Mississippi, too, must decide where it would get the money to pay for more and more Medicaid. Do we drain money from public safety and education? Do we tax money out of private revenues and family checking accounts? As governor, I say we reject the expansion and find a better solution.

During fiscal 2012, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid -- just one of several state agencies responsible for paying Medicaid costs -- required \$3.62 billion in federal funds and \$763 million in state funds to directly administer the Medicaid program, with a conservative total operating cost of more than \$4.38 billion as of the Supreme Court ruling. This is without assuming the bill for Medicaid expansion that the Obama administration is attempting to lull taxpayers into accepting.

In fiscal 2012, Mississippi spent more than seven times as much money on the existing Medicaid program as we did on economic development and most of our state public safety efforts combined.

Furthermore, Medicaid spending is requiring an ever-increasing portion of resources while spending gaps in education continue to grow.

As governor, I cannot imagine directing money away from our children's education, our ability to keep our citizens safe and our ability to provide for ourselves through job creation in favor of funneling more money into a program that addresses none of these other critical needs.

Building a budget from the dollars entrusted to Mississippi by its taxpayers requires choices, and a Medicaid expansion clearly does not present good options for our state.

According to a Milliman report requested by the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, an estimated 400,000 people could be added to the Mississippi Medicaid rolls if we accepted the Obamacare expansion. Such an expansion could result in 1 in 3 Mississippians being on Medicaid and would balloon the state's associated cost burden.

Our budget then would show additional costs of more than \$1.6 billion over seven years, including an estimated \$427 million in 2020 alone. This is all on top of what we already spend on the current Medicaid program in our state.

I would personally rather see those 1 in 3 earn health care coverage through good-paying jobs in Mississippi's energy sector or our cutting-edge, advanced manufacturing operations.

Nonetheless, such cost increases would obliterate Mississippi's budget and force us into the position of choosing which other services to kill or maim in favor of funding Medicaid.

Tack on the additional \$81 million that the state would have to pay in the first three years of the expansion just to cover the increased administrative costs, and the situation becomes even more grim.

There is no doubt that quality health care is of utmost importance, but signing on for an enormous, expensive Medicaid expansion will not serve Mississippi well.

How much better off are we really if 1 in 3 can charge health care expenses to Medicaid but we cannot afford to fund our schools or make the infrastructure improvements that attract businesses and jobs?

Mississippi deserves more, and there are real solutions to improving health care without sacrificing our other core needs.

To start, each of us must assume personal responsibility for our own health and our own choices. Living a healthy lifestyle that includes regular exercise and a proper diet can help shrink Mississippi's obesity rate and the chronic diseases such as diabetes that accompany it. Hazardous activities such as smoking erode our health, and as governor, I am leading the fight to end the multi-consequential epidemic of teen pregnancy in Mississippi.

At the core is job creation. We must continue working, as we did during the 2012 legislative session, to create an

environment where businesses flourish so Mississippians can secure sound employment and fund their own health insurance.

Mississippi can and will do better. As governor, I will fight to protect our future -- our education, our safety and our jobs -- and that means that I will resist any effort to expand Medicaid in this state.

Gov. Phil Bryant is a Mississippi Republican.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/oct/1/the-truth-about-obamacare-in-mississippi-taxpayers/>

The truth about the Obama/Biden tax policies was revealed yesterday when Joe Biden goofed yet again - and **admitted that on top of the largest tax increase in America's history (Obamacare), the Obama/Biden ticket wants to raise taxes even more if they are re-elected:**



The screenshot shows a news article from 'the weekly Standard' (www.weeklystandard.com) dated October 4, 2012, by Daniel Halper. The headline is 'Biden: 'Yes, We Do' Want to Raise Taxes By a Trillion Dollars'. A quote from Joe Biden is featured: "On top of the trillions of dollars of spending that we have already cut, we're gonna ask - yes - we're gonna ask the wealthy to pay more," said Biden. "My heart breaks, come on man. You know the phrase they always use? Obama and Biden want to raise taxes by a trillion dollars. Guess what? Yes we do". To the right of the quote is a video frame showing Joe Biden at a podium with a microphone, with a 'BARACKOBAMA.COM' sign in front of him.

As we previously reported, we have a TV ad in production that compares and contrasts Joe Biden - and all his gaffes and offensive statements - with the dignity and seriousness that Paul Ryan so often displays - using video clips of them in their own words. And trust us, there is a treasure trove of material to use when it comes to showing Joe Biden to be foolish, and at times, even obnoxious.

We want to begin airing this ad in swing states before the debate begins. so we can get the news media to report on it in their pre-debate press coverage.

"The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

~ George Washington, First Inaugural Address, 1789

A handful of key swing-states will decide the election -- from TEA PARTY EXPRESS

Dear Friends,

A presidential candidate needs 270 electoral votes to win the election, so in most elections, the race comes down to handful of key battleground states: those toss-ups that are divided pretty evenly between Republicans and Democrats and have lots of unpredictable independent voters. It's these states that typically have been the wildcards in recent elections, the one's with the power to literally "swing" the outcome of a presidential race, **and that is why the Tea Party Express is campaigning so hard in these key states.**

As in 2008, the biggest swing states this year are Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Colorado and North Carolina. All of them chose Obama in 2008, and current polls show him retaining a slim lead in most. **The individual outcomes, though, still remain very much up in the air and we are holding rallies, making phone calls and campaigning in all of them.**

We cannot let the Romney/Ryan ticket be grossly out-spent and out-campaigned in these key swing-states. **This makes our efforts on the "Winning for America" bus tour through these swing-states all that more important.**

George Soros, his high-spending liberal friends and the Democratic machine might have the ability to write big checks, but we have the power of numbers and grassroots on our side - **that has always been the Tea Party's strength.**

"They define a republic to be a government of laws, and not of men."
~ John Adams, *Novanglus No. 7, 1775*

Dear friend of Liberty,

Barack Obama last night looked like the novice he is. We have been in dangerous times here at home and overseas with a President totally lacking the ability to meet the challenge. Mitt Romney proved he's ready to lead. And that's a good thing for America.

There are only 33 days left in *[as of FRI 5 OCT]* until the election, and [we must continue to build momentum toward a total, conservative victory.](#) There are many candidates--fellow conservatives in Congress and others who are ready to take this country back from the liberal, freedom-destroying policies of Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid.

After last night's debate, it's clear we have a chance to make history again and build on what we gained in 2010 adding 87 new Freshmen in the House.

[Please send the best contribution you can to American Freedom PAC right away. \\$250, \\$100, \\$50, \\$25. Whatever you can send, we need it now](#) so we can get it into the hands of real, American patriots ready to take Washington away from the elite, government class.

Yours in Liberty,

Tim Huelskamp -- Member of Congress

P.S. Four years of policy failures is too much! Four years of misleading and deception is too much! Four years of failure! We just can't take any more of this! How much can you give to ensure this never happens again.

[Some can send \\$1000 or up to the maximum of \\$2500. Others can send \\$100, \\$50 or something less. Send the best contribution you can right now!](#) ~ from Tea Party Patriots

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"I am commonly opposed to those who modestly assume the rank of champions of liberty, and make a very patriotic noise about the people. It is the stale artifice, which has duped the world a thousand times, and yet, though detected, it is still successful. I love liberty as well as anybody. I am proud of it, as the true title of our people to distinction above others; but... I would guard it by making the laws strong enough to protect it." ~ Fisher Ames, letter to George Richard Minot, 1789

Dear Patriot, *(green italics in the following article are from FHTP editor)*

House Republican Leader Eric Cantor just declared that Republicans will accept massive tax hikes if Barack Obama is reelected.

Seriously. [Here's his quote from an appearance on the Fox Business Channel:](#)

"If President Obama is re-elected, taxes are going up." *(Remember President Obama usually just passes what HE wants and doesn't bother going through Congress. We must do all we can to support our Congress members.)*

Republican Rep. Tom Cole agrees. [He told the Washington Post](#), **"If the president wins reelection, taxes are going up"** and **"there's not a lot we can do about that."**

Friend, this kind of nonsense is why the Tea Party movement began. [We took matters in our own hands](#) because ordinary conservative citizens were being ignored by both major parties.

Today, just weeks from Election Day, we are going to have to do it again. *(With the help of various Conservative groups, new State Senators and Representatives are up for election in Kansas. We must elect the Conservative candidates to STOP the Liberals from controlling Kansas!!)*

We need to stop Obama's big government agenda this fall and then make sure the Republican political establishment doesn't sell us out next January. *(We have a TERRIFIC CONSERVATIVE group in the KS House that has been working FOR US. THANK them and encourage them to continue to vote CONSERVATIVE!!!)*

Patriots, the challenges facing our movement are even greater than expected. We are, in effect, fighting a two-front war.

One is against Barack Obama and his cronies, who are turning America into a socialist wasteland.

Another is against professional politicians like Eric Cantor & Tom Cole who believe they need to surrender to the liberals at the first sign of trouble. *(On the state level, you can include Roger Reitz and other ousted Kansas Senate Republicans.)*

LET'S BE PERFECTLY CLEAR – NO MATTER WHO WINS THE PRESIDENCY, WE ARE FIGHTING AN UPHILL BATTLE. THE TEA PARTY IS HERE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE HERE – WE ARE NOT GOING AWAY!! We will keep fighting against tax hikes, higher government spending & out-of-control government regulations. *(We got into this mess because citizens were NOT PAYING ATTENTION. Now we are awake and continuously working to get this country back to the Constitution, We The People, and GOD. Join us BY STAYING!!!)*

If Obama does win, we will fight any politician's beliefs that the federal gov't doesn't have enough money and that taxes should go up. *(Join the Flint Hills TEA Party and work with us!!)*

The only way to defeat the Obama agenda AND keep the Republican sell-outs from surrendering is to recruit & train as many Tea Party volunteers as possible.

And to do that we need to help every local Tea Party group in America to grow and be more and more effective.

While a single local Tea Party group may have hundreds of members, they typically don't have the expertise or money that they need in order to make a real difference. *(Come visit us and see how we work – you'll find we DO make a difference – each group has to do what works for them in their area.)*

In the coming weeks and months they will have to be able to go toe-to-toe with the giant liberal special interests and the weasely Republican politicians who want to sell us out.

And that is where Tea Party Patriots comes in. [Our mission is to help these local groups by providing cutting-edge training on how to recruit more volunteers and win political battles.](#) *(FHTP welcomes any and all the help we can get – volunteers, dollars, spreading the work/word and supporting what we are working on.)*

Our goal is to help each of these local organizations maximize their volunteer resources and help win the political fights that are coming. [So, please make the most generous contribution you possibly can right away.](#)

Remember, our movement is fighting a two front war. But we are not alone. **If** we are going to save America, we need to band together. We must recruit. We must train. We must defeat

the big-spending Democrats and their "RINO" enablers.

Please stand with us now. [Make a secure online contribution today.](#) Thanks in advance for your generous help.

REMEMBER THE U.S.A. WAS DOING JUST FINE UNTIL JANUARY 7, 2007!! YEP, YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT'S WHEN THE NEWLY ELECTED DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS TOOK OVER. THE COUNTRY STARTED DOWNHILL AT THAT EXACT MOMENT TO BECOME "THE AWFUL MESS OBAMA INHERITED."

The Media's Rape of Reality by Derek Hunter on Sept. 16, 2012

I didn't want to write this column. I definitely didn't want to use these words. I wanted to write about something else, but after the events of this week, I had no choice.

I am here to report a rape. To protect President Obama from the failure of his administration to anticipate or respond appropriately to the attacks on our embassies in the Middle East, the media has absolutely raped the truth.

Americans were targeted and murdered by radical monsters around the globe. The president did nothing about it. The White House had at least a 48-hour advance warning this was coming. It told no one. It didn't warn the diplomats or increase security at the embassies. It didn't warn the complicit governments – and they are as involved in this as the mobs and murderers themselves – of potential consequences.

And when the attacks were over? The president took all of one hour out of his busy fundraising/campaign schedule to address this matter. Then, it was off to Las Vegas and back to his rich friends to shake the moneymaker.

Let me be clear, every drop of blood spilled by Americans as a result of the actions of these monsters drips through the hands of this administration before it hits the ground.

There's no need to recount the story now, except to say the president, the secretary of state and their auditioning second-term press secretaries in the media burnt more calories this week attacking an American in California for exercising his First Amendment right to free speech than they did condemning the murderous mobs or their enablers in their respective governments.

Whatever outrage they had leftover was reserved for Mitt Romney for committing the unforgivable sin of standing up for American values in the face of terrorism and speaking out against it hours before the President did. That the President's campaign attacked Romney for standing up for American values a full 8 hours before the President condemned the attacks on and murder of Americans isn't a story.

Until a better word is invented, disgusting will have to do.

Within 48 hours of the first attacks the Justice Department had tracked down the filmmaker and leaked his name to the media. The media dutifully reported it as if they'd found an escaped Nazi. Of course that analogy doesn't fit perfectly as escaped Nazis are granted the presumption of innocence.

After all, all the filmmaker did was make a bad movie despotic governments we helped empower could use to incite rioting and direct the anger away from their own incompetence and toward the greatest force for freedom the world has ever known. Through state controlled media, they played this unknown video endlessly and spread it throughout the region. All the while, our President skipped nearly 60 percent of his national security briefings. Turns out maybe you can't get by on the Cliff notes on those briefings. Maybe you do have to show up.

But Mitt Romney spoke first, and that was the story the media covered.

It made little mention of how the Justice Department found and outed the anonymous American supposedly "responsible" for all this in just two days, but after looking for two years, still can't find out who authorized Fast And Furious within their own ranks. It found no fault with the president returning to his real duties – campaigning and fundraising – after he'd devoted just an hour to the most significant security threat of his administration. Had a fiction writer scripted the media's coverage even they wouldn't have had the nerve to be so brazen as to attempt something so corrupt.

Now, the violence is spreading, and the president has no idea how to react. He's sinking in concrete,

campaigning and fundraising while the Middle East burns. But he thinks Mitt Romney spoke too soon? That's it somehow a gaffe that Romney grasped the implications and the outrage of the situation a full workday before the president could be bothered even to release a statement? That's somehow a Romney gaffe, but the President being uncertain if Egypt is our ally barely registers?

President Obama has learned well from great propagandists in the past: When the chips are down, invent a phony outrage to distract the public.

Follow the pattern:

As more stories of violence and dismissed warnings come in, more criticism of Romney comes out.

As our credit is downgraded again, more criticism of Romney comes out.

As the Federal Reserve announces plans to print \$40 billion a month in a third attempt at "quantitative easing" to right the president's broken economy, more criticism of Romney comes out.

No matter what happens, no matter how detached our president gets from the job he seeks to keep for four more years... no matter how many people die... we still haven't seen enough of Mitt Romney's tax returns.

That's how sick the media has gotten.

Does the president defend our freedom? No. He asks YouTube to review the video to see if it violates the user agreement and can be taken down. Isn't it amazing how the first instinct of liberals in any situation is to lionize extremists abroad and censor our speech at home? YouTube, showing a stronger commitment to the Constitution than the man who swore an oath to "preserve, protect and defend" it, said it wouldn't remove this horribly produced and acted Z-movie. Good for them standing up for the First Amendment. Bad for the media for trying to re-elect a man who turns his back on the very principle that protects its very existence.

The president has not acted like a president in this crisis. He's acted more like a spoiled child told for the first time to eat his vegetables. Everything else he's faced in office – abysmal economic data, the 2010 election, the unpopularity of his actions and policies – could be spun or somehow parsed to create whatever new data-metric reality he wanted because his media mouthpieces were only too happy to spread it.

But those events didn't have smoke, fire, video and a body count the world can't easily ignore.

The media's spin will work on idiots, but the rape of reality can't and won't work on anyone with more IQ points than teeth. People, Americans, YOU, need to spend time every day between now and the election talking to anyone with at least one working ear who hasn't yet decided how to vote and explain to them what is really happening. Donating money is great. Planning to vote yourself is key. But spreading the word to those open to hearing it and making sure they cast an educated vote is crucial.

Democrats don't want voters to be educated or informed... thus the fight over voter ID laws. They want you to eat your gruel, take your medicine and re-elect the president because he knows more about what's better for you than you do. With so many Americans now suckling the government teat, that easy message has a receptive and large audience. We have to be larger this November or our nation surely will be smaller in the future.

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Lynn's Weekly Update -- Oct 5, 2012

Jobs and Politics; Protecting Health Care Choices; President's Tax Hike

Washington Keeps Playing Politics at the Expense of Jobs

On Friday, the Bureau of Labor and Statistics reported the unemployment rate fell to 7.8 percent in September. This disappointing jobs report is an indication that the United States is still facing an anemic job market. The economy has only recovered about 4.1 million of the 8.8 million jobs lost prior to June 2009, and the unemployment rate topped 8 percent from February 2009 to August 2012, which was the longest period of time since 1948.

This week also marks 3 months until the sequester causes massive defense cuts, threatening mass layoffs by defense and other federal contractors. This is yet another example of the administration putting politics ahead of the American people. In compliance with the WARN act, federal law requires contractors to issue

layoff notices 60 days prior to the termination of a federal contract. But, in order to avoid bad news before the polls close, the White House had the Dept. of Labor ask these contractors to delay sending out pink slips.

Even worse, instead of working with Congress to solve the problem, the administration is busy covering their tracks. Following the initial guidance from the DOL, recommending these contractors circumvent the law and withhold information from their employees, the White House had the [Office of Management and Budget issue another memo](#) suggest that any legal fees filed against contractors who lay-off employees without proper notice, would be paid for by the contracting agency with taxpayer dollars.

This is a huge risk being imposed upon these employees. Hopefully, the Senate will act to avoid sequestration, but if we don't, the employees will be the ones left empty-handed with no time to find a new job in an already weak labor market.

I have voted to replace the sequester with spending reforms in the House of Representatives. This uncertainty could have been avoided if the administration had acted responsibly, and presented their own detailed plan for dealing with the sequester. Instead, the White House is preoccupied with playing politics.

Protecting Our Health Care Choices

Next week I plan to send a letter, signed by myself and 44 of my colleagues in the House of Representatives, to President Obama asking him to direct the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Secretary Sebelius to reconsider two parts of Obamacare that could jeopardize the future of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). Recent HHS actions discriminate against HSA-qualified health plans, and will prevent them from being offered inside or outside insurance exchanges in the individual, small group and large group markets. Over time, these actions will eliminate HSA-qualified health plan availability in each of these markets.

Today, nearly 14 million Americans utilize Health Savings Accounts to help address the rising costs of health care, because Obamacare did not fix this problem. These accounts allow folks to set aside their own dollars on a pre-tax basis to pay for health care expenses, and we should protect their choice to continue to purchase health plans that will include HSAs.

For example, one HHS rule, the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR), requires that insurers spend 80 percent of premium money on medical claims. The MLR regulation discriminates against HSAs by only counting the dollars the insurer spends after the insured reaches their deductible. Since only 6 percent of all policy holders that have an HSA-qualified health plan reach their deductible, only 6 percent of the policy holders have expenditures to count towards the MLR regulation. In short, the insurance company will not allow HSA-qualified health plans to meet the MLR rule, and therefore, will not be compliant. The penalties associated with this rule will discourage insurers from offering HSA-qualified health plans.

We should not allow the federal government to make choices of this magnitude regarding individuals' health care. President Obama has voiced his support for HSA-qualified plans, and this letter urges him to consider overturning these harmful regulations. Consumers must be put back in charge of their health care decisions.

President Obama's \$4,000 Middle-Class Tax Hike

The president repeatedly claims he wants to protect middle-class families, but new research shows President Obama's spending policies will eventually be paid for on the backs of middle-class Americans. According to an [American Enterprise Institute study](#) published this week, not only does the president not have a plan to address our fiscal crisis, his big government spending policies are making the problem much worse.

Researchers at the [American Enterprise Institute](#) found that in order to keep up with only the interest on the debt accumulated by President Obama, middle class families would have to pay \$4,000 in higher taxes each year for the next 10 years. That is an extra \$40,000 in taxes, in addition to the \$50,000 that every man, woman, and child already owes to pay for our current debt. This is why, not one Democrat or Republican supported the president's budget.

Raising taxes on the wealthy is not a solution either. According to the latest IRS data, only 13 percent of taxpayers earn more than \$100,000. And, even if we took every cent of income from every millionaire and billionaire, the total would only amount to 4 percent of our \$16 trillion debt.

Rather than empty rhetoric and false promises about protecting the middle-class, I voted for a real solution that creates fairness and cuts spending. Comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform would raise incomes for everyone, save us billions of dollars, and create one million jobs. It would level the playing field for folks and it should be one of Congress's top priorities.

"Here comes the orator! With his flood of words, and his drop of reason." ~ Benjamin Franklin
(... I didn't know Ben Franklin knew Barack Obama!)

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After two weeks of steady denials that recent strikes on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, and the U.S. embassy in Cairo, Egypt, were terrorist attacks -- along with blaming a YouTube clip for violence and unrest in all of the Muslim world -- this week opened with another smooth move from Team Hope-n-Change.

Kicking off his latest oratorical mini-seminar this week at the UN General Assembly, Barack Obama belted out a 30-minute paean to free speech and tolerance. He also grudgingly reserved only two paragraphs near the end of his screed to address what should have been his main point, the threat posed by Iran's nuclear ambitions. Although two weeks late-to-need, the speech was nonetheless underwhelming when it finally arrived.

While the majority of his remarks were supposed to be devoted to advocacy for free speech and mutual respect between differing religions and worldviews, Obama undermined his own case by once again rejecting the individual free speech rights of the producer of the 14-minute YouTube clip, "The Innocence of Muslims." He declared that the "crude and disgusting" video had "sparked outrage" among Muslims for its disparaging remarks about Mohammed. (As a side note, the man responsible for the video, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, was arrested Thursday because unsupervised Internet activity allegedly violates his parole from a previous conviction.)

At once alienating the U.S. government from this particular individual's right to free speech, Obama apparently saw no irony in affirming a commitment to that constitutional right for Americans. He must have been thinking in terms of "collective rights" -- the only kind statisticians allow -- so this oversight is somewhat understandable. It's also interesting to note that just the day before this denunciation, Obama told the leftist gaggle on *The View* "the best way to marginalize that kind of speech is to ignore it." Obviously, he thinks the best way to "ignore" such a video is to denounce it in six different languages at the UN General Assembly.

Of course, immediately after stating that the U.S. Constitution protects free speech, he went on to make this pathetic addition: "I know that not all countries in this body share this particular understanding of the protection of free speech. We recognize that." If the video is indeed one of the causes of violence in the Muslim world, it becomes self-evident that those affected countries are not exactly huge fans of free speech and tolerance. Pakistan tops our list as "most tolerant," after Pakistan's railway minister offered \$100,000 to anyone who kills the maker of the video.

To be sure, Obama did attempt to make a case against extremism, reminding his audience, "Let us remember that Muslims have suffered the most at the hands of extremism." While technically correct, it's another Obama half-truth as most Muslim suffering is self-inflicted. None of these attacks and protests were the work of non-Muslims. (In related news, the New York display of the taxpayer funded "art" piece "Piss Christ," in which a crucifix is submerged in the artist's urine, did not cause rioting or murderous violence from Christians.)

Throwing gas on the fire, Obama let loose a string of "the future must not belong to" so-and-so remarks, including, "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam." He followed up this statement with a quote from Gandhi and a pleasant bromide about condemning intolerance, generally. Which statement is more likely to be repeated by Muslim extremists?

Again, perhaps the president should have focused on the imminent danger posed to the world by Iran. The ongoing Iranian nuclear crisis warranted short shrift in Obama's speech -- clearly, the matter is not a priority for him. Maybe it should be, though: In his usual, even-keeled delivery, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad this week again called for the "elimination" of Israel. We suppose this sounds slightly better than the phrase he used in 2005 -- that Israel should be "wiped off the map" -- but it still reflects deadly intent and nukes would be a tool to that end.

Nor would Obama meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who warned that Iran will

effectively have a nuclear weapon by next summer, and helpfully drew a [literal red line](#) so the illiterates at the UN understand. The president was too busy chatting with the harpies on *The View* to be bothered with what he told "60 Minutes" was "noise." Obama's priorities are so out of whack, even NBC News Obamaphile Andrea Mitchell scolded, "This was not the moment to sit down with *The View*."

No, it was actually the moment to sit down with other world leaders, one-on-one, in serious discussions about grave matters, as many foreign heads of state -- including Israel's Netanyahu -- had asked him to do. However, that task fell to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. No doubt foreign leaders were unimpressed by the president's acting like they didn't exist.

Something else didn't exist, either: respect from the president for those who were murdered in Libya. In that same "60 Minutes" interview, the tone-deaf Leader of the Free World referred to the violence in Egypt, Libya and elsewhere, including the context of four murdered Americans, as "bumps in the road." As columnist Charles Krauthammer notes, "If Romney had said that the death of our ambassador, the attack on our embassy, the death of three other Americans, the hoisting of the black al Qaeda flag over four U.S. embassies, and demonstrations all over the Middle East all the way to Indonesia including a burning in effigy of Obama in Sri Lanka of all places is a bump in the road, it would be a three day headline." Indeed. The president's statement is disgraceful.

We close where we started: remember those denials of terrorist attacks on American sovereignties abroad? Well, not so fast. Now Secretary Clinton has conceded "preliminary findings" that, yes, well, indeed these attacks might have been terrorist strikes after all. But don't judge the administration too harshly for having zero situational awareness on the entire set of events. After all, who could have known that rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) used in coordinated attacks against American assets on the anniversary of 9/11 *might* suggest a link to terrorism?

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