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*Tolerance equates to condoning; it's what you condone that defines your character. JCP*

## THE NEW AMERICA BY J. C. POWERS & C. J. WILLIAMS

Change. The concept suggests that business as usual will not be acceptable. Americans went to the polls and voted for change; they sent the same group that had a 9% approval rating back to their jobs. It may sound like some form of political insanity, but it's just simply a matter of impoverished intelligence.

The same cast of characters that have been directly responsible for the destruction of the middle class, the economic collapse, the decline of the dollar and the excessively high oil prices that chipped-away at the middle class incomes will be in complete control. Only in America is incompetence rewarded so vigorously.

The New America that lingers on the horizon waiting for January 1st, 2009 to begin the new transition will be fulfilled on January 20, 2009, maybe. There are a few questions regarding the qualifications of the president-elect, but it is highly unlikely the controlling members of the New America will permit any civil or criminal actions in response to disqualifying anomalies.

The issues surrounding the fact that Obama is black, even though he's really only half-black, is another curiosity—the first black presidential candidate, who is a real black-American, was Dr. Keyes, a Republican. Where were the supporters for equality when he was in contention?

The reality is that Dr. Alan Keyes was not black enough; he was a God-fearing Christian who demonstrated he demanded exceptional principles of self-reliance. Dr. Keyes is a product of Creationism; an unacceptable quality among those who believe blacks are descendants of monkeys. Of course leftists believe the entire human species descended from monkeys, but it should be most offensive to Christian blacks on how they're viewed by the leftists in society.

Radio talk show hosts, evidently in hopes of saving their careers from the Fairness Doctrine, are preaching to tolerate the New America. It is suggested that those on the right should not act like those on the left had done for eight years. Correct us if we're wrong, but wasn't it because of tolerance and moderation that we are now the least influential segment of society?

Christians view the human species only one way; humans are descendants of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were dark-skinned and hailed from the pre-flood regions of north Africa and Middle East. Christians are aware that Jesus was not a Christian. Most know that Christianity evolved from the life and resurrection of Jesus, the King of the Jews. The resurrection, in fact, rebuilt the church on the third day.

It is fundamentally important that readers have a clear understanding of Christians. It will help readers recognize the need for the left to discredit, belittle and subjugate the Christian faith. Once the Christians have been put in their place, the remaining world religions will be targeted. The New America that was falsely built on tolerance will be an era in American history that will dwarf the horrors and results of the Civil War.

In order to achieve the goals of the left, the first requirement is to assist society in the shedding of any inclinations that humans are anything more than soulless beings. We are born, live and die. There is no pre-life or after-life in their opinion. But it's that little segment between the pre-life and after-life that is the most disturbing to the left; that is that segment of the here-and-now that they just can't tolerate.

Judging by the election, the left has made great strides in corralling the citizens, with a little dissent on the side. The citizens of California were not supportive of the gay marriage proposal, but that's irrelevant; the courts will once again override the citizens.

The New America is the greatest social experiment ever conducted. The slow and deliberate desensitizing process has been very successful.

The process of eliminating any fears against the oppressiveness of government, whether real or perceived, can be traced back to the FDR Administration. FDR took the protections implemented by the nation's founding fathers and flushed them away.

FDR presided over the lengthy economic struggles of the Great Depression. He was unable to solve any problems and made matters worse by closing banks, which cut people off from their savings and made it impossible for people to pay mortgages. The national confiscation of private property through foreclosures, particularly of farm land, destroyed our personal, family and national independence.

FDR instituted many involuntary national government programs that had little or no effect except prolonging the hardships of the Great Depression. Pearl Harbor and WWII helped change America's economic status. History is repeating itself, but the blinders that obstruct the truth of what will happen with incompetent policies has left people thinking the government will once again be the great interveners.

As an important side-note, the ultimate confiscation of personal wealth and land during the Great Depression occurred only a decade after the Federal Reserve Bank was authored and authorized by those Democrats in Congress. The Congress authorized the Federal Reserve to take over the financial direction of the nation.

The free-will determination that our nation needs to head in the direction of much more government regulation and control was done by those who have the least investment in the country and by those who were unable to see beyond the election. The political retards that have put their own interests ahead of the nation for generations were somewhat balanced by those who put their country first. It was the overwhelming ignorant that decided the outcome of the election. The New America is permanent. There will be no tolerance for dissent. The law-abiding citizens most certainly won't have access to instruments of protection like firearms and the media. The expectations of a moderately-run government is laughable.

## Michigan liberals attack Lansing congregation in the middle of Sunday worship

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This is what we're up against.

On Sunday morning, amidst worshipping congregants and following unifying prayers that our President-elect be granted wisdom as he prepares to lead our nation through difficult global, social and economic challenges, the Michigan left declared open war on peaceful church goers.

They did it with banners, chants, blasphemy, by storming the pulpit, by vandalizing the church facility, by potentially defiling the building with lewd, public, sex acts and by intentionally forcing physical confrontations with worshipers.

This didn't take place in some dystopian, post modern work of fiction and it didn't take place in San Francisco or Berkeley. This was the scene at a Bible believing church in Lansing, Michigan.

I returned home myself yesterday, from church and an afternoon watching football with the family, to find an email in my inbox from a friend in the Capitol City. Isn't surprising to see her name in the inbox as she and I often compare notes on our Sunday services.

Truth be told, I've done my best over the last year to start a friendly little rivalry with her. My church is better than hers, I insist, and I have been known to tell her why. Hers is superior to mine, she reminds me, and lists the reasons. (I admit I'm maybe a tad hyper-competitive, but my church really is the best in the world.) Yesterday's email began with an understated proclamation; "So church today was exciting..."

On Sunday, November 9, 2008 Michigan liberals sat peacefully through announcements, worship and prayer for the sick, our nation and our President-elect before staging a coordinated, disgusting and repulsive attack on worshipers and the broader concept of the church itself at Lansing's [Mount Hope Church](#).

The lefties were a part of a liberal organization known as Bash Back Lansing and their collection of radical blogs, including one of the state's most widely read "mainstream" progressive blogs (and none which will receive a link on this website) called on "queers

and trannies" from across the state and the region to converge on Lansing for what they refer to as an "action." While many of the members claim to be anarchists (they drove on roads, ate non-garden grown foods, printed materials on products created by government protected free markets, wore clothing, talk incessantly about "organization," etc etc etc) their broader goal is stated plainly on one of their lefty blogs.

*"I can tell you that we are targeting a well-known anti-queer, anti-choice radical right wing establishment."*

Mount Hope, for the record, is an evangelical, bible believing church whose members provide free 24 hour counseling, prayer lines, catastrophic care for families dealing with medical emergencies, support groups for men, women and children dealing with a wide variety of life's troubles, crisis intervention, marriage ministries, regular, organized volunteer work in and around the city, missions in dozens of countries across the globe, a construction ministry that has built over 100 churches, schools, orphanages and other projects all over the world and an in-depth prison ministry that reaches out, touches and helps the men and women the rest of society fears the most. They also teach respect for all human life and the Biblical sanctity of marriage as an institution between one man and one woman.

This is what Michigan liberals label a "radical right wing establishment," and over 30 of them showed up in force yesterday. Wearing secret-service style ear pieces and microphones they received the "go" from their ringleader and off they went.

Prayer had just finished when men and women stood up in pockets across the congregation, on the main floor and in the balcony. "Jesus was gay," they shouted among other profanities and blasphemies as they rushed the stage. Some forced their way through rows of women and kids to try to hang a profane banner from the balcony while others began tossing fliers into the air. Two women made their way to the pulpit and began to kiss.

Their other props? I'll let them tell you in their own words... from another of their liberal blogs:

*"(A) video camera, a megaphone, noise makers, condoms, glitter by the bucket load, confetti, pink fabric...yeh."*

The video camera they put to good use as they attempted to provoke a violent reaction. The image of the pink-clad folks above is one of theirs, stating in a picture worth more than a thousand words the goals of the Michigan left.

The "open minded" and "tolerant" liberals ran down the aisles and across the pews, hoping against hope to catch a "right winger" on tape daring to push back (none did). And just in case their camera missed the target, they had a reporter in tow.

According to a source inside the church yesterday there was a "journalist" from the Lansing City Pulse along for the ride, tipped off about the action and more interested in getting a story than in preventing the vandalism, the violence and anti-Christian hatred being spewed by the lefties. We'll see what he files and what his editors see fit to print.

Props were readily on display too, though some of the condoms may have been put to even more nefarious use.

An hour after police and security had collected and removed who they thought were the last of the liberals, a volunteer security person discovered two more, hiding, together, in a public restroom. While their compatriots engaged in openly violent protest in front of everyone these two snuck away to potentially stage their own protest of sorts, and only by the grace of God did one of the hundreds of kids at the church not happen upon that particular restroom in those moments. Precisely how long they'd been there and precisely what they'd been up to we don't know.

The church's response? After things settled down, the blasphemy ended, the lewd props removed and the families safe from fear of additional men and women running into and past them the pastor took the stage and led the congregation in one more prayer... not for retribution, or divine justice or a celestial comeuppance (that's what I'd have prayed for) but instead that the troubled individuals who'd just defiled the Lord's house, so full of anger and hate, would know Jesus' love in their lives and God's peace that exceeds human understanding.

Yesterday morning defined the difference between a church of believers and Michigan liberals. It also illustrated in shocking, painful detail precisely what we're up against.

<http://www.rightmichigan.com/story/2008/11/10/13335/904>—<http://www.freep.com/article/20081110/NEWS05/811100370>

## Not Serious Enough

The citizens of the United States are not taking their constitutional obligations seriously. Those whom they elect to represent them at any level are fulfilling a duty that may or may not be in keeping with the standards of an American society. The liberals thought it was cute that Bill Clinton was a misogynist and participated in adulterous affairs in the Oval Office. That cuteness escalated oral sex activities among students even at the elementary school level.

The cuteness of Bill Clinton's "private sex business" also created a dramatic upswing in oral STDs. The refusal of the leftists to show any signs of disgust was only the start of the decay of morality in the United States.

Hate-crime legislation based on a case that had nothing to do with homosexuality created a divide among the citizenry. Any violence against an individual is usually hateful; the hate-crime legislation established censorship.

Ignorance is bliss among the voters. The reelection of Louisiana Congressman William Jefferson: *New Orleans area voters have decided to keep Jefferson in that position, even though he's facing trial on bribery and money laundering charges.* Jefferson, Clinton, Obama and numerous others who were not only elected, but reelected, are indicative of severe problems within the system.

## Duties of Sworn Officers by J. C. Powers

*"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."* The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22)

The oath and affirmation that both sworn officers and military personnel take require them to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. That oath has seldom been taken lightly by most dedicated servants of the people.

Although law enforcement officers and military personnel occasionally stumble when it comes to their oath, especially when they're new comers to their awesome position of responsibility, most will always recover and assume their duties and responsibilities with honor and dedication.

Along with members of law enforcement and the military, all public servants, including those elected to office, are sworn-in. We may witness that ceremony on January 20th when Mr. Obama takes

office as the 44th President. While I am not suggesting that constitutional obligations will be dispensed with by the new President, it is a reality that many members of the United States Congress, the Supreme Court and too many legislative and judicial officials up and down the political ladder have been less than committed to upholding the strict guidelines provided by the Constitution.

The Constitution has been in jeopardy for years and has been abused, misinterpreted and even vilified, but so far it has maintained most of its integrity. The assumptions that the government has authority in every aspect of the culture and society implies a failure within our education system to define the strict limitations assigned to government in the republic.

We also had the requirement of law over arbitrary forms of regulation and control. The manifestation of rules, regulations and even penalty enforcement by departments and agencies without benefit of law reflects an incredible laziness among law-makers.

An example of a government agency that is running amuck is the department of natural resources here in Michigan. There is no real descriptive and concrete legislative oversight; DNR officials are humored by legislators who think they can affect responsiveness and any decisive accountability within the DNR. The environmentalist on the left

who are holding office like it that way so they don't have be burdened with explaining poor judgment and heavy-handed tactics by the DNR.

Loyalists find themselves in a dilemma when working within the government units. They may witness clear violations of the state or national constitutions, but risk their jobs if they come forward. The mechanics of the government system has become so complex and redundant that it is impossible for an individual employee to identify who they can trust—it's like working within the fabric of a highly entrenched union bureaucracy.

There is, however, a certain amount of real solace that law enforcement, military and even civilian government employees can enjoy; it's within their oath. As members of the government who are directly employed by the citizens of the state or nation, at any time an individual actively conspires or actually attempts to suspend the Constitution, their position within the same government becomes nullified. Emancipation from the Constitution is a clear violation of all oaths taken by those who work under the authority of the people. Any such act against the people requires immediate termination. Those remaining faithful to their oath shall escort the offender(s) off of the peoples' property.

## A Question of Judgment

President-elect Obama's judgment has been called into question before he even took office. Obama placed Michigan's Governor Granholm on his economic advisory council.

Republican presidential contender Dr. Paul was truthful and accurate about the neglect of the Constitution when it comes to running this nation's business. His comments were a threat to both liberals and neo-conservatives.

The neo-con moderates of the GOP, like Saul Anuzis of Michigan's GOP Party, went as far as to suggest that Dr. Paul be suspended from the debates. The debate about the roles, duties, responsibilities and especially the limitations of the government was a critical component of the debate of 2008.

While the fair and balanced media headed by Brit Hume of FOX News suggested Dr. Paul was supported by kooks, not one member from the media elitists' groups bothered reviewing the kooks backing Obama; even the certifiable kooks who he had found to provide him with support and comfort since his early days in Chicago. The level of protectionism afforded the constitutional perverts was unprecedented. Few were looking out for the peoples' interests.

Barack Obama has recruited numerous members of the Clinton Brigade in an effort to conceal his ineptitude. Obama is perhaps even dumber than Al Gore, but that's what made him such an easy target for the worst of America's dissenters. While the white laced party-throwers of the mainstream media were busy getting chills down their legs, the people who were preparing to make a life and death decision were wooed into believing Obama has some semblance of competence.

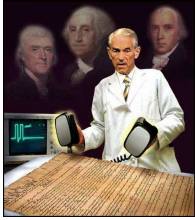
Not to jump the gun here and proclaim the Obama Administration as the worst since Carter, or even more so, it is probable that the perfect storm is brewing on the horizon and the citizens of the United States are in its wake. The Obama staff has already perused all the Executive Orders and has identified several that will be tossed out, modified or rewritten. The Bush tax-cuts will be sent packing as well.

The Congress with a 9% approval rating is back in power; God, just how stupid are the people of America? Anyway, Congress, with several replacement and spare ideologues, will have a clueless executive officer.

The federal prosecutors, federal judges and the United States Supreme Court will become the protectorate of the commies. There will be no recuperation of major court seats for generations and by then no one will know any different, especially after the commies further indoctrinate the children.

There are no pleas remaining to pass along to the people; their votes have been cast. The Congress will remain in the hands of liberal whacks for at least two years and if the GOP doesn't get rid of their dead-weight neo-cons in the next 30-days, it's unlikely things will change.

The question of judgment does not lay on the shoulders of Obama alone. It lays on the shoulders of the citizens who voted for him, on the media for propelling a cloaked manifestation down the throats of the citizens—even Hillary would have been more competent—and on the shoulders of Republicans. Evidently, it never dawned on the Republicans that John McCain was considered a maverick because he wasn't the brightest. Pray.



# The Austrians Were Right

By Dr. Ron Paul

*Ron Paul before the  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
November 20, 2008*

Madame Speaker, many Americans are hoping the new administration will solve the economic problems we face. That's not likely to happen, because the economic advisors to the new President have no more understanding of how to get us out of this mess than previous administrations and Congresses understood how the crisis was brought about in the first place.

Except for a rare few, Members of Congress are unaware of Austrian Free Market economics. For the last 80 years, the legislative, judiciary and executive branches of our government have been totally influenced by Keynesian economics. If they had had any understanding of the Austrian economic explanation of the business cycle, they would have never permitted the dangerous bubbles that always lead to painful corrections.

Today, a major economic crisis is unfolding. New government programs are started daily, and future plans are being made for even more. All are based on the belief that we're in this mess because free-market capitalism and sound money failed. The obsession is with more spending, bailouts of bad investments, more debt, and further dollar debasement. Many are saying we need an international answer to our problems with the establishment of a world central bank and a single fiat reserve currency. These suggestions are merely more of the same policies that created our mess and are doomed to fail.

At least 90% of the cause for the financial crisis can be laid at the doorstep of the Federal Reserve. It is the manipulation of credit, the money supply, and interest rates that caused the various bubbles to form. Congress added fuel to the fire by various programs and institutions like the Community Reinvestment Act, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, FDIC, and HUD mandates, which were all backed up by aggressive court rulings.

The Fed has now doled out close to \$2 trillion in subsidized loans to troubled banks and other financial institutions. The Federal Reserve and Treasury constantly brag about the need for "transparency" and "oversight," but it's all just talk — they want none of it. They want secrecy while the privileged are rescued at the expense

of the middle class.

It is unimaginable that Congress could be so derelict in its duty. It does nothing but condone the arrogance of the Fed in its refusal to tell us where the \$2 trillion has gone. All Members of Congress and all Americans should be outraged that conditions could deteriorate to this degree. It's no wonder that a large and growing number of Americans are now demanding an end to the Fed.

The Federal Reserve created our problem, yet it manages to gain even more power in the socialization of the entire financial system. The whole bailout process this past year was characterized by no oversight, no limits, no concerns, no understanding, and no common sense.

Similar mistakes were made in the 1930s and ushered in the age of the New Deal, the Fair Deal, the Great Society and the supply-siders who convinced conservatives that deficits didn't really matter after all, since they were anxious to finance a very expensive deficit-financed American empire.

All the programs since the Depression were meant to prevent recessions and depressions. Yet all that was done was to plant the seeds of the greatest financial bubble in all history. Because of this lack of understanding, the stage is now set for massive nationalization of the financial system and quite likely the means of production.

Although it is obvious that the Keynesians were all wrong and interventionism and central economic planning don't work, whom are we listening to for advice on getting us out of this mess? Unfortunately, it's the Keynesians, the socialists, and big-government proponents.

Who's being ignored? The Austrian free-market economists — the very ones who predicted not only the Great Depression, but the calamity we're dealing with today. If the crisis was predictable and is explainable, why did no one listen? It's because too many politicians believed that a free lunch was possible and a new economic paradigm had arrived. But we've heard that one before — like the philosopher's stone that could turn lead into gold. Prosperity without work is a dream of the ages.

Over and above this are those who understand that political power is controlled by

those who control the money supply. Liberals and conservatives, Republicans and Democrats came to believe, as they were taught in our universities, that deficits don't matter and that Federal Reserve accommodation by monetizing debt is legitimate and never harmful. The truth is otherwise. Central economic planning is always harmful. Inflating the money supply and purposely devaluing the dollar is always painful and dangerous.

The policies of big-government proponents are running out of steam. Their policies have failed and will continue to fail. Merely doing more of what caused the crisis can hardly provide a solution.

The good news is that Austrian economists are gaining more acceptance every day and have a greater chance of influencing our future than they've had for a long time.

The basic problem is that proponents of big government require a central bank in order to surreptitiously pay bills without direct taxation. Printing needed money delays the payment. Raising taxes would reveal the true cost of big government, and the people would revolt. But the piper will be paid, and that's what this crisis is all about.

There are limits. A country cannot forever depend on a central bank to keep the economy afloat and the currency functional through constant acceleration of money supply growth. Eventually the laws of economics will overrule the politicians, the bureaucrats and the central bankers. The system will fail to respond unless the excess debt and mal-investment is liquidated. If it goes too far and the wild extravagance is not arrested, runaway inflation will result, and an entirely new currency will be required to restore growth and reasonable political stability.

The choice we face is ominous: We either accept world-wide authoritarian government holding together a flawed system, OR we restore the principles of the Constitution, limit government power, restore commodity money without a Federal Reserve system, reject world government, and promote the cause of peace by protecting liberty equally for all persons. Freedom is the answer.

# Voter Dysfunctional-ism

by J. C. Powers

In an article posted by Michael Hampton way back on March 7, 2007, he wrote:

<sup>1</sup>*The Great Depression will look like a small blip compared to the economic collapse the United States is about to suffer, according to several experts. But Congress refuses to listen and do what's necessary to stave off disaster.*

*Worse, Congress has been warned year after year since at least 1992, and perhaps before that.*

*The federal budget is structurally unbalanced. This will do increasing damage to the economy and is unsustainable in the long term. Regardless of the approach chosen, prompt and meaningful action is essential. The longer it is delayed, the more painful it will be." Those were the words of the General Accounting Office (now the Government Accountability Office) 15 years ago. Reporting on the long-term fiscal outlook of the federal government, GAO reported then (<sup>2</sup>PDF) that Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security would grow out of control and that "the path of 'no action' is unsustainable."*

On March 18, 2008, Congress met in secret session. <sup>3</sup>*Several congressmen were so incensed about what was discussed behind those doors that they were compelled to leak the contents of the meeting. Following is what is rumored to have been discussed: Imminent collapse of the U.S. economy by September 2008; imminent collapse of the U.S. Government finances by February 2009; possibility of civil war within the U.S. resulting from the collapse; detainment of "insurgent U.S. citizens" in anticipation of their moving against the government; the potential for violent action taken by citizens against members of Congress due to the collapses; the merger of the U.S. economy with those of Canada and Mexico as a solution to the collapse; the introduction of a new tri-national currency called the "AMERO" as another economic solution."*

Nancy Pelosi, Chris Dodd, Chuck Schumer, Charles Rangel, and numerous other players from both sides of the aisle are key players in the economic collapse. To fulfill the conspiracy against the United States of America, politicians elicited support from their constituents; most were receptive to embracing and retaining their own political participants.

The lack of outrage by Congress is an indication that their investments are safe and sound; screw the constituency. Why the mainstream media (MSM) didn't spend hours dissecting the principles who were involved in the decay of the economy and collapse of the dollar is suspicious. The citizens are involved in the cover-up of the economic collapse and their own demise.

But what is worse is that incumbents had returned to their districts numerous times since their closed session in March 2008 and said nothing to sound the alarm. It may be ok not to tell us that a meteorite the size of Kansas is going to hit us in 30 days, but economic problems require two distinct approaches; congressional reform and investors' knowledge. To blind-side investors and cost them nearly 50% of their life's investments is unacceptable. But what do we do? We send the same people back to Congress to address the problem they had created and failed to act upon.

The bottom-line is that Democrats needed to win in 2008, all the way around. If the Republicans were in charge there would be investigations that would have ended with some members of Congress spending time in federal prison; the least of which would have been Barack Obama.

The citizens helped bury the deeds of the corrupt in Congress much like the fools from Pennsylvania had done by voting-out Kurt Weldon. Weldon was set-up because the Democrats needed him out of the way in order to cover up their involvement with 9-11, prevent the probe into <sup>4</sup>Able Danger and Sandy Berger's theft of documents. They replaced Weldon with Sestak, a Clintonista.

The constant bombardment by the MSM that voters will lean for Democrats because President Bush had failed to perform his duties in regard the economy was helpful in obstructing the fact that many Democrats in Congress were directly responsible for the world-wide economic disaster. The power of suggestion worked well as voters, in their pathetically dysfunctional way, went to the polls and returned to office the members of the worst Congress since those members who presided over the Great Depression.

The overwhelming realization about the citizens' dysfunctional-ism is that they have a very narrow scope of reality.

Unions are an important aspect of the economy and tend to vote for Democrats. Democrats are also friends with environmentalists who helped draft and impose CAFE and other regulations on industries, including mining, steel manufacturing, auto-making and fabricating industries.

Teachers are compelled by their unions to vote for Democrats. Democrats are friends of union protectionism that leaves in-place inept teachers and requires good teachers to re-teach their students from the beginning before moving on. Those same Democrats are also friends with the homosexuals, environmentalists, and the promoters of outcome-based education programs. Is it any wonder we have a highly dysfunctional voter base?

Frankly, I have grown weary of all the political spit from Michigan's Governor and others that everything is the fault of George W. Bush. GWB may think that he will be vindicated in the history books, but he failed to take into account that history books will be written and censored by the liberals. It is very apparent he will never fair well in the annals of history, especially if he caves-in to the demands of Obama and the Democrats before he leaves office in January. Let's hope he remembers what the Democrats did to his father by convincing him before the 1992 election to raise taxes against his better judgment.

Whenever a Democrat is involved the political fall-guy is never one of those who was responsible for the failures of others. The Democrats hold up a mirror and all that they see is reflected upon those who are not part of the brotherhood. The election is over but the consequences have yet to be realized.

Governor Granholm is part of Obama's economic strategy team. Her playbook has only one play: blame President GWB and the ousted Republicans. We warned citizens that if they like what Granholm did to Michigan they'll love what Obama and the Democrats will do to the nation.

MARCH 7, 2007: <sup>1</sup><http://www.homelandstupidity.us/2007/03/07/the-coming-economic-collapse-of-the-united-states/>

<sup>2</sup><http://archive.gao.gov/t2pbat6/146868.pdf> <sup>3</sup>[http://www.gold-eagle.com/editorials\\_08/droke051708.html](http://www.gold-eagle.com/editorials_08/droke051708.html)

<sup>4</sup><http://www.godlikeproductions.com/forum1/message551377/pg1> <sup>5</sup>[http://www.historycommons.org/timeline.jsp?timeline=complete\\_911\\_timeline&before\\_9/11=ableDanger](http://www.historycommons.org/timeline.jsp?timeline=complete_911_timeline&before_9/11=ableDanger)

## Soup Lines for Michigan?

The Great Depression of the 1930s ended when FDR improved employment opportunities in 1941 by sending men to war and women to the war factories. The lack of mobility in the 1930s kept people from traveling very far to find jobs but those that did found jobs picking crops or working in WPA programs. The least affected citizens lived on small farms which had dotted the countryside until the 1960s. These farmers had stored seed, raised livestock for milk and food and were generally independent. However, many lost their farms during that period as banks closed their doors and locked up their cash assets which prevented them from making their mortgage payments and getting money to buy seed and equipment.

So what's changed since then? Other than most of us no longer live on little farms that are self reliant and chose to destroy farmland in favor of suburban expansion, there is not much of a difference. Assets have been depleted and our investments are essentially locked-up.

Since Democrats have led us into the first global economic collapse our portfolios have been demolished by as much as 50% and we're lucky to get 2% interest on a savings account.

Most of us were already in debt with credit card companies, car payments and mortgages. We have two choices; pay off the cards, car and mortgage with what's left of a 401K and start-over before Democrats confiscate the money and shift it into the Social Security Trust Fund, or commit to making 10% payments on the cards each month and hope our 401Ks regain some lost ground. We're too small to be part of the rescue plan.



Wow! Michigan's Governor Granholm has kept her promise and wowed us. We led the way by being the first domino in the economic collapse. Who knew the Dems would still be trusted with the economy; most voters of the FDR era are dead and it is

quite evident few remember that his plans kept the U. S. in the depression for more than ten years. But there's help on the way! Michigan's auto industry is salivating as they wait for a \$25 billion check. It will help auto workers stay off the soup lines, but won't be much help for Delphi and many other workers. Remember also that the Dems chose to embrace NAFTA rather than giving a bail-out to Bethlehem Steel.

## DYSTOPIA IDIOCRACY

<sup>1</sup>A **dystopia** (from the Greek δυσ- and τόπος, alternatively, **cacotopia**, **kakotopia**, **cackotopia**, or **anti-utopia**) is the vision of a society that is the opposite of utopia. A dystopian society is one in which the conditions of life are miserable, characterized by human misery, poverty, oppression, violence, disease, and/or pollution.

Some academic circles distinguish between anti-utopia and dystopia. As in George Orwell's *Nineteen Eight-Four*, a dystopia does not pretend to be utopian, while an anti-utopia appears to be utopian or was intended to be so, but a fatal flaw or other factor has destroyed or twisted the intended utopian world or concept. ~end

<sup>2</sup>**Collectivism** is a term used to describe any moral, political, or social outlook, that stresses human interdependence and the importance of a collective, rather than the importance of separate individuals. Collectivists focus on community and society, and seek to give priority to group goals over individual goals. The philosophical underpinnings of collectivism are for some related to holism or organicism - the view that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts/pieces. Specifically, a society as a whole can be seen as having more meaning or value than the separate individuals that make up that society. Collectivism is widely seen as being opposed to individualism. Notably these views are sometimes combined in systems. ~end

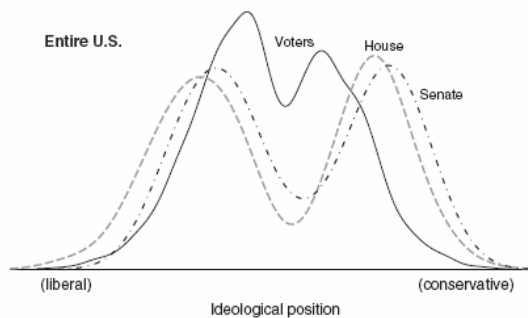


Figure 8.8: Michael Herron's estimate of ideological positions of voters (solid line) and congressmembers (dashed lines) after the 2006 midterm elections, on a common left-right scale. The median position of the voters is not far from the medians of the House of Representatives and the Senate, but the distributions are clearly different, with voters in general being closer to the center and congressmembers being more extreme (Democrats on the left and Republicans on the right).

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**Nationalism** can refer to an ideology, sentiment, a form of culture, or a social movement that focuses on the nation. While there is significant debate over the historical origins of nations, nearly all specialists accept that *nationalism*, at least as an ideology and social movement, is a modern phenomenon originating in Europe. Precisely where and when it emerged is difficult to determine,

but its development is closely related to that of the modern state and the push for popular sovereignty that came to a head with the French Revolution in the late eighteenth century. Since that time, nationalism has become one of the most significant political and social forces in history, perhaps most notably as a cause of both the First and Second World Wars.

As an ideology, nationalism holds that 'the people' in the doctrine of popular sovereignty is the nation, and that as a result only nation-states founded on the principle of national self-determination are legitimate. Since most states are multinational, or at least home to more than one group claiming national status, the pursuit of this principle has often led to conflict, and nationalism is commonly associated with war (both external and domestic), secession, and even genocide in contexts ranging from imperial conquest to struggles for national liberation. ~end

<sup>1</sup><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dystopia>—[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatal\\_flaw](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatal_flaw)—<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugenics>

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## Campaign '08, the Bell Tolls for Thee By Bob Tyrrell

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What a wonderful morn! Campaign '08 is a corpse. Step gently around it. Offer a gentle wave of the hand to those poor wretches over in the corner looking forlorn and lost. Those are the political junkies. They have awakened every day for almost two years eager for the electioneering fray. First, there were the primaries, where Hillary was "inevitable" and Rudy the likely Republican candidate. Then they heaved and sweated for Sen. Barack Obama or Sen. John McCain. Now the election is over, and they are in withdrawal.

Yet most of the rest of us have reason to be relieved and frankly a bit proud of our country. Yes, the campaign was a blare of competing rhetorical sophistications. It was rare for either candidate to utter an applause line that did not begin with a deceit or end with one. Sen. Obama's yawp about giving 95 percent of us a tax cut is a comely example; after all, some 40 percent of his targeted audience pays no income tax. And Sen. McCain's rant against Wall Street for the financial crisis is another. The crisis began with those subprime mortgages from Fannie and Freddie and was exacerbated by cheap money and recklessly low interest rates from the Department of the Treasury and from the Fed.

Most of the rest of us can be proud of how this election has concluded. The United States has elected an African-American to the presidency two generations after Jim Crow. There was no violence and very little playing of the race card. Sen. Obama ran a deft campaign, and his Chicago advisers created a formidable machine (pardon the term). He is from Chicago, and so am I. We know what a Chicago machine has been, and frankly I have not been reassured when I have heard him sing that he is running against "30 years of broken politics in Washington." Does he mean he is bringing in "fixed

politics"? We from Chicago know what "fixed politics" has meant in Chicago, and there the fix has been in for more than 30 years.

Yet beyond my little play on words, I, a Reagan conservative through and through, join with so many of my fellow Americans in taking pride in this election. Old Europe has disdained this country for years as racially prejudiced, though for years some of our most beloved popular figures have been African-Americans. At this point, we have had black generals in our military, black members of our presidential cabinets, black Supreme Court justices, black political leaders throughout the states, and black CEOs all over the lot. No European nation has shown such tolerance of color, ethnic origins, or religious and political disagreement. Spare your canards about racial prejudice in the Great Republic, and may I remind our European critics that 2009, the year in which Sen. Obama will be inaugurated to the presidency, is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator.

Aside from the political junkies, there is another tiny coterie of gloomy souls this week: the Clintonistas. Doubtless the gloomiest among them is the downcast former Boy President. He is actually, according to my sources, quite angry. With the election of Sen. Obama, Bill Clinton's days of White House revelry are finito. He has wanted to get back in the White House for years. Relatively unreported, but nonetheless true, he wanted his wife to run in 2004. We saw how passionately he campaigned for her in 2008. Yet a return of the Clintons was never to be. As I said as early as the spring of 2007, in "The Clinton Crack-Up" (and in an interview with Brian Lamb on C-SPAN), the "inevitable" Hillary was "going to have real problems getting the nomination." She faced a serious challenge from a younger generation of Democ-

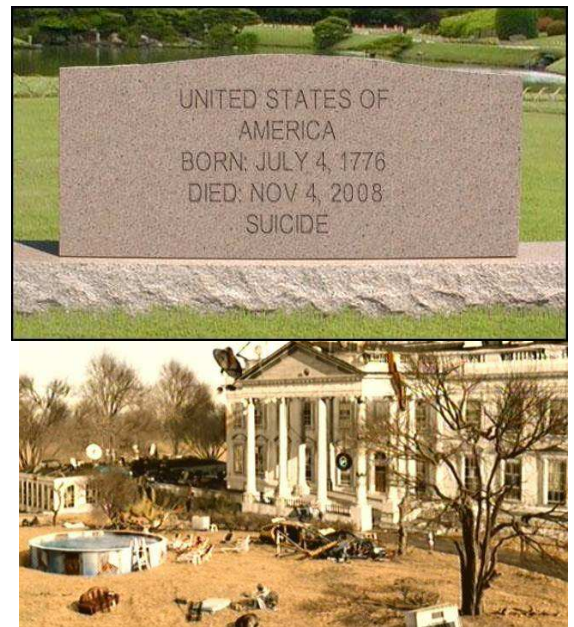
rats, who found their candidate in the junior senator from Illinois.

As I also reported, her husband is a dreadful campaigner for anyone but himself. When she turned to him in the primaries, she apparently knew nothing of his limitations. In 2004, of the 14 candidates he campaigned for, 12 lost. In the closing days of this campaign, when the former president campaigned for Sen. Obama, we saw why he is so dreadful in campaigning for others. To Sen. Obama's visible chagrin, Bill talked about himself first and then his White House advisers. When he finally referred to the 2008 Democratic candidate sitting nearby, he only diminished him. Now Bill is a has-been, and the historians are going to note his failed presidency.

In the months ahead, we are going to be hearing that the Reagan conservatives are has-beens, too. Well, we shall see. Critics have been writing obituaries for the conservative movement since 1964. I recall their pessimistic reports in 1987 with great clarity. That was when the Reagan Revolution supposedly was finished off by Iran-Contra and a stock market decline. In the years ahead, the principles of Reagan conservatism came to be adopted even by Democrats. The reason is clear: Those principles protect personal liberty, encourage prosperity, and protect American national security.

In the months ahead, the conservative movement will regroup. It will refine its principles for the present needs of the nation: growth, personal liberty, and national security. It will find the next generation of conservative political leaders. If President Obama really makes good on his promise to return to the New Deal of the 1930s and the Great Society of the 1960s, a revitalized conservative movement will be back on top sooner than one might expect. Recall, if you will, that this happened two years after the Clintons brought "change" to Washington in 1992.

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## Fed Defies Transparency Aim in Refusal to Disclose (Update2)

By Mark Pittman, Bob Ivry and Alison Fitzgerald

Nov. 10 (Bloomberg) -- The Federal Reserve is refusing to identify the recipients of almost \$2 trillion of emergency loans from American taxpayers or the troubled assets the central bank is accepting as collateral.

Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said in September they would comply with congressional demands for transparency in a \$700 billion bailout of the banking system. Two months later, as the Fed lends far more than that in separate rescue programs that didn't require approval by Congress, Americans have no idea where their money is going or what securities the banks are pledging in return.

"The collateral is not being adequately disclosed, and that's a big problem," said Dan Fuss, vice chairman of Boston-based Loomis Sayles & Co., where he co-manages \$17 billion in bonds. "In a liquid market, this wouldn't matter, but we're not. The market is very nervous and very thin."

Bloomberg News has requested details of the Fed lending under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act and filed a federal lawsuit Nov. 7 seeking to force disclosure.

The Fed made the loans under terms of 11 programs, eight of them created in the past 15 months, in the midst of the biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

"It's your money; it's not the Fed's money," said billionaire Ted Forstmann, senior partner of Forstmann Little & Co. in New York. "Of course there should be transparency."

Treasury, Fed, Obama

Federal Reserve spokeswoman [Michelle Smith](#) declined to comment on the loans or the Bloomberg lawsuit. Treasury spokeswoman Michele Davis didn't respond to a phone call and an e-mail seeking comment.

President-elect Barack Obama's economic adviser, Jason Furman, also didn't respond to an e-mail and a phone call seeking comment from Obama. In a Sept. 22 campaign speech, Obama promised to "make our government open and transparent so that anyone can ensure that our business is the people's business."

The Fed's lending is significant because the central bank has stepped into a rescue role that was also the purpose of the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, bailout plan -- without safeguards put into the TARP legislation by Congress.

Total Fed lending topped \$2 trillion for the first time last week and has risen by 140 percent, or \$1.172 trillion, in the seven weeks since Fed governors relaxed the collateral standards on Sept. 14. The difference includes a \$788 billion increase in loans to banks through the Fed and \$474 billion in other lending, mostly through the central bank's purchase of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac bonds.

Sept. 14 Decision

Before Sept. 14, the Fed accepted mostly top-rated government and asset-backed securities as collateral. After that date, the central bank widened standards to accept other kinds of securities, some with lower ratings. The Fed collects interest on all its loans.

The plan to purchase distressed securities through TARP called for buying at the "lowest price that the secretary (of the Treasury) determines to be consistent with the purposes of this Act," according to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the law that covers TARP.

The legislation didn't require any specific method for the purchases beyond saying mechanisms such as auctions or reverse auctions should be used "when appropriate." In a reverse auction, bidders offer to sell securities at successively lower prices, helping to ensure that the Fed would pay less. The measure also included a five-member oversight board that includes Paulson and Bernanke.

At a Sept. 23 Senate Banking Committee hearing in Washington, Paulson called for transparency in the purchase of distressed assets under the TARP program.

'We Need Transparency'

"We need oversight," Paulson told lawmakers. "We need protection. We need transparency. I want it. We all want it."

At a joint House-Senate hearing the next day, Bernanke also stressed the importance of openness in the program. "Transparency is a big issue," he said.

The Fed lent cash and government bonds to banks, which gave the Fed collateral in the form of equities and debt, including subprime and structured securities such as collateralized debt obligations, according to the Fed Web site. The borrowers have included the now-bankrupt Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Banks oppose any release of information because it might signal weakness and spur short-selling or a run by depositors, said Scott Talbott, senior vice president of government affairs for the Financial Services Roundtable, a Washington trade group.

Frank Backs Fed

"You have to balance the need for transparency with protecting the public interest," Talbott said. "Taxpayers have a right to know where their tax dollars are going, but one piece of information standing alone could undermine public confidence in the system."

The nation's biggest banks, Citigroup, Bank of America Corp., JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo & Co., Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley, declined to comment on whether they have borrowed money from the Fed. They received \$120 billion in capital from the TARP, which was signed into law Oct. 3.

In an interview Nov. 6, House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank said the Fed's disclosure is sufficient and that the risk the central bank is taking on is appropriate in the current economic climate. Frank said he has discussed the program with Timothy F. Geithner, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and a possible candidate to succeed Paulson as Treasury secretary.

"I talk to Geithner and he was pretty sure that they're OK," said Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat. "If the risk is that the Fed takes a little bit of a haircut, well that's regrettable." Such losses would be acceptable, he said, if the program helps revive the economy.

'Unplug the Market'

Frank said the Fed shouldn't reveal the assets it

holds or how it values them because of "delicacy with respect to pricing." He said such disclosure would "give people clues to what your pricing is and what they might be able to sell us and what your estimates are." He wouldn't say why he thought that information would be problematic.

Revealing how the Fed values collateral could help thaw frozen credit markets, said Ron D'Vari, chief executive officer of NewOak Capital LLC in New York and the former head of structured finance at BlackRock Inc.

"I'd love to hear the methodology, how the Fed priced the assets," D'Vari said. "That would unplug the market very quickly."

TARP's \$700 billion so far is being used to buy preferred shares in banks to shore up their capital. The program was originally intended to hold banks' troubled assets while markets were frozen.

AIG Lending

The Bloomberg lawsuit argues that the collateral lists "are central to understanding and assessing the government's response to the most cataclysmic financial crisis in America since the Great Depression."

The Fed has lent at least \$81 billion to American International Group Inc., the world's largest insurer, so that it can pay obligations to banks. AIG today said it received an expanded government rescue package valued at more than \$150 billion.

The central bank is also responsible for losses on a \$26.8 billion portfolio guaranteed after Bear Stearns Cos. was bought by JPMorgan.

"As a taxpayer, it is absolutely important that we know how they're lending money and who they're lending it to," said Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Arlington, Virginia-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

Ratings Cuts

Ultimately, the Fed will have to remove some securities held as collateral from some programs because the central bank's rules call for instruments rated below investment grade to be taken back by the borrower and marked down in value. Losses on those assets could then be written off, partly through the capital recently injected into those banks by the Treasury.

Moody's Investors Service alone has cut its ratings on 926 mortgage-backed securities worth \$42 billion to junk from investment grade since Sept. 14, making them ineligible for collateral on some Fed loans.

The Fed's collateral "absolutely should be made public," said Mark Cuban, an activist investor, the owner of the Dallas Mavericks professional basketball team and the creator of the Web site [Bailout-Sleuth.com](#), which focuses on the secrecy shrouding the Fed's moves.

The Bloomberg lawsuit is *Bloomberg LP v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*, 08-CV-9595, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (Manhattan).

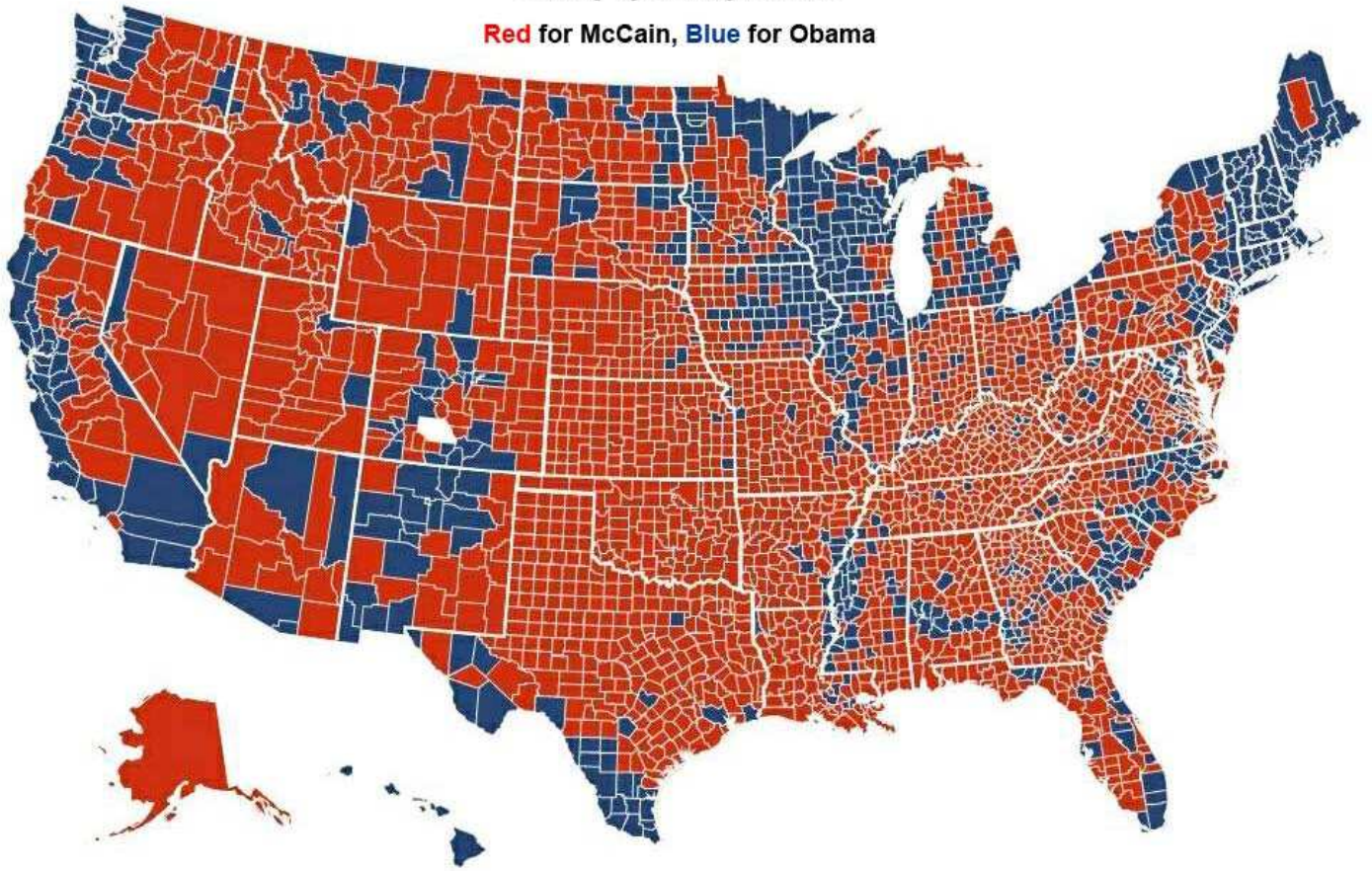
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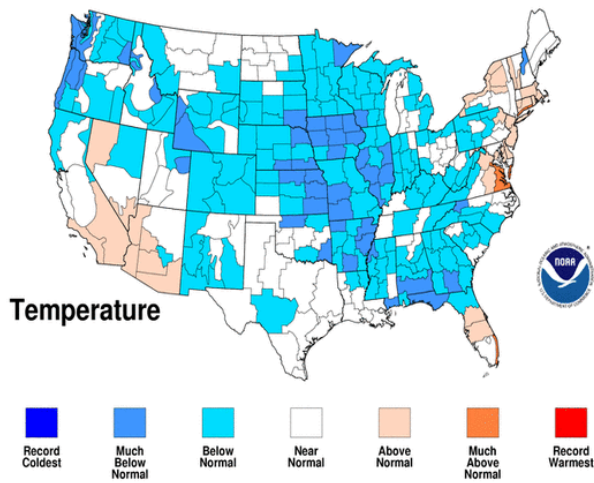
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# Michigan's Future - Beyond Bleak By C. J. Williams

While Michigan citizens are still waiting for Gov. Granholm to make good on her promise to blow them away by pulling the state's economy out of the sewer, it appears that the only thing waving in the wind is her tongue.

Over the past eight years and as of Sept. 28, 2008, Michigan has lost 315,000 manufacturing jobs, a reduction of 35.5 percent since the year 2000. Since it seems that, daily, the state's newspapers carry more and more stories about failing businesses, job losses, or employee layoffs while at risk companies restructure, God only knows how many more non-manufacturing jobs were lost during that time, as well as from both job sectors in October '08 and during the first two weeks of November.

Figures toted in a recent New York Times article, 'Economy Is Only Issue for Michigan Governor' written by Monica Davey and Susan Saulney, indicate that the net job loss since Granholm took office stands at 281,500, a figure that's likely escalated already. According to that article, however, and to her credit, a spokesperson from her office claims that since taking office, Granholm has brought 120,800 new jobs to Michigan.

However, let's consider a few things before an attagirl is extended to the current occupant of the governor's mansion. Granholm took office in 2003 when the state unemployment rate was 6.2% and the national average was 5.7%. By the end of 2003, Michigan's jobless rate had climbed to 7.2% while the national average remained steady. At the end of Granholm's first year in office, there had been a one-year job loss of 35,000, but the unemployment numbers only reflected an additional 4,000 people out of work because 31,000 folks left the state.

During 2004, 35,000 more people moved out and the state's jobless rate stood at 7.3% compared to the national average of 5.5%. Although people continued to flee the state, things improved a tad in 2005, as Michigan's jobless rate dipped to 6.1% and the national rate fell to 4.2 percent. However, by the end of 2006, Michigan had again lost over 150,000 people and was showing a jobless rate of 7.2% while the national average increased slightly to 5.0 percent. During 2007, Michigan lost another 120,000 jobs, and at the end of the year the state's jobless rate was 7.6% compared to a national average of 4.9%.

Things do not bode well for Michigan this year, either. Even though the state's jobless rate for September briefly fell to second place nationally with 8.7% behind Rhode Island's 8.8%, the glory was short lived. Headlines on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> indicated that the state's jobless rate for Oct. '08 stood at 9.3% compared to the national rate of 6.5%, and some economists are projecting that the figure will climb into the double digits within months.

Today, as this column is being written and as Congress is debating the merits of bailing out the state's automakers, Ms. Granholm, accompanied by her Michigan Economic Development Corporation toadies, is on an 'investment mission' in the Middle East, purportedly romancing more foreign companies to set up shop in the Great Take State. Her seven-day jaunt, which began on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, was her seventh such over-

seas trip since 2004. Her SEVENTH trip in four years to bring industry to Michigan, and the state is still hemorrhaging jobs and people!

According to a recent press release from the Gov's office, little Miss Blow You Away planned to meet with alternative energy companies in Israel and Jordan to discuss such things as wireless energy and water reuse. She will also call on venture capital firms and business leaders in Dubai, as well as pharmaceutical companies that apparently already 'invest' in Michigan companies.

One such pharmaceutical company mentioned in one of her press releases was Perrigo, which is based in downstate Allegan. Perrigo bills itself as the nation's largest manufacturer of store brand over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, as well as nutritional products sold by supermarkets and drug and mass-merchandise chains such as WalMart, Walgreens and Target. In 2004, Perrigo acquired Agis Industries, the second largest pharmaceutical company in Israel. Why the Governor and her entourage called on Perrigo in Israel rather than Allegan. Michigan wasn't disclosed.

PowerMat is an Israeli wireless energy company that so interests the gov that she stopped by on her Middle East junket to promote Michigan. The company claims it can turn any surface into a power source, be it table, wall, floor, or even sheetrock. However, it seems that PowerMat, which was founded in 2007, has already entered into a deal with Michigan's Commerce Township-based HoMedics to form another entity, HoMedics PowerMat North America, to market and distribute products equipped with PowerMat's technology.

Regardless, it should be apparent that these overseas trips have done little to staunch job losses in Michigan or alleviate another financial problem the state has been facing, but only now is coming to light in big city newspapers.

Michigan workers who lose their jobs usually can count on 26 weeks of unemployment compensation, generally a paltry maximum of \$362 per week, providing they meet eligibility requirements. However, news making the headlines in some downstate papers last week is that Michigan's Unemployment Compensation Fund has been depleted for a couple of years and the state has already had to borrow from the federal government to pay unemployment benefits to an estimated 650,000 people this year.

As of Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the outstanding balance on this year's loan was at least \$376 million, but more recent reports put that sum at around \$473 million, which will start accruing interest in January of 2009. Michigan, of course, has no way to repay that loan, though the powers that be have somehow managed to do so in the past. For instance, in 2007 Michigan borrowed \$637 million from the feds even though the state's budget was in total disarray and government lay-offs and complete shutdowns were threatened.

Perhaps this year, Peter's coffer is so thin that there's nothing left to rob in order to pay Paul, although some legislators are eyeballing treasure chests, such as the Natural Resource Trust Fund that could possibly be pilfered so as to meet the State's financial obligations, namely the outstanding federal loan needed for unemployed workers.

Interestingly, as of 2001, the state's Unemployment Compensation Fund showed a positive balance of \$3 billion and a balance of a little over \$1.7 billion two years later. However, in 2003 and prior to her bid for reelection, Granholm signed legislation that temporarily extended unemployment benefits from 26 weeks to 39 weeks, further depleting the fund by an additional \$206 million. Perhaps that maneuver bought her enough votes for her to get reelected then, but certainly it must be a bitter pill to swallow now considering that Mother Hubbard's cupboard is filled with cobwebs rather than juicy bones for the unemployed.

Interestingly, there is a bill now pending in the Michigan Senate that would again extend unemployment bennies for 39 weeks, rather than the standard 26 weeks. It was introduced on Jan. 25, 2007 by Ray Basham (D-Taylor) and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism on the same day. As the State already can't foot the bill for unemployment bennies without borrowing, how ever would the legislators rationalize passing a bill that would increase the onus?

Over the past week or so, approximately 40,000 Michigan employers have been given notice that they will be dunned an extra \$67.50 per employee as of Jan. 2009 to help repay the federal loan and interest it generates. As best as can be understood from the politically correct, fair and balanced reports written with a lot of flowery mumbo-jumbo words and published in the Lame Street Media press, this so called 'solvency tax' will affect businesses whose laid-off workers have collected more in unemployment benefits than their employers paid into the state's unemployment fund. What isn't being written, however, is that Michigan has managed to deplete the cushion provided by those many employers who pay into the fund, but whose workers draw nothing from it.

If the state has to borrow more money, the 'solvency tax' will be increased, and the more employees that are laid off, the worse the business owners' tax onus will be. This is definitely not one of Granholm's 'win-win' situations to be in, especially when the state's already tanked economy is tanking even more.

Additionally, in 2010 most Michigan employers will be forced to ante up a surcharge of \$21 per employee to pay off Michigan's debt to the federal unemployment system. This will be in addition to each business owner's unemployment taxes that are applied to the first \$9,000 of each of their employee's wages. The unemployment tax rate ranges between 0.06% and 10.3% per employee. Ironically, while long term Michigan businesses have been taxed to death for years, Ms. Blow You Away continues to romance foreigners and start-up companies in other states to invest in Michigan by promising those businessmen all sorts of tax breaks.

Care to venture a bet on how many more businesses will fail in the Great Take State during 2009 and how many more people will join the unemployment line, making the situation even bleaker?

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# THIS SIDE UP BY J. C. POWERS

The rugged individualism of the average citizen of the Upper Peninsula is dead and gone; RIP. As a natural-born Yooper I am not only embarrassed, but ashamed of a large portion of the UP population.

Where are the Christians? Where are the patriots who were first in line when duty called? What happened to the wilderness spirit and the strength of individual virtues?

It all appears to be gone and soon to be forgotten. Civility prevents me from declaring my actual thoughts regarding citizenry that has no sense of decency or an iota of concern about patriotism—political party over country is not an acceptable quality—maybe in Detroit, but not here in the UP.

Obviously the most intelligent residents of the UP live in Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga, Dickinson, Luce, Mackinac and Chippewa counties. [See map at top of page 9.]

Marquette, Alger and Schoolcraft county residents continually flaunt their ignorance. Perhaps that explains the joke, "What does a Northern Michigan University student say to a Michigan Tech grad? - You want fries with that?" Let's extend that joke to include the superior Lake State students as well.

The five-dollar millionaires of Marquette County and their union subjects have been the demise of an area that should not only be a leader in UP progress, but should be the most superior county in the UP. While the doctors at Marquette General Hospital are able to bury their mistakes and Northern Michigan University has an innate hatred of practicing Catholics, we can't help wondering what it would take for residents of Marquette County to take their heads out of their ass.

Funding for snow-plowing and sanding has been cut by the State of Michigan. Evidently the safety and well-being of the residents that have loyally voted for incompetence has not impressed the likes of Lindberg, Prusi and Granholm. Those living on secondary and tertiary roads who don't own 4WD vehicles will be hampered from venturing out during the depths of winter while Granholm uses State money to fly all over the globe. Maybe you won't have to contend with trying to find a place to park off the city streets, but you will have a problem trying to get to work, the store, or the doctor. Ignorance must be bliss. It's obscene just how entrenched many Yoopers are in their solidly Democratic support.

I'm having a difficult time understanding why anyone would vote for someone who is not a staunch supporter of the Constitution, morally competent, and disinterested in expanding the tentacles of government. It may be that most Yoopers are bought-off with some sort of tax refund that exceeds what they put into the coffers. Maybe it's only the conservatives who actually earn a living and have a vested interest in their futures and the future of their children.

I have a question for you Yoopers who vote for gay marriages, embryonic stem cell research, abortion, anti-smoking, anti-gun, and builders of a more intrusive and bigger government. Why?

Please write me: [yoopscoop@yahoo.com](mailto:yoopscoop@yahoo.com).

I'm not so much pissed at a large segment of the UP as I am disappointed in them. Years ago if a person broke-down by the side of the road, three Yoopers would pull in behind to give them a hand. This nation that your liberals friends have built has instilled fears of police, hitchhikers, veterans, hunters, gun-owners, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, and people who just want to live the American Dream. It's just no way to run the freedom railroad. ~JCP

**A Video for my Yooper Comrades:**

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