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Too much happened this week! Enjoy...

The cartoons come from:

www.townhall.com/funnies.

If you receive this and you hate it and you don't want to ever read it no matter what...that is fine; email me back and you will be deleted from my list (which is almost at the maximum anyway).

Previous issues are listed and can be accessed here:

<http://kukis.org/page20.html> (their contents are described and each issue is linked to) or here:

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I attempt to post a new issue each Sunday by 2 or 3 pm central standard time (I sometimes fail at this attempt).

I try to include factual material only, along with my opinions (it should be clear which is which). I make an attempt to include as much of this week's news as I possibly can. The first set of columns are intentionally designed for a quick read.

I do not accept any advertising nor do I charge for this publication. I write this principally to blow

off steam in a nation where its people seemed have collectively lost their minds.

And if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, always remember: **We do not struggle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places** (Eph. 6:12).

This Week's Events

President Obama nominates Elena Kagan for Supreme Court Justice, who is relatively young, and whose judicial expertise and exact leanings are unknown.

Greece is still in turmoil. We will help to bail them out through the IMF.



There is still oil spurting out a mile down in the Gulf of Mexico.

The civil disturbance in Thailand does not appear to be slacking off. In 2006, an army coup ousted the elected prime minister, Thaksin Shinawatra (the 18th attempted or actual military coup since 1933), and things were relatively quiet there for about a year or so. However, there has been increasing animosity and clashes between red shirts (pro-Thaksin) and yellow shirts (anti-

Thaksin) in Thailand. The clashes between the red shirts and the military have become increasingly violent, even though the current prime minister claims that he wants to solve this without violence.

President Obama threatens to veto any deficit spending which is a result of implementing the new healthcare bill, which he recently pushed, passed and signed. Studies continue to reveal that (surprise) the government intervention will not reduce healthcare costs, but that this will increase the deficit.

Senator McCain has proposed an amendment to Obama's Wall Street Regulatory bill to privatize FNMA and FHLMC, and let them stand or fall on their own without continuing to pour taxpayer money into them. This amendment was defeated 56 (all Democrats) to 43.

Jan Brewer, governor of Arizona, signed HB 2281 into law yesterday, a law which makes prohibits school districts in the state to teach classes that promote the overthrowing of the U. S. government; Classes that promote the hatred or resentment of a race or class of people; Classes that are designed for students of a particular ethnic group; Classes that advocate ethnic solidarity. No more of this ethnic studies stuff.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has decided that Catholic bishops need to start teaching their congregation about legalizing illegal immigrants.

Right now, there are plans for there to be a 13 story mosque to open at Ground Zero on 10th anniversary of Sept. 11th attacks. Hopefully, you understand the symbology of that, which is how Islam works.

Movie director Roman Polanski faces deportation back to the states for pedophilia charges from several decades ago. Hollywood is circulating a petition to call for the dismissal of charges. Actor Michael Douglas refuses to sign the petition.

Say What?

President Obama's nominee Donald Berwick as the head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS): "Any health care funding plan that is just equitable civilized and humane must, must redistribute wealth from the richer among us to the poorer and the less fortunate. Excellent health care is by definition redistributational."

This bears repeating; from one week ago: President Obama said at Hampton University, Virginia, "You're coming of age in a 24/7 media environment that bombards us with all kinds of content and exposes us to all kinds of arguments, some of which don't always rank all that high on the truth meter. With iPods and iPads and Xboxes and PlayStations, -- none of which I know how to work -- **information becomes a distraction, a diversion, a form of entertainment, rather than a tool of empowerment, rather than the means of emancipation...**some of the craziest claims can quickly claim traction. All of this is not only putting new pressures on you, it is putting new pressures on our country and on our democracy." This is one of the scariest things I have ever heard a president say.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa told CNSNews.com "In California, I think there's a real sense that these immigrants provide a great deal to the economic might of the state."

Jon Stewart: "What are we going to do in this country when we're attacked by someone who is not the *Home Alone* burglars."

"My problem with the Obama administration is that it is more concerned with policing grocery aisles and our refrigerators than our borders and we would be a heckuva lot better off if they got their priorities in order." Michelle Malkin.

"The government still can't track foreign visa holders nearly 9 years after 9/11, but now the [feds want to track every child's Body Mass Index](#). Priorities." Michelle Malkin, again.

Newt Gingrich on Elena Kagan: "All you have to know about the president's nomination of Elena Kagan is that she, as dean of the Harvard Law School, took an effort to block the American military from the Harvard campus all the way to the Supreme Court during a war; that is an act so unbecoming an American, that she should be disqualified from the very beginning [standing ovation]. And I say to the United States Senate, you know why she is not worthy of becoming a



Supreme Court Justice; and I say to the president, you have every right to nominate a liberal, but, can't you, in the middle of the war, nominate a

liberal who respects and works for our military, and not someone who has contempt for them and opposes them.”

President Obama on George Bush’s Supreme Court nominee, Harriet Miers (2005): “One thing that I do think is important is that the White House recognize that in the absence of any judicial record on her part, in the absence of any significant work that she appears to have done related to constitutional issues, that she’s gonna need to be more forthcoming and the White House is going to be more forthcoming than they were during the Roberts nomination. Ms. Miers is completely a blank slate.”

Sign of TEA party goer: “My kid is not your ATM.”

Joe Biden Prophecy Watch

Al Qaeda is alive and doing very well in Iran.

South Korea fires warning shots at North Korean ships which enter into its waters.

Must-Watch Media

It’s only 30 seconds; this is what is next on Obama’s agenda (refer back to his scary quote above):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07teCE1EWZY>

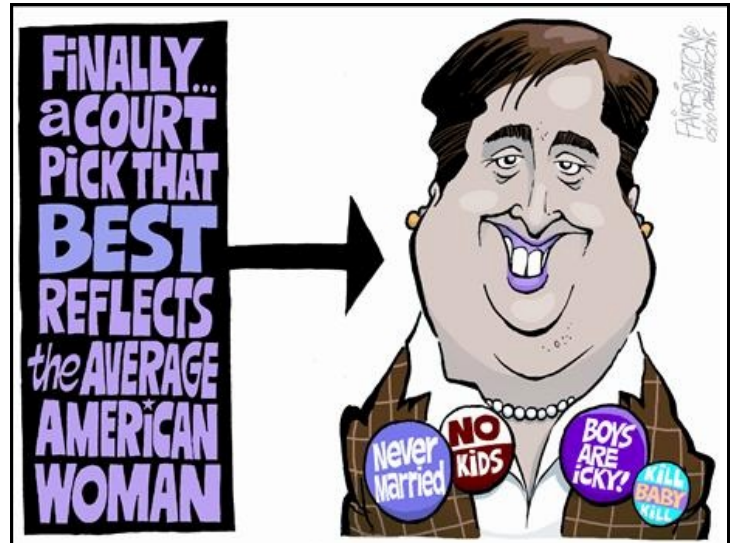
Ted Poe (my Congressman) grills Attorney General Eric Holder (bear in mind that, Holder was on at least 2 Sunday morning programs giving his opinion about the Arizona Immigration Law, which he had not read):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UixcTs5Xz4o>
(The whole thing; 6½ minutes))

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rH1FEcbi4A>
(About 4 minutes)

Here is Elena Kagan, in her own words, speaking to a White House employee (who needs media when the WH will give us the truth?):

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/elena-kagan-her-own-words>



Eric Holder again, who is just unable to say that maybe racial Islam might have some relation to these attacks and attempted attacks against the United States. If you haven’t seen this, you need to.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOQt_mP6Pgg

Eric Cantor political commercial (it is good and well-produced):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzRgrDA5C7c>

Another ad, this one on the stimulus bill:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ_Chroi4oc

Stop spending our future:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yREOUxo6Qdc>

Nancy Pelosi suggests what needs to be taught from the pulpit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yS_5s7BrARQ

Here is a rarity: **Shepherd Smith does a commentary**. For those who do not know Shep, he is a newscaster on FoxNews who does straight news. Rumor is that he is a liberal, yet, I have seen him hundreds of times, and I have yet to be able to pin any label on him.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8s-KHDmNqIQ>

I am beginning to understand why Rush Limbaugh, when talking about Chris Christie, says, "It is wrong for a man to love another man?"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UK_CZdSOK6o

Glenn Beck, all the president's men. This past week of Beck was quite amazing:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKDvZCgukZ8>

Just posted: Sarah Palin speaking at the Susan B. Anthony List, this is a 4 part series, and only 2 have been posted so far as I write this (I am so glad this got posted; I spent about 30 minutes searching for it).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSOdCXnskEO>

Oliver North on today's military (a half million views, and ignored by the alphabet media):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJfeD-I39CQ>

Expert on oil leaks and pollution, as well as part-time Law and Order actor Sam Waterston speaks to Congress (he was invited):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIZI-D-4wrs>

Gingrich slams Kagen:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOVGyhyWNTo>



A Little Comedy Relief

"Over at CBS news, Katie Couric recently complained that illegal aliens no longer feel welcome in Arizona. And soon we expect to hear that shoplifters no longer feel welcome at the Gap." Jodi Miller.

"A Missouri teenager took his great grandmother to the prom. Well, it is good to hear that you are getting out of the house, Madonna." Jodi Miller.

Short Takes

1) The president has made it clear that he is sick and tired of all the finger pointing, when it comes to the Gulf oil spill. This is the same guy who has been blaming Bush for every ill under the sun.



2) Elena Kagen, Supreme Court justice nominee, as dean of Harvard Law School, kicked military recruiters off campus because she disagreed with the *Don't ask, don't tell* policy. Here is my problem: I am sure that any person who takes breath can find some policy or law related to the military or some action which they have done which they do not like. It is my understanding that *don't ask, don't tell* is law. It does not matter that she thought that the policy/law was *unwise and unjust*; so what? Barring military recruiters is both unrelated and unjustified. Furthermore, this was not a policy designed by military recruiters. This indicates to me, a profound disrespect for the law, and no one who

chooses to disrespect the law in this way ought to be a judge on the highest court of the land.

3) President Obama has praised Elena Kagen for her public service and her choice to work in the public sector. So, how much has she made in the public sector? I bet that she has been well remunerated for her service and paid much more than the average person. For most of us, this is not some great, admirable sacrifice.

4) Los Angeles **does not allow** their police to ask the immigration status of any person that they stop.

5) One of the reasons people are buying gold right now, is, they no longer trust the stock market.

6) I will certainly agree that President Obama has a higher IQ than Sarah Palin; however, give me a low IQ person who will state clearly what she is going to do, and has principles that she clearly stands for, rather than someone who, when he communicates, intentionally obfuscates his intentions, ideas and policies.

7) Why are we pouring money down the drain of Greece? I have no problem with an occasional bailout, if there is a clear plan by those being bailed out, to make this a one-time thing. I could have agreed even with the bailing out of GM and FNMA, if it was not being flushed down the drain, where they have no intention of fixing the problems which got them there in the first place.

8) Far, far too many people get food stamps and food subsidies; however, since the White House is on this big new food kick, then make all government subsidies cover only fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy and eggs. As I have observed in previous issues, I own a couple small apartments in a poor part of town, and I have almost never observed someone who needed a meal. However, I have seen literally thousands of

people who are tremendously fat. If we are going to pay for their food, why not pay only for food that has not been processed?

By the Numbers

\$536 billion of taxpayer money has been allocated or promised to 836 companies and 13 programs.

\$145 billion taxpayer dollars have been given to FNMA and FHLMC (I have heard various numbers here, ranging from \$84.9 billion on up to \$400 billion, which I believe was a ceiling at one time). Most people do not understand the exact function of the secondary mortgage market, so they do not understand how these institutions have destroyed our economy, and that government continues to give them however much money they ask for.

Late last year, the Obama administration increased its pledge to cover losses at Fannie and Freddie Mac past 2012 and did away with a \$400 billion cap on aid.

FNMA has lost money for the past 11 consecutive quarters.

10% of all U.S. loans are delinquent.

The state of Florida is in the worst shape, with 23.7% of mortgages in default or foreclosure.

13.5% of U.S. mortgages are delinquent or in foreclosure.

11.8% of all electricity came from renewable resources such as wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and small hydroelectric facilities. This is with massive subsidies from a state which is broke. If we look at the great hope of renewable—solar and wind power—we're

probably at 3 or 4%. And yet we continue to pour more and more taxpayer funds into this.

1/5th of Americans depend upon the government for food or housing.

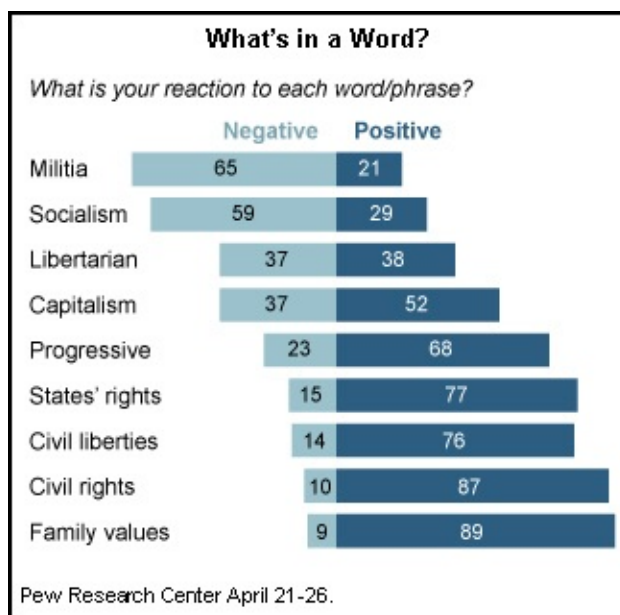
41% of children are now born to single women.

Polling by the Numbers

Pew Research Center:

People were asked to give a one-word description of Congress. 86% chose a negative word (dysfunctional, corrupt, inept). 4% used a positive descriptor.

People were asked to give a positive or negative response to individual words:



It is somewhat disheartening to not see *capitalism* viewed more positively and scary to see *progressive* viewed so positively. Apparently, not enough people know what *progressivism* is.

Another set of interesting stats—how the public views drilling in the gulf and other types of energy:

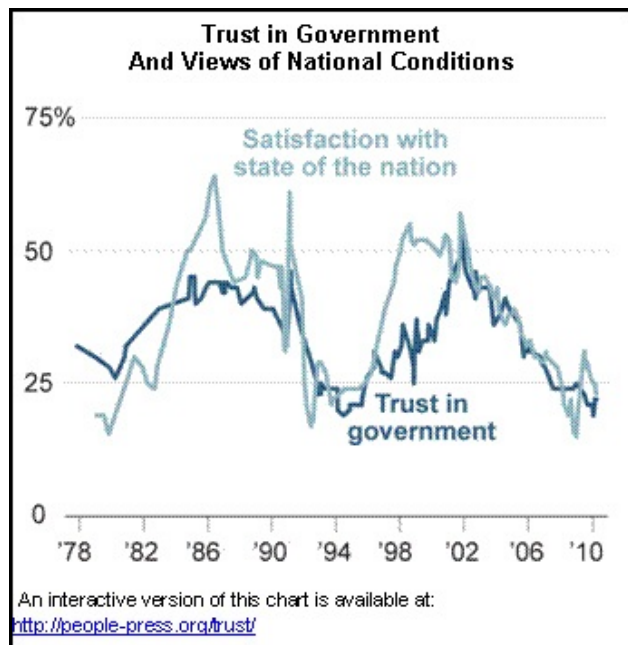
<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1590/poll-gulf-oil-disaster-obama-bp-support-for-drilling>

Widespread Support for Arizona Law's Elements

Opinion of:	App- rove %	Dis- approve %	DK %
Requiring people to produce documents verifying legal status	73	23	4=100
Allowing police to detain anyone unable to verify legal status	67	29	4=100
Allowing police to question anyone they think may be in country illegally	62	35	3=100
Considering everything, opinion of new Arizona law	59	32	8=100

Pew Research Center May 6-9. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Another cool graphic in Pew: the overall trust in government graph:



Saturday Night Live Misses

Now, how can SNL ignore Eric Holder, who may have signed his resignation this week, first by admitting to not reading the Arizona immigration bill (which he strongly and publically opposes) and his inability to say that radical Islam might be related to the several Muslims in the past 6 or so months who have tried to kill Americans.

Political Chess

Even to the media coverage of the new Arizona Immigration law have been quite negative, the public sees this differently:

(Even though Republicans are more supportive than Democrats, there is still a majority of Democrats who support the first 3 individual provisions).

Yay Democrats!

Obama is suddenly taking terrorism seriously (to some degree). This is not necessarily good news, however. Remember, Barack knows a lot of national security stuff that we don't.

Obama-Speak

Supreme Court nominee needs to have an understanding of how Supreme Court decisions impact law means, rule in whatever way seems good to you.

Comprehensive immigration reform = passing a bill where most of it is repugnant to the American people, but it will result in more Democratic voters.

Questions for Obama

Who creates jobs? The private sector or the public sector? What is the right percentage? At what percentage of government spending has our nation been at its most prosperous?

More Proof Obama is an Amateur

The Obama administration will not let go of closing down Gitmo, a promise they cannot keep, and something which Congress today—even with a Democratic majority—will not fund.

Eric Holder will not let go of the idea of trying KSM in a civilian court in New York, although most people will give you 99 to 1 odds that will every happen.

You Know You're Being Brainwashed if...

If you think that cap and trade is the right thing for our environment. If you think that cap and trade is all about the environment (it is all about revenue to the government, as well as making some green tycoons very rich).

If you think Arizona police will not stop and ask for papers of miscellaneous Hispanics that they see.

News Before it Happens

Dick Morris predicts Republican majorities in the House and Senate in the 2010 election. Most everyone else seems to be hedging on this.

Unless the Republicans screw up big time, I am throwing in with Morris on this prediction.

Bill O'Reilly said Hillary Clinton is setting herself up to run against Obama, and her trashing of the economy as of late was a prelude to that.

When Elena Kagan is grilled, expect Republicans to focus on her views of the first amendment. This is one of the most disconcerting philosophies in the Obama administration—their understanding of free speech.

Shahzad is the beginning of a long list of terrorists who will strike against America in America. Law



of averages suggests that they will be more successful in their attacks. I don't just sit around and pull things out of the atmosphere and write them down here. Although Eric Holder could not say the words, "Radical Islam" the other day, or suggest that it may be one of many factors to explain Shahzad's actions, Shahzad is talking a lot and the Obama administration seems to be taking terrorism more seriously now.

Prophecies Fulfilled

Scientists now predict that there will be decades of ash clouds over Europe. My prediction was that they will affect the temperature for decades, making Europe colder (obviously, this has not been fulfilled yet).

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article7127706.ece>

Missing Headlines

Does Eric Holder have a clue?

Why not privatize Fannie and Freddie?

Who is monitoring Fannie and Freddie?

Come, let us reason together....

Understanding Illegitimacy

by Robert Rector

The press has rushed to report a minuscule drop in "teen births" based on data released Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As usual, the mainstream media are focusing on a trivial, politically correct story while ignoring the real story buried in the data.

Here's the real story: According to CDC, a record 40.6 percent of children born in 2008 were born outside marriage - a total of 1.72 million children. The overwhelming majority of the unwed mothers were young adults with low education levels, precisely the kind of individuals who have the greatest difficulty going it alone in our society.

Only about 7.5 percent of these out-of-wedlock births, 130,000, were to girls under 18. Of course, these births can be disastrous for the girls

involved. But as a social problem, teen pregnancies and births are of quite limited importance. By contrast, 1.72 million out-of-wedlock births amount to an overwhelming catastrophe for taxpayers and society.

The steady growth of childbearing by single women and the general collapse of marriage, especially among the poor, lie at the heart of the mushrooming welfare state. This year, taxpayers will spend over \$300 billion providing means-tested welfare aid to single parents. The average single mother receives nearly three dollars in government benefits for each dollar she pays in taxes. These subsidies are funded largely by the heavy taxes paid by higher-income married couples.

America is rapidly becoming a two-caste society, with marriage and education at the dividing line. Children born to married couples with a college education are mostly in the top half of the population; children born to single mothers with high-school degrees or less are mostly in the bottom half.

The disappearance of marriage in low-income communities is the predominant cause of child poverty in the U.S. today. If poor single mothers were married to the fathers of their children, two-thirds of them would not be poor. The absence of a husband and father from the home also is a strong contributing factor to failure in school, crime, drug abuse, emotional disturbance, and a host of other social problems.

In 1963, as Pres. Lyndon Johnson was launching the War on Poverty, 7 percent of American children were born outside marriage. White House staffer Daniel Patrick Moynihan, later U.S. Senator from New York, warned the nation of the calamities associated with the growing number of out-of-wedlock births. For more than 40 years, our society has ignored Moynihan's warnings. Despite the transparent linkages among poverty,

social problems, and disintegration of the family, the liberal intelligentsia has watched the steady collapse of marriage in low-income communities with silent indifference.

The reason? Most liberal academics regard marriage as an outdated, socially backward institution; they have shed no tears over its demise. Even worse, liberal politicians and anonymous government bureaucrats have a vested interest in the growth of the welfare state, and nothing grows the welfare state like the disappearance of marriage.

Single mothers are inherently in far greater need of government support than married couples, so an increase in single parenthood leads almost inevitably to an increase in government benefits and services and a thriving welfare industry to supply them. Marital collapse creates a burgeoning new clientele dependent on government services and political patrons. When liberals refuse to talk about marriage and the poor in the same breath, they are guilty of willful neglect of the major source of poverty.

For the statist, the collapse of marriage is a gift that keeps on giving. It's no accident that the modern welfare system rewards single parents and penalizes married couples.

The Left, with the complicity of the liberal media, hypes the issue of "teen pregnancy" - partly because feminists think girls should attend college for a few years before becoming single mothers, partly in order to strengthen their agenda of promoting condom use and permissive sex ed in the schools. (In reality, condom proselytizing is a bogus answer to actual social problems. Contrary to conventional wisdom, lack of access to birth control isn't a significant contributor to non-marital pregnancy among teens or non-teens.)

Liberal journalists and pundits deliberately remain silent on the far larger issue of

out-of-wedlock childbearing among adults because they believe the collapse of marriage is irrelevant, if not benign. From their perspective, concern about marriage is a mere red-state superstition; the important task is to increase government subsidies as we build a post-marriage society.

It should, thus, be no surprise that President Obama's new budget proposes to eliminate the only government program aimed at strengthening marriage in low-income communities. If Obama and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi have their way, the tiny, recently created "healthy marriage initiative" (\$100 million annually) will be abolished next year.

The statist Left is not content to merely watch marriage die; it seeks to nail the coffin lid tightly shut.

From:

<http://blog.heritage.org/2010/04/12/understanding-illegitimacy/>

Liar in Chief

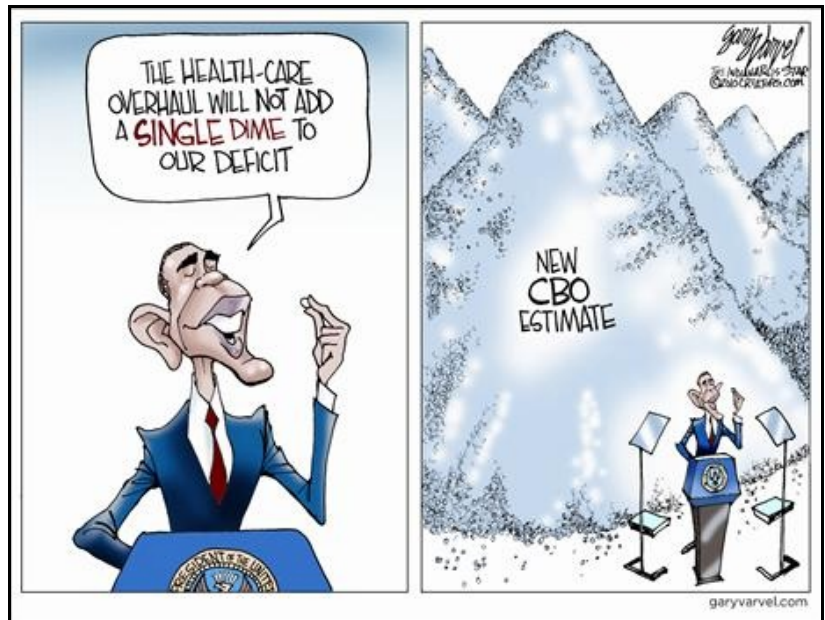
by Richard O'Leary

I've seen some convincing liars in my time, mostly politicians, and Barry Obama isn't one of them. He's a spectacular liar, mind you, simply because of the magnitude of his prevarications, but once you are on to him he's as transparent as a window pane.

Did you catch his comments at some university recently? He uttered the preamble for the coming campaign to silence his critics. In this disingenuous spiel he bemoaned the troubling insinuation of information into our society. Yes INFORMATION! Since when is being informed a problem? Well, I guess it is if you are a Marxist trying to overthrow the United States government.

According to The Anointed One, information is confusing, because there is a whole lot of disinformation out there (meaning the truth about his nefarious agenda). He eschews the intrusion of technology, which in his view is causing social unrest and stress.

The infamous "Net Neutrality" has been slapped down by the courts, so the brain trust in the White House has taken another crafty step toward controlling what we say over the web. They have announced plans to make the internet a "public utility", which is subject to government control, in spite of free speech concerns.



I swear, these traitors (I can't think of a more scurrilous word) don't quit, do they? They're like the pink bunny with the drum, check one of their moves, and they resort to yet another cunning ploy to get their way.

The lame stream press better wake up before it's too late, because it will only be a matter of time before THEY fall under the marxist boot, and lose what liberty they still have to report their drivell.

Once again I am reminded that we have a gargantuan battle on our hands, friends. These tyrants are well organized and extremely resourceful. They are funded by billions, and have tentacles that reach into every hamlet in this nation. They will not be easy to vanquish.

My faith in God is strong and steady. I know His mighty hand forged this nation, and if for no other reason than the trust and devotion of our Founders, I believe He will bring this evil machine to its knees. I know He made us no land covenant, as He did Abraham, but He nonetheless set this People aside as His own, and endowed us with a glorious destiny. We can only pray daily that He will not forsake us in this hour of urgent need.

There are two simple choices here: either Obama knows what is going on and he is lying; or, he does not have a clue as to what is going on. Neither option is good.

In Greek Debt Crisis, Some See Parallels to U.S.

By David Leonhardt (from the NY Times)

It's easy to look at the protesters and the politicians in Greece - and at the other European countries with huge debts - and wonder why they don't get it. They have been enjoying more generous government benefits than they can afford. No mass rally and no bailout fund will change that. Only benefit cuts or tax increases can.

Yet in the back of your mind comes a nagging question: how different, really, is the United States?

The numbers on our federal debt are becoming frighteningly familiar. The debt is projected to equal 140 percent of gross domestic product

within two decades. Add in the budget troubles of state governments, and the true shortfall grows even larger. Greece's debt, by comparison, equals about 115 percent of its G.D.P. today.

The United States will probably not face the same kind of crisis as Greece, for all sorts of reasons. But the basic problem is the same. Both countries have a bigger government than they're paying for. And politicians, spendthrift as some may be, are not the main source of the problem.

We, the people, are.

We have not figured out the kind of government we want. We're in favor of Medicare, Social Security, good schools, wide highways, a strong military - and low taxes. Dealing with this disconnect will be the central economic issue of the next decade, in Europe, Japan and this country.

Many people, including some who claim to be outraged by the deficit, still haven't acknowledged the disconnect. Just last weekend, Tea Party members helped deny Senator Robert Bennett, the Utah Republican, his party's nomination for his re-election campaign, in part because he had co-sponsored a health reform plan with a Democratic senator. Economists generally think the plan would have done more to reduce Medicare spending than the bill that passed. So, whatever its intentions, the Tea Party effectively punished Mr. Bennett for not being a big enough fan of big government.

Or consider the different fates of two parts of President Obama's agenda. Mr. Obama has unrealistically said that taxes do not need to rise on households making less than \$250,000, and this position has come to be seen as an ironclad vow. He has also called for billions of dollars in sensible cuts to agribusiness subsidies, tax loopholes and the like. The news media and Congress have largely ignored these proposals.

The message seems clear: woe unto the politician - in Washington, Athens or London - who tries to go beyond platitudes and show some actual fiscal restraint.

This situation obviously can't continue, as Robert Greenstein, perhaps the leading liberal budget expert, points out. Mr. Greenstein's politics make him sympathetic to the worry that all the deficit talk will become an excuse to pull back on stimulus spending while unemployment remains high or to gut social programs. But he also knows the numbers well enough to understand that our Greece moment, whether it takes the form of a crisis or not, is coming.

"Most of the public thinks, 'If only the darn politicians could get their act together to cut waste, fraud and abuse, and to make tax avoidance go away and so on,' " Mr. Greenstein, head of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, says. "But the bottom line is, there really is no avoiding the hard choices."

For Greece and possibly other European countries, change will come from the outside. The countries lending the money for the Greek bailout - chiefly Germany - are demanding big cuts to the welfare state. Greek citizens will soon have a harder time retiring in their 40s.

Here in the United States, we're likely to have the chance to solve our problems before our lenders demand it. Those lenders continue see the American economy as a safe haven, thanks to our history of strong economic growth and political flexibility.

It is even possible that future growth will make the current deficit projections look too pessimistic. That sometimes happens when the economy is weak. In the wake of the early 1990s recession, for example, almost no one imagined that the budget would show a surplus by the end of the decade.

But the main issue isn't the near-term deficit - the one created by the recession, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Bush tax cuts and the Obama stimulus. The main issue is the long-term deficit.

As societies become richer, citizens tend to want better schools, better medical care and other government services. This country is following that pattern, but without paying the necessary taxes. That combination has us on a course to Greece-like debt.

As a rough estimate, the government will need to find spending cuts and tax increases equal to 7 to 10 percent of G.D.P. The longer we wait, the bigger the cuts will need to be (because of the accumulating interest costs).

Seven percent of G.D.P. is about \$1 trillion today. In concrete terms, Medicare's entire budget is about \$450 billion. The combined budgets of the Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation and Veterans Affairs Departments are less than \$600 billion.

This is why fixing the budget through spending cuts alone, as Congressional Republicans say they favor, would be so hard. Representative Paul Ryan of Wisconsin has a plan for doing so, and it includes big cuts to Social Security and the end of Medicare for anyone now under 55 years old. Other Republicans have generally refused to endorse the Ryan plan. Until that changes or until the party becomes open to new taxes, its deficit strategy will remain unclear.

Democrats have more of a strategy - raising taxes on the rich and using health reform to reduce the growth of Medicare spending - but it is not nearly sufficient.

What would be? A plan that included a little bit of everything, and then some: say, raising the retirement age; reducing the huge deductions for mortgage interest and health

insurance; closing corporate tax loopholes; cutting pensions of some public workers, as Republican governors favor; scrapping wasteful military and space projects; doing more to hold down Medicare spending growth.

Much of this may be unpleasant. But by no means will it doom us to reduced living standards or even slow economic growth. We can still afford to spend more on Medicare - even more per person - than we do today, and more on education, the military and other areas, too. We just can't afford the unrealistic promises that the government has made. We need to make choices.

"It's not a matter of whether we have the resources to solve our problems," as Alan Krueger, the chief economist at the Treasury Department, says. "It's a matter of political will."

For now at least, our elected officials are hardly the only ones who lack that will.

From:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/12/business/economy/12leonhardt.html>



Kagan Argued for Government 'Redistribution of Speech'

By Matt Cover

Applause for President Obama's Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan at the White House on Monday, May 10, 2010. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh) (CNSNews.com) - Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan said the high court should be focused on ferreting out improper governmental motives when deciding First Amendment cases, arguing that the government's reasons for restricting free speech were what mattered most and not necessarily the effect of those restrictions on speech.

Kagan, the solicitor general of the United States under President Obama, expressed that idea in her 1996 article in the University of Chicago Law Review entitled, "Private Speech, Public Purpose: The Role of Governmental Motive in First Amendment Doctrine."

In her article, Kagan said that examination of the motives of government is the proper approach for the Supreme Court when looking at whether a law violates the First Amendment. While not denying that other concerns, such as the impact of a law, can be taken into account, Kagan argued that governmental motive is "the most important" factor.

In doing so, Kagan constructed a complex framework that can be used by the Court to determine whether or not Congress has restricted First Amendment freedoms with improper intent.

She defined improper intent as prohibiting or restricting speech merely because Congress or a public majority dislikes either the message or the messenger, or because the message or messenger may be harmful to elected officials or their political priorities.

The first part of this framework involves restrictions that appear neutral, such as campaign finance laws, but in practice amount to an unconstitutional restriction. Kagan wrote that the effect of such legislation can be taken as evidence of improper motive because such motives often play a part in bringing the legislation into being.

"The answer to this question involves viewing the Buckley principle [that government cannot balance between competing speakers] as an evidentiary tool designed to aid in the search for improper motive," Kagan wrote. "The Buckley principle emerges not from the view that redistribution of speech opportunities is itself an illegitimate end, but from the view that governmental actions justified as redistributive devices often (though not always) stem partly from hostility or sympathy toward ideas or, even more commonly, from self-interest."

Kagan notes, however, that such "redistribution of speech" is not "itself an illegitimate end," but that government may not restrict it to protect incumbent politicians or because it dislikes a particular speaker or a particular message.

The U.S. Supreme Court (AP File Photo/Evan Vucci)

She argued that government can restrict speech if it believes that speech might cause harm, either directly or by inciting others to do harm.

Laws that only incidentally affect speech are constitutional, Kagan said, because the government's motive in enacting them is not the restriction of First Amendment freedom but the prohibition of some other - unprotected - activity.

She argues in the piece that a law banning fires in public places is not unconstitutional, even if it means that protesters cannot burn flags in public. A law outlawing flag burning protests, however,

would be, because the motive is to stop a particular protest.

Kagan also argued that the Supreme Court should not be concerned with maintaining or protecting any marketplace of ideas because it is impossible for the court to determine what constitutes an ideal marketplace, contending that other types of laws, such as property laws, can also affect the structure of the marketplace of ideas and that a restriction on speech may "un-skew" the market, rather than tilt it unfavorably.

"If there is an 'overabundance' of an idea in the absence of direct governmental action -- which there well might be when compared with some ideal state of public debate -- then action disfavoring that idea might 'un-skew,' rather than skew, public discourse," Kagan wrote.

Instead, the Supreme Court should focus on whether a speaker's message is harming the public, argued Kagan in her article.

While Kagan does not offer an exhaustive definition of 'harm,' she does offer examples of speech that may be regulated, such as incitement to violence, hate-speech, threatening or "fighting" words.

The government, she concludes, may not express its disfavor with an opinion or speaker by burdening them with restrictions or prohibitions, unless it can show that their speech is causing some type of public harm.

"The doctrine of impermissible motive, viewed in this light, holds that the government may not signify disrespect for certain ideas and respect for others through burdens on expression," Kagan wrote. "This does not mean that the government may never subject particular ideas to disadvantage. The government indeed may do so, if acting upon neutral, harm-based reasons."

Kagan says that government is also prohibited from treating two identically harmful speakers differently. To do so, she argues, would be to violate what she views as the principle of equality -- making the unequal restriction unconstitutional.

"But the government may not treat differently two ideas causing identical harms on the ground that thereby conveying the view that one is less worthy, less valuable, less entitled to a hearing than the other," she wrote. "To take such action -- in effect, to violate a norm of ideological equality -- would be to load the restriction of speech with a meaning that transcends the restriction's material consequence."

From:

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The Tyranny of Good Intentions

by Burt Folsom

As we look around us, we are awash in failed government programs. At the state level, California (and other states) are broke and desperate for cash. At the federal level, we see minimum wage laws stifling the hiring of young

men and women; a social security system that is on the verge of paying out more than it takes in; and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac receiving \$145 billion in tax dollars now, and more later.

We got into this mess because people looked to government to solve problems. The Founders of our nation, by contrast, saw government as a potential source of problems, and they wrote a Constitution to tie the hands of politicians and slow down their mischief. The Founders assumed that if government expanded in power, tyranny was around the corner. Why do Americans today encounter problems and look to government to solve them, instead of recognizing that more government is likely to make the problem worse?

The transition decade in the growth of government was the 1930s, during the presidency of Franklin Roosevelt. In that decade, FDR, in the midst of the crisis of the Great Depression, persuaded Americans to expand government in all areas of the American economy. His speeches, especially his Fireside Chats, stressed the good intentions of his programs. We could pay farmers not to produce, he urged, and these farmers then would not lose their land. We could use government to pay silver miners 64.5 cents per ounce for their silver, FDR agreed, and that would help them maintain jobs in the mines because the world market price was only 40 cents an ounce. The reasoning for minimum wage, social security, and Fannie Mae-all programs of the 1930s-was similar: Let's use government to help people get higher wages, have money for retirement, and buy houses. The intentions were good and Americans bought the good intentions and ended up with broken programs and high taxes. After that, some Americans wanted more government programs to save us from the

previous government programs. And so on. Seventy-five years later most of those original programs are still around sucking the wealth of the nation, and Americans are left with less liberty and higher taxes.

Let's avoid good intentions and stick with limited government. The Founders studied history, they understood human nature, and they gave us a Constitution that helped make us the greatest nation in the history of the world. Let's not abandon that for more good intentions.

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Links

Bailout recipients:

<http://bailout.propublica.org/main/list/index>



Name That Party: Former Broward Commissioner Begins Prison Term (several politicians serving prison terms and about to serve a prison term, but the newspapers reporting this neglect to mention the party affiliation of these politicians).

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/p-j-gladnick/2010/05/15/name-party-former-broward-commissioner-begins-prison-term>

In June 2005, a few months after her husband was elected to the U.S. Senate, Mrs. Obama hustled a seat on the corporate Board of Directors of TreeHouse Foods, Inc. Despite zero experience, the food-processing company put her on its audit and nominating and corporate governance committees. For her on-the-job training and the privilege of putting her name and face on their literature, the company forked over \$45,000 in 2005 and \$51,200 in 2006 to Mrs. Obama - as well as 7,500 TreeHouse stock options worth more than \$72,000 for each year. TreeHouse foods produces the very junk food that former employee Michelle Obama rails against.

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http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/14/AR2010051401316_pf.html

Must-Read of the Day: A Hidden History of Evil (this is about the Communist empire in Russia, and its relationship to us today):

<http://bigjournalism.com/mwalsh/2010/05/15/must-read-of-the-day-a-hidden-history-of-evil/>

Weekly poll, asking you to identify what we ought to cut in governmental spending:

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Anything to do with race and the federal government is studied, so you should not be surprised to know that race and defaulting on home loans has been studied. Such studies apparently have been ignored by the news:

<http://www.huduser.org/Publications/pdf/FHASingleFamilyDefaultLossRates.pdf>

The formidable Obama press machine (they can do it better than even their fawning press):

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The IMF says that the United States faces one of the biggest budget crunches in the world (part of the problem is the when our bonds mature):

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Eric Holder: The Most Imbecilic, Politicized Attorney General in Decades:

- Holder forced DOJ officials to drop the case of voter intimidation by the Black Panthers in Philadelphia. The man videotaped in black paramilitary uniform holding a club was told that he can't do that again until at least 2012. Just in time for Obama's re-election. Imagine if this had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan trying to intimidate voters.
- Holder made it possible for ACORN to receive federal grant money after Congress had passed a ban on funding the group in the wake of the pimp and prostitute scandal.
- Holder continues to push for the trial of 9/11 plotter Khalid Sheikh Mohammed to be held in New York despite the

firestorm of opposition from practically everyone.

- It was Holder who insisted that the Christmas bomber be mirandized and offered a lawyer before vital intell could be obtained.
- Holder was behind the DOJ decision to reopen an already completed investigation into CIA employees accused of "torture" while using enhanced interrogation techniques on less than a handful of Al Queda's worst terrorists.
- Holder, who as a private lawyer personally worked on behalf of attempted "dirty bomber" Jose Padilla, has staffed the DOJ with lawyers who previously represented Al Queda suspects and Guantanamo Bay inmates. They now have access to some of our most secret anti-terrorist information. He won't tell us who they are.

<http://www.floppingaces.net/2010/05/15/eric-holder-the-most-imbecilic-politicized-attorney-general-in-decades/>

The alphabet media and the evolution of its presentation of the Times Square bomber.

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Experts say the Obamacare will flood hospital emergency rooms:

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Berwick and healthcare:

<http://biggovernment.com/bdomenech/2010/05/13/how-donald-berwick-will-run-your-health-care/>

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<http://moremoney.blogs.money.cnn.com/2010/03/15/mortgage-delinquencies-at-historic-highs/>

The Rush Section

Mayor of Highland Park, Illinois, Feels the Power of Rush's Program

RUSH: Something happened on this program yesterday that shouldn't surprise me anymore, but it does. The story about the Highland Park High School girls basketball team not being allowed to finish up their tournament down there in Arizona, that story has been out there for a couple days, or at least it had been out there all day yesterday before we got to it. We didn't get to it 'til the third hour yesterday. Now, we're gonna go to the audio sound bites because the mayor of Highland Park, Mayor Michael Belsky, was on WLS in Chicago this morning with Don Wade and Roma. When did this story first break, yesterday morning? Yesterday morning, okay, so yesterday morning six a.m., seven a.m., eight a.m. morning drive, we didn't get to it for six hours, maybe more, six or seven hours, and yet when the mayor of Highland Park goes on the big 89 WLS Chicago, Don Wade and Roma, his name is Michael Belsky, Roma said, "Have you spoken with the assistant superintendent, Sue Hebson? Because she apparently is the one who made the decision, am I correct?"

BELSKY: The school superintendent and the school board make these sorts of decisions. And, you know, one thing I want to just make clear and I think Rush Limbaugh has -- has kind of released the firestorm of e-mails on me, but in Illinois the

school board is separately elected from the city council and so this has not been a city matter at all.

RUSH: So apparently you people on this program have barraged the mayor of Highland Park, Michael Belsky. Apparently he was not getting any e-mails at all until this program yesterday afternoon. But the point is, I didn't even mention his name. This is the first time I ever heard him is when I heard this sound bite today. We didn't mention the mayor of Highland Park. We talked about the principal, we had a guy call yesterday or a woman call said she called the school and the school said that, "Well, you know, we're just afraid essentially of an uprising of Mexicans in the neighborhood here," and I told her to call back and say, "How do you think they feel in Arizona?" So the mayor is getting pummeled here. Mayor, I didn't give your e-mail. I don't even know your e-mail address. I didn't know Highland Park had a mayor, and I certainly didn't talk about the mayor. We talked about the school yesterday. Roma then said, "They have student trips to China and we're seeing in the news last night that nine people died in a school attack in China. So I think there are lots of places where there is far more danger than Arizona, even if they competed in Chicago city itself, there are areas of Chicago that would be far more dangerous than going to an Arizona basketball tournament."

BELSKY: You know, I mean I guess that -- again, it's their judgment and if they feel, you know, there's -- they go to areas in those countries where they are safe, and they perceive any sort of danger in Arizona, then that's -- that's their call.

RUSH: The mayor here is essentially saying, "Don't bug me, if you're gonna e-mail anybody, e-mail the school board over there or the principal or the assistant --" am I hearing this right? He probably said, "Why am I even on this show today, why did they call me? I had nothing to do with it. I'm just the mayor here." Now,

here is the next sound bite. Roma finally says, "Obviously you don't feel you have sway over the school board or the school superintendent or the assistant superintendent."

BELSKY: We work with the school board on a lot of good issues, but at the end of the day I wouldn't want them telling me how to, you know, run city services, water or sewer or where -- you know, things like that. I certainly take their input, but, you know, it's a separate government. Rush Limbaugh, for being an expert on everything, ought to check his facts.

RUSH: How did I get in the mix of this? What have I gotten wrong here? (laughing) What are you people e-mailing to this poor guy? He's obviously bedraggled. He's got his hands full here with city services, water, sewer, things like that, and he doesn't want to be bugged about the decision there at the high school. It's hard work managing sewers, I know that, it's very hard work, and I'm sure Michael Belsky is the most qualified guy in Highland Park to run the sewers just like Obama is the most qualified guy to run health care. But Rush Limbaugh for being an expert on everything ought to check his facts, what did I get wrong here? All I said was that the school's not going down there and I think that the school people are little cowards. I didn't bring this mayor into it. See, my friends, the power and reach of this program, even when I'm not responsible for it, everybody assumes I am.

Let's put this in perspective, because Roma asked some great questions, it's more dangerous in Chicago, certain parts of Chicago than it is in Arizona. What's to be afraid of in Arizona, Sheriff Arpaio? What in the world is there to be afraid of down there? What's the danger to students in Arizona as opposed to Illinois or Chicago? Where's the danger coming from? No, Snedley, don't you dare walk me down that path. I'm not gonna, no, no, no, no. (laughing) The staff is speculating in my ear -- this is why they don't have microphones -- that maybe one of the female students doesn't have her papers in order

and that that's the real reason for avoiding Arizona. Now, I don't think that's possibly true, but my staff might represent a certain body of thought in the country on this. Where's the danger coming from? Are they trying to show solidarity, with who in Arizona? If what they told the gal that called us yesterday who called the school and somebody in the school said, "Well, we're just afraid of, you know, upsetting the Mexicans in the neighborhood, the school's neighborhood here," then obviously showing solidarity here with the illegals.

Here's my sole mention of Highland Park yesterday: Oh, well, can you imagine living in Arizona? Can you imagine living in Arizona near the border, what would you do then, Madam Secretary of Highland Park High School? That's what I said. Now, the mayor is off on a jihad here claiming that you people are e-mailing him with a bunch of facts that are not correct or erroneous facts because I said to. You remember, let's go back, when Jimmy Carter in 1980 boycotted, was it the summer Olympics, or was it Ted Turner's Goodwill Games that he boycotted? It was the Olympics. Remember all the grief he caught for using children as pawns? The media, the rest of the left were outraged that sports athletes -- of course the essence of purity -- were being used as pawns in a political game? "These poor kids have been training for this all their lives only to have their hopes dashed over some political grandstanding," is the statement of one member of the media.

Now, it's funny how we aren't hearing anything like that about the various sports boycotts being implemented against Arizona, including the Highland Park girls basketball team. They're trying to get the All-Star Game kicked out of there next year, or is it this year? The Phoenix Suns and the Arizona Diamondbacks are being pressured with boycott threats. So the way to look at this is this: Russia's invasion of another sovereign country back in 1980, Afghanistan, didn't rise to the same level of criminality of a

state trying to enforce federal immigration laws, to put this in proper perspective. We're going to boycott the Olympics 'cause the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, we're going to boycott Arizona because Arizona wants to enforce a law to keep illegals out of the state because of crime and all kinds of tumult and chaos that's going on there.

We're becoming a nation of cowards. Los Angeles, a city of cowards. They're now banning anything to do with Arizona. These people on the left are just pure simple, nothing-more-complicated than cowards who think that by adhering to all this stupid political correctness that they are better than everybody else, that they are more open-minded, that they're more tolerant. It's the exact opposite. You know, Quin Hillyer at the American Spectator today has a fabulous piece blowing every aspect of Obama's claim to be "for the little guy" against the powerful, just out of the water.

RUSH: All right. The Highland Park girls basketball team story broke on Tuesday night at 10:08 on ChicagoBreakingNews.com. That's 9:08 Central time on Tuesday. The mayor didn't start getting any grief for two days not until it was mentioned on this program. Now it turns out my staff member who whispered into my ear about perhaps one of the players being illegal, it's actually addressed in a news story here. It's WGN Television, and it says, "Reveling in its first conference championship in 26 years," blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, "Safety concerns partly fueled a decision, but the trip also would not be aligned with our beliefs and values," said District 113 assistant superintendent Suzan Hebson. That explanation, though, smacks of political protest, parents upset by the decision." Now, Lauren Evans is a junior on the team.

She "said she thought the concern was probably that one of the players could get stopped and questioned. ... District 113 Superintendent George Fornero declined comment, saying it 'wasn't just my decision.' ... Asked if there are

undocumented players on the team, or if anyone associated with the team is in the country illegally, Hebson said she did not know. Parents and players interviewed said they knew of no one who fits that description" of an illegal immigrant on the team. What is that description? What's the description of an illegal immigrant? See, this is what's wrong with all of this: What's the "description" of an illegal alien? So the Arizona law is keeping illegal aliens out of Arizona. Isn't that the idea? If they're worried that one of the team members is an illegal alien, the Arizona law is working!

Yes, it's sort of a convoluted way to look at it. But the other way to look at it is, Ms. Hebson: Unless your team happens to get caught for speeding or robbing a Kwik Shop, nobody is going to have any way to find out whether one of your players is an illegal immigrant because they can't just profile you based on the way your team members look and then decide, "Hey, you know what? We're going to demand papers from the kid." This is what's silly about all this, and for somebody running a school to have this kind of misunderstanding of the law, this law's only 21 pages. This law will fit on your web browser. You do not need to hire a lawyer to read the law. It's perfectly understandable. The media has made no effort to read it. The Obama administration made no effort to read the law. They don't want to know what's in the law.

They want their characterization of it to be what is the perceived notion of what is in the law. It's very simple. They've even made some revisions in it to accommodate these wacko accusations that it's nothing more than racial profiling. Now, I would think that if the team went to Arizona they would fly, 'cause it's a pretty long way. Maybe they're worried that one of the students has phony ID and might not pass TSA muster. This is all ridiculous. Then Michael Evans, who is the father of Lauren Evans, the junior on the team said, ""The school has sent children to China, they've sent children to South America,

they've sent children to the Czech Republic, but somehow Arizona is more unsafe for them than those places,' he said. 'The beliefs and values of China are apparently aligned, since they approved that trip,' he added."

The school's trying to say, "It's not political. We're not doing anything political here. We're just worried about safety." Okay, well, who are you afraid of? The sheriff? Anyway, it's very interesting out there, folks, because this is cowardice disguised as arrogance and conceit and superiority. "We're smarter, we're better." I've got a story here in the stack. A school -- I think it's a high school, maybe a junior high. It's buried down there. I'll have to find it. A school in St. Louis is taking the kids on a field trip to the oil spill down in the Gulf of Mexico. They're going to be on lookout for a dead dolphin. Now, this is how... Where are they getting the money to take these kids on a field trip to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? I mean, I had field trips to the local slaughterhouse which is about ten minutes away from the school.

We never searched out environmental disasters. This is how these indoctrinators were disguised as educators pump propaganda into these young skulls full of mush. Okay, so you take 'em down there and say, "This is what oil does! This is the eeeeeeevil of oil. This is what lack of government regulation. We need more government power to make sure that evil oil companies, these corporations do not continue to pollute the planet and destroy Flipper here and eventually destroy your world so that you will die." This is the kind of garbage that is being taught to kids, I don't know specifically that that's the message in the field trip to the oil spill, but what's going on in the class...

This is one area, education. Academia and the media are the two fundamental areas the left controls. Even though they are a minority by virtue of head count, they're a minority by virtue of the way of thinking, but they still control these

two institutions and they make themselves appear to be the majority by virtue of the mainstream media being so large that it has such an impact. It's all minority thought, but this is how they're inculcating young skulls full of mush so that when they end up getting to Harvard or Princeton or Yale, they hate the country -- and then they get hired by others who have graduated from Harvard and Yale and Princeton who are already in the government. Eventually they infest the bureaucracy, then they run for office they get elected, they might end up on the Supreme Court.

You end up with a bunch of people who are born and raised to hate the very country that made it possible to be who there. It's a vicious cycle. This is why there is more and more homeschooling going on. This is why there's a continued effort on as many people's part as possible to get their kids into private schools and away from the National Education Association, teachers union, public schools, and this kind of thing. I wonder. When they sent the kids to China from the Highland Park High School, how did they get in and out of the country? Were there any illegal aliens in China on basketball team there? These kids in the field trip from the St. Louis junior high or high school, they gonna take 'em out there to the oil rig and show 'em what the SWAT teams are doing? Or are they just gonna keep on the lookout for the oil slick and maybe find a dead bird here and there or dead dolphin? So the teachers can say, "See! See! This is what capitalism does. This is what oil does."

RUSH: I want to grab a couple of phone calls on this whole incident here with the Highland Park High School in Chicago. This is Jim in Brownsville, Texas. Great to have you. You're up first.

CALLER: Yeah. Great to talk to you, Rush. I've been a long-term listener. Yeah, it's all about the kids. It's really kind of sad because, you know, the kids just want to play baseball (sic). They don't care about the politics of what's gone on in

Arizona. In reality, the school is taking away an opportunity of a lifetime for these kids.

RUSH: There's nothing going on in Arizona except a bunch of illegals terrorizing the place. The law has not even been implemented yet. The law doesn't get implemented 'til next month. Nothing is going on in Arizona except the people who live there being terrorized.

CALLER: That's true. These kids they just want to go out and play basketball. They don't care about the law or what's going on. They're going to be fairly well chaperoned. They're going to be going from the gymnasium to the hotel and back and forth. They're taking away an opportunity of a lifetime for these kids.

RUSH: All because --

CALLER: It's really very sad.

RUSH: Exactly right. It's all because of the superiority complex the "we're smarter and better," the elitist attitudes of the people that run this school, and who it is they're trying to impress.

CALLER: I don't know. Because truthfully, I thought schools were supposed to be about all about the kids, and in their case --

RUSH: Yeah.

CALLER: -- they're teaching them something totally different.

RUSH: I thought liberalism was supposed to be all about the kids.

CALLER: That's true, too.

RUSH: We do everything else "for the children" and they're probably saying, "Yeah, we're doing this for the children, too, Mr. Limbaugh! We need to protect the children from people in Arizona,

Mr. Limbaugh. That's what we're doing." From who in Arizona? The sheriff? Joe Arpaio? Who you gonna protect the kids from? Now, I got an idea. A St. Louis school is going to take some kids on a field trip to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. How about this for Highland Park High School in Illinois? Maybe they can take their kids to the border with Mexico so they can actually see what's going on there. See the crime! See the coyote smuggling of human beings and drugs. Maybe can see the violence. That would be a trip worth taking.

Then they can better understand why Arizona's doing what it's doing. If the school's really about education and Arizona's a problem, teach the kids what the problem is -- and it ain't Joe Arpaio and it's not the mayor of any city, and it's not the governor. Is it too dangerous on the border to take kids there on a trip, field trip? Yeah, that's probably it. Now, why? I wonder, why can't you take a bunch of kids on a field trip to the Arizona-Mexican border? Why, they might get killed! Or they might be traumatized by what they see. Nothing may happen to them, but they might be traumatized by what they see. Yeah, isn't that amazing? You can take kids on a field trip to the oil spill (if you can find it; it hasn't come ashore yet) but you can't take them to the US border.

You wouldn't dare take 'em to the US border, and you won't even take them to a US border state. Just amazing. Maybe the school it take the kids to Tijuana. They play basketball in Tijuana. They also have bullfights in Tijuana. That would be a nice cultural exchange. No, that would violate the animal rights sentiments I'm sure of the school administration. Take 'em to Tijuana, see what decapitation looks like. Human heads posted on light poles. Have you seen that? That's in Tijuana. (sigh) I think actually our government has issued warnings that college students not go to Tijuana during spring break. Didn't they do that? (interruption) Can't, can't go to Mexico, can't go to border, you can go to the oil spill,

wouldn't dare set foot on the border. Isn't it amazing that you couldn't take a field trip to the Arizona-Mexican border because it is too dangerous.

Here's Mick in Champaign, Illinois. It's great to have you on the program hello.

CALLER: Thanks for having me, Rush, I have two brief points one of which you alluded to and that is what exactly are these students going to be doing that the school district is worried that they would be pulled over or stopped, and need to provide identification. If they actually expect these students to be doing something illegal and the other is that the press release yesterday from the school district said that the tryouts that the team that would be traveling to would be traveling to Arizona isn't even picked yet. They won't be picked 'til November of this year, so it's interesting that they would call off the trip before the team is even picked, before they even had tryouts. So I'm curious how they can rationalize canceling a trip for the safety when the team isn't even set.

RUSH: Why don't you take a stab at answering your own question because obviously you and I are correct. Even if there were -- and we're not saying that there is. Even if there were an illegal immigrant on the team, unless that illegal immigrant robs a convenience store or commits some sort of battery or ends up driving a car too fast, nobody's going to ever know.

CALLER: Exactly. It's ridiculous to think that a bunch of high school students would be even be in a situation especially from Highland Park. We're not talking about an inner city school or anything like that. We're talking about a decent suburb of Chicago.

RUSH: So the bottom line, Michael Jordan was in Highland Park.

CALLER: Exactly.

RUSH: Yeah. Now, you have, therefore, almost an inescapable conclusion, and that is you have a political statement being made by the people that run the school.

CALLER: I think it's interesting also that these students seem to have better insight, saying that the choice should be personal. One of the students said that if they shouldn't go, it should be on an individual basis. The students, I think, are even more in tune to the ridiculousness of the school district.

RUSH: Yeah, and their parents, too. Good point. Thanks, Mick. It's great to have you out there. Richard in Houston, you're next to the Rush Limbaugh program. Hi.

CALLER: Hey. Hi, Rush. God bless. I think you hit the nail on the head. What I was thinking is this mayor of Highland Park, his comment about traveling to the Arizona border would be unsafe for the kids, actually betrays them because it would be unsafe because (just like that you said) also this violence and kidnapping spilling over from where? From Mexico.

RUSH: Yeah, let's go back and listen to the mayor because the mayor's comment is traveling through Arizona borders unsafe. Is that what you heard him say?

CALLER: Well, whenever I tuned in and you started talking, that's kind of what you said, that there was a -- that they came to a decision partly because they were looking out for the safety of the kids and also because they feel like this is what they should be doing then, you know, blah, blah, blah, that's what they're going to do.

RUSH: Right. Let's go back. Let's go back and listen. I listened to this on the fly and I listened to it live for the first time with you. So here's audio sound bite number one. This is the mayor, Michael Belsky, WLS radio this morning, Don Wade and Roma, "Have you spoken with the

assistant superintendent, Sue Hebson? She apparently is the one who made the decision."

BELSKY: The school superintendent and the school board make these sorts of decisions. And, you know, one thing I want to just make clear and I think Rush Limbaugh has -- has kind of released the firestorm of e-mails on me, but in Illinois the school board is separately elected from the city council and so this has not been a city matter at all.

RUSH: Okay, so the mayor doesn't want to be associated with this, mayor is washing his hands of it, and, Mayor, once again, I never heard of you 'til today, so I did not tell anybody to send you e-mails. Next question. "Well, they have student trips to China. It was seen in the news last night, nine people died in a school attack in China so I think there are lots of places far more dangerous than Arizona. Even if they competed in Chicago city itself, areas of Chicago would be far more dangerous than going to an Arizona basketball tournament. "

BELSKY: You know, I mean I guess that -- again, it's their judgment and if they feel, you know, there's -- they go to areas in those countries where they are safe, and they perceive any sort of danger in Arizona, then that's -- that's their call.

RUSH: Right. Arizona. Yeah, there it is. What are the fears? Fears of who? And then the final question: "Obviously you don't feel you have sway over the school board or the school superintendent."

BELSKY: We work with the school board on a lot of good issues, but at the end of the day I wouldn't want them telling me how to, you know, run city services, water or sewer or where -- you know, things like that. I certainly take their input, but, you know, it's a separate government. Rush Limbaugh, for being an expert on everything, ought to check his facts.

RUSH: Yeah, right. I still don't know how I got involved with the mayor's side of this. (laughing) I don't know what I said about his job and his role in this. Well, I didn't say anything about his job or his role.

RUSH: This is Julie Ann in Chicago. Great to have you on the EIB Network. Hi.

CALLER: Hi, Rush. How are you?

RUSH: Very well, thank you.

CALLER: Just so you know my mom was born in Cape Girardeau a few months after you. But we live in Chicago and it's not just Highland Park, it's the entire state of Illinois has just gone completely to hell, to coin a phrase from Ronald Reagan. I have a seventh grader in school and the school he's in in Chicago refused to let him take the Constitution test. And they felt that it was better that they did a project that was overseen by their liberal vice principal and they felt that that was better than them reading it and memorizing it, it would do them much better to do a project on it, and we were disgusted. So my son asked if he could take it and he was told no, don't bring it up again.

RUSH: Unbelievable.

CALLER: Obama's Illinois.

RUSH: They refused to let him take the Constitution test?

CALLER: They refused. And at my request, too, I said, "Could he please take the Constitution test," because I have two Rush Babies, and nope, no way.

RUSH: Why?

CALLER: They just felt that, you know, they feel that after years and years and years and years of doing it one way, they feel that by a child doing a

project overseen by a liberal lady, a Pelosi wannabe, that he would learn more if he just did the project instead of reading and knowing what the law says, instead of reading the Constitution, and I feel like it's his right --

RUSH: So it was a liberal interpretation of the Constitution class, or project, and the real Constitution was off-limits?

CALLER: Yep. And he was told specifically, because they know me and they know my kids, that he could not give his political opinion in his project.

RUSH: Well, it doesn't surprise me. I mean you nailed it, what we're looking at here is the liberal infestation of the American education system just like we're looking at the liberal social infestation of Europe. And I think it's on display now, it's out there for everybody to see now. The libs can sit there in Illinois, "We are standing on principle." What is the principle? (impersonating libs) "The principle, Mr. Limbaugh, is that this has been a racist nation for way too long, and no more is this nation going to be racist except for people like you and on your side, Mr. Limbaugh. That's a principle worth standing on. We are not going to Arizona because it's a racist state and we're not going to support racism." That's the principle, folks, that's what they're thinking. Arizona is full of a bunch of racists and bigots. Okay, for those of you who think that, let's not have any borders. Isn't it racist to have borders, period? Let's not have any. Anybody that wants to come in here can come in here and the minute they get here they can vote Democrat. Isn't that the objective? Let's just get rid of the border. Get rid of the border crossing; get rid of the Border Patrol. I mean, that's the culmination, that's where this ends up if the left prevails. You gotta see it for what it is. Who's next? Dennis in Kalida, Ohio. Nice to have you here.

CALLER: Yes, Rush. Thank you very much for having me.

RUSH: You bet.

CALLER: In light of all of the boycotting in Arizona, what if this plays in reverse and (unintelligible) with political philosophies in New York City where several senior class trips are taken?

RUSH: What do you mean, boycott those?

CALLER: Yeah, let's don't go to New York City because we disagree with some political position taken by the governor or the mayor of --

RUSH: That would be easy. I'm not gonna go to New York because I don't like the tax rate there. I'm not going to go to New York because I want to eat trans fats. I'm not going to go to New York because I don't want the salt police all over me. Yeah, you're right, any number of things. Bill O'Reilly is the boycott expert, and we need to get him on the case here. He once brought France to its knees. So I'm sure he'll hear about it.

CALLER: Right. My point is, you know, where does all this boycotting stop? All of a sudden we're going to take one political decision that's the best thing for the state of Arizona and make it into a political issue where we're going to have all kind of boycotting going on left and right, you know, we just need to respect the rights of the people in Arizona and let them do their thing.

RUSH: Well, but they're a bunch of racists you see, this is what this is all boiled down to. The United Nations says that it's a human right to cross the border into the United States. That's how they have weighed in on this Arizona controversy. It's a human right to cross the United States border. You could boycott New York for being a sanctuary city.

FoxNews on this story:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/05/12/hoop-dreams-shattered-arizona-safety-fears/>

The American Thinker:

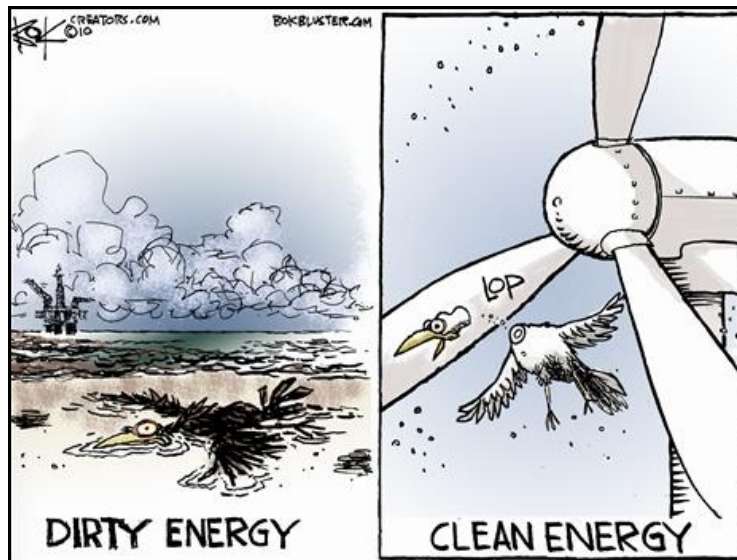
http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2010/05/school_district_nixes_basketba.html

Kerry's 987-Page Cap and Tax Bill

RUSH: Almost a thousand pages here. John Kerry (the haughty John Kerry, once served in Vietnam) and Joe Lieberman have announced their big bill, and a number of sources cover it. Investor's Business Daily nails it in an editorial. "The bill introduced Wednesday and sponsored by the two senators is called the American Power Act, an Orwellian phrase if ever there was one. Like President Obama's offshore drilling program, for every 'incentive' there is a restriction. It's as if Hamlet were to be appointed Secretary of Energy." For those of you in Rio Linda, I don't have time to explain that analogy. "To that end, the bill creates some 60 new agencies and projects to eat up our tax dollars and buy support," and the bureaucracy that is created is in a little chart or a box here in their story.

"According to a leaked draft summary, there is '\$7 billion annually to improve our transportation infrastructure and efficiency' to be paid for by a gas tax that is not called a tax but a 'linked fee,' which is a new phrase: a linked fee. "There is '\$2 billion per year for researching and developing effective carbon capture and sequestration methods and devices.' There is even 'a new multibillion-dollar revenue stream for agriculture through a domestic offset program.' ... Ironically, the draft summary acknowledges the bill will cause energy prices to necessarily skyrocket..." The authors of "[T]he bill will cause energy prices to necessarily skyrocket..." by promising to 'provide assistance to those Americans who may be disproportionately affected by potential increases in energy prices.'" So you and I are gonna subsidize the despised and disadvantaged, when it is very simple: "How about lowering

prices and creating jobs by increasing domestic supply?"



It's not about energy. It's not about "green" this and that. It's the same thing as health care: It's not about health care; it's about expanding government. It's about raising taxes. And it is about controlling freedom and people and limiting it. Here. This from page 600 of the energy tax bill: "Second phase, international assistance. Not later than November 2011 or the date that is one year after the date of enactment of this act, whichever is later, the administrator shall complete a report that identifies opportunities including action under existing authority to achieve significant reductions in emissions of black carbon and other light-absorbing aerosols in foreign countries through the provision of technical and other assistance, including identifying countries and regions that may be able to implement or expand programs for deploying cleaner and more efficient cook stoves and cook stove fuels, particularly in Africa and the developing regions of Asia.

With this legislation, we are going to replace the cooking stoves around the world, particularly in Africa. The word "international" in the Kerry bill appears 213 times, in a 987-page bill. "United

Nations" appears 17 times. The word "secretary," meaning the US Secretary of Energy, appears 488 times. Usually the context is, "The secretary shall decide" or "The secretary shall require." Now, here is the provision, it's on page 775 and 776. "The provisions for low-income families: In the case of an eligible taxpayer who is entitled to receive monthly cash payments under Section 2201 of the Social Security Act for months during the taxable year the secretary shall prescribe rules by which the credit allowed by subsection A with respect to such taxpayer may be distributed through the same mechanism as the monthly cash payments under the energy refund program under Section 2201 in lieu of such credit being allowed on the return of tax for the taxable year."

So it defines who the "underprivileged" are and how many times they are going to be subsidized or provided for by other taxpayers because of the skyrocketing prices that the authors of the bill admit will happen. Now, remember, folks, all of this is based -- theoretically now. The way they've sold this from Obama to Kerry -- I'm sad to say even Senator Lieberman. But it's like I've told you: "At the end of the day he's a liberal, and liberals are liberals." It's all been about "green energy," wind and solar, getting rid of the filth that is oil! Getting rid of the filth that is coal! We're going to have this clean energy. Just like Spain! Obama has even cited Spain as our model. So yesterday, Obama calls the leader of Spain to lecture him on how to lower his debt to cut spending to avoid becoming like Greece. But do you remember Obama while running for president talking many, many times about how the US should be like Spain in that they had created this Eden of green economy?

He promised us those same idyllic jobs. Well, Spain's unemployment rate is approaching 20%. Spain is failing, and the statisticians in Spain have admitted that in no small part the reason is they got suckered into creating a "green economy." Like Greece being told out to cut out the

government and health care, Spain is saying they have to cut out the green crap to keep from being Greece! We're headed right down the same path that Greece has taken, and now we're going to go down the same path this Spain took and we're going to lose jobs, we're going to raise the price of energy, we're not going to expand any of our supply. We are just going to destroy! This administration, this regime and all its members are just creating a path of destruction wherever they go. I gotta take a time-out here, folks. Oh, before I do, two sound bites. Two sound bites. We want to go back in time, because I've always said: If you listen to the liberals, they will tell us, sometimes straight up, what we're going to do. Sound bite number three, January 2008 at an editorial board meeting, San Francisco Chronicle. Obama said...

OBAMA: When I was asked earlier about, uh, the issue of coal. Uhhh, y'know, under my plan of a cap-and-trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket.

RUSH: "Under my plan...rates would necessarily skyrocket." That's it. They want five to seven-dollar-a-gallon gasoline. They want utility bills so high that you don't use your utilities, because they want to "conserve," ostensibly. No, no, no! They want to control, and they premise all this on the fact that we Americans are destroying the planet. Same meeting, editorial board, San Francisco Chronicle, Obama.

OBAMA: We would put a cap-and-trade system in place, eh, that is as aggressive, if not more aggressive, than anybody else's out there. So if somebody wants to build a coal-powered plant, they can. It's just that it will bankrupt them because they're gonna be charged a huge sum for all that, uh, greenhouse gas that's being emitted.

RUSH: Their carbon footprint. So they've told us. This is 2008. This is during the campaign. And now they're putting it in motion, 987 pages of it.

The regime presents the bill as authored by the haughty John Kerry and Joe Lieberman.

Kerry's Powerless America Act (with a list of all 60 new bureaucracies which will be formed):

<http://www.investors.com/NewsAndAnalysis/Article.aspx?id=533800>

Kerry unveils US climate bill, Obama supports it

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN1219978020100512>

Obama: Information is a Distraction

RUSH: Now, President Obama delivered a commencement speech at Hampton University in Virginia. Is that an all-black school, Mr. Snerdley? It is. Now, this guy, Obama, I'm sure that the youths of America who voted for the guy thought he was Mr. Tech wizard. He was on the cutting edge, this guy was -- I mean, he was postracial, he was postpartisan, he was postaccomplishment, and he was postanalog. This guy knew everything. He was top of the mountain when it comes to technological smarts. "US President Barack Obama lamented Sunday that in the iPad and Xbox era, information had become a diversion that was imposing new strains on democracy." My friends, Fidel Castro nor Hugo Chavez couldn't have said it better. In fact, they probably have said it exactly the same way. Now, this is a French News Agency story, and they leave out a device that Obama included in his rant, and that was the iPod. The other news agencies include Obama's inclusion of the iPod and the iPhone.

"Obama, who often chides journalists and cable news outlets for obsessing with political horse race coverage rather than serious issues, told a class of graduating university students that education was the key to progress. 'You're coming of age in a 24/7 media environment that

bombards us with all kinds of content and exposes us to all kinds of arguments, some of which don't always rank all that high on the truth meter. With iPods and iPads and Xboxes and PlayStations, -- none of which I know how to work -- information becomes a distraction.'" Now, let me repeat this, because this is very salient. Our Dear Leader has just admitted that information is a distraction. Like Pelosi, the health care bill, "We have to pass it to know what's in it," you know, information. He said that information "is a diversion, a form of entertainment rather than a tool of empowerment." But, ladies and gentlemen, Obama says here that he doesn't know how to work any of these things. "None of which I know how to work," he says.

Let's see. Barack Obama, "I still have Michael Jackson on my iPod." This is July 3rd of 2009. "US president Barack Obama has revealed he still has all of Michael Jackson's music on his iPod. Obama, whose MP3 player is also known to include hits by Stevie Wonder and Jay-Z, said Jackson 'will go down in history as one of our greatest entertainers.'" Was he lying then or is he lying now about never having used or knowing how to work an iPod? Remember the Obama campaign mocking and making fun of McCain for not knowing how to use e-mail when McCain can't type because of his war injuries? But they made fun of him. He was an old fogey. He was an old dude. He didn't know how to use e-mail. And now here's Obama out there, "I don't know how to use an iPad. I don't know how to use an iPhone. I don't know how to use an iPod. All this information, it's just horrible. All this is not only putting new pressure on you, it is putting new pressures on our country and on our democracy." What that means is that it is putting pressure on liberals who wither under the lights of information. Because the dirty little secret here, we have always known that information is a problem for liberals and for Obama and he admits it in his speech at Hampton University.

He contradicts himself all over the place in this speech. He admits he is not the super cool techie that all of his swooning young fans thought that he was, be it our cell phones -- you know, there's still an all-out assault on cell phones, they're going to cause cancer. They're not crazy about you using cell phones. You can talk to each other that way, you can spread information about the regime, you can get information you want other than that which the regime wants you to know. You see, folks, information is king and Obama can't be king if we have information. That's what bugs him. What bugs him is that there is dissent. What bugs him is that there is opposition. And make no mistake about it -- we've got sound bites backing this up -- he also mentioned talk radio in this and a number of analysts who were on cable shows to discuss this, "Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, he's still bugged by Rush Limbaugh."

Two of those companies, by the way, are American giants, Apple and Microsoft. They make the Xbox. Sony makes the PlayStation. Why does he always criticize our best companies and their products? Why? Why does he do this? And they vote for the guy! They give the guy money. He's dumping all over Steve Jobs and Apple, he's dumping all over Bill Gates and Microsoft, and if he could get rid of these devices, he would. He did say, look, the genie's out of the bottle, we can't stop, we have to learn to adapt to it, which means you have to know who to ignore. And I will tell you who to ignore, Obama is saying.

RUSH: Here is Obama from his commencement speech at Hampton University yesterday. We have two sound bites. Here's the first one.

OBAMA: So many voices clamoring for attention on blogs and on cable, on -- on talk radio. It -- it can be difficult at times to sift through it all, to know what to believe, to figure out who's telling the truth and who isn't.

RUSH: It ain't you.

OBAMA: Let's face it, even some of the craziest claims can quickly gain traction. I've had some experience, uh, in that regard.

RUSH: Yeah, and what he really wants here is the elimination of all these "information devices" so he can get away with his lies. He doesn't want people to be able to counter his lies. Now, this is where he says that information "has become entertainment, not a means of emancipation."

OBAMA: You're coming of age in a 24/7 media environment that bombards us with all kinds of content and exposes us to all kinds of arguments, some of which don't always rank that high on the truth meter. With iPods and iPads and Xboxes and PlayStations -- none of which I know how to work -- information becomes a distraction, a diversion, a form of entertainment rather than a tool of empowerment, rather than the means of emancipation.

RUSH: Now, this is a commencement speech, and the guy's up there b-i-itching about there being too much information to a bunch of students who are all about collecting information, ostensibly, and learning from it. (interruption) I don't know "Emancipation from what?" I guess we'd have to ask Jeremiah Wright what does he mean here when he says that, "Information is no longer a means of emancipation" but rather is just entertainment, none of which I know how to work? Okay, from the New York Times, January 9th, 2009: "For BlackBerry, Obama's Devotion is Priceless -- This week, Michael Phelps signed a deal worth more than \$1 million to advertise Mazda in China. Jerry Seinfeld earned a reported \$10 million to appear in Microsoft's recent television campaign. But the person who may be the biggest celebrity pitchman in the world is not earning a penny for his work."

"President-elect Barack Obama has repeatedly said how much his BlackBerry means to him and how he is dreading the prospect of being forced to give it up, because of legal and security

concerns, once he takes office," and he did not give it up, he still has it. So as usual it's "do as I say, not as I do." They can have all the fun they want; they can have all the conveniences! Look at Algore: Three, 30-inch computer monitors. Too much information for Algore! They can have all the safety, all the efficiency, all the information supplied by technology they want, but when they are being gored, when they are being exposed, they want to shut that down for us: The little people. "Barack Hussein Obama! Mmm, mmm, mmm!" Now, Sunday on Reliable Sources on CNN, Howard Kurtz had this exchange with State of the Union host Candy Crowley about Obama's remarks.

KURTZ: He has, uh, on a number of occasions talked about Rush Limbaugh by name. Was he pushing back against conservative opinions or all opinions, I sometimes wonder.

CROWLEY: Well, this was... Yes. Well, I mean, mostly it's been, you're right, very targeted towards those who are criticizing him. This was more blanket simply from the statement, but if fits in with the broader, I think, push that they've had and that has been aimed at conservative radio and conservative 24/7 news.

RUSH: Yeah. So what's he want to get rid of? He wants to eliminate your access to people who criticize him. The AP had a story on all the artists on Obama's iPod: Bob Dylan, Yo-Yo Ma, Sheryl Crow, Jay-Z.

RUSH: Steve in Middleburg, Virginia, hi and welcome to the program.

CALLER: Rush, how's it going?

RUSH: Pretty well, sir. Thank you.

CALLER: Hey, I want to provide a graphic example of what you were talking about with the new technology, enabling people to essentially circumvent the administration and circumvent

the State-Controlled Media, as you like to call it, and how it relates specifically to your show. One is the iPodcasts that you do. There are a lot of people, millions, probably, who are Republicans, independents, conservatives, who would like to listen to your show but since it's done during the daytime they're working to support liberal freeloaders. And the iPodcast allows people to actually download your show and listen to it at their convenience, exposing your words, thoughts, and ideas to a lot of people that may not normally listen to your show. Everybody is not as lucky as I am and millions of other people that can listen to you live. I was wondering what you thought about that.

RUSH: I think it's a good point. One of the reasons why we started the podcasts of the radio show is because of the high mobility of the audience and the portability demands that they have for all of their media: music, talk shows, television shows, whatever it is. The podcasts are ready for download via our website or via iTunes if you're a member at Rush 24/7 every afternoon by 3:30. Hundreds of thousands of people are listening to this show via the podcasts, sometimes the next day when they're on the treadmill while taking time out from working in order to feed the freeloaders in society. But, yeah, it's a great illustration of the problems that Obama has, because even people who can't make time during the live broadcast of this program can access it at their leisure via a device Obama detests, an iPod or an iPhone, and now even the iPad.

Obama lies about his iPod knowledge:

<http://sweetness-light.com/archive/obama-lies-about-his-i-pod-knowledge>

Additional Rush Links

Detroit to destroy 10,000 abandoned structures:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703950804575242433435338728.html>

Obama escapes the White House to eat some "unhealthy" food:

<http://dailycaller.com/2010/05/13/obama-feasting-on-hot-wings-while-michelle-pushing-child-obesity-efforts/>

America *layoff* cities are all run by liberals:

<http://www.forbes.com/2010/05/12/california-new-york-chicago-business-washington-layoff-capitals.html>

File this under, *way to make a difference*:

10 Day hunger strike in Berkeley over AZ immigration law this article describes the AZ law as *requiring police to stop and question anyone they believe is an illegal*, so don't expect this to be too heavy on factual information):

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/05/12/BACU1DDV28.DTL>

This is a fascinating article; Ralph Peters writes about the Obama administration suddenly *getting religion* and taking terrorism seriously:

First, the administration has plainly realized that the terror danger is much higher than it believed one week ago.

Second, it means that Shahzad really has been talking -- almost certainly tipping us that there are more America-bound terror trainees out there (or already here) and letting us fit together important pieces of the intelligence puzzle.

Third, the White House obviously fears more terror attacks sooner rather than later.

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/oped/columnists/obama_wakes_up_w6FEwY0jqkQhBRfzaBTkyl

House holds meetings on potty parity act:

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/05/11/congress-examine-restroom-inequalities-federal-buildings/>

Landscapers in Detroit are passing on job offers in order to continue collecting unemployment:

<http://detnews.com/article/20100510/BIZ/5100335/Landscapers-find-workers-choosing-jobs-s-pay>

British Petroleum leak is outrageous; Lockerbie bomber, not so much:

<http://sweetness-light.com/archive/bps-oil-leak-outrageous-lockerbie-not>



Bernanke tells grads that money will make them miserable:

http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2010/05/diminished_prospects.html

Schools provide breakfast and lunch; what's next? Government dinner:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/09/AR2010050902057.html>

Perma-Links

Since there are some links you may want to go back to from time-to-time, I am going to begin a list of them here. This will be a list to which I will add links each week.

Weekly poll, asking you to identify what we ought to cut in governmental spending:

<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/YouCut/>

Bailout recipients:

<http://bailout.propublica.org/main/list/index>

Eye on the bailout (this is fantastic!):

<http://bailout.propublica.org/>

The bailout map:

<http://bailout.propublica.org/main/map/index>

From:

<http://www.propublica.org/>

Are you tired of all the unfocused news and lame talking heads yelling at one another? Just grab a cup of coffee, sit back, and see what is really going on in the world:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/video>

It is not broken, but the White House wants to control it: the internet:

<http://nointernettakeover.com/>

Sensible blogger Burt Folsom:

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

Whizbang (news and views):

<http://wizbangblog.com/>

Judith Miller is one of the moderate and fairly level-headed voices for FoxNews:

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

<http://ifbushhaddonethat.com/>

John T. Reed comments on current events:

<http://johntreed.com/headline.html>

Investors Business Daily:

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

IBD editorials:

<http://www.investors.com/NewsAndAnalysis/IBDEditorials.aspx>

Conservative New Media (it is so-so; I must admit to getting tired of seeing the interviewer high-fiving Carly Fiorina 3 or 4 times during an interview):

<http://conservativenewmedia.com/>

Ann Coulter's site:

<http://anncoulter.com/>

Allen West for Congress:

<http://allenwestforcongress.com/issues/>

Army Ranger Michael Behenna sentenced to 25 years in prison for shooting Al Qaeda operative

<http://defendmichael.wordpress.com/>

The Daily Caller

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Maybe the White House does not need to hold press conferences? It releases *exclusive* articles daily right here:

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http://dancleary.typepad.com/dan_cleary/

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<http://mikesamerica.blogspot.com/>

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Richard O'Leary's websites:

www.letfreedomwork.com

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<http://www.eccentrix.com/members/beacon/>

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News busted all shows:

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Not Evil, Just Wrong website:

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Global Warming Site:

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Important Muslim videos and sites:

Muslim demographics:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaZT73MrYvM>

Muslim deception:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNZQ5D8lwfl>

Conservative versus liberal viewpoints:

<http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/other/conservative-vs-liberal-beliefs/>

This is indispensable: the Wall Street Journal's guide to Obama-care (all of their pertinent articles arranged by date—send one a day to your liberal friends):

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Not Evil, Just Wrong video on Global Warming

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This has fantastic videos:

www.reason.tv

Global Warming Hoax:

<http://www.globalwarminghoax.com/news.php>

A debt clock and a lot of articles on the debt:

<http://defeatthedebt.com/>

The Best Graph page (for those of us who love graphs):

<http://midnightgraphs.blogspot.com/>

The Architecture of Political Power (an online book):

<http://www.mega.nu/ampp/>

Recommended foreign news site:

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

This website reveals a lot of information about politicians and their relationship to money. You can find out, among other things, how many earmarks that Harry Reid has been responsible for in any given year; or how much an individual Congressman's wealth has increased or decreased since taking office.

<http://www.opensecrets.org/index.php>

<http://www.fedupusa.org/>

The news sites and the alternative news media:

<http://drudgereport.com/>

<http://newsbusters.org/>

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Andrew Breitbart's websites:

<http://biggovernment.breitbart.com/>

Kevin Jackson's [conservative black] website:

<http://theblacksphere.net/>

Notes from the front lines (in Iraq):

<http://atwar.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Remembering 9/11:

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

Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball site:

<http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/>

Conservative Blogger:

<http://romanticpoet.wordpress.com/>

Economist and talk show host Walter E. Williams:

<http://economics.gmu.edu/wew/>

The current Obama czar roster:

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0909/26779.html>

45 Goals of Communists in order to take over the United States (circa 1963):

<http://www.rense.com/general32/americ.htm>

How this correlates to the goals of the ACLU:

<http://dianedew.com/aclu.htm>

ACLU founders:

<http://www.angelfire.com/mi4/stokjok/Founders.html>

Conservative Websites:

<http://www.theodoresworld.net/>

<http://conservalinked.com/>

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

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

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www.coalitionoftheswilling.net

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Flopping Aces:

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Blue Dog Democrats:

<http://www.house.gov/melancon/BlueDogs/Member%20Page.html>

This looks to be a good source of information on the health care bill (s):

<http://joinpatientsfirst.com/>

Undercover video and audio for planned parenthood:

<http://liveaction.org/>

The Complete Czar list (which I think is updated as needed):

<http://theshowlive.info/?p=572>

This is an outstanding website which tells the truth about Obama-care and about what the mainstream media is hiding from you:

<http://www.obamacaretruth.org/>

Great business and political [news](#):

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Politico.com is a fairly neutral site (or, at the very worst, just a little left of center). They have very good informative videos at:

<http://www.politico.com/multimedia/>

Great commentary:

www.Atlasshrugs.com

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On Obama (if you have not visited this site, you need to check it out). He is selling a DVD on this site as well called *Media Malpractice*; I have not viewed it yet, except pieces which I have seen played on tv and on the internet. It looks pretty good to me.

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Islam:

www.thereligionofpeace.com

Even though this group leans left, if you need to know what happened each day, and you are a busy person, here is where you can find the day's news given in 100 seconds:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/tpmtv>

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HipHop Republicans:

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And simply because I like cute, intelligent babes:

<http://alisonrosen.com/>

The Latina Freedom Fighter:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/LatinaFreedomFighter>

The psychology of homosexuality:

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

Liberty Counsel, which stands up against the A.C.L.U.

www.lc.org

Health Care:

<http://fixhealthcarepolicy.com/>

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<http://lucianne.com/>

Note sure yet about this one:

<http://looneyleft.com/>

News busted all shows:

<http://www.eyeblast.tv/public/search.aspx?q=newsbusted&t=videos>

Conservative news and opinion:

<http://bijenkorf.wordpress.com/>

Not Evil, Just Wrong website:

<http://noteviljustwrong.com/>

Global Warming Site:

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

Important Muslim videos and sites:

Muslim demographics:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaZT73MrYvM>

Muslim deception:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNZQ5D8lwfl>

Conservative versus liberal viewpoints:

<http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/other/conservative-vs-liberal-beliefs/>

This is indispensable: the Wall Street Journal's guide to Obama-care (all of their pertinent articles arranged by date—send one a day to your liberal friends):

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704471504574441193211542788.html>

Excellent list of Blogs on the bottom, right-hand side of this page:

<http://gatewaypundit.firstthings.com/>

Not Evil, Just Wrong video on Global Warming

<http://noteviljustwrong.com/>

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

<http://www.taskforcefreedom.com/council.htm>

This has fantastic videos:

www.reason.tv

Global Warming Hoax:

<http://www.globalwarminghoax.com/news.php>

A debt clock and a lot of articles on the debt:

<http://defeatthedebt.com/>

The Best Graph page (for those of us who love graphs):

<http://midnightgraphs.blogspot.com/>

The Architecture of Political Power (an online book):

<http://www.mega.nu/ampp/>

Recommended foreign news site:

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

News site:

<http://newsbusters.org/> (always a daily video here)

This website reveals a lot of information about politicians and their relationship to money. You can find out, among other things, how many earmarks that Harry Reid has been responsible for in any given year; or how much an individual Congressman's wealth has increased or decreased since taking office.

<http://www.opensecrets.org/index.php>

<http://www.fedupusa.org/>

The news sites and the alternative news media:

<http://drudgereport.com/>

<http://newsbusters.org/>

<http://drudgereport.com/>

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

<http://newsbusters.org/>

<http://reason.com/>

Andrew Breitbart's new website:

<http://biggovernment.breitbart.com/>

Kevin Jackson's [conservative black] website:

<http://theblacksphere.net/>

Notes from the front lines (in Iraq):

<http://atwar.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Remembering 9/11:

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

Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball site:

<http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/>

Conservative Blogger:

<http://romanticpoet.wordpress.com/>

Economist and talk show host Walter E. Williams:

<http://economics.gmu.edu/wew/>

The current Obama czar roster:

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0909/26779.html>

45 Goals of Communists in order to take over the United States (circa 1963):

<http://www.rense.com/general32/america.htm>

How this correlates to the goals of the ACLU:

<http://dianedew.com/aclu.htm>

ACLU founders:

<http://www.angelfire.com/mi4/stokjok/Founders.html>

Conservative Websites:

<http://www.theodoresworld.net/>

<http://conservalinked.com/>

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

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

<http://sweetness-light.com/>

www.coalitionoftheswilling.net

<http://shortforordinary.com/>

Flopping Aces:

<http://www.floppingaces.net/>

The Romantic Poet's Webblog:

<http://romanticpoet.wordpress.com/>

Blue Dog Democrats:

<http://www.house.gov/melancon/BlueDogs/Member%20Page.html>

This looks to be a good source of information on the health care bill (s):

<http://joinpatientsfirst.com/>

Undercover video and audio for planned parenthood:

<http://liveaction.org/>

The Complete Czar list (which I think is updated as needed):

<http://theshowlive.info/?p=572>

This is an outstanding website which tells the truth about Obama-care and about what the mainstream media is hiding from you:

<http://www.obamacaretruth.org/>

Great business and political [news](#):

www.wsj.com

www.businessinsider.com

Politico.com is a fairly neutral site (or, at the very worst, just a little left of center). They have very good informative videos at:

<http://www.politico.com/multimedia/>

Great commentary:

www.Atlasshrugs.com

My own website:

www.kukis.org

Congressional voting records:

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/>

On Obama (if you have not visited this site, you need to check it out). He is selling a DVD on this site as well called *Media Malpractice*; I have not viewed it yet, except pieces which I have seen played on tv and on the internet. It looks pretty good to me.

<http://howobamagotelected.com/>

Global Warming sites:

<http://ilovecarbondioxide.com/>

35 inconvenient truths about Al Gore's film:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5J7JNfLYco>
<http://www.noteviljustwrong.com/trailer>

Islam:

www.thereligionofpeace.com

Even though this group leans left, if you need to know what happened each day, and you are a busy person, here is where you can find the day's news given in 100 seconds:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/tpmtv>

This guy posts some excellent vids:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/PaulWilliamsWorld>

HipHop Republicans:

<http://www.hiphoprepublican.blogspot.com/>

And simply because I like cute, intelligent babes:

<http://alisonrosen.com/>

The Latina Freedom
Fighter:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/LatinaFreedomFighter>

The psychology of
homosexuality:

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

Liberty Counsel,
which stands up
against the A.C.L.U.
www.lc.org

Health Care:
<http://fixhealthcarepolicy.com/>

Betsy McCaughey's
Health Care Site:

<http://www.defendyourhealthcare.us/home.html>

