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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 5 or 6 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

So far, 2011 is the deadliest year for tornadoes since 1950.

Melon-sized hail fell in Norman, OK this past week.



Corporate whistleblowers could score multi-million-dollar payouts for reporting financial wrongdoing under a new program approved by securities regulators this week. Is

there a parallel law for wasteful government spending?

A new study conducted by economists at Iowa State University and the University of Wisconsin claims that the increased use of ethanol reduced wholesale gasoline prices by an average of \$0.89 per gallon in 2010. The Reuters article that I read said nothing about the corn subsidies which are integral to ethanol. Apparently, Reuters must have determined that to be irrelevant to the story?

The White House will buy 100 electric cars, but not from government owned GM, but these are called Wheelgo LiFe electric cars. I have no idea who they are; I've never heard of them before.

The President "auto-signs" the renewing of the Patriot Act. Republican Representative Tom Graves questions this in an open letter to the President. The "autopen" device has been used for years to sign Christmas cards and the like, but this is the first time it has been used to sign a bill into law. Although we have no precedent, President Bush's Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel concluded that such a thing could be legally done. Now, Obama's autopen has its own twitter-ID:

<http://twitter.com/#!/ObamasAutopen>

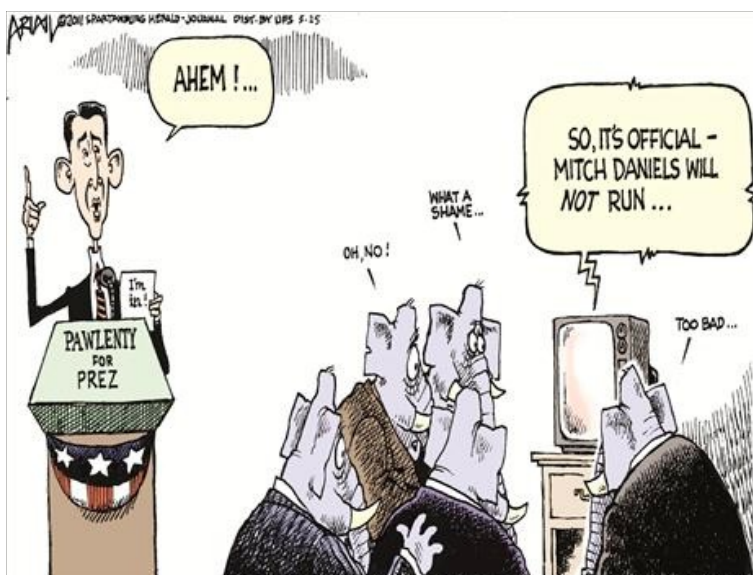
The White House has hired Jesse Lee for a new position within its communications department titled Director of Progressive Media & Online Response. Lee will essentially be responsible for building up Obama's online presence in preparation for his re-election bid, as well as quashing any negative stories:

Joe Biden says that they can probably come to an agreement of \$1 trillion in deficit reduction—over 10 years. Our yearly deficit is \$1.6 trillion. Sadly, Republicans are talking about \$2 trillion in cuts over 10 years.

Because Venezuela doing business with Iran, the United States has placed sanctions on Venezuela. Hugo Chavez, as a result, has told us to go to hell. 10% of our oil comes from Venezuela.

Glenn Beck was ridiculed for his explanation of the Middle East uprisings; while all the liberal news portrayed these as Democratic uprisings, Beck painted a much black picture. It is becoming more and more obvious that Beck was right.

Political candidate Herman Cain admits he did not know anything about a question he was asked (about the right of return for Palestinians).



On the GOP front: Mitch Daniels decides not to run for president. Rick Perry is considering a run for the presidency; the Iowa GOP is asking Chris Christie to get in touch with them; Sarah Palin begins a bus tour, after saying that she has fire in the belly. Rudy Giuliani is talking about getting into the race, and, already, he leads the CNN poll.

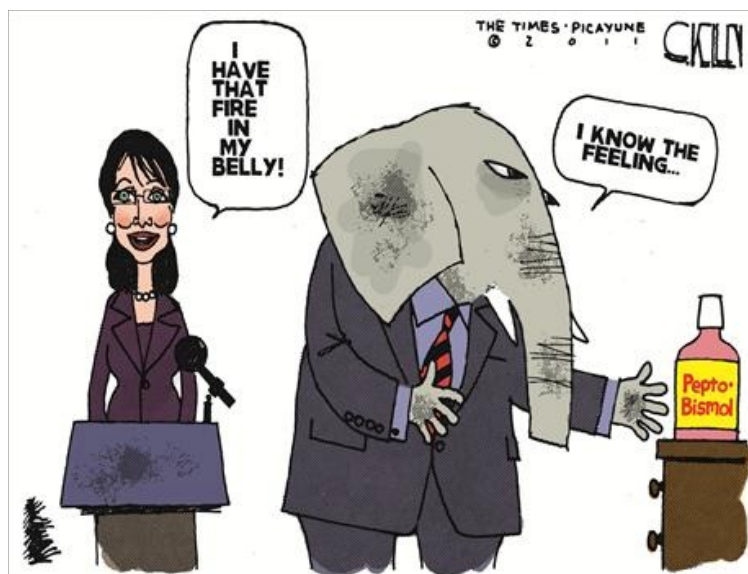
Because of this bus tour of Palin's, both George Will and David Brooks said snitty things about Palin this am on the Sunday talk shows. Will suggested that she could not be trusted with nuclear weapons (how did that come up in

conversation?) and Brooks said running for president is no like running for American idol (Brooks, I presume, took a nap during the 2008 election).

Mitt Romney backs ethanol subsidies in Iowa; Tim Pawlenty does not.

Host Chris Matthews Show, Time magazine's Joe Klein and the Daily Beast's Andrew Sullivan have concluded that the DOJ should leave John Edwards alone.

You know about the church burnings and clashes between Muslims and Christians in Egypt, since the "people" took over. Not to worry. Everything has been fixed. A Military court in Egypt has sentenced three Christian Copts to 5-years imprisonment on charges of possession of firearms and pocket knives. No Muslims have been sentenced.



You may recall how we were assured that the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt was a very small percentage of the protestors and that even they themselves said they would not run any candidates in the first post-Mubarak election?

Muslim Brotherhood's second presidential candidate just entered the race, favoring Sharia law and breaking the long-standing treaty with Israel.



An Algerian Christian was sentenced to five years imprisonment for blasphemy in Oran on Wednesday after sharing his Christian faith with a neighbor. The verdict came days after authorities forced the permanent closure of seven Protestant churches in Algeria's Béjaia province.

Russia, Japan and Canada are not going to sign a second Kyoto Protocol.

Say What?

Liberals:

Newswoman Andrea Mitchell: "nobody on the Republican side is showing any courage on the tax front. And unless taxes are part of the mix, every grown-up knows it can't reach a solution."

Newswoman Andrea Mitchell to Obama advisor: "I know you have been following the news about

Sarah Palin launching this bus tour this weekend; is this the best political news the Obama reelection committee has ever had?"

Newsman Joe Klein: "I'd say the relationship [between Obama and the military] is pretty good - very, better than it was with Bush because the military hated the fact that he wasn't really doing the job in Iraq."

L.A. Times writer Meghan Daum: "But consider this: It's not that Obama can't speak clearly. It's that he employs the intellectual stammer. Not to be confused with a stutter, which the president decidedly does not have, the intellectual stammer signals a brain that is moving so fast that the mouth can't keep up."

Debbie Wasserman-Schultz: "[Conservative believe] that, in fact, it [illegal immigration] should be a crime and that we should arrest them all."

Just in case you thought he was moderate:

Michael Bloomberg: "If you ask the public 'is there global warming,' is in '50 years the earth going to be dramatically different or perhaps uninhabitable,' their eyes roll. Nobody can think 50 years in advance."

Michael Bloomberg: "Your job [as a political leader] is not to ask the public where they want to go and get behind them. Your job is to tell the public and convince the public where they should go, and lead from the front."

Quentin Hardy (from Forbes on Fox): "There is no basis for saying the private sector is more efficient than the public sector." [quoted from memory]

Princeton University professor Cornel West: "[Obama is] another Black mascot of these Wall Street oligarch."

Janette Barber on the Rosie O'Donnell show, (somehow being able to come off more nutty than Rosie): "I think if you want an abortion, you get an abortion. If you don't want to get an abortion, I would never force anyone to get an abortion, but I'd fight to the freakin' death for somebody's right to have an abortion. When I was a kid, I thought, 'If we lose this right, I'm leaving this country.' I had plans [in the event of pregnancy]...I'm gonna wear a tent dress while I don't eat so I can get big and I can go in the woods, have it, kill it, and bury it, 'cause I didn't know how else I would get rid of it if I lost that right. I was pretty young when I had that plan, and I got over it."

Liberals being civil:

Pornographer Larry Flynt: "Sarah Palin is the dumbest thing. But I made a fortune off of her. [He made a porn film called Nailin' Palin, based on her]... She did a disservice to every woman in America. She knew from the first month of pregnancy that kid was going to be Down's Syndrome. It's brain dead. A virtual vegetable. She carries it to all these different political events against abortion, she did it just because she didn't want to say she'd had an abortion. How long is it going to live? Another 12, 15 years? Doesn't even know it's in this world. So what kind of compassionate conservative is she? I don't think anybody will want her near the White House."

Liberals making sense:

Bill Clinton: "The Democrats are going to have to be willing to give up maybe some short-term political gain by whipping up fears on some of these things if it's a reasonable Social Security proposal or a reasonable Medicare proposal. We have to deal with these things. You cannot have healthcare devour the economy."

Crosstalk:

Chris Wallace: "What else have you seen?"

Mike Gallagher: "Spider man; I saw Spider man 4 times."

Chris Wallace: "What, you had trouble following the plot?" [quoted from memory]

Ed Schultz on his radio show: "President Obama is going to be visiting Joplin, Mo., on Sunday but you know what they're talking about, like this right-wing slut, what's her name?, Laura Ingraham? Yeah, she's a talk slut."

Laura Ingraham: "I was surprised to learn that Ed Schultz actually hosted a radio show,"

Schultz has since apologized (a sincere sounding apology) and Ingraham accepted it.

Joe Schoffstall: "What do you think about the first amendment in general?"

Respondent (as she signs a petition to stop free speech for certain conservatives): "Um, I'm actually for it, but I think some people abuse it."

Joe Schoffstall: "So you think they should be silenced?"

Respondent: "As with every other amendment, I feel like there's, uh, certain limits."

Joe Schoffstall: "So, cut it off with these people?"

Conservatives:

Senator Tom Coburn on this year's report on government waste: "This report confirms what most Americans assume about their government."

We are spending trillions of dollars every year and nobody knows what we are doing. The executive branch doesn't know. The congressional branch doesn't know. Nobody knows."

Karl Rove: "[Obama will run] the most negative re-election campaign ever mounted by ... a president"

Israeli PM Bibi Netanyahu: "You don't need to do nation-building in Israel. We're already built. You don't need to build democracy in Israel. We got it. And you don't need to send troops to Israel. We defend ourselves."



Netanyahu: " You don't negotiate with people who want to kill you."

Dick Cheney: "I worship the ground Paul Ryan walks on" Okay, perhaps a bit much.

Rush Limbaugh: "When people meet me in person some of them are genuinely shocked. They're expecting me to be whatever they've heard the media portray me as. So at some point

people are gonna realize the media has been lying about Palin."

Rush Limbaugh: "The public supports conservatism. The public lives their lives, a majority of them, as conservatives. Conservatism is a force. It is a powerful force and it frightens the left more than any other enemy."

Rush: "We're gonna have to learn to accept the fact that no matter what happens in politics, the media is not going to be on our side, and they are going to distort it."

Rush: "Here we've got a sitting president who cannot run for reelection by saying, 'You want more of what I've already done?' They can't promise more of the same, because nobody wants more of the same."

Rush: "The stimulus bill was to protect and build and shore up the infrastructure of the Democrat Party almost exclusively."

Conservatives from the Past:

Ronald Reagan (who took this from Senator James F. Byrnes): "The nearest earthly approach to immortality is a bureau of the federal government."

Joe Biden Prophecy Watch

If the other revolutions in the Middle East are going to end up like Egypt, Israel and the United States will be in trouble.

Must-Watch Media

Some of the best shows of last summer were the Friday's Founders Shows on Glenn Beck. A lot of our history has been hidden from us, e.g. the involvement of Black Americans in our founding. We all know about Paul Revere riding and calling

out, "The British are coming." He was not the only rider. The other man was Walter Cheswell, a Black man. Glenn did a retrospective of some of these shows, and I guarantee you, this will be a lot of stuff that you do not know about our history:

<http://thedailybeck.com/2011/05/27/glenn-beck-tv-show-may-27-2011/>

Herman Cain interviewed by Huckabee:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bw-iPMx503k>

Brent Bozell on news reports on Ryan's Medicare with complete falsehoods:

<http://www.breitbart.tv/bozell-shows-how-media-carries-democrats-mediscare-water/>

This is great! Getting D.C. liberals to sign anti-free speech petition against conservatives:

<http://bigjournalism.com/wthuston/2011/05/29/dc-libs-happy-to-sign-petition-banning-conservatives-free-speech/>

A short 3 minute Heritage video on Obama and oil:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrLTmlz3wCk>

Media Research Center's 2011 Dishonor Awards:

<http://weaselzipper.us/2011/05/28/have-you-seen-media-research-centers-2011-dishonors-awards-yet/>

A Little Comedy Relief

President Obama cannot hold his liquor:

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

Jodi Miller: "Republicans and democrats continue to struggle with the debt ceiling; what's the big deal? Just dial the Chinese embassy and press 1."

Jodi Miller: "Mexican authorities seized two trucks headed for the United States that were

filled with 513 immigrants. Looks like the Democrats 2012 *get out the vote* campaign is gearing up."

Jodi Miller: "A ban on circumcision will be placed on an upcoming election ballot in San Francisco. So for all of you keeping track at home, aborting your son, good; circumcising your son, bad."

Short Takes

1) Just to remind you, the huge federal energy department is a recent addition to our grand, bureaucratic government. President Carter thought it would be good to get us off of foreign oil. Like every other governmental agency, it worked like a charm.

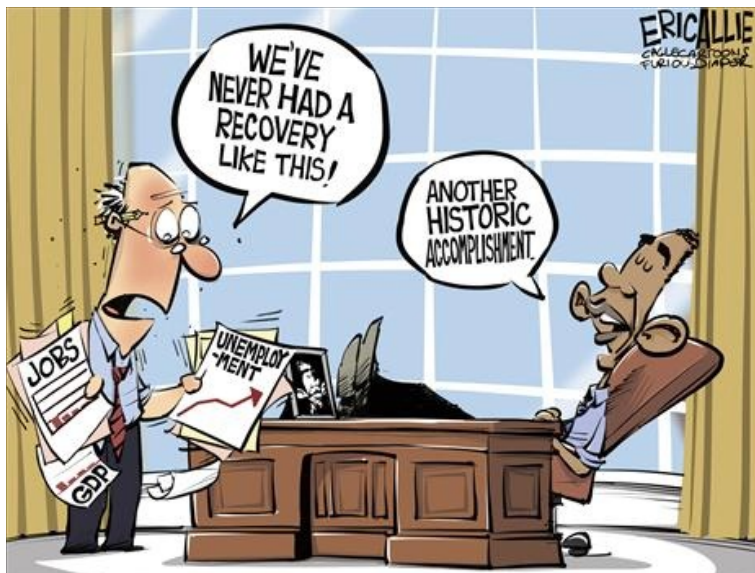
2) This so-called right of return which Palestinians are demanding goes back to the establishment of Israel in 1948. Israel was immediately under attack both from within and without, and, Arab leaders persuaded these "Palestinians" to move out while Israel was destroyed (something they expected to take a few days or a few months).

3) Greta Van Susteren's special on the TEA party had an interview which rang true to me (and I forget with whom). The person said, these TEA party people used to be able to enjoy their lives apart from politics. It was a part of their freedom to ignore politics. However, it has become apparent that we can no longer ignore Washington D.C.; that the federal government has decided to intrude on our lives to the point where, we have no other choice than to get involved. This is why most TEA party adherents have no background in civil action of any sort. Up until recently, they could ignore the government, and everything was fine.

3) If we choose sides in a war, then our financial and military support ought to be tied philosophical and financial agreements. Philosophically, the side we support ought to be

willing to agree to a bill of rights as the foundation of their nation, which includes freedom of religion. Financial support should be tied to loans.

4) We have had the weakest jobs recovery for this recession ever. No recession has seen such a slow recovery. You all know about the Great Depression; it was called the Great Depression only in the United States. It wasn't as bad outside of the U.S.

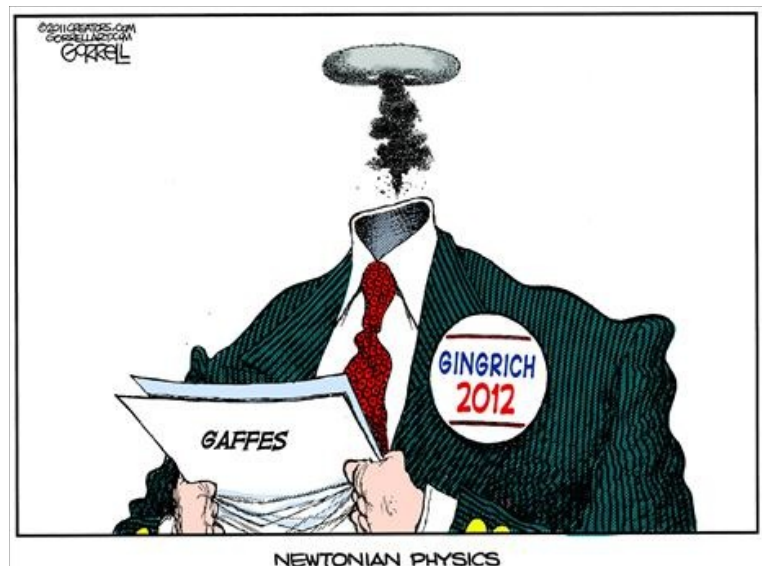


5) One fundamental difference between conservatives and liberals is the tax rate. Conservatives believe that people getting rich in America is a good thing and a result of the free enterprise system. Many liberals believe that this is economically unjust and that poor people are hurt and taken advantage of in order for the rich to prosper. One of the arguments that conservatives are going to have to make is, you can tax the rich at 100% and that will not pay for all of Obama's budget. Growth is a much greater factor in reducing the deficit rather than wealth confiscation, and the latter lessens the likelihood of the former (I give you the Obama economy as exhibit A).

6) The government has been extensively tinkering with 3 things in particular: the housing market, the healthcare sector and energy. Do you believe these things to have been improved in the past 10 years by government meddling?

7) We have all been sold a bill of goods when it comes to FDR, and, no doubt, he had his good points. However, FDR and his brain trust tinkered, and tinkered and tinkered. This is why our economy did not recover under Roosevelt; business had no idea what he was going to do next. The stock market returned to pre-Roosevelt highs under Eisenhower, not under Roosevelt or Truman.

8) For what it is worth, I think I understand what Newt Gingrich meant by referring the Paul's Ryan's budget as *right-wing social engineering*; the idea is, it is no better for those on the left or those on the right to simply dictate policy from on-high, that speaking to the American people about these changes needed to be a component of this process, determining what their opinion is on this. However, the context of his remarks are usually left out (the part about first talking to the American people about Medicare changes).



By the Numbers

Your Memorial Day BBQ cost you 29% more this year.

\$1 out of \$10 before tax dollars now goes for gas in the typical household, a 40% increase over last year.

Entitlements like welfare, food stamps, unemployment benefits and section 8 housing have gone up by 54% in the past 2 years.

According to Senator Tom Coburn, right now, there is more than \$703 billion in unspent taxpayer money on department, agency, and program ledgers. This includes \$12.2 billion unspent at the Agriculture Department, \$16.4 billion at Labor, \$25.2 billion at Housing and Urban Development, \$71.4 billion at Defense, and \$309.1 billion at Treasury.

Nearly 6% of contractors and grantees who received \$24 billion in stimulus funds owed \$757 million in back taxes

1 million Arabs live in Israel proper.

There were 29 or 30 standing ovations for Israeli PM Bibi Netanyahu when he spoke to Congress. When he called for an undivided Jerusalem, there was thunderous applause, but not from Vice President Joe Biden.

If you are upset with the oil companies, notice these stats:

Corporate management owns only 1.5% of the U.S. oil and natural gas industry. **The rest is owned by tens of millions of Americans** through retirement accounts (14%) and pension funds (26%). Mutual funds or other firms account for 29.5% ownership and individual investors own 23% of oil stock holdings.



Although this is old, only one in four Oklahoma public high school students can name the first President of the United States

57–40 vote against the Ryan budget
97–0 vote against the Obama budget.

Polling by the Numbers

CNN Poll

Republican candidates for President:

Giuliani	16%
Romney	15%
Palin	13%
Paul	12%
Cain	10%
Gingrich	8%
Bachmann	7%
Pawlenty	5%
Santorum	2%
Huntsman	1%
Johnson	1%
Roemer	* (Who is he? The rent guy?)
Someone else (vol.)	3%
None/ No one (vol.)	5%
No opinion	2%

A Little Bias

The date that Obama affixed to his signature this past week at the Westminster Abbey was May 24, 2008. Not that big of a deal, of course, but can you imagine if Bush or Reagan did this? It would be on the front page of every paper, with commentary like, “Should this man really be commander-in-chief?” To remind you, we all saw George Bush in China trying to open a locked door; but far fewer have seen Obama do the same thing (and it has happened twice to Obama).

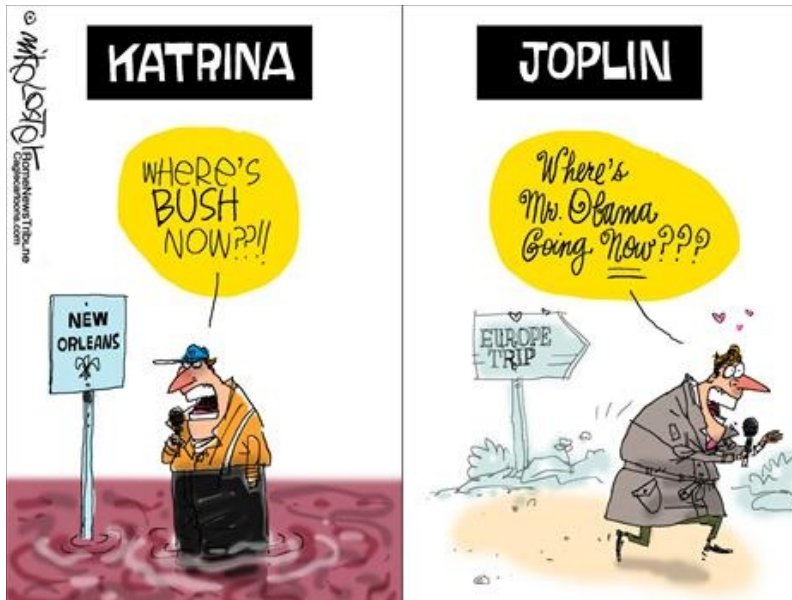
Here is a typical quotation on a debt limit ceiling story: *The nation will hit its \$14.3-trillion borrowing capacity by Aug. 2. If Congress fails to raise the cap, the government is likely to default for the first time - with potentially disastrous consequences, experts say.* Recall that we already hit that debt ceiling limit this past month, and nothing happened. Washington was able to find some more money, so that now, the big day is Aug. 2nd. If we reach our debt ceiling limit, then all that means is, we must live within our means for that month and the next month and the month after that.

ABC news did a 5–10 minute segment on sexual scandals, mentioning Newt Gingrich, of course, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger. Who was not mentioned? John Edwards.



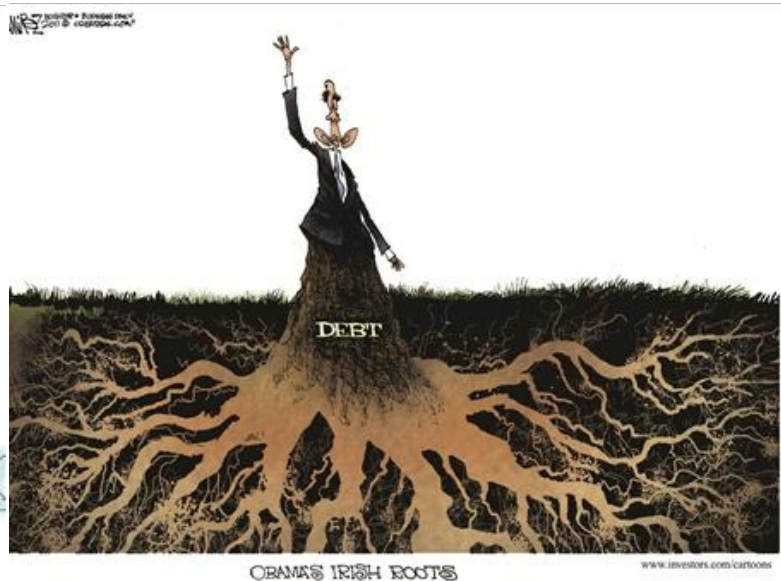
So, is the Obama Media Complex waiting for Anthony Weiner to clear his name before publishing any stories about his Facebook account? Remarkable restraint for such a juicy story.

Apocalyptic crises have occurred throughout the south and the Midwest, and Obama has done very little, apart from downing a pint of Guinness in Ireland. Obviously, there is not a lot that he can do directly, but I recall the news painting such a different picture with Bush and Katrina.



You Know You're Being Brainwashed if...

You think the economy is getting a lot better.



NY Times says it is right wingers who are 9/11 truthers:

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/clay-waters/2011/05/27/lets-blame-right-everything-ny-times-ludicrously-labels-9-11-truthers-r>

More Proof Obama is an Amateur

For awhile, there was a lot of talk about President Obama raising a billion dollars for his reelection bid. The White House should never have set such expectations. However, on the good side, the press won't interfere with snippy little stories like, "How close are you to \$1 billion now?" or "Are we there yet?"

News Before it Happens

From Karl Rove: Obama will spend most of his campaign funds trashing his Republican opponent. This will be even more true of political groups who support Obama.

As the top candidates in the Republican race, I see Cain, Pawlenty, Palin, Giuliani and Perry. I think that Romney will be supplanted by the field. This may be wishful thinking on my part. Let's compare this to NPR and PBS who see the top Republican candidates as Pawlenty, Romney and Huntsman.

Obama will not raise \$1 billion for his campaign unless it comes from outside of the United States.

Prophecies Fulfilled

Don't recall if I posted this one, but a month ago, a meteorologist on O'Reilly's show was forecasting dramatic tornado developments because of there being cooler ocean water.

These are not democracies beginning throughout the Middle East; these are revolutions and power plays.

Come, let us reason together....

Activist Courts

Finally, the Supreme Court makes an activist decision, so that liberals in California can see what an activist court is really like.

The Supreme Court has given cash-strapped California another couple years to reduce its inmate population, or face having to release 46,000 inmates into California's population.

No legislation should occur from the bench. Our founding fathers designed the courts as the weakest branch of government.

Here is what courts ought not to do: tell California how to spend its tax dollars; create rights which never existed before; create privileges for groups of people which never existed before. The Supreme Court should never function as if it is a legislative branch, essentially passing legislation with its decisions.

This means, it is not the courts place to redefine marriage. It's not the court's place to set up

quotas, to invalidate som qualification test. The idea behind the courts is, this is the last appeal possible and to cancel legislation which is an egregious violation of the constitution.

Right now, there are 4 conservative judges who believe that the constitution is a fixed document that we must interpret as the writers intended. We have 4 liberal members of the court, who believe that, if a particular outcome is what they think is a good outcome, then that is how they will vote on the court. The man in the middle is

YA THINK?



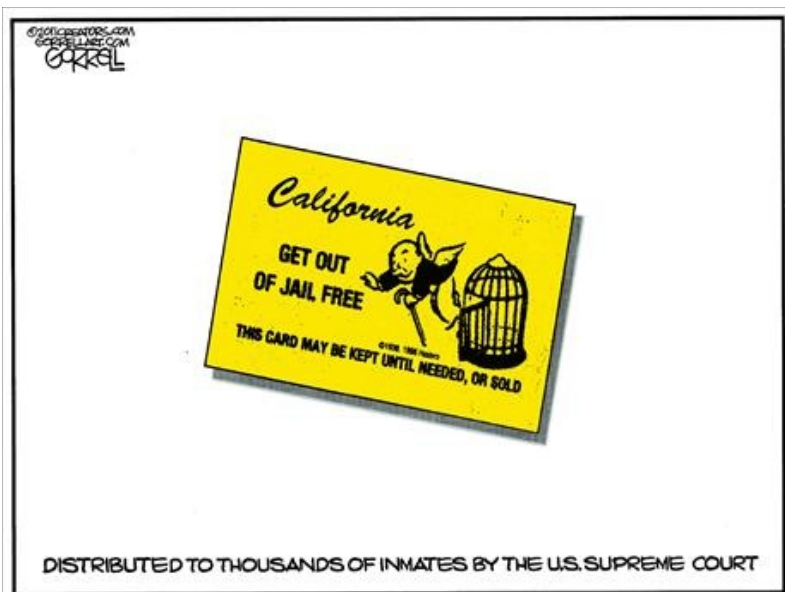
Missing Headlines

Glenn Beck was Right

Muslim Brotherhood showing muscle in Egypt

Russia, Japan and Canada not buying into global warming?

Kennedy, and his vote often determines which way a court decision goes, making him, as Charles Krauthammer put it, the most powerful man in the country.



The judges who voted to possibly let criminals go free in California? The 4 liberal judges (including the 2 Obama appointees) and Kennedy. Those

who voted against this ruling—and with great disgust at the ruling, the 4 conservative judges, 2 of whom were appointed by George W. Bush.

If you live in California, how do you like the idea of judges having this big of an impact on you? How do you like judges making decisions which could result in crimes being committed against you, your friends or your family? How do you like the idea that one man, depending upon what side of the bed he wakes up on, makes the final decision on all split decisions?

It's okay. They know what's best for you. Just think of it as *sense* and not as *surrender*.

Dr. Tom Coburn Releases New Oversight Report Exposing Waste, Mismanagement at the National Science Foundation

U.S. Senator Tom Coburn, M.D. (R-OK) today released a new oversight report, "The National Science Foundation: Under the Microscope" that raises serious questions regarding the agency's management and priorities. The report identifies more than \$1.2 billion the National Science Foundation (NSF) has lost due to waste, fraud, duplication and mismanagement and an additional \$1.7 billion in unspent funds.

"As a practicing physician and a two-time cancer survivor, I understand the benefits of scientific research. Investing in innovation and discovery can transform our lives, advance our understanding of the world and create new jobs. There is no question NSF serves an important -and legitimate - purpose in our society and has contributed to scientific discovery. As the NSF accurately notes, advances like the Internet, cloud computing, bar codes and magnetic resonance imaging technology were supported with investments from NSF," Dr. Coburn said.



"Unfortunately, in some ways NSF has undermined its core mission through mismanagement and misplaced priorities. For instance, spending taxpayer dollars to study why some college basketball teams dominate March Madness, funding trips for romantically-involved NSF employees and duplicating programs contributes to our debt rather than science," Dr. Coburn said.

"As part of my commitment to conduct better oversight on how Washington spends your money, this NSF report is the latest in a series of oversight reports. At a time when the U.S. is being both challenged as the world's scientific and technological leader and threatened by a nearly insurmountable \$14 trillion debt, we must learn to do more with less. This report demonstrates how NSF can do both. I hope NSF and the scientific community will welcome this oversight and offer insights on how to better prioritize our nation's limited financial resources to advance science and reduce wasteful spending," Dr. Coburn said.

Examples of the more than \$3 billion in waste and duplication outlined in the report include:

- \$80,000 study on why the same teams always dominate March Madness;
- \$315,000 study suggesting playing FarmVille on Facebook helps adults develop and maintain relationships;
- \$1 million for an analysis of how quickly parents respond to trendy baby names;
- \$50,000 to produce and publicize amateur songs about science, including a rap called "Money 4 Drugz," and a misleading song titled "Biogas is a Gas, Gas, Gas";
- \$2 million to figure out that people who often post pictures on the internet from the same location at the same time are usually friends; and

- \$581,000 on whether online dating site users are racist.

Additionally, the report details examples of mismanagement including:

- Hundreds of millions of dollars lost to ineffective contracting;
- \$1.7 billion in unspent funds sitting in expired, undisbursed grant accounts;
- At least \$3 million in excessive travel funds
- A lack of accountability or program metrics to evaluate expenditures.
- Inappropriate staff behavior including porn surfing and Jello wrestling and skinny-dipping at NSF-operated facilities in Antarctica.

The report also identifies duplication between NSF and other departments and agencies. NSF is one of at least 15 federal departments, 72 sub-agencies, and 12 independent agencies engaged in federal research and development.

NSF also duplicates the work of the Department of Education and other government agencies in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. In 2010, there were 28 STEM education programs at NSF totaling \$1.2 billion. Across the federal government, there are 99 STEM education programs totaling \$3 billion.

Finally, the report makes a number of recommendations:

- Establish Clear Guidelines for What Constitutes "Transformative" and "Potentially Transformative" Science. The agency has begun this process, but much more needs to be done to evaluate the merit of each project funded by the agency.

- Set Clear Metrics to Measure Success and Standards to Ensure Accountability. The agency clearly needs to improve its grant administration and evaluation mechanisms. Addressing these areas will help set better priorities while also rooting out fraudulent and inappropriate expenditures.

- Eliminate NSF's Social, Behavioral, and Economics (SBE) Directorate (\$255 million in FY 2010). The social sciences should not be the focus of our premier basic scientific research agency.

- Consolidate the Directorate for Education & Human Resources (\$872 million in FY 2010). In addition to excessive duplication within the agency and across the federal government, spending on education and human resources comes at the expense of actual scientific pursuits. Consolidation can lead to increased investment in transformative scientific studies.

- Use It or Lose It: NSF Should Better Manage Resources It Can No Longer Spend or Does Not Need and Immediately Return \$1.7 Billion of Unspent, Expired Funds It Currently Holds. Better grant management and closeout procedures could increase available funds for research and provide savings for the federal government.

- Reduce Duplication: Develop a Strategic Plan to Streamline Federal Research and Development. With so many agencies performing research and development, the White House Office of Science and Technology should develop a strategic plan to better coordinate research and development efforts and make specific recommendations to eliminate duplication.

- Provide the NSF Inspector General Additional Resources and Place a Greater Emphasis on the Office of Inspector General's Findings. Reducing outright fraud and inappropriate expenditures is an important priority.

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A 62% Top Tax Rate?

Democrats have said they only intend to restore the tax rates that existed during the Clinton years. In reality they're proposing rates like those under President Carter.

By Stephen Moore

Media reports in recent weeks say that Senate Democrats are considering a 3% surtax on income over \$1 million to raise federal revenues. This would come on top of the higher income tax rates that President Obama has already proposed through the cancellation of the Bush era tax-rate reductions.

If the Democrats' millionaire surtax were to happen-and were added to other tax increases already enacted last year and other leading tax hike ideas on the table this year-this could leave the U.S. with a combined federal and state top tax rate on earnings of 62%. That's more than double the highest federal marginal rate of 28% when President Reagan left office in 1989. Welcome back to the 1970s.

Here's the math behind that depressing calculation. Today's top federal income tax rate is 35%. Almost all Democrats in Washington want to repeal the Bush tax cuts on those who make

more than \$250,000 and phase out certain deductions, so the effective income tax rate would rise to about 41.5%. The 3% millionaire surtax raises that rate to 44.5%.

But payroll taxes, which are income taxes on wages and salaries, must also be included in the equation. So we have to add about 2.5 percentage points for the payroll tax for Medicare (employee and employer share after business deductions), which was applied to all income without a ceiling in 1993 as part of the Clinton tax hike. I am including in this analysis the employer share of all payroll taxes because it is a direct tax on a worker's salary and most economists agree that though employers are responsible for collecting this tax, it is ultimately borne by the employee. That brings the tax rate to 47%.

Then last year, as part of the down payment for ObamaCare, Congress snuck in an extra 0.9% Medicare surtax on "high-income earners," meaning any individual earning more than \$200,000 or couples earning more than \$250,000. This brings the total tax rate to 47.9%.

But that's not all. Several weeks ago, Mr. Obama raised the possibility of eliminating the income ceiling on the Social Security tax, now capped at \$106,800 of earnings a year. (Never mind that the program was designed to operate as an insurance system, with each individual's payment tied to the benefits paid out at retirement.) Subjecting all wage and salary income to Social Security taxes would add roughly 10.1 percentage points to the top tax rate. This takes the grand total tax rate on each additional dollar earned in America to about 58%.

Then we have to factor in state income taxes, which on average add after the deductions from the federal income tax roughly another four percentage points to the tax burden. So now on average we are at a tax rate of close to 62%.

Democrats have repeatedly stated they only intend to restore the tax rates that existed during the Clinton years. But after all these taxes on the "rich," we're headed back to the taxes that prevailed under Jimmy Carter, when the highest tax rate was 70%.

Taxes on investment income are also headed way up. Suspending the Bush tax cuts, which is favored by nearly every congressional Democrat, plus a 3.8% investment tax in the ObamaCare bill (which starts in 2014) brings the capital gains tax rate to 23.8% from 15%. The dividend tax would potentially climb to 45% from the current rate of 15%.

Now let's consider how our tax system today compares with the system that was in place in the late 1980s-when the deficit was only about one-quarter as large as a share of GDP as it is now. After the landmark Tax Reform Act of 1986, which closed special-interest loopholes in exchange for top marginal rates of 28%, the highest combined federal-state marginal tax rate was about 33%. Now we may be headed to 62%. You don't have to be Jack Kemp or Arthur Laffer to understand that a 29 percentage point rise in top marginal rates would make America a highly uncompetitive place.

What is particularly worrisome about this trend is the deterioration of the U.S. tax position relative to the rest of our economic rivals. In 1990, the highest individual income tax rate of our major economic trading partners was 51%, while the U.S. was much lower at 33%. It's no wonder that during the 1980s and '90s the U.S. created more than twice as many new jobs as Japan and Western Europe combined.

It's true that the economy was able to absorb the Bush 41 and Clinton tax hikes and still grow at a very rapid pace. But what the soak-the-rich lobby ignores is how different the world is today versus the early 1990s. According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, over

the past two decades the average highest tax rate among the 20 major industrial nations has fallen to about 45%. Yet the highest U.S. tax rate would rise to more than 48% under the Obama/Democratic tax hikes. To make matters worse, if we include the average personal income tax rates of developing countries like India and China, the average tax rate around the world is closer to 30%, according to a new study by KPMG.

What all this means is that in the late 1980s, the U.S. was nearly the lowest taxed nation in the world, and a quarter century later we're nearly the highest.

Despite all of this, the refrain from Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and most of the Democrats in Congress is our fiscal mess is a result of "tax cuts for the rich." When? Where? Who? The Tax Foundation recently noted that in 2009 the U.S. collected a higher share of income and payroll taxes (45%) from the richest 10% of tax filers than any other nation, including such socialist welfare states as Sweden (27%), France (28%) and Germany (31%). And this was before the rate hikes that Democrats are now endorsing.

Perhaps there can still be a happy ending to this sad tale of U.S. decline. If there were ever a right time to trade in the junk heap of our federal tax code for a pro-growth Steve Forbes-style flat tax, now's the time.

Government According to President Palin

by AWR Hawkins

In just a bit over two years, Barack Obama has exponentially expanded the size of the federal government and the number of Americans dependent upon it for their well being. He has taken over our healthcare system, two of our largest automobile manufacturers, and overseen

spending that has placed our national debt at over \$14,000,000,000,000. Gas prices are up sharply - more than 100% increase in per-gallon-price since Obama took office - yet his solution to such prices is characterized by a continued reliance on OPEC, coupled with a de jure ban on offshore drilling and a de facto ban on the expansion of onshore drilling (in places like the western states and Alaska). Unemployment is at 9%, illegal immigrants are largely getting a pass, the housing slump continues, and inalienable rights are quietly being attacked "under the radar."

At times like this, when the American people feel their wallets and bank accounts squeezed more tightly at every turn, it's only natural to wonder how things might be different if we were to take the reins of power out of Obama's hands in 2012 and put them in the hands of someone else.

And what if that "someone else" was Sarah Palin?

In other words, what would it be like to live under government according to President Palin?

For starters, there would be a vast reduction in the size of government instead of an exponential growth of the same: the record spending spree would stop. Palin has said repeatedly that she supports "cutting taxes and shrinking government," that we need to "go back to what Reagan did in the early 80s, [and] stay committed to those common sense free market principles that work." As she said during her speech in India in March of this year: "We need job growth. And that won't come from 'top-down government planning'. [but] from the 'Free Market Ingenuity' of ordinary American entrepreneurs."

Concerning our energy quandaries, is there anyone who touted "Drill Here, Drill Now" louder than Palin? And she understands that the reasons behind Obama's refusal to drill boil down to politics. As she told Rush Limbaugh in the wake of Vice President Joe Biden's claim that "drill here,

drill now" was too simplistic: "It's not that complicated, it's political."



Like so many Americans, Palin finds it simply unacceptable that, "we're not tapping into the abundant domestic supplies that God created right under foot on American soil and under our waters."

FYI - I know this all sounds like common sense, and it is common sense, which is why the Republican establishment fears Palin so much. Common sense is an anathema to political elites in both parties because it removes the need for endless political discussion (and grandstanding) and gets right to the heart of the matter. It lets Palin explain the justification for stronger border security with simple statements like, "Illegal immigrants are called illegal for a reason." And it allows her to sum up her views on the War on Terror by saying, "We win, they lose."

I'm not even going to bother explaining how different Palin's approach to gun rights would be, compared to Obama's. But I will say that this is one of the greatest areas of differentiation that exists between the two. (And I don't know if

you've ever thought about it, but whereas Palin goes out into Alaska's wilds to track and shoot Caribou, Obama goes to Martha's Vineyard and wears a helmet to peddle his bicycle around in the grass.)

In concluding, let me sum all this up by saying government according to President Palin would be far less intrusive and much, much smaller. Taxes would be lower, borders would be stronger, and more and more of the oil required to fuel our economy would come from here, rather than OPEC.

Moreover, I betcha Palin wouldn't have had to "sleep on it" before giving a SEAL team the green light to kill a first class scum bag like Osama bin Laden.

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The 18 Things You Did Not Know About China

from the Business Insider

1. 85 percent of artificial Christmas trees are made in China. So are 80 percent of toys (Source: National Geographic)
2. If he spent his ENTIRE YEARLY INCOME on housing, the average Beijing resident could buy 10 square feet of residential property (Source: A square meter of residential property in Beijing costs an average of 26,000 yuan (US\$3,800), but the average per capita monthly income is only 2,000 yuan, according to Asia Times.)
3. Chinese consume 50,000 cigarettes every second (Source: WHO)
4. China has 64 million vacant homes, including entire cities that are empty

(Source: Chinese Academy Of Social Sciences

5. The world's biggest mall is in China. but it has been 99% empty since 2005 (Source: Daily Mail)
6. Nearly 10,000 Chinese citizens each year are sucked into unsanctioned 'black jails' (Source: Human Rights Watch. Black jails emerged following the prohibition of arbitrary detention. They are notorious for prisoner rape, starvation and abuse.)
7. By 2030, China will add more new city-dwellers than the entire U.S. population. (Source: Mckinsey, "Preparing for China's urban billion")
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The Rush Section

There Is No Economic Recovery (But Only Fox News Kooks Know It)

RUSH: Headline for the Associated Press: "Stocks, Bond Yields Sink After Gloomy US Reports -- Stocks are mostly lower and bond yields are at a new low for the year after two reports dimmed



10. When you buy Chinese stocks, you are basically financing the Chinese government. Eight of Shanghai's top ten

hopes for the job market and the U.S. economy. The government says more people applied for unemployment benefits last week, the first increase in three weeks." By the way, it was unexpected. Ahem. "A separate report says the economy grew at a sluggish 1.8 percent in the January-March quarter. Surging gasoline prices and cutbacks in government spending offset strong corporate earnings."

Stocks "unexpectedly" tumble.

Unemployment "unexpectedly" rises.

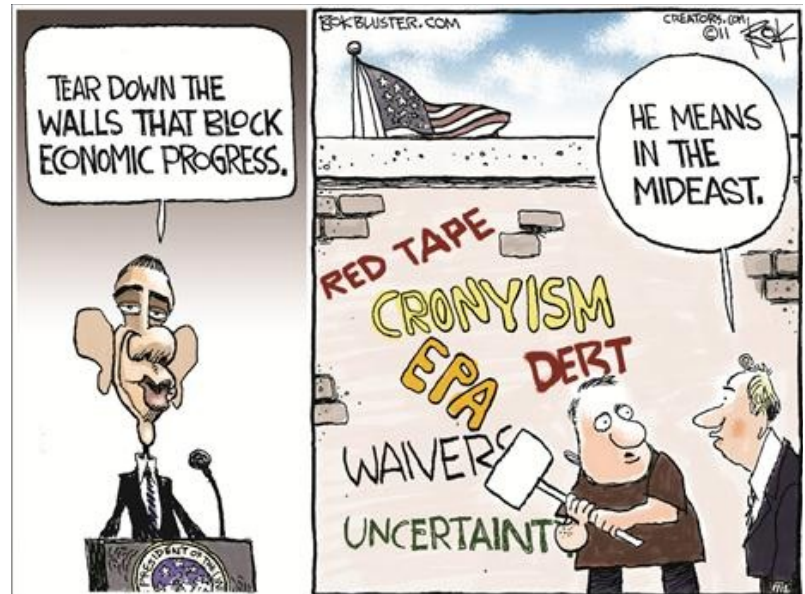
You know, these people actually believe that we're in an economic recovery. They actually have written themselves into believing that, not just talk themselves into believing it. I'm talking about the media. They really believe it. It's just like, remember when I thanked God for President Obama after single-handedly nailing Osama Bin Laden? Remember the praise I got? Remember the total sarcasm they missed? They wanted to believe it. They wanted to think I would think that way. They wanted to believe that I believed it. They have wanted to report we're in a recovery. "Oh, God, let us be in a recovery! It's our president. We put him in office." They believe it.

So this economic news is not out of the ordinary. It's bad. It's a continuation of bad. It's not surprising. It's totally predictable. There's nothing new here.

We're continuing to spiral in the wrong direction.

RUSH: According to Reuters: "A department official said there were no exceptional factors to account for the rise in last week's claims." No exceptional factors, like no snowstorms, no tornadoes, no nothing. The usual thing that they could rely on to explain it, nothing out there. Even the Department of Labor is running out of excuses now. Do you ever think maybe the reason unemployment numbers go up is because

we're still in a recession? You think maybe you people in the media might want to consider a possibility: The unemployment numbers went up because we haven't yet begun an economic recovery. It is absolute false, absolutely false to report that we're in an economic recovery.



Everybody knows we're not in an economic recovery. Now, you can give me three quarters in a row of economic growth of 1.2%, but it's not translating to real life. Your stats, your reports (suspect as they are) do not translate to an improving quality of life for people. People don't see more jobs available. They don't see higher wages. There's nothing with a recovery to be seen. You can tout the recovery going on, you can lament it's not fast enough, you can lament that the pace of hiring is lagging behind where you want it to be. There is no replacement employment taking place -- and, by the way, last week's jobless number was revised up by 15,000 new claims.

The regime, however, got a week's worth of good economic news out of a bogus number in the meantime. Oh, yeah! The number that we got last week was bogus because they've revised it,

and guess what? The original report of a reduction in jobless claims last week turns out not to be true. The jobless number was revised up by 15,000 new claims. So there's not a recovery going on. There never has been a recovery. All of that is a myth, and they believe it. Let me find something here. I hope I printed it. The second of two hit pieces on Roger Ailes is out today. Roger Ailes is the chairman of Fox News Channel, and there's a hit piece in New York Magazine that ran on Sunday, and Rolling Stone has one out today -- and it's long. It's like 13 or 14 computer pages.

I printed one excerpt. Well, maybe I didn't print it out. But I know where it is. I go get it during the next break. What it does, this little excerpt reports on a poll of Fox viewers and what they think. I'll give you one example off the top of my head. I forget the exact number. Let's use 30%. They can't believe at Rolling Stone that there are 30%... That's not the right way to put it. They can't believe that there's a sizeable percentage of people who think that there actually isn't manmade global warming, and guess what? That's a kook view, and they all happen to watch Fox. Now, the mind-set, of course, is there is manmade global warming. It's inarguable. There's no evidence to the contrary. That's obviously the belief of Rolling Stone and this small-minded, small-view writer (whoever he is) and a lot of the left.

Somebody comes along in a poll and says, "No, I don't believe every scientist believes in global warming. I'm a skeptic." You've just defined yourself as a kook. Well, by the same token, these people have gotten themselves totally invested in a lie, a myth, that there's an economic recovery going on. There isn't. How else can you take news like this and honestly be surprised by it? The only way that can happen is if you get news like last week, that "unexpectedly" fewer jobless claims, and you really tell yourself, "Yeah, we're back, baby! We're back! Obama! Yeeeah, right on, mama! The economy is rebounding!" If

you genuinely intellectually have forced yourself to believe it, then you are not planted in reality.

RUSH: I found that paragraph in the Rolling Stone piece. It's amazing. First, the arrogance and the smugness of the writer, Tim Dickinson. Hit piece on Ailes. This paragraph: "According to recent polls, Fox News viewers are the most misinformed of all news consumers." Now, there's not a poll that says that. This is this guy's analysis of polls. It is his point of view that Fox News viewers are the most misinformed of all consumers. Okay, now, why? Well, Fox News viewers "are 12 percentage points more likely to believe the stimulus package caused job losses." So the stimulus package, according to conventional wisdom on the left, according to this guy working at Rolling Stone, the stimulus package must have worked like a champ. It must be creating jobs left and right out there. The unemployment rate must be dropping.

Jobs, jobs, jobs must be popping up all over the place, because this guy says that Fox News viewers are the most misinformed of all news consumers, they are 12 points more likely to believe the stimulus package caused job losses. Well, in fact, it did. The stimulus package not only caused job losses, it continues to cause job losses. The stimulus package is killing the US private sector. It is diminishing it at the expense of government. Government is growing. The private sector is not. And yet the conventional wisdom is the stimulus worked. It had to work because it's Obama's plan. But people that watch Fox, they actually believe that the stimulus package caused job loss. Can you believe that? Well, it did. So in truth, the Fox News viewers are ahead of the game, much more connected to reality than Rolling Stone writers or readers.

Here's the next. Fox News viewers "are 17 points more likely to believe Muslims want to establish Shariah (sic) law in America." Yeah, did you know that Muslims in America want no part of Sharia? Are you aware that Muslims in America have no

interest in Islam? Rolling Stone knows that. This guy and Rolling Stone readers know full well Muslims in America have no desire for Islam. All Sharia law is Islam. Sharia law is Islam. The Fox News viewers therefore are the kooks and the dangers.

Here's the next one. Did you know that Fox News viewers, most misinformed of all news consumers "are 30 points more likely to say that scientists dispute global warming."? That is a fact. It is a fact that there are scientists who dispute global warming. We have one on this program, our official climatologist, Dr. Roy Spencer, used to work at NASA, University Alabama, Huntsville. Pat Michaels. They're all over the place, folks. There are many scientists, more than ever. In fact, global warming, manmade global warming has pretty much been buried now. It's been established as a mankind hoax, but yet in a hit piece on Roger Ailes in Rolling Stone, the kooks are Fox News viewers who are likely to say that scientists dispute global warming. Apparently to this guy at Rolling Stone and Rolling Stone readers, there's a hundred percent agreement that manmade global warming is real and that every scientist believes that. Only in kookville, i.e., the audience of Fox News.

"In fact, a study by the University of Maryland reveals, ignorance of Fox viewers actually increases the longer they watch the network. That's because Ailes isn't interested in providing people with information, or even a balanced range of perspectives. Like his political mentor, Richard Nixon, Ailes traffics in the emotions of victimization." So Roger Ailes does not want those of you who watch Fox to be informed. He's lying to you. He's turning you into an ocean of kooks who actually believe now that Muslims want to establish Sharia law in America. And you idiots also think that the stimulus bill didn't create any private sector jobs. And you also believe that there are people that don't believe in manmade global warming.

Now, who, in truth here, is a gold brick? Who in truth is worthless to news? Rolling Stone, this reporter. Who, in truth, is a mind-numbered robot? Who, in truth, has been programmed to believe things that are in no way associated with the truth? This guy who wrote this hit piece at Rolling Stone and obviously their readers who lap this crap up. Stunning. Nothing's real. Nothing's real.

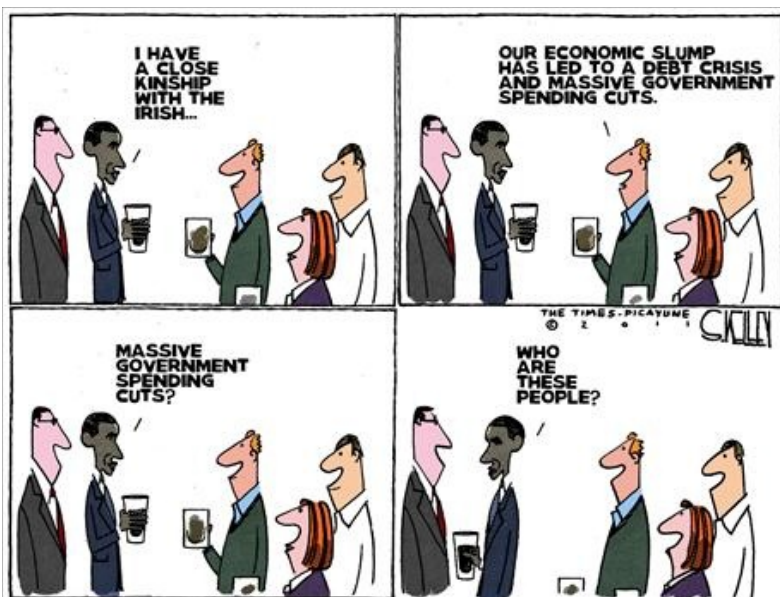
RUSH: How would you ever measure ignorance in a poll? This guy says "a study by the University of Maryland reveals the ignorance of Fox viewers increases the longer they watch the network." How do you measure ignorance in a poll like this? The guy's name is Tim Dickinson, and he is a nut, I've established by some of the titles of things that he's written. Absolute nut. But he believes this stuff.

RUSH: There's more economic news out there from the AP: "Sales of homes in some stage of foreclosure declined in the first three months of the year, but" dot, dot, dot "they still accounted for 28% of all home sales." So here's AP doing their damndest to help Obama. Foreclosure sales slow but remain astronomically very high. There's no evidence there's any economic recovery, and there hasn't been any evidence of an economic recover because there isn't an economic recovery.

RUSH: On MSNBC today, the cohost Savannah Guthrie spoke to Becky Quick on CNBC's Squawk Box about the new economic numbers. The Drive-Bys are just distressed, folks. The foreclosure numbers, the unemployment numbers, they've really got themselves believing that we are in a recovery -- and it just isn't happening (sobbing) and they don't know what to do about it! Savannah Guthrie to Becky Quick (sobbing): "Becky, new numbers out today that show the economic recovery still has a long way to go-ho-ho-ho." (crying)

QUICK: The numbers this morning on Wall Street have not been great. We saw jobless claims coming in. Those jobless claims show 424,000. That, again, is not a great number. That continues to be a disappointment. Perhaps even more concerning, though, is this new number we got for first quarter GDP. People have now been looking for 2%, maybe 2.2% for that reread. It came back in at 1.8%. So yes, things are just as lousy as we thought first time around, and that knocked the wind out of the sails of the market this morning.

RUSH: Yeah, the experts, they thought we'd have better numbers. What happened? Golly, we were really expecting better numbers! Where's the Recovery Summer in Obamaville? Oh, they're just distressed. They thought they had set the table.



This happens to 'em every other week, 'cause every other week there is a deceptive number. Now, I don't know what bit of economic news in the last two years they can look at as indicating we're coming out of a recession anyway. There hasn't been one shred of evidence. They have taken meaningless news stories, they've invested so much hope in them, and now they're just depressed as hell.

It's like they can no longer continue the illusion.

Medicare Debate Presents Huge Opportunity for Gutsy Republicans

RUSH: So I saw Snerdley today, "Are you still ticked off?"

"Yeah."

I said, "What, same thing?"

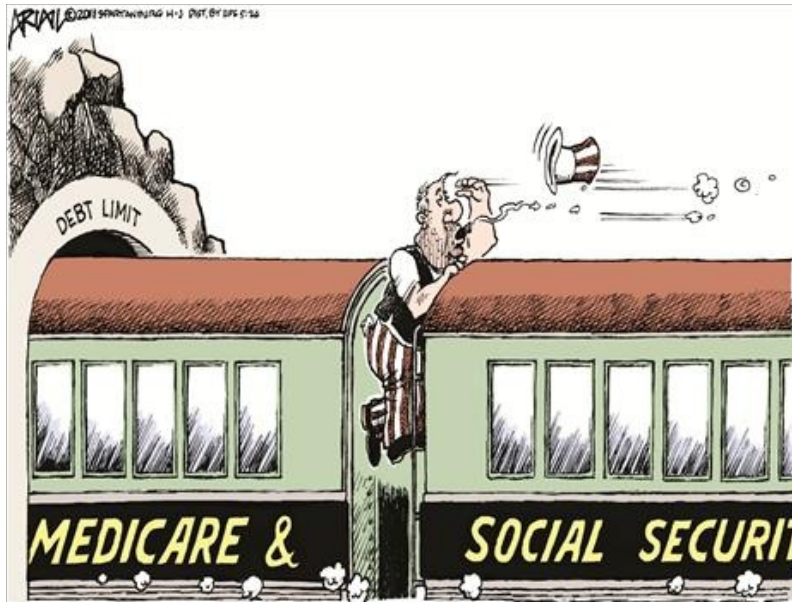
"Yeah."

He's still ticked off about Medicare. He said, "Bottom line is, Rush, if we can ever bust up these entitlements, we can end the Democrat Party." That's true. You ever bust up the entitlements, you will end the Democrat Party. There's no question.

There is a story today, TheHill.com: "Anxious GOP Vows to Improve Medicare Message After New York Loss -- A day after a crushing defeat in a New York special election, House GOP lawmakers defended their vote to reform Medicare but grumbled that their leaders must do a better job of messaging. 'If we'll just stay with our argument and do a better job developing it, we'll be fine,' said Rep. Tom Cole (Okla.), one of many Republicans blaming GOP candidate Jane Corwin's loss on the presence of a Tea Party candidate who siphoned away votes in a three-way race. The defeat of Corwin was a stunning blow in what had been seen as a reliable Republican district won less than a year ago by GOP gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino, who was trounced statewide by Democrat Andrew Cuomo. Democrats credited Kathy Hochul's victory to a flood of ads targeting Corwin for supporting the GOP budget authored by Rep. Paul Ryan."

That's not what happened. Now, the Democrats would love for you to think that Medicare reform

lost, but it didn't. Dirty tricks won, pure and simple. Now, you can say that the Republican message was weak and it probably was. The Republicans are reluctant to say anything, hoping that the less they say the better off they'll be, political correctness and so forth, worried about offending somebody. But they do have to do some work on the messaging.



Let's go to some Medicare sound bites here. This is fascinating. Bill Clinton last night, this is on ABC's World News Tonight behind the scenes at Pete Peterson' foundation, the 2011 fiscal summit, Peter G. Peterson. I think he was the Treasury Secretary for Nixon. I've met Pete Peterson. His wife is Joan Ganz Cooney of the Children's Television Workshop, Sesame Street and all that. I've met him, he's a nice guy, RINO, moderate Republican guy. But he is a deficit hawk. He was with Warren Rudman on that effort here to rein in the out of control federal debt. They put up the billboards with the deficit clock stuff. They're deficit hawks and the Peter G. Peterson foundation had their 2011 fiscal summit, which means party. And former President Bill Clinton was there, along with Paul Ryan. And backstage, off camera, Clinton and

Ryan had this exchange about what happened in New York-26.

CLINTON: I'm glad we won this race in New York, but I hope the Democrats don't use it as an excuse to do nothing. If you ever want to talk about it --

RYAN: Yeah, I'll give you a call. Great, thanks.

RUSH: Now, you probably couldn't hear that too well. Let me tell you what happened there. They're backstage at the Peter G. Peterson party, disguised as a fundraiser. Clinton is there, Paul Ryan. Clinton says, (imitating Clinton) "Hey, you know, I'm glad we won this race in New York, but I hope the Democrats don't use this as excuse to do nothing. You ever want to talk about it." And Ryan says, "Yeah, yeah, I'll give you a call. Great, thanks." Snerdley also asked, "What's Clinton doing?" He wants credit. Don't forget way back he tried to take it on Medicare reform. He thinks Ryan's going somewhere with it. This means that Clinton thinks Ryan's going somewhere and when Ryan gets there Clinton wants to be on the train. So behind the scenes, when they don't know the microphone's live, Clinton says, (imitating Clinton) "Hey, look, pal, I'm glad my party won that race but I hope the Democrats don't use this as an excuse to do nothing. If you ever want to talk about it." And Clinton offering his assistance. Now, let's move forward on camera. Clinton is aware he's on camera and throws Ryan under the bus.

CLINTON: I just think his Medicare proposal is, on the merits, wrong. What in all probability will happen, particularly if they dismantle some of these other cost controls, is that medical costs will continue to go up, and older people will use less, get sicker and die quicker. Or they will be poorer because they'll have to spend so much of their money on health care.

RUSH: Crying out loud, this is gonna happen anyway. It's going to happen. It happens with Obamacare. Ryan's plan actually does something

about this. But, anyway, here's the point. I don't want to get sidetracked here. Off camera, now, we don't know how sincere he's being and I know you have to take into account it's Bill Clinton. Understand that. But off camera, "Hey, bud, hey, hey, yeah, I gotta tell you I'm glad we won that election, but you ever want to talk about this, 'cause I'm serious, you know, we gotta do something. This gotta get fixed, just like we fixed Haiti, whatever else we fixed, gotta get fixed." So he's offering Ryan, and Ryan says, "Okay." Now, go public, go public, (imitating Clinton) "I think this thing sucks. It's a horrible proposal, on the merits it's horrible."



Behind the scenes a different story. And, see, this is the kind of stuff that just grates on people. Why couldn't the stuff that goes on off camera actually happen on camera? Nothing is real. Nothing is real. All these people clamoring for everybody to get along and be bipartisan. Well, there it is. It happened, off camera, when they thought nobody was watching, when Clinton thought nobody was listening. There was your bipartisanship. There was your mutual admiration and love society. Cameras go on, and who was it that turned partisan? Slick Willie, Der

Schlick Meister, William Jefferson Blythe Clinton. Even at that, though, the same set of remarks at the Pete Peterson party, the foundation, the fiscal summit, Clinton did try to warn the Democrats.

CLINTON: I'm afraid that the Democrats will draw the conclusion that because Congressman Ryan's proposal I think is not the best one, that we shouldn't do anything, and I completely disagree with that.

RUSH: Yeah, well, I'll tell you something, Mr. President, your party doesn't do diddly-squat about anything. There's no budget. There's no Medicare proposal. Your party, they're doing nothing. The Democrats are doing nothing, and they've been doing nothing for months now. They don't have a budget. I don't know to what extent they're paying a price for this with the general public, but they're not doing anything. They think that the Republicans are gonna tackle entitlement reform and that's gonna kill 'em, and so the Democrat philosophy here, and it's tried and true, when your opponent's committing suicide, get out of the way, let it happen. And that's what they think is happening here. Which is why I on this program yesterday demanded that somebody stand up in the face of the aftermath of New York-26 and all this other stuff, somebody defend Ryan's budget and the proposal on Medicare. Somebody stand up. It's a great opportunity for leadership. Still with ABC's World News Tonight, their senior political correspondent Jonathan Karl talked to Paul Ryan in the car as they're driving around.

KARL: What do you say to these, maybe weak-kneed Republicans --

RYAN: This is not the time to go wobbly. They are going to run the attack ads at us regardless. This is a time for leaders to be leaders.

KARL: Did you just cost the Republicans --

RYAN: I don't think so.

KARL: -- control of the House?

RYAN: I think we were elected in this last election to take a stand on fixing this country's fiscal problems. To go after spending, to solve this debt crisis, to stop spending money we don't have.

RUSH: What is this cost the Republicans the House? What kinda question, what kinda thinking is that? The election's 18 months away. It's going to be just the opposite. The question is, did you just cost the Democrats the Senate? Because there's clearly going to be a perception here there's a party doing something and a party doing nothing, standing in the way. So they continued here. They had this exchange after what you just heard.

KARL: What if this destroys your political career?

RYAN: I don't care about that.

KARL: You're seen as a, you know, rising star, potential presidential candidate --

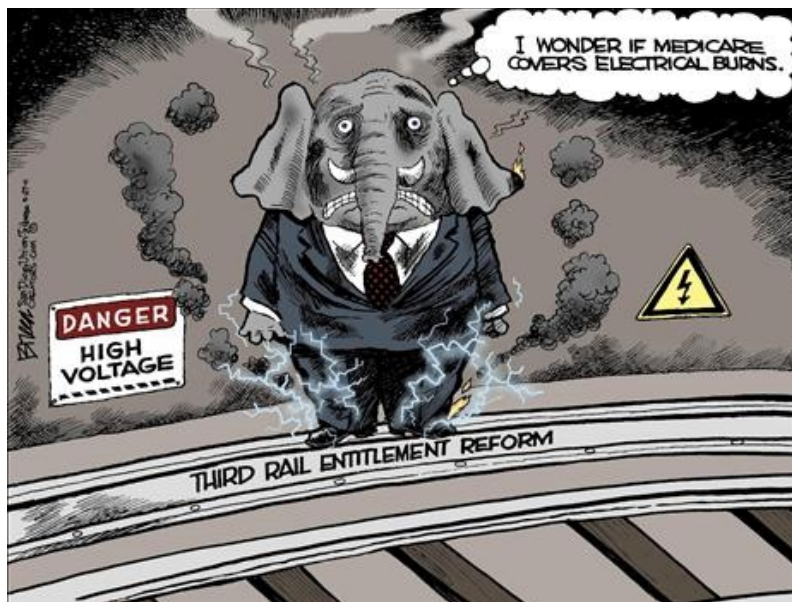
RYAN: This is not the time to be worried about political careers.

KARL: What if you lose your House seat?

RYAN: Sincerely I will be fine if I lose my House seat 'cause you know what? I will know I did what I thought was right to save this country.

RUSH: Now they're burying Ryan. Okay, now not only are the Republicans gonna lose the House, Ryan is gonna lose his seat. He's never gonna get another job again. He's stabbing himself in the heart. This is the end of Paul Ryan's career. You ever gonna be able to get a job? What are you gonna do? Do you have enough savings to get through the rest of your life? This is what the media thinks and what the Democrat Party hopes. This is what they were going to try to effect. Last night on Fox Special Report during

the All-Star panel, Bret Baier said, "The Ryan plan came up in the Senate tonight, it was voted down 57-40 Republicans voting against Susan Collins, Rand Paul, Olympia Snowe, Lisa Murkowski, obviously this was just meant to put everybody on the record. The Obama budget went down 97-nothing."



KRAUTHAMMER: The entire party essentially has endorsed the Ryan plan, and you are stuck with it. There's no running away. People are now writing, you know, the boomlet for Ryan to be a candidate is over. I would say exactly the opposite. You now own this. Get the one man who can explain it, argue it, and actually change minds on this. You need leadership on this. Otherwise the Republicans are gonna sink on this.

RUSH: Yeah, Krauthammer is basically saying what I said yesterday. Somebody better step up now 'cause they do own it. The minute this thing came out everybody under the sun embraced it on the Republican side, the Ryan Medicare reform plan. Now, there are some people stripping themselves away because they're becoming afraid, but it's such a great opportunity. It's such a great opportunity out

there for leadership. A career is waiting to be made here on this. Courage, leadership, passion, belief, somebody surely has it.

RUSH: Hudson, New York? Joe, I'm glad you called, sir. Welcome to the EIB Network. How are you?

CALLER: Hi, Rush. (reading rapidly) I've heard you talk a couple of days now about New York-26 and I think it's just crazy to say Tea Party voters were stupid and duped when really the entire race was fought on this Medicare plan, and this Medicare plan -- people like their Medicare. They don't want to go back to a voucher system where they have to deal with insurance companies again and getting letters in the mail saying, "We're not gonna cover this and we're not gonna cover that." It's just putting another middleman in (crosstalk).

RUSH: Well, but they're not... They're not gonna have to. See, that's the point. The Ryan plan doesn't change one thing for current Medicare recipients.

CALLER: Yeah, I was just gonna -- just gonna mention that. Current Medicare recipients. So somehow they stop loving their kids and wish the insurance industry on their kids when they turn 65 years old?

RUSH: No.

CALLER: I mean, that's just crazy.

RUSH: Well, you can say it's crazy but there isn't gonna be Medicare for anybody if we don't fix this because it can't go on this way. It's unsustainable, and there are some responsible people trying to fix it and in the process they are exempting current recipients. They're exempting them 'cause they're already in the game playing by the rules established for them, but we have to change the rules.

CALLER: (interrupting)

RUSH: We can't go on with the current rules; we have to change them. We have to start someplace. We're starting in enough time to give future recipients enough time to plan and realize: "The program as you've known it isn't going to exist as you know it now. It's still gonna be there but you have to pay a little bit for it yourself, too. You might have to pay a little bit for your own health care."

CALLER: So you fix it by adding a middleman where (pause) CEOs get hundred million-dollar salaries and fly around in corporate jets and have corporate yachts and all that? That's how you fix health care in this country? That's just nuts. I mean, it's crazy to everybody. That fight was fought in New York-26. New York-26 wasn't lost because Tea Partiers are stupid. New York-26 was lost because Medicare (sputtering)... Medi... Vouchers --

RUSH: Wait a second.

CALLER: -- in Medicare is a bad plan.

RUSH: Wait, wait just a second now. You have so many non sequiturs here. I don't care how many CEOs are paid a hundred million dollars (I don't know too many who are) who fly around in corporate jets. I don't know what that has to do with anything. Has absolutely nothing, other than it's a key to your mind. It tells us that you have deep-seated resentments and that you are biased ideologically toward any kind of a solution here. I mean, you're not even open-minded about this. What in the world does all this silly class envy stuff have to do with it? I get it! Oh, the CEO who's paid a hundred million, and has the corporate jet is never going to have to be punished 'cause he'll be able to get his health care however he wants it? Is that it?

Still, it's a non-sequitur. We're talking about, in terms of the general population, ten people. You

don't make policy based on what happens to ten people, good or bad, pro or con. But don't tell me that New York-26 was totally about Medicare substance. It was also about a phony Tea Party candidate. Now, this is what I mean. You guys can sit there and you can tell yourselves lies all day long. If you want to live a lie and if you want to live falsehoods and if you want to immerse yourself because it's safe and secure in your little cocoon -- if you want to tell yourself these things -- you go right ahead. But you are telling us also we can't count on you to fix anything that's wrong. All you want to do is take, take, take, take, take -- and then after you've taken, taken, taken, what you next want to do is punish, punish, punish whoever it is you hate or are envious of or are jealous of.

But regardless, you are worthless in terms of solving the problem.

RUSH: Now, I want to also go back to the first caller we had today on Medicare. He was calling about the New York-26 election, and he was telling me I was wrong, that the election was totally about Medicare, and the people of New York-26, they're tired of hundred million-dollar a year CEOs flying around in their jets having health care and, blah, blah, blah. The disconnect here is amazing, and it's worth, I think, trying to persuade people even who are in lockstep misinformation about this. We've even got Republicans saying it was the wrong time to tackle this. Everybody's running for the tall grass on this at the first sign of trouble.

For example, the guy calls, "Nobody's happy with Medicare." That's not true. Everybody is not unhappy with Medicare. Medicare is not the answer, folks. Medicare is not the answer to our health care problems, and more Medicare is a recipe for disaster. We've told you countless times on this program that Medicare rejects more procedures than private insurance companies, remember that? We went through the numbers. It's striking. The number of

procedures the government rejects dwarfs the number of procedures that private insurance companies say "no" to. If something isn't done about Medicare, all future generations won't exist. The Medicare chief actuary, the government bureaucrat in charge of it says it's doomed.

So what are you liberals supporting when you support Medicare? What are you supporting here? You're supporting something that your own people say is doomed. You're supporting something that is far more punitive than private insurance is. You have this love affair with it because it comes from government, but it is bloated, it's ineffective, it's inefficient, and it doesn't work. And you ought to be thankful that there are responsible people trying to fix it. They're trying to fix it for the people. They're trying to fix it for the country.

Now, who is it that robbed half a trillion dollars from Medicare? Who is it that in his own health care bill took \$500 billion out of Medicare in order to get his total price tag in under a trillion dollars? It was your guy. It was Barack Obama, mmm, mmm, mmm. It's there, \$500 billion dollars gone. Ryan didn't do that. Paul Ryan doesn't rape Medicare to the tune of \$500 billion; your guy did. Senior citizens, current senior citizens enrolled in Medicare are unaffected by the Ryan plan. Not one person 55 years of age or older currently enrolled in any kind of a Medicare plan is affected by it. Ryan's voucher program, the block grant to the states, that is for the next generation of recipients, this voucher, we call that a huge federal subsidy that helps individuals buy their health coverage, much like Congress.

This system that we're talking about is basically what Congress has and federal bureaucrats have. Now, the liberals used to call these Cadillac plans. Now they say these are horrible plans simply because they're politicizing everything. But Paul Ryan hasn't done one thing to take Medicare away from anybody. Barack Obama has. The

Democrats have. The Democrat Party is in the process of destroying Medicare. Paul Ryan is coming along, trying to save it, restructure it so it's worth something. Now, if we abandon Medicare, Medicare reform, if we abandon it, then what? We leave it as it is, falling apart? Denying more procedures than private sector insurance companies deny?

If we abandon Medicare reform, if we abandon the Ryan plan, there won't be anybody to protect seniors from Obamacare. There won't be anybody to protect seniors from the death panels. There will be nobody to protect future generations. The program is going bust. If we abandon reform, the Democrats, by their desire to do nothing, are destroying Medicare with Obamacare, rather than reforming it. Obamacare is not fixing anything. It doesn't reform anything. It simply destroys it, by design, so that nobody has a choice going anywhere but a federal exchange for health insurance and coverage. And if we abandon Medicare reform, we're stuck with what's doomed. And I, by the way, say this non-ideologically. I say this in a total nonpartisan sense.

I'm looking at a program going bust that can't be sustained as is. Here's somebody obviously very courageous who wants to fix it. Is there gonna be a political benefit if he fixes it? Sure. But what's wrong with that? Nobody else is trying to do anything except make hay out of false predictions about it. I don't know what CEOs that make a hundred million dollars have to do with it. I don't know what CEOs flying around in corporate jets have to do with it. It has nothing to do with it. These are just closed-minded people who cannot be depended on in any way for anything other than the plundering of the program. If nothing changes, nothing changes, and if nothing changes we're up the creek without a paddle, pure and simple.

RUSH: Venice, Florida. Hey, Ron, I'm glad you called, sir. You're next on the Rush Limbaugh program. Hi.

CALLER: Well, how you doing, Rush? I tell you, I've been listening to you for 20 years.

RUSH: Thank you, sir.

CALLER: I'm pretty much in agreement with you all the time, about 99.9% of the time, but this time I have a little difference. I got a little bit of a political background, and I think that it was the wrong time for Paul Ryan to come out with his budget and his proposal --

RUSH: What is your political background?

CALLER: Well, I've been involved in the Republican Party for about 20 years. I was a campaign manager for a candidate running for Congress in the evil Alan Grayson's district up by Orlando and everything.

RUSH: All right.

CALLER: But Daniel Webster (unintelligible) primary and went on to get the seat and everything, and --

RUSH: Okay. All right. So Ryan came out with his budget proposal at the wrong time?

CALLER: Yeah. Well, what has happened here is that people are confused, they're being lied to. They're talking more about what's wrong with Ryan proposal compared to what we've already got that's involved that needs to be repealed like Obamacare. The focus has been taken away from what they are doing, the bad side is doing, compared to what we can do on the right side. It's like playing football. You're a football fan. We have given -- (phone drops out)

RUSH: Did we lose him? We lost the connection. Okay. I guess the thrust of what he's saying is we

shoulda stayed focused on repealing Obamacare rather than drop that ball and come up with a Medicare reform plan that just confuses people, that puts us on the defensive and so forth. Well, okay, I can understand the thinking, you know, stick with repealing Obamacare. But there's no need to go on defense. By the way, if not now, when? And if not us, who? I refuse to go on defense 'cause I don't think I have anything to be defensive about. I don't think there's anything to be defensive about.

See, I think the recipe for going on defense, the left knows (or suspects) that they can somehow make us accept their premise. I don't accept their premise on anything. I don't accept the premise that starts off the discussion about Ryan and his Medicare plan that's gonna destroy people. I already got my premise. My premise is liberalism is destructive to this country. Liberalism is destroying the private sector. That's my premise, and I go from that. And I look for evidence of it every time a liberal opens his mouth and whether he's attacking me or Paul Ryan or anybody else, I just refuse to go on defense. Now, again, gotta be fair, being on the radio and acquiring and holding an audience is not the same thing as being a politician and getting votes.

I can survive here. I can even thrive being hated. A politician can't. I mean there's just no other way around that. But doesn't say that you have to be hated in order to be right or be controversial. Now, I think you can do both. I think you could reform Medicare and still stay dedicated to repealing Obamacare, but you've gotta do it. If you're gonna start walking down the path you have to stay down the path. One thing a lot of people feared was that all the repeal talk from the Republicans was just that, that they'd go through the motions for a few months and try to make it appear to us that they were serious about it, score some points for doing it, and then drop it. Now, the Medicare reform, remember, there isn't a budget. The Democrats haven't proposed a budget. The program is doomed.

Something has to happen to fix it, now. That's a reality.

RUSH: Okay, the Ryan Medicare proposal. The budget in general. Medicare is the budget deficit. If you're gonna talk about the budget, and if you're gonna talk about reducing the deficit, then you cannot not talk about Medicare. Medicare is the budget deficit. Ah, some other things thrown in there, but largely, Medicare, Medicaid, they are the budget deficit. Now, how can you talk about the budget deficit, trying to do anything about it and not talk about Medicare? What was the message of the 2010 election? We have to do something about spending. We have to do something about the deficit. Medicare is the deficit. The 2010 election was about that.

Now, way back in February Obama said the rising cost of Medicare and Medicaid's creating huge problems for the nation's finances, must be dealt with in a serious way. That's what Obama said. It's not a matter of you go first or I go first. That's what Obama said yesterday. Not a matter of you go first or I go first. It's about getting in that boat at the same time so it doesn't tip over. Well, Ryan took him at his word. And now we see what happens when you take Obama at his word. Ryan would have done it on his own anyway, he's a responsible guy.

Even Clinton knows. We got this story from Jonathan Karl at ABC: "Clinton Worries Democrats Won't Fix Medicare." Clinton is worried. Somebody is going to fix it, he knows that, and whoever fixes it is gonna be sitting pretty politically for a long time. Clinton wants that to be the Democrats. He wants the Democrats to have a role in it. This is yesterday at the Peter G. Peterson foundation fiscal summit.

CLINTON: I'm afraid that the Democrats will draw the conclusion that because Congressman Ryan's proposal I think is not the best one, that we

shouldn't do anything, and I completely disagree with that.

RUSH: You have Der Schlick Meister worried that the Democrats are just gonna sit it out. And he's right, they have been sitting it out. They've sat out everything to do with the budget. They are not involved in it at all. Totally on the sidelines. (interruption) What do you do to fix Medicare if you don't do what Ryan's doing? Oh, well, now, that -- (laughing) jeez, I know what I would do, but what I would do is not practical. I'd make Medicare free to everybody earning a hundred million dollars and has a jet, and then I'd cut those people's tax rate to 10%. It's clear what we have to do when you see that 12 cents of every dollar spent on health care is spent by the patient or consumer, there's your problem. Before any of this is gonna get substantively fixed, there has to be a responsible relationship between the cost and the ability to pay it by the patient, by the consumer. That's what Ryan wants to do. That's where Ryan is headed with all this. John in Rockford, Illinois, great to have you on the EIB Network. Hello.

CALLER: Hey, Rush.

RUSH: Hey.

CALLER: When we talk about Ryan's proposal, is Social Security and Medicare two in the same in this discussion?

RUSH: No, he's talking Medicare exclusively.

CALLER: Has it ever come across anyone to make that clear? Because I think I was kind of confused when I tried to explain that to my daughter this morning, as to what everybody was talking about politically. So Social Security will not be touched, and then a person such as myself that's in his early fifties will basically have to take out some sort of, kind of like a 401(k) if I had to simplify the process.

RUSH: As I understand it, the Ryan plan is set up this way. For people 55 and older who are getting Medicare benefits, nothing happens, nothing changes.

CALLER: Right. I'm 51 so I'm selfishly concerned about --

RUSH: You are going to face a different phase-in rate than somebody 25 or 30. There are different phase-in rates, but ultimately what happens is that Medicare payments, Medicare revenues will be block-granted to the states. The states will be in charge of administering them. The federal government will subsidize the purchase of premiums. It's going to end up costing patients a little more than it does now but in plenty of time for people to adjust to it and get used to it. This is not a change that's going to happen overnight. It will involve the whole principle of vouchers. The block grant back to the states is essentially a voucher system. Let's just take a number. I'm gonna pick a number out of the blue that may have no relation to fact. Let's say that the amount of Medicare spent on you every year is ten grand.

CALLER: Okay.

RUSH: They're gonna give you a portion of that ten grand via block grant, you're gonna have access to it and you're gonna go shop and you're gonna get health care as you need it, as you want it, for whatever price you can pay. And whatever is left over after a certain period of time is yours. It's kind of an expansion on the health savings accounts concept. But there's got to be some relationship to what services cost and the patient's ability to pay. If that doesn't happen, then it's never gonna get really fixed or totally reformed. But it's a slow phase-in. One of the arguments even among people who are for the Ryan plan is that it takes 10 to 15 years to fully implement, and he does that on purpose precisely to prevent a panic, which the Democrats are trying to make happen anyway.

But the bottom line is if we don't do anything, then it's broken forever. If we don't do anything, it's finished.

I'll run through it again. If we abandon Medicare reform, then what? There will be no one to protect seniors from Obamacare. They are going to be subject to death panels. There will be nobody to protect future generations. There will be no effort here to get costs under control in any way, shape, manner, or form. It's an utter disaster. So it's a sound proposal. It makes a lot of sense, and it's very patient the way it's implemented. And we've got time. In point of fact, reality, some people grow impatient at the lack of speed it takes to implement a positive change on anything. But as long as we're moving in the direction, the attitudinal effect that will have on people, investors as well, will be profoundly positive. As long as we're moving in the right direction. Right now we're just floundering. We're rolling the dice. The Medicare actuary says the program's doomed. It cannot continue, whether you're 51 or 41 or 31, it can't continue as is. It won't be there at all for you in any way, shape, manner, or form.

But here again we find ourselves asking the question here at the EIB Network, why are we panicked over Ryan's plan to reform it? It's just the same plan that Congress already has. All it is, is the congressional health plan with a smorgasbord of options and services that you will end up paying a little bit more for than you're paying today, but you're paying for it in ways that you don't know with taxes and other things. But what we ought to be panicked over is Obamacare. That is the far more radical change to everybody's health care system, than Ryan's.

Everybody's got their focus in the wrong area here. It is Obamacare where everybody ought to be panicked, not Ryan's plan to reform Medicare. Ryan's plan is to save it. Obama's plan destroys it. Obama's plan destroys practically everything, collapse the system. Everything falls apart.

Obama and the Democrats are there to put it back together in charge of everything. That's their long-term objective. So if you want to get panicked over something, okay, you're 51, you got Medicare coming up, and here comes a guy talking about changing it. Fine, put your trust in it, put your faith in it. Do not trust the guy who wants to totally reorient and change all of health care. He's gonna destroy it. If you feel like being panicked, if you're happily panicked, if you're comfortable being in a panic mode, be panicked over Obamacare, not Ryan.

RUSH: Dick Cheney says, "I worship the ground Paul Ryan walks on." He doesn't want Ryan to run for president. He likes the House budget committee too much. "'I worship the ground the Paul Ryan walks on,' Cheney said Wednesday during a rare public appearance, the Houston Chronicle reported. 'I hope he doesn't run for president because that would ruin a good man who has a lot of work to do.'" "I worship the ground Paul Ryan walks on." No, I mean it. The Democrats don't want to fix Medicare. They don't want to reform it. They don't want to fix Medicaid.

Very simple reason: They want single payer. Obama has said it. We aired the Obama sound bites throughout the 2008 campaign. All the things he said talking to his union friends at SEIU, on public radio in Chicago, throughout, you know, 2002, 2004, 2007, he made it plain. I think in a sound bite we had of him speaking to the Service Employees International Union, he said, (paraphrasing) "Look, we all know we want to get --" and, by the way, this is when he's honest. These are his buds. These are the guys that spend all the money electing him. He goes in there, he doesn't BS them. He says, (paraphrasing) "We all want single payer. We're not gonna be able to do it overnight. It's gonna take five to ten years to get this done, maybe 15," because they know the American people don't want single payer. They're gonna have to force it as ultimately the only option. And part of

making Medicare and health care a single payer program, government-run, is that's gotta be the only place people can go.

Private insurance has to fail. Private coverage has to fail. Previous other reforms have to not work to the point that people throw their hands up, "Gosh, I guess the government has to run it 'cause that's the last option." That's the plan. That's the game plan. So don't look for the Democrats to offer a competing reform proposal. They don't want it to be fixed. In fact, as far as most Democrats are concerned the sooner it goes bust the better. Because they know people are gonna demand treatment. They know people are gonna demand being able to go to doctor. They know it. And they can't wait to be the ones in people's minds who make it possible as agents of your friendly government. "Boy, those people at insurance company X, they really mistreated you, didn't they? Yeah, remember that Republican guy that tried to fix the plan? Yeah, that really worked out, didn't it? But we're here for you." That's what they want, after everything is collapsed.

They want to break the health care system. That's what Obamacare is all about, break our health care system so badly that only they can fix it in their own way. And, by the way, it won't be a fix. It will end up being as bad as it's ever been as a single payer government-run program, but that's what they want.

Ed, you're next in Omaha. Great to have you on the EIB Network. Hello.

CALLER: I'd like to say hello to my mother Kelly. Second, I cannot believe how selfish older Americans are being at this point in time. They know what they want and have absolutely no concern whatsoever for future generations that are --

RUSH: Why do you say that?

CALLER: Well, all I hear from these older voters is "Don't take my Medicare away," and first of all, they don't get it, it's not being taken away, but they don't care if it goes bankrupt. What about me, who's a 42-year-old male? I have a two-year-old daughter. What kind of health care is gonna be available for my family in the future if you're not willing to sacrifice a little bit right now?

RUSH: Let me ask you a question, then.

CALLER: Yes, sir.

RUSH: Do you believe the majority of stories we get about the elderly in this country, that they are, for the most part, just a couple steps away from poverty?

CALLER: You know what, no, I don't believe that, and I hate to say this, but if they are a step away from poverty, that is their responsibility, because they did not save for their future. It is not my responsibility that you spent all of your money and did not save for your future.

RUSH: The reason I ask is because -- and I can't find it. I left it on the desk. It was from an earlier program I didn't get to. I left it here in the stack. But we had a temporary engineer here who went on a Betty Crocker kick and threw everything in here in the trash. He was a nice guy, I'm talking about Dale, he was just trying to do the right thing. But it was a story that took aim at this myth that the elderly are all a bunch of poverty stricken people. (interruption) Now, don't look at me. I'm just teasing in there. Dale's a great guy, but he did throw away my show prep. What am I supposed to do? (interruption) What do you mean, you didn't know it? You're the one that told him the procedures here. Anyway, I don't need the story. I can recount it from my memory.

The story was about where it is written that every old person is on the brink of destruction

economically? And I thought it's a fascinating story. A lot of people think that the elderly are all in poverty, or just a step or two away from it. But who is it that young people are moving back in with? Their moms and dads. And some of these people moving back in are 35 and 40. How old are their moms and dads? Sixty and 70 try, so if they're 60 and 70 and if they can afford their worthless offspring moving back in with them, just how poverty stricken are they? So this story tried to blow that myth up, that every elderly person in this country is bankrupt or soon to be, and it's not the case, and that is a good point, it actually is.

RUSH: Donna in Munster, Indiana. I'm glad you waited. Great to have you on the EIB Network. Hello.

CALLER: Hi. Good to talk to you.

RUSH: Thank you.

CALLER: The Republican Party has a communication problem, I believe. They need to better understand Ryan's Medicare plan so they can communicate it to the public.

RUSH: Tell 'em what it is.

CALLER: Well, they also need to compare the difference between Ryan's plan and Obamacare, which is a step toward universal health care.

RUSH: Tell 'em what it is.

CALLER: What the plan is?

RUSH: Yeah, what is Ryan's Medicare plan?

CALLER: Well, one thing, he does not plan to change the Medicare coverage that the seniors already have.

RUSH: Age 55 and up.

CALLER: At this time, right.

RUSH: That's right. You think most Republicans don't know that?

CALLER: I think they're confused about it.

RUSH: You mean elected Republicans or Republican voters?

CALLER: I think some of the candidates that's been talking. One of the Republicans, Jane Corwin, I saw the interview when she's at a town hall meeting, and one of the gals asked about the Republican plan, and she said, "Well, I want to save the Medicare program." Well, what does she mean by that? She didn't explain it. I think the seniors may be forgetting about the large Medicare cut being made in Obamacare.

RUSH: Wait a minute. You have the Republican candidate in a town hall forum saying, "No, no, no, I want to save Medicare," when asked about the Ryan plan?

CALLER: Right.

RUSH: Well, kiss it good-bye.

CALLER: That was her answer.

RUSH: Yeah.

CALLER: I was just appalled by that, and I thought, well, you know, there's your opportunity to explain the difference between the two.

RUSH: She may not know.

CALLER: Yeah.

RUSH: If her knowledge source for this is what's in the media, she doesn't know, because the media is the one saying that if you're a senior citizen you'll die because of the Ryan plan.

CALLER: Right. And then the video. If anyone wants to throw Granny off the cliff in a wheelchair, it's Obamacare, and those that don't believe it are fools. 'Cause this is just the way it is.

RUSH: Yeah, I've seen the ad. You know, I kind of admire it. It's funny. Well, don't misunderstand me on this. Of course the ad infuriates me in one way, but I love humor that pushes the envelope, and creativity. The point is, I look at that and say, "How many people actually believe it?" but I guess I'm wrong. There's a lot of people that do take that ad for real. This is what the Republicans want to do. So when you illustrate it that way, I don't understand anybody believing that. Who in the world would actually want to push their grandmother over a cliff in a wheelchair? There's only one instance, who would actually want to do it. (interruption) Okay, wait a minute. You're saying check the e-mail in ten minutes? (laughing) I don't know.

The ad is so campy. There's no terror in the ad. There's no real horror in the ad. (interruption) Oh, come on, are you telling me that a seasoned citizen watching that ad can sit there and relate, "Yeah, yeah, that's what they want to do to me." Actually throw you, roll you over the cliff? Yeah, but that stopped working a long time. The ol' kick you outta your house and make you eat dog food. Republicans have been getting the seasoned citizen vote for a long, long time and all those cliches stopped working back in the nineties on Social Security specifically. Donna, thanks much for the call. I'm sitting here wondering how much trouble am I in now when I say I admire the ad. I think I've only seen it, what, three or four times, and here's Granny shouting and flailing away, "No, stop!" and they actually do it. The dummy actually goes over the cliff. You actually see it. I think, "Well, who could possibly believe that?"

Herman Cain Admits He Didn't Understand the "Right of Return"

RUSH: Herman Cain was on Fox News Sunday. He did not know what right of return meant. Chris Wallace asked him his thoughts on the right of return. He had no idea what it was. Fox News Sunday. Here is how it went.

CAIN: The right of return? The right of return?

WALLACE: The Palestinian right of return.

CAIN: That's something that should be negotiated. That's something that should be negotiated. But --

WALLACE: Do you think the Palestinian refugees, the people who were kicked out of the land in 1948 should be able or should have any right to return to Israeli land?

CAIN: Yes. But under -- but not under Palestinian conditions. Yes. They should have a right to come back, if that is a decision that Israel wants to make. I'm back to it's up to Israel to determine the things that they will accept.

RUSH: He didn't know. Last night on Hannity Herman Cain, former CEO, Godfather's Pizza. They played this clip back for him, Hannity played the clip for him and said, "A lot of people think you didn't understand the right of return." Here's what Herman Cain said.

CAIN: They are exactly right. Chris caught me off guard. I didn't understand the right of return. I now know what that is. The thing that you're gonna learn about Herman Cain, if he doesn't know something he's not going to try and fake it or give an answer that he doesn't know what he's talking about. Now, here's the thing about that right of return that I have learned since Sunday. It wasn't that they were kicked out of Israel by the Jews. No, their Arab leaders asked them to

leave because they thought they were gonna annihilate what was left and then they could go back. So, yes, I still stick by my answer, it is the responsibility and the decision to be made by Israel.

RUSH: So he's relying on his instincts here, got the answer half right, but he didn't know what he was being asked when he was being asked. Last night he admitted it as his recovery. Well, what else could he do, Snerdley? I mean, he had no choice but than to say he didn't know what it was, and that's good. (interruption) What do you mean we've seen what politicians will do recently? Who are you talking about? Oh, oh, well, you're talking about Newt? Well, all right. Okay. Well, stick to Herman. I got the Newt sound bites coming up here, but I think it's a credit to Herman Cain. "I did not know what it was." Now, if Herman had listened to this program all last week, he would know. That was his mistake. 'Cause we 'splained it on this program numerous times, as we have over the course of the 22-plus years behind the Golden EIB Microphone.

Additional Rush Links

Obama Media Complex: Obama is so smart, that his mouth cannot keep up with his brain:
<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-daum-obamaspeak-20110526,0,462327.column>

Rolling Stone Magazine on Fox News' Roger Ailes:
<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/how-roger-ailles-built-the-fox-news-fear-factory-20110525>

Obama's Unspoken Re-Election Edge

This presidency flatters America to a degree that no white Republican can hope to match.
By Shelby Steele
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704569404576299241421694066.html>

Perma-Links

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

The Government is not God, a political action committee:

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

Obama's autopen twitter account:

<http://twitter.com/#!/ObamasAutopen>

The Minority Report (conservative blogging and news):

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

Shadow Government Statistic; excellent economics site (some information is free, but this is a subscription site):

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

A George Soros funded site to go after specific Fox anchors through their advertisers (is there any parallel to this on the right?):

<http://dropfox.com/>

Cato Institute's Downsizing Government

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

Cool blog with a lot of excellent articles:

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

Slimeball comics:

<http://slimeball-comics.blogspot.com/>

Anti-Fox, anti-conservative "news and opinion" site:

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

Lots of current vids:

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

Men with Foil Hats (occasionally borders on conspiratorial without being completely nuts; mostly a repository of news stories from elsewhere):

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

iwatch news is a repository of interesting news items; there might be a slight left slant? It is hard to tell.

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

Calculated Risk Blog:

<http://cr4re.com/charts/charts.html>

Calculated Risk Charts and Graphs:

<http://cr4re.com/charts/charts.html>

This website, asks the eternal question...

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

Renew America:

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

The Party of 1776:

<http://www.partyof1776.net/>

Climate Realists:

<http://climaterealist.com/index.php>

In case I did not list it before, Iowa Hawk (insightful economic blogging):

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

American Legislative Exchange Council (Limited government, free markets and federalism):

<http://www.alec.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

Right Wing News Watch

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

It is mostly libs who post here, but this way, you get their weird perspective on things political:

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

The Right Scoop:

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

Pro-Life Unity:

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

Christian Healthcare Ministries (an alternative to health insurance)

<http://chministries.org/>

Daniel Mitchell's blog:

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

Capitalism Magazine

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

The truth wins (mostly commentary on economics).

<http://thetruthwins.com/>

Conservative 21 (blog)

<http://www.conservative21.com/index.cfm>

Translating Jihad. What is broadcast in the Arabic is one thing; and how it is said in English is something entirely different:

<http://translating-jihad.blogspot.com/>

Here is a chart you MUST see (it is about political party donors):

<http://www.opensecrets.org/orgs/list.php>

The Center for Responsive Politics:

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

What if George Bush did that?

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

The Lonely Conservative (news and conservative opinion):

<http://lonelyconservative.com/>

The right weather underground (blog, with some emphasis upon the phony green agenda).

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/sebastianjer/>

An article on the federal reserve:

http://www.apfn.org/apfn/fed_reserve.htm

The Economic Collapse Blog:

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/>

Albert Mohler's blog, which is Christian and conservative:

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

Readers begin a discussion, and other join in:

<http://ricochet.com/>

The Other Half of History (the history which is ignored in the modern classroom):

<http://historyhalf.com/columns/>

American History:

<http://wallbuilders.com/>

Citizen Tom (news and conservative commentary):

<http://citizentom.com/>

Pronk Palisades (recent news and editorial videos and links):

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

The Right brothers (sort of newsy and commentary):

<http://therightbrothers.posterous.com/>

Freedom Fighter's Journal (news and opinion articles):

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

Liberty's Army (mostly economic and middle eastern revolutionary news right now):

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

News and opinion articles:

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

STORM's official Revolutionary document:

<http://www.leftspot.com/blog/files/docs/STORMSummation.pdf>

Climate Depot's 321-page 'Consensus Buster' Report:

<http://www.climatedepot.com/a/9035/SPECIAL-REPORT-More-Than-1000-International-Scientists-Dissent-Over-ManMade-Global-Warming-Claims--Challenge-UN-IPCC--Gore>

The Iowahawk, which is a blog, at times, heavy with stats, and at other times, it is hard to tell:

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

Liberal collector of links and liberal news:

<http://onegoodmove.org/1gm/>

Good conservative news blog:

<http://a12iggymom.wordpress.com/>

The radio patriot; a news repository and right-wing blog:

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



Glenn Beck's news page; almost everything is a video:

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

Conservative Girls are Hot:

<http://girlontheright.com/>

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/>

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



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/>

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.ctr.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/nfblog/>

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

Gulag bound:
<http://gulagbound.com/>

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

Politi Fi
<http://politifi.com/>

TEA Party Patriots:
<http://teapartypatriots.org/>

South Montgomery County Liberty Group:
<http://sites.google.com/site/smclibertygroup/>

Hole in the Hull:
<http://www.holeinthehull.com/>

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

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

Ordering their pamphlets:

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

Cartoon (Senator Meddler):

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

Bear Witness:

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

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

(there are a million vids on this second page)

Right Change (facts presented in an entertaining manner):

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

Bias alert from the Media Research Center:

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

Excellent conservative blogger:

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

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

<http://ourtab.org/>

Center for Responsive Politics:

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

The Chamber Post (pro-business blog):

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

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

<http://laborpains.org/>

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

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

Their opposition:

<http://resistingthegreendragon.com/>

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

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

The WSJ Guide to Financial Reform

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

The WSJ Guide to Obamacare:

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

The WSJ Guide to Climate Change

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

Video-heavy news source:

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

Political News:

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

Planet Gore; blogs about the environment:

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

The Patriot Post:

<http://patriotpost.us/>

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

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

Index of (business) freedom, world rankings:

http://www.heritage.org/index/pdf/2010/Index_2010_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/>

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The Democrats' Budget Plan

In case you have not seen it yet, Obsession:

<http://www.therightscoop.com/saturday-cinema-obsession-radical-islams-war-against-the-west>

Inside Islam; what a billion Muslims think:

<http://vimeo.com/14121737>

World Net Daily (News):

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

Excellent blog with lots of cool vids:

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

Black and Right:

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

The Right Network:

<http://rightnetwork.com/>

Video on the Right Network:

<http://rightnetwork.com/videos/860061517>

The newly designed Democrat website:

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

Composition of Congress 1855–2010:

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0774721.htm>

Anti-American and pro-socialist, pro-Arabic:

<http://www.zeropartypolitics.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 Breithbart'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](#):
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/america.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/obamaneconomics/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.dericalorraine.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>

Health Care:

<http://fixhealthcarepolicy.com/>

Betsy McCaughey's Health Care Site:

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

Obamacare Watch:

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

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

<http://joinpatientsfirst.com/>

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

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

Islam

Islam:

www.thereligionofpeace.com

Jihad Watch

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

Answering Muslims (a Christian site):

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

Muslim demographics:

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

Muslim Demographics (this is outstanding):

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

Muslim deception:

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

A Muslim apologetic site (they will write out letters to express *your feelings*, and all you have to do is sign them, and they will send them on):

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

Celebrity Jihad (no, really).

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

Legal

The Alliance Defense Fund:

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

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

www.lc.org

ACLU founders:

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

Military

Here is an interesting military site:

<http://www.militaryphotos.net/forums/>

This is the link which caught my eye from there:

<http://www.militaryphotos.net/forums/showthread.php?t=169400>

The real story of the surge:

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

National Security

Keep America Safe:

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

Race Relations

A little history of Republicans and African-Americans:

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

Oil Spill

Since this will be with us for a long time, the timeline of the BP gulf oil spill:

<http://directorblue.blogspot.com/2010/05/obamas-katrina-illustrated-timeline.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/epic/bpdot/7816715/Gulf-of-Mexico-oil-spill-timeline.html>

<http://www.treehugger.com/files/2010/05/bp-gulf-oil-spill-timeline.php>

This is cool: a continuous timeline of the spill, with the daily info and the expansion of the oil, and the response:

<http://www.esri.com/services/disaster-response/gulf-oil-spill-2010/timeline-advanced.html>

Cool Sites

Weasel Zippers scours the internet for great stuff:

<http://weaselzippers.us/>

The 100 most hated conservatives:

<http://media.glennbeck.com/docs/100americans-pg1.pdf>

Still to Classify

Army Ranger Michael Behenna sentenced to 25 years in prison for 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 Journolist:
<http://iowntheworld.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://johtreed.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=HWMIwziGrAQ>

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/>

New conservative website:
<http://www.theconservativelion.com>

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

Suzanne Somers is 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/>

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>

News from 2100:
<http://thepeoplescube.com/>

How you can get your piece of the stimulus pie:
<http://www.economicstimuluspackageinfo.com/>

Always excellent articles:
<http://www.dickmorris.com/blog/>

The National Journal, which is a political journal (which, at first glance, seems to be pretty even-handed):
<http://www.nationaljournal.com/njonline/>

Conservative blog: Dan Cleary, political insomniac:

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

Stand by Liberty:

<http://standbyliberty.org/>

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

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

Lower taxes, smaller government, more freedom:

Citizens Against Government Waste:

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

Conservative website featuring stories of the day:

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

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

Christian Blog:

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

News feed/blog:

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

News site:

<http://lucianne.com/>

Note sure yet about this one:

<http://looneyleft.com/>

Conservative news and opinion:

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

Conservative versus liberal viewpoints:

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

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

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

The Architecture of Political Power (an online book):

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

Recommended foreign news site:

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

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

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

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

Kevin Jackson's [conservative black] website:

<http://theblacksphere.net/>

Notes from the front lines (in Iraq):

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

Remembering 9/11:

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

Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball site:

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

The current Obama czar roster:

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

Blue Dog Democrats:

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

Undercover video and audio for planned parenthood:

<http://liveaction.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Great commentary:

www.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://employee.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>

