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"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

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UNION DEMISE BY J. C. POWERS

Two forms of unions are heading down the wrong road; the unions for the workers' and the Union of the United States. Let's begin with those unions that represent the workers.

As a staunch conservative I found myself getting very upset as I explored products to determine their country of origin—it's a chore to turn-around plugged-in electronic devices to read the manufacturer's label, or flip a box around to locate the "Made in" tag or trying to discover the "Produce of" on a tomato. Had our politicians been serious about their obligations to the American workers, from the farmer to the automaker, they would have required clear and consistent labeling on the front all items being sold in America. Instead they're more interested in protecting the identity of foreign-made products, probably as part of the deal which allows them to borrow money from non-USA entities.

Our government has spent most of its time trying to get the most money out of you and your employer as quickly as possible, even as our cost-of-living skyrocketed and our pay checks remained virtually the same. For some of our brothers and sisters their paychecks have disappeared entirely and for too many, permanently.

Our government has gone as far as taxing unemployment income! This is of course expected since the new breed of compassionate individuals that we elected had thought it appropriate to tax Social Security payments, retroactively.

After generations of negotiations to bring union workers to a comfortable level of benefits and an assumed solid retirement package, the union workers now learn that they have been scammed by the very people they elected to represent them within the union and in the capitols. What union negotiator would think it ok to have the employer invest retirement funds back into the employer's coffers? What kind of politician would view that as an ok practice?

Those highly-paid union negotiators and over-paid politicians should have insisted the workers' pension plans be invested in diverse and secure retirement accounts. No retirement plan should be solely reliant on the success of the company. Did none of those negotiation experts recall what happened to the Enron employees?

As goes the union of the states, so goes the collective bargaining unions; they go hand-in-hand. However, it's also vice-versa; as goes the collective bargaining unions, so goes the union of the states. Michigan is an example of what happens when labor, employers, and the government collide in a three-way on the playing field. Logically, government can't serve the interest of labor at the expense of the employer and politicians can't serve the interest of the employer at the expense of labor. There is no such thing as fairness in a society based on impositions like rules, regulations, penalties, excessive taxation, under-payments for goods and services provided by government-funded programs, and the topped-off at the subordinate governmental levels with unfunded mandates.

The bottom-line is this; people can't worship two gods. While one political Party says they protect the citizens' rights, the other says they're for the working man. Seriously, if it were the case in either proclamation we wouldn't be separated by either ideology and we most certainly wouldn't be where we are today; disheveled workers barely eking out a living and our employers teetering on bankruptcy while operating within a union of states that are trying to float unprecedented government deficits. In fact there is no difference between the protection of the citizens' rights and representing the worker, even if that worker is the head of General Electric or a high school student starting on the bottom at McDonald's. If the boat capsizes everyone will drown except the politicians and government employees.

The Party who says they are the protectors of liberty and freedom have turned out no better than the Party that is now ruled by environmentalists, economic globalists, SEIU, ACORN and other communist groups like MoveOn.org. Whether or not the GOP has been infiltrated by communists on the left, it is up to the GOP Party to cleanse their own Party of the riff-raff—Newt Gingrich's endorsement of the communist babe in New York because she's the only one on the GOP ticket was quite revealing about the schizophrenic, directionless, Kool-Aid drinking GOP Party.

Those Party members, who say they truly represent the working man, scoff at efforts toward some semblance of protectionism. They embrace the voodoo science of environmentalism over the more accurate science of ecology, tax success by penalizing workers' wages at various percentage rates while trying to create extreme class envy.

Few Americans have failed to realize that while the citizens are stomped-on, burdened with excessive taxes from the pay check to the pump to a pack of cigarettes and complete destruction of their investments because of imposed laws and policies that collapsed the investment markets, and that the political elite have done well at creating their own retirement and benefit protections. No member of government, especially those we elected, will have to ride on any of those nasty little crap-wagons like their constituents; they've taken care of themselves for life on the backs of the taxpayers. Even if the dollar collapses and they have to go Euro on us, they will always get their pay checks and benefits and will continue to be able to afford to feed, clothe and house their family.

In order to form a more perfect union the workers, veterans, faithful, Constitution-loyalists, and all the over-taxed and under-represented citizens must unite to do two things. First, we all must identify new individuals who are devoted to the original principles of our preferred political Party to run against the incumbent.

We need to fire the career politicians who have failed to honor and serve those who hired them to do their job and yes, they must all be pro-American anti-communist with a healthy suspicion regarding the movement toward globalization.

Finally, if you can't find someone in your Party who shares your values, get on board with a third-party candidate.

Don't make any contributions to your state and national parties, only directly to those candidates you wish to offer your financial and political support. It is imperative that we work together to fire most state and national politicians and create veto-proof legislative bodies at both the state and national levels.

God, please help us save the Republic!

HIGHLIGHTS

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PAGE 3: "I don't belong to any such group," Stupak said. "I rent a room at a house in 'C Street.' I do not belong to any such group. I don't know what you're talking about, [The] Family and all this other stuff."

PAGE 4: In order to create a veto-proof Senate it may take at least one more election cycle to eliminate a majority of the idiots like Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow, John McCain, John Kerry, Harry Reid and several other disloyal senators.

PAGE 5: Instead of blowing Michigan citizens away with her promise of a 'New Michigan', the Ring Master has presided over the demolition of the industrial 'Old Michigan' and the shedding of multiple thousands of factory jobs that will never be filled again. In lock step with D.C. Comrade Pelosi.

PAGE 6: And so, you might rightfully ask... after five years of centralized planning, higher taxes, and a fleeing population, what did the government decide to do with its grand experiment, its "Model City"? You'll never guess....

PAGE 8: The Conservative Party would generally endorse Republican candidates, but in those races in which a liberal Republican was running against a Leftist Democrat a robust Conservative Party should run as a third party candidate.

CASH FOR CLUNKERS EXPLAINED

If you traded in a clunker worth \$3500, you get \$4500 off for an apparent "savings" of \$1000. However, you have to pay taxes on the \$4500 come April 15th (something that no auto dealer will tell you). If you are in the 30% tax bracket, you will pay \$1350 on that \$4500.

So, rather than save \$1000, you actually pay an extra \$350 to the feds. In addition, you traded in a car that was most likely paid for. Now you have 4 or 5 years of payments on a car that you did not need, that was costing you less to run than the payments that you will now be making.

But wait, it gets even better: you also got ripped off by the dealer.

For example, every dealer in LA was selling the Ford Focus with all the goodies including A/C, auto transmission, power windows, etc for \$12,500 the month before the "cash for clunkers" program started.

When "cash for clunkers" came along, they stopped discounting them and instead sold them at the list price of \$15,500. So, you paid \$3000 more than you would have the month before. (Honda, Toyota, and Kia played the same list price game that Ford and Chevy did).

So let's do the final tally here:

You traded in a car worth:	\$3500
You got a discount of:	\$4500
Net so far	+\$1000
But you have to pay:	\$1350 in taxes on the \$4500
Net so far:	-\$350
And you paid:	\$3000 more than the car was selling for the month before
Net	-\$3350

We could also add in the additional taxes (sales tax, state tax, etc.) on the extra \$3000 that you paid for the car, along with the 5 years of interest on the car loan but let's just stop here.

So who actually made out on the deal? The feds collected taxes on the car along with taxes on the \$4500 they "gave" you. The car dealers made an extra \$3000 or more on every car they sold along with the kickbacks from the manufacturers and the loan companies. The manufacturers got to dump lots of cars they could not give away the month before. And the poor stupid consumer got saddled with even more debt that they cannot afford.

Obama and his band of merry men convinced Joe Consumer that he was getting \$4500 in "free" money from the "government" when in fact Joe was giving away his \$3500 car and paying an additional \$3350 for the privilege.



1934—We repeat in 2009!

PLAYING BY THE RULES By Marilyn M. Barnewall

One of the biggest economic dangers we face right now is the attempt by Congressional political hack liberals like Chris Dodd, Barney Frank, Nancy Pelosi, and Harry Reid, who are joined by Lawrence Summers, Timothy Geithner, Ben Bernanke, Robert Rubin, and Henry Paulson to manipulate regulatory controls within the financial services industry.

They walk in the footsteps of the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Barack Obama. This Administration wants the financial services industry to be regulated by a core group whose salaries are paid by the financial services industry. He wants to give more power and almost complete control of the various financial regulatory bodies to the same Federal Reserve System that is so out of touch with how things work in the real world economy it didn't see a crisis coming. If a little old lady sitting on a mountain in Colorado could see it years ago, why couldn't they?

Why is this important? They can't accomplish socialized medicine or world government without it, that's why.

The independent banking community in this country is one of the best defenses America has against the forced centralization of our banks via international regulatory oversight. As long as we have too many independent commercial banks to be easily regulated, we have an effective blockade between socialism and capitalism.

It is interesting to note that the regulatory structure the Administration recommends appears designed to destroy independent banks. They're doing it under the cover of hype about nationalized health care. Some things never change - including the liberal penchant for using fear: "They're afraid of health care, so keep that on the front page while we create even more dangerous legislation." Isn't "fear" how the Patriot Act got passed?

Health care is a critically important topic, but if financial industry regulatory controls cause independent banks to fail, say "hello" to the road Rome once took. Say "hello" to third world status - with or without health care. Who can afford doctors in a banana republic?

The second most important question we need to answer: "What must we do?" The most important question: "What must we NOT do?" One thing we must NOT do is build a bigger wall than politicians have already constructed between access to bank credit and America's independent businesses. The regulatory structure currently recommended by the Obama Administration builds such a wall.

Why is this important? From 80 to 90 percent of America is employed by independent business, not IBM or Proctor & Gamble or Government Motors. Independent banks are what we need to protect because they serve independent busi-

ness! Money center banks (too big to fail guys) like big loans made to big companies, not small loans made to independents. It is our independent banks we need to protect - and we had better get to it because they're unnecessarily falling like flies.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, as of June 30, 2009 there were 6,898 commercial banks in the United States - and several have been closed since then. That sounds like a lot - unless you look at history. As of June 30, 1984, for example, there were 14,369 commercial banks.

By 1994, that number had been pared down to 10,623. Now we have 6,898. It doesn't take a mathematical genius to determine that over half of the commercial banks doing business in 1984 have either been absorbed by bigger banks, or are otherwise out of business.

According to statistical data provided by Canadian bank officials, as of February 2009, there are 21 domestic commercial banks in Canada. Additionally, there are 25 foreign-owned commercial banks.

America's neighbor to the North once had over 900 caisses populaires (similar to credit unions, mostly in Quebec). By 2007 consolidation reduced this number to 525 credit unions and caisses populaires outside of Quebec. In essence, Canada (including Quebec) has about 1,000 financial institutions that require regulatory control. Of that group, only 21 are domestically-owned commercial banks (compared to our 6,898).

Why are Canada's numbers important? First, because these numbers explain why it has been so much easier to bring socialized everything to Canada than to the U.S. For example, before nationalized health care can be successfully implemented, the financial sector must first be compact... easy to control. Second, Canada's statistics compare favorably to Europe's banking industry. While America has 6,898 commercial banks which must be regulated - audited by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) or State Banking authorities and monitored by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Federal Reserve System (FRS) - most other nations have far fewer commercial banks that must be regulated and audited than does the U.S. Having fewer financial institutions to regulate makes it easier for governments to totally control the banking industry.

The independent banking community in this country is one of the best defenses America has against the forced international centralization of our banking industry. Regulatory controls must be centralized - which is what the Obama Admini-

stration wants to do - before the financial services industry can be "internationalized." The large number of independent commercial banks in America is helping prevent that.

Washington needs to do nothing that will make access to credit more difficult for independent businesses. That's another fact, not an opinion.

I seldom agree with socialist/independent Representative Bernard Sanders of Vermont, but he has it right on this issue. "If it's too big to fail, it's too big to exist." Sanders has introduced legislation directing the Treasury to identify and break up the "too big to fail" banks within 90 days.

No mega-bank's size should exceed \$50 billion. Fed studies have shown banks of that asset size can compete effectively in international markets. Banks say they need \$2 trillion to compete. They don't understand competition if it can't be bought. They get their growth via mergers and acquisitions because they can't compete for it in the marketplace.

Peter Wallison, financial analyst at the American Enterprise Institute said, "The result will be devastating for competition. Larger firms will squeeze out smaller ones." He included reference to the nation's community banks which are being closed down because of the antics of the too big to fail crowd.

"The administration's plan would create what are essentially government-sponsored enterprises like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in every sector of the financial economy - insurers, securities firms, finance companies, bank holding companies and hedge funds" by designating them as too big to fail, Wallison said.

The Independent Community Bankers of America has asked Congress "to either downsize these mega-institutions or require them to divest sufficient assets so they no longer pose risks to the entire financial system." And they do pose a huge risk. If you like higher taxes and want to continue paying for mega-bank failures keep doing business with them.

What to do? Stop the mergers and acquisitions by mega-banks such as Bank of America, Citicorp, J.P. Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, etc. If they are too big to fail, they are also too big to succeed. I disagree with Sanders 90-day limit. It will take longer than that to unwind the complexities inherent in the too big to fail product and organizational structure.

Terminate the Comptroller of the Currency, the FDIC and Securities and Exchange Commission Chairs, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve System Chairman and replace them with people who understand the difference

between commercial and investment banking. We need people who can see the inherent conflicts of interest that result in failure if the two remain commingled. That means abandoning the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 and re-implementing the Glass-Steagall Act (official title, the Banking Act of 1933). It means getting rid of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act which deregulated the OTC derivatives market.

The best Fed Chairman America has had in many years opposes the proposed centralization of regulatory controls. Obama used Paul Volcker's name to assure voters he would listen to the sage advice of the man who one other time saved the economy from disaster's door. Instead, the President listens to Lawrence Summers who, as far as I know, has saved no one from anything.

What can you do? If you're banking with one of the "too big to fail banks," stop. Why bank with the enemy? Move your account - to two or three banks. It takes time for the FDIC to pay money to a bank's customers when bank failure occurs. It's possible you may only get a portion of the money in your account rather than what you need to pay bills. The closer the FDIC gets to bankruptcy, the more likely their inability to pay bank depositors one lump sum. You need money to pay monthly bills. Thus, you need more than one bank. Stop doing business with the banksters! You are in control... if only you would realize it!

If you are facing foreclosure on your home, fight it. Get a lawyer and make the bank or mortgage company prove it actually has your Deed of Trust. Your Deed may well have disappeared into one of the mortgage-based derivatives that was sold numerous times. If the institution trying to foreclose on you doesn't have the Deed of Trust, sorry, no foreclosure.

American consumers are being played for fools. If we continue to act the role, we will lose the greatest country God ever put on the face of the earth. Wise up, folks. Stop hitting the "Snooze" button.

For more information about how we have been systematically programmed for financial failure, read the two News with Views articles I wrote a year ago,

"If We Don't Learn from History":
http://www.newswithviews.com/guest_opinion/guest135.htm
 and
http://www.newswithviews.com/guest_opinion/guest134.htm

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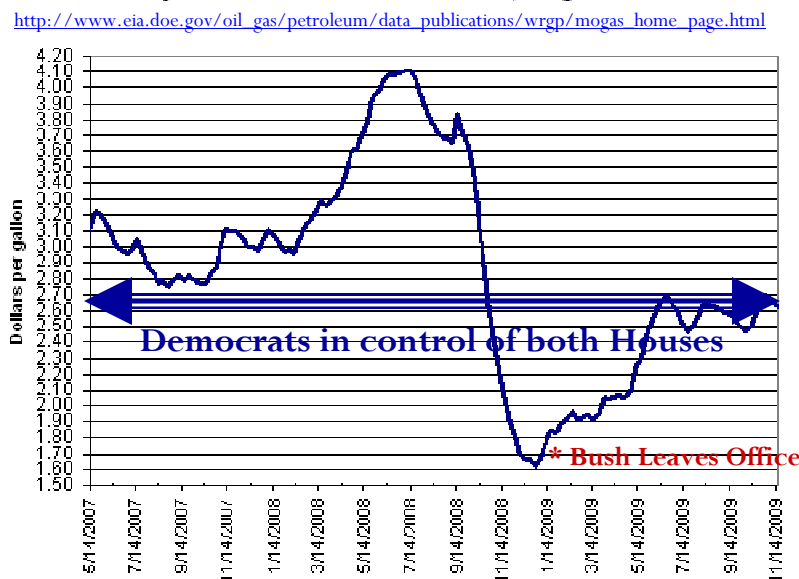
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Our goal is to provide our readers with an alternative source of news and opinions that is not limited to butt-kissing and ankle-grabbing of most news and opinion providers. We will try to collect revealing and credible news stories from any source to help keep the citizens of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the U. S. highly informed. An informed public is an intelligent public—

We hold these values in order to ensure a viable and accountable governmental system. We hold all persons of truth harmless.

OIL: AMERICA'S DRIVING COMMODITY

Weekly U.S. Retail Gasoline Prices, Regular Grade



http://www.dipity.com/pvequv/Economic_Collapse_Timeline

The economy of the United States is driven by oil, make no mistake about it. Our dependence on foreign oil and our refusal to drill in our own back yards directly affects our economic future.

The cost for a loaf of bread goes up when it cost farmers more to plow, plant, harvest and deliver their grain. In-turn the cost increases for transportation of grain to the bakery and from the bakery to the store shelf. The consumer is left to pay the additional cost for transportation.

What the consumer pays for gasoline to get to work, to the store, and home again, removes much needed cash from the family. Then we load the citizens with more taxes, which is a stunning reminder of the former Soviet Union. The people now work for the politico.

The economic collapse, as best presented in the timeline through the link at the top, is a good study in the practice of cause-and-affect. We are bound to be another USSR.



Suspicious Health Care Reform?

By Bill Grabowski

The current Obama Administration health care reform debate has been going on for a few months, but it seems like years. Everyday we hear about it on the news and talk radio, read about it in the newspapers and talk about the issues with family and friends. The last health care reform attempt was made during the Clinton Administration and it failed. But where has it been hiding from then until now?

Sometimes things happen and you really don't see what they mean until you look back at those "events" and compare them to what is going on today.

Case in point: Before moving to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, I worked for a large employer for 30 years and was eligible

to take my pension and retire in 2007. But one of those "events" happened in 2006. My employer announced that retiree health care would not be offered after the year 2013.

I didn't much care at the time and just wanted to get out of there. But wait! When you look at today's health care debate, the Obama health care plan, if passed, would not take effect until 2013. Wow, what a coincidence! The government is coming to my rescue.

Another coincidence is that in 2006, Barack Hussein Obama and Dick Durbin were Illinois Senators, and my employer was the City of Chicago with the powerful Mayor Richard Daley at its helm. Rahm

Emanuel was a Chicago Congressman, David Axelrod was a political strategist and Arnie Duncan was the Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools.

Yes, Chicago and the State of Illinois certainly seem to be the gene pool (read cesspool) for many of the current White House staffers, don't they?

When we watch and listen to the news, we can see the strong arm Chicago style politics in the White House and Capital Hill. It should come as no surprise then that the big winners in health care reform are large employers who can transfer employee and retiree health care costs to the taxpayers.

It seems the Clinton health care reform

plan was taken off the shelf and regurgitated to accomplish a future agenda, which the Obama administration apparently feels the time is ripe to implement now.

Does this sound like a conspiracy? Who knows - perhaps it is. Does this sound like a coincidence? Possibly. Does this sound suspicious? Definitely. But, regardless of what it sounds like, you best get ready to open your mouth and say AHHH because single payer government run health care is going to be shoved down our throats whether we want it or not. That is, it will be, unless citizens become even more vocal than they already are.

Representative Stupak & The "C Street" House

By C. J. Williams

Rep. Bart Stupak has for years rented a room in a Washington, D.C. 'church' maintained by a highly secretive and fanatically religious organization known as the 'Fellowship Foundation', and less formally known as 'the Family'. In addition to maintaining a network of Capitol Hill prayer groups, including the House Prayer Group, 'the Family' also organizes the annual National Prayer Breakfast, which is actually a weeklong series of events attended by over 3,000 invited dignitaries from many countries.

The 'C Street House', which once was a convent, is referred to as a church because that's how the property has been listed for tax purposes. However, although the C Street Christian fellowship house had been receiving tax-free status, that's no longer the case, as TPMMuckracker reported on Nov. 17 that a loophole the Family took advantage of has now been tightened.

According to an article by Zachery Roth posted at Muckracker, "Natalie Wilson, a spokeswoman for the Office of Tax and Revenue for Washington D.C., told TPMMuckracker that her office inspected the house this summer. "It was determined that portions of it were being rented out for private residential purposes," she said. As a result, the tax-exempt status was partially revoked. Sixty-six percent of the value of the property is now subject to taxation."

Roth also reported that although online records for the city of Washington, D.C. show the townhouse owned by the international Christian group 'Youth With A Mission' (YWAM), YWAM official Ron Boehme now says the group sold the 'C Street' property to 'the Family' in 1989, and that YWAM is not affiliated with 'the Family'.

Although Rep. Stupak claims no knowledge of or connection with 'the Family', there's evidence to the contrary, and even though the Lord takes a dim view of prevaricators, those involved with 'the Family' apparently enter into a 'vow of silence', divulging little to nothing about its activities, political or otherwise.

In fact, in his July 23rd article posted at the Michigan Messenger Web Site, Ed Brayton wrote the following:

During a conference call with reporters Thursday morning, Michigan Messenger asked Stupak, a Menominee Democrat, about the house where he has lived for many years and his connections to the shadowy organization that owns it. The longtime Upper Peninsula legislator claimed to have "no affiliation" with the group, which is known as The Family of The Fellowship.

"I don't belong to any such group," Stupak said. "I rent a room at a house in 'C Street.' I do not belong to any such group. I don't know what you're talking about, [The] Family and all this other stuff."

Since he's lived at the 'C Street' address for so many years, one might question Rep. Stupak's seeming ignorance of the controversial 'Fellowship' brotherhood. As far back as 2002 in her Sept. 27th L.A. Times article 'Showing Faith in Discretion', reporter Lisa Getter quoted Stupak as saying, "We sort of don't talk to the press about the house."

Really? And why is that, inquisitive minds might want to know?

Interestingly, govtrack.us reports that at the 56th Annual National Prayer Breakfast on April 9, 2008, the 1st District of Michigan representative introduced himself by saying, "I am Bart Stupak, co-chair of the House Prayer Breakfast. In my sixteen years in the house this is second time that I have had the honor to address you from the dais..."

At the Nov. 11 Escanaba townhall meeting Stupak stated the National Prayer Breakfast started in 1954 under President Eisenhower. However, Dr. Abraham Vereide, who until his death in 1969 was the de facto leader of the International Christian Leadership (now known as 'the Family'), started them on Feb. 5, 1953.

After Vereide approached some members of Congress in 1941, the US House prayer breakfast group was formed the following year.

The Family and the goings on at the 'C Street House' have been steeped in controversy for years, most recently because of several sex scandals related to Republican lawmakers who've lived and/or found comfort at the 8,000 square-foot detached townhouse.

The 'apartment building' houses 12 bedrooms, nine bathrooms, five living rooms, four dining rooms, three offices, a kitchen, and a small chapel. Young women from 'the Family's' youth ministry clean rooms and do laundry. 'The Family' also provides a cook for the residence.

According to a July 10, 2009 Knoxville News Sentinel article written by Mike Collier, Republican Rep. Zach Wamp, who lived in the 'C Street House' for 12 years and is now campaigning to become the next Governor of Tennessee said, "The C Street residents have all agreed they won't talk about their private living arrangements."

In relation to Rep. John Ensign's recent sexual indiscretions, Collier went on to write that Wamp said he intends to honor that pact. 'I hate it that John Ensign lives in the house and this happened because it opens up all these kinds of questions,' Wamp said. But, he said, "I'm not going to be the guy who goes out and talks."

Apparently neither is the 1st District of Michigan Congressman, who claims he merely rents a room there, but presumably has been unaware of his surroundings since moving in years ago, even the prayer groups' meetings and other religion-orientated activities.

Rep. Stupak, who has said he considers Zach Wamp 'absolutely his best friend', has given the Tennessee Baptist Governor-Wannabe \$2,500 from his Democrat-supported political action committee for campaign purposes.

In a true spirit of bipartisanship, Stupak also contributed to Republican and Maryland Methodist Rep. Wayne Gilchrest's unsuccessful re-election campaign in 2008. However, as Gilchrest was

considered by many to be a Republican in name only (RINO) and supported several Democrat candidates after failing to get reelected, bipartisanship may not have had anything to do with Stupak's financial support.

Interestingly, in the comment section following California Presbyterian minister Ben Daniel's online article titled 'One from the archives: Dysfunction in the Fellowship Family', reader Ronn Gorton indicated he and his wife had spent time at the Cedars, a pricey Virginia estate owned by 'the Family'.

According to Gorton, "While we were working at the Cedars, a US Congressperson's teenage son committed suicide. The folks at the Cedars moved quickly to minister to the family. They moved the family out of their Washington Home and cared for them at the Cedars for several months. There, out of the spotlight, and in seclusion, they could heal and be ministered to with a sensitivity that most churches could not have mustered. The Cedars was there to give some very public people a protected space during their grief. Along with the Congressperson's family, were refugees from Burundi, China and several undocumented aliens taking sanctuary."

It could just be a coincidence, of course, but Rep. Stupak's youngest son committed suicide. However, since the Congressman claims to know nothing about 'the Family', surely Mr. Gorton wasn't referring to Michigan's 1st District representative.

Those who want to learn more about the Fellowship Foundation should obtain a copy of Jeff Sharlet's book, 'The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power.' One can also search online for Sharlet's article 'Jesus plus nothing: Undercover among America's secret theocrats' or type this link into their Internet browser:

<http://www.harpers.org/archive/2003/03/0079525>

Representative Bart Stupak and the General Welfare Clause

By Dan Stafford

After refusing all summer to face the wrath of his Upper Peninsula of Michigan constituents, Congressman Bart Stupak, finally decided to hold a September townhall meeting in Negaunee at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning when few could attend. The cause was probably due to pressure caused by the presence of Congressman Pete Hoekstra from outside the 1st District who agreed to be on hand at an August public meeting to answer questions people had on Washington's desire to overhaul health care. One might speculate that Stupak did not want to be looked at as being out done, even though Congressman Hoekstra would be gaining exposure for his bid to become Michigan's next Governor.

After his walk of shame, Stupak was asked by an attendee what made health care a right that justifies spending money that would have to be paid back by later generations. As reported by the Marquette Mining Journal's Ishpeming Bureau reporter Johanna Boyle, Stupak stated that 'Article One, Section A of the Constitution charged the government with the general welfare of the nation, and if the majority of people feel that health care is important, it becomes part of the general welfare.'

<http://www.miningjournal.net/page/content/detail/id/533752.html?nav=5006>
There is no such thing as Article 1, Section A in the U.S. Constitution so either Congressman Stupak doesn't know the Constitution well or he was misquoted. From all actions

coming from Washington, one would think it is the first, rather than the latter. However, he may have been referring to Article 1, Section 8, which opens with the following words:

"The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States..."

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/constitution.article1.html#section8>

A reference to general Welfare is also found in the opening statement of the Constitution, but in neither instance do the words explicitly grant power to the Federal Government to legislate a national health care plan or any other Socialized Program.

Now, us common American folks know the founding fathers did not use the term "Welfare" to mean what it has come to mean today. Politicians have a nature all their own when it comes to giving someone else's money away knowing that having such power would make it possible for them to be re-elected to office. How convenient. Besides, the Constitution begins with "We the People," not 'We the Congress' or 'We the Senate'.

More importantly, the opening words of the U.S. Constitution imply that promoting the general Welfare is a right of "We the People" so that "We" may form a more perfect Union and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and to our Posterity.

It's no secret that a majority of "We the People" don't want government run health care, but obviously the Congress has no respect for our wishes. And obviously, to anyone who has read the Constitution, Stupak's reasoning would make one do a double take - What? Where does he get that idea and interpretation, that 'nanny state' mentality that would put him or any other lawmaker in charge of "We the People's" general welfare?

Why do Congressman and Senators believe they can insult our common sense with such ease? We already know in our heart that Stupak's comment is incorrect and all those with that type of liberal thinking are wrong. However, if you have a few moments and wish to argue the point with idiots at some future point in time, please read 'The General Welfare Clause' at

<http://constitutionalawareness.org/genwelf.html>

Having read it, it should be clear to you what happened, when it happened, and how the 'general welfare clause' has developed and warped simple minds and provided opportunists the vehicle to gain power over "We the People." In the process they destroy us, take our freedoms and demean humanity.

Now more than ever, we must send people to Washington who will restore and uphold the Constitution, and we must replace Liberal Socialist Judges, as well. Term limits

have never had more meaning than today. No man is beyond corruption, and we can safeguard against it by insisting on term limits.

We have to realize that such people who give every appearance of championing Socialism will not go away, but there are places for them. It just should not be in the United States of America, and especially not in government at any level.

Isn't the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness (private ownership vs. 'state' ownership of all property) what made America different from other countries in the first place? Isn't this the very reason so many people wanted, and continue to want, to immigrate to America? Isn't this why Canadians seek medical treatment here in the United States of America?

Socialism doesn't work. It eventually ends in destruction. Are not the same politicians, who are forcing government dictated health care upon us, telling us their socialized programs are already doomed, bankrupt?

Trying to transform America into a Socialist country obviously requires the destruction or abandonment of our Constitution. We can save our country by preserving our Constitution and use it to the fullest extent in its original form. When common sense prevails, no lawyers or judges will be needed to interpret its words.

Depth of Incompetence

So far approximately 64% of the US population recognizes that Kenyan Barack Hussein Obama is in way over his head. Around 76% of the citizens realize America has the most inept Congress in the nation's history.

The level of the incompetence has permeated political and government trusts at such a level that it may require the citizens to not only unseat a significant majority of those elected to represent them, it may also require Americans to adopt a new Constitution that not only limits the overall authority of government, but includes explicit language that prohibits certain actions.

The citizens, well aware of the threats to their liberties and the economy, as demonstrated by Governor Granholm and her socialist minions in the State House and Senate, still voted to elect the least diverse group of incompetents to represent them at all levels. Among them are

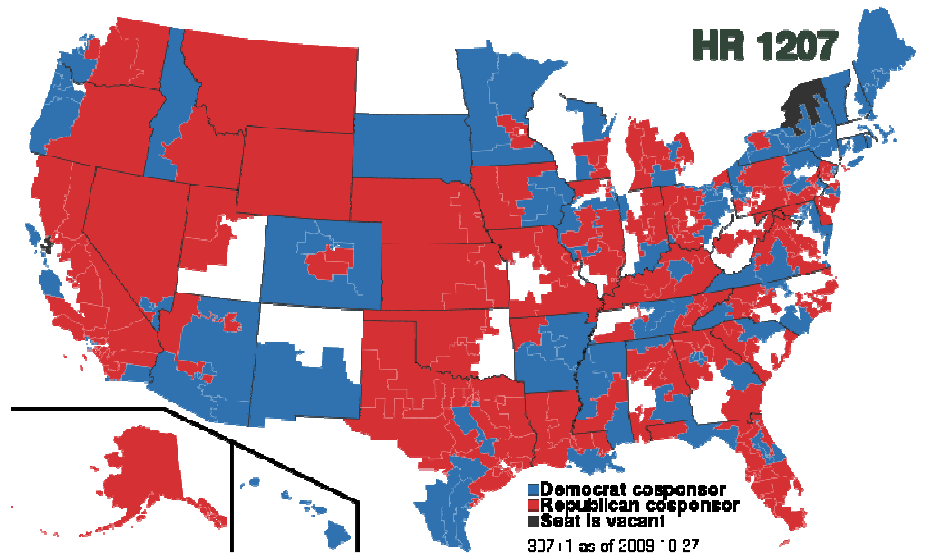
Democrat Party reflections in the Republican Party.

The National Defender is joining many other groups in calling for the removal of most members of Congress and reclaiming the Constitution with all of its limitations on government. The ND's Campaign Adios information can be found at <http://nationaldefender.us/>.

One primary objective must be the seating of a veto-proof Congress beginning in 2010. In order to create a veto-proof Senate it may take at least one more election cycle to eliminate a majority of the idiots like Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow, John McCain, John Kerry, Harry Reid and several other disloyal senators.

What is most important is that voters need to act to oust their own idiots.

While there are numerous members of Congress co-sponsoring a bill to audit of the Fed, those who voted for the En-



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Audit_the_Fed
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:HR01207:@@@>

ergy Bill, Stimulus Package and the Health Care Bill need to be fired. Any charges against them for Treason should be considered only after the terminated members of Congress have returned to their district as a citizen. It

will take some time to sweep out many members of the judiciary and replace them with individuals more inclined to adhere to the Constitution.



The Stupak Amendment – Much Ado About Nothing By C. J. Williams

Michigan's First District Representative Bart Stupak has been enjoying a great deal of media attention as a result of his fabricated abortion amendment, which his Socialist Democrat cohorts and one RINO begrudgingly added to their atrocious Health Care Reform Act before sending it on to the Senate.

More formally known as the Stupak-Pitts amendment, it was coauthored by Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA), who is purported to be a core member of 'the Family' that owns the 'C Street' townhouse where Rep. Stupak lives while in Washington.

Although a great many of his constituents have made it clear to him that they don't want government controlled health care in any manner or form, Stupak appears to be laboring under an assumption that his abortion amendment will somehow make the legislation more palatable. It doesn't and it never will.

In reality, other than diverting attention away from the horrendous Health Care Reform Bill, itself, the Stupak Amendment is an attempt to override the 'Hyde Amendment', which allows for government funded abortions under certain circumstances, i.e., in cases of rape or incest or when a pregnancy endangers the life of the mother-to-be. In fact, the Hyde Amendment, which must be reauthorized each year through the appropriations process, had already been incor-

porated into the Democrats' Health Care Reform legislation before Stupak decided to play God with an amendment more to his own liking.

Not only does the Stupak Amendment outlaw government-funded abortion, it also would prevent private insurance companies from covering the procedure under certain circumstances. Though the devil is in the details, as is the case with most legislation put forth by the Dems, this is perhaps best summed up in the words of "The Hill" reporter Lanny Davis who wrote that under the Stupak Amendment any individuals who receive federal subsidies for healthcare under the bill – those families of four with income of \$88,000/year or less – would be prohibited from buying an insurance plan on the state public exchanges that covers abortion.

According to Mr. Davis, "it appears that under the new health insurance system, if it's enacted, all those who do not receive health insurance from employers must purchase insurance on state insurance exchanges. But since state insurance exchanges will receive federal funds to cover administration costs, some abortion-rights advocates argue that under Stupak's amendment, women who do not receive federal subsidies still may not purchase an insurance policy listed on the state exchange, even entirely us-

ing their own private funds, if the policy includes abortion coverage as part of the regular policy coverage."

"Supporters of the amendment, such as the National Right to Life Committee, dispute that claim, however, and it appears they may be right."

"According to PolitiFact.com, an independent analyst, insurers may offer comprehensive plans that include abortion coverage or supplemental plans for abortion specifically. But insurers must keep these plans separate from those purchased by people who accept federal credits."

"Insurance companies would not be allowed to pay for abortions with money they earn from selling tax-subsidized policies."

So intent was the congressman on preventing government-funded abortions that he overlooked other contentious provisions of the legislation, including medical 'care' that allows 'euthanasia, or funding for sex education that can promote promiscuity.

Regardless of this nightmare in the making, Mr. Stupak was elected by his constituents to represent them, not insurance companies or 'state insurance exchanges'. He was elected to represent We the People of Michigan's First District, not the Catholic Church or even the cultish, non-denominational, religion-orientated Fellowship Foundation, a.k.a. 'the Family', which is a highly

secretive organization comprised of wealthy and powerful political, religious and business leaders that he falsely claims to know nothing about, but whose members, no doubt, contribute to political campaigns – perhaps even his.

Despite what Mr. Stupak's religious beliefs are or where his allegiance lies, neither the U.S. Constitution nor its Commerce Clause gives him the right to foist his personal beliefs on the American public.

Pro-life or pro-abortion, apparently one legislative body gets that point, as it's highly unlikely many in the Senate will find the Stupak Amendment meritorious or even constitutional. Sen. Barbara Boxer is, herself, on the warpath, and has already promised that at least 40 pro-choice Senators will nix any rendition of the legislation that retains the Stupak Amendment.

Certainly, unless he's too focused on his self-imposed omnipotence, Mr. Stupak must have realized that once the House bill was passed to the Senate, his amendment would, itself, likely be aborted. But of course, why should he let something like that get in the way of national notoriety and lots of free publicity.

In truth, however, he's bringing negative publicity and ridicule to Michigan and, most notably, to its 1st District whose voters have repeatedly returned him to office for lack of what a majority must feel is a better alternative. What a shame...

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- <http://thehill.com/opinion/columnists/lanny-davis/67451-stupak-pitts-is-not-worth-killing-healthcare-bill-over>

A MEGA Delusion

By Mr. Jack P. McHugh | 11/19/2009 12:00 AM

At a press conference Tuesday announcing several new recipients of discriminatory state tax breaks granted by the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, Gov. Jennifer Granholm repeated a number of false or misleading statements about this state government's policy of picking winners and losers, and its effects as a substitute for genuine labor, regulatory and tax law reforms.

Here is a closer look at Gov. Granholm's comments (quotes taken from the MIRS Capitol Capsule, subscription required): Gov. Granholm: "First of all, what everybody needs to remember is that these are all performance-based, that we would not be paying a credit if it were not for the fact that the company's going to be hiring people. If they don't hire the people, they don't get the credit."

Score: Misleading. See "MEGA Tax Credits Are Not Without Cost" to discover seven reasons this program imposes large burdens.

Gov. Granholm: "The studies demonstrate that the return on the investment is far greater than the tax credit that is given."

Score: False. There are no such "studies." There has not been any systematic, independent research demonstrating that MEGA tax breaks create jobs or improve the economy. The independent research that does exist shows the credits either have no effect or actually generate declines in employment. MEGA's "parent," the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, has not even attempted to rebut these studies.

Gov. Granholm: "The people who are hired pay income tax; there is a spinoff effect. So the benefit of having these incentives, as you can see from today, these would not happen if not for these incentives."

Score: Irrelevant. What matters is the net effect of the program — whether it creates more jobs than it costs. The existing research indicates that it does not.

Gov. Granholm: "Every state is doing it."

Score: True.

Gov. Granholm: "There's no doubt that we need to restructure our tax system, but the decline in revenues is not attributable to the MEGA grants. The decline in revenues is clearly attributable to the overall, structural changes in our economy."

Score: False. The decline in Michigan tax revenues is due to overall economic decline fueled by state government having adopted policies that make firms located here unable to effectively compete with ones in other states. In fact, Michigan's tax system has shown itself to be more resilient than other states'.

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<http://www.mackinac.org/article.aspx?ID=11383>

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Dems prep attacks for GOP challengers

By Reid Wilson - 11/04/09 06:00 AM ET - Source: <http://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/66171-democrats-prep-attacks-on-gops-top-challengers>

Republicans have assembled an impressive roster of challengers for 2010 and, in return, Democrats have compiled extensive dossiers aimed at cutting down those candidates before they have the chance to gain momentum.

The early attacks will come against some of the GOP's leading recruits, members of the Young Guns program for promising challengers.

The Democratic strategy stems from New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine's (D) campaign. He was criticized for failing to define his Republican opponent early enough in the election cycle.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) has no interest in making the same mistake.

"This is a tough cycle, historically, for the incumbent party, but the Republicans in general have the worse brand," said Brian Smoot, the former political director at the DCCC and now a Democratic consultant. "The problem for Republicans specifically is that they continue to recruit and run flawed candidates, candidates that are too extreme for moderate districts."

This year, the GOP is recruiting many challengers who have never run for office, theorizing that voters want new faces.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), who spearheads the Young Guns program, acknowledged that the attacks could have an impact on first-time candidates.

"There are going to be some that are fantastic, that get the focus and can't sustain it," he said. Still, McCarthy predicted: "They'll get down. They'll get dirty."

And jobs could be the No. 1 issue.

Three GOP candidates will be attacked over jobs issues, according to Dem research documents obtained by The Hill.

Businessman Randy Altschuler, a candidate against Rep. Tim Bishop (D-N.Y.), will be portrayed as an "outsourcing pioneer" who sent jobs to India instead of keeping them in, or near, his Long Island district, according to the documents.

"Tim Bishop is the one who is outsourcing attacks on a successful businessman, to the DCCC and [House Speaker] Nancy Pelosi," said Christopher Maloney, Altschuler's campaign manager. "This is the sign of a vulnerable incumbent who is out of touch with the district, and he's naive as to the global nature of our economic system."

Keith Fimian (R), a certified public accountant running a second race against Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-Va.), had a lien placed on his company because of tax issues, the documents show.

"The fact that Gerry Connolly and the DCCC [are] recycling their flawed research from the last campaign shows how desperate they are," said James Callahan, a Fimian spokesman. "Now the DCCC is back trying to cover up Gerry Connolly's reckless spending and job-killing votes. They clearly see Gerry Connolly as vulnerable."

And Jim Renacci (R), a businessman with ownership stakes in more than a dozen companies, will be hit over allegations that one of those companies did not pay temporary workers. As a result of those

2005 allegations, the Better Business Bureau revoked the company's membership. Renacci is running against Rep. John Boccieri (D-Ohio).

"Jim has created jobs in the 16th district for most of his adult life, and very successfully," said Wes Anderson, a Renacci spokesman. "Congressman Boccieri has not."

Altschuler, Fimian and Renacci are all on the Young Guns' "On the Radar" list, a roster of candidates Republicans think have the potential to beat incumbent Democrats. Their early emergence has previewed what could become a powerful Democratic strategy of attacking before Republicans gather the resources to respond. The candidates argue the early shots indicate they are well-positioned to challenge Democratic incumbents.

In New Jersey, Corzine's unpopularity meant voters were unable to get over their impressions of him. His only path to victory was to use mountains of opposition research and millions of dollars in advertising to lambaste former U.S. Attorney Chris Christie (R). By the end of the race, Christie was nearly as unpopular as Corzine. Republicans see, in early Democratic assaults, an emerging strategy.

"Heading into next year, Boccieri is going to be near the top of anybody's list of vulnerable Democrats, and as a result, they're going to get very negative," Renacci spokesman Anderson said. "That's unfortunate. But Jim's ready for it, and Jim's very proud of his record."

"Clearly, [Democrats] are worried," said

Ken Spain, a National Republican Congressional Committee spokesman. "The problem for each of these Democrat incumbents is that they've already voted to kill jobs, and we have the votes to back it up."

The year has already turned into an opposition researcher's dream. Spain pointed to the economic stimulus bill, which both parties will use to make their points. And Democrats in some areas, like Boccieri's Ohio, will have to defend their vote for a cap-and-trade measure the GOP says will amount to a national energy tax.

Given the focus on both incumbent and challenger records on jobs and the economy, though, everything will circle back to jobs. On that, both Republicans and Democrats agree.

"Midterm elections are referendum elections on the party in power, and the question on the minds of voters in all these districts is, 'Where are the jobs?'" Spain said.

Meanwhile, said Smoot, Republicans have pursued a strategy that could leave the party without the candidates required to take advantage of the opportunities the GOP should have.

"Their strategy is to throw as many bad candidates against a wall and see what sticks," he said.

ND Editor's Note: Few American voters will be apathetic in 2010 and both voters and their candidates will be playing for keeps. We will want to know what the new representatives will do and not do.



Michigan Government's Dirty Little Secret

By C. J. Williams

For months, Michigan's big city newspapers have featured articles regarding the annual "Balance the Budget" Lansing Circus extravaganza featuring the clowns who've been elected to state office.

Obligated by the Michigan Constitution to balance the budget for the coming fiscal year no later than midnight on Sept. 30th, the state's lawmakers were sorely remiss in meeting that obligation. In fact, so remiss were they that they begged a month's extension to resolve the issue, and then barely managed to meet that deadline.

Simply put, as on Oct. 30th the Guv vetoed over 70 budget items for this fiscal year, it hasn't yet been set in stone. Actually, had it not been for the White House gift of federal Stimulus Funds, extorted from the nation's taxpayers, our state legislators would have had an even bigger budget hole to fill for last year and this year, too.

As Michigan was being 'unindustrialized' by the green-weenies and its economy hit the skids long before the nation's economy tanked in Sept. 2008, the state's annual 'balance the budget' performance is an act many Michigan taxpayers have grown weary of, particularly since the current administration has continued its foolish, un-fundable tax and spend policy.

While the posturing and strutting tongue-waggers who head up both parties engage in a less than entertaining war of wits and words, Michigan sheeple know that in the end they will

have merely robbed Peter to pay Paul, shoved revenue they don't have around on paper, and then start the process of taxing the bejesus out of the dwindling populace until there's no longer a red cent left to be had.

Lucky for them, they had a few billion dollars worth of 'create jobs' stimulus funds to blow on balancing their over-extended budget this year and last, and lucky for the Lansing circus's Ring Master Granholm that she won't be around to take the heat when the Big Top folds next time around.

Instead of blowing Michigan citizens away with her promise of a 'New Michigan', the Ring Master has presided over the demolition of the industrial 'Old Michigan' and the shedding of multiple thousands of factory jobs that will never be filled again. In lock step with D.C. Comrade Pelosi, Granholm's vision is for a U.N. driven 'green' state, environmentally friendly in every way. The legacy she will leave, however, is one of poverty and hopelessness as more and more displaced workers belly up in the unemployment line.

Which brings us to a dirty little secret the Granholm Administration hasn't shared with taxpayers who either haven't had the good fortune to be able to leave the state or simply have chosen to ride out the destructive tidal waves Granholm has left in her wake during her two terms in office?

Along with the annual budget onus, which this fiscal year was about \$2.8 billion short, Michigan has a more secret onus, namely a depleted unemployment insurance fund and a huge debt owed to the federal government.

For eight years running, output has exceeded input to that fund and unemployment insurance reserves that should have been maintained by proper planning were long gone several years ago.

According to a Jan. 30, 2009 article written by Debra Watson and D'Artagnan Collier posted at 'The World Socialist' Website, "since 2006 the state (Michigan) has had to borrow money from the federal government to pay claims..."

"Even the fund set aside to pay the interest on the unemployment insurance fund loans from the federal government is underwater, and the state is expected to dip into the General Fund to pay the interest, which threatens more cuts in social services."

According to further information found in an Oct. 27, 2009 article written by Paul Demko and posted online at 'The Minnesota Independent', 22 states have needed to borrow from the federal government to meet unemployment insurance needs during the recent economic crisis. California leads the pack with a staggering debt of \$4.6 billion. Michigan ranks second with \$2.8 billion owed.

As of Oct. 26th, the state's 15.3 percent unemployment rate was highest in the nation, and 29.30 percent of Michigan's unemployed workers were receiving a weekly benefit of approximately \$312.02. Of the \$2,799,860,000.00 already borrowed, the state had just \$236,929,000 left in the insurance fund to meet the needs of thousands of state citizens who qualify for a weekly unemployment check.

It remains to be seen if Michigan can and will belly up to the federal trough once more, or if the state will again choose to increase unemployment taxes on business owners and/or cut unemployment benefits to meet its obligations.

Apparently the federal government is in no rush to be reimbursed, as a provision of the 'stimulus package' gave states extra time to pay off the loans. By 2011, however, the Obama Administration will begin charging states around 5 percent interest that must be paid out of their general fund.

Now folks, do you really think Michigan's legislators will have the wherewithal to come up with a balanced budget for 2011, as well as pay interest on the state's unemployment insurance loan from the feds, or pay it back altogether?



Michigan unemployment benefits system in crisis: <http://www.wsws.org/articles/2009/jan2009/mich-j30.shtml>

Minnesota Independent article: <http://minnesotaindependent.com/48229/minnesotas-unemployment-insurance-system-155-million-in-red>

Updated DATA FROM INTERACTIVE MAP PAGE: <http://www.propublica.org/special/is-your-states-unemployment-system-in-danger-603>

DISPLACEMENT OF GENIUS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYcfQfnSpqM>
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In the 1950s Dr. M. King Hubbert, PhD in geology, suggested that oil discovery and use would hit the half-way point around 1995. Using the logical escalation of population, growth, oil use and oil reserves, the model was a clear warning of things to come. Logically, even if oil was in fact a renewable resource, oil wells may take centuries to recover; natural gas would recover quicker.

Chrysler took on the initiative to build an engine that could replace the highly complex internal combustion engine. In 1963 Chrysler's turbine engine made its debut.



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

Unfortunately, the turbine engine worked at high temperatures, creating Nitrogen Oxide. Combined with some compounds, including moisture, NO creates Nitric Acid.

Other efforts were made by inventors and possibly auto makers to come up with energy efficient motors that could replace the archaic internal combustion engine, which we still use today.

In 1973 President Nixon created the Energy Policy Office. August 4, 1977 President Carter created the DoE after signing the Department of Energy Act. On July 10, 1979 Carter declared a national energy supply shortage.

<http://www.energy.gov/about/timeline1971-1980.htm>
<http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=4571&type=0&sequence=6>

Despite the overwhelming abilities of brightest minds in the world, mobility of the U. S. citizen still relies on internal combustion and rotary diesel engines. The future will probably yield to inertial confinement fusion motors, but in the meantime we are 50 years behind in answering our mobility issues.

Nothing is more archaic than Amtrak. We have stalled in the 1970s.

<http://www.olderide.com/community/galleries/517423959.html>



Most drivers, including commuters, are not interested in leaving both the comfort and privacy of their own car in favor of a commuter train. This also goes for people taking vacations in far off states. For some reason inventors and developers have been neglecting these tendencies.

While private railroad companies have figured out how to be lucrative by railing freight across the country, the public waste organizations like Amtrak have yet to meet the needs of both commuters and those wanting to travel across the country.

Why hasn't anyone designed a small commuter car that can actually dock into a commuter rail service? Of course commuter traffic in Dallas is a lot different than Minneapolis-St. Paul.

While Dallas commuters can get away with small wheeled vehicles, northern commuters would need a track vehicle in order to plow through the snow.

The 21st Century didn't suddenly show up on our door-stoop; it's been predicted by calendars for years.



Fundamentally, the conflicts among auto-makers, oil producers, inventors and environmentalist has taken a toll on the nation. Where are the brilliant ideas to once propelled the United States into the 21st Century?

Detroit's Socialist Nightmare Is America's Future

By Porter Stansberry - November 2, 2009 - Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

One of the most important things to remember about socialism — or coercion of any kind — is it fails eventually because human beings have an innate desire for liberty and a strong need for personal property rights. In fact, the origins of government lie in the need of agricultural communities to protect themselves from violence and theft. So it is particularly ironic that in more recent times, it is government itself that has more frequently played the role of bandit. When you start taxing people at extreme rates to pay for socialist "benefits," when you start telling them which schools their children must attend, when you start giving jobs away to people based on race instead of ability... you quash human freedom, which bogs down productivity... and if continued for long enough, leads to social collapse

I find it perplexing that only 20 years after the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the West continues to implement laws that mimic all of the failed policies of our former "communist" foes. In fact, our current president won the election by promising to "spread the wealth around." But... truth be told... we don't have to look to Eastern Europe or the Soviet Union to find a society destroyed by coercion, socialism, and the overreaching power of the State. We could just look at Detroit...

In 1961, the last Republican mayor of Detroit lost his re-election bid to a young, intelligent Democrat, with the overwhelming support of newly organized black voters. His name was Jerome Cavanagh. The incumbent was widely considered to be corrupt (and later served 10 years in prison for tax evasion). Cavanagh, a white man, pandered to poor underclass black voters. He marched with Martin Luther King down the streets of Detroit in 1963. (Of course, marching with King was the right thing to do... It's just Cavanagh's motives were political not moral.) He instated aggressive affirmative action policies at City Hall. And most critically, he greatly expanded the role of the government in Detroit, taking advantage of



President Lyndon Johnson's "Model Cities Program" — the first great experiment in centralized urban planning.

Mayor Cavanagh was the only elected official to serve on Johnson's task force. And Detroit received widespread acclaim for its leadership in the program, which attempted to turn a nine-square-mile section of the city (with 134,000 inhabitants) into a "model city." More than \$400 million was spent trying to turn inner cities into shining new monuments to government planning. In short, the feds and Democratic city mayors were soon telling people where to live, what to build, and what businesses to open or close. In return, the people received cash, training, education, and health care.

The Model Cities program was a disaster for Detroit. But it did accomplish its real goal: The creation of a state-supported, Democratic political power base. The program also resulted in much higher taxes — which were easy to pitch to poor voters who didn't have to pay them. Cavanagh pushed a new income tax through the state legislature and a "commuter tax" on city workers.

Unfortunately, as with all socialist programs, lots of folks simply don't like being told what to do. Lots of folks don't like being plundered by the government. They don't like losing their jobs because of their race.

In Detroit, they didn't like paying new, large taxes to fund a largely black and Democratic political hegemony. And so, in 1966, more than 22,000 middle- and upper-class residents moved out of the city.

But what about the poor? As my friend Doug Casey likes to say, in the War on Poverty, the poor lost the most. In July 1967, police attempted to break up a late-night party in the middle of the new "Model City." The scene turned into the worst race riot of the 1960s. The violence killed more than 40 people and left more than 5,000 people homeless. One of the first stores to be looted was the black-owned pharmacy. The largest black-owned clothing store in the city was also burned to the ground. Cavanagh did nothing to stop the riots, fearing a large police presence would make matters worse. Five days later, Johnson sent in two divisions of paratroopers to put down the insurrection. Over the next 18 months, an additional 140,000 upper- and middle-class residents — almost all of them white — left the city.

And so, you might rightfully ask... after five years of centralized planning, higher taxes, and a fleeing population, what did the government decide to do with its grand experiment, its "Model City"? You'll never guess...

Seeing it had accomplished nothing but failure, the government endeavored to do still more. The Model City program was expanded and enlarged by 1974's Community Development Block Grant Program. Here again, politicians would decide which groups (and even individuals) would receive state funds for various "renewal" schemes. Later, Big Business was brought into the fold. In exchange for various concessions, the Big Three automakers "gave" \$488 million to the city for use in still more redevelopment schemes in the mid-1990s.

What happened? Even with all of their power and all of the money, centralized planners couldn't succeed with any of their plans. Nearly all of the upper and middle class left Detroit. The poor fled, too. The Model City area lost 63% of its population and 45% of its housing units from the inception of the program through 1990.

Even today, the crisis continues. At a

recent auction of nearly 9,000 seized homes and lots, less than one-fifth of the available properties sold, even with bidding starting at \$500. You literally can't give away most of the "Model City" areas today. The properties put up for sale last week represented an area the size of New York's Central Park. Total vacant land in Detroit now occupies an area the size of Boston — Detroit properties in foreclosure have more than tripled since 2007.

Every single mayor of Detroit since 1961 has been a Democrat. Every single mayor of Detroit since 1974 has been black. Detroit has been a major recipient of every major social program since the early 1960s and has received hundreds of billions of dollars in government grants, loans, and programs. We now have a black, Democrat president, who is promising to do to America as a whole what his political mentors have done to Detroit.

Those of you with a Democratic political affiliation may think what I've written above is biased or false. You may think what you like. But there is no way to argue that what the government has done to Detroit is anything but a horrendous crime. You may think what I've written above is merely a political analysis. Perhaps so, but politicians drive macroeconomic policy. And macroeconomic policy determines key financial metrics, like the trade-weighted value of a currency and key interest rates.

The likelihood America will become a giant Detroit is growing — rapidly. Politicians now control the banking sector, most of the manufacturing sector (including autos), a large amount of media, and are threatening to take over health care and the production of electricity (via cap and trade rules). These are the biggest threats to wealth in the history of our country. And these threats are causing the world's most accomplished and wealthy investors to actively short sell the United States — something that is unprecedented in my experience.

RECALL NEARLY HITS MICHIGAN'S 1ST DISTRICT

VOTERS REMORSE IS RADIO ACTIVE

After 12-years of the Republicans failing to yank their heads out of their collective asses, the Democrats took over both the Senate and the House on January 1, 2006.

Gas prices sky rocketed, credit card interest rates began running amuck and those who destroyed most retirement portfolios were re-elected in 2008, including one who was promoted to Kenyan-in-Chief.

Voting for Democrats to "lead" the nation is much like voting for those who are handing out hot soup because it's hot, even though they were the ones who put you in the soup-line. It's more than just ironic; it's also moronic.

But, what was it that the Republicans had to offer the American voters?

Between Chuckles Huckabee and the communist plants that voted in key turn states, the Republican Party ended up with dumbest Republican Senator in the history of America on the ticket.

Most Republicans who were staunch pro-life conservatives were poised to vote for Libertarian Bob

Barr. But then Sarah Palin decided to join the McCain campaign; new energy was breathed into the hearts of a lot of those reluctant conservative voters.

Conservatives held their noses, much like Democrats do all the time, and voted for John McCain. There is no secret that many voters hoped he would win, be sworn-in, die on the 21st and Sarah would then be sworn-in to take over the helm.

The recent turn of events has now changed the hearts and minds of a significant number of Americans.

Republicans and many Democrats are now secretly hoping Obama gets a one-way carriage ride to Arlington, even though it means Joe Biden would take over.

But the voters' remorse goes deeper than just the embarrassment caused by one of the most incompetent Presidents to ever hold the office; it extends up and down the list of treasonous Who's Who in Congress. Let's face it, previous articles that suggested there was no real

difference between Republicans and Democrats had been accurate until January 20, 2009.

Although the Democrats were showing a little shift to the left before the November 2008 election, they took a full step and two parlays to the left after the inauguration. Progressives, who are more accurately defined as Commie-Fascists, became publicly emboldened at the moment B. Hussein took over the White House.

But, like many voters realize, there are not only Progressives in DC, there are Progressive-wanna-be's left there as well; the McCain-types who are Republicans-in-name-only (RINOs) have darkened the halls of the peoples' chambers for decades.

The National Defender is in the midst of organizing their national effort called "Campaign Adios", voters have already decided to oust their representatives.

Agitated Americans are continuing to participate in Taxed Enough Already (T.E.A.) parties and Patriot rallies all across America.

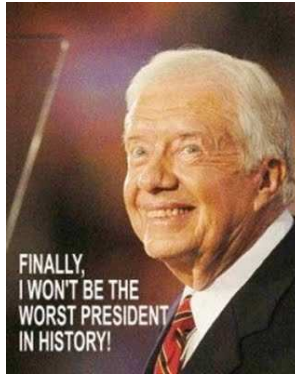
The Americans for Constitutional Enforcement (A.C.E.) <http://www.a4ce.org/> were launching an all-out effort to recall those who represent voters in Michigan's 1st Congressional District.

Richard Abraham, President of the group, was leading the charge by preparing "clarification of language" letters to the respective members of the county election commissions. The task would be daunting so the recall is on-hold for the time-being.

The following are targeted for the recall:

- Congressman Bart Stupak
- Senator Carl Levin
- Senator Debbie Stabenow
- President Barack Obama

The most important things all Americans can do is to rev-up the pressure on their elected officials, keep up the momentum right into the 2010 and 2012 elections, and keep reminding fellow voters of the actions, travesties, compromises, and outright violations of the Constitution that we've witnessed since September 2008.



THE GROWTH OF OUR NATIONAL FLAG.



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1. COLONIAL FLAG, used chiefly by Colonies of New England previous to Revolutionary War.
2. BUNKER HILL FLAG, used by New England troops at battle of Bunker Hill.
3. PINE-TREE FLAG OF THE NAVY, used by the American ships early in Revolutionary War.
4. GADSDEN FLAG, used early in Revolutionary War.
5. FIRST NATIONAL FLAG, used in 1776, before the Declaration of Independence. The thirteen stripes signified the thirteen colonies.
6. THE PRESENT "STAR SPANGLED BANNER." The stripes signify the original thirteen colonies; and the stars, the present number of States.



The Case for a National Conservative Party of America

By Bruce Walker [Sunday, February 1, 2009](#)

Conservatives today are debating whether to remain loyal Republicans or to found a new political party. We should go with what we believe in and form a Conservative Party of America. This new party could oppose global warming as a sick hoax. It could oppose government spending and government waste at every level. It could advocate a simple and a less confiscatory tax structure. It could defend the Judeo-Christian traditions of our nation. A Conservative Party would not need to "balance" its principles so that the two Republican senators from Maine could get reelected.

Sixty percent of Americans routinely identify themselves as conservatives. This is a much bigger percentage than the percentage of Americans who identify themselves as Republicans. The Conservative Party of America would have a "brand" that was not tarred like the Republican Party brand. Democrats long since stopped calling themselves "liberals." Why? Conservatives outnumber liberals in every relevant poll by a wide margin. Ideological branding favors conservatives, but partisan branding favors Democrats. We ought to use our advantages and drop our liabilities.

Would the Conservative Party try to replace the Republican Party? There would be no need to do that. The Conservative Party could endorse the Republican Party candidate wherever the Republican Party candidate was a conservative. In 2008, if

Republicans had nominated Fred Thompson with Sarah Palin as his running mate, the Conservative Party would have happily made that ticket its national ticket as well. If Republicans had nominated John McCain with Joe Lieberman as his running mate, the Conservative Party could have run its own separate ticket.

Obama would have won in both scenarios, but a strong independent Conservative Party ticket might well have denied him a majority of the popular vote – and America would have heard a principled voice of opposition during the campaign. At least as importantly, conservative turnout in the general election would probably have been much higher if conservatives had a reason to turn out and vote. This would have meant that conservatives up and down the ticket might have won because of increased conservative turnout: Elizabeth Dole and Norm Coleman, for example, might have won reelection comfortably if conservative turnout had been higher in North Carolina and Minnesota.

The Conservative Party would generally endorse Republican candidates, but in those races in which a liberal Republican was running against a Leftist Democrat a robust Conservative Party should run as a third party candidate. We would actually elect some conservatives in elections where Republicans would have lost (the election of Jim Buckley to the Senate from New York was a perfect example of that.) At least as importantly, individual Republicans would be less

likely to flirt with the Left if conservatives always picked a candidate for every significant election. Very few Republicans could win election without the conservative vote.

Aside from adopting the Republican nominee (most of the time) and running a separate nominee (some of the time), the Conservative Party could adopt the Democrat nominee (on a few, rare occasions.) Indeed, it would be important to pick a handful of Democrats, particularly in conservative congressional districts or in state elections to affirmatively adopt. Congressman Boren, for example, declined to endorse fellow Democrat Obama. NARAL gave Boren a zero voting rating while the National Right to Life Committee gave Boren an eighty-two percent rating. The American Conservative Union gave Boren a fifty-seven percent approval rating, and the Family Research Council also gave him high ratings.

Adopting conservative Democrats, like Boren, as Conservative Party nominees would show that conservatives were not married to party labels and it would also strengthen the hand of those brave Democrats within their caucuses. Moving Democrats more toward conservatism ought to be one of the most important objectives of American conservatives. State government is often more naturally conservative than the federal government. State governments cannot print money. They are often the victims of federal judicial bullying. People and businesses leave states that ignore their interests - Californians become Arizonans - while the only escape from the

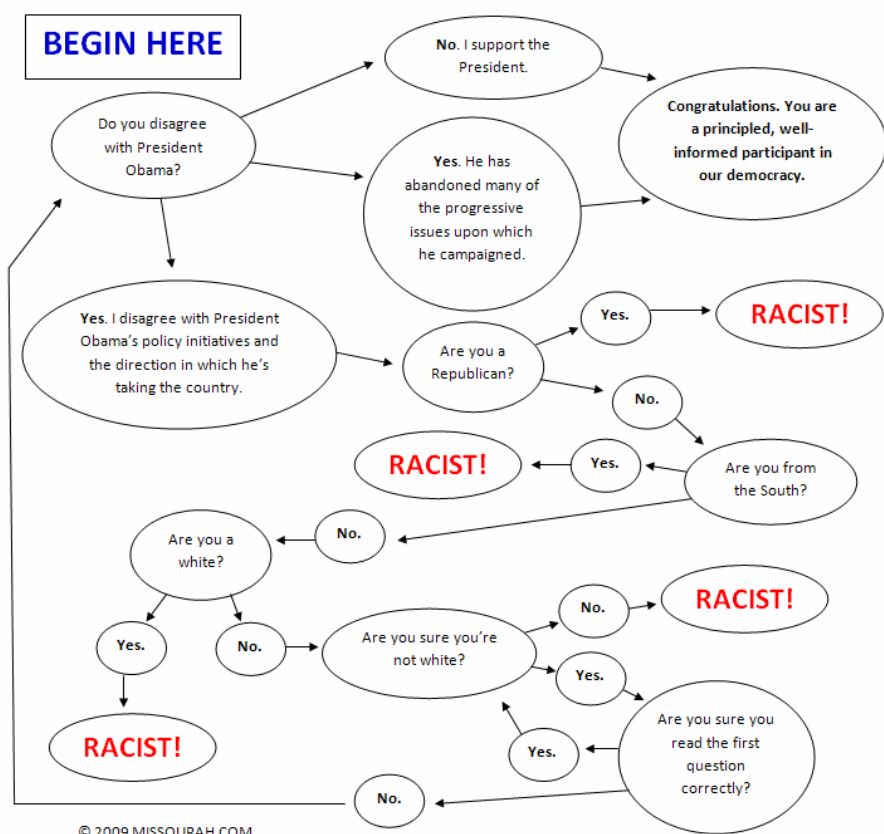
federal government is emigration.

The Conservative Party could champion the rights of state governments and so win state elections in places where Republicans could not win. Governor Freudenthal of Wyoming won reelection with endorsement of the NRA. He is, generally speaking, a conservative. Why not endorse a conservative state governor like him, even if he is a Democrat? Political careers start in state politics. It is in the interest of conservatives to pull as many of America's future political leaders to the conservative position and to hold them there.

The Conservative Party would provide a very comfortable haven for miserable conservative Republicans who want their financial support to be used for what they want – the advancement of conservatism. The Conservative Party would be a carrot and a stick to establishment Republicans. The Conservative Party would use the highly popular "conservative" label instead of the highly malodorous "Republican" label.

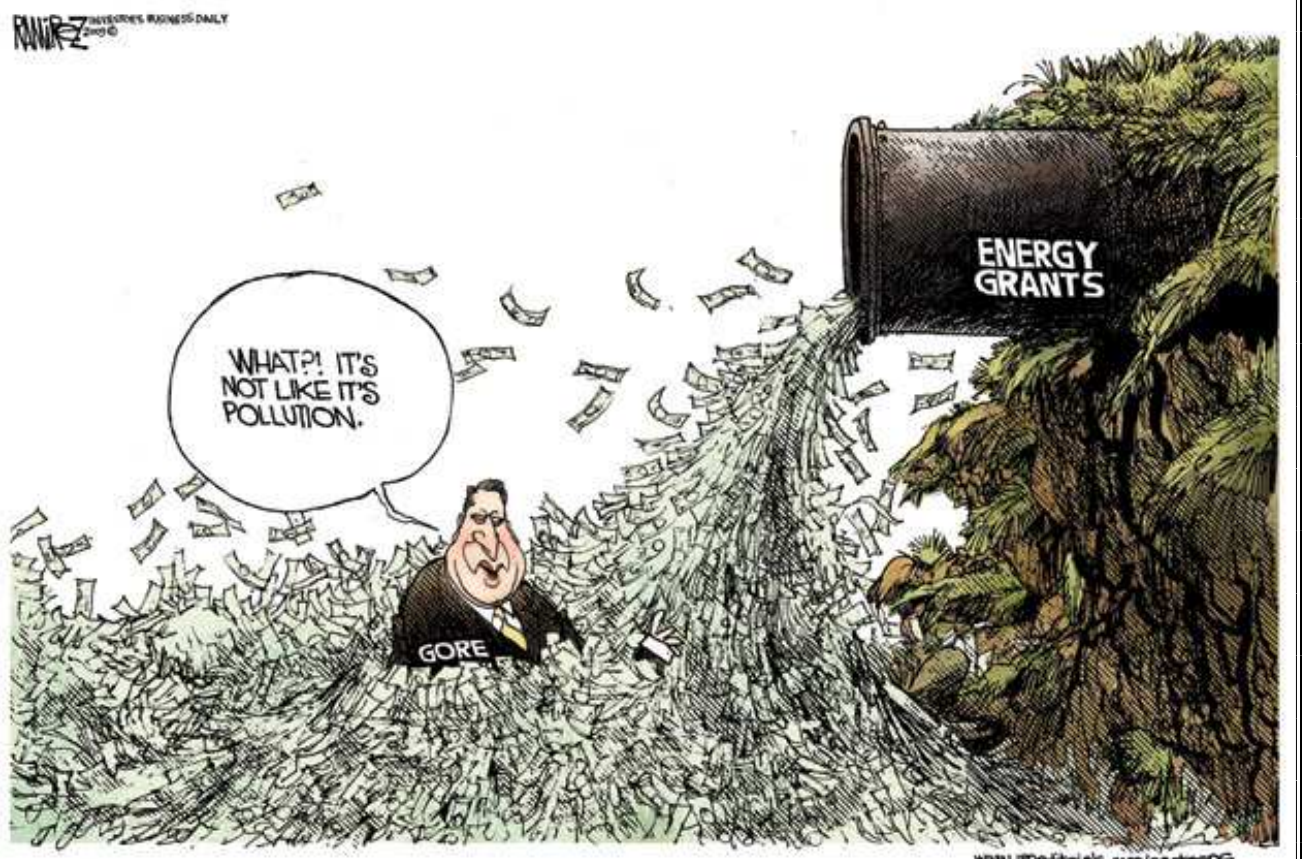
The goal should not be to supplant the Republican Party with a Conservative Party. The goal should be to insure that conservatives - - that silent majority of Americans - - never risked again having their support held hostage to party establishments. We are sixty percent of America, yet Washington ignores our view. Ronald Reagan said it best: "If they can't see the light, let them feel the heat." Amen.

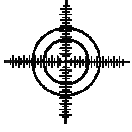
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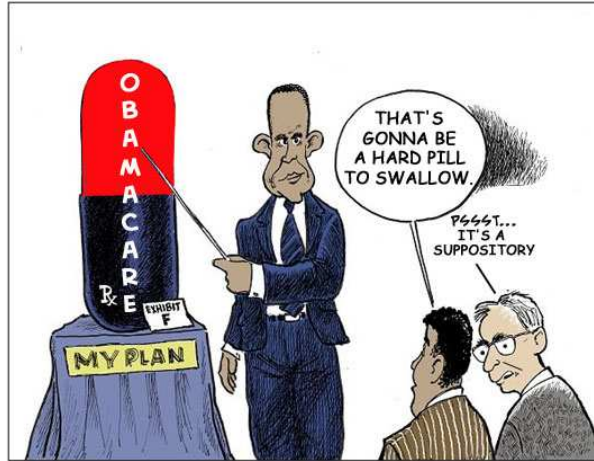


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THIS SIDE UP BY J. C. POWERS

Most of you will probably recall from your basic life science courses that all animals have some type of imprinting on their brains, no matter how small. It keeps every species going through an innate need to breed and to survive in a world that is abundant with predators. Many mammals have been imprinted with an instinct to prepare for winter while some birds have been imprinted to migrate south.

The ground squirrel hoards food and then nests for deep hibernation and the tiny hummingbird flies south. Both have tiny brains, but have been managing to keep their species alive and well for generations.

A study of curiosity in the world of human psychology is the imprinting on the human brain that is passed down from generation to generation. The obvious question of the studies is whether or not the human species has some type of imprinting that is handed-down from generation to generation. Do you have that fight or flight instinct? If the hairs ever stood up on the back of your neck or your anal opening clenched shut when you were startled by a sudden honk of a car horn directly behind you, you have that fight or flight mechanism imprinted on your brain.

It's nothing to be ashamed of since it's kept you alive for all these years. God's children as well as those who descended from monkeys all have some survival instinct; skateboarders and those people who paint towers may be the exception to the rule. But nonetheless, people have an innate component imprinted on their brain.

Obviously Monkey-people are easily taken advantage of through persuasion and manipulation. Unfortunately God's children have an interior need to trust others and can also fall for the glitter of appealing speakers. The former helps explain why most Monkey-people are diehard Democrats and the latter helps to explain why 54% of the Catholics who voted had voted for Obama-Biden.

Military personnel, police officers, firefighters and emergency services personnel have spent their careers trying to master and hone their instincts. Those professionals who work to develop a sixth sense need to train themselves to take control over their fight or flight instincts.

While the monkey-people have a tendency to cling to the teat of a surrogate, God's children prefer to face-down threats head-on. In most circles where military, police, firefighters, and other emergency personnel gather, there is an overwhelming odor of testosterone. Usually those men and women who own guns and enjoy the hunt are also rewarded with the same developed skills possessed by professional groups; all are usually a tough audience for the fictitious people who have underlying motivations.

These highly developed instincts are a major problem for individuals who want to take control over the lives of others that they consider very inferior. While the Monkey-people are preferred subordinates, most who are children of God have a specific level of trust; the elitists are having a very difficult time determining where that line of trust lies and how to not openly cross it until even God's people are enslaved.

As the Progressives (communists) made progress in 2008 through the encapsulation of the three branches of government, their impatience for the overall implementation of their communist agenda and programs did a much unexpected thing—their push has awakened the instincts that had laid dormant in the civilian brain. While there is no residual effect on the groups of Monkey-people, the children of God are now filled with a 1776 determination.

In an effort to rewrite the imprinting in the brains of God's people through years of indoctrination and devaluing the very notion of human dignity and life, the line of trust has been crossed. As a result, the citizens who have been typically very quiet and apathetic have taken-up arms, so-to-speak, to gather at TEA Parties, confront their politicians at town hall meetings, and have inundated the three branches of government with letters, e-mails, telephone calls, and even civil suits.

What the Progressives failed to realize was that Americans for the most part are not pure-breeds; they're the mutts of the human species. It may be a daunting task to teach a Lab to herd goats or to train a Shepard to retrieve a downed duck, but when the species has a mixture of imprints they may be very versatile. While on this topic, let me also point out that most pure-breeds are spastic and the mutt makes a better family pet.

Human adult stem cell research comes to mind; while it's impossible to predict what an embryonic stem cell may do, adult stem cells are the most predictable. The embryonic stem cell seems to be the pure-bred while the adult stem cell appears to have all the attributes of a mixed-breed.

Shortly after the second stimulus package was passed by Congress, citizens realized their futures were in jeopardy. Considering that a trillion is one million—million, it was quite reasonable to expect the people who fund their government by the sweat of their brow to be more than irate. As taxpayers watched their Congress reciprocate political favors to their big-donor supporters, the average voter continued to watch helplessly as their investments and savings crumbled.

Had we elected individuals who were more interested in serving their constituents rather than their Party and their donors, things would have been completely different. Since it seemed inevitable that Congress was going to spend like fools in order to rescue the economy, it would have been far more effective if the Congress had issued \$50,000 vouchers to taxpayers' households to pay-off debt. What was left could have been used to watermelon their homes or trade their clunker in for a more fuel efficient vehicle or energy efficient appliances.

Since Congress and its inept Kenyan-in-Chief have decided to increase our tax liabilities, ignore our financial demise, and impose its communist agenda on the citizens, it appears those predatory instincts of the human voter has kicked-in. The hunt is on. In preparation of taking big game, the voters have begun to formulate their plan of attack. Like Marines preparing to take the hill, they have rallied in unison at T.E.A. parties and town-hall meetings.

The voters need to ensure their vote is counted as the second shot is heard around the world in 2010.