



NATIONAL DEFENDER



A Transcendental Forum for Unobstructed Opinions and Observations

"We will walk on our own feet; we will work with our own hands; we will speak our own minds... A nation of men will for the first time exist, because each believes himself inspired by the Divine Soul which also inspires all men." Ralph Waldo Emerson

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; THE NEW CON-CON

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Applying to the Congress of the United States pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution to call a constitutional convention for proposing amendments.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, With each passing year, this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures exceed available revenues; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal prudence requires that certain steps be taken to control the growth of the budget and eliminate excessive deficits; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention upon the application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby applies to the Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing to the states for ratification, an amendment to the United States Constitution containing the following provisions:

First, the amendment shall require the President to submit and the Congress to adopt only balanced budgets for all federal programs and agencies, except in times of war.

Second, the amendment shall grant the President the authority to disapprove any item or items in any bill presented by the Congress to the President in addition to the President's authority to disapprove entire bills pursuant to Article I, Section 7 of the United States Constitution.

Third, the amendment shall require the President to submit and the Congress to adopt budgets for all federal programs and agencies on a biennial rather than annual basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states

have made application for a constitutional convention or the Congress has proposed an amendment to the United States Constitution equivalent to the amendment proposed in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, if the convention called by the Congress is not limited in subject to the amendment proposed in this resolution, any delegates, representatives, or participants from the State of Ohio asked to participate in the convention are permitted to debate and vote only on the proposed amendment contained within this resolution or an equivalent amendment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states make application to the Congress to call a constitutional convention, the State of Ohio requests that such a convention be called not later than six months after the Congress receives the thirty-fourth application from a state legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the presiding officer of each house of each state legislature in the United States, and the news media of Ohio.

The bill was introduced by Matt Huffman, Republican, 4th House District of Ohio. The overall sense is that Mr. Huffman should conclude any further public service—evidently he is not literate.

<http://www.eagleforum.org/psr/1984/dec84/psrdec84.html>

Amendments have been adopted 17 times after the Bill of Rights; 27 Amendments to date overall.

The Constitutional Convention has not been utilized since the inception of the Constitution on September 17, 1787.

The evidence of compromising attempts to the existing Constitution goes back as far as 1960s implicating the Ford Foundation, donating at least \$25 million to have the con-con sent before the legislative bodies for consideration.

<http://www.ncsl.org/statevote/statevotemaps2008.htm#>

34 States must agree to the con-con before it is sent through Congress for action. It appears as if the Republicans are the people behind the push for the con-con. While they adamantly believe in a balanced budget, the con-con is not the appropriate way to accomplish their goal. In fact, when Republicans held control of both Houses and the Presidency, they should have implemented their own balanced-budgets; they would still be in control of Congress and even the White House today if they had conducted the business of America appropriately.

The question regarding the ultimate purpose of the new Constitutional Convention comes to mind to most alert citizens.

Many states have their own balanced-budget requirements but there are some that have failed to work within their budget. It is highly unlikely the U. S. Congress would stick to the requirement either. Since, "in-time-of-war" is a loophole, it's conceivable that any action that requires military maneuvers would qualify as a time of war, including the war on terrorism, which could go on for decades.

What we need is for Congress to reset the US Constitution and eliminate all their tentacles that extend beyond the restrictive parameters of the existing Constitution. Congress needs to receive a cautionary note here; back-off in order to avoid an outright political revolution.

The bottom-line is that the balanced budget Amendment is dangerous and it jeopardizes specific-tax revenues from programs like Medicare and Social Security, which are already compromised.



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LEGISLATORS—HELP AMERICA; STAY HOME!

Modern technology is here and it's time our political mechanism engages in a stay-at-home practice. Politicians should work within their own district, under the close scrutiny of the constituents and far from the offices of the lobbyists and the perverse influences of fellow legislators.

Computers, faxes, cell phones and the old fashioned land-lines are all available to the politicians. They may certainly read proposed legislation, write feedback on their positions and vote on-line. They can also engage in teleconferencing when necessary and arrange to meet once a quarter as a legislative body.

In fact, as a matter of national security, our elected officials should spread-out. In the event of a state or national catastrophe, only a fraction of our elected officials would be cut-off or completely lost. With their main office in their district, politicians are able to assess catastrophes first-hand and provide the legislative and executive branch with up-to-date information.

Separating the political machine from the convenience of a central location will ensure lobbyists are earning their keep by traveling to each district to meet with one politician at a time for the most part. Public posting of scheduled meetings are also in order.

The conveniences of having elected state and national officials within the district are numerous. City, township and county commissions and boards can arrange to meet individually with an official or have the official attend important meetings.

Proposed legislation can be written with the input of those it most closely affects. Citizens with excellent ideas who need to get authorization through governments or legislators are able to meet locally to get most of their business accomplished.

Politicians are also able to communicate more directly with the citizens through live programming and interviews.

The protection of politicians who work away from their home districts in all those capitols across the nation has helped politicians avoid public scrutiny and allowed them to be reelected by voters who only receive information about them through their own political brochures and press releases. Usually, the more local the more accountability. We need to demand that from future office seekers that they are committed to operating their office in the home area.



JUST HOW SERIOUS ARE OUR POLITICIANS?

Former presidential contender Senator John Kerry said he had a plan to save America—we still await that plan. The truth is that these senators have more power and authority to implement their plans to help the middle class, save the citizens from the horrors of the fictional global warming scare, fix Social Security and give everyone a fairer tax.

Social Security is a prime example of what happens when elected people fail to do their job. Predicted to be insolvent sometime after 2040, the end-of-the year surplus collected through Social Security is put into the general fund and spent by members of Congress. Congress views it as a win-win; they don't have to pay the interest and they get to spend it.

Next is the oil crisis. It's anyone's guess how long consumers have been paying both a federal and state tax. In 2007 big oil made around \$84 billion; the feds alone made around \$1.3 trillion from taxes on oil without boring a hole. While Congress puffs out its collective chest and conducts worthless investigations on big oil profits, they should be spending more time looking at their own contributions to our oil crisis.

Congress is a short distance from the Patent Office. Someone could go see if those high-mileage engines we've heard so much about do exist. If so, pass legislation that requires fuel efficient engines to be marketed. Next, build the roads more level and straighter, reduce traffic control lights on main roads and plan a little.

While legislators buy votes with little incentives like minimum wage and other government-mandated charity, business and industry are feeling the harsh realities of meeting government requirements. The burden then falls on the shoulders of the citizens and consumers, but those who serve in state capitols and in DC seem to be impervious to the ramifications of bad policy.

Five Supreme Court Justices decided that public use really means public purpose and allowed a local government to take property from an individual so it could generate more tax revenue—*Kelo v. City of New London*. Congress did not initiate articles of impeachment on the illiterates. Oh, the status of the confiscated property? The confiscated land is still not developed.

Medicare and Medicaid pay only a percentage of what it costs for a visit to a doctor's office, ER or hospital. The result is that medical facilities have to bill those with insurance at a higher rate in order to make up the difference. In turn, medical insurance costs go up and up. Now the same individuals are proposing to take over the health care system. That should work as well as the Veterans Affairs medical system.

Finally, even though the technology is not perfected enough, the FCC has put a mandate on shifting to digital television signals. To make it worse there is also a mandated transition to mercury-filled Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFL), which requires EPA clean-up criteria.

MANAGING THE STATE

Noam Chomsky of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is rather suspicious of the government and the left wing media. Chomsky suggests that the states concentrate their power to central authorities and that the media provides the press to keep the people apprised of the governments' good intentions.

Although Chomsky does not claim to have a vision of self-rule by the people without the necessary infringements by a government, he believes people are quite capable of ruling themselves without a representative form of government or other types of government like those found in communist and dictator states. But, like trusting pilots who fly passenger planes, citizens tend to trust government.

The notion that the media helps the powers-that-be with propaganda is quite accurate. Aside from the regurgitation of press releases from elected officials and government agencies without question, the mainstream media fumbles along in failed attempts to persuade the citizens to purchase ideas and ideologies without question and without doing the necessary homework to research indoctrinations.

The influences of a media that has no internal mechanisms for verification and validation demonstrates virtual realities of a government-sponsored media. The media of course doesn't recognize the overt manipulation of the information by individuals interested in filtering the facts. The media is easily manipulated.

The Fairness Doctrine being promoted by elected officials is another incremental step in manipulating information outlets and actually has nothing to do with any real fairness, but everything to do with the full control of the public's knowledge and ability to debate the issues. The Doctrine will squelch the ability of the public to question the purposes and motivations of poor decisions and will interfere with the current trends of the world-wide access to information.

The premise of protectionism for the extreme left ideologies is paramount for the left to survive election-to-election. It is of no concern that billions of taxpayers' money has been funneled into left-wing media like PBS and NPR over the years.

Those free-market enterprises that support talk radio threaten the goals of the left. Challenges to their propaganda have made individuals like Rush Limbaugh multi-millionaires. As the popularity of right-wing talk radio has grown and been sustained, the left wing talk shows have gone the way of the dodo bird.

The left still owns and controls the mainstream media but trends threaten their very existence. Viewer ratings of the alphabet news and subscriptions to leftist newspapers have plummeted. There is only one way for the left to counter the trend and that is to mandate "fairness" in the media. It was of no consequence when those on the right were demonized, but times have changed.

COMMUNISM INFILTRATED THE BIG TWO PARTIES?

During the 2008 presidential election we were treated to the post-primary debates between the witless and clueless. Clearly the only difference between B. Hussein Obama and John McCain were those they selected as their Vice-President running mates. There is no doubt in the minds of many conservative voters that if McCain had not selected Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate, McCain would have been fortunate to garner 30% of the popular vote. Most conservatives and libertarians were leaning in the direction of third-party candidates like Bob Barr before Palin came on-board.

The Democrats accused the Republicans of moving too far right since the Contract with America hit the headlines in 1996. The fact is that once Newt Gingrich was ousted the Republicans quickly moved left.

The Republicans, under the leadership of George W. Bush, have spent like drunken Democrats. They have embraced the notion of neglecting the borders that the Dems have espoused since 1976 when they had the realization that illegals can vote and the illegals vote primarily for Democrats.

No real Republican wanted a piece of that pie, but the communists that infiltrated the GOP were advocates of amnesty and the simple policy of leaving the borders alone. There was a great deal of money to be made from the drug trade and individuals like the two Border Patrol agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, were getting in the way.

A stoned population is easily persuaded by leftist ideologies and they are also easily distracted with issues like global warming, abortion rights, supreme-race stem cell research and other social and global issues.

It has become nearly impossible to make a distinguishable judgment between the Democrats and the new Republicans; only the letter after a politician's name reveals their Party affiliation. But does that imply that both parties have been infiltrated by the communists? Simple answer, yes.

The Crime Bill of 1994 was the first step in the disintegration of civil rights, *Habeas corpus* in particular became subjective. Less than two-months after the September 11, 2001 attacks, Attorney General John Ashcroft and an illiterate Congress sent the Patriot Act to President G. W. Bush for his signature on October 26, 2001.

The most critical accomplishment that the left needs is to retain the balance in the Supreme Court. The left cannot run on their ideologies, Americans would not agree with them; they need the courts.

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LET THEM TRY IT FIRST . . .

Congress is compelled to work outside of the Constitution and has done so since 1913. They seem to savor those issues that they can force down the throats of American citizens while they remain quite immune from their own policies.

Congress wants all of American to switch to compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. The EPA had to write handling and clean-up standards because of the mercury in the bulbs.

Let the government, at all levels, switch to the CFL bulbs. They can calculate the overall savings less the cost for dispatch of HAZMAT teams. If it works out for them in ten years, we'll consider it.

Congress wants fuel-efficient vehicles and more use of public transportation. Again, the government should be the test ground for the vehicles and mandate government employees take buses and trains to and from work and especially on trips for those seminars and training programs.

Congress is discussing confiscating the citizens' retirement accounts like 401ks and other retirement accounts to feed the failing Social Security Trust Fund. Other than suggesting Congress stop spending the SSTF surplus at the end of the year, let's suggest they first confiscate teachers' and all other government employee funds. Let's see how that works out for them.

National health care is on the table and, here again, let the government employees, including those in Congress, try it first. The closest thing there is to a national health care program is the VA Hospital system. If the VA system is good enough for those men and women who risk their lives to ensure our liberty and the liberty of those in other countries, it should be good enough for Congress, judges and even the President.

There are numerous other programs that Congress and government employees should try out first before compelling the citizens to participate, but how about that separation of church and state deal?

The Democrats are the representative Party for the godless. They are also the representative Party favored by unions. From that perspective it would make sense that unionized government workers should no longer be entitled to any time off or extra pay for religious holidays.

In fact, members of unions from both the private and public sector should want to volunteer to not participate in those religious holidays like Christmas.

Union workers volunteering to work on religious holidays without overtime or holiday pay would prevent requirements of organizations to participate in those new religious holidays coming from the Moslems and atheists.

Obviously it is a ridiculous notion that any consumer-driven issue should be forced on any Americans. Vote that way!

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The National Defender is a publication of the Patriots of America. We are a very partisan group of concerned citizens: *partisan* (n.) *A fervent, sometimes militant supporter or proponent of a party, cause, faction, person, or idea.* Our fervent stance embraces the idea of Creationism which is solidly in support of the Constitution. We are the voice of advocacy for human, cultural, societal, and property rights.

We focus our commitment on holding an elected or appointed office holder wholly accountable by those who pay their wages and provide funding for their benefits; the people.

Our goal is to provide our readers with a clear alternative source of news and opinion that is not limited to butt-kissing and ankle-grabbing like most news and opinion providers. We will try to collect revealing and credible news stories from any source to help keep the citizens of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, the State of Michigan, and the U. S. informed of the shenanigans occurring in our political bureaucracy.

An informed public is an intelligent public—We hold these values in order to ensure a viable and accountable governmental system. We hold harmless all persons rendering time-locked truth.

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CASINOS TO CLOSE IN DETROIT?

The Language of Proposal E as it appeared on Michigan's November 5, 1996, general election ballot
A Legislative Initiative to Permit Casino Gaming in Qualified Cities

The proposed law would:

Permit up to three gaming casinos in any city that meets the following qualifications: has a population of 800,000 or more; is located within 100 miles of any other state or country in which gaming is permitted; and has had casino gaming approved by a majority of the voters in the city.

Establish a Gaming Control Board to regulate casino gaming.

Impose an 18% state tax on gross gaming revenues.

Allocate 55% of tax revenue to the host city for crime prevention and economic development; allocate remaining 45% of tax funds to state for public education.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

Yes No

Results ... **1,878,542 Yes** (51.5%)

vs.

1,768,156 No (48.5%)

http://www.michigan.gov/mjcb/0,1607,7-120-1382_1450-12939--00.html

The voters in the State of Michigan voted to approve Proposal E by about 110,000 votes. The advocates were far more interested in Detroit than the rest of the State and by 2010 those chickens that Reverend Wright talks about may come home to roost; that will be another census year throughout the country.

Since Governor Granholm took control of the executive seat in 2002, the State has lost more than 81,000 jobs, has an unemployment rate of 9.6% and is a few nickels short of a billion dollar deficit. She promised to wow Michiganders; she did that and then some.

Granholm, an attorney like Obama, had to hire a Chief Operating Officer (COO) to help her manage her office. Rick Weiner assumed the COO role in 2007. Wisconsin Governor James Doyle also took trips overseas like Granholm, but he at least came back with million dollar contracts for exporting goods from Wisconsin. The Michigan Governor ran up her tab so high that winter snow removal funds were cut.

Things have become much worse in Michigan and it now appears the auto industry will need to tighten its belts even further. Delphi and other supply companies felt the economic pinch a lot earlier than the auto industry, but the writing was on the wall.

With unemployment levels zooming up and directly affecting the national average, Granholm is seeking superior race research in the heart of southeastern Michigan where minority populations are predominant. Between a failed education policy and corrupt politicians in Detroit, it appears as if minorities will remain entrenched in unskilled jobs. The lack of accomplishment in the Detroit area means more jobs will be lost and more people will scramble to rent U-Hauls.

Detroit's population is the lowest it has been since 1920; about 899,387 people remain in Detroit. Once the number dips below 800,000 the City will no longer qualify to have casinos.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Remember Lee Iacocca, the man who rescued Chrysler Corporation from its death throes? He's now 82 years old and has a new book, "Where Have All the Leaders Gone?" Lee Iacocca Says:

'Am I the only guy in this country who's fed up with what's happening? Where the hell is our outrage? We should be screaming bloody murder! We've got a gang of clueless bozos steering our ship of state right over a cliff, we've got corporate gangsters stealing us blind, and we can't even clean up after a hurricane much less build a hybrid car. But instead of getting mad, everyone sits around and nods their heads when the politicians say, 'Stay the course.'

Stay the course? You've got to be kidding. This is America, not the damned, 'Titanic'. I'll give you a sound bite: 'Throw all the bums out!' You might think I'm getting senile, that I've gone off my rocker, and maybe I have. But someone has to speak up. I hardly recognize this country anymore.

The most famous business leaders are not the innovators but the guys in handcuffs. While we're fiddling in Iraq, the Middle East is burning and nobody seems to know what to do. And the press is waving 'pom-poms' instead of asking hard questions. That's not the promise of the 'America' my parents and yours traveled across the ocean for. I've had enough. How about you?

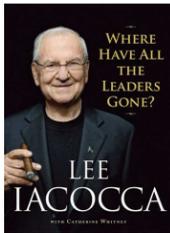
I'll go a step further. You can't call yourself a patriot if you're not outraged. This is a fight I'm ready and willing to have. The Biggest 'C' is Crisis! (Iacocca elaborates on nine C's of leadership, with crisis being the first.)

Leaders are made, not born. Leadership is forged in times of crisis. It's easy to sit there with your feet up on the desk and talk theory. Or send someone else's kids off to war when you've never seen a battlefield yourself. It's another thing to lead when your world comes tumbling down.

On September 11, 2001, we needed a strong leader more than any other time in our history. We needed a steady hand to guide us out of the ashes. A hell of a mess, so here's where we stand.

We're immersed in a bloody war with no plan for winning and no plan for leaving. We're running the biggest deficit in the history of the country. We're losing the manufacturing edge to Asia, while our once-great companies are getting slaughtered by health care costs.

Gas prices are skyrocketing, and nobody in power has a coherent energy policy. Our schools are in trouble. Our borders are like sieves. The middle class is being squeezed every which way. These are times that cry out for leadership.



But when you look around, you've got to ask: 'Where have all the leaders gone?' Where are the curious, creative communicators? Where are the people of character, courage, conviction, omnipotence, and common sense? I may be a sucker for alliteration, but I think you get the point.

Name me a leader who has a better idea for homeland security than making us take off our shoes in airports and throw away our shampoo? We've spent billions of dollars building a huge new bureaucracy, and all we know how to do is react to things that have already happened.

Name me one leader who emerged from the crisis of Hurricane Katrina. Congress has yet to spend a single day evaluating the response to the hurricane or demanding accountability for the decisions that were made in the crucial hours after the storm.

Everyone's hunkering down, fingers crossed, hoping it doesn't happen again. Now, that's just crazy. Storms happen. Deal with it. Make a plan. Figure out what you're going to do the next time.

Name me an industry leader who is thinking creatively about how we can restore our competitive edge in manufacturing. Who would have believed that there could ever be a time when 'The Big Three' referred to Japanese car companies? How did this happen, and more important, what are we going to do about it?

Name me a government leader who can articulate a plan for paying down the debit,

or solving the energy crisis, or managing the health care problem. The silence is deafening. But these are the crises that are eating away at our country and milking the middle class dry.

I have news for the gang in Congress. We didn't elect you to sit on your asses and do nothing and remain silent while our democracy is being hijacked and our greatness is being replaced with mediocrity. What is everybody so afraid of? That some bonehead on Fox News will call them a name? Give me a break. Why don't you guys show some spine for a change?

Had Enough? Hey, I'm not trying to be the voice of gloom and doom here. I'm trying to light a fire. I'm speaking out because I have hope - I believe in America. In my lifetime, I've had the privilege of living through some of America's greatest moments. I've also experienced some of our worst crises: The 'Great Depression,' 'World War II,' the 'Korean War,' the 'Kennedy Assassination,' the 'Vietnam War,' the 1970's oil crisis, and the struggles of recent years culminating with 9/11.

If I've learned one thing, it's this: 'You don't get anywhere by standing on the sidelines waiting for somebody else to take action. Whether it's building a better car or building a better future for our children, we all have a role to play. That's the challenge I'm raising in this book. It's a "Call to Action" for people who, like me, believe in America'. It's not too late, but it's getting pretty close. So let's shake off the crap and go to work. Let's tell 'em all we've had 'enough.'

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN POLITICIANS MANAGE

"Your Social Security Statement", which comes from the SSA every so often, has on its front page an interesting tidbit.

The tidbit reads: "In 2017 we will begin paying more in benefits than we collect in taxes. Without changes, by 2041 the Social Security Trust Fund will be exhausted and there will be enough money to pay only about 78 cents for each dollar of scheduled benefits. We need to resolve these issues soon to make sure Social Security continues to provide a foundation of protection for future generations."

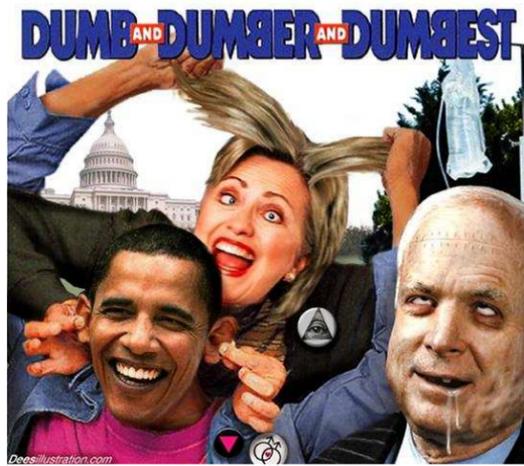
Since the Johnson Administration, the members of congress have been spending surplus Social Security Trust funds. They replace the money with IOUs. Congress is supposed to pay interest on the surplus balance, not spend it. That lack of planning will result in the SSTF deficiencies.

Untouched and properly handled with accrued interest each year, the SSTF would be so solvent that those who contribute their tax to the system wouldn't have to put much more than 2% of their wages in total between them and their employer.

12.4% of your wages goes into the SSTF; 6.2% is paid by you and 6.2% is matched by your employer. Those who earn up to \$102,000 per year are taxed. However, government employees and other organizations with retirement plans may be exempt from paying tax to the SSTF and Medicare (1.45% X 2).

If you and your employer had been able to contribute 12.4% of your salary for 30 years, most American would be self-made millionaires today, even if they had taken that money and put it into a bank at a mere 6% interest rate.

The staggering total amount of money contributed by the average



workers in America is surreal. When you begin adding in income, property, sales and other taxes, we all need to wonder just how much they need?

The politicians' management of the Social Security Trust Fund should be a hint for any intelligent American.

There is no reasonableness behind giving politicians a percentage of your earnings to begin with because of the irresponsible way they spend it, but to think that this same group wants to manage your health care should scare the bejeebies out of you.

There is a certain dullness when you look into the eyes of a politician. They thrive on the fact we have no real standards when it comes to voting for an individual to represent us. In 2008 we had a choice between two people running for president; dumb and dumber.

We suspect McCain to be the dumb one because he at least flew a fighter aircraft, even though he was shot down. Obama is dumber, maybe even dumber than Al Gore. But when it comes to intelligence, perhaps it's Americans who didn't bother voting are the dumbest of all.

Republicans Quiet about Perversion of the Lincoln Bible By J. C. Powers

"In regard to this Great book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it." Abraham Lincoln

Two men who are polar opposites will be the only two people sworn-in as President of the United States on the Holy Book dubbed as the Lincoln Bible. Perhaps with the exception of their physical frame, there are no other similarities between Abraham Lincoln and B. Hussein Obama. While President Lincoln was open and honest nearly to a fault, Obama is elusive, calculated and insincere.

Mr. Lincoln's commitment to treating all people equal had divided the nation almost immediately upon his election. The Civil War came about because of Lincoln's tendency to supersede state's rights.

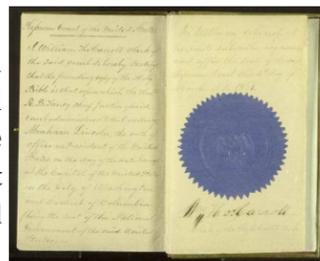
Lincoln desired restricting the expansion of slavery beyond the states that already allowed the practice. On January 1, 1863 President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which required the elimination of slavery within the union. In contrast, Obama has been a staunch supporter of abortion which has been specifically directed at minorities by supreme white pro-choice euphemists.



Abraham Lincoln was a sincere believer that God was the creator and sustainer of all mankind. That belief may have compelled Mr. Lincoln to make the tough decisions regarding the travesties of slavery.

Mr. Obama is the advocate and messiah among the monkey people; those who think our ancestors, including those of the blacks, once swung from their tails in the trees.

The Republican Party and lead players within the Party like Newt Gingrich have stood mute.



The direct insult to one of the most important charter members of the Republican Party is being ignored in favor of political correctness. It's hard enough to believe any minority would be a member of the racists Democrat Party with their links to eugenics, unions, abortion, environmentalism and outright oppression of prosperity and free speech. But to

think that an individual who subscribes to those ideologies will be using the Holy Book of Abraham Lincoln is a Democrat is more than this ultra-conservative American can take!

THE BRITTLE WALLS OF PROTECTION

Democrats bailed out of DC on August 1, 2008 for over a month-long recess until September 8, 2008. Not that Americans should care that they didn't agree to spend our money for a month, but there are several issues that needed some immediate attention, including the looming collapse of the economy.



The Republicans' grandstand on energy cost was built on a lot of hype about being outraged that Congress failed to pass an energy bill—evidently neglecting to mention that they had failed to muster an energy policy all the while they were in control of Congress. Oil prices were on their way up in 2006; Democrats had to take over. Since the Democrats assumed power in DC the oil prices darn near tripled to more than \$140 per barrel. Near-election prices plummeted.

Americans aren't Europeans. Those who descended from European blood probably know how screwed up it was in Europe way back when, and how Europe is even more screwed-up now. Americans aren't French nor are they Canadian. Americans get riled when they get taken advantage of by the politicians, business people and lobbyists. They get especially riled when their own government has no problem watching the citizenry slip into the abyss of serfdom.

Americans would be further ahead if they

took a little time to understand the precepts of the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution does not provide anyone any freedoms whatsoever—freedoms were clearly given to man by God Himself, not Congress. The Constitution protects those God-given rights from falling victim to overzealous governments.

The Constitution is designed to protect the citizens of this great nation from the whims and wills of a corrupt government. It not only protects citizens from unjust infringements on their God-given rights; it also protects the numerous state and local governments from being victimized by an encumbering national government.

The Constitution provides very strict, clear and specific parameters within which the national government has the authority to perform its duty on behalf of the citizens. But what we have been subjected to during the 20th and so far in the 21st Century is nothing short of tyranny.

From the creation of the Federal Reserve Bank, which is a non-government entity, to the confiscation of gold coins to the removal of the U. S. dollar off of the gold standard, we have been conned by the best career politicians this nation has ever seen.

The walls of protection between the U. S. government and the people, businesses and industries have been battered relentlessly. The walls of protection have weakened.

The walls of protection have become brittle.

They are now far more easily breached. Our national judges have overturned the will of the people on numerous occasions. They did so without the constitutional authority to do so. Even the U. S. Supreme Court still harbors five justices that changed the Amendment V's clear protection from arbitrary confiscation of the citizens' private land to carte blanc permissions to take land at will if it means the government can make more money off of the property. Not one Congressman stood and called for articles of impeachment.

Amendment XVI, the authority to collect taxes on incomes has blossomed into an unencumbered spree of tax collections. Not that it matters that the States had not passed and approved the Amendment as it is now worded; it was still ratified. This is the largest of the non-amendments in the Constitution and is still published in all copies of the Constitution as if were as legitimate and constitutional as the Federal Reserve Bank.

The great benefit of willy-nilly legislation is that everyone can jump on-board and write whatever they want without challenge. The citizens approve sales taxes, but are not permitted to vote on gas taxes, tobacco taxes and numerous other taxes. We are able to vote on millage increases, but not decreases.

There are major problems within our tax structure, including the legality of many of the taxes that are collected. The *ad valorem* tax, or tax assessed according to the value of something you own, is one of the most anti-constitutional taxes ever devised.

Yet, we accept it because it helps educate the

children. Nonsense; states and the national governments are solely responsible for funding public education since it's their baby, not ours.

Aside from the established fact that most governments assess more money than is absolutely required to run the functions under their authority, the other fact is that the citizens have to lease their land from the government or risk having it sold in a tax-sale; both are outrageous!

As fickle gas prices may again climb to around \$4.00 a gallon and diesel even higher, Congress is considering adding more tax on gasoline. When your government can redirect any revenue it wants toward other programs and special interests, things like roads and bridges are allowed to age. Just here in the Upper Peninsula in order to bring the roads and bridges up to code it would cost billions, if not trillions of dollars.

Remember the great campaigns of years gone by when promises were made to fix Social Security? Congress still takes the excess funds and spends it at the end of the year. These same mental giants have required the transition to digital TV, provided funding to non-profit groups so they could buy-up land, create easements and kill the value of their neighbor's land with buffer zones.

Then we arrive back at the recess of Congress. Citizens need to ask those who are seeking reelection to Congress where did they get the authority they have to restrict drilling in international waters? Why are we still sending billions in cash overseas when we could use tax cuts? How about those bail-outs? Good-bye Constitution.

CONNECTING THE DOTS BY J. C. POWERS

When the cost of food, gasoline, home heating and utilities increases, the lower income levels are affected the most. The US Department of Health and Human Services suggests the 2008 poverty rate is \$10,400 in the lower 48 and \$13,000 in Alaska. In reality the current poverty level is \$25,000 for a single person and at least \$35,000 for a married couple.

Considering all the costs incurred to survive by making it back and forth to work and buying the essentials like food, clothing and shelter, Americans have felt the fringes of the new Depression within months after Democrats took control of Congress in January 2007. Those at or below the poverty level felt it first and the hardest.

Under the Clinton Administration the media promoted the idea that the economy was booming. Republicans in Congress forced Clinton into spending cuts and a balanced budget; that was before the neo-cons took over the Republican Party. The fact is that during the 1990s there was a measurable increase in per-

sonal debt and significant decrease in personal savings and investments. The media has played an important role in how the citizens view their current and future situation; the 2008 election was a clear indication that the people can be easily manipulated.

Bad policies went unchallenged. The most consequential policies that have emerged from the bowels of Congress have been both incremental and deliberate.

Worse of all, they have been unchallenged by the media.

Decrease of reimbursements for Medicare/Medicaid patients' services by the government result in higher bills to those who have insurances. As government decreases its reimbursements for its government-sponsored patients, the doctors still have to pay for supplies, utilities, rent, taxes, insurances, and staff and have a bit left over for themselves. To make up the difference, the doctors have to bill the private insurance companies for the amount not compensated by the irresponsible government.

The formula and results are simple; the more the government cuts what they owe the more the insurance companies have to pick-up. The more insurance companies have to pick-up, the more the subscribers have to pay in insurance premiums. The more individuals have to pay for premiums, the more the support they have for national health care.

What supporters of national health care don't understand is that people who work and earn under \$102,000 per year pay 1.45% in Medicare insurance taxes, which are matched by employers; that are 2.9% of their earnings. Household working couples earning \$100,000 give \$2,900 per year just for Medicare. Now, supporters of national health care have to ask if those Medicare and Medicaid programs are managed well. Maybe a look at Veterans Administration programs and hospitals would dissuade them from supporting national care.

The next issue is Social Security. Again, another simple formula is right in our faces. President Bush had proposed

permitting wage earners to opt-in to a private retirement account using the funds that would normally go into the Social Security Trust Fund. With the employer match, the 12.4% income from all wages under \$102,000 in jeopardy of being lost must have thrust a dagger into the hearts of the liberals. The Social Security Trust Fund provides significant monies at the end of the year; Congress spends the surplus funds and writes an IOU.

Remember when President Bush and many others warned Democrats in congress to fix the problems regarding lending institutions? The prediction suggested that if they failed to take action a complete collapse of the economic system would be imminent. Why did the Democrats refuse to take action to avoid an economic collapse? By intentionally letting the economy to go south, knowing full well that most retirement accounts would lose a staggering amount of value, liberals in Congress squelched any notion of those private retirement investments.

The problem is that people tend to elect their representative based on a certain level of trust, even though their approval rating may only be 9%. To their advantage, the memory of what they did to citizens is short.

GLOBAL WARMING; LET'S GET THE CHILL OUT

Al Gore made a name for himself during his time as Vice-President and after his time in office as an environmentally alert citizen of the world. Albert Arnold Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change." Gore shared the prize with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The Nobel Peace Prize committee chose Al Gore and the IPCC over Irena Sendler who rescued thousands of Jews during WWII and who was tortured by the Nazi Gestapo. Irena died on May 12, 2008 in Warsaw, Poland. She was 98.



The award to the IPCC and Gore wouldn't have been so bad if their science was factual and the award was based on the discovery of how to fix the global climate crisis. But, as it turns out the Nobel Peace Prize group was duped, big time. But they shouldn't feel bad, most of the citizens in the U. S. and around the world were scammed and fell for Gore's dog and pony show.

The indications of low-level thought is frightening in itself, but when combined with the ramifications of cult-like reactions, the formula for a global disaster is brewing. But, this global disaster will not be caused by the environmental climate but by the inept and unqualified human components of the political systems around the world.

Shortly after Dr. Heidi Cullen joined the previously respectable Weather Channel and proclaimed herself television's global warming expert, Jim Hafeman began his own research into the phenomena. Since it was Cullen's predisposition to nominate herself as a global warming expert someone had to be the global climate crisis expert.

Hafeman, who had a meteorology class in college and had paid attention to the arguments on both sides sat down and researched global climate changes. It was quite obvious that numerous factors play an important role in how the weather near the surface and aloft is affected.

But it took snow in Las Vegas, blizzards across the Midwest and several successive below average temperatures before those who had jumped on the global-warming alarmists' bandwagon realized the purity of global warming research was rebuked. As people sat in front of the television sets and listened to the radio newscasts, there was another obvious approach coming down the pike; global climate crisis quickly replaced global warming. But, since the notion of global warming has been found to be voodoo science, is there a possibility that there really is no global climate crisis at all? As the old adage goes, "Fool me once, shame on you—fool me twice, shame on me."

The facts indicate that climate variations occur continuously. The cyclical tendency of nature helps clean the earth and even has profound affects on our surface and ground water supplies. Without climate changes, the earth would be as stagnant as a pond in the middle of a swamp and uninhabitable.

The earth is subjected to numerous cause-and-effect phenomena, but none of those are related to cow and pig farts or to how many miles you get to the gallon. The truth is that the catalytic converter has a much larger impact on the environment than the burned fuel that it re-burns. The catalytic converter reaches temperatures in excess of 800 degrees and the resulting burn-off and thermal convection is a hazard to both plants and animals.

The world has entered a new era; there will be more inventions and discoveries in the next decade than there has been in the previous 50-years, IF we allow the natural influences of commerce to flourish without the restrictive battles for position that are now in place for fictitious purposes.

A little critical-thinking goes a long way in propelling humans and societies in positive directions. Always think first.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The State of Michigan is going headlong into a \$1 billion deficit and the potential for the highest unemployment rate ever recorded in the state. The staggering statewide unemployment rate of 9.6% will escalate when automakers and iron ore miners get their walking papers. Michigan is setting the standards on how a State should not be run – over 300,000 residents have been lost since 2000. Detroit's population is close to dipping under that magic 800,000 mark that allows them to have casinos, which may be irrelevant since Greektown may be only the first to file for bankruptcy. Detroit schools, with drop-out rates of 50%, are begging for donations of toilet paper.

So what have our legislators done to spur the state's economy, rescue jobs and entice residents to stay put?

State Senator Mike Prusi began the new year by sponsoring SB 1138, which would require the use of vehicle headlights at all times when driving. State Representative Steve Lindberg introduced HB 6471, which allows parents to electronically pay into their child's education savings plan. Prusi and Lindberg both voted in favor of SB 1633, which would permit tobacco tax money to be sent to the general fund and "appropriated for other purposes"; it's part of the Cobo Hall Convention Center expansion project. The two also spon-

sored bills to make the spear-fishing season longer. Republican Paul Scott of Grand Blanc is introducing a bill to ban smoking in all public places without exception. But the state's incompetents aren't alone.

At the national level, the dollar is still plummeting, retirement accounts are dissipating, Social Security is going broke, Medicare struggles to stay afloat, national unemployment hit 7% in December, and our national debt sets us on the precipice of becoming a third world nation. Tom Curry of MSNBC writes, "House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer announced Wednesday that the House will vote next week on expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which will be funded by an increased excise tax on cigarettes and cigars."

Reminiscent of Nero fiddling while Rome burned, it appears representative leadership has become numb to the realities that surround them as the citizens suffocate and burn. President-Elect Barack Obama sub-brilliantly stated, "At this particular moment, only government can provide the short-term boost necessary to lift us from a recession this deep and severe."

Unfortunately, we always get that for which we vote.

Jim Hafeman
Negaunee, Michigan

Truthfully, I believe that we are missing the boat when we fight for the 2nd Amendment specifically, the Bill of Rights is being picked apart and the only one I can think of that has not fallen is the Third: Quartering Troops, and that isn't going to stand long. We are facing people who want to remove ALL private property rights from Americans and last time I looked, that includes guns. These people are very patient and very determined. Our Country is not unique in the world concerning private property but there aren't many countries that permit private property ownership. If I am not mistaken, we can count them on our hands.

We may have ended up with a radical socialist leader of a radical socialist congress. I am of a mind that it isn't over till the fat lady sings, as it were. There are several cases pending SCOTUS review, Justice Scalia is one of the justices considering these cases. In any event, if you look at the Global Poverty Act, the only piece of legislation BO Plenty BS sponsored, as I understand it, said legislation rips the heart out of private property and you do know that includes very strict gun control -- under UN supervision.

We had best commit the attached to

memory (I will have the specific document sources shortly. All are speeches by Daniel Webster, save the first, which is the opening paragraph of "The Devil and Daniel Webster" by Stephen Vincent Benet.) I am also attaching Patrick Henry's Call to Arms, given to the Second Virginia Convention, held at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday, March 23, 1775. I am attaching a link which paints a verbal picture of the convention and even references a speech against Henry.

<http://www.earlyamerica.com/earlyamerica/bookmarks/henry/page1.htm>

If two more states ask for the Constitutional Convention, we will see our government irrevocably changed because two of their prime directives are (1) remove the Electoral College, thereby making us a democracy, and (2) revise the Second Amendment to be applicable to the 'militia', without considering that a militia is made up of individuals. Guns will be kept in armories and distributed for special uses -- not determined by us!

What will it take to get us up off our dead butts and make us put down our remotes? I am 69 and don't think I will see it happen. I am in good health, kids, but I hold no hope we will become totally incensed in my lifetime. Melanie

"ARE WE GOING TO LET 535 POLITICIANS DESTROY AMERICA?"

Sure, these 535 idiot politicians that control America, have managed to bamboozle a majority of the American people over the last 80 to 100 years into thinking that Mother Government is a far better solution to our national problems than freedom, liberty, self-reliance, individual achievement and responsibility and capitalism, backed by honor, integrity and honesty. But to do it, they had to buy these naive Americans off with our money. To do it, they had to take control of the money supply and are now about to take control of every aspect of American life if we let them.

Sure, these same politicians have lost all allegiance to the U. S. Constitution and their actions only give meaningless lip service to the principles of freedom when they swear on solemn oath to preserve, protect and defend that constitution. Sure they violate that oath with every decision they make, while we wince in disapproval, but remain silent.

Sure, they are overwhelmed by the national problems and haven't a clue how to really fix them, without bungling every attempt they make. After all they are just politicians and all decisions to them are political, never to be laced with common sense, or the laws of physics and economics, or even constitutional considerations.

Sure, they have led us down the camouflaged path of socialism and radical environmentalism, using all manner of propaganda, hype, lies and distortions and way too many Americans have bought the hype hook, line and sinker. Sure they are undermining American sovereignty, but they think Americans don't really care.

But what does all this mean? Are we to give up and let these 535 idiots wrap chains around our wrists, ankles and necks just because they have the

"ear" of a majority of the unwashed and uninformed who continue to vote for them and keep them in office? Is America a Republic or a Democracy? Does freedom mean so little to the rest of us that we shy away from a little fight to defend and maintain that freedom? And do we not have a solemn duty to carry on that freedom for the benefit of our children and grand children? Are we to let liberty slip through our fingers, to be lost forever and drowned out by an unruly chorus of the collective that shouts socialism and the one-world-order to the top of their lungs?

In the revised words of that infamous racist pastor from Chicago's Trinity Church, who was the 20-year mentor to now President-Elect Obama; **"NO! NO! NO! I say. Not God.... America; God Bless America."**

Even though God may bless America, it has been said many times and it is true, that God helps those who help themselves and we are long past due of helping ourselves. We have been silent way too long. It is time to take up the challenge and show these 535 idiots who is in charge.

To those who lament the passing of American freedom, I say to you, your freedom was won by the untold sacrifice of thousands of men and women who laid down their lives or lost limbs or their minds, in the defense of your freedom. How can we do less than they? Just because we do not wear a uniform, carry a weapon and proceed into harms way, does not remove our obligation and duty to carry the flag of freedom and make sure that its legacy stretches far into the future for all proceeding generations. It is just as much our duty to defend America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, as it is the government's duty. Even more so.

Don't hand us the excuse that we are just too far gone to restore America to the proud Republic she once was. Don't tell us it can't be done. A very small percentage of the 3,000,000 or so individuals that inhabited the thirteen colonies in 1776, beat back the most powerful nation on Earth at the time. We are now over 300,000,000 million strong in America. A small percentage of that 300,000,000 can make a real difference and restore our Republic, if they will just sing the song of freedom in unison.

Still, our fight won't come easy and we will have to contribute time, money and energy to the cause, if we have any chance of winning. So we here at NARLO have adopted a slogan.

"GIVE A DOLLAR FOR FREEDOM".

At least one half of America is conservative. Can you imagine how powerful our movement would be if that conservative half gave just one dollar to a different organization every month, which was devoted to the cause of freedom? For argument's sake, let's just say that half of the conservatives in America contributed one dollar each month to a different freedom organization. Let's just say that there are at least 100,000,000 conservative adult Americans in America. So one half of that 100,000,000 is 50,000,000 Americans, about the same amount that voted conservative in the 2008 election. If those same 50,000,000 conservative Americans contributed just one dollar to a different freedom organization each month, 12 freedom organizations would each have \$50,000,000 in their bank accounts to fight for freedom, liberty and property rights in America and it would only cost each of those 50,000,000 Americans \$12.00 for the entire year.

Now just think if these 50,000,000 conservative Americans did it every year. The fact is, we could literally buy freedom in America in less than five years with unrivaled legal, legislative and financial clout.

The National Association of Rural Landowners (NARLO) has started what we call "The American Firewall Initiative", originally called "The American Firewall Plan", or T-A-F-P. (<http://www.thefirewallinitiative.org>) is a legal and legislative firewall against the onslaught of socialism, radical environmentalism and the one-world-order. It consists of three entities; legal, legislative and financial. It is designed to preserve, protect and defend American freedom, liberty and sovereignty under the umbrella of NARLO's "American Firewall Initiative".

May you allow us the audacity to encourage those readers of this article to start their GIVE A DOLLAR FOR FREEDOM to the National Association of Rural Landowners. Just slip a one dollar bill in a folded piece of paper, slip the paper into an envelope and mail it to: "NARLO - FIREWALL", P. O. Box 1031, Issaquah, WA 98027. You will have done your part for freedom this month. Next month, pick another freedom organization to GIVE A DOLLAR FOR FREEDOM. As you do, watch as the voice of freedom spreads across America like a wind-driven grass fire.

Are we going to let 535 idiot politicians and their minions destroy America?

Not if we have anything to say about it!

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Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons
Store Owner Arrested Previously
By Brian Barber
World Staff Writer
On July 2, undercover narcotics agents served a warrant at [redacted] to search for drugs. They found a stockpile of land mines, hand grenades, dynamite and other explosives.

ON TEENAGERS, ADULTS!
Statistics show that Steen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.
Mary Anne Teleco, Republican state senator from Colorado Springs
(contributed by Harry F. Puncer)
MONDAY DECEMBER 1999

County to pay \$250,000 to advertise lack of funds
By MATT COOPER
The Register-Guard
Lane County will spend up to \$250,000 this year publicizing its tight financial picture, in hopes that voters in November will approve higher taxes for public-safety services.
It's an amount for county spending on publicity that has been unparalleled in at least the past 10 years. And it illustrates the seriousness of the effort to persuade voters.

Utah Poison Control Center reminds everyone not to take poison
"Children Act Fast, So Do Poisons" is the theme for National Poison Prevention Week, arch 20-26. The Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and caregivers that poisonings can be prevented. In 2004, the Utah Poison Control Center responded to over 60,000 calls, the majority of which were about actual potential poisonings.
Over 90 percent of the potential poisoning exposures involved children under age 5. The top five substances that children include giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage each use.
* Avoid taking medicine in front of children.
* Never refer to medicine as candy.
* Clean your medicine cabinet periodically, safely disposing of unneeded and outdated medicines.
The UPCC, part of the College of Pharmacy, has an active community outreach program. In 2004, representatives of the Utah Poison Control Center provided 128 community presentations and distributed more than 40,000 poison prevention education materials.

Fish need water, Feds say
By Phil Hayworth
While conservation groups and others wcl

with driving after suspension and driving an unregistered vehicle following a traffic stop on Maple Street.
2:58 p.m. — The Learning Center on Hanson Street reports a man across the way stands at his window for hours watching the center, making parents nervous. Police ID the subject as a cardboard cutout of Arnold Schwarzenegger.
3:18 p.m. — A kitten on Shaw Drive apparently has "rectum

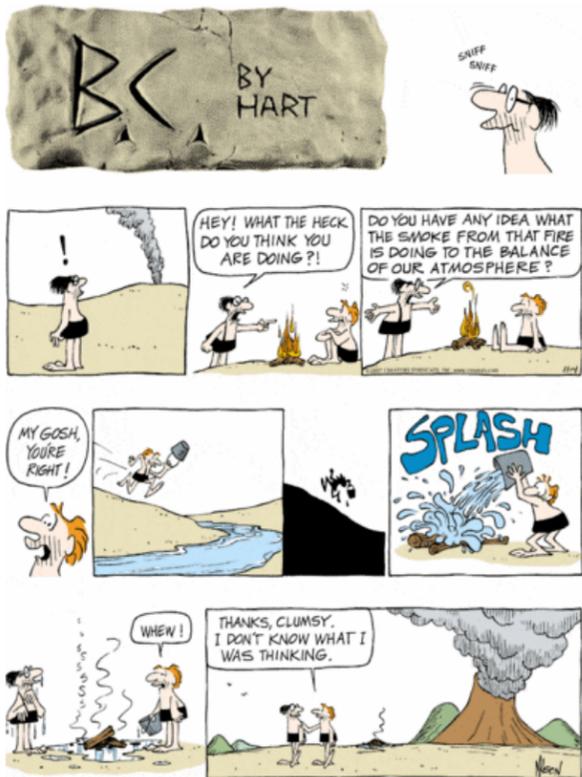
correction
Due to incorrect information received from the Clerk of Courts Office, Diane K. Merchant, 38, [redacted] SW, was incorrectly listed as being fined for prostitution in Wednesday's paper. The charge should have been failure to stop at a railroad crossing. The Public Opinion apologizes for the error.
fire call

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THIS SIDE UP BY J. C. POWERS

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their nation. This is a call to action, not through any form of hostility, but through careful deliberation upon all that it means to be an American citizen and what is required in order to retain those principles of good citizenship.

This is a call to look carefully at what lies ahead if all good men are content to remain silent and neutral.

During our most desperate times, Americans have stood up and proudly proclaimed freedom from the shackles of dominion by another country, by individuals or in modern times, by a government which has created its own authority. No good comes from a government which has no controls or consequences; it is free to morph and synthesize at will.

Politicians have no fear of voters, in most cases getting reelected with little concern. Government agency heads have no fear of politicians; they know those who are elected are more concerned with keeping their seat than providing a fundamental oversight of subordinate agencies.

The only people who scare the typical politician are those groups of organized leftwing groups like the Nazis, socialists and communists. It only matters if environmentalists, anti-smoking, pro-abortion, anti-capitalist lefties are appeased by the politicians who are willing to pacify and protect society's perversions and most outrageous kooks.

The 2008 election was perhaps the most critical moment in America's history since the signing of the nation's Declaration of Independence.

Despite a dismal 9% approval rating for Congress, the voters in the United States reelected most of the clowns to go back to DC. We have become our own highly incompetent political fools.

There was no Boston Tea Party in 2008; in fact the citizens renewed contracts with their Democrats even though they directly caused the nation's collapse. The prevalent infractions by the elected politicians and their benign government entities should give American citizens a cause to plan on coming to the aid of their nation over the next two years, at the ballot box. It's imperative for citizens to unite to offset their own destruction and ultimate defeat of their liberties.

50% of the average American workers' income goes to the government. The combination of direct and indirect taxes, "contributions" to Social Security (6.2%) and Medicare/Medicaid (1.45%), and countless fees and surcharges created an economic base that has become highly unstable because of our politicians' poor judgment and spending habits.

In the State of Michigan, the elected are not only looking for additional sources for revenue, they're pushing for penalizing success. Only by the grace of the Michigan Constitution do the State's politicians keep from a graduated income tax system like that at the national level. But that may change in time.



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Series of U. N. Treaties signed by Bill Clinton
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U. N. Plan for America's Future
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Obama's Global Wish List
<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?pageid=84373>



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The massive loss of jobs and businesses in Michigan has little persuasive power over the elected officials; they instead are ready to outlaw smoking in all public places, purchase more land in order to protect their environmental interests and require an 'always use headlights while driving on Michigan roads' mandate.

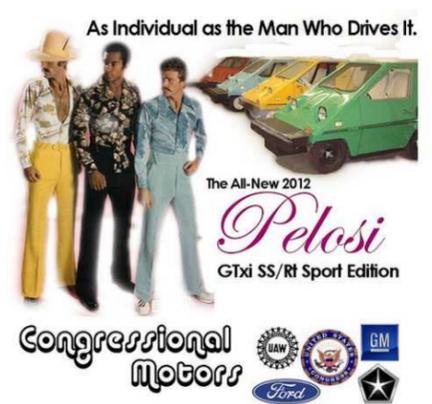
The drop-out rate in some high schools around Detroit is approaching 50%. The students have become disinterested in education and the politicians have created alternative schools so those who have no social capacity can receive an education without complying to normal rules.

The politicians have little concern about looking into a renovation of the education system. Instead they want to ensure every school has enough condoms to distribute and that all public school students receive education in alternative life-style sensitivity and tolerance, current trends in the abortion industry and some light-hearted promiscuity training. The civilization of the 21st Century is a very far cry from actually being civilized. The political shift has destroyed morality and virtually eliminated political expectations.

No civilized society can eliminate 300 million unborn citizens and expect to prosper and receive the blessings of God. To the contrary; we can expect nothing short of harsh retribution and punishment for our failure to adjust to the will of the conscience.

Unfortunately, we have become too self-absorbed to notice the hints that lay in our laps.

In an effort to forecast where we are heading as a nation, there is little doubt we are heading for a society that functions under the authority and control of one



world government. There is no benevolence between the citizens and the expansion of power and authority of those elected by us to office. The free-will of the citizen has subsided and has become irrelevant.

While some members of Congress may have a strong understanding of the Constitution and have actually tried to defend and support her, it is the members of Congress who have no interest in ensuring that the freedoms of the citizens are in place. Evidently the opposite is true.

As a challenge to all Americans, we must work diligently to identify those whom we can confidently elect who will wholeheartedly support the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and take the necessary actions to offset the imperialistic attitudes of the government. The politicians who have violated their oath of office should not enjoy reelection in 2010 as they did in 2008; a party of candidates must emerge to take up the cause of the conservatives and libertarians.