

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills TEA Party News

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See us at McALISTER'S DELI, EVERY WED after 5:30pm ---- Everyone is welcome, we ARE the Working Group. WELCOME! Monthly meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Always interesting & informative, join us!! **Next meeting: March 9 – 9:30AM, location to be announced.** Come to our meetings, we intend to have candidates in local elections talk to us. Come listen and ask questions, express your concerns and views, help US all help each other. **House Bill No. 2199 is coming up for vote – it is an outstanding Second Amendment bill so call, email, write, by whatever means possible, contact your State Senator and Representative to vote YES for it.** We have made headway!! We **MUST** keep the momentum rolling to bring our USA back to the Constitution, “We the People”, and **GOD!!!!** **Let's put GOD back in our schools, our state & federal government!!** When you see print green like this that means I'm making personal comments. If you want to respond to my comments, please feel welcome to do so. I would enjoy your point of view – we may not agree, but we can converse and be friends

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### Obama: ‘The Problem Is I’m Not The Emperor Of The United States’

Posted on February 16, 2013

President Obama took part Thursday in what the White House called a “Fireside Hangout – our 21st century take on Franklin D. Roosevelt’s fireside chats.” During the event, which was broadcast on the White House’s official YouTube channel and Google+, the president was asked about the administration’s deportation of 1.5 million illegal immigrants.

When asked specifically what he would do to make sure more families weren’t deported, Mr. Obama responded: “This is something I’ve struggled with throughout my presidency. The problem is that I’m the president of the United States, I’m not the emperor of the United States. My job is to execute laws that are **passed.**”

Read more: <http://conservativebyte.com/2013/02/obama-the-problem-is-im-not-the-emperor-of-the-united-states/#ixzz2L5Cpk1sM>

**What is the meaning of the word “passed”? The dictionary tells me synonyms for ‘passed’ are: approved, accepted, agreed, conceded, voted for. Which of these is the meaning in Obama’s vocabulary? The first four words might fit his meaning – approved, accepted, agreed and maybe conceded but only by himself. “Voted for”? Not by Congress or “We the People”; maybe by Obama and his cronies, but more likely “voted for” would just be thrown out or ignored. If Obama is NOT an emperor, IF he is a President, when is he going to start acting like one?**

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### Holder: You Have No Fundamental Right to Home-school

By Duane Lester - Posted by Darla Dawald, National Director, on February 16, 2013 at 11:49am in Patriot Action Alerts

Germany is rabidly anti-homeschool, an attitude that stems back to **Hitler’s day**. They persecute families that try to educate their children at home to the point they actually seek asylum in America. They were **granted asylum in America**.

*There are two major portions of constitutional rights of citizens—fundamental liberties and equal protection. The U.S. Attorney General has said this about homeschooling. **There is no fundamental liberty to homeschool. So long as a government bans homeschooling broadly and equally, there is no violation of your rights.** This is a view which gives some acknowledgement to the principle of equal protection but which entirely jettisons the concept of fundamental liberties.*

In the mind of Eric Holder, your rights are what the government says they are. As a homeschool dad, and a free man, I disagree:

## Holder's DOJ: 'No Fundamental Right To Homeschool' [Posted 2/13/13 by ladyliberty1885](#)

Eric Holder is the most corrupt and slippery AG in our nations history. His DOJ has sued states, pollsters and businesses across the board, but nothing as flat-out Constitution violating as their next possible target: Homeschoolers. [Caffeinated Thoughts](#) has the story, which stems from an asylum case filed by a Germany family, [the Romeike's](#), being persecuted for homeschooling. (Read: [Romeike DOJ Merits Brief](#))

Excerpt from Caffeinated Thoughts: *...There are two major portions of constitutional rights of citizens—fundamental liberties and equal protection. The U.S. Attorney General has said this about homeschooling. There is no fundamental liberty to homeschool. So long as a government bans homeschooling broadly and equally, there is no violation of your rights. This is a view which gives some acknowledgement to the principle of equal protection but which entirely jettisons the concept of fundamental liberties.*

Choosing the type education for one's own child is pretty much one of the most basic fundamental rights any parent has. What this position says to me is that in the education 'reforms' we are going to be handed down by this President in his second term, homeschooling will be a moving target.

So, what's going to happen next? Well, we've already seen the attempt to stamp out homeschooling by attacking religious freedom. That hasn't deterred people, however, as [Professor Glenn Reynolds](#) points out: *"What about home schooling? You know, it's not just for scary religious people any more."* *That's a line from [Buffy The Vampire Slayer](#), and it should strike fear into the hearts, not of vampires, but of public-school administrators everywhere.*

*The fact is, Americans across the country — but especially in [large, urban school systems](#) — are voting with their feet and abandoning traditional public schools, to the point that teachers are facing layoffs. Some are going to charter schools, which are still public but are run more flexibly. Some are leaving for private schools. But many others are going another step beyond traditional education, and switching to online school or even [pure home schooling](#).*

No. The DOJ will take new routes apart from religious based homeschooling. They need a wider net to catch the increasing numbers of families pulling out what I have come to call the 'Great Public School Experiment'. Holder and the DOJ will be the instrument by which homeschooling families will be attacked with using a variety of charges, which I would think would include things from not meeting standards set by the state to child abuse and/or sexual abuse claims. Doesn't matter if the claims are true or not, the suits themselves are meant to send a message.

The media will help deliver that message with stories like this one: ["New Mexico homeschooled teen, Nehemiah Griego, accused of murdering family, planned to keep killing at local Walmart"](#)

Why is his schooling status in the headline? Because it's important to make sure people know homeschooling families have something wrong with them or that homeschooling turns children crazy. [Homeschooling threatens the government monopoly](#). It must be banned!

Don't think the [unions](#) will sit this out either. (**Read: [CA Teachers Union Attacks Homeschooling](#)** – This is from 2008, however given the school choice push and increase in homeschooling, it is **very** relevant.)

## [Teachers Union Attacks Homeschoolers - PJI Responds](#) 05/27/2008

**Los Angeles** - The closely-watched Rachel L. homeschooling case in Los Angeles is entering the final phase of briefing at the appellate level before oral arguments are scheduled.

Numerous friend-of-the-court or amicus briefs have been filed with the state Court of Appeal in the last two weeks. While most of the briefs favor homeschooling, those filed by the educational establishment take some hostile - and head-scratching - positions.

For instance, the California Teachers Association claims in its brief that allowing parents to homeschool their children without requiring a teaching credential will result in "educational anarchy." Meanwhile, in another brief filed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and the California Department of Education, it is argued that the law allows parents to homeschool on their own - but not with the help of a structured, independent-study program such as the one represented by Pacific Justice Institute (which was utilized by the L. family in this case).

On the other side of the ledger, a brief filed by Governor Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown recognizes "that home schooling has a long and positive history in California and across the nation." The brief thoroughly explains the legality of home schooling in California. Nearly a dozen other amicus briefs have been filed with the Court by various individuals and groups from around the country - all in support of

homeschooling. Contributors to those briefs include attorneys from some of the largest law firms in America, as well as one of the most well-known, unabashedly liberal law professors in the country.

Pacific Justice Institute has been given a unique opportunity by the Court to respond to all of these briefs and will be filing its reply by Monday. Oral arguments have not yet been scheduled, but the Court has stated that it intends to hold them sometime in June.

Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute, commented on the recent developments as follows: "Contrary to the outrageous position of the California Teachers Association, homeschooling is not educational anarchy - it is educational opportunity. We are pleased that the Governor and many other influential voices are weighing in on this important debate, and we look forward to presenting the Court with the best possible defense of both homeschoolers and independent-study private schools." Because of its far-reaching implications, this case is requiring a significant, ongoing investment of time and resources by the PJI legal department. If you are able to support PJI, please [click here to contribute](#) now or visit <http://www.pji.org/give>.

This "news" has come into being at just the right time. The Federal Government is at this time putting out a curriculum called "Common Core", HB 2289 in the Kansas Legislation. This is another bribe – "Here's some money – IF you teach what we want you to – the way we want you to." Among other ridiculous changes that have been made in the past and now; the "Common Core" is the required plan to teach our children to live the LGBT (Gay) life style. LGBT life is in the USA and the rest of the world. However, to TEACH it in our public schools is absurd. In the past, we sat back and allowed the Federal Government to eliminate/water down/shorten the courses of Government, World and American History, Home Economic, Metal Shop, Ag classes and other similar courses. If they are taught at all, they are so mild they are unrecognizable. Because the Muslims want to say the mass killing of the Jews by the Nazis never happened, it has been taken from some History books. History is what it is – after it has happened it can NOT be redone. We MUST stand up to these liars and deceivers!! I understand the checks that are in place for Homeschool. These checks need to be on the State level, so the Feds can't foul it up. I don't know where the Homeschool "Standards" are. There are enough ifs, ands, and buts for us to just say "No, Thanks" to the Common Core – Email, call, Write your State Senators and Representatives to Vote NO – ABSOUTELY NO on HB 2289 Common Core. See the next article for more reasons – We don't need the Feds telling our kids they can't be Patriotic and show love of our country.

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## Students Suspended for Chanting 'USA! USA!'

Posted on [Feb 16, 2013](#) by [Francis Marion](#)

Our world of political correctness and not wanting to offend anyone once again strikes at the heart of American patriotism. **Political correctness is "Political Hog Wash"!!**

Four male students at [Adolfo Camarillo High School](#) in Camarillo, California, just east of Oxnard, love to show their patriotism at school sporting events by wearing American flag bandanas and chanting 'USA! USA!' At a recent basketball game, the four teens got the crowd chanting 'USA! USA!' with them. Officials stepped in and stopped them and the four boys were subsequently suspended from school.

Why?

Because the principal, [Glenn Lipman](#), believed that the chants 'might' have been racially motivated. Yep, chanting 'USA!' was thought to be racially motivated because a large part of the student body is Hispanic and they may have been offended by the chant. The suspension was soon lifted, but the incident is not over. Lipman explained his actions, saying: *"We wanted to make sure [their actions weren't] racially motivated, and I told the kids I just want to be sensitive to the feelings of everybody. If we're doing it for patriotism, that's fine. But if we're doing it for something else that's racially motivated, I'm not going to allow that."*

Oxnard Union School District Superintendent [Gabe Soumakian](#) told Fox News Radio that: *"... we need to pursue this further" and "work with teachers and students and the community about the concept of cultural proficiency."*

One of the four students responded to the racial charges against them, saying: *"We've done it always. It's something we do. It's the same group of friends. We're all very patriotic."*

Over 100 of their fellow students gathered around the school's flagpole the next morning to show their support for the four teens whose only crime is that they are patriotic and love this country.

If Hispanic students are offended by someone chanting 'USA! USA!' then perhaps they should go back to their own country. This is America, not Mexico or any other Latin American country, although California

will be Hispaniformia by the end of this summer, but that still doesn't make it non-American. People in this country should be patriotic no matter what country they come from. **Patriotic toward the GOOD OLE USA!!!**

If you don't love it, leave it. If you're offended by our country, leave it. If you don't like our laws and ways of life, leave it and stop trying to turn it into the country you left behind. If you love your own country that much, go back and leave us alone. **AMEN and AMEN!!**

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**Participating in a gun buy back because you believe that the criminals have too many guns is like having yourself castrated because you believe that the neighbors have too many kids.**

**~ A comment from the end of the article.**

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## *Another Issue of Salient Snippets - Part III*

*Posted by Charles (Chuck) Fowler on Feb. 25, 2013 at 8:06PM*

I publish Salient Snippets on my blog every once in a while when I have some things which don't warrant a whole article by themselves but which might nonetheless be of interest. These are in no particular order or ranking:

**Gun Bans** Given the current, and sometimes raging and misleading, gun ban efforts by liberals in and out of government and in and out of the lapdog media, I think I speak for many gun owners like me when I say Spartan King Leonidas said it most succinctly and best in 480 BC, when at the last stand Battle of Thermopylae and facing the massive Persian army, he was told to surrender his forces' weapons. He said simply, "Molon labe," which translates "come and take them."

**Reverse Racism** I really think we need a White Caucus in Congress, a White Entertainment Network, an Alabaster Magazine, a National Association for the Advancement of White People, and an annual White Entertainers awards show. Oh, and White Appreciation Month, too. But that would all be racist, wouldn't it?

**Hillary's Real Legacy** A New York Times article recently praised the legacy of Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State, counting how many miles she had traveled and how many countries she had visited, among other things. (No record, at least in the article, of the other things for which the liberal media often give her credit -- how many beers she consumed or dances she danced.)

I beg to differ. To me, Clinton's real "legacy" is the same as Obama's: (a) 9 countries in which al-Qaeda operated when she became Secretary of State and over 30 now, (b) no Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) to help secure what we accomplished in Iraq, (c) no support for the 2009 Iran uprising for freedom but support for a Honduran president who sought to become a dictator, (d) 8 unanswered terrorist attacks on our facilities overseas on her watch, including Benghazi, in which we were successfully attacked on our own soil for the first time in 11 years and our first ambassador in 33 years was killed, (e) "reset" relations with the Russians which have benefitted the Russians more than us, (f) North Korea becoming bolder than ever, (g) so-called "soft power" and American appeasement and apology doing little to rein in Iran, and (h) the so-called Arab Spring resulting in a significant loss of US influence in the Middle East, both with our allies and our enemies. Yeah, some legacy all right. Drink it up and dance it up, Hillary.

**Obama's Inaugural Address** In his recent inaugural speech, Obama warned that Americans shouldn't "...mistake absolutism for principle, or substitute spectacle for politics, or treat name-calling as reasoned debate." I totally agree, Mr. President, so why don't you stop being a leftist, liberal ideologue and stop the fear mongering, the class warfare, interjecting race into local events you admit you know little or nothing about, and the multiple and seemingly never-ending staged photo ops to support whatever the latest thing is you're campaigning about?

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**Proverb: Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime.**

**2013 Updated Revision:** Give a man a welfare check, a free cell phone with unlimited free minutes, free internet, cash for his clunker, food stamps, Section 8 housing, free contraceptives, Medicaid, ninety-nine weeks of unemployment, free medicine, and he will vote Democrat the rest of his life – even after he's dead.

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President Obama walks into the Bank of America to cash a check. As he approaches the cashier he says, "Good morning Ma'am, could you please cash this check for me?"

**Cashier:** "It would be my pleasure sir. Could you please show me your ID?"

**Obama:** "Truthfully, I did not bring my ID with me as I didn't think there was any need to. I am President Barack Obama, the President of the United States!!!"

**Cashier:** "Yes sir, I know who you are, but with all the regulations and monitoring of the banks because of impostors and forgers and requirements of the Dodd/Frank legislation, etc., I must insist on ID.

**Obama:** Just ask anyone here at the bank who I am, they will tell you. Everybody knows who I am."

**Cashier:** "I am sorry Mr. President but these are the bank rules and I must follow them."

**Obama:** "I am urging you, please, to cash this check."

**Cashier:** "Look Mr. President, here is an example of what we can do. One day, Tiger Woods came into the bank without ID. To prove he was Tiger Woods he pulled out his putter and made a beautiful shot across the bank into a cup. With that shot we knew him to be Tiger Woods and cashed his check. Another time, Andre Agassi came in without ID. He pulled out his tennis racquet and made a fabulous shot whereas the tennis ball landed in my cup. With that shot we cashed his check. So, Mr. President, what can you do to prove that it is you, and only you, as the President of the United States?"

**Obama** stands there thinking, and thinking, and finally says, "Honestly, my mind is a total blank... there is nothing that comes to my mind. I can't think of a single thing. I have absolutely no idea what to do and I don't have a clue.

**Cashier:** "Will that be large or small bills, Mr. President?"

I'm not joking at all when my response to this "joke" is – "So very sad, but so very true." What an identity!!

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## Should Barack Obama or the Next President Get a Raise?

From [MinuteMenNews.com](http://MinuteMenNews.com) on February 22, 2013

President Barack Obama's salary pales in comparison to the average CEO. But does the president really need a raise? The historical data says "yes," but the potential big payoff for newer presidents says "probably not."

In 2011, the average Fortune 500 company leader made \$12 million a year. President Obama has a \$400,000 annual salary, gets a \$50,000 expense account, and a really cool house to live in. But he has to buy his own food in some cases.

The debate over presidential pay dates back to the Prohibition era, when people were shocked in 1930 when baseball star Babe Ruth was given a salary that paid more than President Herbert Hoover's. Ruth's legendary response was, "So what? I had a better year than he did."

President Obama's compensation is above average [compared with other world leaders](#), including the leaders of China, Russia, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Germany. Many are not far behind, though, with compensation in the US\$200,000 – \$300,000 range. And a handful are paid much more; the leader of Singapore gets about US\$1.7 million a year.

The U.S. Constitution outlines how the president can get a raise and lets Congress decide on the timing through legislation.

[Article II, Section 1](#) says that "The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them."

[President Washington](#) received a salary of \$25,000 in 1789, which was a lot of money at the time. It's difficult to estimate the current value; projections range from \$300,000 to \$4 million in current dollars (depending on the economic barometer). But Washington also had to cover most of his own expenses. Luckily, the father of our country was a wealthy landowner.

Since the time of President Washington, there have been five presidential pay raises, which were effective in the next presidential term after Congress passed them. For example, in January 1969, the outgoing president was Lyndon Johnson; the pay raise took effect when [Richard Nixon](#) became president.

Pay hikes came in 1873 (\$50,000), 1909 (\$75,000), 1949 (\$100,000), 1969 (\$200,000), and 2001 (\$400,000).

The chief benefactors of those pay raises were the first presidents to receive them, since they weren't as susceptible to inflation. So [in current 2012 dollars](#), Ulysses S. Grant received \$945,000 in 1873; William Howard Taft got a hefty \$1.9 million in 1909; Harry S. Truman received \$950,000 in 1949; and Richard Nixon got \$1.2 million in 1969. President George W. Bush's pay was not considerably higher due to inflation over the past decade. But he did see his pay double compared with [President Bill Clinton's](#) salary in 2000.

Basically, because there is no cost-of-living adjustment, the presidents make less each year they are in office.

Contemporary presidents do have a big advantage over their predecessors when it comes to making money after they leave office, and that is where they're more competitive with CEOs.

Until 1958, presidents didn't receive a pension after leaving office. Today, a president receives an annual pension equal to the current salary of a Cabinet secretary (about \$200,000 per year) when leaving the White House.

In a 2008 report, the Congressional Research Service said that the three former presidents at the time (Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, and Clinton) were receiving between \$518,000 and \$1.1 million a year in benefits from taxpayers, including pensions, office space, transportation, and other expenses.

Presidents George W. Bush and Clinton also signed lucrative book contracts after leaving office.

Clinton, in particular, has made out well financially. He told CNN in 2010, "I've never had any money until I got out of the White House. But I've done reasonably well since then."

Clinton made \$16 million by giving speeches soon after he left office in 2001. By 2010, the website 24/7 Wall Street estimated that [Clinton's net worth was \\$55 million](#), and he had made \$125 million before taxes.

On the 2012 campaign trail, candidate Mitt Romney floated the idea of a compensation plan [that would make the president and other politicians](#) more like CEOs, using incentives.

"I wish we had that happen throughout government – where people recognized they are not going to get rewarded in substantial ways unless they are able to achieve the objectives that they were elected to carry out," he said.

However, that could backfire on a president. For example, the CEO of Walmart, Mike Duke, makes about \$17 million in total annual compensation. Walmart also had a \$16 billion profit in 2011.

The federal government annual deficit for the same year was \$1.3 trillion.

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The following announcement was sent in by Pat Strathman, please join us!! Join Kansas House Representatives Tom Phillips and Vern Swanson on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville for a legislative update. Sponsored by the Riley County Republican Women, the evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner ordered from the menu followed by the legislative update at 6:45 p.m. The group's business meeting concludes the evening. All are welcome to attend any part of the evening.

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## **Rush Limbaugh: "I Am Ashamed of My Country!!"**

February 22, 2013 at 8:10 am -

Folks, I'm sorry here. I can't help but think that we are all being played for a bunch of fools, a bunch of suckers on this sequester business. I don't know. Are you like me? Do you really think 800,000 people are gonna lose their jobs in the Pentagon because we cut \$22 billion? Do you really think air traffic control's gonna shut down? Do you really think there aren't gonna be any meat inspectors? Do you really think that all of these horror stories are going to happen? I don't.

I feel like I've been here. This is deja vu all over again. I remember the 1995 budget battle. That involved a legitimate government shut down. That wasn't just \$22 billion we were not gonna spend. We're still gonna spend \$3.5 trillion. We're just not gonna spend \$22 billion, if it happens.

Now, the government shutdown in 1995, yeah, we were gonna starve kids. That was the plan then. I'm just kidding. Snerdley I'm sorry, it's all ridiculous to me. Every bit of this. I've been doing this — you get new perspective. I'm into my 25th year, and I think I mentioned to you last week and maybe the week before, I've been doing this long enough now to start seeing the repeat cycles on everything. I don't care whether it's the debt limit or the fiscal cliff or continuing resolution or the budget crisis of 2008 or TARP or the auto bailouts, and now the sequester, it's the same playbook.

Read more: <http://conservativevideos.com/2013/02/rush-limbaugh-i-am-ashamed-of-my-country/#ixzz2Lfmwnoji>

It's NOT my Country I'm ashamed of it's the people that pretend to be running it!! I could change that to "ruining it".

The following is in part from the weekly Newsletter of Ks. Senator Jerry Moran.

Dear Friend,

The Looming Sequester On Friday, government spending cuts known as sequestration will take effect unless Congress reaches a resolution this week. Should the sequestration deadline pass, \$85 billion will be cut from the government's FY 2013 budget and \$1.2 trillion will be shed from over the course of a decade, as laid out in the Budget Control Act of 2011. It's also notable that half of all cuts will fall on the Department of Defense.

The President and Congress must reduce federal spending and lower our national debt, but sequestration is a poor way to do so. Cuts like these are irresponsible, affecting valuable and wasteful programs alike. I feel strongly that Congress and the President must do what we were elected to do, and that means passing a responsible budget which prioritizes the programs that effectively and efficiently serve the American people. Unfortunately, it has been nearly 1,400 days since Democratic leadership in the U.S. Senate has brought forth a budget. I will continue to work with my colleagues toward a meaningful and responsible solution to our government's spending problem. The President, who originally proposed the sequester, is not being helpful and now says tax increases are the way to avoid spending cuts.

**Subcommittee Assignments Announced for 113th Congress** The Senate Subcommittee Assignments for the 113th Congress have been announced, and I am pleased to be serving on several subcommittees whose jurisdictions have a direct impact on the lives of Kansans and America's economy.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, I have been chosen to continue my service as a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies. This subcommittee has responsibility for setting annual spending limits for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration. Agriculture is a staple of the Kansas economy and USDA plays many roles in helping to maintain agriculture's success. I will continue to work to find the proper balance that allows USDA to provide necessary services to rural America, while at the same time reducing spending to bring our expanding federal debt under control.

I will also serve as Ranking Member on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. I am grateful to my Senate Republican colleagues for entrusting me with leadership of this subcommittee, which oversees a range of issues important to Kansans including our nation's commitment to advancing cures and treatments for disease through medical research, as well as the ability of rural communities to access quality health care.

Finally, I am member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, which oversees funding for the Department of Homeland Security. Strengthening our nation's security efforts is one of my top priorities and a critical responsibility of Congress. The threats our nation faces are real, and this subcommittee plays an important role in making certain we can address these challenges. As a member, I will continue to advocate for construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). NBAF is an essential part of our national security apparatus and must be constructed to protect Americans from biological threats.

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## **WHY DO WE TREAT PRISONERS BETTER THAN OUR ELDERLY?**

Having the wonderful wife that I do, she often sends me things that may be worth writing about and this is one of them. She gleaned these words of wisdom from someone's post on Facebook. I often ignore these, but this one got my attention, partially because I once worked in the intensive care section of a nursing home and partially because I am utterly disgusted with our prison system.

The wonderful words of wisdom are:

"Here is some food for thought... We should place the elderly in prisons. They will get a shower a day, video surveillance in case of problems, three meals a day, access to a library, computer, TV, gym, doctor on-site, free medication if needed."

"Put criminals in nursing homes. They have cold meals, lights off at 7pm, two showers a week, live in a smaller room and pay rent at \$4,000 a month!!! It's pretty sad that we treat prisoners better than the elderly."

I know that prison is not a picnic and poses a number of dangers to men and women, but in many aspects, the words of wisdom are true. I looked online and found out that in 2008-09, [California spent an average of \\$47,102](#) per year per inmate. Now consider the fact that the [median household income of 2008 was \\$52,029](#). Most households have two people working to make ends meet. So it costs nearly as much to care for one prisoner as the average family grosses in a year.

A 2012 report from [New York](#) stated that their cost of housing 59,237 prisoners was \$3.6 billion, which works out to \$60,772 per inmate per year. By 2012, the median household income in the US had fallen to \$50,054 dollars. New York is paying \$10,000 more a year to house one inmate than the average American family grosses with two people working.

My dad is 91 and his health is failing. Last month, my mom and sister looked at putting him into a nursing home as it's getting harder for my 87 year old mom to care for him at home. The cost was just over \$4,000 per month, so it was pretty close to the words of wisdom above. That adds up to \$48,000 per year.

\$48,000 per year from someone who has been a valuable and contributing member of society his whole life compared to \$60,772 for someone who violated the law and is supposedly being punished. My dad spent 6 years in the US Navy, 1940-1946, all during World War II helping to defend the country, and now men and women who committed crimes and gave up their rights to walk the streets of our nation get better treatment at a higher cost than my dad.

The words of wisdom are right, it's not fair. Our elderly, many of whom were responsible for building our nation to its greatness, deserve to be better cared for in their later years than prisoners, who in my opinion gave up their rights when they broke the law.

Of course under Obamacare, that won't be a problem for much longer because many elderly will be denied coverage on a number of health issues and will die earlier than they are now. That's their plan – kill them off younger to reduce health costs and prevent them from being a burden on society.

Our values and principles are definitely upside down!

Read more: <http://politicaloutcast.com/2013/02/why-do-we-treat-prisoners-better-than-our-elderly/#ixzz2Lz8DPBbF>

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## **From a friend on email. Notice who the players are!!**

### **Here we go, the recent unemployment report explained --**

**COSTELLO:** I want to talk about the unemployment rate in America.

**ABBOTT:** Good Subject. Terrible Times. It's 7.8%.

**COSTELLO:** That many people are out of work?

**ABBOTT:** No, that's 14.7%.

**COSTELLO:** You just said 7.8%.

**ABBOTT:** 7.8% Unemployed.

**COSTELLO:** Right 7.8% out of work.

**ABBOTT:** No, that's 14.7%.

**COSTELLO:** Okay, so it's 14.7% unemployed.

**ABBOTT:** No, that's 7.8%.

**COSTELLO:** WAIT A MINUTE. Is it 7.8% or 14.7%?

**ABBOTT:** 7.8% are unemployed. 14.7% are out of work.

**COSTELLO:** If you're out of work, you're unemployed.

**ABBOTT:** No, Obama said you can't count the "Out of Work" as the unemployed. You have to look for work to be unemployed.

**COSTELLO:** BUT THEY ARE OUT OF WORK!!!

**ABBOTT:** No, you miss his point.

**COSTELLO:** What point?

**ABBOTT:** Someone who doesn't look for work can't be counted with those who look for work. It wouldn't be fair.

**COSTELLO:** To whom?

**ABBOTT:** The unemployed.

**COSTELLO:** But they're ALL out of work.

**ABBOTT:** No, the unemployed are actively looking for work. Those who are out of work gave up looking, and if you give up, you're no longer in the ranks of the unemployed.

**COSTELLO:** So if you're off the unemployment rolls that would count as less unemployment?

**ABBOTT:** Unemployment would go down. Absolutely!

**COSTELLO:** The unemployment just goes down because you don't look for work?

**ABBOTT:** Absolutely it goes down. That's how the current administration gets it to 7.8%. Otherwise it would be 14.7%. Our gov't doesn't want you to read about 14.7% unemployment.

**COSTELLO:** That would be tough on those running for reelection.

**ABBOTT:** Absolutely.

**COSTELLO:** Wait, I got a question for you. That means there are two ways to bring down the unemployment number?

**ABBOTT:** Two ways is correct.

**COSTELLO:** Unemployment can go down if someone gets a job?

**ABBOTT:** Correct.

**COSTELLO:** And unemployment can also go down if you stop looking for a job?

**ABBOTT:** Bingo.

**COSTELLO:** So there are two ways to bring unemployment down, and the easier of the two is to have administration supporters stop looking for work.

**ABBOTT:** Now you're thinking like the Economy Czar.

**COSTELLO:** I don't even know what the hell I just said!

**ABBOTT:** Now you're thinking like our current President.

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These next 'blogs' are identified individually. They were sent to the TEA Party by a dear friend.

FYI, when **he opens his mouth, he lies.**

[A reader comment from the Patriot Post Monday Brief.](#)

"I am done with the Republican party. I worked like heck in the last election and donated a lot of money, but Republicans will get no more from me until I see something more than acquiescence to Obama! Republican leaders are more afraid of loosing their jobs than losing our country!" -- Frank in Broomfield CO -JDA

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<http://reason.com/blog/2013/02/25/white-house-report-claims-sequestration?> Very short blog entry. Heart of it:

"The first line item on page 121 of the OMB's September 2012 report says that under sequestration the National Drug Intelligence Center would lose \$2 million of its \$20 million budget. While that's slightly more than 8.2 percent (rounding error or scare tactic?), **the bigger problem is that the National Drug Intelligence Center shuttered its doors on June 15, 2012 -- three months before the OMB issued its report to Congress.**"

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<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/feb/25/sequestration-follies/> Concluding words:

"Mr. Obama skewed the sequestration so the military takes a \$42.7 billion hit in one year, which will produce an honest-to-goodness cut in national defense. But the sky will hardly fall on the rest of the government. In fact, any reduction in the number of blue-gloved Transportation Security Administration agents groping children at the airport, or Energy Department agents clearing real light bulbs off store shelves, will make America a stronger nation. Republicans make a costly mistake allowing an expansion in the size and scope of government to be described as a "dramatic cut." Spending must drop by \$7 trillion to bring the books back into balance. America should settle for no less than it deserves."

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<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/feb/25/slippery-slope-universal-background-checks-will-le/?page=all-pagebreak> Introductory words:

"All sides say they want better enforcement of current gun laws, but law enforcement officials are warning the budget cuts looming at the end of this week would be a major setback to those efforts — and could end up putting more guns in the hands of criminals. The [Obama administration](#) has told [Congress](#) that every [FBI](#) employee would be furloughed for 14 workdays and nearly \$60 million would be cut from the [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives](#), putting a dent in the government's ability to investigate and prosecute gun crimes — a top priority in the wake of the December school shootings in Connecticut."

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<http://communities.washingtontimes.com/neighborhood/talking-sense/2013/feb/25/sequestration-first-do-harm/> A series of excellent rhetorical questions. An excerpt: "We also need to think about how we got to this point: How much is the federal government doing, that it has no business doing? The Constitution is specific about federal powers; over decades, we've allowed the feds to take over pretty much everything, from actual brick and mortar to the licensing and regulation of everything else. Sorry – that's not what the federal government is for. Next, we need to look at what the president wants to wreck – what we seem to think are "essential services," things that only government can do. Running wars is government's business; nobody else would do it, given a choice. But air traffic control or meat inspection? Does anyone seriously believe that industry wouldn't quickly set up a system if government stepped out? School lunches – do you think that parents will let their kid starve, rather than give up half a pack of cigarettes a day? Do you think, with

restrictions removed, that airlines wouldn't set up their own passenger screening if the TSA went away? (You can note that there were 75 years of commercial travel before 911, without a TSA. With increased awareness, the airlines could do even better for the next 75 years. Besides, the 911 guys followed all the FAA's guidelines!) Then, let's look at all the "non-essential government personnel" who face these fake layoffs. The question should be asked, "Why are there any non-essential personnel on the public payroll, anyway?" **Read, think, and talk to your Congressional Reps & Senators!!**

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<http://pjmedia.com/tatler/2013/02/26/barack-obama-pulls-a-move-almost-worthy-of-saddam-hussein/> Short article.

Concluding words:

"The cynicism of the move is breathtaking, even for this cynical administration. The "current fiscal climate" is one in which we are spending more than a trillion dollars per year than we take in. The 2009 stimulus spending is locked in. The sequestration threatens just \$22 billion this year — and the president gets to choose where to cut. If the sky falls, it's being brought down on our heads by this **unethical rogue** president. **So these releases are his choice. And he's choosing them for pure racial politics and demagoguery.** He'll blame it all on Republicans, while **shoring himself up with the amnesty chorus.** **More: The president is also threatening to drop our border guard.** In a rational age, these acts would be impeachable. **Not too many years ago Californians recalled a governor for offering drivers licenses to illegal aliens, and here we have a president flagrantly violating his oath to DEFEND the nation.**"

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[http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2013/02/obamas\\_sequester\\_strategy\\_backfiring.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2013/02/obamas_sequester_strategy_backfiring.html) Lead-in words:

"Barack Obama is overplaying his hand in the latest manufactured crisis of his presidency, Sequestration, and may be alienating his most important constituency of all, the media. He and his advisors are heedless of the psychology of the media, who have been battered by downsizing and budget cuts far more draconian than the piddling 2.4% at issue in the Sequestration Crisis."

**and excerpts:**

"It may be that administration wolf-crying evokes a certain degree of scorn in the minds of even of their media allies. At same time, a degree of **insulting high-handedness**, if not contempt, is being demonstrated by the president lately: At a meeting with the National Governors Association on Monday, President Barack Obama closed his prepared speech by saying he wanted the press cleared out of the room so he could take some questions. (snip) "...what I want to do is clear out the press so we can take some questions."

**and**

"**The fact that Bob Woodward, the most prestigious reporter of this era took to the pages of the Washington Post last weekend to, in effect, call Obama's denial of authoring the Sequestration proposal is very important. It is now OK to point out that Obama is not telling the truth.**"

**and**

"**If Obama loses enough degrees of his media support, he might even (gasp!) start being held accountable.**"

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[http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2013/02/get\\_ready\\_for\\_obamas\\_impending\\_economic\\_free\\_fall.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2013/02/get_ready_for_obamas_impending_economic_free_fall.html)

**Lead-in words:**

"Despite what the president may say when the Day of Reckoning finally arrives, he is ultimately responsible for what is likely to take place. Unbeknownst to most Americans and despite the fact that inflation at the grocery store and at the gas pump is beginning to take its toll, the simple fact that the dollar is the **global reserve currency** has protected U.S. citizens from the kind of commodity price increases that set off the Arab Spring in Tunisia. But things are beginning to change rapidly. Iran is moving ahead with its plan to **trade oil** in other currencies besides the dollar on March 20, 2013 ..."

**And these concluding words:**

"Economic principles don't change because an ideologue is in the Oval Office. History teaches that the laws governing how economies work prevails in the long run and that nations ignoring them pay the price. Even so, President Obama is a master at the art of misdirection and he is a world-class dissembler and placer of blame. That's why died-in-the-wool Obama supporters may never understand the truth. I hope that doesn't include most Americans, but given the results of the 2012 presidential election, I fear that it might. Despite what the president may say when the Day of Reckoning finally arrives, he is ultimately responsible for what is likely to take place. I can't predict exactly when it will happen and I can't tell you how quickly the effects of his policies will devastate our economy when it's time to pay the fiddler, but I can say this: the U.S. economy is floundering at this pivotal moment and it's Obama's fault. Keep these things in mind as we move to the current crisis point -- sequestration, and rest assured that others will follow, probably in rapid succession. Buckle your seatbelts because we don't have four more years to fritter away."

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And to close out with this one, a discussion of Obama's polling numbers.

[http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2013/02/barack\\_obama\\_the\\_paper\\_tiger.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2013/02/barack_obama_the_paper_tiger.html) Excerpts:

"A glance at some pertinent statistics makes one wonder why anyone would quake in her/his boots when dealing with this person. A recent Rasmussen daily presidential approval/disapproval tracking poll (02/22/13) has Obama at 52% approval vs. 47% disapproval. (His approval rating since the 2012 election has been as low as 51%.) More important, when it comes to "strongly" approve/disapprove, Obama is in the hole, 31% to 36%."

**And these concluding words:**

"Bottom line: The United States has a president put into office by less than 30% of the VAP in 2012, and just a third in 2008! In addition, pollster Scott Rasmussen has found his standing among the public is modest. Why should this person instill fear in his enemies? (Remember, to a Chicago poll, political opponents are enemies.) Since Obama's profligate spending threatens to pauperize our future and his hostility to our military threatens our status as a super power, Republicans have to thwart his agenda. Given his electoral record and his current standing with the American public, it can be done. It must be done."

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## "Stop the Food-Stamp Madness"

PATRIOT NOTES ON THE PATRIOT ACTION NETWORK ON TUE, FEB. 26, 2013 AT 9:50PM

Dear Patriot,

Grassfire has learned that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is reaching across our borders to quell the fears of immigrants who are worried that getting on America's taxpayer-funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) "will harm their chances of becoming U.S. citizens."

According to a report from The Daily Caller, the USDA is actively distributing brochures to Mexican consulates as part of its "partnership" with the Mexican government to teach non-citizens and their family members how to get on the food-stamp program -- at the expense of American taxpayers!

Since 2004, the USDA has met with the Mexican government "more than 150 times" to promote American nutrition-assistance programs.

But most shocking is the fact that "heads of households born in Mexico are the most likely nationality to be on some form of food assistance, with 45.3 percent reporting use of food assistance."

By comparison, 13.9 percent of native-born Americans are on food stamps.

In short, your tax dollars are being used to advertise, educate and feed immigrants and their families! This is simply another outrageous insult to tax-paying Americans who are being used by the Obama administration to fund their radical agenda and, potentially, to "buy" future votes.

The report also said that the USDA was working "in partnership with the Mexican government." Partnership would suggest that we (U.S. citizens) are getting something in return.

But the only return on this "investment" is a bulging and dangerous culture of dependency among immigrants who come to expect government handouts and taxpayer-supported benefits as a way of life in the U.S.

Hard-working Americans are being fleeced by an administration looking to swell their ranks -- while you foot the bill!

This is why Grassfire launched our national petition to "Stop The Food Stamp Madness." In just a few days, more than 20,000 citizens responded to our call to action.

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## Now about the sequester!

*Don't freak out about the sequester! Here's some info you may be missing...*

To hear President Barack Obama tell it, the impending \$85 billion in spending cuts to the federal budget known as the sequester is the worst disaster since Seth MacFarlane hosted the Academy Awards.

But before you dive deep into depression, here are five facts that should take the sting out of the sequester.

**1. The Cuts Are Tiny!**

The actual cuts in fiscal year 2013 are only \$44 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The rest don't even take place until 2014 or later. Whether you use \$44 billion or \$85 billion we're talking about 1 or 2 percent of total government spending.

**2. Spending is Still Going Up!**

Even with the sequester, the federal government is expected to spend more this year than it did last

year. The government spent \$3.5 trillion in 2012 and is expected to spend \$3.6 trillion in 2013.

### 3. The Pentagon Won't Starve!

The largest chunk of cuts will come out of the defense budget, which has doubled over the past decade. The Pentagon will still have about \$500 billion at its disposal, not counting war-related and emergency appropriations.

### 4. You Can't Cut Nonexistent Programs!

The White House's Office of Management and Budget says the sequester will cut a whopping \$2 million from the \$20 million budget for the National Drug Intelligence Center. That sounds pretty bad - until you realize the Drug Intelligence Center closed its door in June 2012.

### 5. It Was All Obama's Idea!

The whole damn sequester was the Obama administration's idea. As the Washington Post's Bob Woodward has reported, despite Obama's denials to the contrary, "the automatic spending cuts were initiated by the White House" as part of the deal to raise the debt limit back in August 2011.

So as members of the president's cabinet and party rail against the draconian nature of the sequester and the unfairness of it all, it's worth keeping in mind that these cuts are genuinely puny. And that the president has nobody to blame but himself.

(And hey, as a last resort, we could always delete the entire 535 members of Congress & start over!)

*To Stop the Sequester: The federal District Court in D.C. should issue a federal warrant to the FBI, U.S. Marshals Service, and the D.C. Police to arrest all members of the House and Senate on charges of Destruction by Inaction to prevent exceptionally grave damage also by inaction, and Depraved Indifference to the United State of America. Lock up the criminals in Congress. They are not immune from justice for committing crimes against the state. Start the phone calls to the Federal Court in D.C., and the other agencies now.*

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Sheriffs from across the country are writing Barack Obama and Vice President Biden to promise they will **not** enforce any gun control measures they consider unconstitutional. It makes sense. **The local officials swore an oath to uphold the Constitution.** They're just doing their jobs. **Too bad all who 'swore an oath to uphold the Constitution' don't take it as seriously as these Sheriffs do. Many of our problems in D.C. today would be solved.**

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## WHO ARE THE REAL "GUN NUTS" RUNNING LOOSE IN OUR SOCIETY?

### Facts are never important to the Left. An idea whose time has come!

**Commentary from Paul R. Beane on KFYO radio on 1/24/2013:**

Good afternoon, I'm Paul R. Beane and I'm your right wing gun nut.

You know me and fellow gun owners are responsible for all the carnage in our streets and our schools. Never mind that Ted Kennedy's car has killed more people than my entire collection of firearms. Most of which I have owned since childhood when I saved my pennies and nickels in order to purchase them and each and everyone is in perfect working order. It is the responsible gun owners of today that is being blamed for all the shootings. Obama calls us the right wing gun nuts, clinging to our guns and to our religion.

But let's take a little closer look. The Fort Hood shooter, a Muslim, and a registered Democrat. The Virginia Tech shooter, he wrote hate mail to George Bush and his staff and was a registered Democrat. Aurora, Colorado shooter, he was a staff worker on the Obama campaign and took part in Occupy Wall Street. He was a progressive liberal and guess what? A registered Democrat. The Newtown, Conn shooter hated Christians and was a registered Democrat. The Columbine high school shooters were too young to vote, but both of their families were progressive liberals and registered Democrats.

And one more thing, not a single one of these killers were members of the National Rifle Association. So I have figured out how to make this country much safer: leave the guns alone and lock up all the Democrats!

~ I'm Paul R. Beane and that's the way I see it.