

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

See us at McALISTER'S DELI, EVERY WED after 5:30pm, come whenever ---- *Come join the Working Group. Monthly meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month. We try to keep it productive, interesting & informative!!*
Next meeting: Sept. 14 – 9:30AM, Manhattan City Library Auditorium. *In the interest of placing our focus on the pressing issues of the day this meeting will be open discussion on such issues – come prepared to introduce your concerns schools/city/county/state/country. Come listen & express your concerns & views, **help US help each other.** We MUST continue to support our Schools & Communities!! Regardless of what happens in DC we MUST keep God in our Schools/Communities & most of all in our Hearts!! Much is still to be accomplished in D.C. and at the State Capital and local levels -- may God guide them all. **Don't just read this Newsletter – Do something!! Contact your Congresswoman/man!! Let them know if you approve or disapprove!! They need to know!!***

Patriot Action Network

THREE FORMER DOLPHINS DECLINE WHITE HOUSE HONOR

POSTED BY BILL BISSELL, ADMIN II ON 8/21/13 AT 6:12PM IN PATRIOT ACTIONALERTS

Who wouldn't accept an invitation to the White House, to a big deal celebration, honoring an unmatched achievement? Three former NFL stars for starters. Three players–Hall of Fame center Jim Langer, defensive tackle Manny Fernandez and guard Bob Kuechenberg–of the 1972 undefeated Miami Dolphins refused an invite to the White House because of political differences, CBS Sports reports. This White House visit, 40 years overdue, was meant to honor the Dolphins for their undefeated season that lead to a 1973 Super Bowl victory. The three players spoke with the Sun-Sentinel.

Langer says: “We’ve got some real moral compass issues in Washington. I don’t want to be in a room with those people and pretend I’m having a good time. I can’t do that. If that [angers] people, so be it.”

Fernandez, explains that his views are “dramatically opposed to Obama's.”

Kuechenberg says it would be hypocritical for him to be there.

“I don’t want to do that. I just don’t believe in this administration at all. So I don’t belong. Anyone on the left or the right has to respect one man’s opinion.”

These players chose to **hold to their convictions** than compromise and enjoy a visit to the White House. - Liberty News

Why does the [Muslim Brotherhood](#) get [FREE F-16s](#) if American citizens can't be trusted with [common bunting rifles](#)? **WAKE UP, AMERICA!!**

GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA

Senate Democrats Move to Reverse Supreme Court's *Heller* decision Reid-Leahy move would gut the Second Amendment in the eyes of the courts.

Having failed to get gun control passed in the Senate, Democrats are now making a last ditch effort to reshape the Supreme Court. Well, we hate to say it, but we predicted this would happen. You remember when Harry Reid was threatening to destroy the Senate filibuster in January – and later in July – in order to approve Leftist Obama-supported nominees?

You remember, at the time, we said that, if Reid “puller the trigger” on this so-called nuclear option to destroy the filibuster in some cases – thus eliminating the need for Reid to garner 60 votes some of the time – there would be no impediment to Reid doing anything he wanted with 50 votes (plus Biden) in other cases?



And you remember we said that it wouldn't take long before Reid tried to limit the filibuster and use a mere 50 Democratic votes to approve other things as well – like an anti-gun Supreme Court justice to replace Supreme Court “swing vote” Anthony Kennedy? The immediate ramification of such as appointment would be to overturn the *Heller* case (which held that the Second Amendment is an “individual right,” not just the right of a state to raise a militia).

Finally, you remember that Harry Reid said, at the time, that his shady precedent would just apply to Executive Branch nominees, not judges?

Well, it hasn't taken long for his lie to be exposed.

The anti-gun Democratic Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Patrick Leahy (D-VT), has just called for blowing up the Senate rules to approve judges with 50 votes. [See Roll Call, “Leahy Eyes ‘Nuclear Option’ Threat to Confirm Judges,” \(August 2, 2013\).](#)

Although Leahy doesn't explicitly say so, this would eventually include Obama's prospective anti-gun replacement to the 80-year-old Kennedy – and would mean that the Second Amendment, in the eyes of the courts, would no longer exist.

Again, Justice Kennedy cast the deciding vote on the 5-4 *Heller* decision. So, if he is replaced by an anti-gun Obama nominee, *Heller* is gone.

ACTION: [Click here to urge your Senators to oppose the anti-gun “nuclear option” to blow up the Senate rules.](#) Tell them that any vote in favor of weakening the filibuster rules for judicial confirmations will ultimately result in a reversal of the *Heller* case – and a body-blow to the Second Amendment.

We defend our President with GUNS!!

We defend our Congressman with GUNS!!

We defend

our Governors with GUNS!!

We defend our Celebrities with GUNS!!

We defend our Sporting

Events with GUNS!! We defend our jewelry stores with GUNS!!

We defend our Banks with guns!!

We defend our Office Buildings with GUNS!!

We defend our Factories with guns!!

We defend our Courts with GUNS!!

We defund our children with a sign that reads:

“THIS IS A GUN FREE ZONE.”

... and then call someone with a gun IF there's an emergency.

From: CONSERVATIVE byte.com **Posted on Aug 20, 2013**

Church Forced to Cancel Mass First Time in 1600 Years

A church in Minya, Egypt cancelled Sunday mass for the first time in 1,600 years. Other churches were forced to cancel prayer services as well due to violence against the country's Christian population. From [The Times of Israel](#): “We did not hold prayers in the monastery on Sunday for the first time in 1,600 years,” Priest Selwanes Lotfy of the Virgin Mary and Priest Ibram Monastery in Degla, just south of Minya, told al-Masry al-Youm, according to Egypt Independent.

He said supporters of ousted president Mohammed Morsi destroyed the monastery, which includes three churches, one of which is an archaeological site. “One of the extremists wrote on the monastery's wall, ‘donate [this] to the martyrs' mosque,’” Lotfy added.

Coptic Christians only make up 10% of Egypt's population, but violence against them escalated after the 2011 Arab Spring. Additionally, pro-Morsi rioters have attacked businesses, homes, and almost 58 churches since the Muslim Brotherhood was removed from power.

Last week, three nuns were marched through the streets and a Christian taxi driver was murdered when he drove through a Muslim protest. Another was shot to death in Sohag.

The Coptic Christians will not back down. They said they will continue to support the military and police against terrorism.

OBAMA Fun Fact #301 --
75 people went on food stamps.

For every one job created under the OBAMA Administration
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Hillary

"Where is the G*damn f**king flag! I want the G*damn f**king flag up every morning at f**king sunrise."

-From the book "Inside the White House" by Ronald Kessler, p.244- Hillary to staff at the Arkansas Governor's mansion on Labor Day 1991.

F**k off! It's enough I have to see you shit-kickers every day, I'm not going to talk to you too!! Just do your G*damn job and keep your mouth shut."

-From the book "America Evita" by Christopher Anderson, p.90-Hillary to her State Trooper body guards after one of them greeted her with "Good Morning"

"If you want to remain on this detail, get your f**king ass over here and grab those bags!â€

_From the book "The First Partner" p.259- Hillary to a Secret Service Agent who was reluctant to carry her luggage because he wanted to keep his hands free in case of an incident.

"Stay the f**k back, stay the f**k back away from me! Don't come within ten yards of me, or else! Just f**king do as I say, Okay!!?"

-From the book "Unlimited Access" by Clinton FBI Agent in Charge, Gary Aldrige, p.139- Hillary screaming at her Secret Service detail.

"Where's the miserable c**k sucker!"

-From the book "The Truth About Hillary" by Edward Klein, p.5- Hillary shouting at a Secret Service officer.

"You f**king idiot"

From the book "Crossfire" p.84-Hillary to a State Trooper who was driving her to an event.

"Put this on the ground! I left my sunglasses in the limo. I need those sunglasses. We need to go back!

From the book "Dereliction of Duty" p.71-72-- Hillary to Marine One helicopter pilot to turn back while en route to Air Force One.

"Come on Bill, put your d**k up! You can't f**k her here!!"

From the book "Inside the White House" by Ronald Kessler, p.243-Hillary to Gov. Clinton when she spots him talking with an attractive female.

This ill-tempered, violent, loud mouth, hateful and abusive woman wants to be your next president and have total control as commander and chief of our Military , the very Military for which she has shown incredible disdain throughout her public life. Surely the people of the United States can easily do better than this. Ed Schriber Col. USMC (Ret.) "Semper Fidelis"
Let us all pray that the Democratic Party & all American's are smart enough to bypass this hateful, non-caring woman. She just wants the prestige and fame the Presidential Office carries. Hillary has no concern for the USA or it's citizens – look what she did to the men in Benghazi. The fact that she was responsible for their deaths didn't even phase her – ***"What does it matter?"***

Think about these priorities – US President lies about Benghazi where 4 people died and the Mass media is silent. Then a football player lies about having a fake girlfriend – NO ONE DIES; NO ONE is INJURED, but it is on every news channel & paper in the country !!! Fair News? Go Figure!!

(IBD) Obamanomics: Welfare Pays More Than Work In Most States

Posted by Daniel John Sobieski on August 22, 2013 at 6:30pm

Incentives: A new study shows that in most states welfare programs pay more than a minimum-wage job, and in some states government aid can be more than the earnings from a regular, entry-level job.

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Matters were made worse in July 2012, when the administration released a directive from the Department of Health and Human Services announcing that states would be able to waive the law's work requirements. The requirement that able-bodied adults work, prepare for work or look for work in order to receive benefits was deemed too much of a burden for some states and the poor to bear.

A follow-up report by Michael Tanner and Charles Hughes published Monday by Cato shows that it's now a case of back to the future with welfare reform. According to Cato, welfare currently pays more than a minimum-wage job in 35 states, even after accounting for the Earned Income Tax Credit, and in 13 states it pays more than \$15 an hour.

In 11 states, welfare was found to pay "more than the average pretax first-year wage for a teacher. In 39 states, it pays more than the starting wage for a secretary. And in the three most generous states a person on welfare can take home more money than an entry-level computer programmer."

[Chicago is the blueprint for National Gun Laws – says Obama](#)

CHICAGO is #1 in the USA for Gun Violence [Yeah, that's the blueprint we want!!](#)

The National Patriot Commentary From The Right Side of Politics **Obama – Put Your Hands UP and Get Your Feet Off the Desk**

By Craig Andresen on August 7, 2013 at 5:17 am

Every Time Ed Snowden sneezes, there's a breaking news update.

If the guy breaks wind, I'm reasonably sure the media would grab onto it as though a petrified rat had just been found on Mars.

Why?

Because Ed Snowden is a wanted man. He's on the lamb and he's looking for a nice, quiet little communist community where he can settle down.

Wanted.
For espionage.
In a “phony” scandal.
Under a long defunct provision called the Espionage Act of 1917.
ESPIONAGE they say. He has harmed the nation’s security...Or so they say.
As Snowden prances about the globe applying for asylum and being turned down and, as he finally gets out of the Moscow airport...Snowden is America’s most wanted American.
I have to tell you...I don’t get it.
What’s so special about Ed Snowden anyway?
Did Ed Snowden give THOUSANDS of deadly weapons to MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS that have been used to MURDER more than 300 Mexican citizens AND U.S. Border Agent Brian Terry?
No...THAT was OBAMA who did that with the help of Eric Holder.
Not Snowden.
Did Ed Snowden give HOLLYWOOD special access to classified documents so they could make a movie out of the bin Laden raid?
No...THAT was Obama too.
Let’s see here...
Was it Ed Snowden who leaked that it was SEAL Teal 6 who took out bin Laden???
No...THAT was Joe Biden and confirmed by Obama.
Maybe it was Ed Snowden who let the cat out of the bag regarding details of the bin Laden raid that brought about the downing of an American helicopter resulting in the deaths of 31 American Special Ops forces.
Hmm...No...Extortion 17 was...OBAMA.
Did Ed Snowden reduce the security personnel in Benghazi?
Nope.
Did Ed Snowden hire Ansar al-Sharia, our al Qaeda enemies to protect our diplomats in Benghazi?
No he did not.
Did Ed Snowden issue the “stand down” orders when other special ops wanted to go and rescue those in Benghazi?
No again.
Did Ed Snowden leave the white house situation room and disappear for the next 8 hours thus leaving our people in Benghazi to die?
Nope. Not Ed Snowden.
Did Ed Snowden blame Benghazi on a You Tube Video or make a commercial of apology to the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt?
Noooooooooooo.....
That would be Obama and Hillary Clinton responsible for ALL of those things.
Was it Ed Snowden who told the Iranians all about the Stuxnet virus which, naturally, exposed our greatest and only true ally in the Middle East, Israel?
Nope.
Obama did that too.
Perhaps it was Ed Snowden who let it slip that Obama has a KILL LIST.
Hmmmmm.....Noooooooooooo...That was Obama.
Wait...
I KNOW...I KNOW...
Was it ED SNOWDEN who told the Iranian insurgents and al Qaeda terrorists when we would be leaving Iraq!! Right?? RIGHT????
No.
That was Obama.
Okay...Then it HAD to have been Ed Snowden who blabbed to the Taliban in Afghanistan that we would be outta THEIR country on a VERY SPECIFIC DATE!!
Nope.
Obama.

Well, then...It must have been Ed Snowden giving loaded weapons TO the Taliban in Afghanistan and seeing to it that OUR people over there were UNARMED.

Nope.

That was Obama too.

Snowden. ED SNOWDEN helped create the vacuum in Egypt by insisting Mubarak had to go and then helped to FILL that vacuum by insisting that the Muslim Brotherhood have a seat at the table.

Now that HAD to be Snowden's doing and THAT resulted in an Egyptian MILITARY COUP!!!

THAT'S why Snowden is wanted for ESPIONAGE. That's it...Tell me that's it.

Nope.

Obama did those things.

Ed Snowden leaked classified intel regarding Israeli military operations against the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad including but, not limited to, Israeli air and naval strikes on advanced Iranian and Russian weapons that arrived in Syria earlier this year thus exposing OUR ally, Israel's, covert actions against a direct enemy?

Oy vey...That was Obama...Wasn't it?

Yep.

Okay...I give up.

What, exactly DID Ed Snowden do???

Well...Snowden DID tell the terrorists we were watching them.

They already knew that.

Snowden told the terrorists we were tracking their calls.

They already knew that too.

Ed Snowden leaked that we were monitoring the terrorist internet traffic!!!

The terrorists were already aware of that and that's why there was no internet hook up at the bin Laden compound.

Hmmmm....

Okay...Ed Snowden told the Chinese we were HACKING them.

The Chinese knew that already.

Snowden told the North Koreans we were watching everything THEY do.

Lil' Kim knew that and invited Rodman to a basketball game anyway.

The Iranians?

The RUSSIANS????

We've been tracking the Iranians since 1979 and the Russians since the end of WWII.

They had an inkling.

What's left?

OH YES...ED SNOWDEN TOLD...US...THAT OUR GOVERNMENT WAS SPYING ON US TOO!!!!

Really?

We pretty much had that figured out when our government adopted the Patriot Act and all Snowden did was confirm it and, maybe, show us that the spying was a little broader than we really wanted to admit.

So...BASICALLY...

Ed Snowden is wanted for espionage, under the 1917 Espionage Act and we're traipsing all over the world selling people who don't really give a rat's ass about what we want that, we want him back because, he spilled pot after pot of already spilled beans.

Meanwhile...

OBAMA'S steady drip...drip...drip of classified information has caused a NIAGARA FALLS like deluge of previously UNKNOWN intel to drench our enemies around the world.

OBAMA has been responsible for the murders of Americans by Mexican drug cartels AND our terrorist enemies and OBAMA has, while "leading from behind" REMOVED...albeit dubious...ALLIES from power to have them replaced by our ENEMIES in a time of war.

OBAMA saw to it that our people in Benghazi were set up to die AND gave weapons TO OUR ENEMIES to make THAT possible.

Yes...Obama got bin Laden and THEN...HE MADE SURE OUR ENEMIES KNEW WHO THE DOCTOR

WAS WHO HELPED MAKE THAT HAPPEN and that Doctor has been imprisoned ever since!!!

OBAMA'S loose tongue allowed the ENEMY to KILL a helicopter full of OUR special ops forces too!!!!

Obama HAS directly AIDED AND ABETTED OUR ENEMIES, OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND ED SNOWDEN is the wanted man?

ED SNOWDEN IS THE ONE CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE?????

Obama takes a \$100 MILLION dollar vacation to Africa and will be lounging about on MARTHA'S VINEYARD next week and Ed SNOWDEN is the one running from the "law???"

Maybe it was Ed Snowden who leaked that we had monitored phone calls between the 2 top al Qaeda leaders...IN YEMEN...that resulted in our knowledge that there were SURGICALLY IMPLANTED explosive devices AND a NEW, NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT...EXPLOSIVE...SPRAYED ON THE CLOTHES OF THE TERRORISTS...that has resulted in the closing of more than 20 of our embassies in the Middle East!!!!

The ENEMY didn't know that WE knew ALL OF THAT before THAT stuff was LEAKED TO THE PRESS!!!!

Nope...

Ed Snowden didn't leak that intel...

THAT WAS JUST ANOTHER OBAMA LEAK!!!!

Now then...SOMEBODY explain to me WHY we're trying to ARREST ED SNOWDEN when the REAL AGENT OF ESPIONAGE AND TREASON...HAS HIS FEET UP...ON OUR FURNITURE...IN THE OVAL OFFICE!!!!!!

Hello friends! Here are some updates and recent Common Core happenings.

As the summer comes to an end and school begins, please help us inform friends and family about Common Core.

Provide information, and encourage others to do their own research.

And start participating - attend your local school board meetings!

Contact us with questions, information requests, or if you are interested in hosting a Common Core presentation in your community.

AUGUST STATE BOE MEETING:

THANK YOU to everyone who attended or submitted a written statement for the August 15th State BOE meeting!

Here is a summary by Dr. Chappell..

On Tuesday, August 13th, 2013, the Kansas State Commissioner of Education confirmed during the public State Board of Education meeting that parents have a right to opt their children out of the year-end standardized tests. No child has to take or pass this exam to be promoted to the next grade level.

Each teacher will test their students throughout the year and assign grades based on their performance. What the Opt-Out form does is prevent schools from forcing their child to take a Common Core test which collects data on each student who takes computerized assessments and sends it to Federal government contractors.

It was also confirmed at the August 13th, 2013 Kansas State Board of Education meeting that parents have a right to protect the privacy of data about their child and family. Only after parents have been informed of what data is being collected and have provided written consent can school districts legally send their private information to any other agency or government entity. School districts are violating the FERPA federal laws if they release individual student and family data without prior, written parental consent.

The OPT OUT FORM and FAQ page are both attached to this email, and so are two articles about standardized testing. Share with friends and family!

FROM INDIANA COMMON CORE HEARINGS:

Indiana has been hearing testimony from experts and individuals supporting and opposing Common Core. Here are several posts and video segments from Hoosiers Against Common Core. These answers would be the same in Kansas...

[Common Core Won't Get Your Kid Into Purdue or Indiana University](#)

[Common Core Supporter Testifies Indiana Can't Change Common Core Standards](#)
[Common Core Math Author Testifies No One From Indiana Wrote the Common Core](#)
FROM NY - 1500 PEOPLE ATTEND STOP COMMON CORE RALLY ORGANIZED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

[Read more and watch the video of Dr. Josph Rella from the Stop Common Core Rally](#)

Help us find our Dr. Rella! If you know of a Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, or School Board Member that is speaking out against Common Core, we would love to hear from you.

KANSAS STANDARDS:

[Here is a short presentation by Bob Weeks about Kansas standards.](#)

He is not talking about Common Core, but I believe the presentation shows why Kansas should be making it's OWN standards. Why are we not looking at the states at the top, and trying to make our standards like their standards? Instead Kansas (and 44 other states) has adopted Common Core, and a "race to the middle".

This presentation also shows how we can already compare states and student results state-to-state. We do not need Common Core and SBAC to find and compare this information.

DO YOU HOMESCHOOL?

Here is a great resource for finding curriculum - [The Educational Freedom Coalition](#)

MORE ABOUT DATA CONCERNS:

[Here is a recent post by Christel Swasey from UT](#), and more concerns about data collection and privacy.

COMMON CORE MATH:

Just for fun.

[Abbott and Costello Doing Common Core Math](#)

VIDEO - OKLAHOMA COMMON CORE FORUM:

If you have time, [watch this video from a recent CC forum in Oklahoma](#). There were great questions, and it is obvious which panelists have done their research about CC and truly support local education and parental rights.

If you can't watch the entire video, just watch [this segment](#) when a 1st grade teacher presents her questions and concerns.

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What Obama Wants for Your Children and Grandchildren 08/14/13

Proud parents and grandparents are sharing photos of their kids' first day of school. And as students head back, many states are pushing back—telling the Obama Administration that its federal education plan isn't right for their students.

Anyone who has taught in a classroom knows how different children are from school to school—even from class to class. Teachers understand that the content, methods, and evaluations they use will differ depending on the makeup of the class. A teacher might teach her 9:40 a.m. Algebra II class differently than her 1:40 p.m. Algebra II class. And she'll make that decision based on the pace of her students and their comprehension levels.

Kids have different needs and dreams. Are they working toward Advanced Placement Calculus with the hopes of attending a selective college, or are they planning to use the math skills they acquire in high school in a technical field in the workforce shortly after graduation?

The **Common Core** State Standards Initiative—an effort underway to set national standards and tests for what every child in public school will learn—turns a blind eye to the unique nature of teaching and learning, and to the fact that education is a quintessentially local issue.

The Obama Administration has tried to **entice states into Common Core** by tying states' acceptance of the standards to [education funding](#) and [waivers](#).

As [Sen. Marco Rubio recently cautioned](#) in an interview with Hugh Hewitt:...the federal government never knows when to stop. When [it] starts taking, it never gives back and, quite frankly, I don't think we need a National School Board. I think that we have local school boards for a reason because that's where parents can most influence the process and get good results.

But what the Obama Administration wants for American children isn't inevitable. Thankfully, state and local leaders concerned with Common Core's impact have begun to push back.

After putting Common Core implementation on "pause," Indiana is now [withdrawing as a governing member](#) of Common Core's national tests. Alabama, Oklahoma, and Georgia have now withdrawn from the national tests. [Utah withdrew](#) from one of the testing consortia last year.

There are indications that other states are growing concerned about the national standards push. An Ohio legislator has [a proposal to repeal Common Core](#), and Florida and Arizona have voiced concerns over the cost of the endeavor.

These are good first steps. But to ensure excellence in education, states should completely hop off the national standards bandwagon. You can read the Heritage proposal for [how they can get started here](#).

America has reached an education policy fork in the road. One path leads toward choice and customization; the other, centralization and uniformity. If student-centered learning is our goal, only the path toward choice will take us there—and that includes choice in standards and assessments.

Lindsey Burke is Heritage's Will Skillman Fellow in Education and a former high school teacher.

Read the Morning Bell and more en español every day at [Heritage Libertad](#).

Quick Hits:

Obamacare has ANOTHER delay—and [this one may cost you](#).

Why is the Obama Administration involved in a [dispute between Apple and Samsung](#)?

Today is Social Security's 78th birthday. [How's it doing?](#)

Defunding Obamacare: [Much ado](#) about a government shutdown.

New mom? Need to relax? Head to [yoga—with your baby](#).

What is the ["Christian" policy position on immigration](#)?

Do you know anyone in Fayetteville, Arkansas, or Birmingham, Alabama?

[Send them this link](#).

COMMON CORE GOOD FOR STUDENTS

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Posted: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 12:02 pm | *Updated: 1:54 pm, Wed Jul 31, 2013.*

Eleanor Browning, Emporia | [0 comments](#)

Earlier this year, someone spoke about the evil of the "common core" at an Eggs and Issues event at the FHTC.

Afterwards I asked her if she were a teacher. She wasn't but told me that she would send the information to me about the common core.

I haven't received it yet. Unfortunately, the voices of the professionals who are actually responsible for implementing the Common Core have been drowned out in the mainstream media.

Actually, the NEA convened a panel of educators from around the country who were attending NEA's Common Core Working Group in Denver, Colo. — a strategy and ideas sharing meeting of [education](#) professionals from the 46 states who have

adopted Common Core. The overwhelming consensus of the educators is that the Common Core will be good for students and education.

1. Common Core puts creativity back in the classroom

Since the Common Core streamlines content, teachers can enrich the experiences, which gives students a greater understanding. Many teachers have fun, creative activities put away because they haven't had the time to use them in the era of NCLB tests and curriculum. Common core will allow those activities to be used again. That's because the Common Core State Standards are just that — standards and not a prescribed curriculum. They may tell educators what students should be able to do by the end of a grade or course, but it's up to the educators to figure out how to deliver the instruction.

2. Common Core gives students a deep dive

One teacher from Maryland commented "When students can explore a concept and really immerse themselves in that content, they emerge with a full understanding that lasts well beyond testing season," and another teacher added, "I've been faced with the challenge of having to teach roughly 100 math topics over the course of a single year, but the common Core takes this smorgasbord of topics and removes things from the plate, allowing me to focus on key topics we know will form a clear and consistent foundation for students." The Common core allows students to stay on a topic and not only dive deeply into it, but also be able to understand and [apply](#) the knowledge to everyday life.

3. Common core ratches up rigor

The CCSS requires students to take part in their learning and to think more critically about content, as opposed to simply regurgitating back what their teachers feed them. One way the standards ratchet up the rigor is by requiring more nonfiction texts to be included in lessons on works of fiction, and vice versa. For example, if the class is working on narrative writing, they can read *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and not just absorb the story, but also to evaluate C.S. Lewis as a writer, and then to try to write a piece of narrative in the style of C.S. Lewis. In the past, they were asked to simply write a story, but this requires more critical thinking, and this kind of increased rigor will make students more competitive on a global level.

4. Common Core is collaborative

The Common Core allows educators to take ownership of the curriculum — it puts it back into the hands of teachers, who know what information is best for students and how best to deliver that information. "Not only does it integrate instruction with other disciplines, like English and social studies, or literacy, [math](#), and science, the common standards will allow us to crowd source our knowledge and experience," says Kathy Powers of Arkansas. The Common Core will create opportunities to share resources and create common resources. Teachers can discuss what isn't working and use their voices collectively. The key word to focus on is "common." I agree with an Arizona teacher who believes that there is far too much academic variability from state to state and not enough collaboration. As a classroom teacher, there were many instances of a student coming from another state who required remedial help. Peter Mili, from Alabama, stated "the good things that may be happening in Alabama can be shared and found useful to educators in Arizona because they are working on the same topics."

5. Common Core advances equity

The most exciting thing about the Common Core is that it'll be a challenge for all students, not just the high achieving students, and will go a long way to closing achievement and opportunity gaps for poor and minority children. If students from all parts of the country — affluent, rural, low-income or urban — are being held to the same rigorous standards, it promotes equity in the quality of education and the level of achievement gained. Many cities and other areas have a high rate of mobility. Students regularly move from town to town, county to county, or state to state — often in the middle of the school year. There hasn't been any alignment from state to state on what's being taught, so when, for example, a fourth-grade student learning geometry and fractions in the first quarter of the school year suddenly moves to Kansas in the second quarter, he may have entirely different lessons to learn and to be tested on. Also, when teachers in one grade level focus consistently and comprehensively on the most critical and fundamental concepts, their students move on the next grade level able to build on that solid foundation rather than reviewing what should have been learned in the previous grade.

6. Common Core gets kids college ready

One of the broad goals is that the increased rigor of the Common core will help everyone become college and/or career ready. If a student who was taught how to think critically and how to read texts for information and analysis can explain the premise behind a mathematical thesis, that student will have options and opportunities. Find Common core resources at [NEA.org](#) or read NEA President Dennis Van Roekel on the Huffington Post, "Get the common core right."

"Life is a series of experiences, each of which makes us bigger, even though it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and griefs which we endure help us in our marching onward."

Henry Ford (1863-1947)

This is a lot of people's Bucket List, Bucket List for 2013

HERE IS ALL I WANT...

Obama: GONE – FOREVER GONE!!!

Put "GOD" back in America!!!

Borders: Closed!! Congress: Obey its own laws NOW!

Language: English only!

Culture: Constitution, and the Bill of Rights!

Drug Free: Mandatory Drug

Screening before Welfare!

NO freebies to Non-Citizens!

Balance the budget.

Stop giving away our money to foreign countries!

We need it here! Charge them, not us for our help!

Fix the TAX CODE!

And most of all

"RESPECT OUR MILITARY AND OUR FLAG!!!!!"

**WOMAN BRUTALLY BEATEN BY GROUP OF TEENS
IN NORTH SIDE SAYS ATTACK WAS 'RACIALLY MOTIVATED'**

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PITTSBURGH — A woman who said she was brutally attacked by a group of black teenagers in Pittsburgh's North Side Sunday said the girls savagely beat her while calling her racial slurs.

Ginger Slepski said she suffered multiple injuries, including torn shoulder ligaments. She said she thought the girls were going to kill her.

"I thought it was so animalistic. So violent. I'm so afraid for these girls to get out and walk the streets," Slepski said.

Police said Slepski was savagely beaten after the girls threw a bottle at her car on Concord Street and she stopped to confront them.

"I was mad. I knew they were younger. I thought they were in their early 20s. I got out and said, 'What is your problem?'" Slepski said.

All four African-American girls then called her names before getting physically violent.

"They yelled, 'Shut up white [expletive].' The other said, 'Get that white [expletive]," Slepski said.

Slepski said she tried to get back into her car but the girls grabbed her by the hair.

"The one punched me in the head and I was on a set of concrete steps and my head hit the concrete so hard," said Slepski. "Then they all got on top of me and all their hands were in my hair. They kept telling each other to, 'Kick her in the head. Kick her head in the concrete.'"

Slepski said several people witnessed the attack but were too afraid to intervene.

"Another woman was yelling at the girls, 'I'm calling the police!' And it's like it only made it worse," Slepski said.

Slepski said a man finally jumped in and helped Slepski escape from under the group of girls.

"I do feel like it was very racially motivated and I grew up in the neighborhood," she said.

Slepski said her injuries are keeping her from working as an electrician and she's worried about having the means to take care of her daughters.

The teens allegedly involved were all charged with robbery and ethnic intimidation.

Related Story: Teens face ethnic intimidation charges after attacking woman in North Side, police say

**From the same source: TEENS FACE ETHNIC INTIMIDATION CHARGES
AFTER BRUTALLY BEATING WOMAN IN NORTH SIDE**

PITTSBURGH — Three teenage girls are facing several charges, including ethnic intimidation, after police said they brutally beat a 32-year-old woman Sunday in Pittsburgh's North Side.

Investigators said the incident happened around 2 p.m. near the intersection of Concord and Itin streets.

According to police, the girls threw a bottle at the victim, Ginger Slepski's car, and when she stopped to confront the girls, they attacked her.

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Slepski said a lot of people were standing around watching but were too afraid to help.

"It's sad, but it doesn't surprise me. Our youth...some of them are going in the wrong direction," said one resident who did not want to be identified.

Officers said the woman was kicked, punched, robbed and left in the middle of the street. Police said they also called the victim a racial slur.

"I do feel like it was very racially motivated and I grew up in the neighborhood," said Slepski.

Witnesses ran to help the woman and one man said he watched as the three young black girls, ages 14, 15 and 16, were arrested.

"About 10 to 15 minutes later a bunch of cop cars came up and put them all in the back seat of the cop car," said a witness.

Slepski was treated at Allegheny General Hospital and is expected to be OK.

The girls were taken to Shuman Detention Center and charged with ethnic intimidation, robbery and conspiracy.

NOW WHERE IS OUR "UNBIASED, FAIR MINDED" President? Why is this not flashing all over the media? Tell me who the racists are? Tell me who blows things out of proportion? Tell me where the media is on this one? I'm listening!! All I hear is silence when the tables are turned!! I'm really tired of the bias – How about you??

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