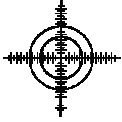


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Clinton to give away Hsu's donations to charity BY MARTIN C. EVANS—August 30, 2007

[newsday.com](http://www.newsday.com) Clinton, stung by criticism for accepting campaign contributions from a convicted felon with questionable fundraising practices, will donate the \$23,000 he gave her to charity.

"In light of the new information regarding Mr. Hsu's outstanding warrant in California, we will be giving his contributions to charity," said Clinton spokesman Phil Singer. "We regularly review contributions as we receive them," he said, adding that "we will continue our practice of scrutinizing contributions and, should we have a basis to return a contribution, we will do so."

Clinton's sudden decision came as other Democrats began distancing themselves from Norman Hsu, a California businessman who has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Democratic causes.

Al Franken, a Senate candidate in Minnesota, and Reps. Joe Sestak, of Pennsylvania and Michael Honda, of California, said recently they would divest their campaign of Hsu's donations.

Hsu pleaded guilty to a 1991 grand theft charge after bilking investors in a latex glove sales scheme. He never appeared for sentencing, and authorities apparently lost track of him.

But, years later, Hsu emerged as a huge political fundraiser, according to Federal Election Commission records, which show that the Hong Kong native has donated \$264,000 to Democratic party entities since 2004.

Hsu has chosen Clinton as his beneficiary during the contest for the Democratic presidential nomination. He had earned a place in the Clinton campaign's "HillRaiser" inner circle through a pledge to "bundle" more than \$100,000 in total donations from other individuals.

And even though the former first lady is donating the \$23,000 she received from him, Singer said her campaign would not relinquish an additional \$45,000 that came from the family of a Daly City postal worker of modest means, whose donations closely tracked those of the California political rainmaker.

Hsu claimed to have bundled donations from the family, who gave a combined \$213,000 - including \$50,000 to Clinton - over a three-year period, according to the Los Angeles Times.

A lawyer for Hsu said his fundraising activities were not illegal.

Hsu also made donations to the Illinois senatorial campaign of Barack Obama in 2004. Yesterday, spokesman Jen Psaki said Obama, who has criticized Clinton for taking contributions that could undermine her independence, had no plans to return Hsu's donations.

Shortly before Clinton's camp announced it would divest itself of Hsu's donations, political strategist Hank Sheinkopf said the issue could become a tar pit for her.

Sheinkopf, who helped construct President Bill Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign, said questions surrounding Hsu's donations threatened to resurrect images of past controversies involving the Clinton family and campaign contributions.

"They've taken money from criminals in the past; now we learn that Sen. Clinton took money from people when they don't know where their money came from - bundled money from a convicted felon," he said. "That ain't good."

This article was supplemented with a wire report.

WHO ELSE GOT MONEY

Over the years, Hsu and his associates also have given to Democrats such as Sens. Dianne Feinstein (Calif.), Edward M. Kennedy (Mass.), Barack Obama (Ill.) and Joseph R. Biden Jr. (Del.)

WHO'S GIVING IT UP

Al Franken (\$2,300), a Senate candidate in Minnesota, Reps. Michael Honda (\$1,000) and Doris Matsui (\$6,100) of California and Rep. Joe Sestak (\$1,000) of Pennsylvania said they would divest their campaigns of Hsu's donations.

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<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/ny-ushsu305351815aug30,0,1159031.story>

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

When is a Scandal not quite a Scandal?

Norman Hsu and Jack Abramoff are two very different players in modern politics; Hsu is on the side of the Democrats and Abramoff was an independent that didn't really care whose palms he greased.

If you look at the names in the article above you will notice Joe Sestak of Pennsylvania. He's the guy that beat Curt Weldon after some one "inadvertently" let the press know that Weldon and his daughter were under investigation by the FBI; Mr. Weldon negotiated with a DC lobby firm to get his daughter a good-paying job; something other parents would never do.

In a Washington Post article by Dan Blaz, the following appeared:

Gingrich would become the first speaker to be reprimanded for his conduct and would begin his second term politically weakened and personally diminished. . . And the 2nd to last paragraph. . . Gingrich is only the second House speaker to be charged with wrongdoing. The first was Jim Wright (D-Tex.), who resigned in 1989 just 45 days after the ethics committee accused him of using bulk sales of books to get around House honoraria limits. That probe was triggered by a complaint filed by Gingrich.

You can't have it both ways.

The last paragraph of the Post article concluded with: *Meanwhile, House GOP leaders are discouraging lawmakers from filing ethics complaints against McDermott, part of an effort to tone down partisanship and an acknowledgment that the FBI is investigating and McDermott is potentially facing serious legal problems.*

McDermott released recordings made by an elderly Florida couple of cell phone conversations between Newt and his fellow Republicans. Zoom-zoom.

A Pole-cat Versus a Poll-cat

An August 18, 2007 Rasmussen Reports poll which suggested 56% of those polled support the continued building of a fence along our southern border. A bit higher, 58% of those polled have a disdain for what are being called sanctuary cities where illegal immigrants can flee, live and work without hiding. A very high 71% support the issuance of an ID to workers and students from foreign countries. The percentages went up when asked about landlords being able to ask for documentation (74%) and employers' rights to fire workers who provide false credentials (79%).

The poll on illegal immigration seems to reflect the discontentment US citizens have toward their Congress. Only 13% of the voters think Congress is doing a good job while a measly 3% think they're doing an excellent job. Those would probably be parents and spouses.

Not to bore you with stats, but two final notes about the polls is that 59% of the Republicans and only 36% of the Democrats think Congress is doing a poor job, yet even after *Kelo v. the City of New London*, the US Supreme Court has only a 20% unfavorable rating.

Polls are capable of telling you what ever you want them to tell and can also be manipulated to have a planned result or to help you prove a preconceived theory. Rasmussen is probably one of the most conscientious and unbiased polling organizations in the nation, taking steps to avoid skewing the results. But not all polls are so honorable.

Let's take a poll, but by asking the same question slightly differently: On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the least likely and 10 being most likely, rate the following question:

<http://www.rasmussenreports.com/>

The War in Iraq has seen the loss of over 3,000 men and women and the violence is getting worse; would you vote for a candidate that wants an immediate withdraw from Iraq?

The Iraqi government has several divisions trained and ready to defend their own country thanks to our servicemen and women; would you vote for a candidate who wants to withdraw from Iraq before its people can stand on their own as a country?

Based on what you know, would you vote for a candidate who wants an immediate withdraw from Iraq?

Leading or prefacing a question, whether negative or positive, will elicit a different response and skewed outcome.

Deciphering Elitism By J. C. Powers

What people need to be aware of in reference to any hot-button issue like illegal immigration is that over-saturation of information effectively desensitizes the receiver. Eventually the result is apathy. Abhor - Ignore - Embrace.

A recent example of this anomaly is the attacks on September 11, 2001. In heroic and unified displays of patriotism, citizens across the United States flew U. S. Flags from their porches and brand new flagpoles. This created a disdain among the liberal communists and the flag-waving sense of Americanism had to end.

Eventually a large segment of society drifted from unquestioning and unwavering loyalty to anti-loyalist advocates in just a few short years.

Too many people had believed what they had seen and heard in the news. Most citizens were evidently unable, or perhaps just unwilling to pay attention to the underlying messages. Once again they became unquestioning loyalists, but this time toward the media and the communists of the Democrat and Republican parties. Murtha, McCain, Kennedy, Stupak and Levin were cohorts in ensuring that anti-American messages were sent around the United States and in some cases, around the world.

The propagandists have converted outrage to guilt. Muslim studies are becoming mandatory in some schools. Perhaps German studies in the 1940s could have helped the "Greatest Generation" in better understanding the Nazi motivations for supporting a dictator.

The Democrats have gone as far as to blame the terrorists' attacks on our "occupation" of Iraq. The communists also proclaim Iraq is George Bush's Vietnam. Harry Reid stated that we had lost the war. The liberals profess that we need to understand the terrorists and do our best to negotiate with Iran and other terrorists' countries.

Converting emotions from outrage to support is a specialty of good propagandists like the KGB communists of the past and today's Democrats; converting lying under oath (perjury) in a federal court and outrageous conduct against women, attacking the investigation and, to convincing the public it's all a private matter and none of our business. With that mindset, then perhaps others with tendencies toward perversions such as violent rapes should be afforded the same support, even if they're not politicians. Party loyalty doesn't translate to Party morality.

Our motivations can be whittled-down by ignoring the problem. The first time we hit a pothole with our car we get upset. We may even complain to the city or county and demand they fix the road. If the road workers don't fix it we accept their incompetence and just learn to drive around the pothole.

Our acceptance of the lack of responsibility by others leads to severely diminished expectations. Just because students can't learn, won't learn, or have major behavioral problems doesn't mean they shouldn't "earn" a diploma.

We have gone as far as to build many tax-payer-funded alternative schools for social degenerates. They call this a "Progressive" posture even though it doesn't fix the root problems; lack of discipline, respect and self-worth. The trend actually helps support non-compliance and rewards bad behavior, like having childcare facilities in our high schools for teen parents.

The politicians in Lansing and DC are forcing behavior modifications upon the people. Restricting tobacco use in public areas and waging war on chubbiness. Reducing the blood-alcohol content (BAC) step-by-step so any alcohol consumed will get you an impaired driving ticket. Get pissed, slap a spouse in a fit of passion, and you lose your gun rights, forever. Spank your child; lose your gun rights.

Any citizen's screw-up results in the wrath of the government, yet any screw-ups within the government is discussed and depending on which elitist is involved, may result in a censure or what would amount to a slap on the wrist.

The double standards invoked and enjoyed by elitists are something for us to envy. When the citizens begin to enjoy their liberties, the elitists always manage to convince a small minority to raise enough hell to call a halt to that enjoyment. Few things in life are left to enjoy. ~JCP

Using Poverty to Divide Posted By Bobby Eberle



August 29, 2007 at 6:06 am

The Democrats are pros at trying to gain a political advantage by dividing America. Rather than using rhetoric that will bring people together for common goals, they specialize in pitting one race against another, one gender against another, and one class against another. In particular, let's look at the poverty issue, where Democrat John Edwards recently said, "Tens of millions of our fellow citizens are completely left out of the economic progress enjoyed by the individuals and corporations on the very top." I guess any discussion by a Democrat is incomplete without throwing in a reference to evil corporations.

Edwards' comments are in reference to new poverty statistics released by the Census Bureau. The statistics show that for the first time this decade, the poverty rate actually declined. The rate fell from 12.6 percent in 2005 to 12.3 percent in 2006. The Census Bureau reports that the number of people without health insurance coverage rose "from 44.8 million (15.3 percent) in 2005 to 47 million (15.8 percent) in 2006."

Of course, the Democrats are jumping on the statistics in an attempt to drive a wedge between Americans. John Edwards said in his press release, "We simply cannot stand by while tens of millions of our fellow citizens go without the necessities of life."

Go without the necessities of life? While there are those who truly struggle each day to even find something to eat, the term "poverty" as used by the Democrats has become distorted, and it's important to cut through the rhetoric and get to the facts.

The Heritage Foundation has put together an excellent paper called *How Poor Are America's Poor? Examining the "Plague" of Poverty in America*. As author Robert E. Rector notes:

viduals the government deems to be poor. For most Americans, the word "poverty" suggests destitution: an inability to provide a family with nutritious food, clothing, and reasonable shelter. But only a small number of the 37 million persons classified as "poor" by the Census Bureau fit that description. While real material hardship certainly does occur, it is limited in scope and severity.

Most of America's "poor" live in material conditions that would be judged as comfortable or well-off just a few generations ago. Today, the expenditures per person of the lowest-income one-fifth (or quintile) of households equal those of the median American household in the early 1970s, after adjusting for inflation. The problem is that the Democrats have used an "us versus them" tactic for so long and liberals talk about the plight of the "poor" in such a way that the truth gets distorted. Here are some interesting facts the Heritage Foundation points out about people the Democrats and government label as "poor":

- ~ Forty-three percent of all poor households actually own their own homes. The average home owned by persons classified as poor by the Census Bureau is a three-bedroom house with one-and-a-half baths, a garage, and a porch or patio.

- ~ Eighty percent of poor households have air conditioning. By contrast, in 1970, only 36 percent of the entire U.S. population enjoyed air conditioning.

- ~ Only 6 percent of poor households are over-crowded. More than two-thirds have more than two rooms per person.

- ~ The average poor American has more living space than the average individual living in Paris, London, Vienna, Athens, and other cities

throughout Europe. (These comparisons are to the average citizens in foreign countries, not to those classified as poor.)

- ~ Nearly three-quarters of poor households own a car; 31 percent own two or more cars.

- ~ Ninety-seven percent of poor households have a color television; over half own two or more color televisions.

- ~ Seventy-eight percent have a VCR or DVD player; 62 percent have cable or satellite TV reception.

- ~ Eighty-nine percent own microwave ovens, more than half have a stereo, and more than a third have an automatic dishwasher.

Despite the fact that "poor" doesn't necessarily mean "impoverished" as we think about it, and despite the fact that the poverty rate has actually gone down, the Democrats are still speaking gloom and doom. As noted in the *Washington Times*, Democrats are calling the economic improvements "meager."

"Too many Americans find themselves still stuck in the deep hole dug by economic policies favoring the wealthy," said House Ways and Means Chairman Charles B. Rangel, New York Democrat.

It's important for conservatives, especially conservative candidates to be able to slice through this rhetoric of division. Even though the Republicans have a huge mountain to climb in 2008, it is a task that CAN be accomplished with the right candidates and the right platform. It is also important to let the American people know when they are being played for fools, and not let the Democrats twist statistics or try to divide the country. America has real enemies out there... it's in the form of radical terrorists, not the neighbor next door with the nice car.

Editor's Note: Of the estimated 44.8 million people in the United States without health insurance, 45% of those included in the study were illegal immigrants; nearly 20 million added to the mix for statistical manipulation. Another sizeable portion consists of those who are self-insured.



WASHINGTON – AP

Karl Rove, your car is ready. <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,295009,00.html>

White House pranksters wrapped Rove's Jaguar in plastic wrap on the private driveway next to the West Wing. Rove's car is easily recognizable because of its "I love Barack Obama" bumper sticker and the twin stuffed-animal eagles on the trunk. Oh, and there's a stuffed-animal elephant on the hood.

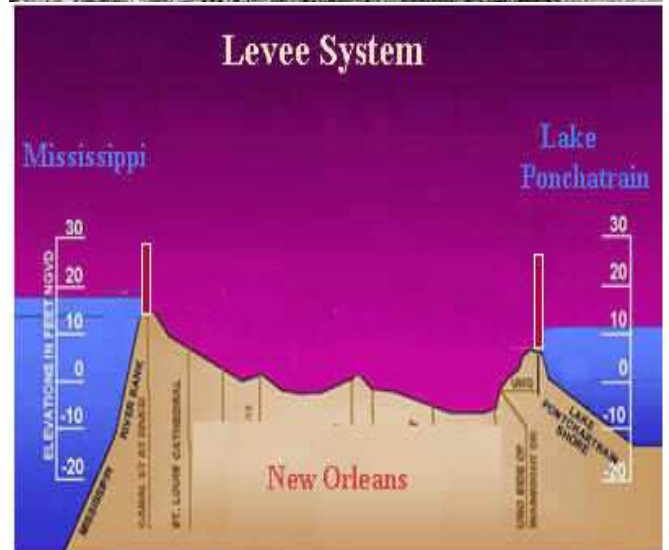
Rove, the top White House political strategist who recently announced his resignation, left his car on the driveway while visiting Texas and traveling with President Bush. He was due back in Washington Wednesday (08-28-07) evening.

KATRINA'S ANNIVERSARY We Remember the Pre-Storm Screw-ups

http://www.nupec.or.jp/database/paper/paper_11/p11_seismic/R11-04-37.htm



<http://www.galveston.com/seawallphotos/>



The purpose of showing the photos is to enlighten U. S. citizens regarding the construction of a seawall by contrasting the ingenuity of those in New Orleans (NO), Louisiana with those outside of the state.

The seawall in Iwakuni, Japan, pictured above left, was borrowed from the Lubbock Marine Parents web site. They have two sons in the Marines; thank you for your service, patriotism and quality photograph. It was hard to find a good quality photo of the seawall. This one does the trick.

Iwakuni, Japan is an old WWII Japanese naval base. It was built below sea level many years ago and still functions well.

With the picture at the lower left we can also help contrast the levees in NO with the seawall along the coast of Galveston, Texas.

Again we had to borrow a photograph, this time from Galveston.com. While it is seldom wise and useful to build below sea level for any reason, solutions for protecting low-lying areas requires much contemplation, planning and quality engineering; all of which NO seems to lack.

The seawalls in Japan were built to last and withstand hurricane force winds, waves, tsunamis and even the earthquakes.

LEVEES AND SEAWALLS

http://www.kathryncramer.com/kathryn_cramer/2005/08/new_orleans_leve.html

http://www.nupec.or.jp/database/paper/paper_11/p11_seismic/R11-04-37.htm

<http://judicial-inc.biz/katrina.htm> (Has music bed)

The City of New Orleans elected to use a levee system, built mostly of dirt, instead of a solid rock and concrete sea wall; photo upper right.

The graphic on the lower right depicts the depth of New Orleans. Perhaps it would have been cheaper to just take all the cash sent to build the earthen levees and then fix the mistakes of poor planning by just filling in the entire City with bags of pennies to raise it above sea level. Money; easy come—easy go.

Black Comedy By Charley Reese—<http://www.lewrockwell.com/reese/reese388.html>



Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, is rising a notch in my estimation. He's begun to snap back at his American critics. Bully for him.

Arrogant American politicians, in calling for his ouster, shed all pretense of

any interest in democracy. Clearly they see themselves as imperial overlords dissatisfied with someone they consider an American stooge. American generals even now are starting to talk about the need for a dictator, though they don't use that term. Maybe, they are telling journalists, democracy for Iraq wasn't such a good idea after all.

Nevertheless, al-Maliki is the legitimately chosen head of a legitimately elected government. It's not up to American senators and presidential candidates to decide who should be prime minister of Iraq. These empty-headed windbags wouldn't dream of calling for the ouster of the British prime minister. That they so readily do so in the case of Iraq simply shows you how they disdain the democracy they claim to support.

In fairness to al-Maliki, it should be pointed out that the much-publicized hand-over of "sovereignty" to the Iraqi government was and is a sham. Iraq's army has to answer to the Americans, not to the Iraqi government. Iraq has no intelligence agency. The intelligence agency was set up and is run by the CIA. The U.S. is still the occupier of Iraq, and there is relatively little freedom of the Iraqi government to set its own policies.

Add to that the fact that the Iraqi government, regardless of who leads it, is stuck with a country that we "bombed back into the pre-industrial age," to use the boastful phrase of Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf during the first Gulf War. Then, with our singularly inept attempt at occupation, we fired its government and its army. If every member of the Iraqi parliament had a genius IQ, they'd have a hard time digging themselves out of the hole we dug for the country.

The Iraqi fiasco is a black comedy – black because of the tragic loss of life and suffering it has caused, but a comedy nevertheless because of the Three Stooges-type antics of American officials, beginning with President Bush. The president has misled and continues to mislead the American people in an attempt to rationalize his failed policy. His pathetically juvenile claim that the terrorists would follow Americans home if the U.S. withdrew from Iraq is laughable. Al-Qaida declared war on us long before we did it the enormous favor of invading Iraq, thus both reinforcing al-Qaida's propaganda and providing it with a new recruitment and training ground.

Mr. Bush's ill-fated war has not only increased the stock of the world's terrorists, but it replaced a Sunni-led government with a Shiite-led government that is close to Iran. You couldn't screw this situation up any worse than if you had let Osama bin Laden plan the invasion. I have never seen such a stupid administration as this one.

And make no mistake – there is no easy solution or way out of this morass. Just as so many knowledgeable people, both here and in the Middle East, warned the president beforehand, he has set loose the wild dogs of war,

chaos and havoc in a previously stable region and doesn't have any idea at all of how to round them up.

I long ago predicted the end result of this blundering around would be a new dictatorship, because a brutally strong central authority is the only way Iraq's feuding factions can be controlled. This time, however, it likely will be someone allied to Iran.

Iraq's misery and difficulties remind me of a quotation from a Turkish officer who said, "The trouble with being an ally of the United States is that you can never tell when it's going to decide to stab itself in the back."

Amen.

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Editor's Note: Mr. Reese is quite right in his analysis of our centralization efforts in Iraq. In the United States it was groups from the 13 colonies that came together to create a new government; it was not a group of nationalists that came together to create the colonies. ~JCP

A Japanese doctor says, "Medicine in my country is so advanced that we can take a kidney out of one man, put it in another, and have him out looking for work in six weeks."

A German doctor says, "That is nothing. We can take a lung out of one person, put it in another, and have him out looking for work in four weeks."

A British doctor says, "In my country medicine is so advanced that we can take half a heart out of one person, put it in another, and have both of them out looking for work in two weeks."

The Canadian doctor, not to be outdone, interjected, "You guys are way behind. We took a woman with no brains, sent her to Michigan where she became Governor, and now half the state is out looking for work."



Study: High Fructose Corn Syrup Used in Soda Linked to Diabetes

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Researchers have found new evidence that soft drinks sweetened with high-fructose corn syrup (HFCS) may contribute to the development of diabetes, particularly in children.

In a laboratory study of commonly consumed carbonated beverages, the scientists found that drinks containing the syrup had high levels of reactive compounds that have been shown by others to have the potential to trigger cell and tissue damage that could cause the disease, which is at epidemic levels.

The findings were reported last week at the 234th national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

HFCS is a sweetener found in many foods and beverages, including non-diet soda, baked goods, and condiments. It has become the sweetener of choice for many food manufacturers because it is cheaper, sweeter and more easy to blend into beverages than table sugar.

Some researchers have suggested that high-fructose corn syrup may contribute to an increased risk of diabetes as well as obesity, a claim which the food industry disputes.

In the current study, Chi-Tang Ho, Ph.D., conducted chemical tests among 11 different carbonated soft drinks containing HFCS. He found "astonishingly high" levels of reactive carbonyls in those beverages.

Carbonyls are undesirable and highly-reactive compounds associated with "unbound" fructose and glucose molecules are believed to cause tissue damage, said Ho, a professor of food science at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

By contrast, reactive carbonyls are not present in table sugar, whose fructose and glucose components are "bound" and chemically stable, the researcher noted.

Reactive carbonyls also are elevated in the blood of individuals with diabetes and linked to the complications of that disease. Based on the study data, Ho estimates that a single can of soda contains about five times the concentration of reactive carbonyls than the concentration found in the blood of an adult person with diabetes.

Ho and his associates also found that adding tea components to drinks containing HFCS

may help lower the levels of reactive carbonyls.

The scientists found that adding epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG), a compound in tea, significantly reduced the levels of reactive carbonyl species when added to the carbonated soft drinks studied. In some cases, the levels of reactive carbonyls were reduced by half, the researchers say.

"People consume too much high-fructose corn syrup in this country," said Ho, in a news release. "It's in way too many food and drink products and there's growing evidence that it's bad for you."

The tea-derived supplement provides a promising way to counter its potentially toxic effects, especially in children who consume a lot of carbonated beverages, he said.

Although eliminating or reducing consumption of HFCS is preferable, the researchers are currently exploring the chemical mechanisms by which tea appears to neutralize the reactivity of the syrup.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,294882,00.html>

Your America

Patriotism is perhaps the most significant indicator of our national status; socially, economically, and morally. The earlier anti-establishment revolution of the 1960s had formulated the anti-American protests of the 21st Century. As we moved from a strong sense of urgency to protect civil rights and embrace our individualism, we left behind those principles in order to facilitate a new national anomaly; oppressive dependence.

The miniature courthouse battles seemed to have little or no importance. The federal and state governments sued the tobacco industry; fines, costs and imprisonment for violation of laws didn't seem to have teeth.

The governments are now leveraging to gain power and authority over the auto, oil, gas, agricultural and numerous other industries. It doesn't take a politically astute person to notice that while the government is highly entrenched in the professional and personal lives of Americans, they have failed to properly manage their own system. Most Americans also notice that no matter how poor we become they always seem to get taxes and overspend.

We already pay more than our fair share of taxes, yet the communists will wear us down to the point where some will actually think it a good idea and others won't care just as long they don't have to listen to the unending whining.

Any covert tolerance of a government overstepping its bound will eventually lead to the demise of a nation, including our own.

As the tentacles of the government are made stronger and longer-reaching through the acts of those elected to office, the citizens need to prepare for an onslaught of rules and regulations governing their own homes. The bail-out of borrowers who defaulted on the mortgages will not come without a lot of red-tape, bureaucratic job-security and a few strings attached for good measure.

The concentrated efforts to revitalize the City of New Orleans is demonstrative of the governments' ability to under-achieve. The 9th Ward, which is nearly abandoned by previous standards, has had millions of our tax-payers' dollars dumped into the project in order to reestablish the area.

The money spent in New Orleans over the years since Hurricane Katrina would have been better used to buy out all of the former home-owners, clear all the debris on that side of the sea fence (it's a fence; it's definitely not a wall) and allow the swamp to reclaim it.

There are many other issues facing us in America today. None of which are being properly addressed by the elected officials.

Please do not misunderstand. Most of the people that work for you in government are skilled, motivated and patriotic. It's the low quality oversight by those elected to be your eyes and ears that don't bother to carry a big reprimand stick or bother working to improve the whole governmental system—they instead elect to control the lives and professions of those not employed by the government.

Your America. It's a lot like neighbors who never cut their grass but want you to keep up your lawn. While you're at it, pull out a few bucks to give them so they can hire someone to cut their grass.

COMMUNIST MANIFESTOS—Clinton & Huckabee

HILL EYES NATIONAL CIG CURB

By GEOFF EARLE Post Correspondent

August 28, 2007 ~ WASHINGTON

Hillary Clinton lavished praise on New York City's tough anti-smoking laws yesterday - and said she supports smoking bans in public places across the country.

Asked at an Iowa forum on cancer whether banning smoking in public places would be good for America, Clinton replied, "Well, personally, I think so. And



that's what a lot of local communities and states are starting to do."

Clinton noted that when New York's smoking ban was being considered, critics claimed, "Oh,

that's the end of, you know, the bars and restaurants in New York City."

But she boasted, "We are now having more business than ever before, because a lot of people who stayed away from going out are now going out again, because they feel like they can enjoy their time outside."

Asked whether the feds should impose a nationwide ban, Clinton deferred to local governments.

http://www.nypost.com/seven/08282007/news/nationalnews/hill_eyes_national_cig_curb.htm

Huckabee Video: <http://www.breitbart.tv/html/4958.html>

100-year-old celebrates her birthday by smoking 170,000th cigarette

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Last updated at 16:42pm on 27th August 2007

An iron-lunged pensioner has celebrated her 100th birthday by lighting up her 170,000th cigarette from a candle on her birthday cake.

Winnie Langley started smoking only days after the First World War broke out in June 1914 when she was just seven-years-old - and has got through five a day ever since.

She has no intention of quitting, even after the nationwide ban forced tobacco-lovers outside.

Speaking at her 100th birthday party Winnie said: "I have smoked ever since infant

school and I have never thought about quitting.

"There were not all the the health warnings like there are today when I started. It was the done thing."

Winnie, from Croydon, South London, claims tobacco has never made her ill.

She has outlived a husband, Robert, and son, Donald, who died two years ago aged 72.

The former launderette worker said she started the habit in 1914 - just weeks after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo on June 28 - which sparked the First World War.

The 100-year-old, who is awaiting her telegram from the Queen today, said smoking helped calm her nerves during the two World Wars.

She said: "A lot of people smoked during the war. It helped steady the nerves."

Despite the numerous health warnings, Mrs Langley insists she's never suffered because of the habit as she "has never inhaled".



http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?in_article_id=478075&in_page_id=1770

Apples-to-Apples

An article appearing on the NewsMax.com web site began by exploring the links between Michael Chertoff and Rudy Giuliani. It's a discussion about replacing the outgoing and controversial USAG, Alberto Gonzales:

"Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff was at one time a prosecutor under Rudy Giuliani - now his former boss is hinting that the cabinet officer would make a good replacement for outgoing Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, according to an Associated Press report."

And the article ended. . . "Giuliani hired Chertoff as an assistant in the 1980s, and Chertoff prosecuted high profile organized crime cases. The first President Bush named Chertoff U.S. attorney for New Jersey, and President Clinton retained him."

The Boys' Club that has had occasional burps in the Washington, DC atmosphere now seems to be intentionally induced. Both the Republicans and Democrats have become allies on various issues that distract them, and the people, from the important issues of the day, like the illegal immigration, border issues and Social Security reform. Strange bedfellows.

Former Texas Governor Ann Richards once said, "Poor George, he can't help it; he was born with a silver foot in his mouth." To paraphrase the late Governor's observation, we can now say, "Poor George, he can't help it; he's running the White House with the golden noses of lawyers stuck up his butt."

The overwhelming manipulation of the Constitution and the implementation of new laws and agency regulations have been major contributors to our national situation. It is by all means possible, imperative that we keep the good ones and replace all the yahoos in DC.

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Think American – or The Late/Great USA. Trending the Downward Spiral in the USA (Can it be Reversed?) By Virginia Elen

The news media is filled with reports from Corporate America and/or politicians concerning outsourcing and off-shoring jobs while more and more of the American workers become unemployed with fewer and fewer jobs available.

Those in control have a shortsighted vision of larger profits and the almighty improved bottom line for businesses, and they're completely blind when it comes to an ability to see the effect that their shortsighted vision is having on consumers. Has any consideration been given at all as to how long their profits can be sustained? Do they not realize that these same Americans who are now joining the unemployment lines have been the ones contributing to their corporate business growth? Have the politicians not given any thought to the future? Since we all share in the events that led up to this spiral, have we brought and are we continuing to bring some of this on ourselves?

Unemployed workers cannot grow savings accounts and investment portfolios, buy consumer goods, take out consumer or mortgage loans, maintain insurance policies, retain accountants or tax preparers, hire home/lawn service companies, eat in restaurants, or buy tickets to sports events or other forms of entertainment, etc. Unemployed workers struggle just to keep a roof over their heads and provide the bare necessities for their families. Do you see the trend?

With fewer and fewer employed workers, less and less money becomes available for funding unemployment, social security, schools, and government (local, state or Federal) services. Government could increase taxes at all levels, but there will be fewer workers who can pay them. Side effects will include: A Poverty Nation and Increased Crime Statistics.

We all share in the responsibility for this turn of events by our demand for lower cost, foreign made goods instead of paying a higher price for American made goods. We are learning that more and more of our products are being imported from foreign coun-

tries, while more and more U.S. businesses, out of necessity, close their doors or out-source/offshore their products and services to become competitive.

So what does it mean for you and me? It means we now have products that cost less to purchase, but the means to pay for them is decreasing proportionately. Where is the advantage? The slogan "Buy American" used to be prevalent in our country and we mostly ignored it. Are there any American products left to buy?

One interpretation I have heard is "a recession is when someone else loses his or her job and a depression is when you lose your job." What is on your horizon?

We need U. S. businesses to think AMERICAN! We need our politicians to think AMERICAN! We need the People of the United States to think AMERICAN! It's time to wake up and smell the foul odor of globalization before our Republic becomes known as the Late/Great United States of America.

Read our lips...NO more taxes! By C. J. Williams

Exactly what part of "NO" is it that our elected representatives don't understand? "NO" is a relatively short word, only one syllable and just two letters long, but for some reason those whom we've elected to office just can't seem to get a grip on it's meaning.

The increasingly thunderous rumble coming from the ranks of already tax-poor constituents and those on the brink of government enforced tax poverty is "NO" more taxes, and yet most lawmakers are acting as though they have heavy-duty ear plugs firmly planted in the orifices that the rest of us use for hearing.

Maybe our elected think that ears are only flaps of skin covered cartilage that are handy for holding up bifocals or a neat place to affix flashy diamond ear bobbles to attract the opposite, and sometimes non-opposite, sex.

Sorry, folks, but it seems that hearing the word "NO" isn't politically correct in government offices anymore and is being tuned out like a long winded minister on Sunday morning.

This malady, the inability to hear and understand the meaning of the word "NO", is particularly rampant in Michigan, especially among tax-happy Democrats and their RINO counterparts.

Unfortunately, unless we lobotomize them and make them even more useless than they already are in making meaningful reform, there's no cure for the disease, so eventually, and likely sooner than later, our legislators are going to try to satisfy their uncontrollable need to spend, spend, spend by raising our taxes, taxes, taxes.

Already, after only a few months of getting his feet wet in Lansing, State Rep. Mike Lahti, a Democrat who was elected to act in the best interests of all the people in the Western U.P., is jumping on the state's tax and spend bandwagon and preparing folks in his district for the looming income and service fee tax hikes, and don't for a minute think that a fee isn't a tax because the two words are synonymous, just as "NO" and "YES" are in the minds of many of our elected.

According to Houghton Daily Mining Gazette writer Dan Schneider who recently interviewed the representative via telephone and reported on their chat in an August 11th Mining Gazette article, Mike Lahti says an increase in the state's income tax rate may be a necessary part of solving the state's ongoing budget problems. He was quoted as saying, "There's also been talk on the extension of sales tax on some services, but it's going to be one of them, or both of them."

Schneider went on to write that Lahti said income tax offers flexibility (in that) it can be cut back again once the state's budget picture improves. "That's the good thing about this income tax, it can easily be raised, it's already in place and it can be easily cut back," Lahti said.

Excuse me for not buying into this fairy tale optimism, but history has proven that while taxes can easily be raised, undoing tax hikes seldom, if ever, happens. It would, in fact, be easier to go out and pull hens' teeth or watch pigs fly!

Using typical Democrat rhetoric when it comes to playing on our taxpayer heart strings, Lahti told the reporter that action needs to be taken in order "to provide the basic services a state needs to provide, to take care of our old folks, to take care of our poor, to educate

our kids and to keep people healthy."

Ignoring the fact that our elected don't understand the meaning of "NO", I wonder if it's ever occurred to them that Michigan doesn't have to be a "nanny state" and our elected don't have to be our keepers. And, certainly, Michigan taxpayers don't have to feel guilty about not wanting to foot the health, education and welfare bill for all the illegal immigrant families and drug and alcohol dependent welfare bums who think they have a right to public handouts.

If taxpayers were allowed to keep more money in their pockets older people might actually be better equipped to provide for themselves and if Michigan citizens weren't being taxed into poverty there would be fewer taxpaying poor folks to worry about, to educate, and to keep healthy.

By taking our hard earned dollars and converting them into a bottomless money pit for wanton government spending while creating the governor's "New Michigan", our lawmakers and governor are creating a bigger mess than the one they've already incubated in the Old Michigan.

They've nurtured a bureaucratic morass and grown it into an insatiable monster that can never satisfy its frenzied feeding at the public trough, but eventually, when taxpayers have been wrung dry of every last penny to their name, the departments within departments among the bureaucratic agencies will have no choice but to start feeding on one another, and only then will meaningful cuts be made.

Pork for Wisconsin c. J. Williams

While the western U. P.'s Ontonagon Hospital has been valiantly trying to keep its doors open to meet the health care needs of its townspeople and rural area residents, Rep. Stupak's mind has been wandering over the Michigan border to a Chicago hospital situated in Marinette, Wisconsin.

And, while Ontonagon's hospital may become victim to the 21st Century corporate tendency to merge and regionalize, leaving only a clinic in Ontonagon, Wisconsin's Bay Area Medical Center (BAMC) will be enabled to grow even fatter now that it's seen by Stupak and other federal lawmakers as just another hospital in the Windy City.

At issue is legislation that will supposedly reform and expand the State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) set to expire this month unless Congress and President Bush reauthorize it and agree on funding. SCHIP, created in 1997 during Clinton's tenure, was designed for families who earn too much to qualify for Medicare, yet are too poor to pay for private insurance.

I don't know about reforming SCHIP, but it's to be expanded by \$50 billion and it won't just be poor children who'll benefit from the program because inserted into the new legislation are some provisions known as earmarks or "pork" that will channel hundreds of millions of dollars to specific hospitals and health care providers. The earmarks are designed to curry favor with certain constituents, local business leaders and special interest political action committees that donate to election campaigns.

Though the forty or so nation-wide hospitals and health care providers that will receive special treatment by some congressmen aren't explicitly named in the new SCHIP legislation, one provision definitely points to Stupak. It reads:

"For the purpose of Medicare, any hospital that is co-located in Marinette, Wis., and Menominee, Mich., is deemed to be located in Chicago."

Since there's no hospital in either of those towns, co-located or otherwise, it would appear that the only qualifying facility would be Marinette, Wisconsin's Bay Area Medical Center where Stupak's wife, Laurie, occupies a seat on the board of it's fund-raising arm, the BAMC Foundation.

"For the purpose of Medicare" means BAMC would receive Medicare payments inflated to meet those of Chicago hospitals where rates are set to cover the higher worker cost.

In 2001 BAMC's expected pay source distribution indicated that 49% would come from Medicare, 10.4% would come from Medicaid, 0.5% from other government sources, 36.1% from commercial insurance, and 4% would be paid directly by patients. In fiscal year 2005, BAMC's net income was \$8.4 million on revenue of \$96.9 million.

According to info in an August 12th New York Times article titled "Select Hospitals Reap a Windfall Under Child Bill", the "formula for paying hospitals under Medicare is complicated, but the basic idea is to adjust payments for differences in wage rates in different geographic areas. For each

Medicare beneficiary admitted to a hospital, the government typically pays a fixed amount, depending on the person's illness. About 70 percent of the payment is meant to cover labor costs, which vary widely. The standard payment ranges from \$4,100 per case in low-wage areas to more than \$6,500 in some high-wage counties."

In essence, the earmarks amount to "milking the system" for all it's worth, but in a written statement in defense of the provisions Stupak said, "Bay Area Medical Center requested my help in being able to provide competitive salaries for medical staff, so that the hospital may continue providing quality health care to seniors and children in my district. I'm pleased the House included this provision in its legislation, and I will continue fighting for health care for seniors and children in my district."

Well, that's just fine and dandy, and it's true that many people from the Michigan area around Marinette need to do their medical business in Wisconsin because it's too far to travel to Escanaba (an hour away) or Iron Mountain, but certainly the hospitals in other Upper and Lower Peninsula communities within Stupak's district would have welcomed similar help from their state representative, don't you think? Had Stupak fought harder for that which was within the borders of his district in the first place, perhaps BAMC would have been located in Michigan, not Wisconsin.

In 1985, long before 21st Century merger-itis became pandemic, officials from Menominee and Marinette counties signed a 20-year lease with BAMC, a newly created not-for-profit healthcare organization. It was agreed that the counties would retain ownership of two hospital buildings, Menominee's St. Joseph-Lloyd Hospital and Marinette's General Hospital, and would lease them to BAMC in exchange for providing care to the medically indigent, but over the years the merger and consolidation of services morphed into BAMC's already large and expanding medical complex on the outskirts of the Wisconsin city.

At last count, the complex included a 99-bed general acute care hospital, a community primary/second care hospital, a 71,000 sq. foot outpatient surgery center, a primary care physician joint venture, and a radiation oncology joint venture. BAMC offers select, advanced medical services with an emphasis on diagnostic radiology, rehabilitation services, ambulatory surgery, obstetrics, cancer treatment and urgent care.

So how do the nurses already working there feel about their workplace? Well, according to Ann Kettering who wrote an article for the Nov. '05 Michigan Nurse Magazine titled 'Laboring in the U.P.', Julie Nelson, a Registered Nurse and then president of the BAMC Professional Council, said, "It's an exciting time. We're rapidly becoming a regional medical center and can offer a variety of services. Marinette/Menominee is now being looked at as 'the place to go'. In recent years, Bay Area Medical Center has added MRI capabilities, a Cancer Care Center, a new outpatient surgery center, and a Women's Health Center ("we're the third hospital in the country to get a nuclear generator")."

Hmmm, there's a nuclear generator, the third in the

nation, plunked in little ole Marinette, Wisconsin along the banks of the mighty Menominee River? No doubt the representative from Michigan has no problems with that considering that among various "power" trips he and Mrs. Stupak have taken in recent years was a nine-day trip to England in May/June 2001 to learn about nuclear energy, nuclear waste disposal and nuclear plant decommissioning. British Nuclear Fuels, Ltd sponsored their trip to the tune of \$15,080.

The couple also took a nine-day May/June 2003 trip to visit nuclear facilities and carry out discussions with industry officials in Barcelona, Spain and Paris, France. That trip, sponsored by the Nuclear Energy Institute, cost \$19,778.48.

But then, Rep. Stupak is used to getting little perks, like a \$967 2004 campaign contribution from David Olson, CEO of the Bay Area Medical Center, and one for the same in the amount of \$794 from Nancy Douglas, Chairwoman of BAMC's fundraising foundation.

Ah well, what goes around comes around, and earlier this summer Bart Stupak gave Menominee's Riverside Country Club a hand by captaining a team that took second place in its Charity Classic fundraiser. The auction and dinner, attended by 150 people, raised \$20,000 for the country club's two adopted causes, the M & M (Marinette and Menominee) Area Community Foundation and the Bay Area Medical Center Foundation.

Laurie Stupak, representing both the M & M Area Community Foundation Board and the BAMC Foundation Board, thanked co-chairman Nancy Douglas and others who helped make the event a success. "We are particularly grateful to Riverside and its members for hosting the event and choosing our two charitable organizations to be recipients of the proceeds," Mrs. Stupak said.

More interesting than the financial give and take of political maneuvering is the fact that the larger BAMC becomes, the more it relies on the telecommunications industry and electronic data services. Now that BAMC has joined forces with Bellin Health Systems of Green Bay in a venture called "NorthReach" and collectively own 12 clinics throughout northeast Wisconsin and the U. P., the relatively rural area is defiantly going to need all the help it can get from the telecommunications industry. BAMC has already replaced its dial-up system and is looking ahead to the future, now made a little brighter thanks to a Stupak earmark.

Bart Stupak sits on the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, and if you don't think the special interest groups aren't taking advantage of his position and playing "kiss-up", consider that the National Cable and Telecommunications Association Political Action Committee gifted Stupak's campaign with \$9,999 in the 2003-2004 election cycle and gave him another \$9,999 in the 2005-2006 cycle. ~CJW



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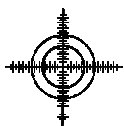
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What's UP by J. C. Powers

An old, but pertinent, e-mail has come back around. We are reminded of these points when we look at who is running for office in 2008. In the UP we have Bart Stupak, Steve Lindberg, Mike Lahti, and Gary McDowell running again in 2008. Carl Levin is up for reelection as well. We'll have to wait to replace Debbie Stabenow, Jennifer Granholm and Mike Prusi.

All these Party loyalists are now running the majority ship and holding our gun-rights in their hands.

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1. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
2. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. Colt: The original point and click interface.
4. Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
5. If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
6. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.

7. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.
8. If you don't know your rights, you don't have any.
9. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
10. The United States Constitution (c)1791. All Rights Reserved.
11. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand???
12. The Second Amendment is in place in case the politicians ignore the others.
13. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
14. Guns only have two enemies; rust and politicians.
15. Know guns, know peace, know safety. No guns, no peace, no safety.
16. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
17. 911: Government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
18. Assault is a behavior, not a device.
19. Criminals love gun control; it makes their jobs safer.
20. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
21. Only a government that is afraid of its

- citizens tries to control them.
22. You have only the rights you are willing to fight for.
23. Enforce the gun control laws we ALREADY have; don't make more.
24. When you remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
25. The American Revolution would never have happened with gun control.

Despite the fact that the first order of business for Bart Stupak when he was elected to the State House was to introduce gun control legislation, UP voters decided to promote him to Congressman. As our congressman Stupak then worked to stop the U. S. Coast Guard from practicing against terrorists attacks on the Great Lakes, we once again offered him our full support.

Make no mistake, if the Democrats and several Republican allies have their way they will disarm every American so they can't fight back after the only other non-violent means of fighting back, the ballot box, has been taken away.

First goes some of your rights, then goes your gun rights, then your liberty, then all of your guns, and then all of your rights. ~JCP