



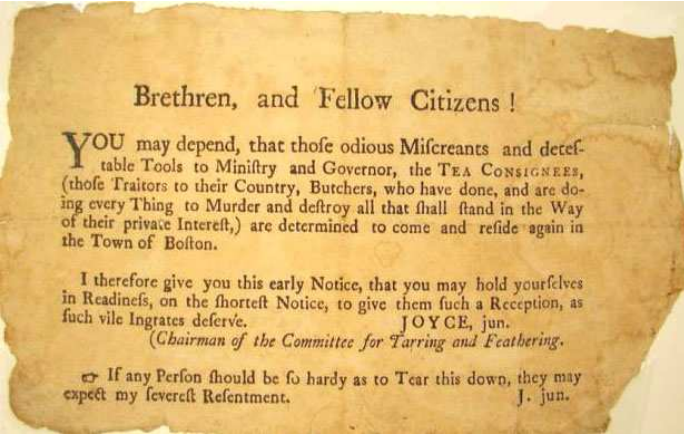
NATIONAL DEFENDER



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

TEA PARTIES REQUIRED



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Tea_Party

Punitive taxation is prevalent in the United States. As citizens lose their jobs Congress proposed suspending their own pay-raise. Granholm of Michigan, who hired a COO to do her job, suggests that the state legislative body take a 10% pay decrease. Most of the term-limited reps have no problem with her proposal if it doesn't take effect until 2010. In the meantime, the government prepares to hire thousands of new employees.

On the bottom are the citizens who have endured increases in their taxes for generations. What they see is a decline in the common government services as their "fair share" escalated to unprecedented unreasonableness.

Recently Congress set their retaliatory sights on the private citizens who worked for AIG. Extending even further beyond the limitations of the Constitution, Congress must think they are modern kings and queens. Anyone who thought those in Congress were right and proper in their target-

ing of bonus receivers are evidently not familiar with protections afforded ALL the citizens of the United States by their Constitution. Members of unions should be most concerned; contracts are no longer required to be honored.

These "progressives", who are little more than common communists, have two grand schemes that were embraced by all of the taxpayers; so they think. The first is the payroll deduction for taxes; what citizens don't see they won't miss. If taxpayers were to write a check every payday to pay their state and federal taxes and make their "contributions" to Social Security and Medicare once a month, most citizens would be staunch conservatives within 90 days.

The second scam is the graduated tax. The more successful you are the higher the percentage of a tax you pay. Right now Michigan prohibits the graduated tax, but the feds have been collecting the unconstitutional tax since Amendment XVI was allegedly ratified. The ignorant citizens have bought-into the notion that the more you earn the more you should give the government. The reciprocating entitlement mentality demonstrates that a large percentage of Americans are quite brainwashed and easily convinced that the Democrats are the representatives of the "working people" and Republicans need to moderate and be more like the Democrats.

Truly, the authority of the citizens that has been given to their elected officials has been abused, manipulated and more importantly, used against the citizens who sent them to serve terms in office that they sought. The King of England has conquered the Colonies once again.

It strikes few people as being odd that no citizen can submit a proposal or even a recall petition to the voters without the permission of the government. Citizens can't sue the government without the permission of the government and the employees are exempt from civil actions while performing their jobs.

Traders revolt! Call for new Boston Tea Party! Say Founding Fathers rolling in their graves!

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Change; America's Great Adventure

The new Administration has certainly brought "change" to DC; accountability was nominal before and now it doesn't exist at all. Those who orchestrated the collapse of the US economy sit back in their leather chairs as they look down on the citizenry. They're all quite safe now and even Kenyan-born Obama has allies so entrenched in the system that redress of grievance is beyond the authority of a common citizen.

The new "Untouchables" have locked arms against the rush of dissent. Congress is loaded with individuals criminally and civilly responsible for the economic plunge.

A very simple two sentence act could have been passed to stimulate the poor economy: *All tax liabilities for 2008 and 2009 are hereby reduced by 50%. Any interest on currently held debt shall be suspended until January 1, 2010 and no penalties shall be assessed.*

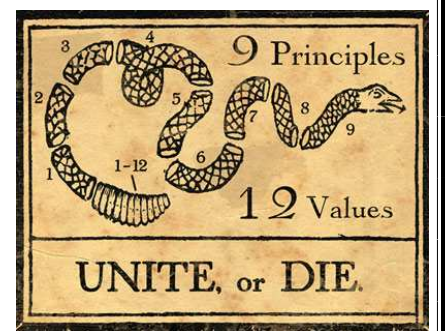
Instead we hear that Obama will not permit any pork earmarks in the bill that was dubbed the "Porkulous Bill" because of its 7,000 to 9,000 pledged earmarks.

What's most disturbing is that four major bills that collectively relive the tax payers of over \$3 trillion were not read by any member of Congress.

Obama had made public declaration that none of the money should go to private organizations; it is better spent on those "shovel-ready" state and local government projects. Evidently he wasn't talking about the \$2 billion sent to ACORN and the pending lucrative contract for conducting the census. It would of course make sense to ensure Democrats are registered.

Most of the taxpayers' money spent by Congress went into the bank; the Federal Reserve Bank, a privately-owned venture that holds our nations testicles in their greedy little hands.

Are Americans fed-up? Well, if you listen to the mainstream media most Americans embrace the bills being sent up to Obama from Congress. If you don't listen to the mainstream media and look at unreported sides you'll find nearly 70% of Americans have had it. When a faltering approval rating of Congress lingers well under 20%, we have to be suspicious when citizens reelect the most egregious offenders and incompetents. We also have pause when the GOP puts up a person dumber than Obama to run as their Presidential candidate. Curious.



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PLANNED SOCIETY SUCCESSES

Humans have evolved from monkeys; God may have been an ET and the Ten Commandments generate too much guilt to be displayed in public.

Darwinism is no longer a theory but fact according to USC at Berkeley and an unborn baby is merely tissue. Humans have no soul and religion is only for those who have self-esteem problems.

Humans must be governed and ruled; they are incapable of determining their own destiny and must be given hope and a promise of change from those who are able to give it to them; leftist politicians. People who earn too much money are a social threat to those who don't and need to be neutralized through taxation.

Entitlements are imbedded. Citizens must be appreciative of the government which provides them health care, security and a retirement income. Government will also sustain their citizens during those hard-times of extended unemployment or for those simply refusing to work.

Tax policies have relieved taxpayers of trillions of dollars that has nothing to do with their earned income. Penalties and interest imposed by the IRS are somehow constitutional and the government itself is entitled to a percentage of both your wages and any earned interest. They are also entitled to a significant share of any money you earned in an IRA, 401-K or a 403(B), even if you lost your ass.

Global cooling of the 1970s evolved into the depletion of the ozone which evolved into global warming which has now been morphed into a global climate crisis. The ozone hole closed, but that's irrelevant. Global climate change is of course directly related to the human equation. Moisture escalates the CO2 levels in the atmosphere, but hydrogen energy should be pursued.

The Great Society built numerous high rise structures in major metropolitan areas to keep minorities from infiltrating suburbia. The Democrats are their friends and will continue to sponsor and support those well-regulated minorities, as long as they vote for Democrats.

Homo sexual deviants need to be embraced and permitted to wed; it's not a sickness, it's a social choice. The homophobia that has permeated this nation is unacceptable; heterophobia is quite acceptable.

Smoking cigarettes is a horrible habit, but the decriminalization of marijuana is the right thing to do. It's not the same; second-hand smoke from cigarettes can kill you while the second-hand smoke of marijuana will merely get you stoned. Cigarettes curb appetites and are a good control agent for the incarcerated; marijuana will be good for the snack industry. (Anyone else notice Lay's potato chips now cost about \$4.00 a bag?)

The incremental destruction of the fabric of society is well underway.

TALK IT UP, TAKE IT UP, KEEP IT UP! - AN IDEA IN NEED OF VERY DEEPLY EMBEDDING

By: Joan E. Battley

Some major endeavors have been planted by concerned Americans stepping up to overcome the lack of national cohesion combined with corruption and many major media shortfalls. But, more than media is to blame for the backs-to-the-walls situation making most concerned Americans almost dizzy from the onslaught of every corrupt manipulator in every segment of what was a formerly relatively stable and functional society.

Who's to blame? Pretty much everyone. Think about that.

24-hour news cycles -- and most of the 24 hours focused on one issue with one focus of just the latest corruption, compensation, celebrities, crime and Congressional parade to the microphones. Today it's AIG. How long has AIG been building to the present outrage? Very long. How many people OTHER than the bonus-receivers had to have known that far more than minor less-than-admirable business practices were taking place?

How many of us overall have noticed much outside our own interests, or been able to take time from the hurry-hurry diversions Americans have been trained to immerse themselves in for past decades-- plural?

Corruption? When we focused on "fame and fortune and perks" in raising and EDUCATING our children, too many too often forgot to include specific abilities and character traits. "Too old-fashioned; this is THE 21st CENTURY!" Shove aside anything earlier than day-before-yesterday. The sky's the limit for our kids and our perks. Now corruption has been instilled as a needed "trait," judging from all the people who have become rich and famous utilizing it.

Compensation? What is the salary, what are the stock options, what kind of vacation time and health benefits, what kind of retirement plan? Forget any jobs that don't have career tracks and the need for EDUCATION of at least five years

past high school. Provide jobs for others? Remember when people were warned about the little phrases steadily slipped into corporate meddling into EDUCATION and TRAINING plans -- "human capital" and "human assets." All to be moved about in plans of the 21st Century world, for which "cradle to grave" was to be managed -- by those who did the manipulating of the capital of both kinds -- \$\$\$ and human. Carrot and stick society to be managed by the carrot and stick managers EVERYWHERE. Now in the carefree world of inattention, the "cradle to grave" has been officially labeled "cradle to career." Compulsory "service" is on the table now, to keep those busy whose career part of the equation has somehow fallen into limbo.

Celebrities? We taught our youth to worship celebrities and we underwrote the lavish lifestyles of the celebrities they worshipped. Allowances out of control, clothing purchases out of control, oversight out of control. Now we have celebrities whose lives demonstrate not ability to inspire, but ability to ingest harmful substances, ability to get away with crimes of all kinds, up to and including skewing the election processes by commanding admiration for their choices and thence the loyalty of those who were raised to worship celebrity. "We" filled their pockets, one way or another -- on both ends of the transactions on their way to being movers and shakers-up of society...

Crime? We looked aside as every possible kind of petty crime soon became hardly worth bothering about. Minor slips on the part of young people, were excused "because we were young once." Some grew out of the crime, many more didn't and soon "minor" was no longer minor, but major. Soon, merging the education, corporate, and capital trails, young people were channeled into

something that married all three trails: The Law. Both sides of any issue needed lawyers galore. Soon, law merged with politics, and convoluted legislation became the rule, rather than the exception. It then provided more opportunities for: Corruption, celebrity, compensation and... protection of crimes. All coddled and protected by go-alongs and get-alongs who saw some need or opportunity to cooperate. If the go-alongs played the game carefully, they would be able to get in on the corruption profits. "Follow the money" to ferret out wrongdoing was corrupted to mean "get a piece of the action."

Newspapers are now crying the blues and blaming everyone but themselves for the so-called demise of print. Print didn't die a natural death, it was pushed off the cliff of lofty aspirations of corporate management, which if not corrupt, was at least guilty of the compensation and celebrity mania that fed the corruption and crime across the country. Look at how much "ink" has been devoted to the celebrity mania, the selfishness of each segment of society in turn, and the over-marrying of advertising revenue with the topics chosen for articles and promotions.

Now, we come to Congress, the icing sliding off the caked corruption which is becoming the national symbol of 21st Century America. It's been in the mutual pockets of education, corporations, and managers of capital and the legal wheeler-dealers. Capital is the latest celebrity crime, which is even now focusing on one "celebrity criminal" thanks to media single focus instead of Fourth Estate responsibility to look at more than one corruption, one celebrity, one capital offense during a "news cycle." Corporate officials and elected officials and financial whiz kids of lesser corruption-celebrity are written up every day in lesser news articles in scattered publications and

broadcasts. The corruption celebrities go all across education officials and money overseers; charities, businesses, and even churches. Congress gets off too easily, because they are still, unwisely, looked to for help with the wrongs visited upon the country. They aren't the solution, they are the ultimate problem, embracing all the other "c's" in the list.

Congress has been indulgently looked on for decades, all the while it has become more and more an insider game, with both sides of game players milking the system and working in concert with corruption. Worse yet, it has been working in concert with each other and often relatives on the outside of the sacred halls of "responsible" government. The educators built the feminist movements, leadership was demanded, media cooperated and now we have many Congresscritters of the feminine persuasion who are married to wealthy people whose interests they see are tended to in Congressional oversights and budgets and legislative control measures imposed on the people who elected them. Elected office has also become a family perk, instead of a sacred trust to district oversight.

Now that the most outrageous of corruptions is the focus of the news today, take some time to see what else is out there, building steadily in the shadows, waiting for its own shot at the big-time of spotlights and microphones. And, notice in the process that both sides of the microphones, as well as the readers and listeners, include a lot of people who already have a piece of the action -- just not noticed as much at the moment. They're waiting their turn to take out the corrupters of the day, so that they can go back to business as usual.

Talk it up, take it up, and for all our sakes, keep it up.

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TEA PARTY ANYONE??? CONGRESS DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO READ BILLS THEY SIGN

By DR. LAURIE ROTH - APRIL 9, 2009 - NEWSWITHVIEWS.COM

We have been told over and over again from congress and this President that the stimulus bill had to be passed due to our endless financial emergencies. We were then told the pork would be taken out again and again. There is only one small problem. Pork kept being added. Soon it became clear to some of us that this was not a national emergency bill at all but a "revenge of the Democrats" bill.

The following were considered national emergencies to be added; \$650 million for the digital television converter box coupon program; \$600 million for furniture at the new Homeland Security headquarters; \$200 million for public computer centers at community colleges; \$88 million for renovating the headquar-

ters of the Public Health Service, on and on, page after page. Then we heard from politician after politician that they didn't have time to read the nearly 1200-page stimulus bill but voted for it. To me, the idea of voting for a monstrosity like this that steals for generations from the American people, without even knowing what is in it should be a CRIME. How is that representation in anyway? Join one of the Tea Parties April 15th and let your concerns be known. I will be one of the speakers at the Spokane WA Tea Party and am proud to be.

If congress is too busy to read bills that fly through or that are manipulated and added to, then they shouldn't be considered at all! Om-

nibus bills, where everything and their dog are attached should be outlawed, especially since most of congress admits to not even reading them. These bills end up being passed in the middle of the night or magically at odd times on a weekend or Holiday followed by usually a lecture that we had a chance to respond to them. Can we all say rubbish?

At this rate if all kinds of bills are going to Wisk through congress without anyone reading them why doesn't Bin Laden write and send one through declaring he and his terrorist buddies will run the state department; They could get it right through attached to something else of course. Why don't we craft a bill where all churches are now considered illegal

due to their out of control hate speech and quoting from sections of the Bible that hurt people's feelings.

Actually, now I'm thinking clearly. How about we all craft a bill that cuts the salaries of those in congress in half, outlaws not reading any bill and gives them the same retirement that we have? Let's attach it to a large omnibus bill so it will easily pass. Hundreds of Tea Parties aren't the end all and be all but they are certainly a place to meet, share our concerns and let our media and congress know that we are thoroughly ticked off, notice the man behind the curtain and AREN'T about to let this kind of misrepresentation stand in our country. The folks are getting organized and exercising their constitutional rights and freedoms. This is just the beginning. Join us at one of the Tea Parties.

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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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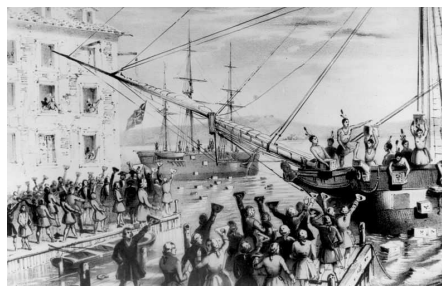
What's with these Tea Parties?

So why are the citizens outraged and preparing to engage in Tea Party-style events across the US on April 15th?

It's obviously more than just taxation; it's also about spending too much, it's about trampling on the rights of the citizens—enough is quite enough. It's also about legislating outside of the very restrictive parameters of the Constitution and it's about trampling on states' rights.

But it's not just about the egregious failures of Congress or even our state's legislative body. It's also about federal courts overriding the will of the people who had lawfully voted to stop unconstitutional spending sprees, social dictates and infringements. It's about the Supreme Court of the US siding with government over the citizen even though there was a clear violation of the Constitution. But it's also about the Executive Branch running amuck.

It's about arbitrary, capricious and often nonsensical Executive Orders. It's about treaties that compromise our sovereignty.



It's also about surrendering US authority to foreign delegations, it's about having the sovereignty of the US compromised by our being "accountable" to the non-elected, unaccountable foreign bodies like the UN and the various global economic societies.

It's about the decaying US dollar, the losses suffered in our retirement portfolios, and the threat of regulating ammunition and confiscating firearms. It's about telling the citizens what's good for them and it's about treating citizens like serfs. It's about threats, intimidation and outright criminal behavior by unconstitutional agencies.

So why won't the mainstream media take these events seriously? There are no surprises; we knew what we were getting when we went to the polls in both the primary election and again in the November general election. So why did we wait until now to air our grievances?

The common denominator that the mainstream media is missing is that these events are non-partisan; it's not about the Democrats or the Republicans—it's about all those entrusted with writing the laws of this nation, writing the policies regarding the collection taxes, fines and interest on our money and spending our money without so much as engaging in a conscientious deliberation.

Americans have had it with giving our money to illegal aliens, spending our money on foolish programs, spending our Social Security and Medicare investments and replacing them with IOUs. It's about a government that has become arrogant and fundamentally unaccountable.

IT ISN'T CAPITALISM, IT'S GREED

By Marilyn M. Barnewall - April 8, 2009 - NewsWithViews.com

Why is the economy not growing? Why are none of the "jump-starts" being injected into the economy by Fed Head Helicopter Ben Bernanke and Treasury Tim (Forgot to Pay My Taxes) Geithner not working? Why will hundreds of billions of dollars President Obama got approved to stimulate the economy not work? Why didn't the first \$800 billion work - or the checks that were sent out to all Americans so they could spend the money and stimulate the economy?

What is the problem?

The problem is, the American people have begun doing the right thing - saving - while the government continues doing precisely the thing that got us into the economic mess in the first place: Overspending.

Have you ever tried to put a roof on a house without first building four walls on which the roof can be placed? The actions being taken by the government to "stimulate" the economy is a little like that. They're trying to put a roof on a house with no walls and the roof keeps falling to the ground. Puzzled statesmen like Barney Frank and Chris Dodd and Neighborhood Organizer Barack Obama stand around with puzzled looks on their faces wondering why the roof cannot be made to stay up just because there are no walls.

To understand why the economy is not improving gives people a frightening insight into the way the minds of politicians think. Many have law degrees, but few, if any, understand the business of banking. We have economists who understand econometric models which, because they were filled with misassumptions, keep spitting out wrong answers. Without accurate computer models to guide them, without correct assumptions, economists are at a loss.

What can we tell about how politicians think from what they have done to fight the abominable unemployment statistics and all of the other data that tells a very clear story?

We can tell that they think things are going to go back to the way they were. We should take up a collection and send each of them a copy of the song "Memories." because no matter what they think, things will not go back to the way they were. I hate to tell that to a man Warren Buffet's age - I'm not far behind him - but it's true.

The computer models that spit out statistics about economic trends and what it means when averages are missed have been wrong for a long time. GIGO applies here - Garbage In, Garbage Out.

The current crisis started with the Community Reinvestment Act and moved to NAFTA. It started before then, but that was the first time our politicians made it apparent they thought the new era of technology and service could totally replace the industrial and manufacturing era.

In 1860, we moved from an economy driven by agriculture to an economy driven by industry and manufacturing. Did we tell Mexico or the nations of South America they should produce our farm goods? No. The agriculture economy may have taken a back seat to Henry Ford's Model T, but agriculture, which had been the driving force of the American economy for a hundred years, remained in tact in America.

In 1960, we moved from an economy driven by industry and manufacturing to an economy driven by technology and the service industry. Instead of maintaining our industrial base and keeping our manufacturing businesses strong, we shipped those jobs off to Mexico (at first) and then to any nation that could provide lower cost labor than was available in the U.S.A. For those who do not recognize it, that is called "corporate greed."

And so the current problem began.

If the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department were able to fix the banking industry tomorrow, how many Americans would rush out to borrow money?

It is, of course, an unanswerable question. So, let's approach it from a different perspective.

How many people do you know who feel totally secure about their jobs and ongoing salary increases? How many of them feel totally secure about their retirement funds? How many of them trust the government? How do the 5 or 6 million documented people who are out of work borrow money from a bank for a new car or a home mortgage when they have no way to repay the loan?

The economy is not growing because people are not spending money. When people do not spend money, businesses do not



it's simple is because anyone with an IQ two points above plant life can see what the problems are. The problems are over in right field and government and the Fed (which is not part of the government) are trying to catch fly balls in left field. Government batters are facing the stands rather than the pitcher's mound. Either these people should go on record as being dumber than dumb, or they are helping to manufacture an economic crisis that will remove sovereignty from nations all over the world. Those are the only two possibilities.

Someone needs to tell Barney and Chris and Ben and Tim and Barack that the days of consumer spending for things people want but don't need is over. People have learned a great deal during the almost two-year ordeal of broken promises and outright lies.

They have learned that Barney Frank and Chris Dodd were doing everything in their legislative power to keep Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac making bad mortgage loans to people who couldn't afford them. They have learned that John McCain and George W. Bush tried to stop them and were ineffective. They have learned that they have a President who, during a Monday night speech to the nation, adamantly rejects earmarks because of the seriousness of our economic crisis - and the next day says he will sign a budget that has 9,000 of them.

A lot of people are going to tell you that the status of our economy proves that capitalism does not work. What a bunch of balderdash! We haven't had a capitalist economy in America since the first job was sent to Mexico under NAFTA. What we have is a bunch of greedy people who we, the people, have elected to office. Keep in mind that Adam Smith who created the capitalist system (just as Kark Marx created the socialist and communist systems that redistribute wealth) said that capitalism was a profit-motivated form of economics. He made it very clear that when greed became the driving factor behind an economy, it was not capitalism at work. It was greed.

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We're Not at Work Right Now, We're Working

By Carl Hulse April 6, 2009

Members of Congress are notoriously wary about being seen as slacking off in their public duties. As a result, Congress never officially takes a vacation or even a break. It takes a district or state "work period" such as the current Spring District Work Period.

It will be followed by the Memorial Day District Work Period, the Independence Day District Work Period and the extended Summer District Work Period for those ever-busy members of the House and Senate. No summer vacation for these folks.

Congressional leaders stick to those descriptors even though many lawmakers use these breaks to travel not solely to their districts or states in the case of senators, but overseas on official delegations or around the country to raise money. For instance, Senator Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader, announced today that he was leading a three-member delegation to the Middle East.

Congressional leaders aren't satisfied in just trying to play down the regular Congressional interregnums; they are also fudging a bit on the

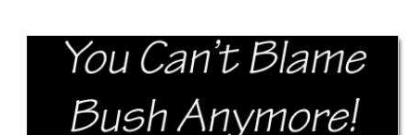
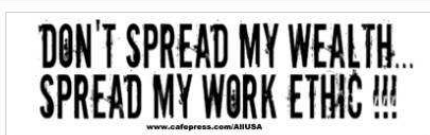
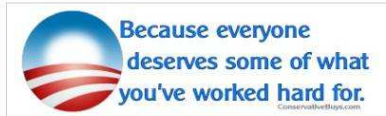
calendar. The official web sites of the House and Senate list the current work periods as extending from April 6 to April 17, a total of 12 days.

That count conveniently overlooks the fact that the House and Senate both recessed after passing their budgets on April 2. And the House will not return until April 21, which makes the district work period 19 days or closing in on three weeks. The Senate is a little less generous, coming back on April 20.

Perhaps they should hurry back sooner - they may need to relax after all that work at home.



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OK, So Obama Didn't Bow -- He Curtsied

By Oliver North Posted 04/10/2009 ET



The traveling, never-ending campaign road show came home this week. POTUS is back in Washington from his "I like you-you like me," excellent adventure in Europe and "surprise" trip to Baghdad. It was nice of Obama to thank the troops. He should have bowed to *them* instead of King Abdullah.

Members of the O-Team, recovering from late-night teleprompter edits, grand parties and jet-lag now deny that the apparently obsequious gesture to the Saudi king was really a "bow." Perhaps it would be better described as a "curtsey."

Whatever it was, the Arab press applauded the moment as servile -- and in keeping with the administration's "apologize for America first" message. Given what else happened this week, the incident may turn out to be as trivial as giving the Queen of England a Chinese-made i-Pod as a gift from the American people.

While Obama was basking in the adulation of carefully selected Euro-crowds, and genuflecting to foreign potentates (or simply "bending, because he is so tall"), other *really* bad things were happening. The North Koreans defied his warnings of "severe consequences" and test-launched a long-range

Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. In Tehran, the ayatollahs ignored his utopian plea for "the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons" and claim to have turned on 7,000 more centrifuges to refine Uranium. Somali pirates "dissed" his "deep appreciation for the Islamic faith, which has done so much over the centuries to shape the world" and hijacked an American-flagged vessel in the Gulf of Aden.

The O-Team was so exercised over the first piracy of an American-flagged merchant vessel since 1866 that Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton fired off a full rhetorical volley. While the crew was busy re-taking their ship, she said that "We're deeply concerned" and "following it closely" and "the world must come together to end the scourge of piracy."

More telling than the vacuous hot air blowing from London, Prague, Ankara, Baghdad and Washington was the defense budget presented this week. It assures adversaries and allies alike that we will be unprepared to fight a serious adversary in the future. Hollow talk, empty oratory and impossible dreams are now commonplace in American politics, but the O-Team's Euro-Expedition may have set a new foreign fantasy record. Actions speak louder

than words -- no matter how flowery the rhetoric.

In Prague, Czech Republic, Obama's speech-writers dropped into the teleprompter a last-minute observation that "Just this morning...North Korea broke the rules once again by testing a rocket that could be used for long range missiles." He then noted that "[t]his provocation underscores the need for action -- not just this afternoon at the U.N. Security Council, but in our determination to prevent the spread of these weapons."

Perhaps if they had more time, his wordsmiths wouldn't have included the pivotal words "once again" to remind us that nothing the U.N. Security Council has done to date has in any way deterred the North Koreans from doing whatever they please about building nuclear weapons or ICBMs. Obama might as well have mentioned that you can't say the word "unproductive" without using U.N.

Genocidal despots -- like those ruling in Pyongyang and Tehran -- have never cowered in fear of a non-binding U.N. Security Council resolution because they know that the U.N. has raised irrelevance to a new art form. They do, however, pay attention to reality -- like what we're buying to defend ourselves.

Unfortunately, less than 24 hours after Obama described the North Korean "provocation" and Iran's "dangerous pursuit of nuclear weapons," his defense budget revealed how seriously he takes those and other threats. The O-Team intends to reduce our ability to project

power overseas and to protect the American people from nuclear attack.

If the Obama defense budget is approved as submitted, we will increase spending on protecting our troops ashore and fleet at sea from attack by ballistic missiles carrying weapons of mass destruction, but cut homeland ballistic missile defense by \$1.4 billion. We will increase the number of small "littoral support ships," but reduce our ability to project power from the sea by cutting our carrier fleet from twelve to ten battle groups. We will not modernize ground combat mobility for the Army and the Marines, and POTUS will have to wait a few more years for a new helicopter.

Thankfully the new budget does include much-needed funding for housing and facilities vital to our war-fighters and their families. It also purchases more unmanned aerial vehicles and future F-35 multi-mission aircraft than originally contemplated -- but cuts the production line for the already proven F-22.

Taken together -- the towering teleprompter talk and the hard realities of what Obama is willing to spend on defense -- we had better pray that he is right. But then, this is Easter season -- and a good time to pray.

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Gun Bans for Your Health

By A.W.R. Hawkins Posted 04/09/2009 ET—<http://www.awrhawkins.com/>

While President Obama, Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, and Attorney General Eric Holder share an anti-gun ideology, they might not be the greatest threat to the Second Amendment among the current administration. Their gun control efforts could be vastly outdone by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's habit of equating gun bans with curing a "public health epidemic."

Prior to becoming secretary of education, Duncan was CEO of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) from 2001 to 2008. During that time, student performance in CPS remained static or fell even further behind the national average. For example, in October 2008 the *Chicago Tribune* reported: "The percentage of Chicago public high school students who met or exceeded state standards on a test tied to the ACT college-entrance exam dropped for the third consecutive year."

According to the *Progressive Review*, fourth-grade tests improved by "less than three tenths of a percent" between 2003 and 2007 and eighth-grade math tests remained two points behind the national average for that same time period. Yet Duncan was lauded by his fellow leftists for his concern for the children, especially when he showed that concern through rallies against gun ownership, his heavy involvement with the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, and speech upon speech containing lines like: "I wish that our society valued children more than it values...traditions that might have been at home in a frontier society two centuries ago but make absolutely no sense today."

For any of you who are new to Democrat double-speak, the "traditions" he criticizes are those tied to our nation's heritage of keeping arms and bearing them.

In another *Chicago Tribune* story which ran in October 2008, Duncan said: "[Gun violence] is a public health epidemic. We

are struggling to find the cure for AIDS, we are struggling to find the cure for cancer; [yet] we know the cure for this public health epidemic -- getting rid of guns."

Ironically, Duncan spewed a similar rant on April 1, 2008, at "a gun control rally sponsored by Rev. Michael Pflieger of St. Sabina's Catholic Church." (Yes, you read that right: the same race-baiting Michael Pflieger who preached to Obama when the regular race-baiter, Jeremiah Wright, was on hiatus.)

According to the Illinois State Rifle Association, at the very time Duncan was fighting against gun rights with Pflieger, the Chicago Police Department was releasing studies which indicated that the vast majority of "children" dying in Chicago shootings were not average kids: "88% of murders [were] committed by people with previous criminal records" and "about 76% of murder victims had records as well."

Isn't it a little duplicitous to include the deaths of habitual criminals with those of innocent children shot on the playground? Doing so makes it look like someone is trying to inflate casualty figures in order to better the chance of securing a gun ban.

Men like Duncan and the anti-gun movements of which he was a part deserve more than a little scrutiny concerning the current crime spree in Chicago. It is, after all, on the homepage of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence that one finds the boast, "Keeping Illinois one of only two states that does not allow the carrying of loaded, concealed handguns in public places."

The fact that such laws make Illinois one of only two states that keep law-abiding citizens unarmed in public places, where most mass shootings of unarmed



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law-abiding civilians occur, makes no difference to Duncan. He is convinced that Illinois current ban against concealed weapons doesn't go far enough. Instead, he wants a completely gun-free society and promises to "keep fighting the NRA, the gun makers, the gun dealers, the gang bangers and everyone else who refuses to accept the undeniable fact that guns and kids don't mix." He even promises to reach "in the home" in his fight against gun ownership.

Perhaps it seems I've exaggerated Duncan's threat to our freedom. Especially in light of the fact that states and schools, rather than the secretary of education, traditionally control book buys and curricula. But the key word with this administration is "change," folks, and Duncan has promised to change the way the secretary of education oversees education.

To achieve this change, "[Duncan's] discretionary money...is \$5 billion, [which is] more than the entire budget of the Department of Education 35 years ago." And in a recent interview conducted by John Merrow, Duncan not only made it clear that he will pursue "national standards" in curriculum but also that the funds in his budget will not make it to states that don't educate his way: "States have to behave in...different ways [than they have]. ... The idea of 50 states doing

things, you know, their own way doesn't quite make sense."

Merrow asked Duncan if he meant to imply that money would only go to states that "do [what] Duncan wants." And Duncan replied, "If you play by these rules, absolutely right."

So there you have it. One of the most anti-gun ideologues in Washington not only plans to take it upon himself to set state curriculum via national standards but also to withhold money from states that don't go his way. And if we sit idly by, it won't be long till our children are taught that "we live in a society that values the right to bear arms over the lives of our children."

We'll have to counter this by reminding our children that "we the people," not the government, are the defenders of our freedom, possessions and selves. And contrary to Duncan's opinion, that defense is best done with a gun.

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FOOD NAZIS PERSECUTE PIE MAKERS

By C. J. Williams

By now most of the world has heard about the Pennsylvania Pie Fight that's pitted US Government Food Nazis against blue henna-haired Pennsylvania grandmas whose only crime was to provide homemade pies prepared with tender loving care in their own kitchens for a first day of Lent fund-raiser at the St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Rochester, PA.



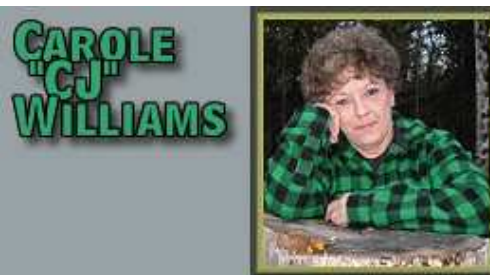
The dreaded Food Nazis showed up that day and declared the pies unfit for human consumption because churches and other entities that serve food at four or more events a year are mandated to apply for a temporary eating and drinking license. Additionally, those entities absolutely must ensure that food and drink being served has been prepared in a kitchen inspected by the state's Food Nazis, which hopefully does not yet include granny's kitchen or yours.

A similar mandate exists in Michigan, though few on the west end of the Upper Peninsula knew about it until last Super Bowl Sunday. Traditionally, many neighborhood drinking establishments are the gathering spot to watch the game with friends

and a potluck supper is generally in order so that hungry bellies can be filled and much deserved praises of, "Yummmm, what you ladies brought to eat sure was good " can be passed around.

However, this year about two weeks before the big game the local Health Department mailed bar owners a newsletter that included a notification that any food cooked off-premise and served in their establishment on Super Bowl Sunday would be strictly taboo on that day or any day, for that matter. Patrons at my local pub were up in arms, as a potluck feast fit for royalty had already been planned. In fact, a Thanksgiving dinner had been prepared and brought in by several ladies so that those who lived alone wouldn't have to dine alone on that day of giving thanks to God for all matter of things.

A quick call to the Food Nazi division of the west end Yooper health department resulted in further news that the law had been on the books since at least the year 2000, but the spoil sports just hadn't gotten around to rigidly enforcing it in more than one or two local areas yet, though they cer-



tainly intended to send out patrols hither, thither, and yon on Super Bowl Sunday of '09.

The proprietress of my local pub, who has raised a big shoe load of kids and is now into feeding grandkids hasn't given any a tummy ache from poorly cooked meals or lost a one of them to food poison. However, she can't bring in so much as a dozen cookies baked in her own oven to share with customers. Nope! Instead, she can drive all the way up to the Red Star Imports store in Houghton, buy all manner of contaminated food imported from China, and serve it in her establishment provided that no part of it is cooked in her home.

According to a friend of mine, the Ontonagon Men's Organization in that western U.P. village cooks an annual steak dinner for the school Booster Club's \$100-a-ticket fundraiser and all proceeds go toward athletic sports equipment. Last year a Food Nazi showed up and she darn near closed them

down because the cooks were storing the bread and rolls in a cooler that was 2° (that's right - only two degrees) less than her state-issued Food Nazi Rule Book indicated was 'safe'.

In all of my considerable years of partaking of potlucks, community picnics, spaghetti dinners to help those in need, after meeting snack fests, and various and sundry occasions where home cooked food is shared or even sold at a bake sale, have I yet to hear of anyone coming down with food poisoning. I have, however, heard of plenty of cases of that happening from food eaten in restaurants and food bought from the local RSI store.

Evidently common sense and "neighbor helping neighbor" is to become a thing of the past just as barn raisings, box socials and barn dances have become. What's coming isn't a Brave New World; instead it's to be a Police State patrolled by Big Brother's Nazi Police Divisions that may end up inspecting your bathroom to make damn sure you use only so much toilet paper per day. Or, as my Ontonagon friend says, will be issued scuba gear so they can keep an eye on the beachfront to make sure the internal temperature on your roasted marshmallow reaches a certain degree before you pop it in your mouth. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123932034907406927.html>

TAXPAYERS 'SUCKER-PUNCHED' AGAIN

By C. J. Williams

At a time when most taxpayers have already tightened their belt to the last notch and have dug out the old ice pick to punch more holes so their belt can be cinched even tighter, the federal government is increasing it's motor fleet, no doubt to accommodate some of its thousands of new hires.

Word on the street is that the US Government, using windfalls from its extorted Economic Stimulus Package, funded by those of us peons who still have a nickel left for the tax man, has placed an order for approximately 17,600 brand-spanking-new American made cars, and wants them delivered by the 1st day of June. Of that amount, at least 2,500 are to be hybrid sedans delivered no later than... are you ready for this, folks? The US Government wants its hybrids on TEA Party Day, April 15th, when citizens will take to the streets to proclaim they've been "Taxed Enough Already".



Like the braying female jackass she is, Michigan's Gov. Jenny Granholm is foaming at the mouth with glee and has been recently quoted as hee-hawing, "This is good news for the American auto companies and the hundreds of thousands of families who rely on those companies for their livelihoods. Bolstering sales at these companies is the best way to protect jobs. I'm pleased that President Obama is choosing to buy American for the U.S. government and that he recognizes that our American workers turn out great, fuel-efficient products. Any increase in sales is - in the end - good for Michigan."

Quite possibly the Canadian born, power-suited femme fatale hasn't been following the local news and doesn't know that GM is still thinking about filing for bankruptcy, which would mean yet another job loss of around 47,000 autoworkers, plus even more job losses in industries that supply GM.

Quite possibly she's simply ignoring the fact that the already gargantuan hole in Michigan's budget has for quite some time been deepening to the tune of \$100 Million per month, because in mid-December Mademoiselle "Blow You Away" Granholm called for Michigan's government auto fleet to be enhanced with American-made, fuel-efficient vehicles. Since that time, orders have been placed for almost 1,500 of them, and guess who's footing the bill for that, too, my broke and badly bent little dearies.

The most recent newsletter from the Michigan Association of Counties contains a paragraph aptly titled, "State's Economy In Rough Straits, Budget Cuts Coming". Here is that bad news in its entirety:

"According to separate articles this week state revenues are going to be off by \$1 billion in the current fiscal year, which is nearly half over; half a million people have fled Michigan since 2001 for sunnier job climates; and the state has lost 700,000 jobs during the same 8 year period. To put it in perspec-

tive, Louisiana lost about 250,000 jobs after Katrina, according to reports. These completely dismal numbers have led to a decision in the Senate not to pass out fiscal year 2010 budgets before spring break, which begins today (April 3rd). The Senate's reasoning is that in light of the bad news economically for the state, even the reduced budgets for 2010 will probably need to be cut again. One of the big debates will be whether or not stimulus money will be used to plug holes, if the budget will be balanced entirely on cuts, or somewhere in between."



To be quite frank, the first ones out of Michigan when the state's economy really started to tank once Jenny took the helm, should have been the Queen Bee, herself, and her fawning entourage of accommodating hive-mates, namely the legislators who spend about a third of their year in Lansing purportedly working to represent their constituents, but instead ask 'how high?' when her highness brays, "Jump!"

OVERSTEPPING CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY

2009 Floor Stocks Tax Return

<http://www.ttb.gov/forms/f500028t09.pdf>

Floor Stocks Tax Inventory and Filing Information

http://www.ttb.gov/tax_audit/floor-stocks-tax.shtml

Questions & Stupid Answers

http://www.ttb.gov/tax_audit/floor-stocks-tax-faqs.shtml

Instructions

<http://www.ttb.gov/forms/p500028t09.pdf>



Report: Climate Provision Would Allow Global Warming 'Victims' to Sue

The Washington Times reports that a provision in a bill authored by Democratic Reps. Henry Waxman of California and Edward Markey of Massachusetts would allow global warming victims to sue.

An under-the-radar provision in a House climate bill would give plaintiffs who claim to be victims of global warming a way to sue the federal government or businesses, according to a report Friday in The Washington Times.

The Times reported that Democratic Reps. Henry Waxman of California and Edward Markey of Massachusetts added it into a bill they authored.

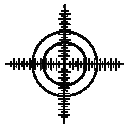
The provision, which was just released, reportedly would set grounds for plaintiffs who has "suffered" or expect to suffer "harm" attributable at least in part to government inaction. The provision defines "harm" as "any effect of air pollution (including climate change)," according to the Times. Plaintiffs could seek up to \$75,000 in damages a year from the government, with \$1.5 million being the maximum total payout.

The Times reported that Waxman is trying to accelerate passage for the bill through his committee, as the Senate begins drafting its own version.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/04/10/report-climate-provision-allow-global-warming-victims-sue/>

EDITOR'S NOTE: There is no mention of the taxpayers who were duped into believing global warming was real. The fictional crisis has effectively depleted our discretionary funds.

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THIS SIDE UP BY J. C. POWERS

Will the thunderous applause, chants and cheers that will prevail around the nation on Tea Day 2009 last more than the brief moments? Or will this equate to the "Shot heard around the world"?

*"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled;
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard 'round the world."*

The line "Shot heard around the world" is originally from the opening stanza of Ralph Waldo Emerson's *Concord Hymn* (1837), and referred to the beginning of the American Revolutionary War. (Wikipedia.org)

Just 234 years later, the cry for us to meet our fellow citizens at our hometown's Concord Bridge is echoing through the streets of America. From the steps of the courthouse, to the veterans' park, to any other location where citizens can peacefully rally and vent their grievances against their modern tyrannical government, people will rally.

The Progressives (communists, socialists and fascists) have described the Constitution as a living, breathing document. They have a notion that the Constitution is flexible and must adjust to the times. The Progressives have incrementally nudged God out of the public eye and introduced our children to immoral and unethical breaches. They have even suggested that our ancestors used to swing by their tails from the trees and we are nothing but a soulless species.

The dynamics of the human race has in fact changed; but not for the better. If there is truly an evolution of humankind, we are now in a de-evolution mode. We are taller than our ancestors and will continue with that trend, but we are evidently not as quite as strong and patriotic as our ancestors. We've voluntarily surrendered to tyranny.

The prevalent concerns are not partisan, they're American. The citizens of the United States of America have been infiltrated by individuals who are committed to dictating public and private behaviors. While sodomy is costing the nation billions of dollars, the social adjusters are targeting smoking as they promote gay marriage and adoption of young children by the faggot couples.

Weak-minded college students are targeted as allies, activists, and promoters of the new world order. While their professors convince them that enlightenment includes embracing social perversions and economic equality, the typical college student doesn't learn the costs associated with detrimental laws, policies and regulations that retard entrepreneurship and national solvency until they have invested in their own lives and family.

The fires of racism is being re-stoked by those interested in dividing the citizens of the nation in order to further conquer and control the masses. Individuals who have lived off the teat of the taxpayers, some for several generations, are actively recruited to help seat the very people who have kept them from being little more than welfare rats; kept on the modern plantations of wealthy slave owners—well fed, clothed, sheltered, and controlled. They are nothing more than good little captives who are under the impression that they are living the American dream.

The Progressives have conquered the both welfare class and weak-minded citizenry. They have proven they own the loyalty of the minorities, the welfare class and weak-minded young folk through the results of the November election. The middle working class citizenry is now targeted as the elite class is rescued on the backs of the working class. We have even permitted Congress to borrow money from foreign lands, compromising our national economic security.

In addition to the actions of Congress which effectively destroyed our economy and the essence of our national security efforts, there is a brain-washing movement which recruits very susceptible individuals; much like the Muslim religion does, to invoke the dictates of the new national and global despotism. The inclinations of citizens to remain within the constrictive controls of political correctness are jeopardizing the future of America's children.

Once Americans surrender to the dictates of the global despots; who will rescue us from the societal-cleansing furnaces? Not possible? Consider the most recent health care bill that floated through Congress establishes a board to review the viability of continuing medication on patients who are getting too expensive to treat.

Consider the "Death with Dignity" group that supports euthanasia, or assisted suicide. Consider that we have become a violent nation that accepts the practice of abortion and even allowing a surviving fetus to wail and suffer until it succumbs.

Consider that we have permitted spending billions in genetic research to help establish a superior race that is comparable to genetically modified agricultural seeds; eugenics.

Consider that we have permitted utilizing human zygotes for genetic bio-research when all such research conclusively indicates that the human embryonic cells cannot be controlled but adult stem cells and cells from placentas can be successfully utilized to create organs and repair damaged tissue.

UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN

The topic of discussion occurring in coffee shops and among like-minded people in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan revolves around the feasibility of the UP seceding from the State of Michigan. Although we have our fair share of state-sponsored families, it is quite feasible the UP can survive without the money and control of Lansing, in-fact, we can even in no uncertain terms even flourish.

But, in order for the citizens of the UP to take up the objective of secession from Michigan into full consideration, they should extensively deliberate on the laws and pre-establish the new state's Constitution. This will require the new state invoke the authority of the state over intrusive actions, laws, rules, regulations or controls by the national government.

Any national law, tax or other national infringements which go beyond the words of the Constitution of the United States must be clearly declared void and therefore unenforceable. This must be clear in the new state's Constitution.

It would also be up the new state to empower the judicial leadership with the task of interpreting the constitutionality of all national endeavors, including the collection of taxes, control of our industries and resources and other issues that are contrived by the DC oligarchy.

We have learned valuable lessons over the years, even though some residents of the Upper Peninsula seem to vote as if they haven't a clue. Terms of office and term limits must be established to prevent career politicians from bleeding the new state's financial coffers. Representatives working with modern electronic systems can communicate from an office right in their own district. There would be only nominal requirements to convene as a whole and during emergency situations.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the establishment of government services must be limited to only the absolutely necessary commitments. We retain all tax revenue in the state, abolish property tax on homesteads up to 40 acres, and provide a business and industry environment that would entice relocation and the building of new enterprises. Our resources are plentiful and with sound oversight, the UP can perpetually survive. Add some counties from Wisconsin and the northern lower part of Michigan and it can only get better.