

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

Next meeting Jan. 10 – 9:30am, Manhattan, Manhattan Public Library Groesbeck Room, guest speaker will be announced. The Working Group meets at McAlister's Deli, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings are come and go, at your convenience. Bring your concerns for discussion. **Your concerns are our concerns.** In this publication what is in green is my opinion, other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in fonts are for letting readers know it is a change of subject or person speaking. I would like to include your opinion/concerns. With the help of the **LORD** we will prevail!!

The Riley County, Kansas, County Commissioners have passed a PBC, Public Building Commission. It has been under discussion for quite a period of time. Two public meetings have been held with strong public attendance and even stronger public objection to the PBC. The public has strongly opposed the formation of the PBC, which DID NOT affect the thinking of the Commissioners. The public requested a vote of the citizens to decide what and how it should be in Riley County; the Commissioners have not even seriously considered a citizen vote and/or allowing actual citizen input. In the August Primary Election one Commissioner was replaced. Since that time the pressure has become intense to form the PBC before the newly elected Commissioner can take office. What the PBC does is allow the County Commissioners to put the County in \$50 MILLION debt at any time, without allowing citizens input. Yes, that's right – IF and WHEN the 3 County Commissioners desire to put the citizens of the county in huge debt requiring the citizens to repay, without any input from the citizens. That is the same as someone borrowing money from a bank and another person, who didn't want the loan, having to make the payments when he objected to the debt. How do you feel about that? Personally, if I have to make the payments I want to be a part of the decision to make the debt. My feeling is if my County Commissioner can decide where and when my money goes, then I can work to see where he goes, and in my opinion – he needs to go down the road. **AND I WILL HELP HIM ON HIS WAY!!!** Are YOU with me?? Come to the FHTP meetings at McAlister's Deli on Wed. evening, 6pm to 10pm.

YAHOO! News

by Dylan Stableford

12/10/14

Sen. Harry Reid Eviscerates GOP Leaders in NYT Exit Interview

Outgoing Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid [blasted Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, his soon-to-be successor, and other Republicans](#), vowing Democrats will wage "a new battle" with the GOP when the Senate reconvenes on Jan. 6.

"Is there enough they can do to help Wall Street? I don't think so. Big banks? I don't think so," Reid [told the New York Times in an exit interview published Wednesday](#). "That's where the new battle is going to be."

The 75-year-old Nevada Democrat said Republicans are at odds with Americans when it comes to environmental protection laws.

"They want to eviscerate Clean Air, Clean Water, EPA," Reid said.

Democrats lost control of the Senate during last month's midterm elections, losing a total of nine seats. Republicans now control both the House and Senate, where they will have a 54-44 majority. (Two members of the Senate are independents.)

Reid told the Times that he is willing to make compromises with Republican lawmakers but not simply to rack up political points.

"I'm happy to work with them," Reid said of his GOP counterparts. "But I'm not going to throw middle-class America overboard."

His "somewhat belligerent tone," [as the Times described it](#), seems to be in contrast with postelection

comments made by McConnell, the incoming majority leader, who [told Yahoo News last week](#) that he hopes to work with Senate Democrats, despite their differences.

"There's not going to be a government shutdown," McConnell said before a meeting with President Obama at the White House. "The president has been way out of line with his executive amnesty, [but] shutting down the government is not the way to respond."

Reid said he plans to run for reelection in 2016, when some of his Senate colleagues — including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio — may be running for the Republican presidential nomination.

When asked by the Times whether any of them could become president, Reid replied: "Of what?"

It has been hinted in numerous places that we may NOT have the complete turn around in Senatorial Leadership as we had hoped or need. Yes, we'll have the numbers, but will we have the heart and intent? Time will give us the true answer to that. In the meantime, we have to have faith. Each and every bill that is passed by the House should go up for vote in the Senate. With that said, every bill passed by the Senate also needs to be voted on by the House. To my knowledge that has NOT been a problem. When one group or the other don't like a bill they still vote on it – giving each citizen elected Congress member the opportunity to make their own decision on that particular bill. It has been conducted so wrong for so long it will take a bit to adjust to the right way. We can only pray that Congress will work as the Constitution intended. You might want to read that section of the Constitution, and then YOU will know when they are operating Congress as it should be. If you don't have a Constitution – contact Flint Hills TEA Party.

Senate Roll Vote on \$1.1 Trillion Spending Bill 12/14/14, 12:20 AM ET By The Associated Press

The 56-40 roll call Saturday by which the Senate passed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill that funds nearly the entire government through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year. The legislation assures funding for nearly the entire government until next fall, it made an exception of the Department of **Homeland Security**. Money for that agency will run out on Feb. 27.

A "yes" vote is a vote to pass the bill.

Voting yes were 31 Democrats, 24 Republicans and 1 independent.

Voting no were 21 Democrats, 18 Republicans and 1 independent.

Democrats Yes

Baldwin, Wis.; Begich, Alaska; Bennet, Colo.; Cardin, Md.; Carper, Del.; Casey, Pa.; Coons, Del.; Donnelly, Ind.; Durbin, Ill.; Hagan, N.C.; Heinrich, N.M.; Heitkamp, N.D.; Johnson, S.D.; Kaine, Va.; Landrieu, La.; Leahy, Vt.; Mikulski, Md.; Murphy, Conn.; Murray, Wash.; Nelson, Fla.; Pryor, Ark.; Reid, Nev.; Rockefeller, W.V.; Schatz, Hawaii; Schumer, N.Y.; Shaheen, N.H.; Stabenow, Mich.; Udall, Colo.; Udall, N.M.; Walsh, Mont.; Warner, Va.

Democrats No

Blumenthal, Conn.; Booker, N.J.; Boxer, Calif.; Brown, Ohio; Cantwell, Wash.; Franken, Minn.; Gillibrand, N.Y.; Harkin, Iowa; Hirono, Hawaii; Klobuchar, Minn.; Levin, Mich.; Manchin, W.V.; Markey, Mass.; McCaskill, Mo.; Menendez, N.J.; Merkley, Ore.; Reed, R.I.; Tester, Mont.; Warren, Mass.; Whitehouse, R.I.; Wyden, Ore.

Democrats Not Voting

Feinstein, Calif.

Republicans Yes

Alexander, Tenn.; Ayotte, N.H.; Barrasso, Wyo.; Blunt, Mo.; Boozman, Ark.; Burr, N.C.; Coats, Ind.; Cochran, Miss.; Collins, Maine; Cornyn, Texas; Enzi, Wyo.; Fischer, Neb.; Graham, S.C.; Hatch, Utah; Hoeven, N.D.; Isakson, Ga.; Johanns, Neb.; Kirk, Ill.; McConnell, Ky.; Murkowski, Al; **Roberts, Kan.**; Thune, S.D.; Toomey, Pa.; Wicker, Miss.

Republicans No

Corker, Tenn.; Crapo, Idaho; Cruz, Texas; Flake, Ariz.; Grassley, Iowa; Heller, Nev.; Johnson, Wis.; Lee, Utah; McCain, Ariz.; **Moran, Kan.**; Paul, Ky.; Portman, Ohio; Risch, Idaho; Rubio, Fla.; Scott, S.C.; Sessions, Ala.; Shelby, Ala.; Vitter, La.

Republicans Not Voting

Chambless, Ga.; Coburn, Okla.; Inhofe, Okla.

Independents Yes

King, Maine.

Independents No

Sanders, Vt.

Don't be fooled by Moran's No vote – he only voted that way to influence you to vote for him in 2016. If GOD grants me a vote in 2016 I'd write in most anyone's name before I'd vote for Senator Jerry Moran. We need to flood Roberts with emails, phone calls, and letters telling him how we feel about his "Yes" vote. I didn't want to vote for Roberts and only convinced myself to put the X in the box because I wanted to vote against his opponent!! Considering the outcome I don't know if I can even do that again in Moran's coming election. I'd much rather vote for the one that was crowded out in the Primary this time.

Pin a Badge Over Their Heart

By: Dr. Gene Howard

WE TAKE A BADGE AND PIN IT OVER A PERSON'S HEART.
AND BELIEVE THAT AS A CITIZEN WE'VE DONE OUR PART.
WHILE GIVING WAGES THAT ARE MANY TIMES TOO LOW,
WE ASK THEM TO GO PLACES THAT WE'D NEVER GO.
AND WE ASK THEM TO FACE DANGER SUCH AS NEVER BEFORE,
WHERE A SUBMACHINE GUN COULD BE BEHIND ANY DOOR.
AND PEOPLE ON DRUG DO THINGS WITHOUT REASON,
AND SINGERS DECLARE COPS TO BE OPEN SEASON.
WHY THEY LAY THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE, I'M NOT SURE,
FOR THE JOB COMES WITH LITTLE GLORY AND MUCH MANURE...
IT MUST BE SOMETHING IN THEIR HEART REAL DEEP DOWN,
THAT WOULD MAKE THEM BE WILLING TO WALK THAT GROUND.
WELL, MISTER I WOULDN'T WANT TO WALK IN THEIR SHOES,
LOOKING AT THE FEW OFFICERS THAT DO MAKE THE NEWS.
FOR THE LIBERAL MEDIA COVERS THE ONES THAT ARE MEAN,
WHILE THOUSNADS OF GOOD ONES ARE JUST NEVER SEEN.
AND EACH DAY WE TRY TO PLEASE THAT POLITICAL CORE,
BY MAKING NEW LAWS THAT TIE THEIR HANDS EVEN MORE.
AND STILL THEY RISK THEIR LIVES PUTTING THE SKUM IN JAIL,
KNOWING BEFORE THEIR SHIT ENDS THEY'LL BE OUT ON BAIL.
AND TODAY SOME FAMILY MAY HAVE HEARD THEIR LAST GOODBYE,
FOR IN THE LINE OF DUTY SOME MOMMY OR DADDY WILL DIE.
SO WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU TOLD AN OFFICER YOU CARE,
AND YOU APPRECIATE THEM RISKING THEIR LIFE OUT THERE?
WE NEED TO HIRE MORE EPUTIES TO PUT ON THE SADDLE,
AND QUIT MAKING LEGAL FENCES FOR THEM TO STRADDLE.
AN IF WE GIVE THEM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT THERE STAR,
THEN LET'S GIVE THEM THE AUTHORITY TO GO THAT FAR.

Authorities Say Cop Killer Wanted Retaliation for Michael Brown, Eric Garner Deaths

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The gunman who ambushed and murdered two NYPD officers as they sat in their squad car Saturday afternoon in Brooklyn vowed to kill police in a number of social media posts that vowed retaliation for the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, authorities said.

Ismaaiyl Brinsley, 28, wrote on his Instagram account: "I'm putting wings on pigs today. They take 1 of ours, let's take 2 of theirs," hours before the killings, two city officials with direct knowledge of the case confirmed for The Associated Press. He used the hashtags Shootthepolice R1PervGardner (sic) R1PMikeBrown. The post also included an image of a silver handgun and the message, "This may be my final post. The post had more than 200 likes but also had many others admonishing his statements.

Police said Brinsley, who was black, approached the passenger window of a marked police car at approximately 2:45 p.m. local time and opened fire, striking Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu in the head. The officers -- one Hispanic, one Asian -- were on special patrol doing crime reduction work in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

"They were, quite simply, assassinated -- targeted for their uniform," said Police Commissioner Bill Bratton during a news conference at Woodhull Medical Center, where the officers were pronounced dead Saturday

evening.

"Our city is in mourning. Our hearts are heavy," said Mayor Bill de Blasio. "It is an attack on all of us."

Scores of officers in uniform lined up three rows deep at the hospital driveway. The line stretched into the street. Officers raised their hands in a silent salute as two ambulances bore away the slain officers' bodies. The mayor ordered flags at half-staff.

Brinsley fled to a nearby subway station, where he shot himself in the head as a subway train door full of people closed. A silver handgun was recovered at the scene, Bratton said. The [New York Post](#) reported that the recovered gun matches the one in the Instagram picture.

A second Instagram post dated just after the shooting showed the same camouflage pants and distinctive blue sneakers worn by the gunman as his body was carried from the scene on a stretcher.

Late Saturday, authorities in Baltimore County, Md. said that Brimsley had shot and wounded his ex-girlfriend at an apartment complex in Owings Mills early in the morning before traveling to New York.

Officials identified the woman Sunday as 29-year-old Shaneka Nicole Thompson. Authorities say Thompson was shot in the abdomen by Brinsley and remains in critical but stable condition.

Authorities say she is expected to survive her injuries and that they hope to interview her later Sunday if her condition improves. Police believe that Thompson and Brinsley had a previous romantic relationship.

[The Washington Post](#) reported that authorities in Maryland became aware of the threatening Instagram posts by Brimsley at around 1:30 p.m. local time. They were able to trace the posts and Brimsley's phone to a location in Brooklyn and contacted the NYPD's 70th Precinct to alert them that he was in the area. At the same time, authorities faxed a "Wanted" poster to the NYPD with more information about Brimsley. Around the time of the shooting, another message with the same information was sent to New York's "real-time crime center."

"The tragedy here was that just as the warning was coming in, the murder was occurring," Bratton said Saturday evening.

Brinsley had a history of arrests in Georgia for robbery, disorderly conduct and carrying a concealed weapon. Bratton said his last-known address was in Georgia, but he had some ties to Brooklyn.

Ramos was married with a 13-year-old son and had another in college, police and a friend told the Associated Press. He had been on the job since 2012 and was a school safety officer. Liu had been on the job for seven years and got married two months ago.

Rosie Orengo, a friend of Ramos, said he was heavily involved in their church and encouraged others in their marriages.

"He was an amazing man. He was the best father and husband and friend," she said. "Our peace is knowing that he's OK, and we'll see him in heaven."

The shooting comes at a time when police in New York and nationwide have been criticized by some over the circumstances surrounding the death of Garner, who was stopped by police for selling loose, untaxed cigarettes. Amateur video captured an officer wrapping his arm around Garner's neck in what some have described as a chokehold and wrestling him to the ground. Garner was heard saying, "I can't breathe" and later died.

Demonstrators around the country have held protests since a grand jury decided on Dec. 3 not to indict the officer involved in Garner's death, a decision that closely followed a Missouri grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of Brown, 18.

Several New York officers were assaulted during demonstrations, including one event that drew thousands to the Brooklyn Bridge and at which two lieutenants were attacked.

"I have spoken to the Garner family and we are outraged by the early reports of the police killed in Brooklyn today," civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton said in a statement. "Any use of the names of Eric Garner and Michael Brown, in connection with any violence or killing of police, is reprehensible and against the pursuit of justice in both cases."

The president of the police officers union, Patrick Lynch, and De Blasio have been locked in a public battle over treatment of officers following the decision not to indict the officer in Garner's death. Just days ago, Lynch suggested police officers sign a petition that demanded the mayor not attend their funerals should they die on the job. De Blasio was also criticized for not speaking out about the two lieutenants who were assaulted in the protest at the Brooklyn Bridge.

"Had Mayor Bill de Blasio been forceful from the onset when the two lieutenants were attacked, one has to question as to whether this murderous psycho would have been compelled to target our heroic brother and sister in New York's Finest," Jon Adler, National President of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association told Fox News in a statement.

"That blood on the hands starts at the steps of City Hall, in the office of the mayor," Lynch said late Saturday. "After the funerals, those responsible will be called on the carpet and held accountable."

The last shooting death of an NYPD officer came in December 2011, when 22-year veteran Peter Figoski responded to a report of a break-in at a Brooklyn apartment. He was shot in the face and killed by one of the suspects hiding in a side room when officers arrived. The triggerman, Lamont Pride, was convicted of murder and sentenced in 2013 to 45 years to life in prison.

Fox News' Lucas Tomlinson and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Lesley McSpadden is Michael Brown's Mom. She never married his Dad. Louis Head is Lesley's boyfriend, they are NOT married. Louis Head is NOT Michael's Step-dad. Michael did NOT live with them. They did NOT care enough about Michael to raise him in their home. Michael lived with his Grandmother, Pearlle Gordon. She raised him. Lesley & Louis had Pearlle & her friends attacked & beat up, & stole money from her. WHY? She was selling T-shirts memorializing Michael. Lesley felt "entitled" to the money.

Lots of LOVE in that "family".

If anything is to be mourned it is the fact that Michael never had a chance to live with two real parents who loved and raised him in their home. He only became important to them when he was dead.

That is the true sadness of Michael Brown

Why don't Sharpton, Jackson, Holder, and Obama focus on the need to rebuild real, solid family units and values in the Black Community where parents are dedicated to their kids and they focus on their lives before and not after they are gone.

Michael Brown did not have that opportunity.

DECAY OF CONSCIENCE - President Charles G. Finney

"Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits.

If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree.

If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it.

Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation."

December 19, 2014

Dear Friend,

As we close out 2014, I'm guessing you are discouraged by what you saw in Washington last week. Republican leaders in Congress negotiated away our ability to stop the President's executive amnesty plans which will take effect soon in the new year. They ignored the majority of the American people who wanted us to stand up to Obama, who is acting outside of the Constitution.

But I am optimistic about the future. Because I believe with the help of concerned Americans like you, we can put enough pressure on Republican leaders in the House and Senate to do the right thing. To stand up for our values. To honor the Constitution.

Some Republicans want me to go along and get along - to stand by quietly and accept the status quo - to stop holding Washington accountable. ***According to one news story, these establishment insiders are already recruiting a primary opponent to run against me in 2016.***

But, at this critical time in our history, I am reminded of the words of Winston Churchill who lead Great Britain through the horrors of World War II:

"Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never -- in nothing, great or small, large or petty -- never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

There is too much at stake for our nation's future to stop fighting for what is right. **No political threats will make me back down!**

We defeated President Obama, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi at the polls in November. Now, we must roll back their liberal policies in the Halls of Congress -- stop amnesty, repeal ObamaCare, and roll back unnecessary regulations. I will keep fighting these battles because I believe we cannot afford to wait until President Obama leaves office to try to make real changes.

Will you join me in the fight by making a [contribution today? Every \\$25, \\$50, \\$100 or \\$250 makes a difference.](#)

Angela and I wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours in Liberty,
Congressman Tim Huelskamp

I love Christmas lights!! They remind me of the people who voted for Obama. They all hang together, half of them don't work, and the ones that do, aren't all that bright!!!



Global warming is a purely political ploy that has nothing to do with protecting the environment and everything to do with propping up the "green" industry, which is neither "green" nor industrious. Read more at <http://lastresistance.com/9155/beaver-gas-blame-global-warming/#O5DbE2CrzX1EpGrH.99>
AMEN!!

CUBAN DESCENDANT MARCO RUBIO SLAMS OBAMA AS THE 'WORST NEGOTIATOR IN MY LIFETIME'

DECEMBER 18, 2014 Washington Times

Florida Senator Marco Rubio called President Obama 'the worst negotiator in my lifetime' and "willfully ignorant" after yesterday's announcement the President has traded three Cuban spies, more open trade and more remittances in exchange for an imprisoned American aid worker. In a move that seemed to come out of nowhere, the USAID worker Alan Gross was released

and the President piggybacked the release with an announcement of beginning to ‘regularize’ America’s relationship with Cuba. The United States has had an economic embargo on Cuba since 1960.

Calling President Obama “willfully ignorant” and “the worst negotiator” the U.S. has had in decades, Sen. Marco Rubio on Wednesday slammed the administration’s agreement with Cuba to open normal diplomatic relations for the first time in more than 50 years, vowing that the incoming Republican majority in the Senate will try to undo the deal with whatever tools they have at their disposal.

Speaking just minutes after Mr. Obama hailed the deal — predicated on the release of political prisoners by both nations — Mr. Rubio, a Cuban-American, said the president has let the people of Cuba down by finalizing a “disgraceful” deal that is a major setback for human rights and freedom for the Cuban people.

Read more: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/dec/17/rubio-slams-cuba-agreement-says-obama-willfully-ig/#ixzz3MZohtvkH> Follow us: @washtimes on Twitter

Conservative Review

A Tale of Two Senators and a Congressman By Daniel Horowitz on 12/19/14

“However, there is one important common denominator between these divergent elected officials. They were both elected in this year’s wave election with a deep sense of mission and responsibility.”

Roberts is a fixture of Washington – a member of the establishment– with years of political experience under his belt. Dave Brat is a political novice straight out *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* who entered politics by knocking off the sitting majority leader in a primary.

However, there is one important common denominator between these divergent elected officials. They were both elected in this year’s wave election with a deep sense of mission and responsibility.

Brat was undoubtedly elected with a mission to shock the insular political world and fight against amnesty and Obama’s open borders agenda. But so was Roberts.

After experiencing a political catharsis of almost losing a primary and general election – tantamount to a near-death experience for a politician – Roberts closed his campaign with a newfound rigor and fighting spirit on behalf of his heartland constituents. He even went on radio shows with the likes of Laura Ingraham and pledged to fight amnesty with every fiber of his being. The newly empowered Pat Roberts was beginning to sound almost as fresh as Dave Brat. He emphatically [declared at his victory speech](#): “I’ve heard my marching orders loud and clear. I will be bold. I will be conservative. And I will be constructive.”

Immediately following the election, Obama put that promise to a test by brazenly violating our immigration laws and remaking America through executive action. Roberts was unequivocal in [his response](#):

The President’s attempt to grant amnesty through executive order will be the first battleground where this new Majority can stand up to the President and block his irresponsible and unconstitutional actions. I stand ready to do whatever it takes to stop amnesty by executive action or by any other means. I support Senator Sessions’ efforts to defund the President’s executive amnesty efforts, and I will fight tirelessly to protect the rule of law in America.

But on that fateful Saturday night last week, Roberts suddenly realized that the election was over.

The residual intellectual honesty and conservative energy that remained from his election-cycle foxhole conversion dissipated just in time for the first consequential vote after winning reelection. He voted for the CROmnibus bill, granting Obama a blank check on amnesty, ObamaCare, and the EPA for an entire year, thereby undercutting the leverage of the new majority. This, after joining with Ted Cruz to declare the bill unconstitutional just 16 minutes before!

Roberts had voted against every single budget deal from the day Milton Wolf publicly pondered his intention to challenge him in early 2013, yet he voted for the worst budget bill of all as soon as the cycle was over.

Contrast this behavior to Dave Brat who not only kept his promise to vote down large spending bills and amnesty, he was one of only 16 members to oppose the procedural motion to consider the bill – undoubtedly a brave act for a member who has barely learned his way around the Cannon House Office Building. Had just one more member mustered the courage to join the group, this odious bill would have gone down in flames.

For Roberts, election day was the last day of his commitment to the Constitution; for Brat it was just the beginning of his a long-term commitment.

Which brings us to the junior senator from Kansas, Jerry Moran.

“As soon as Roberts wins re-election and Moran enters his own campaign cycle, they begin to flip.”

Isn’t it funny how Moran and Roberts have traded places in just a few weeks? During the two years that Roberts was “in cycle,” he shot up to over 90% on the Heritage Action scorecard. He even touted his score in a campaign ad. At the same time, Moran scored a 67% and supported a couple of bad budget deals. As soon as Roberts wins re-election and Moran enters his own campaign cycle, they begin to flip. Moran has voted the right way on all three votes in the *Conservative Review* scorecard since November, while Roberts only sided with conservatives in one of those votes.

They think we're stupid. And they will continue to do so until we begin to look beyond the pandering election-cycle votes and rhetoric – until we look past the superficial character traits of career politicians and look inwards at the moral and intellectual integrity of the candidate.

The number of Morans and Roberts are many, while the Brats are few. It's incumbent upon us to sift the gems from the sand. *Daniel Horowitz is Senior Editor of Conservative Review. Follow him on Twitter @RMConservative.*
- See more at: <https://www.conservativereview.com/commentary/2014/12/a-tale-of-two-senators-and-a-congressman#sthash.jv8ZnBKj.dpuf>

From The Newsletter of Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins

From My Family To Yours, Merry Christmas!

Our nation is faced with many challenges, but this time of year we turn our focus to the holidays and spending time with family, friends, and loved ones. I ask that you please remember and thank the members of our armed services who are away from their families this holiday season as they sacrifice to protect our way of life. Safe travels, and Merry Christmas!

Washington State Sheriff's Deputy —

“We Need Armored Vehicles to Deal With Constitutionalists!” by Tim Brown 12/18/14

A viral video has sparked quite a bit of controversy and protests for the Spokane Valley Police Department. An event that was held December 7 resulted in a sheriff's deputy making comments about the use of the department's new MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle. He claimed that it was needed to protect against “constitutionalists.”

Just to be clear, according to the Police Department, the Spokane County Sheriff's Department is a contracted part of the police department.

Concern was voiced that the MRAP made sense in a place like Iraq or Afghanistan, where there is actual mines to be protected from. However, the question was asked, “But what kind of situation in the US could you see that happening?”

“Well...it's like you said, we've got a lot of constitutionalists and a lot of people that stockpile weapons....a lot of ammunition and they have no weapons here locally,” he said.

Now, I have no idea who the “they” is that this man is speaking about. Is he talking about the sheriff's department? Or the Spokane Valley Police Department? Calls to the Spokane Valley Police Department did confirm that all officers are armed just like any other police department. However, the gentleman who answered the phone told me he did not remember the statements about people not having weapons locally, but you can hear it loud and clear on the video.

Paul Joseph Watson reports:

Spokane Valley Republican Representative Matthew Shea responded to the video by asking, “Will law abiding citizens who love the Constitution and Rule of Law be hunted down with MRAPs?”

“Constitutionalism is fundamental to being an American. To hate the Constitution and those who support it means you are a traitor to this country,” added Shea.

Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich claims that people are taking the deputy out of context in an attempt to criticize law enforcement.

However, I ask you, how is anyone taking this guy out of context? He was specifically asked what kind of situation in the US he could see a use for this mine-resistant armored vehicle and his answer was spontaneous to blacklist constitutionalists!

The fact is that Sheriff Knezovich's deputy took the opportunity to criticize and actually paint in a bad light anyone that believes in the Second Amendment and the law that governs the land, like it or not.

Furthermore, these men have taken an oath to uphold that **same Constitution**. So, why would they have a problem with people **arming themselves with guns** and **stockpiling ammunition for those guns**. Do they have a problem with the US military stockpiling weapons and ammunition? What about the **Department of Homeland Security and all the agencies under them**? Do they have a problem with their own department stockpiling weapons and **ammunition**... Or armored vehicles for that matter? Do they know of constitutionalists with MRAPs that they are going to be up against? I think we all know the answer to those questions and I'm far more concerned about many of those agencies than I am a single person who takes the moniker of “constitutionalist,” but has no idea what it means. The people, who exercise their duty to keep and bear arms, can **deal with those kinds of people** before the cops even arrive on the scene.

The Spokesman-Review reports about an upcoming protest of the Spokane Valley Police Department this weekend.

Scott Maclay, president of the Rattlesnakes Motorcycle Club, has invited other constitutionalists to join him Saturday at 2 p.m. for a protest at the “occupied” Spokane Valley Police Department on East Sprague Avenue. The Valley's law enforcement services are provided by the Sheriff's Office under a contract with the city.

Protesters will barbecue food in the parking lot, openly carry firearms and erect a Christmas tree to leave letters of complaint directed at the Sheriff's Office in its branches.

Maclay said state Rep. Matt Shea, R-Spokane Valley, is among those expected to attend.

Knezovich said the backlash against the video is politically motivated, citing Maclay's involvement – including a \$170 donation – with a political opponent's campaign this fall.

The sheriff also said the deputy, who has gone unnamed, was counseled not to make broad statements to characterize large groups of people.

“The term constitutionalist has a widespread meaning. Some people say I am a constitutionalist,” he said. “But people need

to understand that there are people who carry that title who have killed police officers.”

Sounds like a 1984 style re-education if you ask me. This is what political correctness gets us. Those that are not constitutionalists, but are murderous criminals call themselves constitutionalists and the sheriff's department lets it stick. Islamists who engage in Islam are called radicals, not Islamists. And Socialists and Communists are called Democrats. Let's clear up our definitions, shall we?

One YouTube commenter stated it best when he wrote, “Simple way to avoid making any future videos like this one. Don't say that you have MRAPs to defend yourselves against constitutionalists.”

As for Mr. Maclay, he just wants Sheriff Knezovich to take responsibility and requested that the department return the MRAP to the federal government. However, Knezovich said he has no intention of returning a “free piece of equipment,” which he received under the Department of Defense's 1033 program, that he says will be used to deal with incidents like school shootings.

Tell me again, how many school shootings have there been? How many of those shootings actually required an MRAP? Were there mines laid out in the driveways of any of the schools?

The **militarization of police** versus the average citizen, who has his **rights restricted and regulated** at virtually every level of government today, as opposed to what the law is and **how our founders intended, has gotten way out of hand.**

Somehow, it's perfectly fine to arm a **police department like a military-style unit**, which won't be there when you need them, but it's frowned upon for the average citizen to arm themselves in a similar manner because they are “constitutionalists” who might pose a threat to the state. Friends, this is that little **voice of tyranny Barack Obama wanted you to ignore.** Will you ignore it or will you speak up like Mr. Maclay and those offering support?

Calls to the Sheriff, as well as the Public Information Officer of the department have not been returned as of the writing of this article. However, the sheriff did post a video response.

UPDATE: Spokane Police Public Information Officer Deputy Mark Gregory returned our phone call and was happy to speak with us regarding the incident. Deputy Gregory told us that he and the department would like for the full footage of the video to be released, which would demonstrate what had been said prior to the few minutes that are shown.

One of the things Mr. Gregory spoke about was the fact that the deputy prefaced his answer with, “Well...as you said...” indicating that they were both probably on the same understanding of what he was speaking about.

Gregory also indicated that the deputy is a veteran, who has earned a medal of valor and is in full support of the Constitution and protecting law-abiding citizens' rights.

He also informed us that the police were at this particular event, which was a multi-county police Christmas event where items are purchased for children in need at Christmas. All of the participants were strictly voluntary and the MRAP was used in a similar manner more for the kids sake like a Firetruck or other large vehicle used in a parade.

Mr. Gregory agreed that the perception of those watching the video would lead to one thing and he seemed to agree with the assessment I gave above about strings being tied to the federal government with “free goodies.” However, he did not mention school shootings, but did make mention of incidents where SWAT teams are involved and that since these items had been paid for already, it helped out their department and didn't lay another burden on the taxpayer.

“We all need to talk in the community,” Gregory told me. “It's when people get quiet that we have issues.”

I tend to agree that as a community we should become more involved in one another's lives out of love, not out of snooping. That is the way I took Officer Gregory's comments as well.

As a final note, Gregory told me that the deputy, if he had the chance, would rephrase how he made his comments. He then explained to me how people in the area where he is at become basically full blown anarchists, calling themselves constitutionalists, and that is what was being referenced. He agreed with me that we should start correcting the terminology we use for those kinds of people and reflect the true definition of the term “constitutionalist.”

Now, you have both sides of the story.

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Taken from the New York Post 12/21/14

Sharpton: I Got Death Threats After NYPD Cops Were Executed

It's all about him.

The Rev. Al Sharpton claimed Sunday that he's received death threats in the wake of **execution-style murders of two NYPD officers** in Brooklyn.

Sharpton, appearing alongside the wife and mother of Eric Garner, played a voicemail for reporters purportedly of a racist threat made against him.

“Hey n—r, stop killing innocent people, I'm going to get you!” according to the barely audible recording.

The voice mail also included three f-bombs that went over live television in New York.

Sharpton also took umbrage with police union leaders who have blamed Mayor de Blasio for allegedly inciting violence against cops.

NYPD Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu were gunned down in cold blood as they sat in their patrol car on Saturday

in Brooklyn.

"To blame the mayor and others is not what we need," Sharpton said. "The blame game will only lead to further kinds of venom and further division."

Sharpton urged protesters and police critics to remain peaceful.

"If we go into an area where it's eye for an eye, then it is only a matter of who can out pluck eyes rather than who can make the system fair for everybody," he said. "We have in every rally and march ... been very clear in stressing of nonviolence. We even would stop rhetoric that was wrong."

Police-community relations have been tense ever since a Staten Island grand jury failed to indict the white cop who put Garner, who was black, in a choke hold, contributing to his death.

Garner was being arrested for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes when Officer Daniel Pantaleo used a chokehold to subdue him.

Garner's mom, Gwen Carr, and wife Esaw Garner eulogized the two slain officers Sunday and rejected any link between the protests they've led and Saturday's tragedy in Brooklyn.

"Anyone that is standing beside us, we want you to not use Eric Garner's name for violence because we are not about that," Carr said.

"These two police officers lost their lives senselessly, and our condolence (are) with the family, and we stand with the family."

Esaw Garner added: "My husband was not a violent man, and we don't want any violence connected to his name, thank you."

There were lots of unprintable comments. I'm not a Sharpton fan, but neither do I want physical harm to come to him. To be completely honest, I would love to see Sharpton brought up on charges that would/could stop him baiting those do not to understand what he is doing. Sharpton is responsible for much of the unrest within his race. If he could just put his efforts to encouraging people of his race to finish school, seek jobs, live within the law, marry the Mothers & Fathers of their children & raise their children to be productive, law abiding citizens. In the parts of this great Country where there is very little or no problems between races the differences are those I just named. Why is this happening? I believe it is because of the Al Sharpton's in those areas.

Enough Is Enough! How Many Imperial Proclamations Must Barack Obama Make Before Congress Moves To Stop His Unlawful And Unconstitutional Usurpations Of Power?

Alert from Friends of LAST RESISTANCE on 12/22/14

Emboldened and bold as brass, Barack Obama has proclaimed that the United States will now move to be "normalizing" relations with the repressive and totalitarian Castro Regime in Cuba.

Of course, the fact that Obama has **no legal authority** to move forward with such an imperial proclamation isn't deterring him.

But here's the icing on the cake. To add insult to injury, **as we watch the occupant of the White House continue to assert dictatorial authority, far too many pundits and politicians in Washington are content to simply "debate" the wisdom of this "change in U.S. policy."**

Well... **we're not content. We still live in the United States of America and in the United States of America, we DO NOT DEBATE DICTATORIAL EDICTS... we squash them, and it's time that our so-called leaders in Congress get that message... loud and clear.**

Use the hyperlink below to send your urgent Blast Faxes to each and every Member of the Republican Leadership in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives. Or alternatively, send your urgent Blast Faxes to each and every Republican Member of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is Barack Obama Violating The Law?

These days, the above would almost seem to be a rhetorical question, but according to Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Obama's actions "may be in direct violation of Helms-Burton..." Ros-Lehtinen goes on to say that "this unilateral action by the President without Congressional consultation is in violation of the following U.S. laws: Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, and the Trading with the Enemy Act."

Since legislators these days are just too busy to actually read legislation, we decided to save most of them the trouble. Here's just one (repeat... one) of the pertinent sections of the Helms-Burton act that Barack Obama is violating:

SEC. 204. TERMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO OF CUBA.

(a) Presidential Actions. Upon submitting a determination to the appropriate congressional committees under section 203(c)(1) that a transition government in Cuba is in power, the President, after consultation with the Congress, is authorized to take steps to suspend the economic embargo of Cuba and to suspend the right of action created in section 302 with respect to actions thereafter filed against the Cuban Government, to the extent that such steps contribute to a stable foundation for a democratically elected government in Cuba.

There it is... in black and white for everyone to read.

Is there a "transitional government" in place in Cuba? Did Barack Obama engage in "consultation with Congress" **BEFORE** he determined that the embargo must be lifted? Did he make **ANY** demands on the Castro Regime that would "contribute to a stable foundation for a democratically elected government" in Cuba?

The answer to all of those questions is a resounding "NO!"

After engaging in clandestine and secret 18-month negotiations with the dictator of Cuba, Barack Obama decided that he was fully empowered to UNILATERALLY move to normalize relations with the Castro regime in exchange for seemingly NOTHING, and furthermore, he's under the delusion that Congress is under some obligation to get with the program, or else.

Should Barack Obama be above the law? The answer to that question should be obvious. **What is not known is whether or not Congress has the guts to state the obvious and stop Barack Obama from implementing his radical and lawless agenda. Or, more important, whether or not patriotic Americans like you will continue to stand up when the occupant of the White House violates the law and force that issue before our self-proclaimed leaders in Congress.**

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Is Obama Flipping You The Bird?

Those aren't our words. Those are the words of former RNC Chairman Michael Steele: "I think this is the president is basically throwing the bird up in the air to pretty much everybody in this town and saying, you know, what..."

And Steele wasn't even being critical... he was stating his belief about Barack Obama's mindset, which is: **Damn Congress and the American people, I'm just going to do this stuff on my own!**

And here's what others are saying:

According to the liberal *Washington Post*: "[A] flood of U.S. tourists and business investment that will allow the regime to maintain its totalitarian system indefinitely. Mr. Obama may claim that he has dismantled a 50-year-old failed policy; what he has really done is give a 50-year-old failed regime a new lease on life."

Senator Ted Cruz says: "We have seen how previous Obama administration attempts at rapprochement with rogue regimes like Russia and Iran have worked out, with our influence diminished and our enemies emboldened. Now they are revisiting this same disastrous policy with the Castros, blind to the fact that they are being played by brutal dictators whose only goal is maintaining power. And if history be our guide, the Castros will exploit that power to undermine America and oppress the Cuban people."

Senator Marco Rubio says: "Cuba, like Syria, Iran, and Sudan, remains a state sponsor of terrorism... Appeasing the Castro brothers will only cause other tyrants from Caracas to Tehran to Pyongyang to see that they can take advantage of President Obama's naiveté..."

Even John Boehner was motivated to feign indignation: "Relations with the Castro regime should not be revisited, let alone normalized, until the Cuban people enjoy freedom – and not one second sooner. There is no 'new course' here, only another in a long line of mindless concessions to a

dictatorship that brutalizes its people and schemes with our enemies."

And Mike Gonzalez, a senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation, not only outlines the problem, but gives voice to the solution: ***"Obama obviously has decided to act on his own because he faced little opposition from Congress when he overreached his authority... Congress needs to act now, or Obama simply will move on to the many other items on his bucket list. Congress must make it abundantly clear to Obama that he does not have the authority to lift the embargo on Cuba on his own. Doing so would break U.S. law, namely the Helms-Burton Act."***

Barack Obama is not our King... he is not our dictator and it's high time that Congress explain the legal precedings to him, in no uncertain terms.

If YOU believe this is TRUE, you must contact your Congressional Representatives & Senators & beg, ask, plead, demand they inform our President (his only elected title) that he must go thru Congress when the Constitution requires it or he will be forced to leave the office NOW!!! There are many such actions he has taken that need to be undone. Congress, as a body, can/should/must follow this action in every instance that applies, since the first election of this power grabbing, mentally ill individual. Personally, I'm tired of the attitude of our USA President treating LEGAL citizens as if they are stupid & ignorant & don't matter. Isn't it time we put a stop to these unconstitutional laws?? Let's bring the CONSTITUTION back to being the GOVERNING DOCUMENT of the United States of America!! The CONSTITUTION served us well for over 200 years. It is NOT the Constitution that needs changing it is the people running the Country that need changing. We have begun doing that – is this enough or do we need to change some more??

PLEASE GOD, HELP US GET OUR COUNTRY BACK!!!

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