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Can we truly expect people who do not honor the Bible to honor the Constitution? JCP

RUNNING WITH THE BULL

A wise Gunnery Sergeant once quipped, "If you do it the same way again don't expect the results to change." In that light, what will you expect if you send your Congressman and your Senator back to Washington, DC?

Few citizens want to finalize a consequence for their own representatives' failures. We all have a tendency to hang on to a hope that they will somehow get better—really? At this point in our history we should have already figured out that if you plant potatoes, you get potatoes—no matter how much fertilizer you add.

At the time of this writing the National Debt was \$9,616,899,238,043 and change. We invite you to visit the links below right now to see what the National Debt is and to calculate the number of U. S. Government departments and agencies there are in the United States—go ahead—we'll wait.

Did you by any chance notice the Office of English Language Acquisition? Then we have to wonder what's wrong with our system; after all there are no agencies or departments that begin with the letter "Q".

Granted, several of the listed departments and agencies are merely links that reference a respective state, but it is truly mind-boggling that government, when combined with all departments and agencies at all levels, is the largest employer in these United States. At a time when our industrial jobs are heading overseas and the spin-off jobs that support those industries are simply disappearing, we can no longer afford to expose the public teat on which the politicians can latch.

During the 1970s it was thought to be a good idea for the government to compete with the private sector by offering comparable wages and benefits to government employees.

Evidently it was a great idea, but unfortunately it was at the taxpayers' expense. Now we know why elected citizens want to bilk as much money out of the wealthy as possible and why the middle class is rapidly disappearing; the most expensive costs incurred by a business or industry are wages and benefits.

One of the most notable and noticeable items that has escaped our current political pundits is their reluctance to suggest that the government needs to be cut. Although most Americans recognize the fact that we have more than enough people on our governments' payroll to carry out all of the prescribed missions of the government according to the Constitution of the United States, we lack any enthusiasm to demand a drastic reduction in non-productive and unnecessary personnel, departments, and agencies.

Another area that needs to be drastically cut or, better yet, eliminated, is our charity-through-government programs, especially those programs that infuse cash dollars into other countries. There's nothing really wrong with sending surplus food or even a John Deere tractor to Ethiopia or Rwanda, but sending cash benefits whom?

We also hear presidential candidates proposing change—great, but what's the change they have in mind? If it's their proposal to research and develop a ground transportation system to replace Amtrak, which also permits, at a reasonable rate, to take our cars with us—I think we're all for it. If it's to lay solar panels between tracks throughout the sunshine corridor, have at it. If it's to eliminate redundant agencies and shred unnecessary red tape; they have my vote.

Would it be a change to start enforcing our immigration laws? How about making sure our roads are straighter, flatter and safer in 20 years?

There is no doubt that most Americans are sincerely tired of running with the bull. The politicians who have held office during the last few elections can run the same commercials they ran for the first time; the promises are still waiting to be acted upon. What's worrisome are all the newcomers to the capitol buildings—they will be quickly tainted by the resident riff-raff.

Fellow patriots, it is truly disheartening to think that despite the fact that an average of 75% of the voters disapprove of the job being done by Congress, they will still go into the voting booth and reinstate a significant majority of the incumbents.

Californians have the most reason to not replace any of their congressmen; the United States Court of Appeals Ninth District, which overturned the will of the people, is still in power because none of the California representatives in Congress initiated Articles of Impeachment against the justices. The same applies to all of us based on *Kelo v. City of New London* alone. It has never been the official job of the courts to set social policy, but they have on numerous occasions and the liberals who can't get things accomplished in Congress want to use the court venues to advocate their social dementias.

By imposing a graduated tax system, spending beyond our means, misuse of public funds, penalizing our industries, businesses and consumers, engaging in activities and passing bills that are well outside the restrictive parameters of the Constitution and refusing to take action on the most critical issues of our time, including the protection of the U.S. Constitution, the individuals who serve the people in Congress have failed.

As we are inundated with e-mails to support the Republicans in Congress who are just now taking any initiative on our long-time energy crisis and as we open those political fliers from incumbents telling us how wonderful they are at doing the job on behalf of the citizens of their district, let's not forget that charm does not equate to competence and promises have not evolved into actions. Like a car stalled on the railroad tracks as the train is rapidly approaching, we may not be able to take our eyes off the politicians as they regurgitate well-rehearsed diatribes.

PALIN: FINALLY A YOOPER-LIKE CANDIDATE!

We can't verify if the picture to the right is real or fabricated; but still! Why are the Leftists showing all this hostility to Sarah Palin?

Democrats are on the airwaves making statements like, "She's the governor of a state with fewer people than my congressional district." Or, "She's no Hillary Clinton."

Thank God for that. And

we can also be thankful she's no Jennifer Granholm!

Regarding Palin's foreign policy experience, just being the Governor of Alaska has garnered plenty of experience regarding foreign policy – she's had to deal with the policies and politics of Congress, hasn't she? Although we live fewer than 1,000 miles from DC, the Beltway boys and girls seem to operate in a different culture and they even speak a foreign language: "I'm a fiscal conservative and a social liberal." What sort of language is that?



John McCain didn't excite those of us with strong God-fearing conservative values. GWB has disappointed his conservative base. And Congress – well, what can we say about Congress – the nine percent approval rating of Congress speaks for itself.

Christians and conservatives don't hold their nose when they vote; it's either the person or issue that deserves their vote or it isn't. Sarah Palin has removed the stench of voting for and rewarding a current member of Congress with one of the nation's top management positions. Of the top two parties' nominees for President and Vice President she is the only person with executive branch experience; from mayor to governor.

The "heartbeat away from the presidency" cliché should cause greater concern among Americans with the thought of Joe Biden waiting in the wings. In my humble opinion, whether Sarah Palin takes the reigns as President on January 21, 2009 or on January 20, 2013, she will be America's dynamic reflection of a Margaret Thatcher with a dash of Shirley "Unbought and Unbossed" Chisholm for good measure.

Sarah Palin's unbridled frankness and fearless commitment to doing the right thing is heart-warming and stimulating. She and her family are more Yooperish than some natural-born Yoopers. The values, standards, and principles adopted by individuals living in a ruggedly independent region such as Alaska may be exactly what we need to represent us in that political cesspool we call DC. Palin was courteous enough to crack the car window for us after the GOP neo-cons farted.

TROUBLE IN LIBERAL EUTOPIA

What started out as a very conflicting campaign because the Conservative House was divided with the John McCain nomination, the liberals were confident that their lord and savior, B. Hussein Obama was on the fast-road to the White House.

Every once in a while there are bumps in the road; God demonstrates that He has other plans. But Palin is more than just a bump for the lefties. The untold truth is that Mrs. Palin boosted John McCain supporters by at least 30%. It may turn out to be a close election in November, but we wouldn't be surprised if McCain-Palin garners over 60% of the popular vote. The Unification Factor is going underreported by mainstream media and national pollsters.

At the Yooper Scooper, John McCain was not the favorite among the candidates. He was third, following Bob Barr and Alan Keyes. John McCain had a few flaws; he is a DC insider and one of the Senate's best compromisers.

It is evident we need major reform in DC. We admit McCain has been a reformer and could only do so much because those on the left were not interested in accountability and reform. As a President he won't be able to reform Congress; we have to do that in the privacy of the voting booth, but he will have the veto pen and bully pulpit to plead his case to the citizens.

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McCain-Palin ticket.

Ross Perot divided the vote enough to give us Bill Clinton not for just four years, but eight. If it weren't for the conservatives in Congress the United States would have looked a lot like the current State of Michigan by the time the 2000 election came around. With the loss of conservatives the nation is heading in the wrong direction today.

Joe Biden, Hussein's Veep buddy, is a long time member of the good-old-boys' club. We don't really want to disrespect a presidential candidate because it does take some fortitude to put their anatomy on the line, to be hacked and judged by people who are themselves deficient in their own right. However, the reality is that Democrats have far better members of their Party who would have been much more palatable to average independent voters.

But, we are exactly where we are at this point in our history - there's no changing that fact - and we need to wisely chose or lose. The glimmer of hope rests beyond the mountain.

The power of the political maelstrom is sur-

The Unification Factor of Sarah Palin has made us reconsider our stance on McCain. In light of Palin's reform initiatives and since we are sustained with the knowledge she may very well be a deciding vote in the Senate, we have to lean toward the

real, probably because of years of public school indoctrination that has left many voters between 18 and 30 social idealists rather than moral realists. The challenge for moral Americans may be to have those who support Obama's Change to demand that Obama explain what exactly he means by change. As an example, it is evident Obama is not very enthusiastic about national security:

"I will cut tens of billions of dollars in wasteful spending. I will cut investments in unproven missile defense systems. I will not weaponize space. I will slow our development of future combat systems, and I will institute an independent defense priorities board to ensure that the quadrennial defense review is not used to justify unnecessary spending." - Sen. Barack Obama, *Caucus For Priorities Response*, 10/22/07

(<http://aoi.miqop.org/>)

Obviously, we cannot surrender our nation to liberal imperialism. Besides being highly susceptible to additional government infringements, we would also become the nerd on the playground who has his lunch money hanging out of his plastic pocket protector.

Dr. Ron Paul supporters, who have been highly disrespected by the GOP neo-con leadership, need to forgive the indiscretions and help conservatives take the Republican Party back or face UN bred Socialism ala Obama.

COMMITTING PHARMACIDE

Considering the fact that there are 300 million people living in the United States and that 2 billion prescriptions for various drugs have been written, many of them for indefinite periods of time and of dubious value, it would seem we've become a nation of drug dependent pill-poppers.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/drugs.htm>
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hus/07.pdf#095>

Approximately 45% of our citizens have used a prescription drug in the past month. Knowing this encompasses people of all ages, we have to wonder if we're being over-medicated. The former borderline diabetic had a blood sugar level of 150 or higher. Today it's 120. That small reduction in the classification has generated some fast cash for diabetic supply companies. While monitoring meters are usually free, prescription costs for test strips are astronomical. Even though this is the 21st Century, portable test kits aren't very reliable; variations in blood sugar can be as much as 30 points on tests taken back-to-back.

High blood pressure medications, estrogen sup-

plements, and numerous other drugs are prescribed daily to treat health conditions; the key here is treat—not cure. Cures often require surgery and follow-up medications, but surgery may or may not actually cure someone. While pancreas transplants often cure diabetes, the medical profession doesn't replace the pancreas until it becomes a matter of life and death; by then most of the damage to organs and arteries has already occurred.

The reality is that senior citizens are loaded down with prescription drugs even though their ancestors lived to a ripe old age without them. Then there is the stark reality that children are prescribed drugs to calm them down and to treat conditions like allergies that, like autism, were once very rare. Autism used to be 1:2,500; today it's about 1:75. Now we even have forced prescription use for pre-pubescent girls to prevent cervical cancer.

Years gone-by, there was usually one small mom and pop pharmacy that served a wide area. Today there are pharmacy chain stores all over the same small cities: Walgreen's, Wal-Mart, and numerous other pharmacies, including those in medical centers and hospitals.

Pharmaceutical representatives are paid well to visit hospitals and doctors' offices to pimp their product. Television has wall-to-wall prescription drugs commercials. It may have begun innocently enough when we saw advertisements for aspirin, antacids and cold medicines. Soon it turned vulgar with a barrage of douche' products, birth control and erectile dysfunction pills; cholesterol reducers and numerous other health care products are advertised constantly.

From toenail fungus to dry eyes to bald scalps—the pharmaceutical companies have us covered with temporary treatments. Just how sickly have we become as a nation?

UNIONS: THEIR RISE AND DEMISE

**Union, labor, association of workers for the purpose of improving their economic status and working conditions through collective bargaining with employers. Historically there have been two chief types of unions: the horizontal, or craft, union, in which all the members are skilled in a certain craft (e.g., the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America); and the vertical, or industrial, union, composed of workers in the same industry or industries regardless of their particular skills (e.g., the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America). A company union is an employer-controlled union having no affiliation with other labor organizations.*

The unified collective bargaining approach among workers has been a part of society for centuries. The Declaration of Independence was signed in the Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia.

***When Benjamin Franklin needed an architect to build his house, he turned to master builder Robert Smith of the Carpenters' Company. Smith not only belonged to the Carpenters' Company — he designed their headquarters, Carpenters' Hall. Founded in Philadelphia in 1724, the Carpenters' Company was organized to share information about the art of building, determine the value of completed work, hone architectural skills, and help indigent craftsmen. Simulating the trade guilds of 18th century England, the Carpenters' Company has held regular meetings for over 275 years, making it the oldest trade guild in the country.*

In 1905 the ***Industrial Workers of the World was organized in Chicago. Based on syndicalism, which is the control of production by the workers, the IWW set out to destroy capitalism and abolish the republican

form of government. The group was inclined to establish a socialist-workers state.

The government of the U. S. felt the pinch of organized labor and launched into a frenzy of bills that would support the workers. Several well known legislative actions occurred during the early 1900s, including the Wagner Act of 1935 which affirmed the workers' right to organize and compelled employers to participate in collective bargaining. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 established a minimum wage. The Taft-Hartley Act of 1947 had put restrictions on power of unions and gave guidelines under which they could strike.

In 1935 John L. Lewis broke away from the AFL and formed the CIO—they would once again unite. In 1955 the largest union in the U.S., the AFL, merged with the CIO to form American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

By 1960, 1/3 of all workers in the U. S. had belonged to a union. The largest public-workers strike occurred in 1970 when 180,000 postal employees walked out. In 1981 Air Traffic Controllers went out on strike and despite court orders and warnings they continued to strike—President Reagan was forced to fire the striking workers and replace them with employees who had no union connections.

By 1997, just three years after the passage of NAFTA by President Bill Clinton, the union membership in the U.S. had fallen to 14%. In 2005 the Teamsters and Service Employees unions sepa-

rated from the AFL-CIO.

Unions and union workers had served very important functions in the U. S. and helped America grow and prosper. Unions had represented the people digging ore out of the ground to the men placing the light bulb in the broadcast tower high atop our nation's highest buildings. Hours, wages and benefits kept the workforce on an even keel, but the most fundamental accomplishment of the unions were their influence in the design and implementation of safety standards.

So what happened to the union memberships that went from 33% representation in 1960 and to 14% in 1997? There are several influences that created the transition but one of the most significant was the movement from an industrial-based economy to a more benign service-based economy. Coupled with the evolution to a computer age where micro-electronics replaced union jobs and the fact that most electronics sold in the U.S. are now imported, the union-based careers had gone the way of the buggy-whip makers.

The injection of a proportionately equal number of women into the workforce also diluted the percentages, but perhaps the least recognized contributor to the decrease in union membership is the unions themselves. Arrogance, poor advice, lack of employee representation and costs to the employee contributed to the shift. However, and most importantly, was their trust in politicians.

Veteran Psychiatrist: Liberalism Is A Mental Disorder

Dr. Lyle Rossiter Posted on **Monday, March 31, 2008 11:21:35 AM** by dvan

WASHINGTON - Just when liberals thought it was safe to start identifying themselves as such, an acclaimed, veteran psychiatrist is making the case that the ideology motivating them is actually a mental disorder.

"Based on strikingly irrational beliefs and emotions, modern liberals relentlessly undermine the most important principles on which our freedoms were founded," says Dr. Lyle Rossiter, author of the new book, "The Liberal Mind: The Psychological Causes of Political Madness."

"Like spoiled, angry children, they rebel against the normal responsibilities of adulthood and demand that a parental government meet their needs from cradle to grave." While political activists on the other side of the spectrum have made similar observations, Rossiter boasts professional credentials and a life virtually free of activism and links to "the vast right-wing conspiracy."

For more than 35 years he has diagnosed and treated more than 1,500 patients as a board-

certified clinical psychiatrist and examined more than 2,700 civil and criminal cases as a board-certified forensic psychiatrist.

He received his medical and psychiatric training at the University of Chicago. Rossiter says the kind of liberalism being displayed by the two major candidates for the Democratic Party presidential nomination can only be understood as a psychological disorder.

"A social scientist who understands human nature will not dismiss the vital roles of free choice, voluntary cooperation and moral integrity - as liberals do," he says.

"A political leader who understands human nature will not ignore individual differences in talent, drive, personal appeal and work ethic, and then try to impose economic and social equality on the population - as liberals do. And a legislator who understands human nature will not create an environment of rules which over-regulates and over-taxes the nation's citizens, corrupts their character and reduces them to wards of the state - as liberals do."

Dr. Rossiter says the liberal agenda preys on weakness and feelings of inferiority in the population by:

- a.. creating and reinforcing perceptions of victimization;
- b.. satisfying infantile claims to entitlement, indulgence and compensation;
- c.. augmenting primitive feelings of envy;
- d.. rejecting the sovereignty of the individual, subordinating him to the will of the government.

"The roots of liberalism - and its associated madness - can be clearly identified by understanding how children develop from infancy to adulthood and how distorted development produces the irrational beliefs of the liberal mind," he says.

"When the modern liberal mind whines about imaginary victims, rages against imaginary villains and seeks above all else to run the lives of persons competent to run their own lives, the neurosis of the liberal mind becomes painfully obvious."

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/1994471/posts>—<http://www.newswithviews.com/Coffman/mike1.htm>

Pelosi Orders Removal of Congressman's Tribute to Fallen Marines

His photos reflect his passion. U.S. Congressman Walter Jones R-NC has a picture gallery at his official website. Displayed prominently are dozens of images of the congressman alongside uniformed U.S. military personnel and concerned veterans. Among them, scenes of his opening dedication of a memorial to fallen soldiers stand out in the context of the newest House controversy.

Constitutional lawyer Bruce Fein wrote in an op-ed for the San Francisco Chronicle that a poster (seen in the video below) kept on the wall in the hallway next to the Congressman's office had been removed. That poster had displayed the photos of U.S. Marines from Camp Lejeune, based in his district. All of them had been killed in Iraq. Jones has claimed that it was a memorial to those Marines.

Some might view material such as this poster in the hands of anti-war organizations as a cynical political statement. But Walter Jones gets the benefit of the doubt because of his close affiliation with and the recognition given to him by veterans groups. His regard for them appears sincere.



The Republican congressman now opposes the War in Iraq after initially supporting it. He has even called for President Bush to apologize for the war. It seems that it is not political opposition to his views of the war that spurred Speaker Nancy Pelosi D-CA to order the removal of the poster. They were on the same ideological team in that regard. So what was it about the poster that bugged the Speaker?

The official reason given by the House was that it violated policy on advocacy material. As Mr. Fein describes it, that policy bans organizational material from being displayed in the hallway. The law would prohibit, say, the Speaker from brandishing an Amgen sign outside of her office. According to Mr. Fein, the placard contained no references to political action committees or advocacy groups of any kind. So what is the Speaker's motive?

Mr. Fein, when reached for further comment explained that in the weeks before this incident, the Speaker had complained about the poster which rested on an easel. In response the congressman had removed it from the easel and hung it on the wall so it would not obstruct hall-

way traffic. Still the Speaker persisted and had it removed from the wall. Some observers consider that a direct affront to service members and veterans stemming from at best a callousness towards the intent of the placard, to recognize those who died for our country.

Whether that is or isn't the case the move certainly raises questions. The Speaker advocates the so-called "Fairness Doctrine" which would control the content of commercial radio. She has recently been embroiled (links to www.hotair.com) in an attempt to limit the ability of our representatives to post audio and video to commercial and private websites.

Now Speaker Pelosi is ordering the removing of material which demonstrates respect for our greatest heroes. This would seem to constitute a pattern of limiting the free speech of the very people we elect to speak for us. As well, in the context of a congresswoman who represents a district which has recently demonstrated a remarkable anti-military bias in many quarters, it could easily be perceived as yet another manifestation of that hostility.

Editor's Note: This may be pay-back; Democrats didn't want to count the military ballots in Florida.

<http://www.examiner.com/x-701-National-Defense-Examiner~y2008m8d24-Pelosi-Orders-Removal-of-Congressman's-Tribute-to-Fallen-Marines>
<http://jones.house.gov/photos.cfm?cat=> - <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/08/21/EDCQ12GB1S.DTL>

"Don't Tread on Me!"

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The Gadsden Flag, named after Christopher Gadsden, an American general and statesman, came to be a symbol

of the thirteen original colonies and of American freedom and spirit. Its origins are traced back to Benjamin Franklin from a hand carved replica he made of a snake cut into eight pieces that represented the 13 colonies, with the head being the New England colonies and the tail representing South Carolina. This hand carved image became one of the first political cartoons in history.

Paul Revere added the symbol as a snake, joined to fight a British Dragon, in an article in the "Massachusetts Spy", one of the first newspapers in the new world.

In an essay published in the Pennsylvania Journal, Benjamin Franklin said: *"I recollected that her eye (speaking of the snake) excelled in brightness, that of any other animal, and that she has no eye-lids—She may therefore be esteemed an emblem of vigilance.—She never begins an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrenders: She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage."*

Here are a few excerpts from the Declaration of Independence as our Founding Fathers sought redress from the oppressive hand of King George the third, of England. The parallels are uncanny, startling and downright disturbing.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws;

He has imposed Taxes on us without our Consent:

He has taken away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury.

We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us.

How many of these statements from the Declaration are directly applicable to our current situation under an oppressive United States Government? All of them!!! It appears that after 232 years and hundreds of thousands or millions of men and women who were maimed or gave their lives to defend our freedom, we successfully became independent from a foreign power, England, only to become helplessly dependent on our own government.

A country founded on the God-given, unalienable individual rights and self-reliance, has morphed into weak individuals, dependency and a complete willingness to be dominated by an ever-more-powerful government, because that government has brought a perpetual Christmas as an all-benevolent Santa Claus, handing out "free" gifts, largess and public welfare, taken by force at the point of a gun, from the sweat, blood and tears of the American producer. Government has become the purveyor of waste, fraud, abuse and corruption and destroys America's free spirit along with its independence, creativity, ingenuity, industriousness and generosity. Almost everything that government touches ends up in chaos, or very expensive and dire unintended consequences.

It is time to bring back the symbol of American freedom and indomitable spirit, the Gadsden Flag, with the message to everyone in Government and those that support their policies of socialism, communism and radical environmentalism, "**Don't Tread On Me**", because I am a proud American and I will dedicate my life, my fortune and my sacred honor in the defense of freedom for me, my children and my grandchildren. As long as there is breath in my body, I shall not submit to government's unconstitutional power and I will enlist a multitude of others in this most noble of all causes, the preservation, protection and defense of freedom and liberty for all.

We call out to those whose spirit and resolve are the very core of their being and represent the epitome of liberty. We call out to all Americans who believe strongly in righting a wrong and who have the courage and the will to return this great land to the destiny, out of providence, for which it was born; the extension of liberty for all peoples of the Earth, into the infinite future. For life without liberty is not life at all, but in fact is a living Hell in slavery.

What the colonists faced with the British, we now face with our own government. It took a bloody revolution to unlock the chains of English slavery. The question is, can we unlock the chains of American slavery with just words and civil deeds, or will once again freedom have to be regained by force and bloody violence? We urge that long before violence becomes the only alternative, rise up with us so that we may regain our freedom by the application of our own law, which provides us with a legal and lawful mechanism to hold government within its constitutional limits. Let us return our laws to common sense, constitutional principles and restore the goodness that lies in the hearts of all men, to our institutions of freedom, such that freedom is perpetual instead of accidental, or born out of misery, heartache, violence and revolution. Freedom is always in our grasp but we must at all times be ready and willing to make the sacrifices that are necessary to maintain it. Now is that time.

If you would like a bound color booklet of our inspirational speech to the Southeast Arizona Freedom 21 Conference held in Benson, AZ on Saturday, August 23, 2008 containing our Power Point Presentation, log onto: www.narlo.org/speech.html.



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8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS - 1895

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 from Salina, KS. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smoky Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

Grammar

(Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.
2. Name the Parts of Speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define Verse, Stanza and Paragraph.
4. What are the Principal Parts of a verb? Give Principal Parts of do, lie, lay and run.
5. Define Case, Illustrate each Case.
6. What is Punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of Punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic

(Time, 1.25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50 cts. per bu., deducting 1050 lbs. for tare?
4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per m?

8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.

9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance around which is 640 rods?

10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U.S. History

(Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, and 1865?

Orthography

(Time, one hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic orthography, etymology, syllabication?
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters and linguals?
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u'.
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e'. Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.

7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: Bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, super.

8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: Card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.

9. Use the following correctly in sentences, Cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.

10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography

(Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of N.A.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give inclination of the earth.

Well? How did you do? Did you pass the 8th Grade?

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Democratic Platform's Hidden Soros Slush Fund By Michelle Malkin

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The Democratic Party platform is like a bag of pork rinds. You never know what high-fat liberal government morsel you're gonna get.

Buried in the 94-page document is a noble-sounding proposal to create a "Social Investment Fund Network." The program would provide federal money to "social entrepreneurs and leading nonprofit organizations [that] are assisting schools, lifting families out of poverty, filling health care gaps, and inspiring others to lead change in their own communities." The Democratic Party promises to "support these results-oriented innovators" by creating an office to "coordinate government and nonprofit efforts" and then showing "a series of grants" on the chosen groups "to replicate these programs nationwide."

In practice, this Barack Obama brainchild would serve as a permanent, taxpayer-backed pipeline to Democratic partisan outfits masquerading as public-interest do-gooders. This George Soros Slush Fund would be political payback in spades. Obama owes much of his Chicago political success to financial support from radical, left-wing billionaire and leading "social entrepreneur" Soros. In June 2004, Soros threw a big fundraiser at his New York home for Obama's Illinois Senate campaign. Soros and family personally chipped in \$60,000. In April 2007, Obama was back in New York for a deep-pocketed Manhattan fundraising soiree, with Soros lurking in his shadow.

No doubt with Soros' approbation (if not advice from the hands-on "progressive" activist or his advisers), Obama fleshed out his Social Investment Fund Network plan last December. In concert with his mandatory volunteerism pitch and \$6 billion anti-poverty plan, Obama called for the creation of a "Social Entrepreneurship

Agency" to dispense the funds in unspecified amounts. The agency would be a government-supported nonprofit corporation "similar to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting," which runs public television. (And we've all seen how fair and balanced that lib-dominated, Bill Moyers-boosting private-public enterprise turned out.)

Obama cites the Harlem Children's Zone, which provides after-school activities and mentors to children in New York, as an example of a program that should be funded. (HCZ's former senior leader Shawn Dove is now an official at Soros' Open Society Institute.) The problem with such initiatives, as Mitchell Moss pointed out in the Manhattan Institute's City Journal several years ago, is that these private-public partnerships formed under the guise of economic renewal often become nothing more than fronts that coordinate "an enormous safety net for social services." Private donations give the illusion of self-help and philanthropic independence, but in reality, the "clients" are never weaned from the teat of the welfare state. They simply learn how to milk it more efficiently.

Even more troubling is how the Democratic Party/Obama plan would siphon untold millions or billions of public tax dollars into the Soros empire without taxpayer recourse. Obama promises "accountability" measures to ensure the money is spent wisely. But who would assess effectiveness of the spending? Why, experts in the social entrepreneurship community, of course. Fox, meet henhouse.

Soros has donated some \$5 billion of his fortune to left-wing nonprofit groups through the Open Society Institute -- an institution committed to Soros' militant ideology of toppling the "fascist" tyranny of the United States, which he says must undergo "de-Nazification" in favor of "justice." The mob at Obama-endorsing MoveOn, purveyors of the "General Betray Us" smear against Commanding General, MNF-I, David Petraeus, is the most

notorious Soros-backed political arm. But scores of other activist nonprofits have received Soros funding under the guise of doing nonpartisan "community" or "social justice" work -- and it is exactly such leftist activist groups that would be first in line for the Democratic Party/Obama's "social investment" seed money.

Point in case: ACORN. As I've reported before, Obama's old friends at the Chicago-based nonprofit now take in 40 percent of their revenues from American taxpayers. They raked in tens of millions in federal antipoverty grants while some of their operatives presided over massive voter fraud and others were implicated in corporate shakedowns and mortgage scams across the country. Soros has donated at least \$150,000 to the group, according to Investor's Business Daily, and "heads a secretive rich-man's club called 'Democracy Alliance' that has doled out \$20 million to activist groups like ACORN."

Once the spigot is turned on, there's no turning back.

Where are fiscal conservatives on this far-left boondoggle? Well, if you're wondering why the McCain campaign doesn't raise hell over this proposed left-wing nonprofit/government pipeline, it's because McCain himself is a Soros beneficiary. His "Reform Institute," a tax-exempt, supposedly independent 501(c)(3) group focused on campaign finance reform, was funded by the Soros-funded Open Society Institute and Tides Foundation.

Birds of a Big Government feather flock together -- and look out for each other. Watch your wallet.

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THE RICH INVENT COMMUNISM

Hold onto your caps (turn it around) what follows is going to be as hard as swallowing menudo (Tripe/hominy soup)

Perhaps you won't believe the following, but it's well documented: The rich invented communism to control the masses. In 1848, Karl Marx, bankrolled by international bankers, wrote the ten planks of the Communist Manifesto. They invented this system to control and create policies to earn money – lots of it. I tell people this and they refuse to believe. What a number they've done on us.

The second plank is the "Progressive graduated income tax." The more you make, the more they take (confiscation of property if you don't pay - fourth plank of the Communist Manifesto) and use the IRS to rob people of hard-earned money to pay interest owed the Bankers. The IRS can terrorize citizens illegally, all they want. They commit crimes against citizens and the Congress is to blame. The bankers have usurped our government.

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The real power has always been held by Bankers. Professor Carroll Quigley (author of Tragedy and Hope) tells us that during the last part of the nineteenth century, the International Bankers and their American counterparts moved into "commercial banking and insurance on one side and into railroading and heavy industry on the other" and "were able to mobilize enormous wealth and wield enormous economic, political and social power...etc.

"The financial structure created by the tycoons of 'Big Banking' and 'Big Business'...was of extraordinary complexity, one business fief being built on another, both being allied with semi-independent associates, the whole rearing upward into two pinnacles of economic and political power of which one, centered in New York, was headed by J.P Morgan and Company, and the other, in Ohio, was headed by the Rockefeller family. When these two cooperated, as they generally did, they could influence the economic LIFE of the country to a large degree and could almost control its political life, at least on the Federal level."

It should be noted that for more than two hundred years these International Banking families had dominated the European scene after they had succeeded in establishing the "Bank of England" and other central banks in Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland. Since that "coup of coups" in 1815 when they literally bought control of England for a couple of cents on the dollar, the House of Rothschild has dominated the banking scene (Rothschilds, A Family Portrait, by Frederick Morton).

All their efforts to foist a permanent Central bank in the United States had met with failure. Our Constitution gave Congress ALONE the authority "to coin money, (and) regulate the value thereof.

Using the created panic of 1907 as an "example" of America's great need for a centralized banking authority, a vast propaganda campaign was launched to "sell" the idea to the American public.

The Federal Reserve System (a Central Bank) came into being when the Federal Reserve Act passed the House of Representatives and the Senate late in December, 1913. Under the Act, the bankers were granted the privilege of CREATING money out of nothing and lending it to the U.S. Government at interest. The way had now been prepared for the LOOTING of the American nation by the International vultures.

I may add the bankers even got the criminals in Congress to make the profit for bankers' tax free. Can you believe the trillions in interest the thieves in the three branches of our government have made us pay? I include the Supreme Court – the "guardians of our Constitution" because they are aware of this. Is it possible that in their minds our Constitution is dead? If so, keep your powder dry.

Article continues) (The mass media that is controlled by the Council on Foreign Relations, (some call it the shadow government) Skull & Bones, and high freemasonry hand selected from the 33rd degree level want you to believe that anyone who says there is a conspiracy for world government and, therefore, destroy the Constitution, is a quack. They use such phrases as: "oh, another conspiracy theorist; right wing nuts, etc."

The mass media was used to destroy the credibility of Senator Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s even though he only discovered 10% of the Communist infiltration into the U.S. State Department. Even the Senate Subcommittee on Un-American Activities (gotten rid of by Congress) used the word conspiracy in its findings. (When the Soviet Union busted up, journalists were allowed into the Russian archives and lo and behold – turns out Joe was right after all.)

The key is: DISCREDIT ANYONE OF ANY CONSEQUENCE WHO COMES AGAINST THE CONSPIRACY! That was testimony in the Alger Hiss trial by a former Communist who left the conspiracy to fight and expose Communism. All of the founding documents of the United States make clear that WE, THE PEOPLE, were to be free to enjoy LIFE, LIBERTY, and PROPERTY.

** LIFE – increasing taxes starting in 1913 are sucking the LIFE out of Americans.

** LIBERTY – Americans can be jailed for any infraction or held hostage in jail until fines or taxes are paid.

**PROPERTY – Bank accounts can be seized; homes, automobiles and businesses seized to pay the ransom of taxes, penalties and interest.

How and why is this all happening to Americans? It is all based upon the Communist Manifesto! (We've been told Communism was dead – beware of the Media Industrial Complex) The Ten Planks of the Communist Manifesto are being enforced in America that usurps our Constitutional Rights. This is being done by our own federal government. When the federal government controls everything – that is communism! Hold onto to your enchiladas!!!

1st Plank of Communism: **Abolish Private Property.** This is being accomplished by land use laws, property taxes, zoning laws, environmental laws,...etc...(we don't own our property – don't pay property tax and you lose the property)

2nd Plank of Communism: **A heavy progressive income tax.** There was NO income tax until 1913 when it began at 1%, never to go above 2%. What are you paying?

3rd Plank of Communism: **Abolish all rights of inheritance.** Today, we have heavy legal and probate fees plus inheritance taxes.

4th Plank of Communism: **Confiscate all property** of emigrants and rebels. Unconstitutional Regional Government has been installed which controls all of the physical, social and economic assets of all the counties.

5th Plank of Communism: **Centralization of Credit in the hands of the state.** In America this was done in 1913 with the Federal Reserve Act. (You will learn that the Congress cannot change anything in the Constitution via any Act making the Federal Reserve Act unconstitutional) At first, it was simply the International Bankers who controlled the Federal Reserve; but by 1933, the U.S. was bankrupt and these bankers foreclosed on America. They created a new form of government called Socialism that has replaced our once Constitutional Republic.

6th Plank of Communism: **Control all means of transportation and Communication.** The mass media has been in the hands of the Marxist Council on Foreign Relations for years [One of the Communist Rules of Revolution was to get control of all the media and use it for propaganda]. Presidential

Executive Orders #10999 and #10995 provide for the takeover of all transportation and communications. They provide for the regulating of airlines, railroads, highways and the news media. Look at Homeland Security and the military that was at airports.

7th Plank of Communism: **All production is to be controlled BY the State.** There is a massive number of federal guidelines that industry must follow. The federal government is now involved in over 850 businesses. The Federal Bureaucracy forces farmers to grow [or not grow] specific crops and sell them below production costs. No wonder thousands of farmers leave the land every year and conglomerates take over. We have **Corporate Socialism** in America!! (Fascism – government in bed with corporations)

8th Plank of Communism: **Equal liability of ALL labor.** Women are forced out of the home to work (inflation) just to survive. Equal opportunity employment for both sexes. Executive order #11000 will force civilians into government work brigades.

9th Plank of Communism: **Combine agriculture with manufacturing, thus abolishing the distinction between town and country.** We have seen the emergence of Urban Renewal, Population Control, Metro Councils, Regional Government Planning Programs, and the plans to eliminate Counties, Local Government and State Borders.

10th Plank of Communism: **Control ALL Education.** Federal "aid" to education means we have government-controlled schools and curriculum. "We learn the establishment way."

All ten planks of the Marxists' Communist Manifesto are being forced upon us in America. Repent and cry out to God for deliverance. Our Senators and Representatives seem to have no concept as to WHAT they are legislating upon our once FREE nation.

If we continue on our present course, America will fulfill the prophecy by a presidential candidate in the 1930s that said they will give us small doses of Socialism until we wake up one day to find we have Communism. Are we witnessing the Communization of America? Will our Congressmen/women reverse this trend? I doubt it!...(end of article from Newswatch Magazine)

This is how bankers accomplish their agenda - using the elected and the ten planks to grow government. They don't have to laugh on their way to the bank – they're there already.

Someone once said "The difference between socialism and communism is the firing squad."

I don't give a damn what party you belong to we have criminals running what belongs to us – and millions like me have had enough. Vote for anyone who will say he'll support our Constitution. Damn you party leaders in Congress – do something for our country and never mind ego and deep pockets.

For comparison what follows next are your inalienable rights that have kept you free. When you read them ask yourself – what RIGHTS are our young in uniform dying for – the ten planks or the bill of rights?

To be continued.

"Going Around 3rd Base In Life And Headed Home" by Frank Trejo, Phoenix, AZ. is the life story of a youth with a great desire to leave the barrio and his out-house behind. He succeeded by swinging a broomstick at bottle caps, developing a talent that resulted in being inducted into the International Softball Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Arizona Hispanic Sports Hall of Fame (I'm legal) in 2002. This book contains softball history, memoirs, humor, social & political commentary includes all players who have made the ISC All American Team since day one and a story of the longest softball game in history; 34 innings and only two pitchers going all the way. franktrejo1257@qwest.net.

STUPAK VACATIONS WHILE PAIN AT THE PUMP ESCALATES

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On June 20, 2008, 1st District of Michigan Representative Bart Stupak issued a press release related to the "PUMP" Act, a piece of rewritten legislation he's concocted to address loopholes used by oil speculators to manipulate the energy

market and artificially inflate prices.

"PUMP" is a cutsie-wootsie acronym for "Prevent Unfair Manipulation of Prices", which begs the question: Is there such a thing as "fair" price manipulation? Let us hope not, though in today's world of UN driven "sustainable redevelopment" one never knows what or who is being manipulated by whom and for what purpose.

In the big scheme of things, however, energy market speculation is not the primary cause of escalating prices at the pump. Rather, it can be blamed on the simple theory of supply and demand, and in America, at least, Gang Green and its environmentally sympathetic congressmen, such as Bart Stupak, who are hell-bent on putting the American people in the poorhouse, are holding the supply hostage.

Obviously, it's perfectly okay for other countries to drill for gas and oil off our nation's coastlines, but when it comes to allowing America to do the same, the bozos in Washington would rather we do business with the Saudi's, et al, and let the sheiks put even more gold fixtures in their palatial bathrooms.

Regardless of who or what's to blame, pain at the pump has become such an onus that every day more and more people are becoming fed up with their "do-nothing", obstructionist congress critters. Apparently, that fact has not escaped Rep. Stupak who stated (in part) via his June 20th press release:

"No matter where I travel across my northern Michigan congressional district, the No. 1 issue on people's minds is gas prices. Just last weekend, I was home in my district on Mackinac Island. This is an island where they don't even drive; motor vehicles are banned. People don't hop in their cars to go to work; they walk or bike or ride a horse-drawn buggy. But the issue I heard the most about was gas prices.

"Even though these islanders aren't filling up at the pump, high gas prices are having a devastating effect on their livelihood. Many of the visitors who would normally flock to the island are opting to stay at home rather than spend the extra \$30 or \$40 on gas. The ferries from the mainland have increased their prices to off-

set their rising fuel costs and cutback on their runs to the island. Stores are hurting because there are fewer visitors to buy their products. Food and other necessities cost more for not just visitors to the island, but for those who live and work there. Indeed all Americans are seeing the cost of their basic necessities skyrocketing! Whether you're on Mackinac Island, in Manhattan or Mississippi, it's the same story..."

Now, let us fast-forward to August 5th and a press release issued by the National Republican Committee, which reads in part:

"Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI) sided with his party leadership last week and voted for a five-week vacation without addressing America's energy crisis..."

"Now, the question for Bart Stupak is simple: Does Stupak think that Speaker Pelosi should call congress back into session to vote on energy?"

"Or will Stupak continue to ignore the overwhelming majority of Americans who support Republican efforts to increase American oil drilling? Now that Stupak has some time off back in his district, he should at least take the time to explain to his constituents why he votes to take a vacation instead of staying in Washington to deliver real solutions for America's energy crisis."

Something else Stupak should explain to his constituents is his anti-drilling stance when it comes to extracting gas and oil within Michigan's borders. The following is taken directly from his Website:

"Stupak has made protecting the Great Lakes one of his signature priorities. He was the first elected official to oppose drilling for oil and gas in and under the Great Lakes, a position he began publicly advocating in 1997. He was also the first to author legislation to ban this procedure initiating the effort that led to the U.S. Congress imposing a temporary ban on the practice. The Michigan House and Senate reversed themselves and followed Stupak's lead and voted to ban drilling at the state level. Stupak continues to press the state of Michigan for adoption of a comprehensive water use plan for the entire state that includes all surface and groundwater sources. In 2005, Stupak's years of work on the issue paid off as he achieved a major victory when a permanent federal ban on new drilling for oil and gas in and under the Great Lakes was enacted into law.

Likewise, he's against drilling in the Artic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), a tiny parcel of land about the size of a small portion of the tip of your little finger if you consider your entire body to be as large as Alaska. ANWR, of course,

is another area that eco-twits managed to set aside for the purported good of lesser animals and to heck with future human needs even though the 19 million acres are known to contain a goodly supply of petroleum. In fact, ANWR has been a political football during every presidential regime since peanut farmer Carter was groomed for office by the global elitists' henchmen.

Says Stupak: "...On May 25, 2006, the House of Representatives voted to approve a bill (H.R. 5429) that would authorize drilling in ANWR. I voted against this bill because I do not believe that the limited amount of oil that could be produced would be enough to jeopardize this ecologically important region. I believe there are some environmentally sensitive areas that should not be open to oil or gas drilling, like our Great Lakes..."

In reality, ever since Stupak took office in 1993, he has been helping to move the American people, most specifically his Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Michigan constituency, along the commie red road of his party's fascist agenda that coincides so nicely with the United Nations' and Bilderberg Group/Trilateral Commission's plan to revamp the world's power structure, putting the USA on the hind teat of the beast instead of grappling at its neck to choke the life out of it.

Bart would do well to get his butt off the golf courses at Mackinac and Drummond Island, pull the eco-green ring out of his nose that environmentalists have been dragging him around with for years, and belly up to the pumps with the working men and women in any number of the many, many towns in his district, which encompasses about 44% of Michigan's poverty-stricken land mass.

While Michigan consumers living on that land mass are experiencing pain at the pump, let him stand there and tell them of his concern for the Mackinac Islanders' tourist trade, or the caribou, polar bears, grizzly bears, wolves, and various migratory birds on 19 million acres of frozen ANWR tundra. Let him validate voting against drilling off the shores of the United States where other countries dare to drill. Let him crow about his stance on preventing drilling under the Great Lakes. Let him take his chances on having a gas nozzle shoved up the back of his britches where the sun doesn't shine and then let him crawl back to Mackinac Island to finish his five-week, paid-by-the-taxpayers vacation, relaxing in the sun, before he gets back to the business of being one of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Washington, D. C. obstructionists. ~CJ

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~ J. C. Powers, Editor

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Nostalgia: The late MLK; a credit to his race and humanity. He was a blessing from the Creator for only a short time, but will have long-lasting influences among the true conservatives.

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8.5%

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THIS SIDE UP

Effective July 1, 2008, the Minimum Wage in Michigan went up to \$7.40 per hour; \$6.29 for workers under 18. The National Minimum Wage is \$6.55 on July 24 and will be \$7.25 on July 24, 2009. Three States have \$8.00 or more per hour requirements; they are included in the nine States that have a Minimum Wage equal to or greater than Michigan's. How does Minimum Wage compare to unemployment rates?

California \$8.00—7.3% (up 1.9%)

Illinois \$7.75—7.3% (up 2.2%)

Massachusetts \$8.00—5.1% (up .7%)

Michigan \$7.40—8.5% (up 1.4%)

Oregon \$7.95—6.0% (up .7%)

Rhode Island \$7.40—7.7% (up 2.7%)

Vermont \$7.68—4.8% (up 1%)

Washington \$8.07—5.7% (up 1.1%)

All States requiring a Minimum Wage equal to or greater than Michigan had an increase in unemployment since 2007. The only State seeing a decrease in unemployment rates was Arkansas; 4.5% down 1%; their Minimum Wage is \$6.25.

Texas gained 248,000 jobs and has an unemployment rate of 4.7%, an increase of .4%, and a Minimum Wage of \$6.55.

http://www.taxfoundation.org/files/sbtci_rankings-20071010.pdf

The State Business Tax Climate Index Rankings indicates Wyoming is the most business friendly State in the nation; they have a \$6.55 Minimum Wage and a rate of unemployment at 3.6%. Arizona is in the center at 25th, has an unemployment rate of 5.1% (up 1.4%) and a Minimum Wage of \$6.90 per hour.

The boring statistical data provided by various government and professional groups suggests there is a link between an unrealistic minimum wage and the overall unemployment rates. But, it doesn't really manifest a firm appraisal of the economic stabilities or instabilities of a State on its own. Numerous other contributing factors have affected the decisions by business owners and boards of directors regarding their expansion, move, reduction or even their closure.

Where liberals prevail, jobs are lost. Where liberals prevail, the cost-of-living becomes unbearable. The unfriendliness of the Nazis, environmentalists, socialists, communists and their neo-con sympathizers impedes progress in numerous States.

Michigan's Business Comedy

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9IGzEKeao0>

On a related matter, the DNC and RNC national conventions will lead us one step closer to our finale. Is it just me or does anyone else feel like an Orthodox Jew at Christmas? All the bumper-to-bumper coverage of the pomp and circumstance has nothing to do with me or my belief system; it's actually all quite contrary to my belief system—God, our required respect for life, humility, republicanism, and strict adherence to the Constitution.

The highly partisan events taint the realities with delusional perceptions. The political machinery looks good on the showroom floor, but it's very dangerous for everyone if the operator doesn't know how to run it or forgets some of the basic procedures and rules along the way.

It appears as if the Hillary Clinton coup advocates are as excited about the DNC championed candidate as the Ron Paul supporters are about the RNC nominee. There will be Rodney King mantras, can't we all just get along, but the truth is we have no reasons to get along—the system is corrupt, the major players are insiders and the rest of America is locked-out.