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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

60 Minute newswoman, Lara Logan, was attacked when reporting from Egypt during the

celebrations. She was separated from her group and then beat and sexually molested. Apparently a group of women and Egyptian army personnel saved her.

Islamist cleric Yusuf al-Qardawi leads Friday prayers to huge crowd in Tahrir Square, calling for the "Re-Conquest" of Jerusalem. Is that in your news?

Iranian war ships were granted passage to move through the Suez Canal. They will cross the canal Monday.

Given all that has been occurring throughout the Middle East, the UN has been recently been embroiled in writing a resolution to condemn Israel's continued settlement activity (that is, they are building houses for people to live in).

North Korea is reportedly importing animal feed grain from China to distribute on the market for human consumption as the regime struggles with food shortages.

U.S. prisoners managed to scam the IRS for \$39 million (I assume for the fiscal year 2009). In 2008, Congress passed a law to fix this problem, but it only got worse.

The port director in San Diego seems to have admitted that there has already been a WMD found in the U.S.

ICE allowed the release of 890 imprisoned deportable aliens, convicted of serious crimes, into U.S. in 2009.

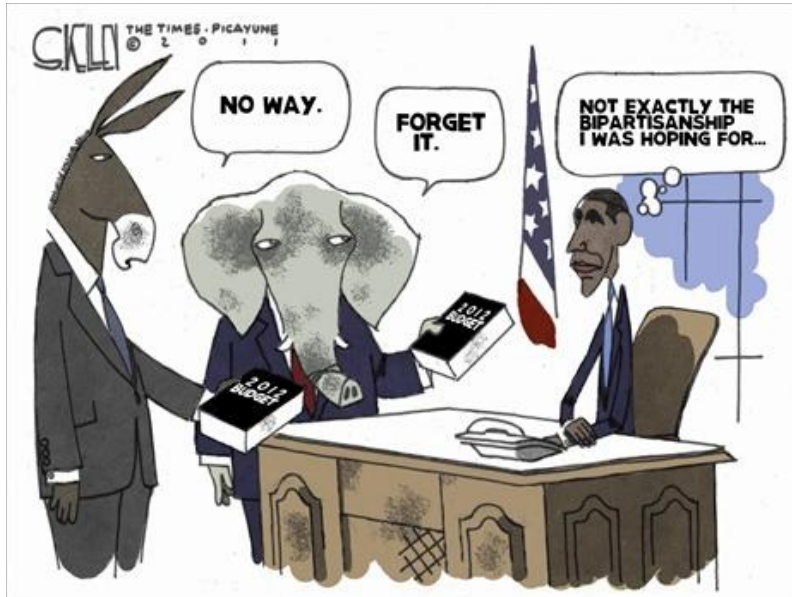
111 people from 9 different cities were arrested in a Medicare fraud bust.

President Obama's budget gets negative press in his own liberal media.

Although Obama's proposed budget does nothing to really reduce the deficit, the Republicans have



come back with a pathetic \$61 billion in savings for the remainder of this fiscal year. Unless they back this up with serious entitlement reform, conservatives are going to be very disappointed.



Obama is presently working on a \$556 billion Stimulus Bill. I don't think he will call it Stimulus2.

Wisconsin spending is coming head-to-head with the Wisconsin teacher unions. The latest proposals call for the teachers to pay a small portion of their own retirement and medical (which would still put them below what private workers contribute). There is also a call to remove collective bargaining from the teacher's union. Activists from all over have been bused into Wisconsin. Unions realize that this showdown is important and its effects could reverberate across the United States.

A vote which would limit the function of public unions in Wisconsin was avoided by all the Democrats hopping into a bus, going to Illinois, and then releasing a list of demands to CNN.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, doing exactly what he promises in the election, has proposed

to limit state employee wage increases by the rate of inflation unless approved in a voter referendum. State workers -- other than police, fire, and inspectors -- will lose many bargaining rights; and state workers will be able to opt out of paying union dues after current contracts expire, with dues no longer collected automatically. Furthermore, state workers will have to raise the amount they contribute to their pensions to 5.8 percent of salary, and double their contribution to health insurance premiums to 12.6 percent of salary (both of which are still about half what is paid in the private sector). These concessions will mean that Walker will not have to lay off any workers (which appears to be what the left wants to see, because, that is advantageous to them, politically speaking).

Obama's Organizing for America is sending protestors into Wisconsin.

Michigan union is hiring homeless people to picket.

The US government is offering private intelligence companies contracts to create software to manage "fake people" on social media sites (like Facebook, YouTube, Friendster) and create the illusion of consensus on controversial issues. This story is every bit as important as the Obama Press Corps Email news briefing, which the press completely ignored.

Did you hear that there has been some technological advancement in getting oil in North Dakota, and the oil business is booming there. My understanding is, they can produce more oil than we were getting in the Gulf. Keep this on the down-low. We do not want Obama to know about this.

Federal Communications Commissioner Michael Copps has decided that the decline of journalism means that it is high time that the federal government became involved in media. He gave 2 examples of opinion media as examples—both

were FoxNews and both involved things that he said that Fox reported.

A recent evaluation of electric cars had Government Motor's Volt at the very bottom of the list.

Radical leftist protestors demonstrate in front of John Boehner's residence. Apparently, when TEA party groups attempted to demonstrate, they ran into all kinds of restrictions when it came to obtaining permits, etc.; but these other groups seem to have very little trouble.

Berkeley, CA has invited released Gitmo detainees to move there.

News commentator, Lawrence O'Donnell, proposes that a particular Congressman begin to pay taxes on money that he has saved by *not* paying rent in Washington D.C. He called Jason Chaffetz a tax criminal for sleeping in his office.

A Ted Kennedy Museum has been proposed, and it will only cost taxpayers \$68 million.

Muslim cleric Anjem Choudary, has just announced he will hold a protest outside the White House on March 3rd, according to the Daily Mail. "The event is a rally, a call for the Sharia, a call for the Muslims to rise up and establish the Islamic state in America," Choudary told London's Daily Mail in an interview.

Reports of 200 dead: Libyan forces open fire on mourners at funeral for slain protesters.

Russia's Chechnya region now has a Muslim dress code for its state workers, which includes headscarves for women and an Islamic dress code on Fridays. Apparently, "casual Fridays" has been replaced by "Muslim Fridays."

Remember how Columbia University and others did not want ROTC on campus because of the

military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy? A war hero has gone to Columbia University to talk in favor of ROTC, and he was jeered, hissed at and booed, then laughed at and called a racist.

If you own an iPhone and live in New York City, there is an app which will tell you where the nearest free condoms can be gotten. NYC might be laying off teachers, but, at least these teachers can get free condoms.

SEIU solidarity marches are planned for tomorrow, Monday, in several states.



New CBO Report: Obamacare repeal would save \$1.4 Trillion.

Florida, New Jersey, Ohio, and Tennessee are granted waivers from Obamacare.

U.S. soldiers love the new punisher smart weapon.

You know all of the political things going on. So far, I have seen two liberal newsmen grill prominent Republicans about Obama's birth

certificate; and Mika, from Morning Joe, is much more interested on where Paul Ryan sleeps than what he has to say about Wisconsin's money problems.

Say What?

Liberals:

New White House Press secretary, Jay Carney, when asked about the Stimulus, said, "The goals [of the Stimulus package] have been met."

Jay Carney: "The reality, as time passed, was, the hole that we were in...was much deeper than we knew even in December or November." Recall that the Bush recession was compared over and over and over again to the Great Depression.

DNC chairman Tim Kaine: "Governors and others in state houses across this country on the Republican side have decided what they want to do is wage a war against their own employees."

Charlie Rangel: "Look, the attempt in Wisconsin is to use the budget process in order to crush the union movement . . . across the state, across the states of the United States of America."

Harry Reid: "Social Security is a program that works and is fully funded for the next 40 years. Stop picking on social security."

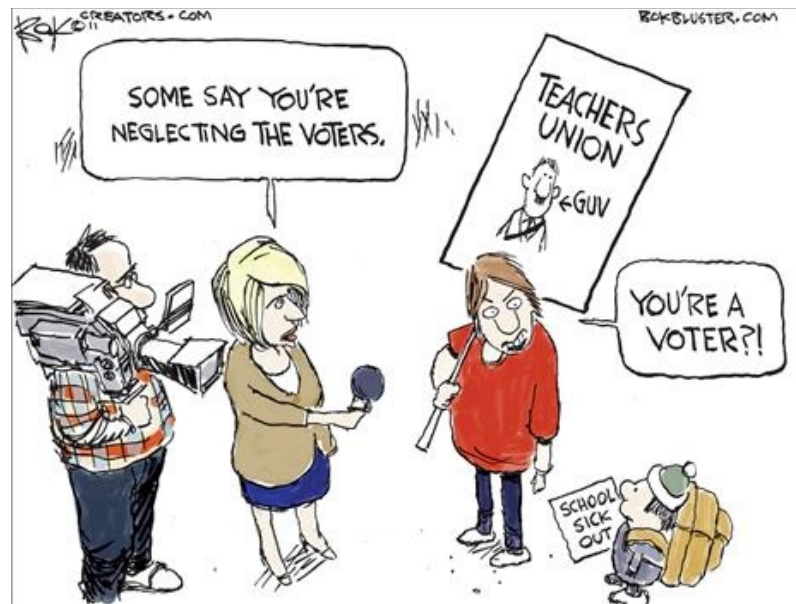
Sheila Jackson Lee on defending public monies being spend on Planned Parenthood: "This is not about abortion, this is about saving lives." Planned Parenthood gets about a third of its budget from the federal government and performs 300,000 or so abortions each year.

Wisconsin State Senator Mark Miller called CNN with a list of demands from his hiding place in Illinois, including this one: "We demand that the provisions that completely eliminate the ability of workers. to negotiate on a fair basis with their employers be removed from the budget repair

bill and any other future budget." That is, collective bargaining for public employees is sacrosanct.

Nancy Pelosi, about the Democrat congressmen who are hiding out, refusing to show up to debate and vote the Wisconsin budget: "I saw some of them speak on TV, and they were very proud of the action that they took. I'm very proud of what they are doing."

Rachel Maddow: "I'm here to report that there is nothing wrong in the state of Wisconsin. Wisconsin is fine. Wisconsin is great, actually. Despite what you may have heard about Wisconsin's finances, Wisconsin is on track to have a budget surplus this year."



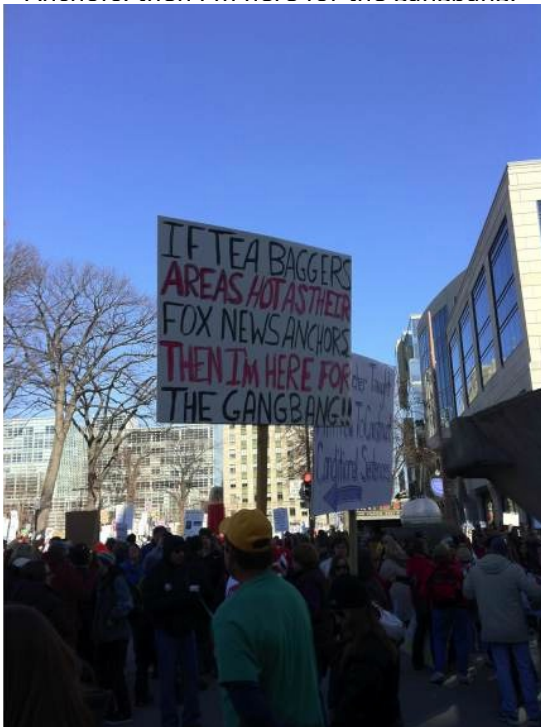
Diane Sawyer (this is a news broadcast): Today, we saw America's money trouble meet a reality, a human reality, as teachers, nurses, tens of thousands of state workers took to the streets in this country protesting cuts by the governors, saying to these governors, a promise is a promise. One lawmaker looked out at the crowds gathered

in the Wisconsin capital today said it's like Cairo moved to Madison.

Gwen Moore: "I would plead with my colleagues ...not to de-fund Planned Parenthood...I know all about having Black babies...I had my first baby at the ripe old age of 18, an unplanned pregnancy...I just want to tell you a little bit about what it's like not to have Planned Parenthood. You have to add water to the formula; you have to give your kids Ramen noodles at the end of the month to fill up their little bellies so that they won't cry; you have to give them mayonnaise sandwiches."

Berkeley Peace and Justice Commissioner Rita Maran said that Gitmo detainees are "the kind of people you'd like to have living next door to you or dating your cousin."

More civility from the left; sign in Wisconsin: "If TeaBagger's Are as Hot as Their Fox News Anchors. then I'm here for the gangbang." '



AlterNet.org post concerning 2012 presidential hopeful Herman Cain for being a black conservative: "I find black garbage pail kids, black conservatives fascinating, not because of what they believe but rather because of how they entertain and perform for their white conservative masters."

Ed Schultz to Rush Limbaugh "[go] wrap your fat ass in the flag." Schultz continues to exemplify the high ideals of civility that the left is known for.

Another AlterNet comment on Herman Cain: "We always need a monkey in the window, for he/she reminds us of our humanity while simultaneously reinforcing a sense of our own superiority. "

AlterNet describes its approach as an "editorial mix underscores a commitment to fairness, equality and global stewardship, and to making connections across generational, ethnic and issue lines."

Steny Hoyer: "There are a whole lot of people in the Tea Party that I see in these polls who don't want any compromise. My presumption is they have unhappy families."

George Soros: "I think the people in the TEA Party are very decent people, hard-working. They have been hit by a force that comes from somewhere which they can't fully understand. And they are being misled. And they are misled by people who are using it for their selfish purposes, namely to remove regulations and reduce taxation."

Hillary Clinton: "I think it is absolutely clear to say number one, that it's been American policy for many years that settlements were illegitimate and it is the continuing goal and highest priority of the Obama Administration to keep working toward a two state solution with both Israelis and Palestinians."

The Food Liberation Army: As citizens we have lost faith in the political system and its values; politicians who are allowed to do anything and still remain in power. As consumers, we are tired of making a difference by our purchasing decisions, as well as faceless companies whose only value is money. We want our lives back.

Charlie Sheen's advice for the youth of America: "Stay off the crack. unless you can manage it socially. If you can manage it socially, then go for it."

Liberals from the Past:

Obama called the Stimulus bill: "the most sweeping economic recovery package in our history."

Liberals making sense:

Joe Klein: "Revolutions everywhere-in the middle east, in the middle west. But there is a difference: in the middle east, the protesters are marching for democracy; in the middle west, they're protesting against it. I mean, Isn't it, well, a bit ironic that the protesters in Madison, blocking the state senate chamber, are chanting "Freedom, Democracy, Union" while trying to prevent a vote?"

Crosstalk:

Lawrence O'Donnell, Host: You're living in your office. You've been living in your office for two years now in the House of Representatives?

Representative Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah): No, I live in Alpine, Utah. That's where my home is.

O'Donnell: Oh, that's your answer on your tax return, right? Because have you filed on your 2009 tax return, have you filed the equivalent income you have in effect received by illegally living for free in a federal building?

Chaffetz: I reject the whole premise of what you're saying there. I live in Alpine, Utah. That's my home. I work here in Washington.

O'Donnell: Where are you sleeping tonight?

Chaffetz: I work here in Washington, D.C. They asked me to come to the floor at 2:00 in the morning. I am not sure I'm going to be sleeping anywhere tonight because we're going through a continuing resolution.

O'Donnell: Congressman, you have given yourself.

Chaffetz: That is the reality. The reality is I will not necessarily go to sleep tonight.

O'Donnell: Congressman, you have seized, you have illegally seized from the federal taxpayer a personal income benefit that saves you the rent money that you would pay in Washington like all of your fellow Congressmen who are responsible, who pay rent in Washington. How much money do you save by not paying rent in Washington? Would you say you save \$20,000 a year off your \$175,000 salary?

Chaffetz: Oh, it depends on month to month. I mean.

O'Donnell: Do you declare that savings as income as you are legally obliged to do or **are you sleeping in your office as a tax criminal?**

Chaffetz: I reject the whole premise of your question and the way you phrased it. I am trying to save money for myself, my family.

Rep. Gwen Moore of Wisconsin, in defending Planned Parenthood, went as far as implying that it is better to have an abortion than make a child be forced to live "eating Ramen noodles" and

"mayonnaise sandwiches." [I cannot find the entire quotation].

Lori Ziganto "So according to DemRep Moore, there is NO right to life. But there is a right to NO Ramen."

Question: "In announcing the trip to the UK, in recent weeks the British Prime Minister, the French President, the German Chancellor have all denounced multiculturalism. Does the President share the view of his NATO allies?"

Jay Carney: "I'm not aware of those comments by those leaders."

Conservatives:

Allen West: "Over this past week I have watched and listened to members of the House of Representatives from across the aisle. I am appalled at their ignorance, belligerence, and dishonest rhetoric filled with empty emotional platitudes. Have they no shame in realizing that their inept, incompetent failures are the reason why we are debating this continuing resolution. They failed to pass a budget during the 111th Congress. Have they no honor in realizing that their fiscal irresponsibility over the past four years has resulted in our standing on the precipice of a fiscal canyon from which we may not recover."

Allen West continues: "Also troubling are the events in the state of Wisconsin which mirror those that happened in Greece several months ago. We are witnessing the abject hostility of a unionized entitlement class that is being lauded by the liberal left, seemingly to include our President."

Herman Cain: "Wisconsin is ground zero for the rest of the nation."

Herman Cain: "My question to the other side is, what part of 'broke' do you all not understand?"

Dana Perino on Obama's comment on the Wisconsin union demonstrations: "He nationalize the debate, and so here we are."

Bill O'Reilly: "The key to education is not money; it's discipline." (Quoted from memory)

Niall Ferguson: "I do think that the President regards making touchy-feely speeches as a substitute for having a strategy, and I want to emphasize the risks that are currently being run in that region. If you look at history - and remember, I'm a historian - most revolutions do



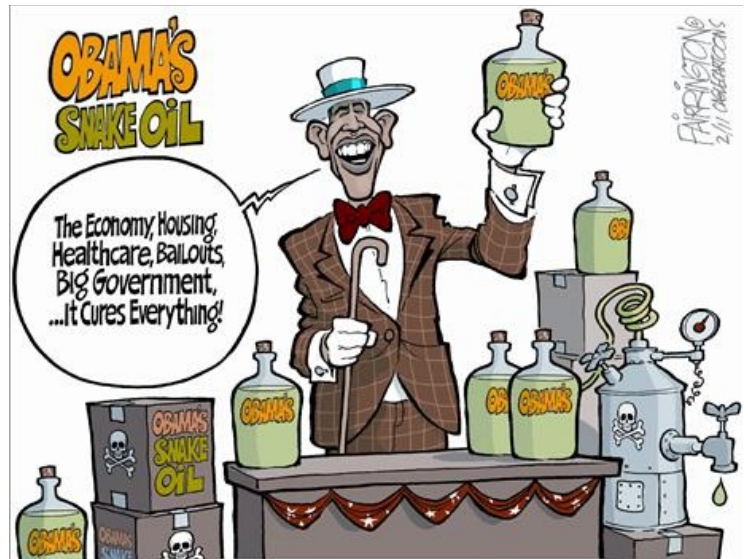
not lead to happy-clappy democracies, but to periods of internal turmoil, often to periods of terror, and they also lead to external aggression because the simplest way to mobilize people in a relatively poor and not very well-educated country like Egypt is to point to the alleged enemy within and then, of course, the enemy abroad. The scenarios that the Israelis are looking at involve a transition not to some kind of peaceful and amicable democracy, but to a

Muslim Brotherhood-dominated regime, which then pursues an aggressive policy towards Israel. This is not a zero-probability scenario, this is a high-probability scenario, and as far as I can see the President isn't considering it."

think they are because they know what you're not reporting."

Rush: "Barack Obama is the first trillionaire in American history. He treats the federal budget as his money to spend and do with whatever he wants."

NEW LIFE IN THE MIDDLE EAST



Daily Caller columnist Carolyn May on Ted Kennedy's new museum: "You've got to hand it to him, even in death former Democratic Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy can spend the taxpayer's money."

Rush Limbaugh: "AFL-CIO national president Richard Trumka is expected to join thousands of demonstrators at noon in Wisconsin today. That's sort of like the head of the Muslim Brotherhood showing up at Tahrir Square in Cairo."

Letter to O'Reilly with regards to the Muslim attack on Lara Logan: "Can you imagine a Muslim woman being raped by a group of American thugs? The world would be on fire."

Rush: "This is not a democratic movement whatsoever in Wisconsin. In fact, they are trying to stop democracy. They're doing everything they can to disrupt legally elected representatives from doing the work of the people, and Obama and his organizations are encouraging this."

DrJohn from Flopping Aces, article headline: "He's only your president if you belong to a union."

Rush: "I don't know what to tell people, anymore. There isn't any money for these unions. In your own home when there isn't any money, what do you do? Do you go on strike against your own family?"

John Boehner: "I believe the president is a citizen; I believe he is a Christian."

Rush Limbaugh: "You guys in the media, this is 2011. This is not 1995 or 1980. You're dealing with a public that is far more informed than you

Rush: "Have you heard Governor Walker blame his predecessor? Have you heard him talk about the rotten situation he inherited, like our boy-child President Barack Obama always does? No."

Joe Biden Prophecy Watch

Iranian warships are in the Suez canal, and have been granted passage by Egypt. They should go through Monday.

Quote from the movie *Iranium*: "Mutually assured destruction is not a deterrent [to Iran]; it is an inducement."

Must-Watch Media

Herman Cain, possible Republican candidate: The first is him speaking in Madison, WI (notice, there is no teleprompter, and no notes).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVo7495RKW4>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-4NZ2L4lzc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEyyWkh8hBQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVLx4IXZz94>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4mjXAwPHPw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xe7l3NBrKI>

Glenn Beck on abortion, featuring Lila Rose (who ought to be a household name) (Friday's show):

<http://watchglennbeck.com/>

Glenn Beck on the federal debt and inflation:

<http://www.watchglennbeck.com/video/2011/february/glenn-beck-show-february-15-2011-dealing-with-the-budget/>

Beck compares the 12th imam to the antichrist of the Bible:

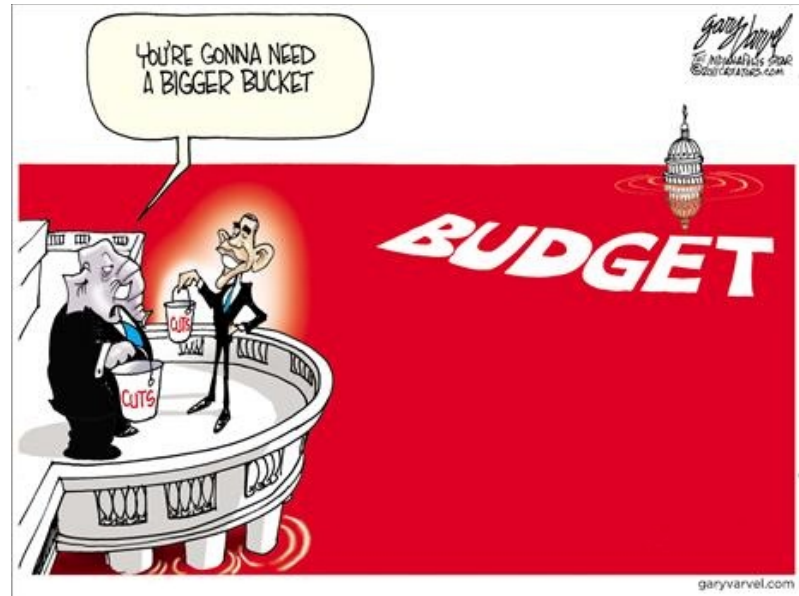
<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/beck-who-is-the-12th-imam/>

MSNBC makes a mistake and actually brings on an expert as asks something substantive:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9sMo-LTdSc>

What you could buy with \$3.7 trillion:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQZ-fSWHz64>



MSNBC manages to make up for this sensible interview by *newsman* Lawrence O'Donnell accusing a Congressman of being a tax criminal because he has slept in his office. However, this is a view into the mind of the ultra-liberal—it is legitimate to tax someone for inactivity or for not doing something. That is the basis of a mandated purchase of healthcare insurance. Video and transcript.

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/noel-sheppard/2011/02/16/lawrence-odonnell-calls-gop-congressman-tax-criminal-sleeping-his-off>

Reason TV on the budget; they are not kind to Democrats or Republicans (this is only 2 minutes):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aikAt-CqtjY>

Judge for yourself; is the port director saying WMD's have already been found coming across our border?

<http://floppingaces.net/2011/02/14/port-director-wmds-found-in-us/>

The voice of Reagan side by side many liberals: "Those voices don't speak for the rest of us."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wusgcG4rfo>



Joe Dan's new song:

"I am the Infidel"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYLvc96KY0>

"Watch your Freedom Burn."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3mlrC7QsQ0>

And banned from YouTube:

"Live to Die (for virgins in the sky)"

<http://www.joedanmedia.com/> (Second song down).

A blast from the past (turn up your volume and go full screen):

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hheD_j8irVg

Gwen Moore's passionate plea not to defund Planned Parenthood:

<http://therealbarackobama.wordpress.com/2011/02/18/rep-gwen-moore-abortion-for-unplanned-babies-better-than-eating-ramen-noodles/>

MoveOn.org "We Won't Go Back." This is an ad which suggests that Republicans will send women back to coat hanger abortions or to back alley abortions.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zCJigrTb9Q>

I would think that this Food Liberation Army is a put on, but these guys appear to be serious? I can't tell.

<http://floppingaces.net/2011/02/15/leftists-be-head-ronald-mcdonald-reader-post/#comment-312933>

A Little Comedy Relief

Jimmy Fallon: "Arkansas Congressman Steve Womack has proposed getting rid of funding for President Obama's teleprompter. Oh man, when Obama finds out, he's going to be speechless."

Short Takes

1) One of the reasons that liberals are so optimistic about the Egyptian revolution is, they believe that popular uprisings are good.

2) Also they do not know history.

3) And they tend to be very unrealistic.

4) I came up with a brilliant, cost-free idea, which will move the American people toward a more realistic view of money and the government: all government expenditures and all medical expenses paid by one's employer needs to be on the check itself. We need to see, month after month, how much money goes to Social Security and how much goes to Medicare, and decide, based upon that, if the government is the best person to hold all of this money.

5) 40% of the school teachers in Wisconsin (or in Madison? I am not sure which) called in sick. Their schools were shut down. It is now time for their governor to have a Reagan moment. Threaten firing and carry through with it. If Wisconsin goes a half year without school, they can make it work. Or, if they have to lower their standards to get temporary teachers, they can make it work. It is time someone led against these teacher unions.

6) What I do not grasp is, many liberals would support policies put forth by liberals, and then, a few years later, oppose those positions with great emotion. The latest one is "Don't Ask, Don't Tell;" a Clinton-era approach to gays in the military. I supported it then, and I support it now. If the policy is good, then it does not matter if it comes from a Democratic or Republican administration. Clinton balanced the federal budget; that is a good thing (urged by Republican Congress). John Kennedy not only supported tax cuts, but he sold this to the nation in many well-written speeches. FDR, who was an awful liberal who destroyed our economy for 12 years, was against public unions. He understood that, there is no one who actually stands up for the taxpayer in such negotiations, who actually will pay for whatever the union demands. These are issues that the left was originally on the right side of. What sense does it make to support these issues under one candidate, and then repudiate the same issues years later under a different candidate?

7) I will admit, when I first heard about Herman Cain as a Republican candidate, I thought of him as a Ron Paul or a Alan Keyes sort of candidate—an interesting addition, but not to be taken seriously. I am beginning to change my mind about this. I am told that happens after one hears Herman Cain speaking one time.

8) Greta interviewed a liberal student activist in Wisconsin from one of the local high schools. He had helped to organize several hundred people to

march in support of the unions. It was a good interview; Greta handled him with kid-gloves, asked him medium questions; did not interrupt him; did not go back for clarification and did not challenge him. This was a kid who was maybe 16 or 17 years old, and it was nice to see that Greta did not beat up on the kid or give him a hard time.

9) The idea that public unions ought to be able to negotiate their salaries makes my head want to explode. There is never anyone who is negotiating in the interest of the taxpayer. Usually, they negotiate with representatives of an administration that knows, if they are happy with the result, they might vote for him next time around; and if they aren't, they won't. Furthermore, it is not his money and, when the real money becomes due (for pensions and the like), he will be retired himself. All raises and pension benefits ought to be voted on by the public, because they are the ones who are paying this salary.

10) I have a brilliant, no-cost idea: businesses now need to reveal all costs which are being paid on behalf of their employees. This would include Social security and medicare costs. It is silly that these figures are hidden, and it is only because of politics that they are hidden.

11) Huckabee explained Obama's concept of investment. True investment is, I take my money and invest it in a stock or other investment vehicle and I either make money from this investment or lost money from this investment. Obama's concept of investment is, he takes money from us, pours it down some spending rat hole, and we never see it again. Like the Stimulus Bill.

12) For those of you who association revolution with freedom, you are very confused. The American War for Independence was not a true revolution, as it did not seek to remove the King of England from his throne; we sought

independence. Furthermore, the Founding Fathers were primarily Christians, and many were well-schooled in the philosophy of law, governments, freedom and human rights, and they knew both the Bible and Locke. None of that is true in Egypt or anywhere else in the Middle East.



Polling by the Numbers

Rasmussen:

55% of Likely U.S. Voters say, generally speaking, that the president's budget proposal cuts government spending too little.

10% say it cuts too much, while

26% say his budget cuts about the right amount.

51% of Republicans say the changes proposed by congressional Republicans cut too little, a view shared by 41% of voters not affiliated with either of the major political parties.

46% of Democrats think the GOP wants to cut too much.

Who do you regard as the greatest United States president?

President	%
Ronald Reagan	19
Abraham Lincoln	14
Bill Clinton	13
John Kennedy	11
George Washington	10
Franklin Roosevelt	8
Barack Obama	5
Theodore Roosevelt	3
Harry Truman	3
George W. Bush	2
Thomas Jefferson	2
Jimmy Carter	1
Dwight Eisenhower	1
George H.W. Bush	1
Andrew Jackson	*
Lyndon Johnson	*
Richard Nixon	*
Other	1
None	1
No opinion	5

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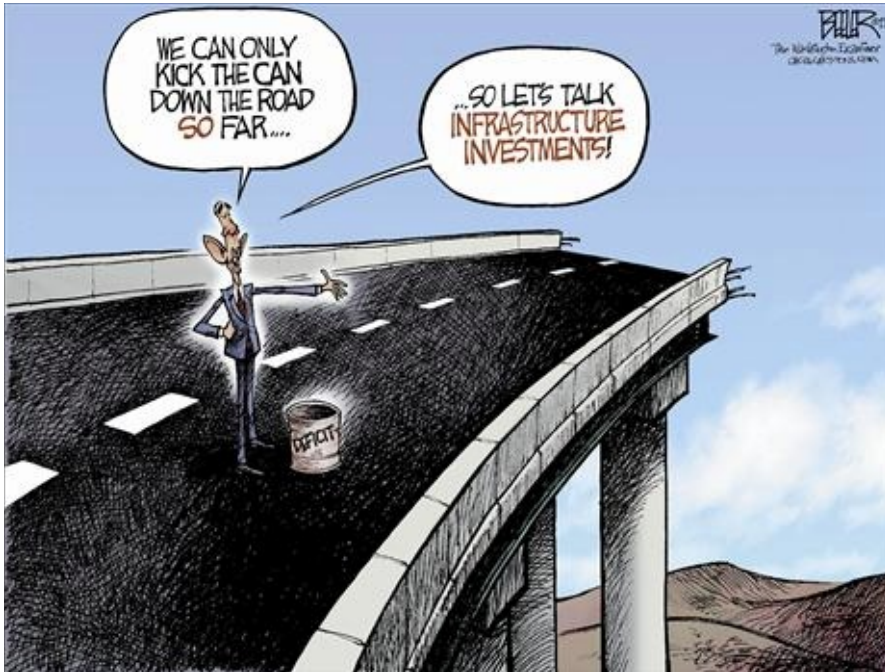
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By the Numbers

With regards to the average teacher salaries in Wisconsin, I have heard several figures. It appears that their average base salary is \$87,000/year and \$100,000/year if benefits have been figured into it. They are being asked to pay 12% of their retirement or medical (I forget which).

When Obama was inaugurated, the national debt was around \$10.6 trillion. It is now up to \$14 trillion, only 2 years later.



80,000 new workers have been hired by the federal government over the past 2 years.

Of the 589 stories on Obama's Recovery Act, only 9 of them mention that Obama promised to keep unemployment below 8% if this budget-busting bill was passed.

21 consecutive months of 9% or higher unemployment is the worst since the Great Depression.

7% of private workers in the U.S. are in a union. About a third of the public workers in the U.S. are in a union.

The Stimulus Law is now 2 years old and Dartmouth College studied it.

It was estimated that each job created cost somewhere between \$100,000 and \$400,000.

A Little Bias

I have mentioned on several occasions, how the alphabet media ignored the first demonstrations by the TEA parties, despite the fact that these were in the thousands and were nationwide. However, not only are the Wisconsin and other public union demonstrations covered, but the alphabet media is also taking sides here, on the side of the unions and against the taxpayers who are supporting them with their taxes.

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/brent-baker/2011/02/18/nets-champion-wisconsin-public-employee-mutiny-against-extreme-cuts>

Apart from FoxNews, if you saw any stories about the striking state workers and teachers in Wisconsin, I bet you never heard their salary or benefits specified. This is because, we would have a lot less sympathy for them, if we knew these numbers.

Do you recall the TEA party members shutting down the function of any federal, state, or local government? Essentially, the demonstrators in Wisconsin have filled up the state's capitol, so that, even if the runaway legislators return, it would be difficult to have a normal congressional session. Is there any press outrage over this?

Speaking about outrage from the press; throughout the Wisconsin demonstrations, there are signs which compare the Wisconsin governor to Hitler and other dictators; there is at least one sign with a target drawn on his head with the words "Don't retreat; reload" prominently displayed on the sign. Is this the discussion of all the Sunday talk shows? Do we hear the news clamoring for a more civilized discourse? Do we read editorials of liberals wringing their hands,

afraid that violence might break out due to these incendiary signs?

Speaking of the Wisconsin situation, news sources are sharply divided on this issue. I am hard-pressed to come up with an unbiased news story on this topic.

Saturday Night Live Misses

I must admit, I did laugh when they featured Bill O'Reilly interviewing Barack Obama. However, they continue to use the same approach: liberals are brilliant and conservatives, not so much.

I hope someone at SNL is hip to the Food Liberation Army. This is absolute gold. All they have to do is tighten up the presentation, and behold Ronald McDonald after 2 minutes.

Lots could be done with the unions in Wisconsin, their protest against the very little they are being asked to sacrifice.

Yay Democrats!

For marching in Wisconsin and protesting reasonable cost-cutting measures. We conservatives appreciate you doing that. It makes you look bad.

Obama-Speak

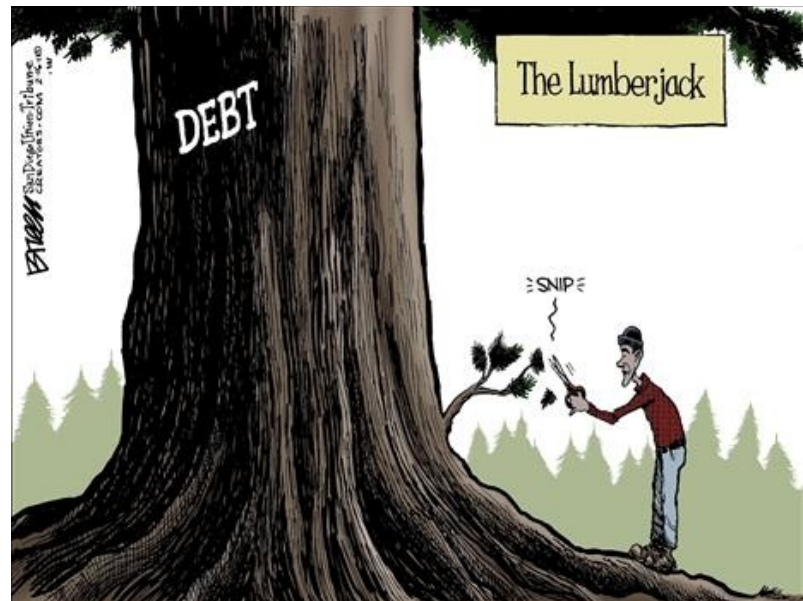
"We all need to tighten our belts" means, not me or Michele; no reduction in liberal programs either.

Questions for Obama

You keep speaking of a shared sacrifice; what is the shared sacrifice that unions ought to make throughout the United States?

Political Chess

Obama released an unacceptable budget which freezes expenditures at ridiculously high amounts. When Republicans, who have pledged to reduce the deficit, come in with cost-saving measures, these will be demagogued by Obama and the Democratic party in order to be elected in 2012. His other approach would have been to get together with Republicans and work out an agreed upon set of cuts which balanced the budget, and the result would have been certain reelection. However, Obama, like most Democrats, are not concerned with debt or deficits.



The unions are doing battle with the American people, planting their flag squarely in the ground in Wisconsin, calling for democracy while, simultaneously, keeping any debate and voting on congressional matters from moving forward. This was a BIG mistake. Unions should have taken the hit. They should have stood up and said, "People all over the United States are hurting financially; it is only reasonable that we share in this pain." Then, that would leave

everyone with a good impression of the unions, and, a few years from now, they can quietly take all of their gains back under democratic legislators and governors. Making a stand like this solidifies in the minds of the independent voters: unions are unreasonable; unions are aligned with Obama and the Democrats. Most independents pay very little attention to political matters, and they often vote, seat of their pants. Politically, it would be smart for the left to take this as a lost battle, wait 5–10 years, and take it all back then.

More Proof Obama is an Amateur

His support groups ought not to be in Wisconsin protesting. He should not speak out publicly on the Wisconsin budget battle; that will not just nationalize Wisconsin, but all budget battles in this next year. Good move for conservatives; not too smart on Obama's part.

You Know You're Being Brainwashed if...

If you think the unions will prevail in Wisconsin. This is going to result in almost an immediate domino effect in 10–20 states.

News Before it Happens

This showdown between the unions and various Republican governors is going to hurt the unions and the Democratic party. Most Republican governors were elected in order to curb state spending and the reign in the public union salary and benefits. End result is, public unions are going to be reduced in size and influence, which means less money to the Democrats in the upcoming election.

If Republicans don't show some more cost-cutting measures, TEA party people are going to blow a gasket.

Prophecies Fulfilled

Obama has essentially the same powers as Bush with respect to security, and yet, where is all of the outrage over a loss of privacy? Nonexistent now.

Gitmo is still open, Obama has broad powers under the Patriot Act, and we are still in Iraq and



The problem, as I see it is, far leftists have come so close in the United States of getting everything that they want that, they are not willing to put up with a setback or two. Obama did more for the left than any other president in 2 years than Carter and Clinton did combined. Now would be the time to lay low, take a few hits, and, in the cycle of politics, take it all back in a few election cycles.

Afghanistan. These were things which outraged the left about Bush, and we heard about them over and over again. However, now that Obama is president, not so much. Oh, remember how upset the left was over Bush's deficit? Obama is around 3x Bush's deficit, and yet, little or no outrage, and nothing in the papers or the mainstream media.

Inflation has begun. If you shop for food or gas, then you have actually noticed it.



A cartoonist likened the Egyptian demonstrators to TEA party people.

My Most Paranoid Thoughts

Iran is getting ready to bring in the 12th Imam.

Missing Headlines

White House to Fill Internet with Fake People

Obama now working on ½ trillion Stimulus bill

WMD already found in U.S.?

Sunday Pundits Keep Asking GOP Silly Questions

Come, let us reason together....

The Dishonest Gay Marriage Debate

Some of us have observed the homosexual movement from the very beginning. First, all they wanted to do was practice the sexual desires which "God gave them," so they managed to get sodomy laws abolished. But that was not the end game.

Then they wanted to live with their heads held high, so they wanted to hold Gay Pride Parades. If you have ever been to a gay parade, you know that, it is not just a bunch of homosexuals on floats holding up banners saying, "I'm gay and loving it!" You will see all sorts of simulated sexual acts and men wearing clothing in such a way as to be erotically graphic. It is much more



of an "in your face" approach. "This is what we are; deal with it." But that was not the end game.

Now that gay pride parades are common—at least in some areas—there was the next step. So many male homosexuals had the love of their lives suffering in hospitals, and yet, they had no legal right to see this person, and family members were keeping them separated, and so they had to have civil unions or domestic partnership laws. The hospital scenario was presented again and again, although this was a situation that fewer than 1% of homosexuals had ever dealt with. Many had been to hospitals with ex-lovers dying of AIDS, but the number who had been banned from their “lifetime” partner was minuscule. However, by presenting that rarely occurring scenario, homosexuals gained quite a number of state laws which allowed them to become legally attached with the legal rights that they *needed* to have. But, that was not the end game.

And now, today, the big push is for marriage rights. Everyone has the right to marry the person that they love, except for gays; and it is so unfair! “It is a fundamental human right to marry the person you love!” they proclaim.

There are churches in every state—many of them headed by gay pastors—who are more than willing to perform a marriage ceremony, and pronounce them married at the end of the ceremony; and gays can tell everyone that they know, “This is my gay marriage partner” and they can demand such recognition from their friends and family. But, you know what is so terrible? The state will not proclaim them married! The federal government will not proclaim them married! Oh, dear, oh dear; this is such a violation of their civil rights! How can they really feel married unless the state or federal government recognizes them as married? Attending their own marriage ceremony in which they are pronounced married? Not good enough. Telling all of their friends and family that they are married? Not good enough. Marriage only counts, for some reason, if the state or federal government certifies them as being married.

But gay marriage is not the end game. No gay will ever tell you the end game, because if they did, you would never support gay marriage.

What gays like is more sexual partners. Whereas, it is very unusual for a heterosexual male to have 100 or more different partners, this is not unusual in the gay community. A study in 1978 said that 75% of gay men had over 100 sexual partners. And since gays make up only about 3% of the population, it is hard to find new gay men to have sex with. What is their approach? Some partially change themselves into women; they don’t go all the way (except for the very nutty ones), but they go far enough so that they can have sex with some straight men.

However, if marriage between gays becomes the law, and the state recognizes homosexual marriages to be legally equivalent to marriages between heterosexuals, then life in America is going to change dramatically. Gay marriage is not the end game; but once gay marriage is made legal, then gays can do a number of things they have been wanting to do.

First, because there are always been animosity among gays against Christians, the Bible will be proclaimed to be hate literature and any pastor who tries to teach portions of the Bible will be taken to court for teaching hatred. They could care less whether or not they win; sue a few small churches, and word will get around fast enough. Defending against such lawsuits is expensive, and few churches can afford to do it. We know this will happen because it already has. If marriage between homosexuals is “legalized” then, this opens up the opportunity to strike back at the church, and if a few congregations get shut down, who cares? These churches are nothing but disseminators of hatred.

However, attacking Christians and the Bible is not the end game; that is simply sport and revenge. The end game is, more homosexual partners. When a man has had 100 sexual partners, that

has to be a clue that, having sex, and a lot of sex, is extremely important to the homosexual. If there is a way to expand the franchise, so to speak, that is seen as a great objective.

Sexuality is a complex thing, and homosexuals have found that, if a male is violated at a very early age, sexual gratification can be associated with homosexual behavior. This does not work in all cases, but it works in enough cases to make presenting homosexual behavior in the schools a worthy goal for the homosexual community. There are many schools today that teach, in sex education, that there are 3 types of sexual intercourse, and all 3 of them are equally valid. This is taught to as young an age as they can get away with.

Even today, there are schools where books about homosexual couplings are made a part of the curriculum for grammar school children. "And Tango Makes Three" is a popular book which has crept into the primary schools all over America.

There are many schools where homosexuals have pushed anti-bullying programs which, incidentally, present homosexual couples as normal. These programs are pushed with great enthusiasm, despite the meager evidence of bullying occurring because a child has two daddies. However, essentially to these anti-bullying programs is, a homosexual union is normal thing and a good thing.

Homosexuals know that young children, just reaching puberty, can be carefully navigated into trying homosexual acts. They know that, by using lies or trickery, make up and surgery, that additional males can be tempted into homosexual acts. This does not mean that such young men will be turned into homosexuals; it just means, they can be gotten to experiment, and that is the end-game. More gay experimentation and more gay partners.

Men are men, whether they are predominantly interested in homosexuality or heterosexuality; and, for many men, multiple partners is a desirable thing to them. This helps to explain why, even in "committed" gay relationships, fidelity is almost nonexistent.

This is why homosexuals have become so active in school curriculums, particularly on the grammar school level. This is why homosexuals are so interested in having gay marriage proclaimed as legal and equal to heterosexual marriage.

This is why they want homosexual acts to be presented side-by-side heterosexual acts in sex education.

Where is the best place for gays to encourage more gay behavior, which means more partners? On the grammar school level.

Here is exactly what they want; here is the end game:

(1) Sexual intercourse between males to be presented as exactly the same as sexual intercourse between a male and a female. No judgment. "You like coffee; I like tea; its all the same." All of the resultant physical problems from anal intercourse will not be taught at any level. If there is any teaching about AIDS, it will be presented as a disease spread among all sexual relationships, and, all you have to do is, use a condom to prevent it. Furthermore, this must be presented to as young a group as possible. Preferably to children who do not even know what sexual relations are.

(2) A homosexual union must be presented as exactly equal to a heterosexual union. I have a few dozen Time-Life books on home repair, and, in more than half of the pictures, women are doing the work; laying brick, lifting up walls, drilling holes—this is what homosexuals want to see in our schools. If there is a book or a movie

or an illustration which involves a family, they want to see a homosexual couple represented. From the earliest age possible, they want young 5 and 6 year old boys reading about gay penguins, or 10 year olds doing a math word problem which involves a homosexual couple. Just like women construction workers are ubiquitous in my Time-Life books, they want to see homosexual couples ubiquitous in the public school curriculum. And if a school fails to do this, then they will go to court over it. Such a school would be teaching underlying or institutionalize bigotry, and that must be stopped. They cannot take such a school to court today, because gay marriage is not recognized by the state and federal governments. However, once that hurdle is made, then "institutional sexual bigotry" in the schools will be attacked via the legal system.

(3) Young males in particular must be raised in such a way as to think about their sexuality at a very young age; preferably before puberty, which will encourage experimentation. Whether you realize this or not, more homosexual behavior will be the result. Whether it sticks or not, is not important. It is the experimentation that counts. It is that discussion about sexual identify with a trusted adult that counts.

Homosexual marriage is not about love and commitment; anyone can do that, with or without the law. Passing homosexual marriage is really about recruiting more partners, the younger, the better.

These things are being done to a very limited extent at a handful of schools across the United States. However, once gay marriage passes (particularly, if it is done on the federal level), then these things will be pushed in a much more concerted way in our future through the schools and the courts.

The Cee Lo Green Budget

The cynical and unrealistic White House budget.
From the WSJ

This was supposed to be the moment we were all waiting for. After three years of historic deficits that have added almost \$4.5 trillion to the national debt, President Obama was finally going to get serious about fiscal discipline. Instead, what landed on Congress's doorstep on Monday was a White House budget that increases deficits above the spending baseline for the next two years. Hosni Mubarak was more in touch with reality last Thursday night.

The White House actually touts as tight-fisted a budget proposing a record \$1.645 trillion deficit for fiscal 2011, due largely to a new surge in spending to 25.3% of GDP. That's more spending than in any year since 1945. Federal debt held by the public-the kind we have to pay back-will rise to 75.1% in 2012, which is the highest since 1951 and more than double what it was as recently as 2007. (See the nearby chart.)

Senior Economics Writer Stephen Moore breaks down the President's spending and taxing plans. Also, Anne Jolis, editorial writer for WSJ Europe, has the surprising data on extreme weather events.

This \$3.73 trillion budget does a Cee Lo Green ("Forget You," as cleaned up for the Grammys) to the voter mandate in November to control spending. It leaves every hard decision to the new House Republican majority. And it ignores almost entirely the recommendations of Mr. Obama's own deficit commission. No wonder the commission's Democratic co-chairman, Erskine Bowles, said Monday that this budget goes "nowhere near where they will have to go to resolve our fiscal nightmare." And he's an ally.

How unserious is this budget? Although the White House trumpets \$2.18 trillion in deficit

reduction over the next decade, those savings are so far off in the magical "out years" that you can barely see them from here. More than 95% of the savings would happen after Mr. Obama's first term in the White House is over, and almost two-thirds of the promised deficit reduction would arrive after 2016. Pretending to cut deficits by pushing all real cuts into the future is Budget Flimflam 101.



From hard experience, we know that what matters are the cuts and reforms a White House is willing to make now. The Obama budget doesn't cut a penny from the deficit in the last seven months of fiscal 2011. Over the next three years-through 2013-the spending reductions in this budget add up to a paltry \$20 billion net, out of a projected \$3.5 trillion deficit. That's a 0.57% reduction in red ink and less than what the feds spend every two days.

As for Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other entitlements, which account for roughly 60% of federal expenditures, the proposed savings are close to zero. The President would allow these programs to continue on automatic

pilot, meaning they nearly double to \$2.7 trillion in 2021 from \$1.4 trillion in 2010.

Every serious analyst agrees that the time to fix these retirement programs is before 75 million graying baby boomers start collecting the benefits and voting as beneficiaries rather than as net payers. Meanwhile, Medicaid spending would grow by 115% over the next decade thanks to that renowned deficit reducer, ObamaCare.

The proudest White House boast is that its budget would cap domestic discretionary spending at current levels for five years. These are programs ranging from NASA to the Washington Metro to school lunch programs to wind turbine grants, which overall and including stimulus expanded by more than 80% in Mr. Obama's first two years. This spending freeze would cut these programs from 2011-2013 by a grand total of \$14 billion.

By contrast, the plan now emerging from House Republicans would cut about \$80 billion immediately, and nearly \$280 billion over three years-some 20 times the White House savings. Mr. Obama's budget also assumes annual economic growth of more than 4% from 2012-2014. That's far more robust than anything this recovery has produced so far, and it is at least a percentage point higher than most private economists or the Congressional Budget Office predict.

We'd love to see that happen, because deficit reduction depends above all on economic growth to generate more tax revenue. But those growth targets would be undermined by the sizable tax hikes in Mr. Obama's budget. After 2013 the capital gains and dividend tax rates would rise to 20% from 15%, and the highest income tax rate, paid mostly by noncorporate businesses, would rise to 39.6% from 35%. The Administration foresees a \$700 billion windfall, but history shows that higher rates are unlikely to yield anywhere near that amount.

The budget also proposes roughly \$300 billion in new taxes on energy companies, multinationals and banks. So much for the new detente between the White House and business. When including all the tax increases, there is more than \$1 of new taxes for every \$1 of future spending cuts.

This will go down as canny politics in Washington, as the President lies in wait to ambush Republicans when they propose their real spending cuts. Then he hopes he can cut them to ribbons on his way to re-election. That may be the White House game plan, but we wonder if the politics will play out that way. The American people also want a President to lead, and this budget is so transparently cynical it may help Republicans make their case that if they don't lead, no one will.

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The American People Can't Afford to Lose Wisconsin Union Showdown

by Conn Carroll

Let no one be confused, the stakes in Wisconsin are high and the Badger state could turn into the crucial battle ground between progressivism and the new Tea Party majority in the country. Issues as important as public sector compensation, bulging state deficits, union power, federalism, education, federal entitlements as well as others are being fought over. That Wisconsin is the birthplace of American progressivism with a new conservative governor, new conservative majorities in both chambers, a new conservative U.S. senator and the bright new conservative chairman of the House Budget Committee, Paul Ryan, has made it ground zero for the left.

President Barack Obama has federalized the issue, throwing the full weight of the White

House, the Democratic National Committee, and his own Organizing for America operation behind government unions, with the assistance of the SEIU and AFSCME unions. This is a major new test for the new governor, Scott Walker. If conservatives lose in Wisconsin, reform might be stifled elsewhere. If they can win, progressivism is in real trouble.

On the ground of course, it means that the Madison Metropolitan School District will not be educating any children today. For the third day in a row this week, the union members of Madison Teachers, Inc., will stage a "sick out" today to protest Governor Scott Walker's (R) new budget, which would overcome a \$137 million budget deficit this year and a projected \$3.6 billion deficit over the next two years. Stacy Billings, a parent of two Madison students, told the Wisconsin State Journal that she supports unions and opposes Walker's proposal but is against a teacher protest during school hours: "That's not acceptable to me. My tax dollars pay for the teachers to teach and not to protest."

What Billings does not understand, but is about to learn, is that like all government unions, Madison Teachers, Inc., does not care about teaching her children. Former American Federation of Teachers President Al Shanker put it bluntly: "When school children start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of school children." That is what this fight in Wisconsin, and across the country, is really about: money. And not money for government employees-money for government unions. The government unions themselves are admitting this every day the fight drags on.

Yesterday, Wisconsin state Senate Democrats brought the body to a halt when they fled the state to prevent the three-fifths quorum requirement needed for debate on legislation to continue. Governor Walker's budget helps end Wisconsin's budget deficit by requiring government workers to pay at least 12.6 percent

of their health insurance premiums and contribute 5.8 percent to their pensions. Even with these modestly higher costs, Wisconsin government employees would still enjoy benefits far more generous than those offered in the private sector. But that's actually irrelevant. Remember, this fight is not about government employee pay. It is about preserving the direct pipeline that government unions have to our tax dollars. Don't believe it? Just ask Wisconsin Education Association Council President Mary Bell: "This is not about protecting our pay and our benefits. It is about protecting our right to collectively bargain."

On Thursday, the President told a Wisconsin television station, "I haven't followed exactly what's happening with the Wisconsin budget . . . some of what I've heard coming out of Wisconsin, where you're just making it harder for public employees to collectively bargain generally seems like more of an assault on unions."

President Obama is wrong: Denying government unions the power of collective bargaining is not an assault on all unions. Previous Democratic Presidents understood this fact. No less a progressive icon than President Franklin Delano Roosevelt wrote in 1937: "All government employees should realize that the process of collective bargaining, as usually understood, cannot be transplanted into the public service. . . The employer is the whole people, who speak by means of laws enacted by their representatives in Congress."

This is why private-sector unions are regulated by the federal National Labor Relations Act but government unions are regulated by the states. Wisconsin is actually the birthplace of collective bargaining power for government unions, granting them the privilege in 1959, but many states have always operated, and still do, just fine without them. Virginia, for example, gives no collective bargaining power to government unions, but according to the Pew Center on the

States, it still somehow manages to be one of the best managed states in the country.

What is really at stake in Wisconsin today (and Indiana, Ohio, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania tomorrow) is the future of American competitiveness. According to the latest Pew polling, the American people understand that unions make it harder for America to compete globally. Government unions are simply a parasite on the U.S. economy. When President Obama came into office, he shielded government unions from transparency by ending their reporting requirements to the Department of Labor. As a result it is impossible for the American people to know for sure how much of their taxpayer revenue is being diverted into union coffers. But if you assume that each union member pays between \$500 and \$750 annually, taken involuntarily directly from their paychecks, that means the government union industry in Wisconsin is worth at least \$100 million a year.

If government employees want to voluntarily form associations and lobby the government for higher pay, better benefits, and working conditions, that is their constitutional right. But they have no right to force all employees to join their organization and take money from their paychecks every week. Governor Walker's bill fixes these problems: It affords government workers the right to quit their union and keep their jobs; it requires unions to demonstrate their support through annual secret-ballot votes; and it stops state and local governments from collecting union dues through their payroll systems. These are common-sense measures that would increase worker freedom, restore power to taxpayers, and make America more competitive internationally. Keep fighting, Governor Walker! The American people can't afford you to lose.

From:

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President Obama and Spending Our Money

By Bill O'Reilly

The president released his budget for 2012 on Monday. It takes the federal deficit down from \$1.6 trillion to \$1.1 trillion, still a huge amount of spending for the federal government.

The numbers break down this way: Just \$90 billion in spending cuts and \$453 billion in increased revenue, most generated by higher taxes on stuff.

The Republicans, of course, say the cuts are far too small, and "Talking Points" agrees.

Here's how the enormous spending affects you:

In order to pay off the interest on the \$14 trillion debt, money that could be used to defend

America, to educate its children and to build highways and other infrastructure is instead sent to people who have lent us money. People in China and in the Arab states for example. So the feds are basically taking money away from we the people and using it to satisfy debt payments.

It's a vicious cycle. The Democrats demand more money for education, entitlements and other projects. But we have to borrow to support those things because we are sending the money we do have to people who have financed our debt. So the debt gets bigger and bigger and bigger.

This is crazy. If the U.S. government were a business, it would have gone under a long time ago.

The solution is really a question: How much pain will we tolerate?

For example, "Talking Points" believes that Social Security payments will have to be cut to the wealthy and perhaps to working Americans in the form of a higher retirement age. Will you support that?

On the health care front, no longer can Medicare and Medicaid be doled out the way it is now. Much more discipline will have to be imposed. Are you OK with that? Chances are your co-payments will go up a lot, no matter what happens in the Supreme Court with Obamacare. There is simply no other way to save America economically.

President Obama believes that cutting the budget will buy the country time, and that's true to some extent. But the cold truth is America needs a drastic overhaul in what it spends money on and how many entitlements there should be.

If we are all in this together, we will absorb the pain. If we only care about ourselves, America will continue on the road towards insolvency. No question about it.

And that's "The Memo."

Budget Brawl Gets Personal

By Bill O'Reilly

For the first time in my life, the federal government is being held accountable for how it spends tax money.

In recent years, trillions of taxpayer dollars have flowed into Washington, and elected officials pretty much overspent on everything and provided little oversight on the gravy train. Meantime, most of us, the real folks, work hard for our money.

Now because of the debt crisis, federal spending is under siege. Over the next few years we can expect many government programs to be abolished, stuff like subsidies for PBS and NPR and funding for organizations like Planned Parenthood. Of course, that is angering some on the left.

Enter the uber-liberal George Soros and his MoveOn organization. They know they are under pressure. They know Planned Parenthood may lose federal funding, so here is their response:

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Only decades ago, women suffered through horrifying, back-alley abortions, or they used dangerous methods when they had no other recourse. So when the Republican Party launched an all-out assault on women's health pushing bills to limit access to vital services, we had to ask: Why is the GOP trying to send women back to the back alley?

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That ad, of course, is insane. Nobody is trying to send women to the back alley. If Planned Parenthood believes it is doing good for America, let it raise money privately.

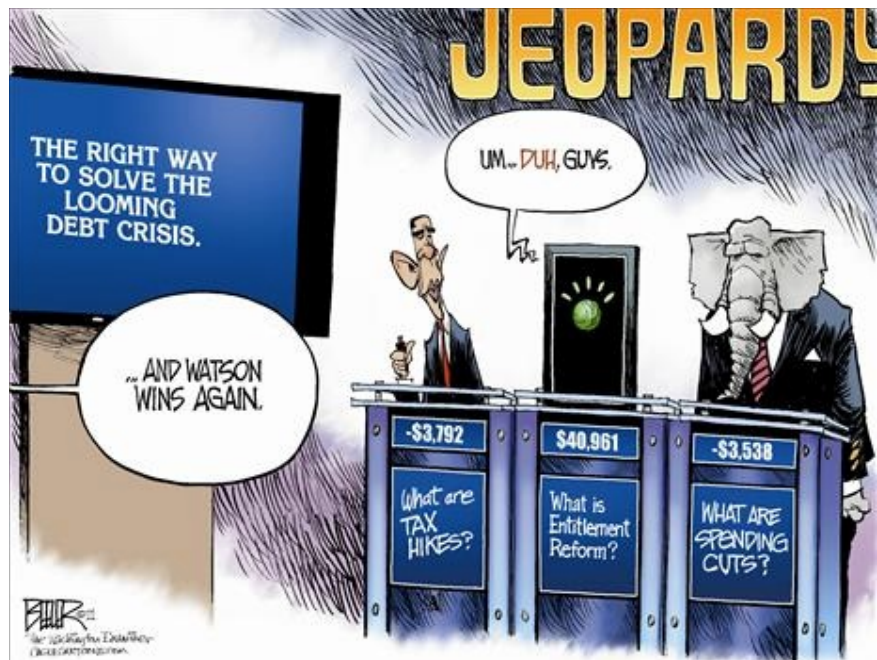
But you can see how emotional this budget debate is becoming. There is, of course, propaganda on both sides. But the MoveOn ad is a perfect illustration of the hysteria that is bubbling over the debt crisis.

The question is: Will Americans respond to that kind of propaganda? Will politics once again stop fiscal reform?

Roe v. Wade made abortion legal in the United States, and that is not going to be overturned any time soon. So using the issue to hammer fiscal reform is dishonest.

The bottom line is the United States is broke. All of this nonsense has to stop. All non-essential government spending has to stop. Period.

And that's "The Memo."



Wisconsin: The Hemlock Revolution

by Joe Klein

[yes, I cannot believe that I am posting an article by Joe Klein]

Revolutions everywhere--in the middle east, in the middle west. But there is a difference: in the middle east, the protesters are marching for democracy; in the middle west, they're protesting against it. I mean, Isn't it, well, a bit ironic that the protesters in Madison, blocking the state senate chamber, are chanting "Freedom, Democracy, Union" while trying to prevent a vote? Isn't it ironic that the Democratic Senators have fled the democratic process? Isn't it interesting that some of those who--rightly--protest the assorted Republican efforts to stymie majority rule in the U.S. Senate are celebrating the Democratic efforts to stymie the same in the Wisconsin Senate?

An election was held in Wisconsin last November. The Republicans won. In a democracy, there are consequences to elections and no one, not even the public employees unions, are exempt from that. There are no guarantees that labor contracts, including contracts governing the most basic rights of unions, can't be renegotiated, or terminated for that matter. We hold elections to decide those basic parameters. And it seems to me that Governor Scott Walker's basic requests are modest ones--asking public employees to contribute more to their pension and health care plans, though still far less than most private sector employees do. He is also trying to limit the unions' abilities to negotiate work rules--and this is crucial when it comes to the more efficient operation of government in a difficult time. When I covered local government in New York 30 years ago, the school janitors (then paid a robust \$60,000 plus per year) had negotiated the "right" to mop the cafeteria floors only once a week. And we all know about the near-impossibility of getting criminal and morally questionable--to say

nothing of less than competent--teachers fired. The negotiation of such contracts were acts of collusion rather than of mediation. Government officials were, in effect, bribing their most activist constituents.

Public employees unions are an interesting hybrid. Industrial unions are organized against the might and greed of ownership. Public employees unions are organized against the might and greed...of the public? Despite their questionable provenance, public unions can serve an important social justice role, guaranteeing that a great many underpaid workers--school bus drivers, janitors (outside of New York City), home health care workers--won't be too severely underpaid. That role will be kept intact in Wisconsin. In any given negotiation, I'm rooting for the union to win the highest base rates of pay possible...and for management to win the least restrictive work rules and guidelines governing how much truly creative public employees can be paid.

But we've had far too many state legislatures, of both parties, that have been cowed by the political power of the unions and enacted contracts that force state and city governments to be run for the benefit of their employees, rather than for their citizens. This situation is most egregious in far too many school districts across the nation. The events in Wisconsin are a rebalancing of power that, after decades of flush times and lax negotiating, had become imbalanced. That is also something that, from time to time, happens in a democracy.

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The Rush Section

We've Reached the Tipping Point

RUSH: "The Occupation of the Wisconsin Capitol Continues for a Third Day." Those are not my words. That's the headline of a story in the Communist Party USA's People's World website, and according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the AFL-CIO national president Richard Trumka is expected to join thousands of demonstrators at noon in Wisconsin today. That's sorta like the head of the Muslim Brotherhood showing up at Tahrir Square in Cairo. A check of headlines around the world is very upsetting. It is not comforting. None of this was supposed to

happen. It was all supposed to be sweetness and light out there. Love and cherish, utopia, was supposed to have settled in by now. But it hasn't happened.

It is amazing to look at this. This is the tipping point. It has been reached. "The Occupation of the Wisconsin Capitol Continues for a Third Day," and Richard Trumka, doing his best impersonation of the Muslim Brotherhood, is showing up in Madison himself today at 12 noon. Ladies and gentlemen, let me ask you some questions. Have any of you heard how poorly paid Wisconsin teachers are? Why haven't we heard that? That's right: Because they're not poorly paid. If the Wisconsin teachers are poorly paid, the media would be plastering their salaries and benefit schedules and pension plans all across TV news and the front page of every newspaper.

But they aren't doing that because the Wisconsin public sector salaries are way out of line compared to most people in the private sector. They cannot paint pictures of hardship. By the way, we always hear about liberals and everything they do is "for the children." Does this constitute "for the children"? Does this not look like a bunch of bullying to you? I thought we were teaching in schools about bullying and how not to be bullies and what to do if you are bullied -- and who now are the bullies? The Democrats, the leftists, their media supporters, the union members! Wisconsin has more than 300,000... Now, listen to this: Wisconsin has more than 300,000 public sector employees.

Now, reportedly many of them, such as teachers in Madison, get health care benefits worth more than \$22,000 a year -- "free," quote, unquote. "Free," meaning they don't pay much for it, and that's one of the changes that the governor wants to implement: Have 'em pay a little bit of their own health care benefit. There are 300,000 public sector employees, many of them teachers with health care benefits worth more than

\$22,000 a year. You do the math. Just health care benefits: \$22,000 times 300,000. Speaking of the media, where are all the headlines about the protesters in Wisconsin throwing a "temper tantrum"?

We always hear about Tea Party temper tantrums, voter temper tantrums. Here we have one. We have a genuine, petulant, immature, tireless bunch of bottom-feeder freeloaders acting in a temper tantrum. The unions in Washington are hiding behind "the children," the unions in Wisconsin are hiding behind "the children." They're using children as human shields, just like leftists and terrorists always do. Whoa! How else would you describe this? I have to admit, I'm seeing all these demonstrators and the kind of people involved... Now, I don't really hope this but I'm saying this to make a point. What would happen if the unions win and Governor Walker's reforms get defeated?

Then the unions won't be protected from layoffs as Mr. Walker has promised. Look, they have a balanced budget amendment that they have to abide by in the state of Wisconsin. If they don't get this, if this deal goes down, they are gonna be a lot of these people laid off rather than accept having to pay a little bit for their benefits. A lot of these people who are out screaming in Madison will lose their jobs if they win. There will be layoffs. And Walker's not backing down. We got the audio sound bites coming up. Have you heard Walker blame his predecessor? Have you heard Walker talk about the rotten situation he inherited, like our boy-child President Barack Obama always do?

Scott Walker's predecessor, the previous governor, left him a \$3.6 billion budget deficit. Obama would be blaming his predecessor all day long in every public statement that he made, and the media would show Obama nothing but sympathy and would join the chorus: "Oh, how woe is Obama!" Oh, how woe is Scott Walker. Well, the difference is Walker's a Republican. He doesn't have time to blame anybody; he's gotta

fix it. And the media would not be on his side anyway. Speaking of Obama, Obama has clearly taken the side of the union. "Obama Backs Union Uproar." The United States president is now interceding in a state matter. You know, folks, it's almost so that he wants a civil war of this nature.

It's almost as though he wants this unrest so that maybe he can pretend to be Abraham Lincoln and solve it and fix it. He's probably got his version of the Madison Address written, as opposed to the Gettysburg Address. Who knows? But Obama's constantly telling everybody: "We all have to make concessions in these difficult times. We all have to make sacrifices. Everybody has to have some skin in the game." Well, apparently he means everybody except the unions or any of the Democrat foot soldiers who might help him get reelected. They're having protesters bussed in from all over the country here. Ohio is next, Kentucky is next, Tennessee is next.

That's why this is the tipping point. Obama says Wisconsin balancing its budget is an assault on unions. Obama says Arizona protecting its citizens is an assault on federal law. Only a Central Planning authoritarian thinks this way. What's at issue here is an assault on states' rights -- and Barack Obama, the president of the United States, is leading the charge in the assault on states' rights. I've got a story here: The media is all concerned about the Republican "assault on Obama's budget." Let me tell you: The real assault is on Wisconsin; the real assault is in Arizona; and future assaults, federal assaults on states' rights are right around the corner.

From his unconstitutional mandate forcing individuals to buy government-approved health insurance, to suing Arizona, from smearing a police officer, to organizing unions, to agitate against the duly-elected state governor of Wisconsin, we have a pattern here of bullying and a flagrant disregard for states' rights being exhibited by Barack Obama. It's no wonder 26

states have sued the regime to protect themselves from Obamacare. The president is determined to run the country from the White House, and these puny Republican state governors are not to interfere. The great constitutional scholar, "Barack Hussein Obama. Mmm! Mmm! Mmm!" not only ignores rulings from the judicial branch, he ignores states and their laws.

Apparently, they didn't teach federalism in community organizing school, which is where Obama has his real degree. Look what's going on in Madison. Look at it. It's a perfect example of community organizing. It's a perfect example of community agitation. This is what we elected. We elected a guy who thinks Saul Alinsky was a Founding Father. Obama is organizing and encouraging teachers walking off their jobs; bullying everybody, forgetting the children. He's giving thousands of students a Get Out of Class Card because Democrats got shellacked in November, and this from a man who lectured the nation while making political hay after a tragic shooting spree by a madman.

Here's what he said: "At a time when our discourse has become so sharply polarized, at a time when we are far too eager to lay the blame for all that ails the world at the feet of those who think differently than we do, it's important for us to pause for a moment and make sure that we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds. If, as has been discussed in recent days, their deaths help usher in more civility in our public discourse, let us remember that it is not because a simple lack of civility caused this tragedy -- it did not -- but rather because only a more civil and honest public discourse can help us face up to our challenges as a nation in a way that would make them proud."

Well, I guess we've forgotten about the dead in Arizona. We've forgotten about making them proud. We've forgotten about all this talk about civility. We have forgotten every word about it.

Whoever wrote the memo and whoever distributed it, whoever read it, has forgotten it. Now bullying is being encouraged. Assaults on a state government are being encouraged. Cowardly Democrat senators flee the state of Wisconsin for a bar! A bar in Illinois! Maybe those Democrat senators who fled the state in the short yellow bus were confused. Maybe they thought that yesterday was St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day is really March 17th, as you know.

But did you see where it was reported by the local news in Wisconsin that the senate Democrats there ended up in a bar across the border in Illinois with a leprechaun? They weren't running away. They were just feeling particularly Irish yesterday. So make of it what you will, but these cowardly Democrat senators get on a bus, leave town, leave the dirty work to a bunch of bussed-in agitators, and head to a place where they serve adult beverages across state line in Illinois while the president intercedes once again in a state matter, just as he has in Arizona. All of this talk post-Arizona was a bunch of BS (Barbra Streisand) meant to censor those who oppose our agitator-in-chief.

Well, let you and the American people see who the radical left is again. We saw 'em when they bribed senators to pass an unconstitutional health care law the American people don't want. We saw them when they took tax dollars to create a slush fund for their union foot soldiers (i.e., the stimulus bill). We saw them when they shut Republicans out of the House and Senate for two years. We saw the president appoint radical after radical as a "czar" to run our lives without benefit of confirmation hearings. So what we have on display is community organizers versus the American people and parasitic public sector unions against the people who pay them. It's parasitic public sector unions against the people who pay them. So let's play this out now.

The President wants to play petty political games with the budget to its shut the government down

-- make no mistake, he does -- so that his State-Controlled Media can distract the nation from his economic and foreign policy failures? This country is in a mess. He promised the opposite. It is in an absolute, free-fall mess, defined as Barack Obama as normal. This is his comfort zone. This is what community organizers do before they remake their target. This is a political fight. It's gonna go on in state after state after state. This is a political fight the American people will win. The American people will not be distracted from the reality of Obama's games and his failures. The American people know that Barack Obama is not "the Gipper." He's not the "Comeback Kid." They know he has not moved to the center. Barack Obama is on his way to the bottom.

RUSH: You know, ladies and gentlemen, for decades -- I'm into my third decade hosting this program now -- we've been saying that all of this would eventually happen if there was no stopping this runaway train of liberalism; this constant, never-ending claim on more and more of public money, more and more public budgets. If there wasn't a stop put to it, we would eventually get to days of reckoning like this.

So those of us on the right have gone about trying to fix this in the correct, civil, constitutional manner. The first thing we did was write letters, sent e-mails, faxes. We made telephone calls, talked to our elected officials, went to town meetings. When that didn't work, we gathered to march and protest in unthreatening, polite ways -- and watched ourselves be denigrated, impugned, lied about, infiltrated, and the like. When that didn't work, we supported, financed, and got people elected who promised to fix this mess. Meanwhile, we took our objections to the court system, as in the case of Obamacare.

Half the states have now sued the federal government on Obamacare. We've done all this the way we're supposed to have done it, within the confines of the Constitution and the rule of

law. The Democrats, the media have done nothing but ignore, lie about, demoralize, demonize, demean, and marginalize all of this effort over two years. Every effort has been made to impugn and lie about who Tea Party people, for example, are and what they're doing and what their objectives are. In the meantime, the real rabble-rousers, the real bullies, the people who are encouraging violence are on the left; vote Democrat.

They do all of this outside the bounds of civil discourse, and they're very happy and proud. They seem like they're eager for a civil war here, and their president seems to be encouraging all of this, which is why they feel enthused and emboldened. Is Governor Walker gonna try to sneak through his reforms on Christmas Eve when everybody's out of town during a lake duck session? Illegal use of the budget reconciliation process? Everything I've just described is how the Democrats got Obamacare through. Nobody wanted it. They had to lie about what's in it. They had to lie about what they were doing. They had to be extra-constitutional in their efforts to get it done. And all the while, we have to hear how the Tea Party, the "tea baggers" are the ones who pose a threat to, quote, unquote, "our constitutional way of life."

Governor Scott Walker Stands Firm Against Obama-Backed Unionistas

RUSH: Let me take you back to recent history. During the riots in Greece, do you remember, ladies and gentlemen, on this program, we asked as an educational exercise: "Which side of the barricades would Obama be on? Would Obama be on the side of the government barricades or would he out there throwing the Molotov cocktails?" Now we know. We knew back then, too, but now we know for sure which side of something like this Obama would be on. By the way, aren't these anti-government protests going on in Wisconsin? The people elected a

government. They elected a governor and a legislature. The legislature is acting; the governor is acting.

Half the legislature splits, leaves the scene. A mob shows up, protesting...what? Government! The duly-elected government. And Obama spoke out so quickly on this, ten minutes after the protest. It took him forever to fumble out something on Egypt, but here for once he moves fast. But these are anti-government protests that Barack Obama is encouraging! I just wanted to point it out: Barack Hussein Obama is encouraging anti-government protests. Here's the dirty little secret, the bottom line, ladies and gentlemen: The unionistas, the rabble-rousers, the freeloaders, the protesters in Wisconsin have much chance of winning in the long run as do the protests in Greece or Spain or the youths burning cars in France.

There is no choice! They will have to lose. We do not have the money! They are \$3.6 billion in debt in Wisconsin. You think they're gonna be able to secure loans with this kind of thing going on? And borrowing money is not going to help the situation. They have a balanced budget amendment. We do not have the money! Either the states and the country will go bankrupt and collapse in total economic anarchy, or the unionistas will lose. There's no other outcome here. We don't have the money! It's just that simple. We are either on the side of the Wisconsin protesters or we are on the side of our country, which can only have economic future if we make these cuts.

I didn't set up these circumstances. I'm just commenting on 'em. But how else would you describe this? You're on the side of the protesters or you're on the side of the country. The country doesn't have any money and the state doesn't have any money. You got a bunch of people demanding money. Somebody tell me the win-win here. Wisconsin's not a bank. It's not the Federal Reserve. They can't print any

money. Didn't Obama oppose the Tea Party rallies because they were anti-government protests? National Review Online, Katrina Trinko: "I think we're focused on balancing our budget. It would be wise for the president and others in Washington to focus on balancing their budget, which they're a long ways from doing."

The governor of Wisconsin is telling Obama to stay out of his business.

RUSH: You've got chaos going on in the state of Wisconsin, and the governor, Scott Walker, says he's not backing down and he told Obama stay out of Wisconsin's business.

Take care of your own; stay out of ours. "We're focused on balancing our budget. It would be wise for the president and others in Washington to focus on balancing their budget, which they're a long way from doing." Walker emphasized he has no wish to degrade public employees. "I've said repeatedly good, decent people work for the government, but they shouldn't be excluded from what everybody else in society is going through in these tough economic times. We've all got to be in it together," plus the fact that he doesn't have the money to meet their demands and to pay them. He just doesn't. It's not there. Let's go to the audio sound bites. This is yesterday in Madison at the state capitol, the Governor Scott Walker at a press conference.

WALKER: I continue to work, and I'm calling on the members of the State Senate to show up and do the job that they're paid to do as well. On behalf of the people who pay their salaries, show up to work. They get paid to come to work and they should be coming to work. You can't have "conversations" if you're not at work.

RUSH: Precisely! They don't want to talk about it. This is pure intimidation. It isn't gonna work. Last night he appeared with Greta Van Susteren. She said, "It was expected today there would be a vote in the State Senate and you need one

more state senator to show up, a Democrat. Where are they tonight, do you know?"

WALKER: They're hiding out in another state. They're hiding out in hopes that somehow that will test the resolve. If anything, I think it's made the Republicans in the Assembly and the Senate stronger. They're not gonna be bullied; they're not gonna be intimidated.

RUSH: Bullied is exactly right. That's what is being attempted here: Bullying! All the things these very people teach our children about: Bullying! All of the very things our teachers try to instruct our young skulls full of mush in how to deal with and how to punish bullies and what we need to do about bullies. If somebody, God forbid, gets hurt with all the heated protesting going on in Wisconsin, will the media blame Obama? He's encouraging this. His websites are inspiring this. They are encouraging this. (interruption) I am dead serious with the question, Mr. Snerdley! I've had to sit here for 22 years and listen to how I'm responsible for all this, and I never once encourage anything like this!

You know, I've gotten... I can't tell you, I've got three or four requests from people urging me to get the news out that there's gonna be a Tea Party rally here or a Tea Party rally there. That's not what the purpose of this program is. They're gonna get there on their own, but Obama's encouraging this. Now, if somebody gets hurt is somebody gonna blame somebody? Is the finger of blame gonna be pointed someplace? It'd be interesting to see. Public servants seem now to have become protected species, like snail darters. When else in history have public servants gotten more pay, better benefits, better retirement plans than the people who pay them?

You don't overlook that aspect of this. Organizing for America, that's Barack Obama's website. His organizations are busing people to the protests. They're making calls to whip up the protest, to

heighten the rhetoric. It's been Barack Obama who said, "They bring a knife, we bring a gun!" Barack Obama: "Get in their face." He's clearly an inspiration for this. On CBS Early Show today, co-host Chris Wragge interviewed Scott Walker, governor of Wisconsin. Question: "Democrat state senators have all fled the state. Schools have been closed. The Statehouse for all intents and purposes is a closed house right now, and you've talked about potentially mobilizing the National Guard. Has your position softened at all here?"

WALKER: No. This is a bold political move, but it is a modest request of our employees. In fact, I should make it very clear: There are 300,000 state and local government employees. The vast majority of them for days have been showing up to work just like we paid them to do. The state senators who are hiding out down in Illinois should show up for work, have their say, have their vote, add their amendments. But in the end we've got a \$3.6 billion budget deficit we've gotta balance, and I think for most people in the middle class outside of government they understand what we're asking for is still a lot less than what most of our average taxpayers are paying.

RUSH: Once again the unionistas, the protesters in Wisconsin, have as much chance of winning in the long run as did the protests in Greece or Spain or anywhere else, because there's no choice. They'll have to lose. We don't have the money! We do not have the money. Either the states and the country will go bankrupt and collapse into total economic anarchy, or the protesters will lose. There is no other outcome here. Even kicking the can down the road just delays the inevitable. (interruption) Well, I know it's been kicked down the road, but some people don't think this is the end of the road. Others do. This is what the governor is trying to say at the end of the road. He was elected to do this, just like Chris Christie was, just like Bob McDonnell in Virginia was elected. So Chris Wragge, co-host on CBS, says, "Well, you say this is a modest request

you're making of the teachers. Some state workers have been hit harder than others. The teachers union, which votes Democrat under normal circumstances, is hit very hard. Yet your cops, state trooper, firemen's unions who all supported and endorsed you, they don't get touched in any of this. Why is that?"

WALKER: That actually is not true. There 314 fire and police unions in the state. Four of them endorsed me; all the rest endorsed my opponent. For us it's simple: We cannot compromise for one minute public safety in this state. We've seen what's happened, unfortunately, with a number of our schools. It is illegal to strike in this state. We can't compromise our public safety. The millions and millions of taxpayers in the state have a right to be heard as well, and we can't raise taxes to balance this budget or we'll cripple the economy that already has about a 7-1/2% unemployment rate. To show that we're open for business we've gotta make it easier to put people to work here, and asking employees to pay half the national average for health care is truly a modest request.

RUSH: "[A]sking employees to pay half the national average for health care is truly a modest request." It seems to be. Chris Wragge, CBS co-host finally says, "But you understand their position with some of the state workers saying you're essentially taking away their voice by trying to break these unions. You understand that?"

WALKER: Our workers have protections today; they'll have protections after this bill passes. What you've got are union leaders who don't like the fact that they're not gonna be able to mandatorily enforce that every one of the workers here in state and local government have got to be a part of the union. That's why they're here, that's why the national money is here, that's why the national union leaders are coming here, and I think the majority of the taxpayers in the state understand.

RUSH: He nails it again. Absolutely nails it again. This is what the voters of Wisconsin voted for, make no mistake about it. Aren't the protesters in Wisconsin trying to shut down the government? Aren't we told that's just about the worst thing in the world that could possibly happen, if somehow the federal government shut down, "Oh, no, no, no! What are we gonna do? What are we gonna do!" They're trying to shut down the Wisconsin state government. They have! The Democrats have shut down the Wisconsin state government.

Wisconsin Freeloader Protestors Whine About What They Want

RUSH: We have a montage here, protesters whining about what they want.

PROTESTOR: I've been teaching for over 25 years and I deserve respect for what I do, and I don't deserve to have my rights taken away.

PROTESTOR: Walker wants to take away my rights and everybody else's rights.

PROTESTOR: We're making history. We're making change.

PROTESTOR: If necessary.

PROTESTOR: You betcha.

PROTESTOR: It's necessary.

PROTESTOR: (slurring) This is like the sixties all over again!

TEACHER: I think we've lost the sense of democracy. I feel like what people in Egypt are fighting for right now, that's exactly what I feel like I'm fighting for right now.

RUSH: What an absolute idiot. It's a crying shame that this glittering jewel of colossal

ignorance is teaching students. Comparing this to Egypt? "I feel like that's exactly what I'm fighting right now." What was Egypt even about? Do you even know, ma'am? Bottom line, it's not about what they want. We all "want" things. Very few of us run around demanding that somebody give us everything we want! Most of us have more class, most of us have more understanding, most of us are more mature than to run around whining (sobbing), "This is what we want! (sobbing) I want my dignity! I want my respect, and I want my benefits (sniffle), I want my health care!" Well, go earn it! It's not about what you want. In your case, it's about what can be afforded. They're trying to make themselves out to be oppressed. You're not in Egypt. You're a bunch of people who feel entitled to be freeloaders.

RUSH: Erica in Benzonia, Michigan, you're up first on Open Line Friday. Nice to have you with us. Hello.

CALLER: Hiya! Good afternoon, Rush. Thank you for taking my call.

RUSH: You bet.

CALLER: I am an elementary teacher myself, and I think what the teachers in Wisconsin are doing is deplorable. I myself in Michigan can't find a job because I have a master's degree equaling too much money. They can hire two newbies for one of me. But off of that, here they are walking off the job; teaching their students that it's acceptable to just call in sick if you don't like what's going on. No, no, no! So I think that it's just... It blows my mind that they're even considering and tolerating the actions of these immature teachers in Wisconsin.

RUSH: Let's put one thing to rest right now, and that is: The last people they care about are the children. The last people they care about are the kids. The last thing they teach about is education. This is not about students. This is not about

education. This is not about teaching. This is not about learning. This is about themselves.

CALLER: It's narcissistic.

RUSH: It is narcissistic. It's also hypocritical. These people have been getting by for years on the notion that they are devoted, that they are sacrificing, that they are subordinating themselves to the lofty ideals of the children and their education and so forth -- and it isn't about that at all. It is about them. The children are just pawns. They're just pawns, as so many of the so-called "little guys" the Democrats are trying to help, they're just pawns in the game of how these people take care of themselves.

Wisconsin teacher salary info:

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Time to Play Hardball in Wisconsin

RUSH: To all of you in Wisconsin, to all of you around the country: Be confident here. We are not without recourse during all of this. For example, if I were a parent (and everybody knows I'm not, but if I were a parent in Wisconsin) I would insist that my child not be taught by any teacher who is protesting. It is time for the parents to stand against this as well. Any teacher lying about calling in sick to join a protest, what value can that teacher be? Depending on what rules are for the use of sick-leave in Wisconsin, if a teacher is protesting while claiming sick-leave, that would appear on its face to be fraud.

The taxpayers are not paying for a sick day, but a protest day. Maybe some criminal fraud charges should be filed against individual teachers. Maybe it's hardball time here. Since the president of the United States has inserted himself -- the federal government and his political party in Washington, his personal organization of

hoods and thugs into this -- Congress should damn well hold hearings to determine the extent to which federal tax dollars, federal employees are involved in these protests; and the extent of federal coordination with the Democrat National Committee and local and federal unions.

Just investigate it, Congressman Issa! Get going! Find out exactly what's happening here. Money, organization, rules, instructions. We are not without recourse here. It's hammer time! They're asking for it. Republicans ought to be able to find candidates to run against these Democrats who refuse to stay in town and vote. Start campaigning against them right now. 'Cause these Democrats are acting against the students, they are acting against the parents, they're flipping everybody the bird and are insisting on the illegal use of tax dollars. Teachers, at the very least, ought to be docked for their illegal absence from their jobs. I would bet that... (sigh)

I don't know. I'll bet the money lost would be more than what they're being asked for to pay for their own health care. Eighty-nine thousand dollars a year. "Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) says his party has been emboldened by massive protests against his controversial budget plan. Walker said demonstrators who filled the state capitol building in Madison and the boycott by state Senate Democrats -- some of whom fled the state in protest -- have steeled the resolve of members of his party. 'If anything, I think it's made the Republicans in the Assembly and the Senate stronger,' he told Fox News ... 'They're not going to be bullied. They're not going to be intimidated.'"

Governor Walker, I have a suggestion for you. There's a line you can use. It has been used before. You simply say to all these protesters, "I won!" That phrase has been used by no less than our illustrious man-child president, Barack Obama, during a meeting with congressional leaders -- Republicans and Democrats -- in the White House in early 2009. When he gathered

them together to ostensibly talk about joint ideas to help the economy. The Republicans posed tax cut ideas. Obama looked at 'em and said, "Well, you can talk about it, but we're not gonna do it. I won." Well, Governor Walker, you won. It's as simple as that.

Explaining the Mortgage Meltdown

RUSH: Eric in Wilmington, Delaware. Welcome, sir. Great to have you on the EIB Network. Hello.

CALLER: Hi, Rush. How you doing?

RUSH: Very well, sir. Thank you.

CALLER: All right. Hey, I'm calling up -- I know this is off topic. It's about the Community Reinvestment Act. You said that was the cause of the meltdown in the '08 election. It was actually -- and you don't see many reports on this -- the run on the money market, the reserve bank money market fund was they broke the buck, and if you remember, there was a congressman, Kanjorski, that was on C-SPAN that said that there was a run on the money market account, and it was in a day the US economy was being collapsed and the world economy in 24 hours, and I haven't seen many people look at it. But I have like Chuck Schumer in July... I'm saying this is all my Sum of All Fears conspiracy theory here. Chuck Schumer, he had a run on IndyMac to help tilt the election for Obama, then you had Reid calling for an insurance company failing to help tilt the economy to go bad. And I don't know if... I can't prove it, but --

RUSH: We played that sound bite from Congressman Paul Kanjorski. He was from Pennsylvania. We played the sound bite, then we started looking into it, and he walked that back. It was a bogus report. We found that there was no way there could have been a meltdown like that and nobody in the financial markets would have known about it. Somebody got hold of

Kanjorski -- and this is not the first time for him -- you're really off the trail here. You get the mule back on the road and walk that back, which he did. It sounded good. I'll admit it to you out there, Eric, it sounded good. And it was very confusing because, you're right: He said it was a run on money market funds.

And then said not the kind of money markets you think of when you hear money market funds, like consumer private money market, something entirely different. So we looked into it and found out that that was not the case. They were claiming \$500 billion had disappeared overnight and nobody would notice it. Now, this is not possible. It didn't happen. The Community Redevelopment Act, in and of itself, was not at fault. It was years and years and years of implementation of that after it was well known that it was causing all kinds of problems. The Community Redevelopment Act worked in direct contravention of common economic sense: Loan money to people who can't pay it back; knowingly forced to do this by do-gooder Democrats, under the guise of fairness and the concept of affordable housing.

So these lending institutions, who all had stockholders, had to come up with creative ways to make all that worthless paper worth something -- and they did it by creating all kinds of strange, weird financial products that amounted to insurance policies for the eventually default, and they were bought and then kicked down the road and repackaged and repackaged until finally they couldn't kick the can down the road anymore. And then we were told we needed TARP and we needed \$2 trillion lent from the Fed that nobody knew at the time where that money went, and it was all because -- Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were involved in this. It's not the sole reason, but there is the foundation. There's the reason we're still in that economic mess today because of that.

Democrat policy, liberalism gave us the current climate. It's really no more complicated than that. You know, the "derivatives" is what they're called. How they protected themselves from these bad loans. Derivatives were just spreading the risk around. The Community Redevelopment Act put the rot in the market. Think of a staircase, a wooden staircase. You inject it with rot, the Community Redevelopment Act. Finally people couldn't walk up the staircase anymore. They had to get to the top somehow. So they started building alternative routes, all of those equally worthless with no value because the thing at the beginning of it had in value.

How in the world can a loan that will never be paid back have any value at all no matter what you do? The Bush administration tried 17 times to stop this and to reform it -- and each time the regulators, when brought before committees chaired by or membership-ed by people like Barney Frank -- were just raked over the coals for being cold-hearted, mean-spirited, cruel. It was much like what we're seeing now about the governor of Wisconsin. He's called cold-hearted, mean-spirited, and cruel. This guy's got a similar problem. You can't pay what people are demanding. It's liberalism. Look, I guarantee you... Here it is: Any time there's a problem in this country, two things, look for 'em and you'll find 'em: Liberalism and unions.

If \$800B in Stimulus Didn't Help, How Can \$100B in Cuts Hurt Us?

RUSH: Most of the American public, especially the segment of the populace that listens to this program are far more informed about the events going on in this country and around the world than your average reporter is. That's the key. They're all living in past narratives and news templates and so forth. Yeah, Republicans want to cut Social Security. Republicans hate women and children. Republicans create homelessness. Republicans created people with AIDS.

Republicans don't care. Republicans are cold-hearted, mean, extremists. And all we have to do is position things so that it becomes apparent again and the Democrats win big. This is what they think, hence all of the efforts here to portray Republicans as these Draconian budget cutters.

But again, \$800 billion stimulus, Porkulus, what have you, \$800 billion. As far as the media is concerned, "Hey, no problem." In fact, "Hey, that's real compassion." That was Obama putting the country back to work, shovel-ready jobs, rebuilding the infrastructure. We had all kinds of stimuli before that. We had TARP. We've had any number of financial stimulus acts. This budget deficit is projected now to be \$1.6 trillion, and yet we're told Obama is going to cut the deficit in half in ten years. Eight hundred billion dollars in what turned out to be no stimulus. It's no problem. One hundred billion dollars in budget cuts is an absolute disaster, a cold-hearted trick, a mean-spirited maneuver by the Republicans. Come on, media, get real. One hundred billion dollars is chump change, spending or cuts, but particularly cuts. You want to try to create the narrative that a hundred billion dollars is gonna lead to mass death, sickness, irreversible economic damage, without calculating the very economic damage done to this country by this regime and this president?

Do you really think you can get away anymore with positioning a hundred measly billion dollars as utter destruction of the United States of America? If \$800 billion in stimulus spending did not help the economy, how can 100 billion dollars in cuts hurt it? You're still \$700 billion ahead of the game, for crying out loud. Take a hundred billion dollars away from the stimulus, you still got \$700 billion in new spending, and you dare tell us about cuts! There aren't any cuts. There are meager reductions in the unsustainable rate of growth. Come on, media, you're better than this. Actually, they're not. I just thought I'd say it. I am mistaken. The media isn't better than

this. And that is the real crying shame. You can ask what we got from the stimulus. You might also ask what exactly do we get for our \$3.7 trillion for the entire federal budget? Besides defense, which is the one thing the Democrats want to do away with, name one thing you get from the federal government. Remember, the post office isn't part of it. Clearly there are things. It's being spent on something, ethanol subsidies, farm subsidies, any number of people being subsidized here.



But what are we getting for this as a nation? Where is the boom? Where are all the jobs? Where's this prosperity? Where's this new alignment? Where's all this magic? Where are all the green jobs? Where's this revolutionary new energy economy? Where is all this? What are we getting for this spending? Zilch, zero, nada. So poor old Jay Carney, first day on the job, his credibility is down the toilet. "Yeah, we stand by the budget." Well, that's helpful. You know, we have a game we play now and then called How Gullible Are You? Time for a new season of How Gullible Are You? Do you believe inflation is under control even after you pay your food bill and fill up your gas tank? Do you believe the

unemployment rate is only 9% when the regime explains it's seasonally adjusted? Do you believe the Obamacare program will cut costs and improve services even though your own doctor denies it and is thinking of quitting? Do you believe Obama's stimulus created millions of jobs and tons of shovel-ready projects? Do you believe that \$800 billion in stimulus created a massive economic boom and employment the likes of which the country hasn't seen but that \$100 billion in marginal budget cuts will destroy people's lives? After all, we're still \$700 billion ahead of the game after these \$100 billion in cuts.

Do you believe Obama is fiscally responsible? Do you believe Obama wants to be fiscally responsible? Do you believe Obama intends to ever be fiscally responsible? Clearly, the answer to all those questions is "no." And what are we faced with? We get stories about how Obama is setting traps for the Republicans. Obama has set traps for the country. Obama has set traps for the United States, lots and lots of traps. Washington Whispers, US News & World Report: "The Internal Revenue Service says it will need a battalion of 1,054 new auditors and staffers and new facilities at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$359 million in fiscal 2012 just to watch over the initial implementation of [the unconstitutional Affordable Care Act]. Among the new corps will be 81 workers assigned to make sure tanning salons pay a new 10 percent excise tax." These 81 new employees will cost 11 and a half million dollars. The IRS wants 81 new agents to monitor tanning salons, 11 and a half million.

"The ACA [Affordable Care Act] will require additional resources to build new IT systems; modify existing tax processing systems; provide taxpayer outreach and assistance services; make enhancements to notices, collections, and case management systems to address and resolve taxpayer issues timely and accurately; and conduct focused examinations to encourage compliance," said the newly released IRS budget.

In its request, the IRS explained that the tax changes associated with health reform are huge. 'Implementation of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 presents a major challenge to the IRS. ACA represents the largest set of tax law changes in more than 20 years, with more than 40 provisions that amend the tax laws.'" This is from the IRS. "Unsaid: The requests are just the beginning, since the new healthcare program is evolving and won't be fully implemented until about 2014."

This is just one year's requests from the IRS. Eleven and a half million dollars for 81 agents to monitor tanning salons, just for this year. It will go up as new elements are implemented. And all the while we're talking about something that's been vacated by a federal judge. We're talking about something which is unconstitutional. "The detailed IRS budget documents spell out exactly what most of the new workforce will be doing. For example, some 81 will be tasked just to handle the tax reporting of 25,000 tanning salons. They face a new 10 percent excise tax on indoor tanning services. Another 76 will be assigned to make sure businesses engaged in making and importing drugs pay their new fee, which is expected to deliver \$2.8 billion to the Treasury in 2012 and 2013. The new healthcare corps will also require new facilities and computers.

"Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, who's become a point man in the budget battle, told Whispers, 'The president's irresponsible budget empowers the IRS to begin to audit Americans' healthcare. As the IRS says, Obamacare represents the largest set of tax changes in more than 20 years. Adding hundreds of new jobs and millions of dollars to the IRS isn't going to make care better or more available for anyone. I will continue to fight to repeal and replace Obamacare with patient-centered reforms that help the private sector -- not the IRS -- create more jobs.'" Here's a brief with summary from Barrasso himself. The IRS will have to hire thousands of Washington bureaucrats to implement Obamacare measures,

we've talked about tanning tax; 84 full-time employees at almost \$10 million to strengthen oversight of exempt hospitals; 100 full-time new employees, cost \$35 million, for new health care coverage information reporting, whatever the hell that is; 150 new full-time IRS agents at a cost of \$22 million to assist taxpayers in understanding the new provisions, not complying, just understanding; 150 new agents to help us understand the unconstitutional Affordable Care Act. And \$15 million for changes to the call center, the 800 line where you call to have your questions answered. That's the IRS budget request to implement the Affordable Care Act for just this year alone.

The Definition of Mind-Numbed

RUSH: Columbus, Ohio. This is Kevin. Welcome, sir, I'm glad you waited. It's great to have you on the program.

CALLER: Thanks a lot. And I just wanted to thank you for all you do. You, um... You expose every day to me how racist and seditionist, anti-government, domestic terrorists, all of that... You guys, man, it's unbelievable. It really is. That you can have so much hatred for a president that just happens to be black, but I think that even makes it that much more delicious to you guys.

RUSH: Okay, let's... For the fun of it here. Racist, seditionist, anti-government, domestic terrorist, I expose every day.

CALLER: You expose people that --

RUSH: Who are we talking about? Who am I exposing?

CALLER: You're exposing all the people that listen to your program with some of their comments, some your com -- actually most of your comments are that way. Even with your little I guess you want to call it "satire." You guys hide

behind that line when it's racism, actually. You'll say satire. All of the commercials on --

RUSH: Like what? Give me an example. Give me an example out there, Kev. What are you referring to?

CALLER: Okay. All of your little commercial breaks or whatever, all your little songs, it always seems to be some Negro dialect you got going there, and it's not even that funny.

RUSH: That's why I say, "What 'Negro dialect' and what satire?"

CALLER: Well, you just played three or four in a row. You got whoever supposedly is Obama saying those things, whatever -- and I only heard McCain in there, and that's only because you don't like him. But I never hear anybody from your side doing anything. I mean, I don't ever hear that. You don't ever pick with them. You're just always one-sided.

RUSH: Really?

CALLER: How is somebody supposed to believe you're "fair and balanced," ummm, when it's that way? I mean, I listen to you a lot, and that's all I ever hear.

RUSH: I've never said that I'm "fair" or "balanced."

CALLER: Well, you know you never say it because you couldn't say that, but --

RUSH: Well, but you just said I --

CALLER: -- supposedly you are. I mean --

RUSH: No, no. There you go. You suppose --

CALLER: I guess -- I guess Fox must be the same way. They're not really, either, right?

RUSH: Kevin, what is...? Let's see if we can isolate this.

CALLER: Okay.

RUSH: 'Cause you I really want to know. Do you read the New York Times? You sound like the people that post comments there.

CALLER: No, I'm not from New York, and I don't read the New York Times, no.

RUSH: You don't have to be from New York. You can read the New York Times in Oshkosh if you want to. It's called "the Internet." Do you read and post comments there?

CALLER: No, sir. I never have.

RUSH: You wonder why I don't criticize people I like?

CALLER: No, I didn't say that at all. I said even whether you like 'em or not, if they do something that maybe is not right or whatever, I never hear you criticize 'em.

RUSH: Like who?

CALLER: Well, that's what I'm saying. That's why it's, "Like who?" You don't do it. You have people messing up all the time. What about Sarah Palin? What about Michele Bachmann? What about some of the crazy statements they make?

RUSH: What do you want...?

CALLER: You never say a word.

RUSH: Give me an example of some crazy things. Just give me a crazy thing Sarah Palin said.

CALLER: All you gotta do, uhh, is pull her up. Anything she says, to me, really is kind of crazy.

RUSH: No, no. No, no, no, no. You're gonna have to tell me. Give me an example.

CALLER: You know... You know, and... You know what? I've noticed this tactic, too. Whenever I talk to a right-wing person, the first thing they want to do is deflect the question you ask them by asking you a question.

RUSH: I'm not deflecting anything. I'm trying to find out exactly what it is that you think Sarah Palin said that is stupid.

CALLER: (laughing) Oh, so you don't think anything she said is dumb, huh? Okay. I see. This is what I mean. You don't have anything. Everything she said is very intelligent and -- and is correct. That what you believe, right?

RUSH: Uh, this is --

CALLER: What about...? Okay, let's go back, when she first came out. What about seeing Alaska from -- or seeing Russia from -- her backyard? Do you think that was stupid or not?

RUSH: She never said it. See, this is --

CALLER: Oh, my God.

RUSH: He's my God, too, so watch it.

CALLER: Well, you don't act like it.

RUSH: And I'm going to tell you something: She never said it.

CALLER: She never said it? Okay.

RUSH: This is the problem. Kevin, the audience would agree here that I have been very "fair and balanced." I have given you so much opportunity to be specific about your complaints, and you can't do it. I mean, you want to call me racist. I think it's amazing. The president proposes a budget. Even the Washington Post is saying the president punted on the budget, even members of his own party question the budget, foreign governments are questioning the budget because

it's an outrageous run on our Treasury, a threat to future generations, and you call here and tell me that I saying it is racist! It's a shame. We've lost you. You're a walking cliché.

You are partly responsible for the problem this country's in, because you are willingly ignorant. You willingly keep yourself stupid and ignorant and uninformed, and you run around and live in your political clichéd world, and you unwittingly are contributing to the problem that we've got by not getting up to speed and understanding what's really going on. The people that I assume you support are actively destroying whatever opportunity you might have to make something of yourself someday -- if that opportunity still remains for you. That's an open question. (sigh) Anyway, Kevin, thanks for the call. I appreciate it.

He waited an hour and a half, ladies and gentlemen, to use his EIB broadcast time in this fashion. He waited an hour and a half. Now... (interruption) No. He doesn't have a point. His point is that I mean-spirited. His problem is I'm right. It bothers him I'm on the air being right because it challenges his worldview, so he's gotta call in and try to Darrell Issa me. That's what he's trying to do. Now, keep in mind I have questioned Pelosi, and over the years I've questioned Kennedy, Kerry, Cuomo, on and on. I've questioned the policies and philosophies of whomever holds office, whomever is proposing policies that conflict with my views of freedom, the Constitution, the rule of law.

But this caller insists on making this racist! He has nothing substantive to say about anything -- which is to be expected, because whenever the left is faced with a direct confrontation on their views, they don't have any. They can only resort to deceit and lies and all these clichéd accusations: Racism, ageism, sexism, starving children, hating aliens, on and on and on. He said not a single substantive thing. Not one. Despite my compassion. Despite my guidance. I attempted to guy guide him into something

substantive. But you just heard the definition of "mind-numbed" on this program.

RUSH: You know, in all candor, folks, it's callers like this last guy who make me question the whole concept of evolution. How can there be evolution? It doesn't logically compute with me. But now and then it serves a purpose for this kind of stuff to happen. I mean, this budget, this president's actions are going to harm the country -- and that means everybody in it, regardless of race, regardless of sex, regardless of party, regardless of IQ. The only blessing, I guess, to having no IQ is you won't know how screwed you've been.

RUSH: Mike in Dallas, you're next on the EIB Network. Hello.

CALLER: Good afternoon, Rush. Mega dittos. I started listening to you 21 years ago on KRVN in Tulsa.

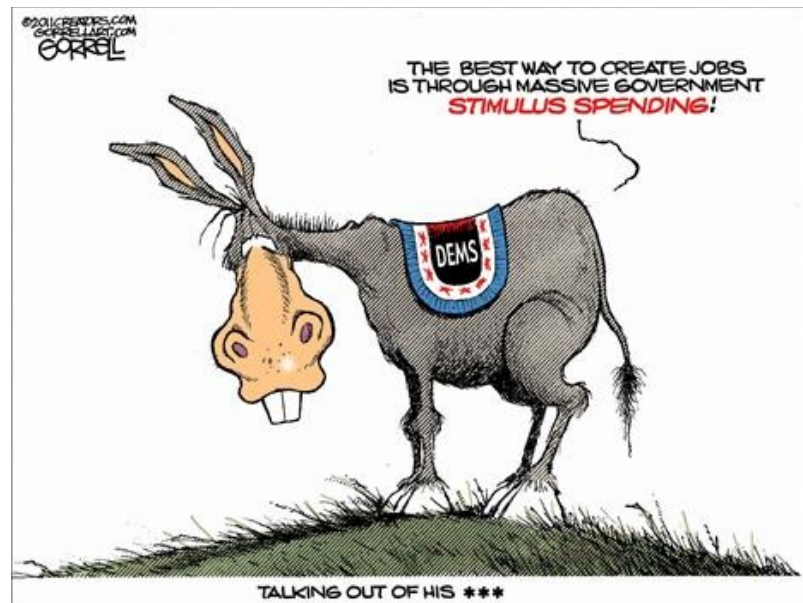
RUSH: Thank you very much, sir. I remember our first week there.

CALLER: Yes. I have some information for that caller in the last hour that you tried to pin down on issues, and he could not do anything about it. He needs to stay off of those hate sites like Media Matters, MoveOn.org, and Daily Kos and Huffington Post because he's not gonna get any factual information.

RUSH: Or the New York Times. You know, folks, you really ought to do something. The New York Times likes to think that they're the upper crust. I mean they've got the smartest readers, the smartest citizens. You ought to go to any New York Times website story and read the comments. I guarantee you'll run a gamut of emotions, from hilarity, laughter, to outright shock.

CALLER: And none of it is going to be the actual truth, Rush. None of it is.

RUSH: No, I know. It's all agenda oriented. But the comments, the comments are just... like I said earlier, folks, that caller made me question the whole concept of evolution, and I think anybody with just a modicum of intelligence would agree. Read the comments. You know what you're gonna get at Democrat Underground, Daily Kos, all those places. Go to the New York Times and read the comments there and then send a note to "Charles Darwin's full of it."



The 2nd Anniversary of Porkulus

RUSH: This is the second anniversary of Obama's Porkulus bill. This is it today, folks. Anniversary number two. And in the two years of Obama's stimulus we have lost 2.6 million jobs. Unemployment is higher than when the stimulus was implemented. Unemployment, 8.2% in February of 2009. It's supposedly 9% now. Of course, the AP is just flummoxed here. They can't figure it out because unemployment benefits jumped to 410,000. "More people applied for unemployment benefits last week, one week after claims had fallen to the lowest level in nearly three years." Now, the truth is that last

week's new unemployment claims number was revised up by 2,000 as usual. So we're not even sure if the last part of this is true. "The Labor Department said Thursday that 410,000 people sought unemployment assistance last week, a jump of 25,000 from the previous week. The rise was much larger than economists had expected." What, did it snow? Well, they expected it to go up. Why is that? After it was plummeting they expected it to go up, but just not this much? Hmm. Second anniversary of the stimulus.

Obviously Obama has BDD, Budget Deficit Disorder. It's akin to Attention Deficit Disorder. It's a condition where a person is easily distracted, has difficulty staying focused on an individual activity for any period of time, and I've looked here, I think the symptoms of BDD, Budget Deficit Disorder, may include being easily distracted, you miss details, you forget things, you frequently switch from one activity to another, have difficulty maintaining focus on one task. You become bored with a task after only a few minutes, unless doing something enjoyable, and you have no ability to listen. I think that pretty much sums up where we are here. (interruption) No, I'm not gonna get into whether there's a drug therapy for this. No, no, no. I'm just telling you, I think we've got a disease here, Budget Deficit Disorder, and it's clear now. Two years ago to this day Obama promised us his stimulus would keep unemployment under 8%. Has anybody noticed it's not been under 8% since Obama implemented the stimulus? It was 7.8% in January of 2009 when the immaculation occurred. It was 8.2% in February of 2009. It has not been below 9% since April of 2009, and if you go back and look, unemployment really ratcheted up after the '08 election, when businesses said, "Uh-oh," and were expressing fear of what was coming.

Republicans Celebrate the Anniversary of the Stimulus:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2011/02/17/republicans-celebrate-the-anniversary-of-the-stimulus/>

Wisconsin Liberals Starve Children

RUSH: Luanne... (chuckles) It says, "Luanne leaving Madison, Wisconsin." Are you on the road outta town? Is that right?

CALLER: (laughing) I am leaving Madison, Wisconsin. I was there the last couple days, and you cannot believe the stuff going on there. The papers? Unbelievable. I have fire coming out of my ears, I'm so upset. For one thing they're screaming and yelling, the union people are screaming and yelling, that Governor Walker is being touted by the unions of the firemen and the policemen and, blah, blah, blah; and I am just livid because I am like, "You know, for several years now Governor Doyle has just been run by the teachers union in the state."

RUSH: All right.

CALLER: I mean he was told what to do. They would put something before him; there was no question. He was just owned by them. And now the shoe's on the other foot and they are like up in arms, you know, "Governor Walker's campaign was funded by," blah, blah, blah, and I'm like, "Wow, okay. Now you guys know how it feels. We sat back for several years and watched the teachers union just control Doyle completely, and they're just livid. They're livid. They don't know what to do. I hope those senators that got on the bus, I wish they would stay there -- and do you know that the teachers have not taught in Madison for two days? And, you know, their slogan -- what, a few years ago? -- was "Kids First." I say baloney. It's not Kids First; it's never been Kids First. It's their own power and their own money. That's all they care about.

RUSH: Let me ask you this, Louanne. Are the schools open for school breakfast and school lunch even though the teachers are not there?

CALLER: No. No.

RUSH: Really?

CALLER: I went by one of the high schools and the kids were picketing saying, "Who's thinking about us? Why aren't teachers here teaching us?"

RUSH: Are you kidding? (laughing) The kids are picketing, "Who's thinking about us?" (laughing and banging desk)

CALLER: Absolutely. Because they know they're having to be making it up and they don't want to be making it up in June and so they're like, "Hey, what about us? We want to be in school being taught. We want to get our hours in for the year and these idiot, stupid teachers who are so selfish..."

RUSH: My gosh! Wait a minute, now, no, no, no. I have to step in. Somebody's gotta say to these kids, you get a day off from school, take it!

CALLER: (laughing) Well, they're pretty livid. I think after a couple days they're like, "No, we want to be back in school, and will somebody teach us?"

RUSH: That's not normal. I'm sorry, that's not normal!

CALLER: (laughing)

RUSH: A snow day, teacher strike, whatever, take it! Don't join a picket line. Well, I don't mind, "What about us?" That's probably there's no food being served. What about that? The school districts care so little about the kids even when the teachers are gone there's no school breakfast or school lunch?

CALLER: As far as I know the schools are shut.

RUSH: Where are these kids eating? I mean, for crying out loud, now we're gonna have kids' starvation added to all the other indignities!

CALLER: They don't care about the kids. I mean, let's face it: They have not cared about the kids in a long time.

RUSH: Obviously not! The teachers will be letting kids starve in Madison, Wisconsin.

CALLER: (chuckling) Well, I'm telling you -- and the paper was just a joke. I was reading it this morning, and I thought, "I can't even stand reading this." It's so biased, it's not reporting at all, and it's just incredible. For those of us who, you know, fought and fought and fought to get Walker, Governor Walker in --

RUSH: Yup.

CALLER: -- and he's now doing exactly what we hired him to do, and people are just... And, you know, I mean let's look at it. Like I said, I said to many people the last couple days, "If our budget in our family is tight, we've had to say to our kids, 'Guess what? We're not going on a vacation this year,' or, 'No, you can't have that.' I don't care if you picket outside my house. (giggles) picket all you want but this is the way it is, this is our budget, and this is the way we're gonna get our household back in order."

RUSH: I'll tell you what --

CALLER: So I'm telling you: I hope Governor Walker just holds his ground. I don't care how many thousands of people, 20,000 people outside the capitol. Who cares?

RUSH: I do, too. I do hope he holds firm there, no question. I'm still struck by the fact they're starving the kids in Madison. You know, all we heard about was Republican school lunch cuts

back in 1995, and here they've closed the schools to school breakfast and school lunch, and the kids are outside protesting, "What about us?"

CALLER: Yeah! (chuckles) Can we come back to school and be taught by somebody?

RUSH: (laughing)

CALLER: I say get rid of all of them. "If you want to go picket us, guess what? Your job's not going to be there when you show up on Monday," that's what I say. "You know, someone's gonna take it," because there's a lot of people that would love to have a job.

RUSH: Well, somebody needs to tell the people of Wisconsin, elections have consequences and --

CALLER: Exactly.

RUSH: -- these are them, and they're supposed to.

CALLER: I love your comments about the union. I have three children, and both my husband and I have encouraged our children not to go into teaching because you would probably have to pay union dues if you work at a public school, and we said no.

RUSH: What did you like about what I said about unions? 'Cause I said a lot about them. What did you like about what I said?

CALLER: I loved that you said people should have an option! It's unbelievable that they do not have an option to pay for this. I mean, when you see what the Wisconsin teachers union money goes to, there's no way I could. There's no way in my right mind I could be a teacher --

RUSH: Right.

CALLER: -- and say that that money is going towards that, no way. So we've encouraged our

children, "No, don't go into teaching. Just don't do it." I mean, teaching is a great profession in the right setting, and you're forming young minds, that's wonderful. But it is so powerful in this day that it's unbelievable. I mean, you do not have a say. You do not have a say.

RUSH: Luanne, thank you very much for calling.

CALLER: Thanks. Thanks.

RUSH: You did a great job.

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<http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2010/10/how-to-cut-343-billion-from-the-federal-budget>

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.

The Food Liberation Army (I am still unsure whether this is a put-on or not):
<http://www.freeronald.org/en/fla/>

Good news site—Buck's Right:
<http://www.bucksright.com/>

In case you want to refer others to this; statistical comparison between gays and straights:
<http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS04C02>

Palestinian Media Watch:
<http://palwatch.org/>

Right Bias:
<http://rightbias.com/>

Red, White and Blue [news](http://redwhitebluenews.com/):
<http://redwhitebluenews.com/>

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

Excellent news source:
<http://home.myway.com/>

Union refund? Really?
<http://www.unionrefund.org/>

The Right Reasons (news and opinion):
<http://www.therightreasons.net/index.php>

Meadia Research Center where the bias of mainstream news is exposed again and again.
<http://www.mrc.org>

Pundit and Pundette:
<http://www.punditandpundette.com/>

News directly from people in Egypt (called Broadcasting from Tahrir Square):
<http://eltahrir.org/>

Stand with Us:
<http://www.standwithus.com/>

A George Soros funded site:
<http://thinkprogress.org/>

Progressive media matters action network:
<http://politicalcorrection.org/>

The Jawa Report (there is some moderate emphasis upon Islam):
<http://mypetjawa.mu.nu/>

Kids Aren't Cars:
<http://www.kidsarentcars.com/blog/>

Stuff you probably did not know about greenhouse gases (this is a good link for friends):

http://www.geocraft.com/WVFossils/greenhouse_data.html

The Top 100 Effects of Global Warming (I am fairly certain that this is serious; but it is really hard to tell). It is saying goodbye to French Wines, glaciers, guacamole, mixed nuts, French fries, baseball and Christmas trees and saying hello to cannibalistic polar bears, jellyfish attacks, giant squid attacks, more stray kittens, suffocating lemmings, burning cow poop and acidic oceans.

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/09/climate_100.html

Comprehensive List of Tax Hikes in Obamacare (this includes individual health insurance costing as much as \$695/month by 2016—which is *not* the only cost):

<http://www.atr.org/comprehensive-list-tax-hikes-obamacare-a5758#>

Tammy Bruce
<http://tammybruce.com/>

[California's] Public Speakers blog:
<http://pubsecrets.wordpress.com/>

Flashpoint—California's most significant political news:

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

The Publius Forum (more of a newscast than a blog; located in Chicago, I believe):

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

Political Chips:
<http://www.politicalchips.org/>

Brits at their best:
<http://www.britsattheirbest.com/>

Political Affairs, which used to be called *the Communist* (in case you are interested in what ~~the Democratic Par~~, I mean, the communist party is up to.

<http://politicalaffairs.net/>

Headlines, short news stories:

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

Christmas is evil (Muslim website):

<http://xmasisevil.com/index2.php>

Conservative blogger:

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

Verum Serum

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

The Tax Professor Blog

http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/

Moonbattery:

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

Arbitrary Vote:

<http://arbitraryvote.com/home>

The Party of Know:

<http://thepartyofknow.com/>

Slap Blog

<http://slapblog.com/>

The latest news from Prison Planet:

<http://prisonplanet.tv/>

<http://prisonplanet.tv/latest-news.html>

Right Wing News:

<http://rightwingnews.com/>

The Frugal Café:

http://www.frugal-cafe.com/public_html/frugal-blog/frugal-cafe-blogzone/

The Left Coast Rebel:

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

The Freedomist:

<http://freedomist.com/>

Greg Gutfeld's website:

<http://freedomist.com/>

This is one of my favorite lists; this is a list of things which global warming causes (right now, it causes over 800 things—most of these are linked):

<http://www.numberwatch.co.uk/warmlist.htm>

The U.K.'s number watch:

<http://www.numberwatch.co.uk/number%20watch.htm>

100 things we can say goodbye to (or, hello to) because of Global Warming (all of these are linked). They are very serious about these things, by the way:

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/09/climate_100.html

If you are busy, and just want to read about the Top Ten things:

<http://planetsave.com/2009/06/07/global-warming-effects-and-causes-a-top-10-list/>

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/nf_blog/

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>



A GAME SHOW WHERE HUMANS CAN ALWAYS BEAT COMPUTERS

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://atlashrugs2000.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.ocregister.com/>

Business News/Economy News

Investors Business Daily:
<http://www.investors.com/>

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

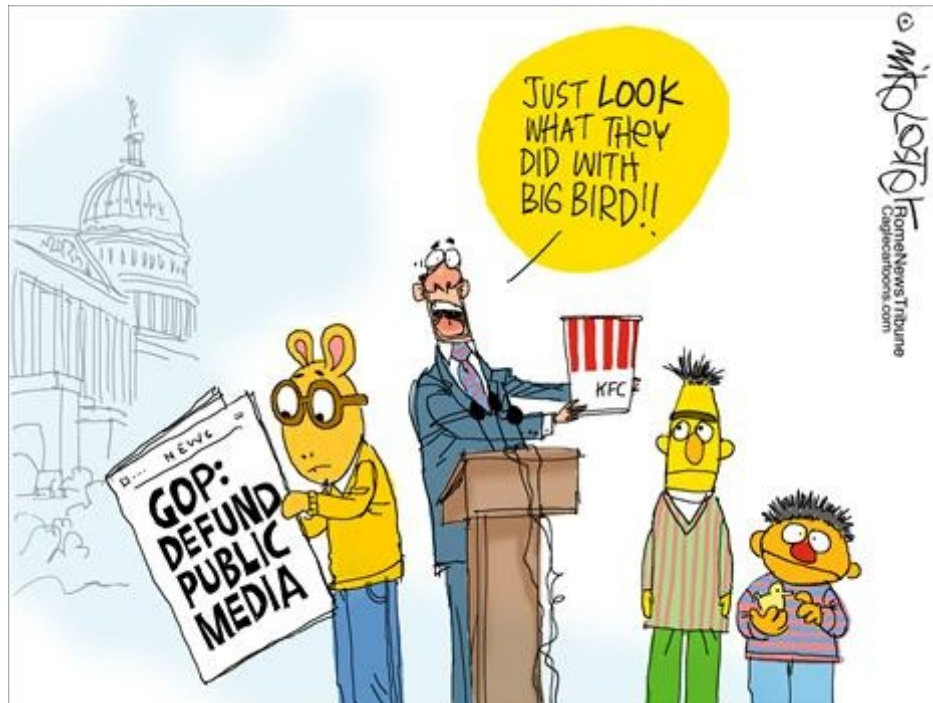
Great business and political [news](http://www.wsj.com):
www.wsj.com
www.businessinsider.com

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://teabaggersrcoming.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>

HipHop Republicans:

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

TOPICS (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>

From:

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

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 Coburn'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-environmentalism-as-religion.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>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNZQ5D8lwfi>

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

A Muslim apologetic site (they will write out letters to express *your feelings*, and all you have

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/>

to do is sign them, and they will send them on):
<http://www.faithfulamerica.org/>

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/>

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

Legal

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

Islam

Islam:
www.thereligionofpeace.com

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

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

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

Answering Muslims (a Christian site):
<http://www.answeringmuslims.com/>

Military

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

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

Muslim Demographics (this is outstanding):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-3X5hIFXYU>

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

Muslim deception:

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 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 blower:

<http://emergingcorruption.com/>

In case you need to reference this, here are the photos of all those on the Journalist:

<http://iowtheworld.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/>

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/>

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/>

Your daily cartoon:

<http://daybydaycartoon.com/>



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

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

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)

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://midnightgraphs.blogspot.com/>

The Architecture of Political Power (an online book):

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

Recommended foreign news site:

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

This website reveals a lot of information about politicians and their relationship to money. You can find out, among other things, how many earmarks that Harry Reid has been responsible

for in any given year; or how much an individual Congressman's wealth has increased or decreased since taking office.

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

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

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.Atlasshrugs.com

My own website:

www.kukis.org

Congressional voting records:

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

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

<http://howobamagotelected.com/>

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):

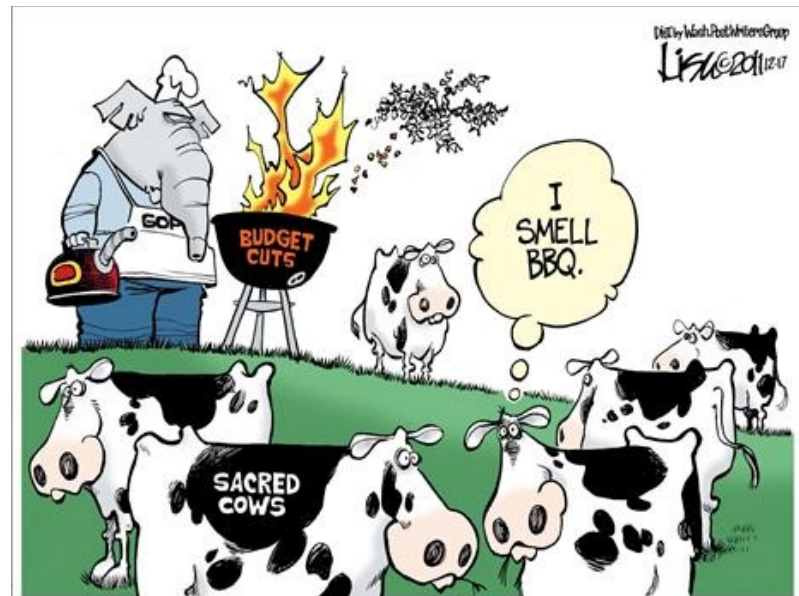
<http://www.palintv.com>

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>



Life in Jan. 2009 compared to life in 2011:

	Jan. 2009	Today	% chg
Avg. retail price/gallon gas in U.S.	\$1.83	\$3.104	69.6%
Crude oil, European Brent (barrel)	\$43.48	\$99.02	127.7%
Crude oil, West TX Inter. (barrel)	\$38.74	\$91.38	135.9%
Gold: London (per troy oz.)	\$853.25	\$1,369.50	60.5%
Corn, No.2 yellow, Central IL	\$3.56	\$6.33	78.1%
Soybeans, No. 1 yellow, IL	\$9.66	\$13.75	42.3%
Sugar, cane, raw, world, lb. fob	\$13.37	\$35.39	164.7%
Unemployment rate, non-farm, overall	7.6%	9.4%	23.7%
Unemployment rate, blacks	12.6%	15.8%	25.4%
Number of unemployed	11,616,000	14,485,000	24.7%
Number of fed. employees, ex. military (curr = 12/10 prelim)	2,779,000	2,840,000	2.2%
Real median household income (2008 v 2009)	\$50,112	\$49,777	-0.7%
Number of food stamp recipients (curr = 10/10)	31,983,716	43,200,878	35.1%
Number of	7,526,598	9,193,838	22.2%

unemployment benefit recipients (curr = 12/10)			
Number of long-term unemployed	2,600,000	6,400,000	146.2%
Poverty rate, individuals (2008 v 2009)	13.2%	14.3%	8.3%
People in poverty in U.S. (2008 v 2009)	39,800,000	43,600,000	9.5%
U.S. rank in Economic Freedom World Rankings	5	9	n/a
Present Situation Index (curr = 12/10)	29.9	23.5	-21.4%
Failed banks (curr = 2010 + 2011 to date)	140	164	17.1%
U.S. dollar versus Japanese yen exchange rate	89.76	82.03	-8.6%
U.S. money supply, M1, in billions (curr = 12/10 prelim)	1,575.1	1,865.7	18.4%
U.S. money supply, M2, in billions (curr = 12/10 prelim)	8,310.9	8,852.3	6.5%
National debt, in trillions	\$10.627	\$14.052	32.2%

From: <http://www.dickmorris.com/blog/the-damage-obama-has-done/>