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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:

<http://kukis.org/blog/> (this is the online directory they are in)

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

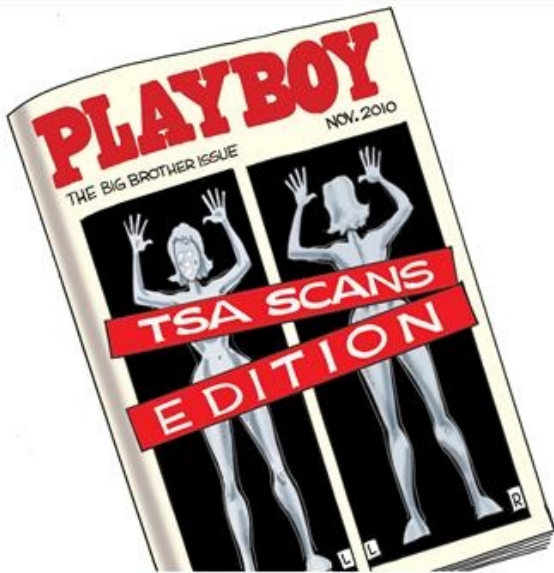
I try to include factual material only, along with my opinions (it should be clear which is which). I make an attempt to include as much of this week's news as I possibly can. The first set of columns are intentionally designed for a quick read.

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

For at least a year, Michael Chertoff has been lobbying for the full-body scanners which we have in the airports now. Do you need another reason why this service ought to be in the hands of the airliners (which seem to do a pretty good job moving us from point A to point B)?



Among the many stories over this past week, with the enhanced pat downs at the airport is this one: TSA forces cancer-surviving flight attendant to remove prosthetic breast. There are many more.

The U.S. Senate yesterday approved spending \$4.6 billion to settle two lawsuits: one by black farmers who alleged racial discrimination by government lenders and the other by 300,000

American Indians who said they had been cheated out of land royalties dating to 1887.

TSA has threatened a \$11,000 fine and possible arrest for some who refuse airport scans and pat downs. There has been at least one arrest already in San Diego.

Web censorship bill passes Senate committee; attorney general will have the right, under certain circumstances, to shut down some web sites, if this bill is passed.

Terrorist Ahmed Ghailani was found innocent of all but 1 of over 280 charges against him in the bombing of U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania by a jury of his peers in a civilian court in New York.

Officials find 2,000 fetuses at Bangkok temple

Palin's show of Alaska in the TLC channel premieres with record number of viewers for a premier on that channel (about 5 millions).

Speaking of the Palin's, a white powder was sent to Bristol Palin on DWTS. Someone else, apparently, became so upset of Bristol's dancing and winning, that he took a gun to his television during DWTS.

Say What?

Liberals:

When asked about the President's aloofness, Joe Biden responded: "And I find nothing, nothing about him that's aloof...I think what it is, is he's so brilliant. He is an intellectual."

Treasury Secretary, Timothy Geithner: "It is very important to keep politics out of monetary policy."

Jame Floyd, former Clinton advisor, on MSNBC, giving what apparently passes for careful political

analysis: "The governor says that she [Sarah Palin] is an extraordinary asset to her party; I say she is an extraordinary ass."

Lisa de Moraes of the Washington Post made the following claim: "Sarah Palin hopes to lure her daughter Bristol's 20 million viewers to her own, far less popular, reality TV series this coming Sunday."



Lisa de Moraes "Sarah Palin's new TLC reality series attracted TLC's biggest series-debut audience ever, that amounted to **only** 5 million viewers." [emphasis mine]. 3 people who would die for 5 million viewers: Jon Stewart, Rachel Maddow, and Keith Olbermann. These are how many people tune in to watch Katie Couric on network television.

Democratic Senator Jay Rockefeller: "[We should have a] slimmed down channel packages that better respect what we really want to watch." and "I hunger for quality news. I'm tired of the right and the left. There's a little bug inside of me which wants to get the FCC to say to Fox and to MSNBC, 'Out. Off. End. Goodbye.' It'd be a big favor to political discourse, our ability to do our

work here in Congress, and to the American people, to be able to talk with each other and have some faith in their government and, more importantly, in their future." The FCC does not regulate cable, by the way.

George Soros: "We have just lost this election, we need to draw a line. And if this president can't do what we need, it is time to start looking somewhere else."

Chris Dodd tweet: 'U love torturing me w this sh*t'

Chris Dodd's 2nd tweet moments later: 'From Dodd Staff - Apologies to Dodd's followers, last tweet was not from Chris Dodd.'

Joe Biden: "the stimulus did exactly what it was supposed to do, but it wasn't enough."

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi: "Our position in the House has been that we support the tax cut for the middle cl-, for everyone, but not an additional tax cut at the high end." Democrats are not offering any tax cuts; Republicans are not offering any tax cuts. No one, apart from the debt reduction commission, is speaking about tax cuts.

BBC's Katty Kay suggests that Tea Partiers are willing to go against the "country's interest" rather than to "deal" with President Obama: "And if there is going to be a wing of the Republican Party that says, do not on any issue, on any case, even on its merits, compromise with the President, it's gonna be the Tea Party. And if the Tea Party is driving the energy in the Republican Party ... Republicans in Congress are going to have to look very carefully at how they deal with them. And the Tea Party is saying we don't care about whether it's in the country's interest, in our foreign policy interest, in our economic interest necessarily to deal with the President."

Liberals making sense:

Ed Henry CNN tweets: "POTUS a little punchy -- comes to press cabin on AF-1 and jokes he's stopping in South Am on way home from Europe to see Chavez"

Rep. Harold Ford, Jr., says President Obama needs to make some "halftime adjustments" including "order[ing] his department heads and agency chiefs to declare a moratorium on new regulations until further notice."

Crosstalk:

Ted Koppel, ex newsman, in an editorial: "While I can appreciate the financial logic of drowning television viewers in a flood of opinions designed to confirm their own biases, the trend is not good for the republic...Fox News and MSNBC [are]...to journalism what Bernie Madoff was to investment: He told his customers what they wanted to hear, and by the time they learned the truth, their money was gone."

Mary Katherine Hamm: "Ted Koppel yearns for the old days when 3 or 4 white guys with the same background told us what the news was." (Quoted from memory).

Charles Krauthammer: "Are you denying that Democratic leaders have accused Bush of lying us into war?"

Mark Shields: "I have never heard a Democratic leader, we have to define who Democratic leaders, I never heard a Democratic candidate for president say this, or anybody who was in question for that." Excluding Howard Dean, or John Kerry, that is.

SAGAL: Thank you, everybody. With President George W. Bush's memoir, "Decision Points," coming out this week, naturally we reached out

to invite the president on for an interview. Now this was the response we got, for real, from his former press secretary Dana Perino, quote, "That's hysterical. You guys are so funny," and then a smiling emoticon. So instead, we'll be interviewing George W. Bush's audio book. So welcome to WAIT WAIT, this is a big honor for us. Now, you tell some great stories in the book. Tell us about your first week as president.

BUSH: I had a few beers with the guys on Monday night. On Tuesday, I'd fix my favorite after dinner drink, Benedictine and brandy. I had a couple of bourbon-and-Sevens after I put Barbara and Jenna to bed on Wednesday.

SAGAL: Well, yeah, you've earned a celebration, I guess. But then you got down to business, right? Tell us what you did next.

BUSH: Thursday and Friday were beer-drinking nights. (Laughter)

SAGAL: Well that's remarkable, that's some first week. How did you manage to fit all that in while being president?

BUSH: You put your teeth on the edge of the mug, tilt your head back and the beer goes down your throat.

SAGAL: There's a really touching story, Mr. President's audio book, in your book about your meeting your wife. What went through your mind the first time you saw the future Laura Bush?

BUSH: Here's the head and here's the body. It's a girl.

SAGAL: President Bush's audio book, thank you so much for joining us on WAIT WAIT...DON'T TELL ME!

But I got to say, you've gone from the nation's highest office to a quiz show on NPR, of all places. So what's going through your head right now?

BUSH: Bush, what did you do wrong?

SAGAL: Thank you so much. President Bush's audio book joining us. (Soundbite of applause)

[This is the same NPR game show that joked in 2006 that Karl Rove ordered the killing of liberal Rep. Jack Murtha, and that Rove's rear end is Dick Cheney's undisclosed location. In 2009, Obama adviser David Axelrod appeared on the show and joked that one of the contenders for White House dog was conservative beauty queen Carrie Prejean.]

Taken from:

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/tim-graham/2010/11/16/npr-game-show-aired-fake-interview-bush-audio-book-smear-bush-white-house>

Howard Kurtz: "Drudge jumped on Katie Couric's comment to me about "great unwashed middle of the country," but I can tell you she was not being disparaging."

Conservatives:

Charles Krauthammer: "Out of all this, an American hero emerges, a guy refusing the pat-down and scanning by saying, 'Don't touch my junk.' That's the banner of the year 2010. It doesn't have the elegance of "Don't tread on me," but that was the age of the musket. This is the age of Twitter."

Ben Stein: "Government spending is like heroin; when you try to get off of it, it's really painful."

Conservatives from the past:

Ronald Reagan: "Those who have known freedom and lose it, never know it again."

Joe Biden Prophecy Watch

China now has unmanned drones.

Must-Watch Media

The Rise, Fall & Future of Conservatism (great series). I have watched this twice; I enjoy catching it Saturdays after *the Journal Report* and *Fox News Watch*:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RW3POa0Wslg>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t96LqJ_mRg8

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5s2lO4OJffQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqwu6vf9QbE>

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O'Reilly interviews Beck this week:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZSrr3ju0KQ>

From a Howard Kurtz article: "[Katie Couric] is touring what she calls 'this great unwashed middle of the country' in an effort to divine the mood of the midterms."



This is quite hilarious: Obama Is Not A Keynesian, He's An American! These interviews take place at the Stewart-Colbert rally for sanity.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBrHkxqNT7s>

Great Bush line on Leno:

<http://www.nbc.com/the-tonight-show/video/president-bush-exit-strategy/1261118/>

Maddow and Stewart interview concerning *tea baggers*:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ttyf05W93no> (as an aside, although I do not watch Maddow a lot, I recall on several instances her using this term on many occasions).

TSA strip-searches a young boy (I am guessing 4–8 years old); video from an individual:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSQTz1bccL4>

Woman required to be searched because she was wearing a skirt (video and story). Officials say that their screeners acted appropriately:

http://www.wzzm13.com/news/news_story.aspx?storyid=140233&catid=14

CNN anchors worry about what censoring might do to Charlie Rangel's health. Text and video:

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/matt-hadro/2010/11/19/cnn-wonders-what-censure-will-do-charlie-rangels-health>

Jon Stewart explains to the media what the boundaries ought to be:

<http://bighollywood.breitbart.com/hollywoodland/2010/11/18/jon-stewart-tells-the-media-wh-at-to-say-again/>

George Soros in his own words:

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/open-society-soros-explains-the-anti-capitalist-pro-marxist-tactics-he-uses-to-fundamentally-transform-countries/>

A Little Comedy Relief

Jodi Miller: "A government panel reviewing stimulus waste will meet for a week-long retreat at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix. It's the biggest example of liberal hypocrisy since Al Gore's *Anti-Global Warming Monster Truck Rally*."

Red Eye's *Trouble with Trannies* bit:

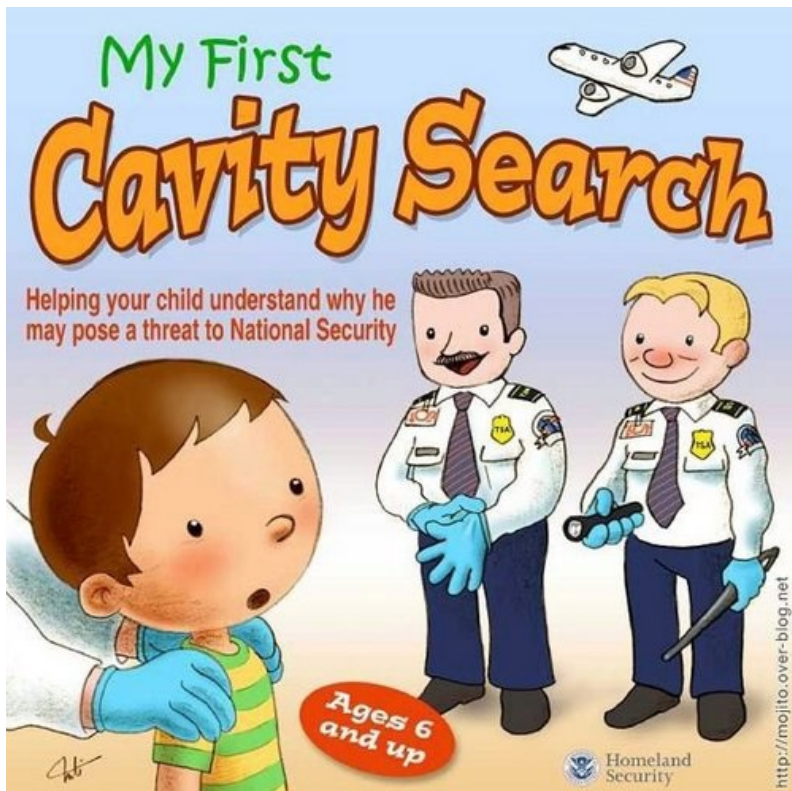
<http://bighollywood.breitbart.com/alevy/2010/11/19/the-trouble-with-trannies/>

What does TSA stand for? 44 answers (R rated)

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

Short Takes

1) Part of the conservative history which was missing from my knowledge is, how did the conservative movement get rid of the crazies?



The John Birchers and the conspiracy theorists? It turns out that William F. Buckley, in his National Review, would go after goofy conservative groups and spend a great deal of time evaluating their positions, ideas, etc.

2) The biggest factor in global warming (real or imagined) is not CO₂ gas. In fact, by comparison, CO₂ gas is almost nothing. Of course, because global warming is such an important topic and we have heard about it for over a decade now, so you know what the other gas is, right?

3) The debt commission needs 14 votes to agree on anything? Does this really matter?

4) I was looking for a quote from Tim Geithner, who said something like it would be irresponsible for Congress to end this session without dealing with the Bush Tax cuts. However, I have noticed in my search that he loves to say, "I would be irresponsible to..." 1) extend the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy; 2) to not continue on with TARP; 3) to reveal which large banks are insolvent.

5) If you wonder why small businesses are not hiring, despite having the Bush tax cuts right now, it is because they do not know what the future holds. How extensive will Congressional regulations be; what will their new tax rate be? How much will healthcare for employees cost them?

6) Average unemployment under Bush is lower than that under Clinton.

7) This series on Conservatism on Fox has been fascinating. Like Bush, Reagan was portrayed as not very bright. However, like Bush, he is very well-read.

8) Terrorist Ahmed Ghailani was found innocent of all but 1 of over 280 charges against him in the bombing of U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Whether you realize it or not, and

whether it was intentional or not, this jury did us a great favor—it showed us that a terrorist could be tried in a civilian court and walk. That is good to know.

9) Those on the left want the same standards applied in courts to those who are American citizens and for those who are our declared enemies. Here is something the left does not seem to understand—war is not the same as peace. You have one standard of behavior in war and another standard for peace.

10) Right now, the majority of the American people are in favor of the invasive pat downs at the airlines. After the Thanksgiving travel, this is going to change. The TSA may have gone far enough to where we might start doing what Israel does—they look for terrorists, rather than look for things that terrorists might carry. It is a whole other ball game.



11) Glenn Beck has suggested, the new TSA guidelines are a test as to see how far the government can take its intrusiveness before they have to dial it back. You could be

imprisoned and/or fined if you refuse a pat down or being scanned.

12) ACORN and the Tides Foundation have shown that the left is very adept at developing complex economic structures in such a way that, donors can of one organization can be hidden behind several parent organizations; and a web of economic confusion is developed, and mixed with some private organizations, to funnel federal and state funds into very partisan organizations.

13) I have supported *Don't Ask, Don't Tell*, from its inception. It made sense to me then and still does. However, if the general on the ground tell me that the services will be improved if our fighting men must wear skirts and have at least 2 piercings, then I would favor that as well. This is a call I want the generals on the ground to make; I could care less what Congress thinks about this issue.

14) I like Karl Rove a lot. I am disappointed that he called Palin's show a *reality show*.

By the Numbers

9000 — Mexican Cartel deaths in 2009

1800 — total Afghan War Casualties 2009

700,000 seniors are about to lose their medicare advantage plan. Do you recall our President saying, "And if you like your coverage, you can keep it."

50% of the "rich" are actually small businesses.

Over the past 2 years, discretionary spending by the federal government has increased 21%, which is over 6.5X inflation for that same time period.

Because FNMA and FHLMC are federal institutions, and because they now control 90% of the mortgages in the United States, we, as taxpayers, are on the hook for \$300–\$500 billion

(that is based upon the foreclosures on the books right now). The slower the foreclosure process is, the greater the loss for FNMA and FHLMC. However, they do not really lose money; they just take more money from us. As recently as 2000, FNMA and FHLMC had *only* 50% of the mortgages.

Rangel has not paid some of his tax obligations for 17 years. Now, what would happen if someone like, say, Wesley Snipes. Will he give a few tearful, *I'm sorry's* and it is all over? Don't get me wrong; I like Charley Rangel; he is a very likeable guy; but do you see there is one set of rules for the political bosses and another set of rules for everyone else?

Half of those in the House are millionaires. They showed a 16% rise in wealth between 2008 and 2009. If they worked on Wall Street, they would be arrested for insider trading, but they're not; they're Congressmen. It's okay.

Americans now watch about 143 hours of television per month.

A Little Bias

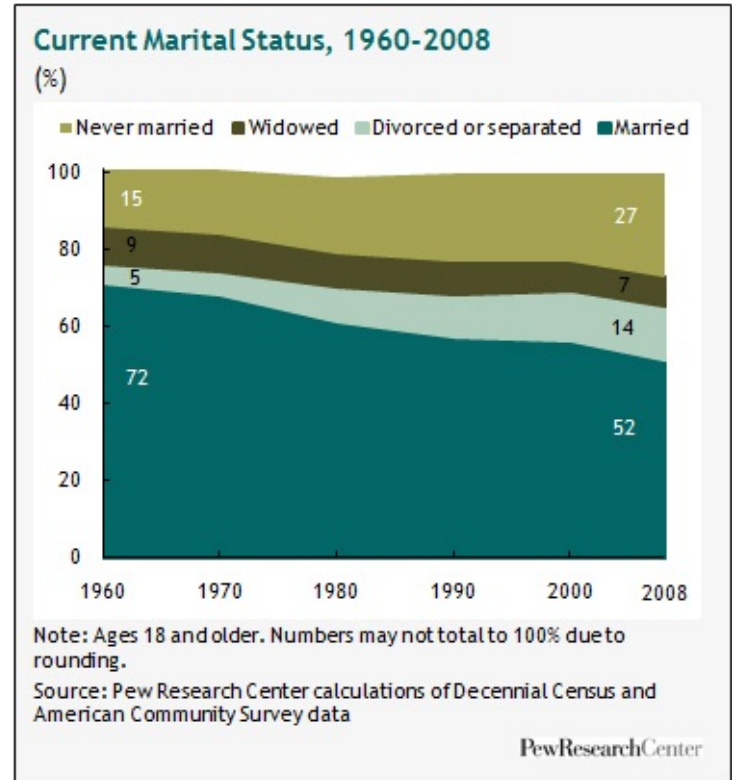
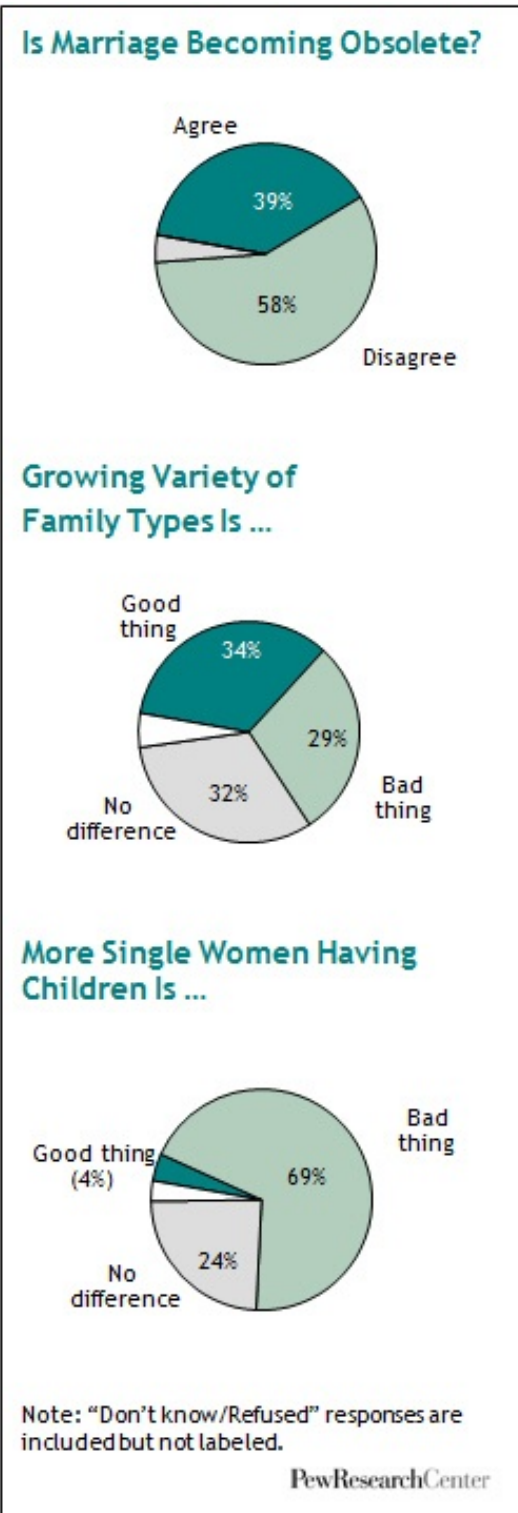
Network time devoted to the royal engagement: 121 min.

Network time spent on Democrat Charlie Rangel's wrongdoing and tax evasion which continued for 15 years: 4 min.

AP headline: "Homebuilder sentiment index rises in November" This is a reasonably upbeat article about some really sucky numbers. See:

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/tom-blumer/2010/11/20/ap-dresses-housing-confidence-index-tiny-rise-near-rock-bottom>

Polling by the Numbers



Obama-Speak

President Obama: "I agree with those Republican and Democratic members of Congress who've recently said that in these challenging days, we can't afford what are called earmarks." All of his signature legislation is based upon earmarks and political tradeoffs.

Several news organizations are trying to sell maintaining the current tax rates as *tax cuts* or even as Obama tax cuts for the middle class. There are absolutely no tax cuts on the table by anyone. The President and the Democrats want to raise the tax rates on the wealthy, and conservatives want to maintain the current tax rates for everyone.

Political Chess

The president has recently come out and sounded as if he has been against earmarks all along. At one time, this was a common political practice of both sides of the aisle—say you are on one side of an issue, when all of your actions indicate that you are on the other. It is still safe for Obama to do this, because only one news channel will actually discuss the reality of his *anti-earmark* stance.

More Proof Obama is an Amateur

Obama came back from Asia with no trade deal with South Korea? Are you kidding me?

You Know You're Being Brainwashed if...

If you think that Sarah Palin is stupid and/or dangerous.

News Before it Happens

Some people are slowly catching on, and will continue to catch on, that Sarah Palin is just a normal person, as are those in her family; and that there is a reality to *Palin Derangement Syndrom* (I have at least 2 examples in this week's issue). Anti-Palin articles and comments are going to be found every single week from now until November 2012. It worked against Bush; I don't think it will work against Palin. Not because Palin is better than Bush, but simply, people are becoming a little more aware that our traditional news sources are not really news sources.

I got it wrong

Nancy Pelosi has not retired yet; and she is going to be leader of the Democratic minority (the latter I did not predict one way or the other; the former was, she would retire within 2 years, if memory serves).

Obama did much worse on this Asian tour than I could have imagined. I still cannot believe that he came back without a trade agreement with South Korea.



Missing Headlines

Palin Derangement Syndrom Kicks into High Gear

QE2—What it is and why it is important

Come, let us reason together....

Why Government healthcare is a bad idea:

Corn turned into gasoline.

The national budget



Government spending A \$47,000 electric car that drives 40 miles on a charge and is touted as environment friendly, even if running off electricity produced by coal burning.

The Gulf oil spill

Katrina

The 2010 Tennessee floods (you probably know very little about this or the fed's role in this 100 year disaster)

FNMA and FHLMC

Bernie Madoff (who operated for decades without detection by the SEC, despite dozens of letters written to them specifically about Madoff).

Social Security

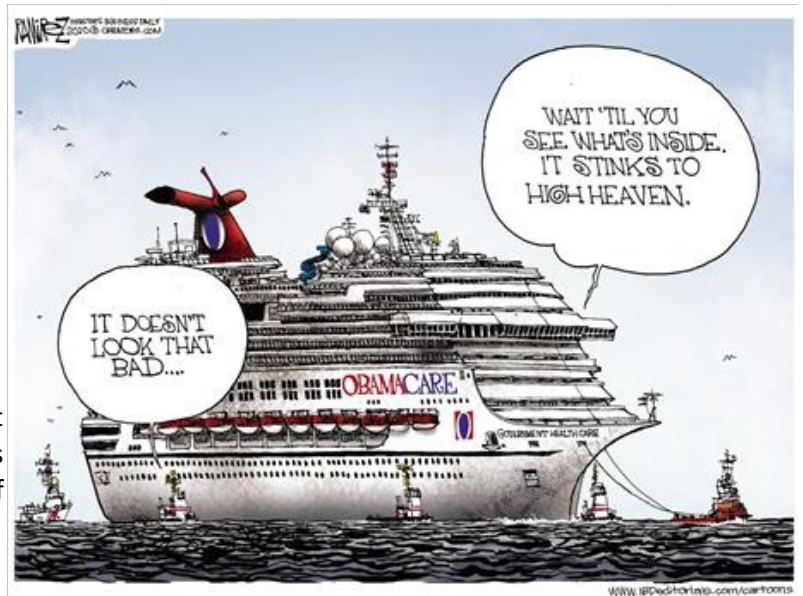
The TSA

Homeland Security

The federal government sues a state for mirroring federal immigration law, but ignores cities which defy federal immigration laws.

Chertoff's Lobbied Scanners used at the airports

QE1 and QE2



It is important to remember that all of the things listed above are much simpler and easier to manage than Obamacare.

Deficit Plan Gets Mixed Review

By Peter Wallsten

President Barack Obama and many lawmakers say they will work to rein in the federal deficit, but a new survey underscores the challenges they face in taking specific steps that could help reduce the red ink.

A new Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll shows Americans skeptical of deficit-cutting proposals laid out by the chairmen of a commission appointed by the White House.

In the survey, 57% of respondents said they were uncomfortable with gradually raising the Social Security retirement age to 69 over the next 60 years. Some 41% said they were somewhat or very comfortable with the idea.

Roughly 70% were uncomfortable with making cuts to programs such as Medicare, Social Security and defense in order to reduce the deficit, with 27% saying they were comfortable.

And nearly 60% said they were uncomfortable with raising tax revenue through such measures as boosting the gasoline tax, limiting deductions on many home mortgages and altering corporate taxation. Nearly 40% said they were comfortable with those ideas.

But the findings show the national debate is still developing. Asked their views of the draft as a whole, 30% of respondents said they had no opinion.

The proposals were laid out last week by former Sen. Alan Simpson, a Republican, and former White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles, a Democrat. They proffered a series of spending cuts, tax increases and tax-system changes, among other things, to trim about \$3.8 trillion from the deficit over a decade.

Messrs. Simpson and Bowles lead an 18-member panel that hasn't yet agreed on a final set of recommendations.

"Everybody wants to cut the deficit and cut the spending. But at the end of the day, everybody wants a choice that doesn't affect their well-being," said Democratic pollster Peter Hart, who co-directs the survey with Republican pollster Bill McInturff.

In the survey, Republicans were more negative than Democrats on the plan. Nearly half of Republicans called it a "bad idea," while about a third of Democrats saw it that way. Twenty-eight percent of the most ardent Democrats said it was a good idea; just 17% of the most ardent Republicans did.

Mr. McInturff called the partisan difference a surprise, as it was Democratic lawmakers, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who voiced the stiffest resistance to the proposals.

"It is a reminder of how powerful the antitax sentiment is among Republicans," he said.

Some groups within the parties showed similarly strong opposition to the Simpson-Bowles draft. For instance, nearly half of African-Americans—a key element of the Democratic Party base—rejected its main components, as did nearly half of conservative Republicans.

"I love Obama, but when politicians appoint committees, it's because they can't make a decision on their own, and they want to put it off on someone else to do it," said Democrat Phyllis Wilkes, a 66-year-old retired teacher in Atlanta. "You're never going to get 10 people to agree to anything in Washington at this point, so to me it's a whole lot of flack about nothing."

Another respondent, Republican Mary Bonde of Key Largo, Fla., said she didn't like cutting Social Security or raising taxes.

"If they get more money from taxes, they'll just be ready to spend it and waste even more," said Ms. Bonde, who described her age as "near retirement."

Overall, more than six-in-10 people surveyed felt the midterm election results were a positive development for the U.S. At the same time, three-quarters predicted the country in 2011 would find Republicans and Democrats in a period of disunity and with little willingness to compromise.

Respondents were split on whether they favored unity, with 47% saying they wanted candidates elected this year to compromise to gain consensus on legislation, and 43% wanting them to stick to campaign positions even if it meant no agreement on legislation.

Americans were divided on a key issue facing lawmakers as they meet for their lame-duck session: what to do about the Bush-era tax cuts set to expire at year's end.

A 39% plurality favored the Democrats' view that cuts for those earning less than \$250,000 a year should remain while higher earners should lose their cut.

About a quarter, 23%, wanted all the tax cuts left in place up to three years, while the same fraction wanted them retained permanently.

From:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB20001424052748703688704575620891838063332.html>

Will Roe v. Wade Sink Obamacare? Mississippi Is Set to Find Out

by K. Douglas Lee

This past Monday, we trained our guns on the SS Obamacare; we aimed for the waterline. The smoke hasn't yet cleared, but we're pretty sure

it's taking on water in a big way. Our case attacking the constitutionality of Obamacare is in the federal District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. The government filed a motion to have our case dismissed, and yesterday we filed our response, which can be found here: [Response to Government's Motion to Dismiss](#)

Judge Keith Starret will now have to decide many issues, including whether the individual mandate is a tax or a penalty. On October 14, Florida's Attorney General received a powerful ruling in his state's attack on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) from the federal District Court for the Northern District of Florida. The opinion in that case says that the "individual mandate" is a penalty, not a tax. That ruling is vital, because the Constitution gives Congress a great deal of power when it comes to taxing us, but not nearly so much when it comes to penalizing us. There's also a very old statute called the Anti-Injunction Act that the government is using as a defense, which only applies to lawsuits against taxes.

In short, the government is saying "we win because this is a tax." The only problem is that the mandate is quite clearly not a tax. The individual mandate is simply a command by our government that each individual who does not have health insurance coverage go out and buy it, whether he or she wants it or not. This dictate is enforced with a penalty - either buy the insurance, or face the penalty. Congress specifically called this provision a "penalty" eighteen different times in Section 5000A alone; not one time in over 2,700 pages did Congress ever refer to it as a "tax." Even President Obama has insisted that the individual mandate is not a tax.

What I really want to talk about, though, is something we constitutionalists get very excited about: the Right to Privacy. Our case is the only anti-Obamacare action that co-opts the Liberal's

sacred decision in *Roe v. Wade* in support of our cause.

It works like this: in order to obtain insurance, you have to apply for it, which means you have to reveal a lot of things to the insurance company and give them *carte blanche* to gather your medical records at will. After all, how can they possibly bill you if they don't have access to your medical records? Obamacare thus mandates not only that you enter into a contract with an insurance corporation, it also mandates that you play by that corporation's rules and divulge to it your most intimate and sensitive information.

Starting with *Griswold v. Connecticut* in 1965, the Supreme Court began to recognize that not all of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution are explicitly spelled out in the Bill of Rights, but that that various guarantees in the Bill of Rights create "zones of privacy." *Griswold* recognized that some of these privacy rights are very old, predating our country by centuries, and must therefore be considered "fundamental." The specific issue in *Griswold* was the right to marital privacy:

We deal with a right of privacy older than the Bill of Rights - older than our political parties, older than our school system. Marriage is a coming together for better or for worse, hopefully enduring, and intimate to the degree of being sacred.

Griswold v. Connecticut, 381 U.S. 479, 486 (1965). Similarly, the right to medical privacy is older than our Constitution, in some respects as old as Western Civilization itself. The oldest surviving example of medical privacy in Western civilization is the physicians' duty of confidentiality formulated in the fifth century B.C. by the Hippocratic Oath, by which a physician promised: "[W]hatsoever I shall see or hear in the course of my profession, as well as outside my profession in my intercourse with men, if it be

what should not be published abroad, I will never divulge, holding such things shameful to be holy secret." Robert M. Gellman, *Prescribing Privacy: The Uncertain Role of the Physician in the Protection of Patient Privacy*, 62 N.C. L. REV. 255, 267-68 (1984) (quoting 1 Hippocrates 164-65 (W. Jones trans. 1923), reprinted in *Ethics In Medicine* 5 (S. Reiser et al. eds., 1977)).

The decision in *Griswold* unfortunately led to the infamous decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which in turn resulted in the slaughter of over 40 million innocent unborn children in our country to date. However, even though the privacy issue *Roe* related to abortion, the Supreme Court did not find a "right to abortion" in the Constitution. Instead, the Supreme Court's decision created a broad "zone of privacy" that included not only abortion but more generally the right "to care for one's health and person," as Justice Douglas stated in his concurring opinion:

It is one thing for a patient to agree that her physician may consult with another physician about her case. It is quite a different matter for the State compulsorily to impose on that physician-patient relationship another layer or, as in this case, still a third layer of physicians. The right of privacy - the right to care for one's health and person and to seek out a physician of one's own choice protected by the Fourteenth Amendment - becomes only a matter of theory, not a reality, when a "multiple physician approval" system is mandated by the State.

Doe v. Bolton, 410 U.S. 179 (1971) (Douglas, J., concurring).

Clearly, the PPACA interferes with each person's right to "care for one's health and to seek out a physician of one's own choice" as each individual sees fit. Notice also that Justice Douglas was not just concerned about privacy outside of the physician-patient arena (such as when insurance companies receive private medical information),

he was concerned that the government not be allowed to impose additional physician-patient relationships on a person. In other words, even forcing a person to divulge private medical information to a doctor not of her own choosing was deemed untenable by Justice Douglas - to force a person to divulge private medical information to an insurance corporation certainly is even more untenable from a constitutional standpoint.

Medical treatment providers gather together the most private details of our lives, details that could be devastating to a patient's personal, social, and professional life if revealed to third parties. The government contends that we can trust insurance companies because those corporations must abide by HIPPA. Indeed, an individual who believes that the Privacy Rule is not being upheld can go through the complex process of filing a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR). However, according to the Wall Street Journal, the OCR has a long backlog and ignores most complaints. "Complaints of privacy violations have been piling up at the Department of Health and Human Services. Between April 2003 and Nov. 30, the agency fielded 23,896 complaints related to medical-privacy rules, but it has not yet taken any enforcement actions against hospitals, doctors, insurers or anyone else for rule violations." Theo Francis Spread of records stirs fears of privacy erosion, Wall Street Journal, December 28, 2006. Doesn't exactly instill a great deal of confidence in the privacy of your medical information, does it?

The beauty of using Griswold, Roe and their progeny is that the courts will have to either agree that they encompass a broad right to medical privacy, or they will have to weaken the holdings upon which the "right" to an abortion is founded. Ruling for us does not strengthen Roe, but ruling against us will weaken it.

The petitioners in our case do not want to be forced into purchasing health insurance, or forced into divulging (on a continuous basis) the most intimate, private details of their lives. Congress has seriously overstepped its bounds in dictating to us that we must do these things. We are certainly looking forward to hearing what the federal court for the Southern District of Mississippi has to say about this unprecedented - and blatantly unconstitutional - power grab by Congress.

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A little advice for Obama at the half

by Harold Ford, Jr.

Like any good coach, the president needs to make some halftime adjustments. Here are a few that will work.

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Legendary football coaches succeed in large part because of their ability to make halftime adjustments when their teams are losing. At the halftime of Obama's first term, our country is down -- and so is my party.

As America's head coach, President Obama needs to make some big and smart adjustments to jump-start economic growth and business investment, stimulate job creation, and get wages up for ordinary Americans. The most important thing our leader can do is to push the reset button with business and not raise taxes on companies in a time of economic hardship. The U.S. economy and workers benefit from a strong, healthy relationship between government and business. America's most powerful job-creation engine, the private sector, remains under intense pressure from the uncertainty surrounding tax rates and new regulations, among other things.

As a part of the reset, the President and Democrats should make permanent the current middle-class, capital gains, and dividend tax rates; extend the current rate on top earners for two years; cut the corporate tax rate by half; and suspend the payroll tax -- for both employers and employees -- for six months starting Jan. 1 for all businesses with 500 or fewer employees. And as a compromise on raising rates on the top earners after 2012, the affected income level should be raised to \$1 million from \$250,000 -- and Republicans should accept a nine-month extension of unemployment benefits for those hardest hit by this downturn.

Second, the President should order his department heads and agency chiefs to declare a moratorium on new regulations until further notice. Whether true or not, business already believes that the Obama administration practices

"If you can't legislate, regulate." The business community needs to be able to look over the hill to make investments that affect the workforce, shareholders, and profitability for the next 10 years, not the next 10 months.

The broadband ecosystem is an excellent example of why a moratorium is needed. The network providers have plans to invest hundreds of billions of dollars to build out the next generation of broadband. The ability to employ more design engineers, factory workers, programmers, and salespeople lies largely in having confidence that the FCC will not drastically alter the regulatory landscape.

At the same time, the business community should support the President's cost-cutting health reform measures against Republican efforts to repeal reform altogether.

Third, the President shouldn't be afraid to add assertive new and fresh voices to his core team. New strategies are needed for dealing with Congress and the business community. For example, the recent Asian trade mission, as smart and important as it was, works only if there is a renewed and sustained commitment by the White House to pass trade agreements and get an immigration bill passed that enables foreign workers with critical skills fast-tracked to stay in America so that they can innovate, employ people, and pay taxes here.

The President should look to business leaders for solutions to tomorrow's problems. An important example is America's oil and gas industry. The U.S. needs a strong oil and gas industry to secure our future, and our own companies are leading the world in the development of new technologies to safely recover America's own resources. These companies are also investing in the fuels of tomorrow. A case in point is Exxon Mobil's (XOM) work with Synthetic Genomics to develop fuels from algae.

Finally, so often in politics the campaign rhetoric can wrongly take on an "us vs. them" feel. Americans can ill afford to be divided in our effort to reinvent and reinvigorate our economy and country in the face of growing competition. Now isn't the time for Washington or business to lower expectations for our nation's future. It's time to make the halftime adjustments that will turn "us vs. them" into "us and them."

In fact, that may be the real message from the midterms.

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Obama's Tax Hikes on High-Income Earners Will Hurt the Poor-and Everyone Else

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Abstract: Those who think they are safe from the looming Obama tax hikes because they are not "rich" are in for a rude awakening if the Obama tax plan goes into effect. Economic growth affects everyone-whether directly or indirectly. All people's microeconomic decisions contribute to the macroeconomic picture. When business owners hire fewer employees, the economy as a whole suffers, not only those who otherwise would have had jobs. Senior citizens are hurt the most by the imminent tax increases because retired people rely disproportionately on dividend payments for their income. Economists in The Heritage Foundation's Center for Data Analysis explain why the Obama plan is bad for all Americans.

President Barack Obama has argued that the wealthiest Americans should take on a greater tax burden, and has promised that his tax increases would not affect those earning below \$250,000 per year (\$200,000 for single filers). The recent recession painfully demonstrated that in

a complex, interdependent economy, this isolated effect on one group is not possible.

The effects of macroeconomic growth (or lack thereof) influence everyone in the economy. All people's microeconomic decisions contribute to the macro-economic picture. When business owners purchase fewer machines or hire fewer workers, the growth of the overall economy suffers. This limits the wage increases people can expect, as well as their opportunities for creating savings that fuel future investments.

Middle-income households that receive income in the form of dividends or capital gains will see direct tax increases if the Obama tax hikes pass. Even more troublesome, under the Obama tax increase, investment spending would decrease, making economic recovery more difficult. Many households, including lower-income households, would face a worsened job market, lower wages, and lower returns on their savings (investment income).

Dynamic Analysis: Obama Tax Hikes Hurt Middle Class

When tax increases reduce economic growth or create incentives for taxpayers to evade taxes, they bring in less revenue than a static (purely accounting) projection would predict. The economy is a complex system where productive resources are used by millions of people and turned into the goods and services people need and want. In a market system, where people specialize and trade, anything that affects the way people use resources and purchase goods and services will have a system-wide effect. This happens as the direct effects of changing incentives cause people to make different allocation decisions. A chain reaction ensues that causes others to make different buying and selling decisions, which causes still others to change their behavior and so on (whether they realize it directly or indirectly through higher prices or tighter budget constraints).

When upper-income taxpayers have to pay higher taxes,[1] they often avoid some of their new tax burden by reducing investment income, which leads to lower job creation. The chain reaction results in fewer opportunities and smaller salaries for lower-income workers.[2] Through lower wages or decreased job duties, reduction in job creation affects even those lower-income workers who are currently employed.

While higher taxes affect everyone, not everyone throughout the economy is affected evenly. The uneven distributional changes can be analyzed using the Center for Data Analysis Individual Income Tax Model and the IHS/Global Insight Macroeconomic Model. The dynamic effects on individual income tax filers are estimated under different policy scenarios: Current Policy (all tax cuts extended) and the Obama/Congressional Plan (tax cuts expire for upper-income filers).

This is completed in three steps by first modeling the tax policies using the traditional static (micro-economic) method, obtaining dynamic macroeconomic results from a simulation of the policy using a structural model of the U.S. economy, and then translating the dynamic forecasts of the macroeconomy under the different policies back to the micro-simulation model in order to estimate what micro changes most likely led to the macro effects. For example, Obama's proposal results in lower disposable income relative to a current policy (full extension) baseline. A lower aggregate means individuals in the economy have lower disposable income. By changing the microsimulation model's baseline target for aggregate disposable income to the Obama Plan

target, the model can show how individual filers' incomes will change.[3]

The dynamic microsimulation gives a more accurate picture of the effect of the proposal that households in the different income quintiles will experience. A static analysis, which only estimates direct changes in tax burden, misses the indirect economic effects. Statically, a household filing jointly with no dependents earning an adjusted gross income (AGI) of about \$130,000 in 2014 has an average tax increase of \$1,440. But when the dynamic effects due to lower productivity are taken into account, wages and other income shows the real income loss to be \$2,700 for this filer. In other words, the dynamic effects of the policy on the worker's earnings are nearly as large as the direct tax increase. These indirect effects cannot be ignored.

How the Obama Tax Hikes Would Affect Incomes in 2014

	Adjusted Gross Income			Change in After-Tax Income Under Obama Tax Hikes	
	Current Policy	With Obama Tax Hike	Change	Static Analysis (Direct Effects Only)	Dynamic Analysis (Direct and Indirect Effects)
Joint Filers					
No dependents	\$132,457	\$130,885	-\$1,573	-\$1,441	-\$2,724
One dependent	\$127,218	\$127,180	-\$37	-\$607	-\$599
Two dependents	\$127,725	\$126,870	-\$856	-\$807	-\$1,274
All joint filers with children	\$126,358	\$126,101	-\$257	-\$847	-\$911
All joint households	\$129,342	\$128,393	-\$949	-\$1,147	-\$1,858
Other Filers					
Senior households with Social Security income	\$97,717	\$95,763	-\$1,955	-\$886	-\$2,822
Singles with unemployment insurance income	\$40,067	\$39,558	-\$509	-\$34	-\$445
All households	\$57,888	\$57,821	-\$67	-\$592	-\$580

Sources: Heritage Foundation calculations using the Center for Data Analysis Individual Income Tax Model and the IHS Global Insight U.S. Macroeconomic model

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Dynamic analysis gives policymakers a much better estimate of a policy's true economic costs and benefits. The tax increases on the rich have far-reaching consequences and create greater economic cost than the benefit of a small increase in tax revenues. They affect households in every income group and every demographic.

The Center for Data Analysis modeling shows that even single filers with unemployment insurance would be hurt by the Obama tax hikes. With an average AGI of about \$40,000, the average direct tax burden on this group is only about \$30 (most likely due to increased taxes on small dividend holdings) but dynamic modeling shows their real burden is about \$450 when indirect effects, such as those on the job market and asset markets, are taken into account.

The dynamic analysis also shows the interaction with the tax code and how a household changes tax brackets. If a policy leads a household to higher wages or investment income, the tax filers may be pushed into higher tax brackets; conversely, if a household loses income due to a growth-reducing policy the actual after-tax income loss may be lower because the tax filers fell into lower income brackets or became eligible for new tax credits. This may explain why some households with dependents lost less after-tax income dynamically than the tax increase alone would have indicated, although most were significantly worse off.

Particular Burden on Seniors

Seniors, no matter their income category, will be hurt the worst by the Obama tax hike. This is in part due to their reliance on capital gains and dividend income in their pensions. The tax increase on dividend and capital gains income will hurt seniors in at least two ways. First, it reduces their income from these sources as that income is taxed away; second, as these taxes reduce investment and economic growth,

their taxable gains and dividends are lowered. This will leave seniors with an average of \$1,200 less per year retirement income, and seniors who hold dividends will, on average, be left with \$2,138 less per year. Households in which there is at least one senior, and which hold dividends, will lose \$3,660.

Seniors in every income class will be hurt. Seniors in the bottom quintile may not be hit very hard;[4] but in the second quintile, once the effects of (slower) economic growth are taken into account, these low-income seniors would face a loss of \$260 per year. In the third quintile the tax increase for seniors would be \$278, but once dynamic effects are included the loss would be \$565. Seniors with dividends in this quintile (50 percent of seniors in the third quintile have dividend income[5]) would be hit especially hard. Once dynamic effects are incorporated, total income losses would be \$792. In the fourth quintile, the total income loss would be over \$1,000 for those with dividends, and almost \$800 overall for seniors. For all seniors filing with less than \$250,000 reported income, the after-tax income loss would be over \$1,000 for those with dividends (almost \$600 overall), about half in direct taxes and half in dynamic losses.

How the Obama Tax Hikes Would Affect Senior Incomes in 2014

	Change Under Static Analysis	Change in Adjusted Gross Income	Change in After-Tax Income	Change for Seniors with Dividends
Income Quintiles*				
Bottom (lowest) quintile	-\$35	\$10	-\$28	-\$28
2nd quintile	-\$129	-\$102	-\$261	-\$437
3rd quintile	-\$278	-\$226	-\$565	-\$792
4th quintile	-\$392	-\$384	-\$797	-\$1,095
Top (highest) quintile	-\$2,555	-\$4,436	-\$7,234	-\$9,992
Other Calculations				
Income less than \$250,000	-\$262	-\$300	-\$593	-\$1,018
Income greater than \$250,000	-\$11,168	-\$23,711	-\$37,142	-\$48,040
Senior households with dividends	-\$1,142	-\$2,619	-\$3,661	-\$2,138
All seniors	-\$415	-\$789	-\$1,224	-\$2,138

* Projected quintiles from U.S. Census Bureau.

Sources: Heritage Foundation calculations using the Center for Data Analysis Individual Income Tax Model and the IHS Global Insight U.S. Macroeconomic model

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The indirect effects of the Obama tax plan on seniors is only one example of how growth-reducing policies can hurt the very people the policy is aimed at helping. Lower-income workers and the unemployed are further examples. The most vulnerable members of society are often hurt the worst by well-intentioned anti-poverty policies. Those with limited resources have less ability to adjust to changing economic conditions, leaving them more burdened by the effects of a slower economy. The pernicious feedback of having less take-home pay further constrains their ability to adjust and find new sources of income by investing in new skills, relocation, or starting a new business.

Redistributing crumbs of a smaller economic pie to these groups only perpetuates the negative feedback loops. The many strings attached to qualifying for government funds is costly for already budget-constrained individuals. Often, they must miss work to wait in lines or fill out paperwork, reducing their ability to earn income and increasing their dependency on government funds.

Conclusion

This analysis shows that the economic harm of raising taxes on investment, small businesses, and upper-income filers affects households of all types. An economy with fewer employment opportunities results in lower wages and lost consumption and savings. Households across the income spectrum are left with lower disposable income. The attempt to raise additional revenues by raising taxes on the productive sectors of the economy, particularly during a period of recovery, harms the very citizens the revenue would be used to aid with social welfare programs.

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Appendix

Methodology

Changes to the individual income tax code were simulated using the Center for Data Analysis (CDA) Individual Income Tax Model in order to estimate effects on tax revenue and the distribution of the resulting tax burden and to compare these effects to current policy estimates.

The CDA tax model simulates the effect of tax law changes on a representative sample of taxpayers based on IRS Statistics of Income (SOI) taxpayer microdata. Data for these taxpayers are extrapolated or "aged" to reflect detailed taxpayer characteristics through 2016. The data are aged for consistency with the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) baseline forecast in order to produce effective and marginal tax rate estimates with which to forecast dynamic effects of the changes in tax burden.

Two simulations were run for comparison: (1) current policy extended forward through 2016, and (2) the proposed tax increase on upper-income filers by the reversal of the 2001 and 2003 reduced top marginal rates. The tax increase includes a return of the 39.6 percent, 36 percent, and 28 percent brackets for a total of six brackets (10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent, 28 percent, 36 percent, and 39.6 percent); the treatment of dividends as regular income, subject to those six brackets; a return of the 20 percent capital gains bracket; and the return of the personal exemption phase-out (PEP) and limits on itemized deductions (Pease).

All policy changes in the second simulation were run together as a single simulation to allow interactions between them. This simulation was

then compared with the first current policy simulation (baseline).

Both simulations included recent policy changes such as: the new Making Work Pay credit; scheduled "patches" and changes in the alternative minimum tax (AMT) and education credits (Hope, Lifetime Learning, and the American Opportunity tax credit); and tax increases that accompany the recently passed health care bill. The Medicare Hospital Insurance tax is increased by 0.9 percentage point and applied to capital gains income for those with incomes above \$250,000 (joint filers) or \$200,000 (all others), and itemized deductions for out-of-pocket medical expenses are limited to expenses above 10 percent of AGI. The current threshold is 7.5 percent.

For each simulation, average effective tax, marginal effective tax rates, and revenue were calculated for use in the macroeconomic model. Tax burdens for demographic groups were determined based on the simulated filing status and taxpayer information.

To estimate the demographic distribution of the dynamic effects of the tax policy, the revenue and tax rates from the Individual Income Tax Model were used to calibrate the IHS/Global Insight model (GI). The dynamic results from the GI model were then used as aging targets in the Individual Income Tax Model.

CDA uses the microsimulation model to estimate the revenue effects and average and marginal effective tax rates of the proposed change in tax policy.

CDA uses the GI model to estimate the dynamic revenue effects of the same policy change. Estimated changes in federal tax revenues and marginal tax rates from the microsimulation model are used as inputs into a simulation with the GI model.[6]

The macroeconomic simulation produces an alternative forecast to GI's Current Policy baseline forecast.[7] The Obama plan alternative forecast shows the dynamic effects of the proposed policy on GDP, prices, interest rates, employment, and personal and corporate incomes, among many other variables.

CDA analysts then used the relevant macroeconomic forecasted variables as new targets in the micro-simulation model. This is accomplished using procedures similar to those developed for baseline calibration.[8] For instance, National Income and Product Account (NIPA) components of the GI model forecast of individual and business income along with price level variables, aggregate economic variables like GDP, and some NIPA budget variables from the alternative forecast are used to estimate target values for non-taxable income and gross tax return income on individual income tax returns. These targets are used in the aging process of the microsimulation to update individual and business incomes so that they are consistent with the macroeconomic model's alternative forecast for the components of NIPA personal income.

Finally, a new simulation is run using these new aging targets, producing new revenue estimates and a new distribution of the tax burden as well as changes to individual and business income variables that reflect the dynamic effects of the proposed tax policy.

This method is a viable way to estimate the distribution of the dynamic effects of the macro-simulation because it is reasonable to assume, for the purposes of estimation in an economic forecast, the stability of certain macroeconomic variables. For example, because the share of total average income to each quintile is relatively stable over time,[9] the aggregate income target can be distributed to individual filers such that the historical quintile shares of total average income are preserved.

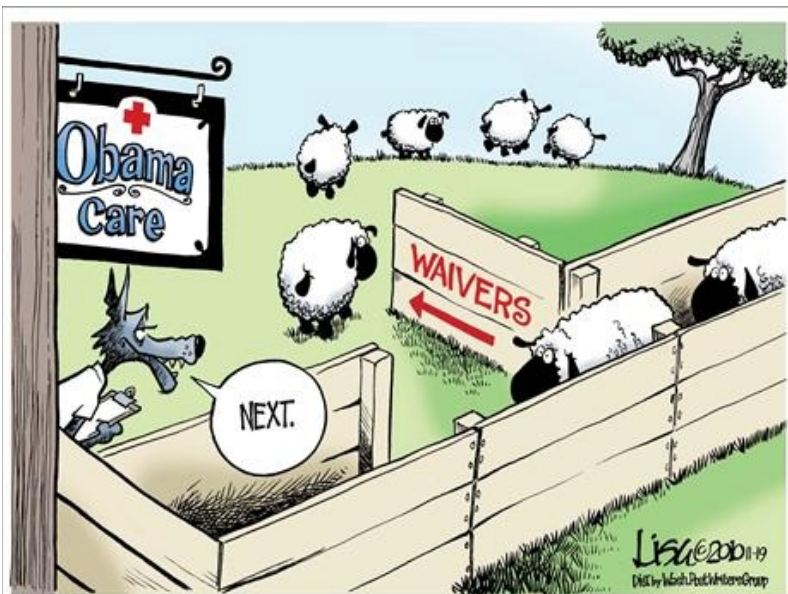
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you know the answer, you know what most people do not know. If you do not know the answer, you are thinking about some kind of sulfur gas or methane gas, or something like that. You are wrong. You either know the answer to this or you do not; but if you do not know the answer, then you should have no opinion about global warming. Let me give you a hint; it is like comparing FNMA to Enron; we think these are about the same in level of corruption; but the latter is like a kid's lemonade stand by comparison. By the way, you may not be able to find the answer to this, even if you try to find it using Google.

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finals on this snow is because the public votes. Now, Bristol Palin and her partner have gotten the lowest scores every week of any of the contestants, and yet they are in the finals. And the reason they're in the finals is 'cause America is voting for Bristol Palin, and the left is miserable. They are fit to be tied over this. You ought to see it in the entertainment stories of newspapers and websites. They're saying she's a horrible dancer, she can't dance. Brandy got thrown off the show last night, could not believe it. She has been getting tens for the last two to three weeks. But she didn't make it because the public is voting for Bristol Palin. It's not Sarah Palin. They're voting for Bristol Palin, and Sarah's in the audience. The reason they're upset is because they have done their best to make this Palin family persona non grata. They've tried to trash it, besmirch it, impugn it, and the American public is now en masse voting for Bristol Palin. She's in the finals. She's one of three couples that will be in the finals on Monday night. They're fit to be tied. You can read about this in entertainment sections of newspapers on websites today.



The Rush Section

Liberals Freak Out Over Bristol Palin on Dancing with the Stars

RUSH: Do you realize today how miserable the American left is over Bristol Palin making the finals of Dancing With the Stars? They're miserable because -- well, stop and think about it, Snerdley. Half of the reason that you make the

RUSH: I knew it, my friends, I knew it. The hapless Contessa Brewer on MSNBC just now sobbing and whining and moaning about the fact that Bristol Palin was victorious on Dancing with the Stars last night. She's alleging a conspiracy. The hapless Contessa Brewer says that you Tea Party people are jamming the lines of other contestants such as Brandy's so that she can't receive votes, and in this way cheating is occurring. The Tea Party is cheating, sabotaging other contestants. Look, the truth of the matter is the Tea Party, if they're doing anything, are too busy voting for Bristol Palin to tie up anybody else's phone lines. Kathryn and I watched this last night, and I told her, I said, "You wait, it's gonna be all over the news tomorrow, it's gonna have them livid. This is gonna make them ticked off like they can't believe it." And it's happening. Yeah, I watched it, damn right I watched it. Damn right I watched. I even voted. Damn straight I

watched it. I've formed an opinion about this show. As a television show, it is brilliantly produced. It's a live television show and it is really well produced.

There are life lessons in this show. Here's Bristol Palin, who is she? She's a single mom, for crying out loud. She did not ask McCain to pick her mother. She's the daughter of Sarah Palin and she had to deal with this publicity hungry jerk Levi, whatever his name is, she's been thrust into this, not something she asked for, she's not whining about it. She's offered this position on this show. She doesn't have the slightest idea how to dance, but she decides to do it. And this show's got 20, 25 million viewers, almost as many listeners as this show has and she's out there doing something she's got no clue how to do. She's subjecting herself to mass humiliation, potentially mass humiliation if she is voted off the first week, if she can't dance, and the judges have not been very complimentary to her. The first night the show's on her mom gets booed by the audience. Yeah, Sarah Palin's in the audience, got booed when her name is mentioned, everybody seems embarrassed about that on the production side of the program. The judges, these people can be brutal. Ask Michael Bolton, he was the first one kicked off. He almost started crying, demanded an apology from one of the judges.

My point here is that she didn't ask for any of this. She accepted the challenge. She's doing it. She's having her world turned upside down. She's willing to put herself out there, and she's in the finals, and the left can't stand it. The left can't stand this, and her mother's TV show on TLC's getting higher ratings than any cable news network show. They can't stand it. And throughout all of this character assassination, throughout every attempt to destroy this family, including having a reporter rent the house next to theirs in Wasilla to do a hit piece, they're laughing, they're smiling, and they're having a good time. They're enjoying life as Alaskans and

as Americans. It just ticks them off to no end. And that's what makes it enjoyable.

RUSH: Miami, let's go to the phones. Fred, great to have you on the program, sir. Hello.

CALLER: Rush, it is great to be here, man, I tell you, it's a double honor today. I got the famous Snerdley and you. I've been calling you for ten years --

RUSH: What a --

CALLER: -- and never got through.

RUSH: -- treat for you.

CALLER: Amazing, and I did it on a Wednesday. Rush, I have two things I wanted to tell you about. One of them, Bristol Palin, and I see a corollary in that to our last elections and the recent thing we're in, in that the judges picked the winners they thought should win, but the people who voted for who they wanted and they're telling judges, "This is what we want, you need to listen to us," they simply got outvoted at the polls, if you will, and, you know, the Washington elite for a long time are picking winners and losers, who gets to stand for election, and this time for the -- and I first voted for Reagan in '80 -- for the first time people stood up and said, "No, this is who we want. You're gonna give us our people, and then we'll tell you how it's gonna be." And the second thing I wanted to tell you was about TSA and profiling.

RUSH: Yeah.

CALLER: But I wanted to get that Bristol thing out. The TSA profiling, Rush, we should profile. The Israelis have done it for years. They've got it down to a science. They don't care if it bothers anybody. They just do it.

RUSH: We do profile.

CALLER: Well, we do but we don't.

RUSH: Yes, we do. Yes, we do. Eighty-year-old women, nuns, priests, damn right we profile. You can't tell me we don't.



CALLER: (laughing) No, we don't profile the right people the right way for the right behaviors.

RUSH: You know, somebody in the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA, said, "I wish we'd have had a chance to pat down the Times Square bomber." Well, yeah. Okay, go over to wherever he boarded. Where did he board the plane, Luxembourg, Austria? Go over there to do it. That's where he boarded the plane to get in, the shoe bomber, I don't know, I forget who it is. But as to the Bristol Palin analogy here with the judges, I think what the guy's saying is we got the elites, the judges, they equal the media and Washington, and we got the people. And the people are voting Bristol Palin. Bristol Palin is finishing last. Now, folks, she's not the best dancer on the show. She's nowhere near the best dancer on the show. And when she was voted in last night, one dancer and one judge made a point of pointing out that the public can

vote. One judge said that he was shocked, but that's the way the show goes, because the public can vote.

The public has 50% of the judging and the judges have 50%. So she's not the best dancer, there's no question, but she's likable. I mean you can come up with your own theory as to why she's getting voted on by the public. I have mine. You can come up with yours. It is what it is. And I'm sure there were a lot of people -- this is another reason why the left is ticked. This is probably the one time in their lives the left cares about merit. I mean, if the left were being consistent, they ought to be supporting Bristol Palin because she's a woman and she's been discriminated against and she's not very experienced. There should be affirmative action for her. She should be in the finals. But now all of a sudden the left cares about merit for the first time in their lives. So they're just hypocrites all over the place on this, and they're miserable. I have some e-mails, "Rush, why are you in such a good mood today?" 'Cause the left is miserable today, that's why. "Rush, do you take happiness when other people are miserable?" Damn right I do when it's these people. I'll admit it, no question about it.

RUSH: All right, we're gonna go to Dancing with the Stars last night. This is at the moment where the contestant Brandy was informed that she had been voted off the program and would not make the finals. The co-host Brooke Burke had this exchange with Brandy and her professional dance partner Maks Chmerkovskiy, and here is that conversation.

BURKE: How do you feel right now, Brandy?

BRANDY: I don't -- I don't know how to feel right now. I haven't -- it hasn't processed yet for me.

BERGERON: Maks, I want to ask you, we've been at this a long time. This season struck me as the most surprising in that couples who would get their highest score on Monday night were often

the ones who left on Tuesday night. What do you think's been different this year?

CHMERKOVSKIY: Well, you know, I said it in many press interviews, one thing that I love, you know, for my family, the choice they made is to come to this country and it's the fact that people vote and -- and their voices count, and I love the fact that the show represents that.

RUSH: This is Maksim Chmerkovskiy. They were all trying to explain what happened last night because, being honest here, Brandy was getting tens the last two to three weeks, she was getting tens, but apparently she was getting no votes. Bristol Palin was finishing last and was getting all kinds of votes from the public, which counts for 50% of the final score. So this Maks guy and one of the judges, Bruno Tonioli made a point, Bruno said, "I am shocked, but the people count on this show, the people vote." And here's Maks saying, look, I come from a place where you couldn't vote. I come from a place where our vote didn't count. I'm happy to be here, where the people's voice counts. Now, again, for the left, I mean they're twisted like pretzels on this one because they are seeing, they are seeing exactly how other people see affirmative action. The left all of a sudden cares about merit. They believe in affirmative action, and affirmative action's come back to bite 'em in the butt on this particular episode. And then here's the hapless Contessa Brewer this afternoon on PMSNBC, distraught over this.

BREWER: Conspiracy theorists are speculating the Tea Party is keeping Bristol in the running. In fact, I got an e-mail saying: "I tried to vote for Brandy and the line was busy the whole time. The Tea Party people are blocking the phones."

RUSH: That again, the hapless Contessa Brewer. Now, ladies and gentlemen, again, we go back to people not smart enough to know various things. The way these vote lines are set up, there's nobody answering the phone and saying, "How

do you vote?" "I vote for Brandy." Each contestant gets a number. When the call is connected, the vote's counted. You don't talk to anybody. A machine says, "Thank you for your call." If the line's busy, it means too many people are trying to call that line, which means Brandy was having a lot of people call. I mean, the Tea Party can't do everything here. They can't jam the lines for Palin and then jam the lines against Brandy. It's incredible to sit here and think of this, that the left thinks this is happening. (laughing) The Tea Party is jamming the lines of Dancing with the Stars. (laughing) It was on their list of things to do. He-he-he-he-he.

Anyway, I need to be corrected. I said earlier that Sarah Palin was booed on this show. Apparently, she wasn't. It was a previous low score for some other contestant people were booing about when the camera happened to show Sarah Palin sitting there. The boos just happened to coincide with that visual and the producers were all, "I don't know how that happened, very strange how that happened." The audience starts booing and the director cuts to a picture of Palin, and then it's, "No, no, no, they weren't booing Palin." I mean, they really moved into action fast to dissuade people of that notion.

RUSH: By the way, get this now from the Wisconsin State Journal: "Bristol Palin's Dancing on TV Set Off Man in Standoff -- Allegedly set off by Bristol Palin's appearance on 'Dancing with the Stars,' a rural Black Earth man kept police at bay outside his home for 15 hours Monday and Tuesday before he surrendered to police. Steven N. Cowan, 66, railed at the television as the daughter of former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin appeared on the ABC program, his wife told police Monday after she fled from the house, according to a criminal complaint filed in Dane County Circuit (Wis.) Court. Cowan had also been under stress because of a financial situation and was receiving care for a mental health problem, the complaint states. Cowan's wife, Janice, told police that her husband

had been drinking, but she did not think he was intoxicated." Well, then, maybe he's just a liberal. He lives in Wisconsin, maybe he's just a regular MSNBC viewer.

"According to the complaint, Cowan and his wife were watching Dancing with the Stars when Cowan jumped up and swore as Bristol Palin appeared, saying something about 'the (expletive) politics.' Cowan was upset that a political figure's daughter was on the show when he didn't think she was a good dancer, the complaint states." Also according to the complaint, "Cowan went upstairs for about 20 minutes and returned, demanding his pistols, which had been taken by his daughter about a month ago for safety reasons. He was carrying a single-shot shotgun, which he loaded and fired into the television." He was so mad that Bristol Palin was on Dancing with the Stars he fired a shotgun at his own TV. I guess we do know who he voted for. Well, we don't know who he voted for, but we probably know who he voted against. "Cowan continued to yell, demanding his pistols. He re-loaded the shotgun and pointed it toward his wife. She left the house and drove to Black Earth, where she called 911. She told police she was afraid for her safety." I told you, the left is totally discombobulated by this, to the point now a Wisconsin guy shoots out his own television.

RUSH: Pam in Fort Pierce, Florida, you're next great to have you here.

CALLER: Hi, Rush. I'm so happy to talk to you today.

RUSH: You bet. Thank you.

CALLER: Congratulations on your wedding.

RUSH: Thank you.

CALLER: I loved seeing your pictures. Okay, I thought you would like to hear from somebody who has watched Dancing with the Stars since

the beginning this year and who voted every single week on two different phones in my house.

RUSH: Okay, I've got 35 seconds here so tell me you voted for Bristol.

CALLER: Redistribution of wealth.

RUSH: Redistribution of wealth?

CALLER: Yes. They portrayed her as being a trampy because she got pregnant and everything.

RUSH: Yeah.

CALLER: So I didn't see that, but I wanted to watch the show. If you've watched the show, you've seen only shyness, modesty, humble. They cannot get her to do what they think they want her to do. But I heard that she gets something like \$50,000 for each episode, so I just thought, "Well, heck, I know she's gonna be taking care of her child --"

RUSH: Oh, I get it. So you're voting so she gets the money! (laughing) A lot of people are voting for her because she's not a professional and some of the other contestants are professionals in the entertainment field. There's a bunch of reasons.

Additional Rush Links

Rahm Emanuel: I Never Believed in Bipartisanship
<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/plum-line/2010/11/rahm-i-never-believed-in-bipar.html>

Texas Bill on Prez Candidates Birth Certificates
<http://nation.foxnews.com/birthers/2010/11/17/texas-republican-files-birther-bill>

UC Students, Faculty Protest In-State Tuition Hikes
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/UC-students-faculty-protest-outside-regents-meeting-10871>

[5429.html](#) (government support for schools will automatically result in higher tuition)

The new film *Cool It* offers is a study in the gradual change of thought of someone who, at one time, was a true believer.

<http://dailycaller.com/2010/11/16/film-tells-environmentalists-to-cool-it/>

Federal report U.S. hunger remains at highest levels in 15 years (when Democrats are in power, the poor always ends up worse off; that is not in the article)

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/US/11/15/poverty.hunger/>

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.

Observations of a blue state conservative:

<http://lonelyconservative.com/>

Thomas "Soul man" Sewell's column archive:

<http://www.jewishworldreview.com/cols/sowell1.asp>

Walter E. Williams column archive:

<http://townhall.com/columnists/WalterEWilliams/>

Israpundit:

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

The Prairie Pundit:

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

Conservative Art:

<http://secularstupidest.com/>

Conservative Club of Houston:

<http://www.cclub.org/welcome>

Conservative blog, but with an eye to the culture and pop culture (there is a lot of stuff here):

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

Conservative and pop culture blog (last I looked, there were some Beatles' performances here):

<http://thinkinboutstuff.com/thinkinboutstuff/nfblog/>

Raging Elephants:

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

Gulag bound:

<http://gulagbound.com/>

Hyscience:

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

Politi Fi

<http://politifi.com/>

TEA Party Patriots:

<http://teapartypatriots.org/>

South Montgomery County Liberty Group:

<http://sites.google.com/site/smclibertygroup/>

Hole in the Hull:

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

National Council for Policy Analysis (ideas changing the world):

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

Ordering their pamphlets:

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

Cartoon (Senator Meddler):

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

Bear Witness:

<http://bearwitness.info/default.aspx>

<http://bearwitness.info/BEARWITNESSMAIN.aspx>

(there are a million vids on this second page)

Right Change (facts presented in an entertaining manner):

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



Bias alert from the Media Research Center:

<http://www.mrc.org/biasalert/archive.aspx>

Excellent conservative blogger:

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

Send this link to the young people you know (try the debt quiz; I only got 6 out of 10 right):

<http://ourtab.org/>

Center for Responsive Politics:

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

The Chamber Post (pro-business blog):

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

Labor Pains (a pro-business, anti-union blog):

<http://laborpains.org/>

These people are after our children and after church goes as well:

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

Their opposition:

<http://resistingthegreendragon.com/>

The Doug Ross Journal (lots of pictures and cartoons):

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

The WSJ Guide to Financial Reform

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703315404575250382363319878.html>

The WSJ Guide to Obamacare:

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

The WSJ Guide to Climate Change

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704007804574574101605007432.html>

Video-heavy news source:

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

Political News:

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

Planet Gore; blogs about the environment:

<http://www.nationalreview.com/planet-gore>

The Patriot Post:

<http://patriotpost.us/>

PA Pundits, whose motto is, "the relentless pursuit of common sense" (I used many of the quotations which they gathered)

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

Index of (business) freedom, world rankings:

http://www.heritage.org/index/pdf/2010/Index2010_ExecutiveHighlights.pdf

U.S. State economic freedom:

http://www.pacificresearch.org/docLib/20080909_Economic_Freedom_Index_2008.pdf

The All-American Blogger:

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

The Right Scoop (with lots of vids):
<http://www.therightscoop.com/>

In case you have not seen it yet, Obsession:
<http://www.therightscoop.com/saturday-cinema-obsession-radical-islams-war-against-the-west>

Inside Islam; what a billion Muslims think:
<http://vimeo.com/14121737>

World Net Daily (News):
<http://www.wnd.com/>

Excellent blog with lots of cool vids:
<http://benhoweblog.wordpress.com/>

Black and Right:
<http://www.black-and-right.com/>

The Right Network:
<http://rightnetwork.com/>
Video on the Right Network:
<http://rightnetwork.com/videos/860061517>

The newly designed Democrat website:
<http://www.democrats.org/>

Composition of Congress 1855–2010:
<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0774721.htm>

Anti-American and pro-socialist, pro-Arabic:
<http://www.zeroparty politics.com/>

The anti-Jihad resistance (which appears to be a set of links to similar websites):
<http://www.antijihadresistance.com/>

Seems to be fair and balanced with an international news approach:
<http://ibnlive.in.com/>
<http://www.rawstory.com/>

Black and Right dot com:
<http://www.black-and-right.com/> (the future liberal of the day is quite humorous)

Mostly a liberal blogger, who says vicious things about most conservatives; and yet, says something sensible, e.g. posting many of the things which the healthcare bill does to us.
<http://www.osborneink.com/>

Conservative news site (many of the stories include videos):
<http://www.theblaze.com/>
<http://nakedemperornews.com/>
<http://pajamasmedia.com/>

Muslim hope:
<http://www.muslimhope.com/index.html>

Anti-Obama sites:
<http://howobamagotelected.com/>
<http://www.impeachobamacampaign.com/>
<http://www.exposeobama.com/>

International news, mostly about Israel and the Middle East:
<http://www.haaretz.com/>
<http://www.jpost.com/>

News headlines sites (with links):
<http://drudgereport.com/>
<http://www.thedeadpelican.com/>

Business blog and news:
<http://www.bizzyblog.com/>

And I have begun to sort out these links:

NEWS AND OPINIONS

Conservative News/Opinion Sites

The Daily Caller
<http://dailycaller.com/>

Sweetness and Light
<http://sweetness-light.com/>

Flopping Aces:

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

News busters:

<http://newsbusters.org/>

Right wing news:

<http://rightwingnews.com/>

CNS News:

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

Pajamas Media:

<http://pajamasmedia.com/>

Right Wing News:

<http://rightwingnews.com/>

Scared Monkeys (somewhat of a conservative newsy site):

<http://scaredmonkeys.com/>

Conservative News Source:

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

David' Horowitz's NewsReal:

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

Pamela Geller's conservative website:

<http://atlasshrugs2000.typepad.com/>

The news sites and the alternative news media:

<http://drudgereport.com/>

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

<http://reason.com/>

Andrew Breitbart's websites:

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

Conservative Websites:

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

<http://conservalinked.com/>

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

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

www.coalitionoftheswilling.net

<http://shortforordinary.com/>

A conservative worldview:

<http://www.divineviewpoint.com/sane/>

<http://www.theamericanright.com/forums/index.php>

<http://politipage.com/>

Liberal News Sites

Democrat/Liberal news site:

<http://intoxination.net/>

News

CNS News:

<http://www.cnsnews.com/home>

News Organization (I mention them because I have seen 2 honest stories on their website, which shocked and surprised me):

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

Business News/Economy News

Investors Business Daily:

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

IBD editorials:

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

Great business and political [news](#):

www.wsj.com

www.businessinsider.com

Quick News

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>

Republican

Back to the basics for the Republican party:

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

Republican Stop Obamacare site:
<http://www.nrcc.org/codered/main.php>

North Suburban Republican Forum:
<http://www.northsuburbanrepublicanforum.org/>

Politics

You Decide Politics (it appears conservative to me):
<http://www.youdecidepolitics.com/>

The Left

From the left:
<http://www.loonwatch.com/>

Far left websites:
www.dailykos.com

Weatherman Underground 1969 "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows."
http://www.archive.org/details/YouDontNeedAWeathermanToKnowWhichWayTheWindBlows_925 (PDF, Kindle and other formats)
http://www.antiauthoritarian.net/sds_wuo/weather/weatherman_document.txt (Simple online text)

Insane, leftist blogs:
<http://teabaggerscoming.blogspot.com/>
<http://poorsquinky.com/politics/all.html>

Media

Media Research Center
<http://www.mrc.org/public/default.aspx>

Conservative Blogs

Mike's America
<http://mikesamerica.blogspot.com/>

Dick Morris:
<http://www.dickmorris.com/blog/>

David Limbaugh (great columns this week)
<http://davidlimbaugh.com/>

Texas Fred (blog and news):
<http://texasfred.net/>

Conservative Blogs:
<http://atimetochoose.wordpress.com/>
<http://americanelephant.com/>
http://www.freerepublic.com/tag/*/index

The top 100 conservative sites:
<http://deathby1000papercuts.com/dbkpreport/2010/02/the-conservative-100-most-popular-conservative-sites-feb-14-2010/>

Sensible blogger Burt Folsom:
<http://www.burtfolsom.com/>

Janine Turner's website (I'm serious; and the website is serious too). This is if you have an interest in real American history:
<http://constitutingamerica.org/>

Conservative news/opinion site:
<http://www.humanevents.com/>

The Left Coast Rebel:
<http://www.leftcoastrebel.com/>

Good conservative blogs:
<http://tammybruce.com/>
<http://therealbarackobama.wordpress.com/>
<http://faultlineusa.blogspot.com/>
<http://makenolaw.org/> (the Free Speech blog)
<http://www.baltimorereporter.com/>
<http://www.fireandreamitchell.com/>
www.rightofanation.com

The Romantic Poet's Webblog:
<http://romanticpoet.wordpress.com/>

Brain Shavings (common sense from the Buckeye State):
<http://brainshavings.com/>

Green Hell blog:
<http://greenhellblog.com/>

Daniel Hannan's blog:
<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/author/danielhannan/>

Conservative blog:
<http://wyblog.us/blog/>

Richard O'Leary's websites:
www.letfreedomwork.com
www.freedomtaskforce.com
<http://www.eccentrix.com/members/beacon/>

Freedom Works:
<http://www.freedomworks.org/>

Yankee Phil's Blogspot:
<http://yankeephil.blogspot.com/>

Excellent list of Blogs on the bottom, right-hand side of this page:
<http://gatewaypundit.firstthings.com/>

Babes

And simply because I like cute, intelligent babes:
<http://alisonrosen.com/>

Liberty Chick:
<http://libertychick.com/>

Dee Dee's political blog:
<http://somosrepublicans.com/author/deedee/>

The Latina Freedom Fighter:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/LatinaFreedomFighter>

Ann Althouse ("Crusty conservative coating, creamy hippie love chick center.")
<http://althouse.blogspot.com/>

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

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

A mixed bag of blogs and news sites

Left and right opinions with an international flair:
<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/>

This is an odd blog; conservatism, bikinis and whatever else posted by either a P.I. or the brother of a P.I.:
<http://pibillwarner.wordpress.com/>

More out-there blogs and sites

Angry White Dude (okay, maybe we conservatives are angry?):
<http://angrywhitedude.com/>

Mofo Politics (a very anti-Obama site):
<http://www.mofopolitics.com/>

Info Wars, because there is a war on for your mind (this site may be a little crazy??):
<http://www.infowars.com/>

The Magic Negro Watch (this is peppered with obscenities and angry conservative rhetoric):
<http://magicnegrowatch.blogspot.com/>

Okay, maybe this guy is racist:
<http://angrywhitedude.com/>

Media

Glenn Beck's shows online:
<http://www.watchglennbeck.com/>

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

Joe Dan Media (great vids and music):
<http://www.youtube.com/user/JoeDanMedia>

The Patriot's Network (important videos; the latest):

<http://patriotsnetwork.com/>

PolitiZoid on YouTube:

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

Reason TV

<http://reason.tv/>

This guy posts some excellent vids:

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

(ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Bailouts

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>



HipHop Republicans:

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

From:

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

TOPICS

Border

Do you want to watch what is happening on our border? These are actual videos of observations cams along the border:

<http://secureborderintel.org/>
<http://borderinvasionpics.com/>

Secure the Border:

<http://securetheborder.org/>

Capitalism

Liberty Works (conservative, economic site):

<http://libertyworks.com/>

Capitalism Magazine:

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

Communism

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>

Congress

No matter what your political stripe, you will like this; evaluate your Congressman or Senator on the issues:

<http://www.ontheissues.org/default.htm>
<http://www.cagw.org/government-affairs/ratings/2008/ratings-database.html>
<http://www.cagw.org/reports/pig-book/2009/pork-database.html>

Corrupt Media

The Economy/Economics

Bush "Tax Cut" myths and fallacies:

<http://libertyworks.com/category/obamanomics/bush-tax-cut-myths-fallacies/>

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

<http://defeatthedebt.com/>

Recovery (dot) gov (where our money is being spent):

<http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

A collection of articles by Michelle Malkin about Obama's war against jobs:

<http://michellemalkin.com/category/politics/obama-jobs-death-toll/>

If you have a set of liberal friends, email them one chart a week from here (go to the individual chart, and then choose download and format):

<http://www.heritage.org/budgetchartbook/>

AC/DC economics (start with the oldest lessons first; economics in 60 second bites):

<http://www.youtube.com/user/ACDCLeadership#p/a>

Economist and talk show host Walter E. Williams:

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

The conservative plan to get us out of this financial mess:

www.Americanroadmap.org

The Freedom Project (most a conservative news and opinion site which appears to concentrate on matters financial)

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

Bankrupting America, with great videos and maps:

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

This appears to be a daily pork report, apparently as pork in Washington bills is discovered, it gets posted at Tom Coburg's website:

<http://coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=WashingtonWaste>

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

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

Global Warming/Climate Change

This is an interesting site; it seems to be devoted to the debate of climate change:

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

Global Warming headlines:

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

Dr. Roy Spencer on climate change:

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

Not Evil, Just Wrong video on Global Warming

<http://noteviljustwrong.com/>

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

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

Global Warming Hoax:

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

Global Warming Site:

<http://www.climatedepot.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>

Wall Street Journal's articles on Climate Change:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704007804574574101605007432.html>

Michael Crichton on global warming as a religion:

<http://www.michaelcrichton.net/speech-environmentalismasreligion.html>

This man questions global warming:

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

Healthcare

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>

Republican healthcare plan:

<http://www.gop.gov/solutions/healthcare>

Health Care:

<http://fixhealthcarepolicy.com/>

Betsy McCaughey's Health Care Site:

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

Obamacare Watch:

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

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

<http://joinpatientsfirst.com/>

Obamacare class action suit (as of today, joining in on the suit costs you whatever you want to donate, if I understand the form correctly):

<http://www.van4congress.org/contact/obamacare-class-action/>

Islam

Islam:

www.thereligionofpeace.com

Jihad Watch

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

Answering Muslims (a Christian site):

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

Muslim demographics:

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

Muslim Demographics (this is outstanding):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-3X5hIFXYU>

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

A Muslim apologetic site (they will write out letters to express *your feelings*, and all you have to do is sign them, and they will send them on):
<http://www.faithfulamerica.org/>

Celebrity Jihad (no, really).
<http://www.celebjihad.com/>

Legal

The Alliance Defense Fund:
<http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/>

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

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

Military

Here is an interesting military site:
<http://www.militaryphotos.net/forums/>

This is the link which caught my eye from there:
<http://www.militaryphotos.net/forums/showthread.php?t=169400>

The real story of the surge:
<http://www.understandingthesurge.org/>

National Security

Keep America Safe:
<http://www.keepamericasafe.com/>

Race Relations

A little history of Republicans and African-Americans:

<http://grandoldpartisan.typepad.com/blog/>

Oil Spill

Since this will be with us for a long time, the timeline of the BP gulf oil spill:
<http://directorblue.blogspot.com/2010/05/obamas-katrina-illustrated-timeline.html>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/epic/bpdot/7816715/Gulf-of-Mexico-oil-spill-timeline.html>
<http://www.treehugger.com/files/2010/05/bp-gulf-oil-spill-timeline.php>

This is cool: a continuous timeline of the spill, with the daily info and the expansion of the oil, and the response:
<http://www.esri.com/services/disaster-response/gulf-oil-spill-2010/timeline-advanced.html>

Cool Sites

Weasel Zippers scours the internet for great stuff:
<http://weaselzippers.us/>

The 100 most hated conservatives:
<http://media.glennbeck.com/docs/100americans-pg1.pdf>

Still to Classify

Army Ranger Michael Behenna sentenced to 25 years in prison for 25 years for shooting Al Qaeda operative
<http://defendmichael.wordpress.com/>

Maybe the White House does not need to hold press conferences? It releases *exclusive* articles daily right here:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-and-releases>

If you want to see 1984 style-rhetoric and tactics, see:
<http://www.freepress.net/>

Project World Awareness:
<http://projectworldawareness.com/>

Bookworm room
<http://www.bookwormroom.com/>

This is quite helpful; it is a list of all leftist groups, with links to background information on each of these groups (when I checked, 879 groups were listed). This is a fantastic resource.
<http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/summary.asp?object=Organization&category=>

Commentary Magazine:
<http://www.commentarymagazine.com/>

Family Security Matters (families and national security):
<http://www.familysecuritymatters.org/>

America's Right
<http://americasright.com/>

Emerging Corruption (founded by an ACORN whistle blow):
<http://emergingcorruption.com/>

In case you need to reference this, here are the photos of all those on the JournoList:
<http://iowontheworld.com/blog/?p=29858>

A place where you may find news no one else is carrying:
<http://www.lookingattheleft.com/>

News Website to get the Headlines and very brief coverage:
<http://www.newser.com/>

National Institute for Labor Relations Research
<http://www.nilrr.org/>

Independent American:
<http://www.independentamerican.org/>

If you want to be scared or depressed:

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/>

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/>

Whizbang (news and views):
<http://wizbangblog.com/>

John T. Reed comments on current events:
<http://johntreed.com/headline.html>

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/>

Their homepage:
<http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/default.asp>

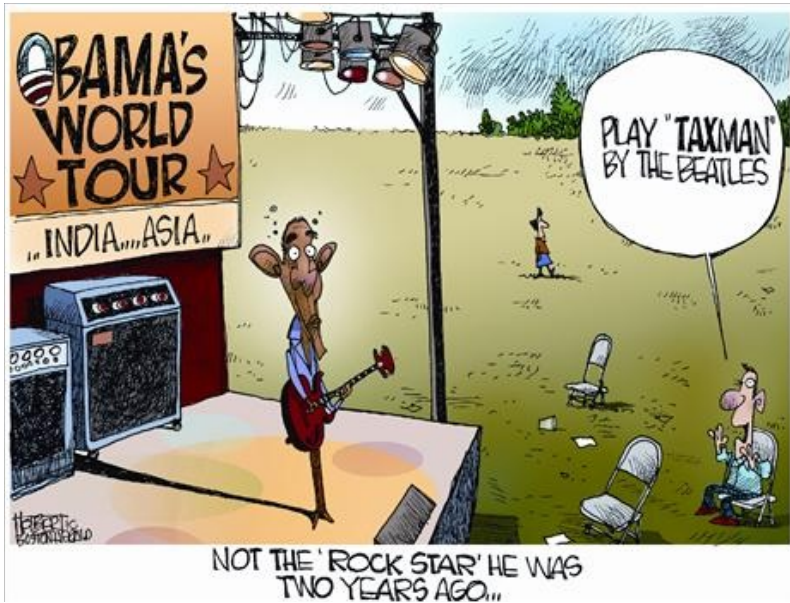
Wall Builders:
<http://www.wallbuilders.com/default.asp>

One of the more radical people from the right, calling for the impeachment of Obama:
<http://www.ldlad.com/>

The Center for Freedom and Prosperity, a free enterprise site (there are several videos on the flat tax):
<http://www.freedomandprosperity.org/>

The Tax Foundation:

<http://taxfoundation.org/>



Compare your state with other states with regards to state taxes:

http://taxfoundation.org/files/f&f_booklet_20100326.pdf

Political news and commentary from the Louisiana Political News Wire:

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

This is a pretty radical site which alleges that Obama is a Marxist hell-bent in taking over our country:

<http://commieblaster.com/>

1982 interview with Larry Grathwohl on Ayers' plan for American re-education camps and the need to kill millions

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

Another babebolicious conservative (Kim Priestap):

<http://politics.upnorthmommy.com/>

Stop Spending our Future:

<http://stopspendingourfuture.org/>

DeeDee also blogs at:

<http://somosrepublicans.com/author/deedee/>

Somos Republicans:

<http://somosrepublicans.com/>

In case you want to see how other conservatives are thinking,

Zomblog:

<http://www.zombietime.com/zomblog/>

Conservative news site:

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

<http://conservativeamericannews.com/>

Here's an interesting new site (new to me):

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

This is actually a whole list of stories about the side-effects of Obamacare (e.g., Obamacare may be fatal to your health savings account; Medical devices tax will cost jobs; young will pay higher insurance rates, etc.): Send one-a-day of each story to your favorite liberal friends:

<http://blog.heritage.org/tag/side-effects/>

Here is an interesting blog, but, it is not all conservative stuff:

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

These are some very good comics:

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

Helps for liberals to call conservative talk shows:

<http://radio.barackobama.com/>

Sarah Palin's facebook notes:

<http://www.facebook.com/notes.php?id=24718773587>

Media Research Center:

<http://www.mrc.org/public/default.aspx>

Must read articles of the day:
<http://lucianne.com/>

The Big Picture:
<http://www.bigpicweblog.com/exp/index.php>

Talk of Liberty
<http://talkofliberty.com>

Lux Libertas
<http://www.luxlibertas.com/>

Conservative website:
<http://www.unitedliberty.org/>
<http://gatewaypundit.firstthings.com/>

Excellent articles on economics:
<http://www.cato-at-liberty.org/>
<http://www.downsizinggovernment.org/>

(Excellent video on the Department of Agriculture posted)

Your daily cartoon:
<http://daybydaycartoon.com/>

This is a news site which I just discovered; they gave 3 minute coverage to Obama's healthcare summit and seemed to give a pretty decent overall view of it, without slanting one way or the other:

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/>
(The segment was:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU-evdGu1Sk>)

I have glanced through their website and it seems to be quite professional and reasonable. They have apparently been around since 1942.

An online journal of opinions:
<http://caffeinatedthoughts.com/>

American Civic Literacy:
<http://www.americancivilliteracy.org/>

The Dallas TEA Party Organization (with some pretty good vids):
www.dallasteaparty.org

America people's healthcare summit online:
<http://healthtransformation.net/>

This is fantastic; Florida (the Sunshine State) is now putting its state budget online:
<http://transparencyflorida.gov>

New conservative website:



<http://www.theconservativelion.com>

Conservative website:
<http://www.unitedliberty.org/>

Suzanne Somers s supposed to be older than Bill O'Reilly? He interviewed her this week, and she looked, well, hot. She is big into vitamins and human growth hormones.
<http://www.suzannesomers.com/Default.aspx>

The latest Climate news:
<http://www.climatedepot.com/>

Obama cartoons:

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

Education link:

<http://sirkenrobinson.com/>

<http://sirkenrobinson.com/skr/>

News from 2100:

<http://thepeoplescube.com/>

How you can get your piece of the stimulus pie:

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

Always excellent articles:

<http://www.dickmorris.com/blog/>

The National Journal, which is a political journal (which, at first glance, seems to be pretty even-handed):

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/njonline/>

Conservative blog: Dan Cleary, political insomniac:

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

Stand by Liberty:

<http://standbyliberty.org/>

And I am hoping that most people see this as non-partisan: Citizens Against Government Waste:

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

Lower taxes, smaller government, more freedom:

Citizens Against Government Waste:

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

Conservative website featuring stories of the day:

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

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

Christian Blog:

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

News feed/blog:

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

News site:

<http://lucianne.com/>

Note sure yet about this one:

<http://looneyleft.com/>

Conservative news and opinion:

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

Conservative versus liberal viewpoints:

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



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

<http://midknightgraphs.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/>

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/>

The current Obama czar roster:

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

Blue Dog Democrats:

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

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/>

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.Atlasshugs.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/>

The psychology of homosexuality:

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

International News:

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

The Patriot Post:

<http://patriotpost.us/>

Obama timeline:

<http://exemployee.wordpress.com/2008/05/31/a-timeline-of-barack-obamas-political-career/>

Tax professor's blog:

<http://taxprof.typepad.com/>

I hate the media...

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

Palin TV (see her interviews unedited):

<http://www.palintv.com>

Liberal filter for FoxNews: News Hounds (motto: We watch FOX so you don't have to). Be clear on this; they *do not want you to watch FoxNews*.

<http://www.newshounds.us/>

Asharq Alawsat Mid-eastern news site:

<http://www.aawsat.com/english/default.asp>

