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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).

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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

Cut, Cap and Balance passed the House.



John Boehner walked out of the debt talks with the president at the end of this week, but was back there in Saturday for another meeting. No agreement has been reached on raising the debt ceiling or reducing our deficit. When attending the Saturday late morning meeting, Speaker of the House Boehner enjoyed a cup of TEA.

What appears to be the next direction is, Senate and House leaders will meet, sans Obama, and attempt to put together an agreement.

Today, GOP is putting together another GOP debt ceiling plan. This is #3 so far. At this point, President Obama has given many speeches on this item, but no written proposals as of yet.

The Barclays Interest Rates Research team wrote that the date on which the Treasury will run out of cash to pay its obligations might not be August 2, but that it might be around August 10.

President Obama formally ended Don't Ask, Don't tell this past week, which repeal will take effect within 60 days.

On a party line vote, the Republican-led House Foreign Affairs Committee voted to ban funding in next year's budget for Obama's initiative to support poor nations in adapting to climate change or pursuing clean energy. It is unlikely that the Senate will agree to this.

Norway suffered a terrorist attack from a white guy, who both set off a bomb in the capitol city and shot a bunch of kids on an island nearby. Look for this to get the news coverage, particularly because the perpetrator is a 32-year-old white male and has a manifesto to have a year-long war against Marxists and Islam.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed S.B. 7 into law late yesterday. The expansive law compels the state to formally ask for a Medicaid block grant, defunds abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood, allows Texas to enter a health care compact and implements co-payments for non-emergency visits to hospital emergency rooms, among other provisions.

As I have written in many articles in the past, gay marriage is just a legal foothold; it is not the end of the gay movement because we have given them what they want. The ACLU this week sued a Vermont inn for refusing to host lesbian wedding reception. This is merely the beginning.

Michelle Obama unveiled the latest push in her healthy-eating campaign Wednesday, announcing several national and regional food retailers have pledged to expand into a string of low-income markets where finding nutritious food options is nearly impossible.

Speaking of good eating choices, the Shake Shack, where Mrs. Obama ate her famous 1700 calorie meal is now advertising "The Michelle Obama Special."

You can see what Mrs. Obama should have eaten at <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/>

A special meeting of the United Nations security council is due to consider whether to expand its mission to keep the peace in an era of climate change. Small island states, which could disappear beneath rising seas, are pushing the security council to intervene to combat the threat to their existence.

Sharia law has become a 'shadow legal system' within Australia, endorsing polygamous and underage marriages that are outlawed under the country's legal systems.

Taliban in Afghanistan kill the 8-year-old son of a police chief because he would not give them police vehicles and weapons.

Belgium's ban against women wearing Muslim burqas and niqabs that cover their faces has gone into effect.

Say What?

Liberals:

President Obama on a Balanced Budget Amendment: "We don't need a constitutional amendment to do that. What we need to do is do our jobs."

Senate Leader Harry Reid: "I think this piece of legislation [Cap, Cut and Balance] is about as weak and senseless as anything that has ever come on this Senate floor, and I'm not going to waste the Senate's time day after day on this piece of legislation which I think is anathema to what our country is all about. I feel confident that this legislation will be disposed of one way or the other. The American people should understand that this is a bad piece of legislation, perhaps some of the worst legislation in the history of this country." In case you don't get this, he is telling all of the Democrat Senators to shelve Cut, Cap and Balance without giving it a hearing.

Obama: "If Abraham Lincoln could make some compromises [regarding freedom for some slaves]...then surely we can make some compromises when it comes to handling our budget"



Obama: "[it's time for] the wealthiest Americans and the biggest corporations (to) do their part. This isn't some wild-eyed socialist position, (and) this isn't about punishing wealth."

Obama: "For those of you who've studied economic history and the history of the Great Depression, what Tom is referring to is, Roosevelt comes in - FDR comes in, he tries all these things with the New Deal; but **FDR, contrary to myth, was pretty fiscally conservative.** And so after the initial efforts of the New Deal and it looked like the economy was growing again, FDR then presented a very severe austerity budget. And suddenly, in 1937, the economy started going down again. And, ultimately, what really pulled America out of the Great Depression was World War II."

Obama "if we don't solve it [the debt ceiling problem], every American will suffer."

Obama: "That's why people in both parties have suggested that the best way to take on our deficit is with a more balanced approach. Yes, we should make serious spending cuts. But we should also ask the wealthiest individuals and biggest corporations to pay their fair share through fundamental tax reform. Before we stop funding clean energy research, we should ask oil companies and corporate jet owners to give up the tax breaks that other companies don't get. Before we ask college students to pay more, we should ask hedge fund managers to stop paying taxes at a lower rate than their secretaries. Before we ask seniors to pay more for Medicare, we should ask people like me to give up tax breaks they don't need and never asked for."

Obama: "What is true is that given the rising number of seniors and given the huge escalation in health care costs, that if we don't structure those programs so that they are sustainable, then it's going to be hard for the next generation to enjoy those same kinds of benefits. **And so we are going to have to make some modest changes** that retain the integrity of the program, but make sure that they're there for years to come." No matter what plan is followed, no one is going to describe budget cuts over the next 2 decades as modest.

Harry Reid: "I will not support any short-term agreement, and neither will President Obama nor Leader Pelosi."

Then Democrat, Senator John Kerry stood up and added: "Frankly, after what the majority leader has said, I don't think I need to go on with my speech."

Democratic Congressman Jim Moran on Cut, Cap and Balance: "That's just bulls**t. What this is . . . is exactly what Grover Norquist explained. It's all about setting up a structure that prevents Democrats from being able to govern as Democrats. In other words. Investing money in equality and opportunity and expanding the middle class in a better life and a more sustainable environment. That's going to take the money off the table and so the rich will get richer and the middle class will get poorer. That's all it's about. It's a long term ideological strategy. That's what cut, cap, and balance is all about....Thomas Jefferson would be so embarrassed to be anyway associated with this Thomas Jefferson was a humanist."

John Kerry: "As I have said in the past, the most compelling argument against this amendment [to require a balanced federal budget] doesn't come from me or from anyone on the floor. It actually comes from the real experts, the people who framed the Constitution of the United States. If they were here on the Senate floor today, they would be against this amendment because it violates the Constitution's basic tenet which is majority rule"

Rep. John Larson (D-Conn.), leader of the House Democratic Caucus: "What the Democratic Caucus has been focused on . . . is balance. Obviously, balance would include cuts and revenues." I.e., there must be tax hikes in the agreement.

President Barack Obama: "I think the vast majority of people understand that this is

something that we inherited and that when I came into office we'd already lost 4 million jobs and the few months after I got sworn in we lost another 4 million."

President Obama to Speaker Boehner at the weekend debt talks: "I think everybody agrees it's too hot to play golf today."



John Podesta: "We're in a recession, but the Bush tax cuts have contributed substantially to that, particularly for the high end. What are the Republicans proposing? Go even further than that. **Now we're in a hostage-taking situation** on the debt limit that will be catastrophic if we actually do go over that August 2 deadline. I actually think this is the craziest hostage-taking that we've seen since Al Pacino and John Cazale were in "Dog Day Afternoon.""

Radical leftist Cornel West: "Poor people and working people have not been a fundamental focus of the Obama administration. That for me is not just a disappointment but a kind of betrayal."

The Obama Press:

CBS's Bob Schaeffer: "[The Cap, Cut and Balance bill] a total waste of time...part of this little Kabuki dance that we go through."

CBS correspondent Whit Johnson: "They want immediate cuts, an aggressive cap on future spending, and constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. Senate Democrats say the proposal has **no chance**."

CBS's Bill Plante said of CC&B: "It would revert spending back to 2008 levels and cap the budget at eighteen percent of gross domestic product. It also calls for a balanced budget amendment, a provision Democrats say is **dead on arrival**." No mention was made of any public support.

CBS's Nancy Cordes: "Conservatives call the bill they're voting on tonight Cut, Cap and Balance because it cuts spending this year and then caps it at 2005 levels. Democrats call it a **one-sided approach that wastes time at the 11th hour**."

NBC's Ann Curry to Kelly O'Donnell: "The president has already said that he's going to veto it. **Do we really have time for a plan that is really just show**, Kelly?"

MSNBC's Thomas Roberts to Jimmy LaSalvia, executive director of GOProud, a gay conservative organization opposing Obama's reelection: "But you will replace [Obama] with a person who would extinguish you."

Cenk Uygur, about leaving MSNBC: "I didn't want to work in a place that wouldn't let me do my kind of show, that wasn't interested in my kind of show, that didn't want to challenge power." MSNBC is not liberal enough for Cenk?

Bloomberg News: "Sales of previously owned U.S. homes **unexpectedly** declined in June to a

seven-month low as the industry struggled to overcome rising unemployment and foreclosures." Just who exactly is *expecting* these sales to turn around and for what reason?

Liberals from the past:

Senator Obama in 2006 about raising the debt ceiling: "The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. It is a sign that the U.S. Government can't pay its own bills. It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries to finance our Government's reckless fiscal policies. . Increasing America's debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Leadership means that `the buck stops here. Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better."

Harry Reid, in 2006, opposing the raising of the debt ceiling: "How can the Republican majority in this Congress explain to their constituents that trillions of dollars in new debt is good for our economy? How can they explain that they think it's fair to force our children, our grandchildren, our great grandchildren to finance this debt through higher taxes? That's what it will have to be. Why is it right to increase our nation's dependence on foreign creditors? They should explain this. Maybe they can convince the public they're right. I doubt it. Because most Americans know that increasing debt is the last thing we should be doing. After all, I repeat, the Baby Boomers are about to retire. Under the circumstances, any credible economist would tell you we should be reducing debt, not increasing it. Democrats won't be making argument to supper this legalization, which will weaken our country." Reid was concerned here about a \$248 billion deficit. Ah, the good old days.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt: "The country needs and, unless I mistake its temper, the country demands bold, persistent experimentation. It is common sense to take a method and try it: If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something."

Harold Ickes, FDR's interior secretary and one of the most important architects of the New Deal: "[Roosevelt himself privately acknowledged that] what we were doing in this country were some of the things that were being done in Russia and even some of the things that were being done under Hitler in Germany. But we were doing them in an orderly way."

Liberals being civil:

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa): "The sad reality is that America no longer has a two party system. **One of our two parties has morphed into a kind of a cult driven by a singular fixation and obsession** - preserving and expanding tax breaks for the wealthy at all costs. This so-called balanced budget amendment would make it all but impossible to raise revenues in the future."

Debbie Wasserman Schultz: "Well, I have to tell you I was unfazed by his [Congressman Allen West's] e-mail. It's not surprising that given the pressure that the **Republicans are** facing. I mean, they're defending **ending Medicare as we know it**. Congressman West represents thousands of senior citizens, which is what I was pointing out, and they would face significant increased costs due to the Republicans' Medicare plan and the Cut, Cap and Balance Bill. So it's not really surprising that he would crack under the pressure of having to defend that." Weasel Zippers points out that, Congressman West spent 4 years in combat duty, so that it is possible that Schultz's remarks are not enough to make him crack under pressure.

Blogger Amanda Marcotte: "The most famous political force in the country right now, the Tea

Party, has embraced a conservatism that is defined by being angry, bigoted, ignorant, and proud of it. It's less about coherent politics and more a club for people who have a chip on their shoulders because they confuse getting the stink-eye for saying nutty, mean-spirited things with actual oppression. "

Bill Maher on Sarah Palin, upon hearing that one of her sons is about to father a child: "What is it with this family and pregnancies? Do they not have condoms up there in Alaska? When they say don't retreat, reload' they are not f___g around. I think they think abstinence is Latin for no anal,"

Crazy Muslims:

Dr. Salih bin Fawzan, a prominent cleric and member of Saudi Arabia's highest religious council, just issued a fatwa asserting that there is no minimum age for marriage, and that girls can be married "even if they are in the cradle."

Liberals making sense:

House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D.-Md.): "In order to pay our bills, Republicans would require us to pass a Constitutional amendment that would permanently enshrine their partisan budget priorities in law and **make it virtually impossible to raise revenue.**" I think that Mr. Hoyer understands the situation quite well.

Joe Biden (from 1984): "I must express my protest against continually increasing the debt without taking positive steps to slow its growth. Therefore, I am voting against any further increase in the national debt."

President Obama: "I'm probably going to win or lose [in 2012] depending on their assessment of my stewardship."

Joy Behar to Casey Anthony's attorney: "Would you let her babysit your children?"

Moderates:

The Barclays Interest Rates Research team wrote: "The date on which the Treasury will run out of cash to pay its obligations might not be August 2; it might be around August 10 instead."

New York magazine's John Heilemann : "The core difference between 2008 and 2012 is going to be the politics of hope, which we saw in 2008, versus the politics of fear in 2012. They won't call it that, but so much of this campaign in terms of driving turnout among all these groups, is going to be about making the Republican alternative totally unacceptable." [I don't know Heilemann's politics]

Juan Williams, when asked about a generic Republican beating Obama in a poll: "That's like Harry Potter running against Luke Skywalker."

Crosstalk:

Debbie Wasserman Schultz, after Allen West had left: "The gentleman from Florida, who represents thousands of Medicare beneficiaries, as do I, is supportive of this plan that would increase costs for Medicare beneficiaries. Unbelievable from a member from south Florida." She added: "[the legislation that West supports] slashes Medicaid and critical investments essential to winning the future in favor of protecting tax breaks for Big Oil, millionaires, and companies who ship American jobs overseas."

Allen West email to Debbie Wasserman Schultz: "Look, Debbie, I understand that after I departed the House floor you directed your floor speech comments directly towards me. Let me make myself perfectly clear, you want a personal fight, I am happy to oblige. You are the most vile, unprofessional, and despicable member of the US House of Representatives. If you have something to say to me, stop being a coward and say it to

my face, otherwise, shut the heck up...you are not a Lady."

It was not too long ago when Wasserman Schultz warned: "Republicans want to literally drag us all the way back to Jim Crow laws."



Anyway, this email was made public and a Democratic fundraising letter followed:

Friend -

Last night, Republican Rep. Allen West sent a disgraceful e-mail outburst to one of our most accomplished colleagues in the House, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, telling her to "shut the heck up" for daring to challenge the GOP plan to gut Medicare and Social Security to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.

I wish I could say I was surprised.

Unfortunately, this is exactly the sort of partisan tantrum we're used to from House Republicans

as they push our economy to the brink of disaster while pandering to their Tea Party base.

We can't let this shameful display go unanswered.

Contribute \$3 or more right now to help us defeat disgraceful Republicans like Allen West in 2012. My Democratic colleagues are so appalled that they've agreed to match all gifts today dollar-for-dollar up to our \$100,000 goal.

This kind of appalling behavior is all too familiar from Congressman West, who has riled up his extremist right-wing base by attacking progressive women for "neutering American men," calling supporters of President Obama, "a threat to the gene pool" and writing for a misogynist magazine that denigrated women with words I'd be ashamed to even repeat.



Blogger Amanda Marcotte: "Allen West hates everyone. That doesn't spare him from being a sexist, however, since his hatred for women has an ugly, gendered tone to it, as evidenced by his strange war on Debbie Wasserman Schultz,

whose main sin seems to be a willingness to disagree with West while in possession of a vagina, causing West to claim she's "not a Lady." This, in turn, has caused a lot of speaking from feminist-minded women who are sick to the teeth of grown women being addressed in exactly the same terms that my grandmother used for me when I displayed bad manners ... and I was five years old. "

Joan Walsh, Salon: Well, right. Well, Reagan was very much a conservative, and I didn't agree with him on much, but he was a pragmatist and a compromiser. And the fact of the matter is, Chris, I heard my friend Michael talk about the Constitution and the Tea Party likes to talk about the Constitution and the Founders, but the fact is the Founders didn't agree on very much at all.

Michael Steele: Right.

Walsh: The Founders argued about a lot of things, and they created a system in which we had to talk to one another and had to compromise. This President, President Obama, who I don't always agree with either, is actually the Reagan figure here.

Steele: [Laughs]

Walsh: He is the person saying.

Chris Matthews, Host: Why are you laughing?

Walsh: .you know what, I'm going to disappoint some folks.

Steele: Okay. [Continues laughing]

Walsh: Please don't laugh at me, Michael. I didn't laugh at you.

Matthews: Why are you laughing, Michael?



Steele: When you say something funny, I'm going to laugh.

Girl at Town Hall: "I have two questions. One is, is there anything -- like, obviously you've had a successful presidency. But is there anything ..."

President Obama: "Well that's not obvious to everyone. But I appreciate. I appreciate you thinking it's obvious."

Conservatives:

Florida Senator Marco Rubio: "OK, so where's the plan? Where's the president's plan? I've never seen a piece of paper with the president's name on it that's his plan to solve this crisis. I've seen press conferences. I've seen lectures that he's given to the Congress. I've seen these press avails where the camera comes in and takes a bunch of pictures. I haven't seen a plan. Where is the president's plan?"

Jeb Bush on Obama: "He's a smart guy...I think he is capable of learning these things, but he doesn't have people around him who have any practical [economic] experience—none."

Speaker of the House John Boehner, to the President, when Boehner had decided to work with Congressional leaders: "As I read the Constitution, the Congress writes the laws and you get to decide what you want to sign."

Jim DeMint (because President Obama has not offered up a real plan yet for the debt and deficit: "We can't vote on a speech.")

WSJ commentator Kimberly Strassel, reacting to Obama finally appointing someone to his cabinet with some real business background: "Actions speak louder than appointments."

OArt Laffer: "[Obama is] just a wonderful person, but he's wrong on every issue."



HARRY POTTER and the DEFICIT HALLOWS

Speaker John Boehner: "I want to be entirely clear, no one wants default on the full faith and credit of the United States government, and I'm convinced that we will not."



EVENTS THAT NEVER MATERIALIZED.

Las Vegas businessman Steve Wynn: "Everybody's afraid of the government and there's no need soft peddling it, it's the truth. It is the truth. And that's true of Democratic businessman and Republican businessman, and I am a Democratic businessman and I support Harry Reid. I support Democrats and Republicans. **And I'm telling you that the business community in this company is frightened to death of the weird political philosophy of the President of the United States. And until he's gone, everybody's going to be sitting on their thumbs.**" The latter is a reference to why businesses are not hiring and investors are not investing.

Art Laffer: "I think that the TEA parry has had a major positive impact on the Republican party and on America."

Okay, some conservatives can get a little catty. Michelle Malkin said of Debbie Wasserman Schultz: "She's nothing more than Allen Greyson in heels."

Allen West, in a column: "I must confess, when I see anyone with an Obama 2012 bumper sticker, I recognize them as a threat to the gene pool."

Rush Limbaugh: "We live in a center-right country, so any time center-left poll results are

advanced by the State-Controlled Media, beware. Skewed polls are used to make news and then to shape opinion. They are used to confuse issues, not to bring clarity."

Rush Limbaugh: "One other important point about internal polls: They're true. A candidate needs the truth. A campaign needs to know the exact lay of the land. Internal polls, privately commissioned polls by candidates are dead-on accurate, as accurate as polling can be, as distinguished from public polls. Never forget that."

Rich Lowrey on the Murdoch scandal: "Government should police crime, not the media." (Quoted from memory)



Rush: "Ronald Reagan called them tax-and-spend liberals, and that's what they are. That's what they'll always be: Tax and spend. You don't have to call them Marxists, communists, statists, socialists or doofuses. They are all that, but they're tax and spend -- and if that's what you're for, they are your people."

Rush: "The liberal leaders have to lie in order to get elected. They know they're governing against the will of the people. Obama knows it, he just doesn't care, at all. I know it's hard to understand when you're talking about the president, but it's true."

Rush: "In my role as head of the Republican Party, I am ordering the president to present his spending cuts, not just to the Republicans in a meeting, but to the American people, in toto, by tomorrow, while I'm playing golf, by the way. Finally somebody in our party's gonna be playing golf while he's working, and it's gonna be me."

Rush: "Government is god. Government comes first. Government never must do without. All money is government's. Obama believes that."

Watch This!

A Politically Incorrect Look at History; another great John Stossel show:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3N01k5pSVp4>

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

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHCV5FF6bkk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtQ5t82bRjY>

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

Dick Morris interviews Herman Cain (this is only a part of the interview):

<http://www.dickmorris.com/blog/dick-morris-t-v-lunch-alert-herman-cain-on-the-economy/>

Bob Schaeffer interviews Marco Rubio.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mRAHt9wdOk>

This is great; send this link to all of your liberal and moderate friends: Spenditol

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBoYYc1APr8>

Contessa Brewer discusses economics with Rep. Mo Brooks. This is kind of a surprise to hear this on MSNBC. I guess when she asks, “Do you have a degree in economics?” she did not expect him to say, “Yes man, I do—highest honors.”

<http://hotair.com/archives/2011/07/20/do-you-have-a-degree-in-economics/>

Brent Bozell on Hannity about the budget wars:
<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/ken-shepherd/2011/07/22/media-mash>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PT2p2jDZmE>

I must admit that I knew next-to-nothing about Jeb Bush, but Hannity conducted a good interview with him:

<http://nation.foxnews.com/hannity/2011/07/21/sneak-peek-exclusive-hannity-interview-jeb-bush>

Not that I recommend this, but this is the video manifesto of the Oslo white terrorist:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=rAw2FnRmsE

A Little Comedy Relief

Jodi Miller: “The CIA reportedly used fake vaccinations as a part of the plan to kill Osama



The official FEMA/Homeland Security video where nearly all of the terrorists are white males. A wide variety of newspaper clippings were shown, including someone in a black face covering with bright blue eyes. Almost every person doing the reporting is a minority of some sort.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZcFezYD98>

This is not the famous “Spenditall” commercial, but it is along the same lines:



bin Laden. So no wonder Obama got him—the plan included bad healthcare.”

Jodi Miller: “An atheist has won the right to wear a spaghetti strainer on his head for his driver’s license photo, and the ACLU is very happy, because he didn’t wear anything crazy, like a cross or a star of David.”

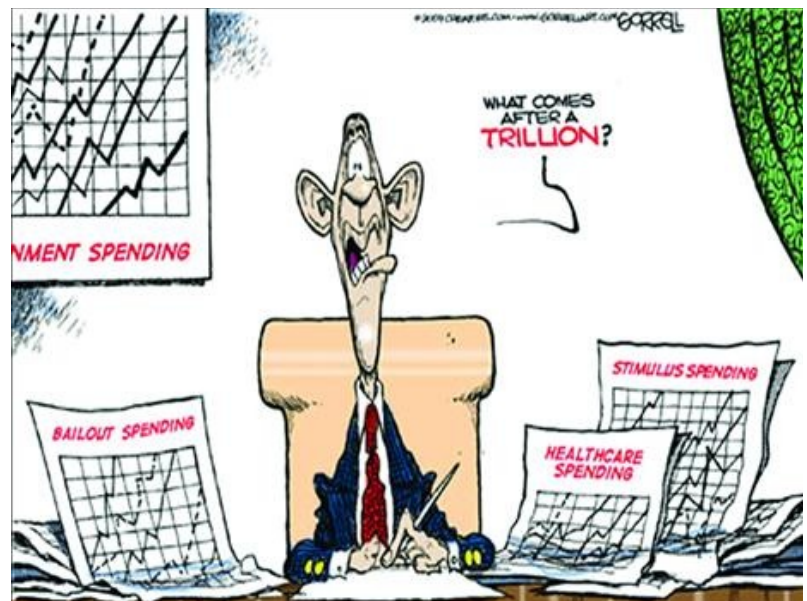
Short Takes

1) Michelle Obama’s latest push to spend \$365 million to solve America’s “food desert” problem, reveals the fundamental difference between conservatives and liberals. Liberals think that government must get involved. First of all, a food desert is defined as meaning that people must travel between 1–10 miles to get to a supermarket. Now, I don’t know about most people, but for me, walking 2 miles to a supermarket is not that big of a deal. If I had to do it, I could. Secondly, I used to live in a rural area which would have been classified a “food desert” because it was about a 7 mile drive to the nearest grocery store, across the lake (although there were smaller convenience stores which were much closer). Convenience stores and grocery stores are in the business of making money, and if something sells, then they will stock more of them. If there is a demand for beer coolies, the store will stock up on them; if there is a demand for apples, the store will stock them. One of the convenience stores I am thinking of has a very small, but reasonable fresh food section, given the size of the store. There is obviously enough demand for the fresh food to require this section. When people move out to the country, they do so for a number of reasons, and they usually understand that conveniences will be further away—tire stores, drug stores, doctor’s offices, etc.—and food stores. In any case, I do not see any reason for my tax dollars to go to establishing stores a few more miles closer to people who live in rural areas or in so-called food deserts. It is simply not appropriate.

2) The same goes for internet availability. It is not the government’s job to provide the internet for every person.

3) We already know the government always drives the prices up. Government is closely involved with the medical community and with higher education. Have prices gone up or down? Up; far more than average in both situations. However, if you look at things like RK surgery or plastic surgery, these prices have actually come down over the years because government is not involved.

4) Mark Steyn made some great points this week (he guest-hosted for a couple days this week for Rush Limbaugh). When any program of government fails or becomes, in time, a failing program, government simply throws more money at it. Our school system, as it becomes more and more centrally run, has gotten much worse. Although we are spending a lot more money on our schools and upon education, there is no corresponding success to go with the additional spending. This is not how things are



done in the real world. When Enron began to fail, and there appeared to be accounting errors or

misrepresentations, no one clamored for the government to step in and prop them up. However, when FNMA and FHLMC suffer from the same sort of problems, how do we solve it? We do more of what got us to this point in the first place—more easy loans and more corrupt practices and more government. We need to come to a point where we look at something that government is doing (like education or housing), recognize that government is a complete failure in this area, and farm it out to private enterprise. More taxpayer money is not the right approach.

5) Mark Steyn's best insight of this week is, the true debt ceiling. Let's see yourself as a family, sitting around the table, discussing whether or not you are ready to go further into debt. Making this decision has meaning, but if no one will lend you money, it does not. It is the same with the U.S. We can vote to raise the debt ceiling another \$14 trillion, but if no one lends money to us, then we have reached that debt ceiling quite organically.



6) Steyn also made the point that, during the Great Depression, it took America 18 months to erect the Empire State Building. Why has it taken

us 10 years to begin construction on the World Trade Center.

7) When watching *The Five*, the program which replaced Glen Beck's show, I was only half listening and it sounded like Bob Beckel used the F-word. Everyone kept going as if it did not happen, but in checking the internet, there were a lot of people who heard the same thing.

By the Numbers

The increase of debt:

\$547 million/day under President Clinton

\$1.6 billion/day under President Bush

\$4.1 billion/day under President Obama

230,000 oil-related jobs have been lost out in the Gulf of Mexico because of the President's defacto moratorium on a significant amount of drilling.

Polling by the Numbers

Rasmussen:

63% of **independent voters** favor the repeal of Obamacare.

31% want to keep it.

62% of likely U.S. voters are worried more that Congress and President Obama will raise taxes too much rather than too little in any deal to end the debt ceiling debate.

26% fear they'll raise taxes too little.

12% aren't sure.

56% worry that Congress and the president will cut spending too little in the final debt ceiling deal,

25% are concerned that they will cut spending too much.

19% are undecided.

FoxNews Poll:

33% of voters say they generally trust the government,
62% do not trust the government.

58% of voters think the economy is getting worse.
26% think things are getting better economically

45% of the voters say the Obama administration has made the economy worse and
34% say that he has made it better percent).

The Republican primary:

1. Mitt Romney - 17%
2. Rick Perry - 14%
3. Michele Bachmann - 10%

CNN

CNN's poll of Obama's approval:

39% of independents approve
59% of independents disapprove

Question #25: Do you want a balanced budget amendment? 74% say yes.

Have you seen this on CNN?

CNN's Primary Poll:

- Mitt Romney - 16%
- Rick Perry - 14%
- Sarah Palin and Rudy Giuliani - 13%

Pew Research poll.

52% of all white voters now identify themselves as Republicans,
39% self-identify as Democrats.

In 2008, 46% percent of white voters were Republicans, compared to 44% who were Democrats.

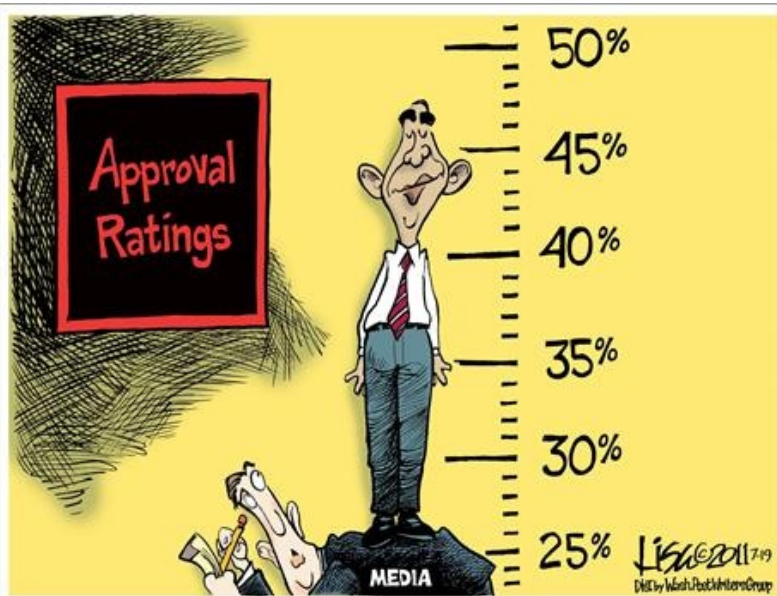
At the same time, the Democratic Party's dominance among black and Hispanic voters continues.

86% black voters and 64% of Hispanic voters are aligned with Democrats, compared to 8% of blacks and 22% of Hispanics who identify as Republicans.

This is virtually unchanged from 2008, when 88% of blacks and 66% of Hispanics voted Democratic, and 6% of blacks and 28% of Hispanics were for Republicans.

A Little Bias

In Norway, there was an horrific terrorist attack from a white guy. Look for this to get a lot of coverage (and it ought to). Do you want to make a wild guess as to how many jihad attacks have occurred this past week? 2? 3? There were 21 such attacks in 8 different countries. None were quite as spectacular as the Norway attack, but did you have any idea that there were 21 jihad attacks this past week?

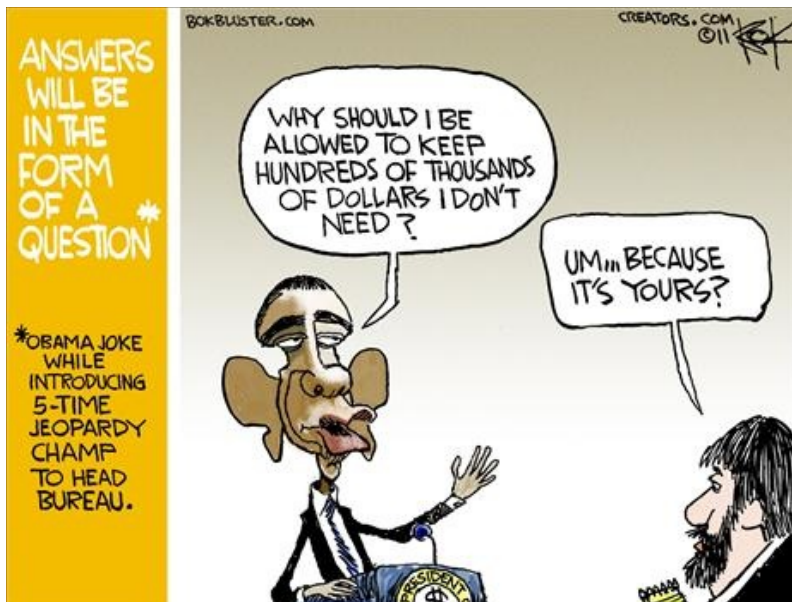


Question #23: Do you want Cut, Cap and Balance? 66% of the respondents said yes

From the AP: *The White House shifts have been less a matter of flip-flops and more a case of unforeseen twists forcing the administration to reposition as the Aug. 2 deadline to prevent the U.S. from defaulting on its financial obligations draws closer.*

Questions for Obama

“What is the maximum amount of taxes that any one person should pay and any one group should pay? Is there a number at which Democrats would be satisfied and never ask to raise that person’s or that group’s taxes again?”



Political Chess

The Democrats want to see any sort of tax hikes in the budget agreement because that is their best shot at reelection. It does not matter how piddling these tax hikes are; just so that they can show that Republicans went back on their word. It worked against George H. W. Bush, and it will work again. It’s not about the money; it’s about the promise.

The Democrats have been quite good in selling their raising the taxes of millionaires and billionaires (even though, their numbers say, they will start with thousandaires). They have done a good job making it seem as though, if we raise the taxes just a little on the rich, that is going to be enough to offset much of the debt we have incurred, so that the eventual cuts to medicare and social security will be *modest cuts*. In reality, what he is asking for will be no more than a rounding error to federal spending. Again, the key is, get the Republicans to go back on what they promised.

News Before it Happens

We will hear about 1 more week of this or that person comparing the Republicans to terrorists and hostage holders. However, I think this analogy is on its way out.

This terrorist in Norway appears to be a lone white nutcase, who is anti-Marixst and anti-Islam. For this reason, we are going to hear about it; and every time there is a discussion about terrorists, his name is going to come up as “proof” that terrorists come in all shapes and sizes. Many people still think that the Oklahoma City bomber, Timothy McVeigh, was an example of a right-wing, white terrorist. This guy appears to be the real deal.

There is a good chance that Marco Rubio will be a vice presidential candidate in 2012; and a presidential candidate in 2016 or 2020.

Speaking of what is likely, it is less likely that the President will initiate any more important or moderately important legislation. The little which passes the Senate will be a result of Boehner and Reid working together.

If I had to bet on it, Rick Perry will win the Republican primary and, eventually, the presidency (unless Donald Trump jumps in as an

independent). Herman Cain is my sentimental favorite, still.

Prophecies Fulfilled

Rick Perry's wife says it is okay to run for president. He'll run; after the prayer meeting.

My Most Paranoid Thoughts

Could these past few years be simply a dry run for automated government? We have not had a budget for this year, and did not pass one for the previous year until about 8 months into the fiscal year. Are they testing just how much can be done without Congress acting? After all, even without a budget, spending was out of control.



Missing Headlines

No Budget Plan, No Debt Ceiling Plan from Obama; only speeches

Nearly Every News Organization Trashes a Balanced Budget Amendment as Extreme

News Continues to Support Democratic Party Line

More Drilling will Drop Deficit

Hundreds of thousands of U.S. Oil Jobs Lost

21 Islamic Terrorist Attacks this week

Come, let us reason together....

Cap, Cut and Balance

At this point in time, there is only one piece of legislation before Congress and the President which will raise the debt ceiling, and that is Cap, Cut and Balance, HR 2590.

There are 3 parts to this bill:

1. Cut - Substantial cuts in spending that will reduce the deficit next year and thereafter. Most of the cuts I have seen are stated in terms of what will happen over 10 years, and most of them still allow for trillions of dollars of debt to continue accumulate.
2. Cap - Enforceable spending caps that will put federal spending on a path to a balanced budget. My understanding is, government spending will be capped at 18% of GDP, which is great. Under Bush, it was around 20% and under Obama it is around 25%. This is the best part of the bill because it will, ideally speaking, control (stop) government growth.
3. Balance - Congressional passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution -- but only if it includes both a spending limitation and a super-majority for raising taxes, in addition to balancing revenues and

expenses. This is a great idea, supported by the majority of Americans, and it is opposed by Democrats, some Republicans, and, of course, the media. This aspect of the CC&B bill would not pass immediately; it would be taken to the states and passed one-by-one in the states until approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ ^{ths} of the states (if memory serves).

So far, this has been dismissed as nutty and some symbolic vote from the far, far right. It has passed the House and was tabled in the Senate by Harry Reid and the Democrats, without giving it a simple up or down vote (recall how many times President Obama has said, "All we want is a simple up or down vote"?).

Here is the reason it got stalled in the Senate. All of these parts of CC&B are generally favorable with the public and quite a number of Democrat Senators are up for an election in 2012. They cannot get caught voting against this bill. Therefore, Harry Reid, the leader of the Senate, saw to it that this bill was tabled and that there was no debate. They cannot take the chance that these Senators go on the record with a "no" vote against Cut, Cap and Balance. That would doom their reelection bid.

What would likely happen—and Reid knows this—most of the Democratic Senators up for reelection would vote for CC&B and it would pass (as it would get all of the Republican votes).

Politically, this is very problematic for the Democrats. This would be seen as a win for the Republicans, a win for the TEA party, and a loss for Obama and the news media.

Furthermore, Obama would have to sign it, and that would limit him and other Democrats from promising the moon and then attempting to deliver it by means of budget deficit (to be fair, George W. Bush spent too much as well).

You will note how the media played this:

First of all, CBS, NBC and ABC ignored the Cap, Cut and Balance bill until last week. Our budget deficit and indebtedness are the overwhelming issues of our day, and a bill which attempts to bring Congress into line was ignored. Do you recall the first TEA party demonstrations? Nearly a complete blackout by the media. The first time most people heard about the TEA party demonstrations was the second wave of them.

CBS correspondent Whit Johnson on the July 17 "Evening News" gave the obituary for CC&B without acknowledging widespread public support: "They want immediate cuts, an aggressive cap on future spending, and constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. Senate Democrats say the proposal has **no chance.**"

On the July 18 "Early Show," Bill Plante said of CC&B: "It would revert spending back to 2008 levels and cap the budget at eighteen percent of gross domestic product. It also calls for a balanced budget amendment, a provision Democrats say is **dead on arrival.**" No mention was made of any public support.

The next day, Nancy Cordes said, on the "Evening News": "Conservatives call the bill they're voting on tonight Cut, Cap and Balance because it cuts spending this year and then caps it at 2005 levels. Democrats call it **a one-sided approach that wastes time at the 11th hour.**"

Now, you may want to point out, in each case, they clearly say, *Democrats claim, Democrats say.* However, if you do not lay out the bill's provisions and if you do not say anything about its popularity, don't you think that is somewhat lopsided?

NBC's only mention of the popular proposal occurred on the July 19 "Today," with Ann Curry

admonishing it in two interviews and Natalie Morales disregarding it in a news brief.

NBC's Ann Curry pointed out, in an interview with Kelly O'Donnell: "The president has already said that he's going to veto it. **Do we really have time for a plan that is really just show, Kelly?**"

It is as if Washington faxed them the White House talking points, with, "Put this into your own words" at the very top (since there have been numerous examples of the news using almost the exact same verbiage on the same stories.

Most people do not watch a lot of news. However, this is an unusual time and more people are paying attention to this situation than ever before (which is good, because this will determine the next 20–50 years of what happens in the United States). However, if you listen to only the Obama Media Complex, all you hear is, there is a one-sided, dead-on-arrival, deal out there that is a waste of time.

CNN did a poll, and it did ask some questions about Cap, Cut and Balance and a Balanced Budget Amendment. Now, you would think when 66–70% of the people in their poll are in favor of these things that, well, they might mention it on air—after all, it is their poll.

For 2 days, CNN ignored the response of the poll. It filed this story:

Washington (CNN) - President Barack Obama's approval rating is down to 45 percent, driven in part by growing dissatisfaction on the left with the president's track record in office, according to a new national survey.

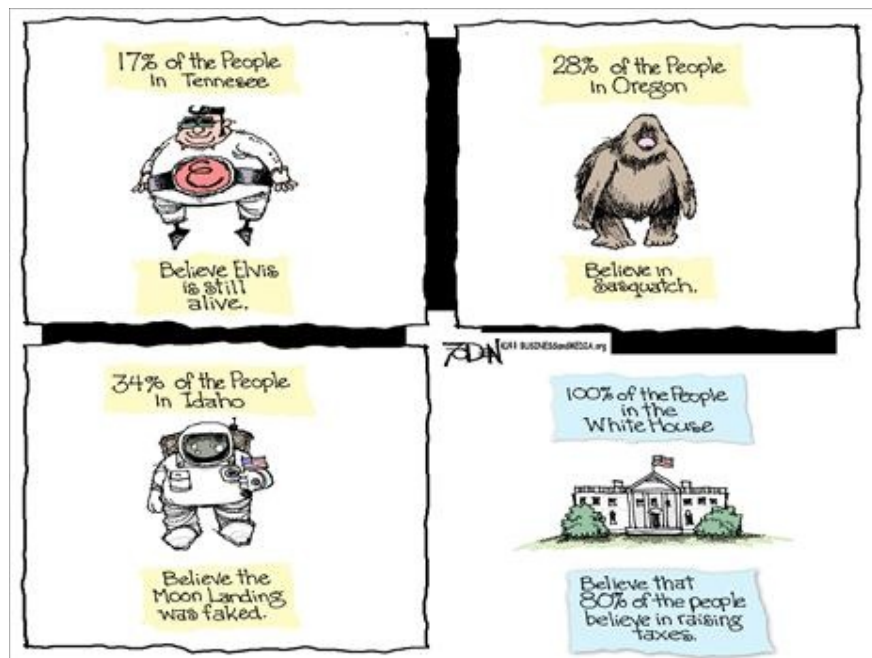
A CNN/ORC International Poll also indicates that the Republican "brand" is taking a beating in the minds of Americans.

However, nothing is said about how the public feels about balancing the budget.

However, these numbers did end up on the CNN broadcast.

Republican Congressman Tom Graves told CNN's John King. "And as your polls have shown, and that is what 66 percent of America, a supermajority of America, believes this [Cut Cap and Balance] is the right way to go."

King responded with: "Well, we have a new poll out today where two-thirds of Americans say you should raise the debt ceiling with a plan that has a mix of spending cuts and tax increases," and



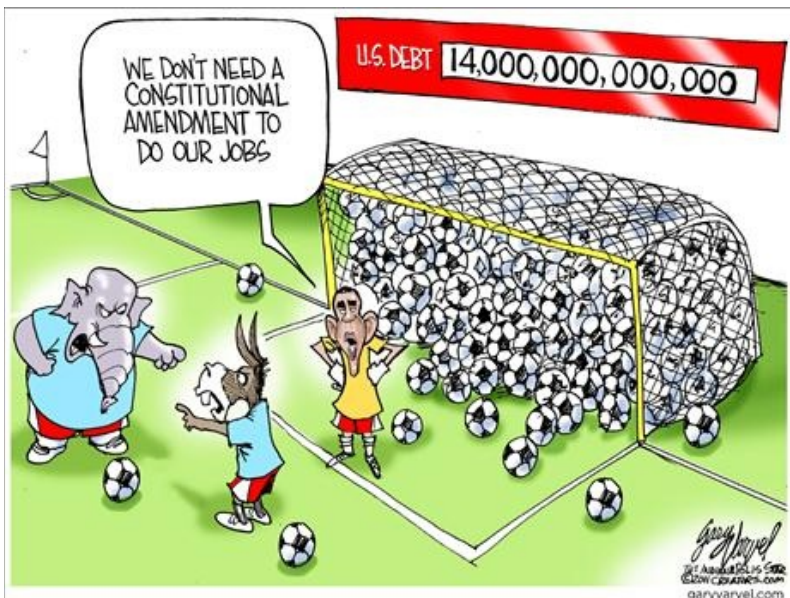
then changed the subject.

Later in the interview, Graves again reminded King that two out of three Americans favor Cut, Cap, and Balance and said. "And that's why it's been endorsed by so many groups, why there's been hundreds of thousands of Americans who have signed the pledge for that and why 66

percent of Americans according to your very own poll support that plan as well," he said.

King shot back, "Well, our polling tonight shows something a little bit different; shows that most people want a plan that includes some revenue increases, two-thirds of Americans want that."

We are at a crossroads in our nation's history. The Democrat party and the entire news complex has the view that, government ought to make these kinds of decisions, to run up any size debt when the circumstances warrant it. Republicans want to back off from that, but nearly as much as they ought to.



The big problem is—and this is rarely alluded to—we are only beginning this debt roller coaster. Even if we pass Cap, Cut and Balance, which does not do enough, we are still staring at a chasm of debt much greater than we can imagine.

Baby boomers are just beginning to retire, and we are a very selfish lot. For many of us, it does not matter that we have pushed state governments into bankruptcy with our inflated

state retirements, we believed we are going to get those retirement funds, and we had better damn well get them. Whereas, Social Security and Medicare were originally set up in such a way that 16 workers supported one retiree—a retiree that was not going to live but a couple years past retirement—that ratio has dramatically shifted and it will continue to shift for the next 15–20 years, as we baby boomers continue retiring. If we are not getting enough social security, it is not going to concern us whether we really paid enough into social security or not, we want what we want and we are used to getting what we want. Furthermore, we are a huge voting block, and seniors vote in large numbers.

My point here is, we need to look at the big picture. Cut, Cap and Balance is a good start (if it is taken up again in the Senate). However, we need some leaders (and partisan newsmen) who can look further than 2 or 3 years into the future, because this debt and deficit problem is not going to just disappear. What is happening now is just the beginning of a couple very difficult decades.

Prediction: How the Debt Debate Will Unfold

By Dick Morris And Eileen McGann

Here's what's going to happen:

1. The Senate leaders from both parties and President Obama will coalesce around the Gang of Six deal based on the recommendations of the Bowles-Simpson Deficit Reduction Commission.
2. After initially voicing reservations, House Speaker John Boehner and, perhaps, Majority Leader Eric Cantor will sign off on the deal in return for some unimportant modifications.
3. When the deal reaches the House floor, all hell will break loose and the rank and file Republicans

will revolt en masse. Defying their leadership, they will reject the Gang of Six deal in caucus.

4. The House Democrats, who could provide the votes to pass the bill when their ranks are added to those Boehner-loyalists who back the proposal, will refuse to go along unless there are equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats voting for the Gang of Six proposal. Not wanting the albatross of passing the gang's proposal as a Democratic plan, they will withhold the votes on the House floor for its passage. Boehner won't bring it up for a vote.



"DUDE, YOU NEED TO RAISE YOUR DEBT CEILING."

5. The deadlock in the House will push the government beyond the August 2nd deadline and Obama will be forced to admit that it was a phony date all along. He will suddenly "discover" enough coming in via tax collections to pay for the debt service but other functions of government will have to be trimmed back or halted after the debt limit fails to pass.

6. Then a stalemate will ensue in which the House Republicans will call Obama's bluff and stand firm against caving in to more tax increases.

7. And then???? Who knows who will win that standoff. The debt limit will go up. Really conservative Republicans will still be outraged. So will really liberal Democrats. But the majority of both parties will vote to pass it. And everyone will debate who the winner was politically.

From:

<http://www.dickmorris.com/blog/prediction-how-the-debt-debate-will-unfold/>

Things That Must Change

by Mike "Mish" Shedlock

1. Defined benefit pension plans for government workers must end
2. Davis-Bacon and prevailing wage laws that drive up costs of Federal projects and clobber city and municipal governments must come to an end
3. National right-to-work laws must be enacted
4. Collective bargaining of public unions must end
5. Existing pension benefits must be renegotiated

From:

<https://startthinkingright.wordpress.com/>

Lame Duck President

by Sarah Palin

After listening to the President's press conference today, let's keep in mind the following:

This is the same president who proposed an absurdly irresponsible budget that would increase our debt by trillions of dollars, and whose party failed to even put forward a budget in over 800 days! This is the same president who is pushing our country to the brink because of his reckless spending on things like the nearly trillion dollar "stimulus" boondoggle. This is the same president

who ignored his own debt commission's recommendations and demonized the voices of fiscal sanity who proposed responsible plans to reform our entitlement programs and rein in our dangerous debt trajectory. This is the same president who wanted to push through an increase in the debt ceiling that didn't include any cuts in government spending! This is the same president who wants to slam Americans with tax hikes to cover his reckless spending, but has threatened to veto a bill proposing a balanced budget amendment. This is the same president who hasn't put forward a responsible plan himself, but has rejected reasonable proposals that would tackle our debt. This is the same president who still refuses to understand that the American electorate rejected his big government agenda last November. As I said in Madison, Wisconsin, at the Tax Day Tea Party rally, "We don't want it. We can't afford it. And we are unwilling to pay for it."

Now the President is outraged because the GOP House leadership called his bluff and ended discussions with him because they deemed him an obstruction to any real solution to the debt crisis.

He has been deemed a lame duck president. And he is angry now because he is being treated as such.

His foreign policy strategy has been described as "leading from behind." Well, that's his domestic policy strategy as well. Why should he be surprised that he's been left behind in the negotiations when he's been leading from behind on this debt crisis?

Thank you, GOP House leaders. Please don't get wobbly on us now.

2012 can't come soon enough.

From:

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Blaming the Tea Party for America's Debt Dilemma? Better Get Your Facts Straight

by Neil Cavuto

Fact One -- Tea Partiers' opposition to tax hikes didn't bring us to this brink. Washington's indifference to spending did.

Fact Two -- Tea Partiers didn't create these deficits. Washington did.

Fact Three -- Tea Partiers didn't wreck the budget this year. Try Democrats, who had total control of Washington, not even offering a budget at all... last year.

Fact Four -- Tea Partiers aren't the reason we're up against another debt limit. Washington is.

Fact Five -- Tea Partiers aren't suddenly to blame for the credit ratings agencies now putting this country's credit on watch. Credit ratings agencies first warned about this years ago.

Fact Six -- Tea Partiers have been consistently opposed to the gimmicks that created this mess. Washington's consistently offered only more gimmicks to allegedly fix this mess.

Fact Seven -- Tea Partiers aren't the only ones saying a debt hike without meaningful spending cuts is a waste. Standard and Poor's itself warned such a deal would be a travesty.

Fact Eight -- Tea Partiers aren't the crazy ones for saying it's time to stop this nonsense. Those who call them crazy for dare speaking the obvious are the ones who make "no" sense.

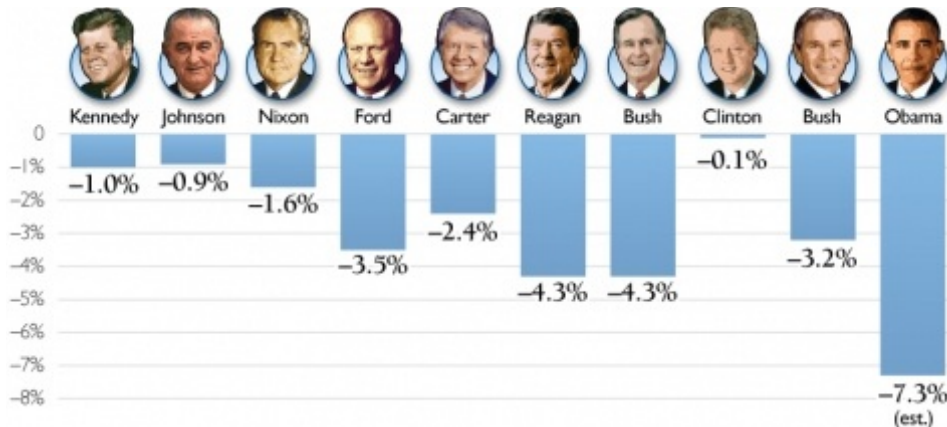
Fact Nine -- Tea Partiers resisting business as usual aren't the problem right now. Self-serving politicians still practicing business as usual are.

Fact Ten -- Tea Partiers demanding accountability isn't the stuff that brought us to this brink. Washington's continued failure to "be" accountable has us at the brink.

From:

<http://www.foxnews.com/on-air/your-world-ca-vuto/2011/07/22/blaming-tea-party-americas-debt-dilemma-better-get-your-facts-straight> (The video is posted here, and he goes into greater detail on the video)

Average Federal Deficit as a Percentage of the GDP



Top Ten Economically Free Countries

| | | Freedom Score | Change |
|----|---------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Hong Kong | 89.7 | 0.0 |
| 2 | Singapore | 87.2 | 1.1 |
| 3 | Australia | 82.5 | -0.1 |
| 4 | New Zealand | 82.3 | 0.2 |
| 5 | Switzerland | 81.9 | 0.8 |
| 6 | Canada | 80.8 | 0.4 |
| 7 | Ireland | 78.7 | -2.6 |
| 8 | Denmark | 78.6 | 0.7 |
| 9 | United States | 77.8 | -0.2 |
| 10 | Bahrain | 77.7 | 1.4 |

From:

<http://www.heritage.org/index/Ranking>

Future of Country Hangs on Debt Debate

By Bill O'Reilly

On paper, the debt thing is boring, and many Americans are not paying attention. But the controversy will define the future of the USA.

On one side, President Obama and the Democratic Party want America to become an entitlement state that compels social justice, financially supporting Americans who can't or won't support themselves.

On the other side, Republicans want a lean, mean economic machine. The GOP doesn't much care about providing money to those who have not. The party wants to drastically cut government spending and promote private business to bolster the economy.

A new CBS poll says that Democrats are winning the PR war.

When asked how the debt negotiations are being handled, 43 percent approve of the way President Obama is going about it; 31 percent say the Democrats in Congress are doing OK; and just 21 percent believe the Republicans have the correct position.

That either means that the GOP is not getting its message out or the vast majority of Americans want a Western European-style entitlement state.

"Talking Points" does not believe that most Americans want that, so the message seems to be the problem.

Enter Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, who absolutely destroyed CBS newsman Bob Schieffer on Sunday. Rubio began by hammering Mr. Obama:

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SEN. MARCO RUBIO, R-FLA.: Every president has to be judged by the times in which he lives. This president has now been in charge for two and a half years, OK? He has increased federal spending by 28 percent. Washington went along with his prescription for joblessness, which was the stimulus package, and unemployment is higher than it was when he took over, significantly higher. In fact, we have not had unemployment this high for this long since the Great Depression, with no signs of it getting better.

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And that's true. The president is having a very hard time moving the economy forward. But why? Sen. Rubio thinks he knows:

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RUBIO: He proposed a budget that was so ludicrous that not even the Democrats in the Senate would vote for it; a budget that increased the debt, not solved it. There was a strategy to leave this to the last possible moment so that there would be a take it or leave it scenario like what some are painting right now.

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With economic chaos facing the country, you have to do more than just criticize; you have to put forth a plan. So Mr. Rubio did:

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RUBIO: I think a credible solution to our debt problem has to have two components.

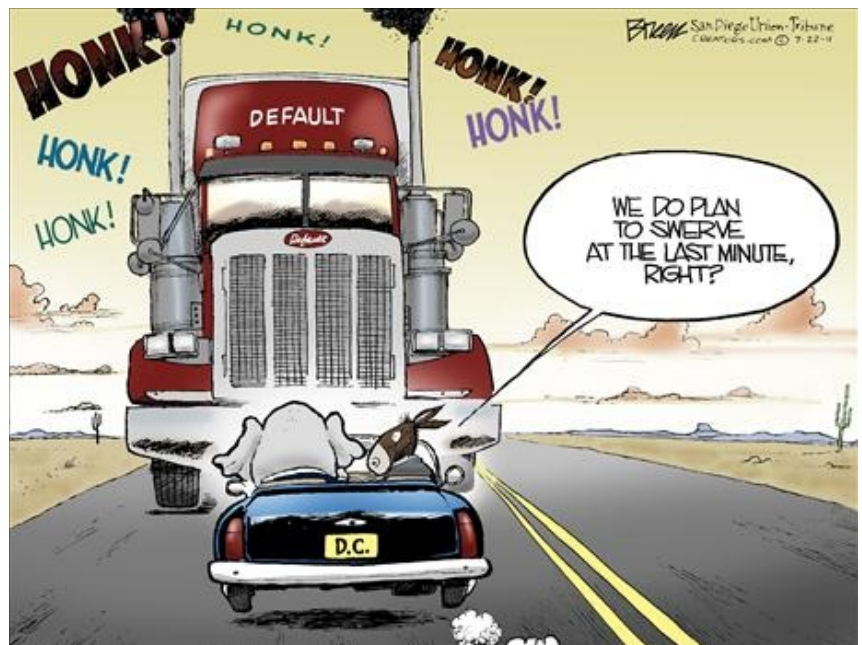
It has to have budgetary reforms, in essence a decrease in spending of at least \$4 trillion or more, and it has to come with some sort of growth enhancers, something that helps grow our economy. And by the way, I don't trust Washington because they have shown time and again that any time they get their hands on more money they don't use it to pay or avoid debt, they use it to grow the government.

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Sen. Rubio believes that if unemployment drops dramatically, government revenues will rise because more people will be paying taxes. He went on to say that he does believe in closing some tax loopholes that corporations and wealthy people use.

Now, this is not a partisan analysis here. This is the truth. Sen. Rubio put forth his party's position clearly and efficiently. If the Republicans want to win this vital debate, they need to follow Rubio's lead.

And that's "The Memo."



Links

Over 100 IRS staffers cheating on their taxes? This is actually for lying about one specific write-off:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/may/23/irs-staff-committed-tax-credit-fraud/>

Idealistic bundlers from 2008 who will not return to the Obama campaign this year:

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0711/59517.html>

The Rush Section

We're Still Waiting for Obama's Plan

RUSH: Somebody asked me today, "How does it feel to come back after being gone six days and everything is essentially the same?" And except for one minor thing, and that is the House vote last night on cut, cap, and balance, we're still where we were when I left, which, folks, believe me is progress. I can't tell you, in the old days, if I had split the scene for this long in a period of time like this our side would have caved. And they didn't cave when I was gone. I'm telling you, there's reason for optimism here. There's reason for hope. Now, we're down to the wire, and it's by no means any less tense, the Republicans are no less nervous than they were when I left, perhaps even more so, they're even more nervous now, but they're hanging tough.

Politico has a story today, those damn Republican conservatives, who do they think they are? They dare to sit there and continue to say that they won't support any tax increases. Who do they think they are? So they're hanging tough in

there. And we'll do our best as I'm sure you've been doing in my absence to keep things alive, as they are in terms of what I think more and more people are now looking at as genuinely saving the country. That's really what's at stake here. I don't care about all the previous debt limit increases, because the country wasn't on the brink then. By the way, this \$14.3 trillion national debt, we've blown by that. It's already 16. That's what raising the debt limit means. They want to take the national debt to \$16 trillion before the next election. That's what raising the debt limit means. And Moody's -- or as my friend Stuart Varney says, "Moody's" -- Moody's must have been listening to me. They're saying, to hell with the debt limit, just get rid of it. Moody's has said, why even have one? Just get rid of the thing.

And, of course, in a strict logical sense, what is the debt limit? All it is now is a political chaos opportunity for the Democrat Party. It's all it is. In 2006 Obama voted against raising it. He wasn't the only one. Every Democrat, Chuck Schumer, Harry Reid, all these guys voted against raising the debt limit. It was the most irresponsible thing we could do. This is not about anything other than a political opportunity to create chaos, to continue the notion that this country is gonna be transformed into nothing but a big government tax increase, redistribute the wealth until the country's finished, which is what Obama's plan is. It's patently obvious. And, even as we sit here today, after I have been absent for six days, it is truly amazing, Obama has offered nothing. There is still not one word, one letter of the alphabet of specificity from Obama, not one element of a plan. He has not identified anything. He's just sitting up there refereeing all of this and he's getting away with it.

The debt ceiling, we ought to call it the debt suggestion, because that's all this is. And we'll blow through this in another year and a half. I think more and more Republicans, at least in the House, are figuring this out, but we got this Gang of Six now, and whenever you have these gangs

pop up, there's one way to understand it. All you have to know about any "gang of" and that is RINO Republicans have decided to fold in with liberal Democrats in the name of compromise or whatever it is that will elevate them above the fray so that they can appear to be reasonable adults or what have you. Spineless -- well, I wouldn't say spineless, but certainly spines of linguine. And interesting, the Gang of Six option raises taxes, trillion dollars, with a \$500 billion down payment on spending cuts, \$500 billion. That's a quarter.

Do you use quarters anymore? Do you run around with pocket change, Snedley? I don't. I don't. I'm being honest here. I can't tell you the last time I had change in my pocket. But \$500 billion is like a quarter -- (interruption) what's so funny, why are you laughing? No, I don't get change. I don't take change. (interruption) What's going to the mall have to do with it? There's plenty of places I go where there's cash transactions. The golf course, except when you tip the caddy, and I know some tightwads that ask for change from caddies, but I don't. (interruption) You have to have quarters for the parking meters in Palm Beach. I don't. I don't park. Okay, I see what you're talking about here. I don't park. I get dropped off or I send somebody. Okay. But the point is, for those of you who still carry change, \$500 billion down payment of spending cuts is like a quarter, it's probably not even that much.

When I was gone, I heard the story of a guy, and I don't remember his name, I don't think it was a nationally known, worldwide, famous name, but somebody back in 1930, Depression, down to his last ten million, committed suicide, because he was down to his last ten million. So I wondered, what was ten million worth back in 1930? So I got out my trusty calculator that calculates the inflation rate. Ten million in 1930 was the equivalent of \$135 million today, so essentially a guy in 1930 committed suicide because he was down to his last \$135 million in terms of 1930

spending power. That's what ten million got you back then. Just interesting things that we pick up along the way.

1967 and 1979: Debt Ceiling Talking Points Were Same as We Hear Now

RUSH: The editrix of the most widely read political newsletter in the world -- that would be mine -- the Limbaugh Letter, Diana Allocco... (interruption) No, no. No, no, no. It's Italian. (laughing) Somebody asked, "Is that a nickname for being an idiot?" Not "a loco." No, no, it doesn't mean that. It's not a nickname for being an idiot. Not "a loco." No. A loco is a Democrat; a loco is just crazy. That's her name: Allocco. It's not a description, is her name. We're working on the next issue of the Limbaugh Letter, and she found a couple of fascinating things. We're putting together a timeline, which is one of our monthly features.

We're doing a timeline on the history of the debt limit in this country. Now, last week and many days prior, I've called your attention to the Democrat Party Playbook, the Leftist Playbook about how class envy and certain elements. Like when Obama came out and said, "Social Security checks and checks for veterans, I can't guarantee they're gonna go out." That's the playbook. When Debbie "Blabbermouth" Schultz goes out and slimes Allen West on the floor of the House, that's the Democrat playbook. Here's a congressman from south Florida who is a prince of a man, and she accuses him of wanting to balance the budget on the backs of seasoned citizens and basically sending them off to their deaths by denying them Medicare and Social Security.

None of it's true, of course. It's just absolutely appalling but it's from the playbook. But I have these two things had to show you what a game we are in the middle of, to show you how we are being played, to show you how Washington --

both parties, both sides never, ever change. Although I really don't want to lump the Republicans into this like that because we now have circumstances which are unique and separate from any previous debate on this subject, because what's hanging in the balance is the country, and it's not an overstatement to say that. This is the New York Times News Service, January 30, 1967:

LBJ's "Secretary of the Treasury Henry H. Fowler told Congress today that the government would be unable to pay all its bill if the ceiling on the national debt was not lifted within 30 days. Fowler ran into Republican hostility in day-long testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee... Fowler asked that the ceiling be raised by \$7 billion to \$337 billion to cover the period until June 30. Further legislation covering the period after June 30 will be needed later he said. Fowler said that payments for such things as old age benefits, veterans pensions, public assistance benefits, tax refunds, and the salaries of government workers would be threatened if the ceiling were not raised."

I am reading to you from the New York Times 1967. It is identical other than the numbers to what we are being told today. "Fowler said unless the debt limit is increased by the end of February at which time our outstanding obligations would exceed that which we could legally borrow the possibility of an economic and monetary derangement will be a reality." This is 1967 and they were threatening default. In 1967 the Democrats told us it was a crisis. They created chaos. The Democrat handbook can be traced all the way back to 1967, LBJ's Treasury secretary. I have another example. Jimmy Carter's Treasury secretary, April 3rd, 1979: "The US House of Representatives passed legislation yesterday that extended the debt ceiling. It came after the House rejected a Republican-led attempt to tack on a strong amendment calling for a balanced federal budget."

Are you hearing this? 1979.

"The US House of Representatives passed legislation yesterday extending the debt ceiling... came after the House rejected a Republican-led attempt to tack on a strong amendment calling for a balanced federal budget. The House vote came after Carter Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal claimed in a letter that the Treasury was on the verge of a default and that retired persons would be hit first. 'About \$8 billion in Social Security checks already had been mailed to 35 million Americans,' Blumenthal said, 'and there would be no funds to cover them if the House failed to act.' In addition, he said that the Treasury would not be able to pay civil service retirement benefits, veterans' benefits, railroad retirements benefits. Blumenthal last week ordered that no further income tax refund checks be mailed until the House acted."

Ladies and gentlemen, we are being played for the biggest saps on the face of the earth. We are being insulted and treated like the biggest dolts. This is the way the Democrat Party has been doing things since at least '67.

BREAK TRANSCRIPT

RUSH: I'm struck. You know these things instinctively. You know, you've heard it all before: The debt ceiling? "Social Security checks will be the first thing to not go out, followed by veterans." You read the New York Times from 1967, and it's (aside from the numbers) word for word what's being said today. Even as recently as 1979. Plug in the Republican demand for a balanced budget amendment. One big difference between 1979 and today is a lot of the conservative media is opposed to a balanced budget amendment. Back in '79 it wasn't; it was pretty much unified, conservative media, conservative movement.

Now it's been fractured all over the place out there, but it's just striking. It hits you upside the head, a cold ice shower. You realize what suckers

they think we are. You realize the patterns -- the playbooks, the tactics, the scare tactics, the fearmongering, crisis mongering, all of this -- are written down. It's taught. This is not instinctive. This stuff, I guess, is what these people learn at Harvard and Yale and the Kennedy School of Government, wherever else they go to get educated or how they're mentored. Not one shred of difference. The difference now is that we've reached a point of real crisis. All these years in the past where we said, "Okay, we'll kick the can down the road. We'll deal with it later." We've gotten to the point we're running out of road. We really are. This is different.

Now, no matter what happens here, the country is not going to collapse tomorrow, but if this current regime gets four more years, all bets are off. Because the steps necessary to remedy this will be so profound. Folks, Michael Boskin wrote a piece in the Wall Street Journal while I was gone, former economic advisor for George H. W. Bush, and he ran the numbers. He added up the federal tax rate, what it's projected to be (just eliminating the Bush tax rates, just going back to Clinton with the top marginal rate of 39.6%), current state tax rates, then adding up everything Obama wants. Obama wants no ceiling on earnings that are taxed for Social Security. Right now it's \$106,000 a year.

Once you go past that you stop paying Social Security deductions. He wants to go past that as Medicare is, Medicare is now, what, 2.5% or 3% of every dollar you earn. Social Security is about 12.5% when you add it all up, 15% of everything up to \$106,000. Obama wants to eliminate that. The states are gonna raise their income tax rates. By the time all of this happens in the next five years, a school teacher in California earning \$60,000 a year will have an effective marginal tax rate of 69-point-something percent on all

income, counting all taxes. So when you hear Obama and the Democrats say that the middle class isn't gonna get taxed, and when you hear them say that only people 200, 250,000 a year or more are gonna pay the tax increase, it's not possible, folks.

There isn't enough money there to run this government for very long if you confiscate all of the wealth of people who make \$250,000 a year or more. Those of you who earn \$60,000 and live in California, New York, Massachusetts, and some other states? You are looking -- very soon if this man gets his way on everything, and if there isn't any spending reform, and if there's no entitlement reform, and if there isn't any tax reform. This is the difference between 1967 and today. This is the difference between 1979 and today. To just service the debt, we're gonna add \$13 trillion of debt the next ten years if Obama gets what he wants. A total aggregate national debt of \$27 trillion in ten more years, and everybody is going to be paying a combined tax rate of 70%.



This doesn't count your property taxes. This doesn't count all those little fees in your phone bill and your cable TV bill and all that other rotgut hidden stuff that's in there. It's not going to be productive to work, which is just fine with Obama. This is really point-of-return time here. Now, this Gang of Six business is an absolute joke. All I need to do is look who's for it. All I need to do is see who's praising it. When I see Obama saying, "Now, there's balance," okay: Gang of Six bill, done. When I hear Jim DeMint oppose it, that's it: Gang of Six bill, done. It's that simple, folks. It's that easy. You think of the news media's role in this. They report all of these quotes from all these people, all this crismongering stuff, all the end of the world stuff.

The Social Security checks not going out, the veterans checks not going out. They breathlessly report this as though it's unprecedented. It's not unprecedented. It's the rule of the day. It's status quo. It is how the Ruling Class in this country has always achieved what they want. That's what we learn from this. No, that's what we confirm or how we confirm what we've always known about how the Ruling Class gets what it wants, about how it manipulates public opinion. You know there was an interesting story. I sent this to some friends. I did have a moment while I was away (sigh) to do some show prep. When was this? What is this, Wednesday? Yeah. So it was Monday night. For the first time I really had chance to sit down, uninterrupted, and do some show prep.

I was reading some of the coverage of what's happening to Rupert Murdoch and his family over in the UK with this phone hacking scandal. Now,

this was profound to me, and it opened my eyes about a lot of things -- and I'm not too proud to say that at age 60 my eyes can still be wide opened and I can still learn things that I thought I knew. I can still be shocked at what I don't know. I'm not ashamed to admit that, and I can still be shocked and a little embarrassed at how I miss something that's right in front of my face, that's so obvious. I'm not too proud to admit that at age 60 that can still happen to me. This was a piece about why Murdoch is in trouble. And it described the business model for Murdoch's British news entities, the newspapers he owned and even broadcast entities.



Murdoch, or let's not say "Murdoch," the name of the company is News Corp. or whatever the... No, 'cause he doesn't do this worldwide. This is specific business plan for the UK. Whatever the News Corp. subsidiary name, I can't think of it right now, but it'll come to me out there. The

point is that for the longest time Murdoch had everybody in the ruling class in Britain thinking that his publications shaped public opinion, but he never cared about shaping public opinion. He followed it. Murdoch's ability to shape public opinion, this story said, was never tested because his papers editorially never took a position contrary to the majority public opinion in the UK. Whatever the majority, according to focus groups and polling data, public opinion was, turned out to be the editorial positions of Murdoch's newspapers.

thus explained. So these guys in our media breathlessly report...



News International is the subsidiary in the UK. News of the World was the paper, but all the papers are owned the umbrella News International. The Ruling Class cannot even come up with new threats! They recycle the same old threats for 40, 50 years, almost, now -- and the media willingly, breathlessly plays along as though this has never happened before, as though politicians have never faced this kind of crisis. When in fact this is precisely how the Ruling Class gets what it wants. It is how the Ruling Class successfully manipulates public opinion, and I don't care what issue it is. Global warming, the collapse of the United States economy when it came to TARP, whatever it is.

It is now the only way: "Armageddon or else! We get our way or it's Armageddon." As I mentioned at the top of the program, the way this heat wave is being portrayed, it's right out of the playbook. "It's never happened before. There are people dying because of the heat!" They create this crisis mentality, and it's designed to get us to cave. The

real effort here is to get you to cave -- along with the Republicans, of course, in Congress. But we are the ones that are supposed to be under the boot. We are the ones that the jackboot on our throats with all this, and it's smoke and mirrors. To these people, folks, I guarantee you, this is just the game -- and it's the way it's played, and the fact the country's at a crossroads that we've never been at before, the fact that the country's existence as we know it is something paramountly important to us?

It's not to them. They don't see it that way.

This is just the latest, greatest attempt -- out of necessity -- to get what they want by making us believe that it's the best thing for us, when in this case it's nowhere even close.

Left Uses Skewed Debt Limit Poll to Push Compromise on the GOP

RUSH: Another piece of evidence, ladies and gentlemen, in the ongoing story of the ruling class attempt to bend and shape our opinion to get what they want. This is a public opinion poll just released yesterday. Isn't it miraculous? The NBC/Wall Street Journal poll is out now, and guess what? Guess what? Independents have all of a sudden had their fill of it, and they want the debt limit raised, and they want tax increases. It's right here in the poll. I have it right here in my formerly nicotine-stained fingers. It's BS. Total BS. It's a poll of adults. It's not a poll of any voters. It's not a poll of likely voters or registered voters, it's a poll of adults. It's a poll of blithering idiots.

"Republicans who have refused to compromise with Obama," there's nothing to compromise on! He does not have a plan. How in the world do you compromise with a doofus that's got no plan on paper? What are we compromising with? Who are we compromising with? What the hell's the thing we're compromising with? We're

compromising with ourselves. They want us to compromise with ourselves, which means they want us to give up what really matters to us. Yeah, he's a doofus. Sounds better than jackass.

"Republicans who have refused to compromise with President Barack Obama to avoid a U.S. debt default are heeding the anti-tax wishes of their conservative base but are also risking isolation from many independent voters as public opinion shifts in favor of getting a deal done, a new Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll finds. The poll of 1,000 adults, taken July 14-17, found a dramatic shift..." This is all BS. This a pee-pee, caca, BS, folks. This is an opinion poll designed to shape opinion. It's designed to make you think that you are the fuddy-duddy, you're the one that's etched in cement, you're the one that's old-fashioned, why, all the smart people, the independents, they finally see the light. And now they want Obama to get what he wants, it's unfair that he can't. We don't know what he wants, at least on paper, but we know philosophically.

"A plurality of Americans -- 38% -- said the debt ceiling should be raised, against 31% who said it shouldn't. A month ago 39% said the debt limit shouldn't be raised, while 28% said it should." Why, this is dramatic, in the five days, six days I was gone, look what happened here. And I don't believe this. This is all part of the way this game is played and structured. I'll bet if there were polling data in '67, we could go back and we could find identical polling results. Maybe different numbers, but identical attitudinal shift. I'll bet you we could.

RUSH: So the Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll: "Public Tilts Toward Debt-Cap Compromise." Independents have all of a sudden gone through a great awakening and are now demanding that Obama get what he wants. One of the many lessons learned by those of you who attend class here at the Limbaugh Institute for Advanced Conservative Studies is that there are three kinds of lies: lies, damn lies, and polls. We live in a

center-right country, so any time center-left poll results are advanced by the State-Controlled Media, beware. Skewed polls are used to make news and then to shape opinion. They are used to confuse issues, not to bring clarity. And when it comes to the debt ceiling crisis manufactured by a president and his party who thinks leading means to vote "present," which is all he's doing here, confusion is the only way that he can continue to advance his war on prosperity.

John Podhoretz writing at Commentary says the big news today in Washington is this poll. Oh, yeah, they're glomming onto this poll like, "Oh, my God, salvation! Jesus has spoken," except Jesus isn't any big deal to these people. Allah has spoken, whoever, Gaia, God has spoken. And the poll "shows both a pox on all your houses attitude toward the president..." Really? "This is a poll of adults. Not registered voters. Not likely voters. Adults. As a practical matter, a politician judges the danger to himself from a political stand based on how actual voters will respond. In this case, the poll offers no guide to that. Turnout in the 2010 midterm election that brought 63 new Republicans to the House was 41 percent of registered voters." Turnout in the 2010 midterm election that gave us a landslide Republican victory all the way down the ballot was 41% of registered voters.

"Registered voters make up 61 percent of all adults. Therefore, the actual constituents to whom Republican House members must respond constitute something like 20 percent of the universe of adults who make up the respondents of this poll." That is the way to put this in perspective. Twenty percent of adults in this poll represent people who vote. That's it. "There are two reasons to do a poll of adults only on a complex matter involving Congress in a non-election year. One is cost; it is more expensive to do a rigorous poll of registered or even likely voters. The other is to skew the debate." Which is what is happening here. To skew the debate. Pure and simple.

Let's go to the audio sound bites. Just to illustrate how so little changes, November 3rd, 2010, the Republicans won this historic election, and I opened the program with a theme that is the buzzword of the debate we are in today.

RUSH ARCHIVE: What is all this talk about compromise? This talk about compromise started last night and it's being given almost a full-throated throttle today, and it's coming from both sides. Compromise, ladies and gentlemen, losers compromise. Winners do not compromise. The Democrats won nothing.

RUSH: And that's how we started the show November 3rd, 2010. And the reason I did is because from the moment the election returns were known, from the moment it was clear what a sweeping landslide victory the Republicans had, the Democrats and the media immediately demanded compromise. This proved it, they said, this election proved that voters want compromise. And I was illustrating how the game is played here at that time, and that's why I pointed out winners do not compromise. Which is why I have been asking the Republicans in the House and in the Senate, don't cave. You are the winners. You hold the cards. The public has not had a momentous attitude or opinion shift since November. They have not. This NBC News poll is a phony. But the Republicans are nervous, and they get more nervous each and every day 'cause this is tough to resist. It's tough to resist. It's tough to be vilified 24/7 for your entire life. But that's what they face. Here we have a montage of State-Controlled Media throwing all kinds of skewed polls at the Republicans, trying to get them to fold.

POTTS: A new NBC poll finds most Americans want to see compromise.

MEADE: A new CBS poll finds two-thirds of people surveyed support a deal that would include spending cuts and tax increases.

PERINO: Two-thirds of the people want Washington to compromise.

BRZEZINSKI: Sixty-two percent say Republicans should compromise and raise taxes.

SHARPTON: Sixty-two percent say the GOP should compromise and raise taxes.

SCHOEN: All the polls now show the Republicans are seen as intransigent, not doing enough to compromise.

RUSH: Wait a second. Was that Al Sharpton in there? We put Al Sharpton in a montage? Wait a second, what am I missing, does Al Sharpton have a show now? I mean TV show. We don't do montages of people on radio. Al Sharpton? Are you kidding me? MSNBC's gonna hire the guy? Are you kidding me? Yeah, that's what I'm being told here, that he's been auditioning for the past three weeks, the 6 p.m. gig, Al Sharpton. Well, I guess the criticisms of all the whiteness over there at MSNBC must have got to 'em. The all white network is gonna put Al Sharpton in there at six o'clock, yeah, so that's why he's in the montage. "Sixty-two percent say the GOP should compromise and raise taxes." Well, he won't need the megaphone anymore. (laughing) I take it back. Yes, he still will need the megaphone, particularly being on MSNBC.

Now, folks, the House bill, here's the frustrating thing, the House bill is compromise. It does raise the debt ceiling the amount Obama is requesting. It does do that. The House bill raises the debt ceiling. Isn't that compromise? They are compromising. Now, you're well informed, you keep up with the news, you listen to this program regularly. You probably know that Obama, for all his current protestations, voted against raising the debt ceiling in 2006, but do you know how Harry Reid voted? I'll tell you. He voted against raising the debt limit. What about Chuck-U Schumer? Chuck-U Schumer voted against raising the debt ceiling. How about Hillary Clinton? How

did she vote in the Senate? Do you believe Hillary Clinton was against raising the debt ceiling? Let's see. Dick Durbin. Shazam, Dick Durbin voted against raising the debt ceiling, 2006. How about Joe Bite Me? Current Vice President Joe Bite Me, guess what? He voted against raising the debt ceiling in 2006.

All Democrat senators, every one of them still in the Senate voted against raising the debt limit in 2006. Every Democrat Senator today who was in the Senate in 2006 voted against raising the debt limit. And the media, while they didn't vote, they didn't go after Democrats for playing politics with our blah, blah. When the Democrats voted against raising the debt ceiling in 2006 was the media all over them about Social Security checks and veterans' checks? I don't remember that, do you? Every Democrat, Obama, Schumer, Durbin, Reid, Feinstein, you name it, they all voted against raising the debt ceiling in 2006.

Now, Republicans have now passed their second bill, Cut, Cap, and Balance, this session that attempts to -- and, by the way, this was good. Cut, Cap, and Balance, that was sort of like a slap in the face at Obama. "Okay, here it is, pal, you veto it. You go veto this."

RUSH: Ed in Fort Myers, Florida, great that you waited. Nice to have you on the EIB Network. Hello.

CALLER: Mega dittos from the Gulf Coast, Mr. Tea.

RUSH: Thank you, sir.

CALLER: Hey, you were speaking about the phony baloney polls that they're putting out saying that the American people favored a balanced approach and tax increases and everything else.

RUSH: Yeah.

CALLER: It got me thinking, which is one of your greatest contributions to society is you get us thinking, it got me thinking back to the health care debate and how it seemed to me that most of the polls out there seemed to indicate that an overwhelming majority of the American people were opposed to it, but they didn't seem to care about the polls back then, did they?

RUSH: Oh, no, of course not. Exactly right. The people were opposed to the health care debate, the people were opposed to immigration, that's what I mean, Obama's a great leader with bad followers.

CALLER: Exactly. Exactly. In the spirit of when opportunity knocks you fling the door wide open, can I ask you another question about polls?

RUSH: About polls? By all means, I know them all, go ahead and ask.

CALLER: Well, I listen to you talk about them all the time, and many times you say that one side or the other is sweating because of the internals of the poll.

RUSH: Yeah.

CALLER: I never was able to figure out what the internals are.

RUSH: Well, when I say internals, some people call them the cross tabs, other people call them the charts, the minutia detail. What I mean by internals is private. Obama has his own polling unit and it's different from the ABC News poll or the CBS poll or any of the others. When I say internal White House polling data it means the poll they are personally paying for, their campaign is paying for.

CALLER: Oh, okay.

RUSH: Those internal polls are privately commissioned and they're usually much more

focused and they spent a lot more money on them. It is their sole business. Polling data and campaigns go together like water and soap for most people.

CALLER: Well, thank you very much, Rush. That's why you have a lifelong student at the Limbaugh Institute of Advanced Conservative Studies here in Fort Myers.

RUSH: Thanks very much. I appreciate that.

Chris in Henderson, Nevada, which is Las Vegas, essentially, hello, sir.

CALLER: Hey, Rush, mega what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas dittos.

RUSH: Thank you very much, sir.

CALLER: Long-time listener, first-time caller. I got a theory that I think warrants your expert analysis, and that is I think what's happening is we're seeing the progressives and the left I guess in general is seeing their entire paradigm, their belief system is being challenged. The last two and a half years is evident of that, what's happening in Europe is evident of that, and so I think it's to be expected you'd get this kind of reaction. I know I would react strongly if someone said, "Hey, your entire way of thinking is messed up." What are your thoughts?

RUSH: Well, I think it depends on which liberals you're talking about. But I think rank and file doofus liberal believers are stunned. They really do expect a utopia. They really do expect fairness and equality and roses and all that wonderful stuff. I think they are enraged and angry all the time anyway, but now even more so because they're seeing firsthand it doesn't work. Liberal leaders are another matter. They have known forever that they are governing against the will of people. Now, in Europe, they've brought the people along to the point the people have no choice anymore, and they know human nature,

and they know that a majority of people can be made to be very lazy and become dependent. But they're very patient about all this is my point. They'll work on this, they never give up an idea. If they decide the SUV is bad, at some point the SUV is going to go unless they're fought. I don't think there's anything mysterious about them. Look, they have to lie in order to get elected. They know they're governing against the will of the people. Obama knows it, he just doesn't care, at all. I know it's hard to understand when you're talking about the president, but it's true.

RUSH: Folks, one other important point about internal polls: They're true. A candidate needs the truth. A campaign needs to know the exact lay of the land. Internal polls, privately commissioned polls by candidates are dead-on accurate, as accurate as polling can be, as distinguished from public polls. Never forget that.

Democrats Invoke Ronald Reagan to Sell Tax Increase

RUSH: Dana Milbank in the Washington Post today and a number of other liberals are saying, "You know, Reagan would have done this deal in an instant! Reagan raised taxes, Reagan raised the debt limit, Reagan signed onto spending. Reagan did all these things! My God, if these guys can't do this, and they keep invoking Reagan?" It is utter desperation. You know when they start claiming the mantle of Reagan for themselves, that they are desperate -- and as the Heritage Foundation Morning Bell says today: "Desperate to sell the American people on a yet to be determined plan to raise the debt ceiling, increase taxes, and avoid necessary reforms to rein in government, liberals are turning to an unlikely ally to make their case," Former President Ronaldus Magnus.

"They're utterly transparent tactic reveals a larger truth. Despite all the rhetoric, liberals have failed to convince America that their way is the best way to move Washington forward. The offending invocation of legacy comes from the House Democrats in the form of a 54-second video featuring audio from a September '87 radio address in which the former president called on Congress to rate the debt ceiling, warning that the US has 'a special responsibility to itself and the world to meet its obligations'. The House Democrats fashioned those words into a bludgeon aimed at Republicans attempting to lay the blame for Washington's failure to lay the debt limit squarely at their feet.

"So now Washington Post columnist Dana Milbank parroted that message in a column today calling Democrats 'the new party of Reagan' and claiming that conservatives' demands for restraining the growth of government is at odds with the policies enacted under Reagan's tenure. But all of the clever rhetoric and recasting of history is designed to distract from the reality on the ground. The US government has racked up \$14 trillion in debt for more than 800 days. As a matter of policy, now, by the way, the US Senate has failed to pass a budget. President Obama continues to call for 'compromise' and 'shared sacrifice,' all while insisting on tax increases to fund spending." That's not how Reagan operated. This is, again, a sure sign of desperation you could see.

When these leftists have to appropriate Reagan as their own? If I'm Barack Hussein Obama and I'm as egocentric as he is and I'm as narcissistic as he is, and I get up and I see that my media allies are trying to say that we're the new Reagan? He spent his life, he wrote in his books that his life's work was to destroy Reaganism -- and now his own media and his own party members are invoking Reagan to sell this thing. It remains true. They're the ones who are desperate -- and to show you how desperate, here comes Clinton.

Clinton (impression), "Hey, you know what, I'd use that 14th Amendment without hesitation. I'd go in there and I'd turn this thing around and I'd make 'em take me to federal court and see my a-- Uh, sue me. I'd make them sue me. I'd make 'em sue me. I'd make 'em go to courts. I think the Constitution's clear. I think this idea that Congress gets to vote twice on whether to pay for expenditures is appropriate is crazy. They don't like it, they can take me to court." By the way, I have little doubt that if it comes to it Obama will invoke the 14th Amendment. I think, as a good friend of mine pointed out, he's probably already got the paperwork ready to go sitting in his desk drawer, if it comes to that.

<http://blog.heritage.org/2011/07/20/morning-bell-liberals-invoke-reagan-to-sell-debt-deal/>

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.

Mish's Global Economic Trend Analysis (a number of fairly easy to understand article on economic matters):

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

Start Thinking Right, a mostly conservative blog, but he does not support every single conservative in each and every case:

<https://startthinkingright.wordpress.com/>

The cut, cap and balance amendment:

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

Club for Growth:

<http://clubforgrowth.org/>

Social Network of the Revolution (they seem to be a conservative organization):

<http://rtr.org/>

Watts Up With That (a lot of recent scientific news is posted here—there were 9 stories for July 5th alone):

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/>

Corruption Chronicles (wtching things judicial):

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog>

If you are a small business and you want to air out your problems with how government has hampered your business, here's the place to go (enjoy the video):

<http://jobs.majorityleader.gov/>

Excellent economic news:

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

Uncover age, sometimes a sensational right wing blog site:

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

The Bare Knuckled Pundit, a right-wing blog site with in-depth articles.

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

Front Page Mag; in-depth right-leaning stories:

<http://frontpagemag.com/>

Framing the Dialogue (mostly individually produced blog postings and interesting articles):

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

Obamacare 411 (stories about what to expect from Obamacare):

<http://obamacare411.wordpress.com/>

Heritage.Org "Saving the Dream" plan:

<http://www.savingthedream.org/about-the-plan/plan-details/>

The U.S. misery index, determined month-by-month:

<http://www.miseryindex.us/customindexbymonth.asp>

TEA Party . Org (conservative news and views):

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

Seems to be a middle-of-the-road news organization; iwatch news:

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

Front Page magazine, which is conservative with Jewish emphasis:

<http://frontpagemag.com/>

The fake Obama Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100002453027874&sk=info> (the name "Harrison J. Bounel" - a suspected Obama alias, based on official records)

Our Dirty Spending Secrets:

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

The Right Perspective (blog):

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

Conservative byte (conservative blog; news):

<http://conservativebyte.com/>

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/>



The GREAT COMMUNICATOR REDUX

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://climaterealists.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/sebastianier/>

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-Scienti>

[sts-Dissent-Over-ManMade-Global-Warming-CI
aims--Challenge-UN-IPCC--Gore](http://sts-dissent-over-man-made-global-warming-claims--challenge-un-ippcc--gore)

The lowahawk, 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://www.onegoodmove.org/1gm/)

<http://www.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/>

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/>

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

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

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

MEDIA 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://mynetjawa.mu.nu/>

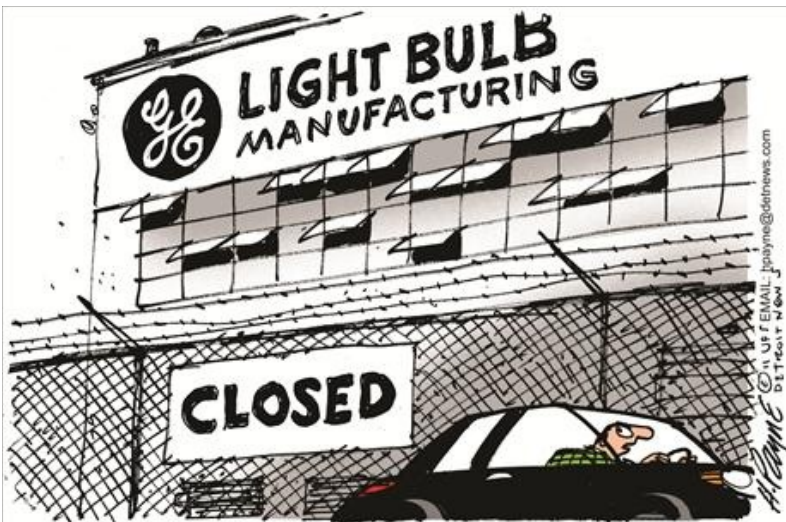
Kids Aren't Cars:
<http://www.kidsarentcars.com/blog/>

Stuff you probably did not know about greenhouse gases (this is a good link for friends):
http://www.geocraft.com/WVFossils/greenhouse_data.html

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

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

Comprehensive List of Tax Hikes in Obamacare (this includes individual health insurance costing



"The House finally overturned the light bulb ban? Gee, thanks."

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

as much as \$695/month by 2016—which is *not* the only cost):

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

Tammy Bruce

<http://tammybruce.com/>

[California's] Public Speakers blog:

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

Flashpoint—California's most significant political news:

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

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

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

Political Chips:

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

Brits at their best:

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

Political Affairs, which used to be called *the Communist* (in case you are interested in what the Democratic Party, 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.senatormeddler.com/>



Bear Witness:

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

<http://bearwitness.info/BEARWITNESSMAIN.aspx>
(there are a million vids on this second page)

Right Change (facts presented in an entertaining manner):
<http://www.rightchange.com/>

Bias alert from the Media Research Center:
<http://www.mrc.org/biasalert/archive.aspx>

Excellent conservative blogger:
<http://mikesamerica.blogspot.com/>

Send this link to the young people you know (try the debt quiz; I only got 6 out of 10 right):
<http://ourtab.org/>

Center for Responsive Politics:
<http://www.opensecrets.org/>

The Chamber Post (pro-business blog):
<http://www.chamberpost.com/>

Labor Pains (a pro-business, anti-union blog):
<http://laborpains.org/>

These people are after our children and after church goes as well:
<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>

Their opposition:
<http://resistingthegreendragon.com/>

The Doug Ross Journal (lots of pictures and cartoons):
<http://directorblue.blogspot.com/>

The WSJ Guide to Financial Reform
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703315404575250382363319878.html>

The WSJ Guide to Obamacare:
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704471504574441193211542788.html>

The WSJ Guide to Climate Change

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

Video-heavy news source:
<http://www.mediaite.com/>

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

Planet Gore; blogs about the environment:
<http://www.nationalreview.com/planet-gore>

The Patriot Post:
<http://patriotpost.us/>

PA Pundits, whose motto is, “the relentless pursuit of common sense” (I used many of the quotations which they gathered)
<http://papundits.wordpress.com/>

Index of (business) freedom, world rankings:
http://www.heritage.org/index/pdf/2010/Index2010_ExecutiveHighlights.pdf

U.S. State economic freedom:
http://www.pacificresearch.org/docLib/20080909_Economic_Freedom_Index_2008.pdf

The All-American Blogger:
<http://www.allamericanblogger.com/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anti-Obama sites:

<http://howobamagotelected.com/>
<http://www.impeachobamacampaign.com/>
<http://www.exposeobama.com/>

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

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

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

And I have begun to sort out these links:

NEWS AND OPINIONS

Conservative News/Opinion Sites

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

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

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

News busters:
<http://newsbusters.org/>

Right wing news:
<http://rightwingnews.com/>

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

Pajamas Media:
<http://pajamasmedia.com/>

Right Wing News:

<http://rightwingnews.com/>

Scared Monkeys (somewhat of a conservative newsy site):

<http://scaredmonkeys.com/>

Conservative News Source:

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

David' Horowitz's NewsReal:

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

Pamela Geller's conservative website:

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

The news sites and the alternative news media:

<http://drudgereport.com/>

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

<http://reason.com/>

Andrew 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://teabaggerscoming.blogspot.com/>
<http://poorsquinky.com/politics/all.html>

Media

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

Conservative Blogs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Babes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A mixed bag of blogs and news sites

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

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

More out-there blogs and sites

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

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

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

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

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

Media

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

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

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

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

<http://patriotsnetwork.com/>

PolitiZoid on YouTube:

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

Reason TV

<http://reason.tv/>

This guy posts some excellent vids:

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

HipHop Republicans:

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

TOPICS (ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Bailouts

Bailout recipients:

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

Eye on the bailout (this is fantastic!):

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

The bailout map:

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

From:

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

Border

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

<http://secureborderintel.org/>

<http://borderinvasionpics.com/>

Secure the Border:

<http://securetheborder.org/>

Capitalism

Liberty Works (conservative, economic site):

<http://libertyworks.com/>

Capitalism Magazine:

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

Communism

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

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

How this correlates to the goals of the ACLU:

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

Congress

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

<http://www.ontheissues.org/default.htm>

<http://www.cagw.org/government-affairs/ratings/2008/ratings-database.html>

<http://www.cagw.org/reports/pig-book/2009/pork-database.html>

Corrupt Media

The Economy/Economics

Bush "Tax Cut" myths and fallacies:

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

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

<http://defeatthedebt.com/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Economist and talk show host Walter E. Williams:
<http://economics.gmu.edu/wew/>

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

www.Americanroadmap.org

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

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

Bankrupting America, with great videos and maps:

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

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

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

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

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

Global Warming/Climate Change

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

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

Global Warming headlines:

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

Dr. Roy Spencer on climate change:

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

Not Evil, Just Wrong video on Global Warming

<http://noteviljustwrong.com/>

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

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

Global Warming Hoax:

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

Global Warming Site:

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

Global Warming sites:

<http://ilovecarbondioxide.com/>

35 inconvenient truths about Al Gore's film:

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

<http://www.noteviljustwrong.com/trailer>

Wall Street Journal's articles on Climate Change:

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

Michael Crichton on global warming as a religion:

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

This man questions global warming:

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

Healthcare

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

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

Republican healthcare plan:

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

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

Betsy McCaughey's Health Care Site:
<http://www.defendyourhealthcare.us/home.html>

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

This looks to be a good source of information on the health care bill (s):
<http://joinpatientsfirst.com/>

Obamacare class action suit (as of today, joining in on the suit costs you whatever you want to donate, if I understand the form correctly):
<http://www.van4congress.org/contact/obamacare-class-action/>

Islam

Islam:
www.thereligionofpeace.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrity Jihad (no, really).

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

Legal

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

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

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



Military

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

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

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

National Security

Keep America Safe:

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

Race Relations

A little history of Republicans and African-Americans:

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

Oil Spill

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cool Sites

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

The 100 most hated conservatives:

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

Still to Classify

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

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

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

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-and-releases>

If you want to see 1984 style-rhetoric and tactics, see:

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

Project World Awareness:

<http://projectworldawareness.com/>

Bookworm room

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

This is quite helpful; it is a list of all leftist groups, with links to background information on each of these groups (when I checked, 879 groups were listed). This is a fantastic resource.

<http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/summary.asp?object=Organization&category=>

Commentary Magazine:

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

Family Security Matters (families and national security):

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

America's Right

<http://americasright.com/>

Emerging Corruption (founded by an ACORN whistle blower:

<http://emergingcorruption.com/>

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

<http://iowontheworld.com/blog/?p=29858>

A place where you may find news no one else is carrying:

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

News Website to get the Headlines and very brief coverage:

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

National Institute for Labor Relations Research

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

Independent American:

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

If you want to be scared or depressed:

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/>

John T. Reed comments on current events:

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

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

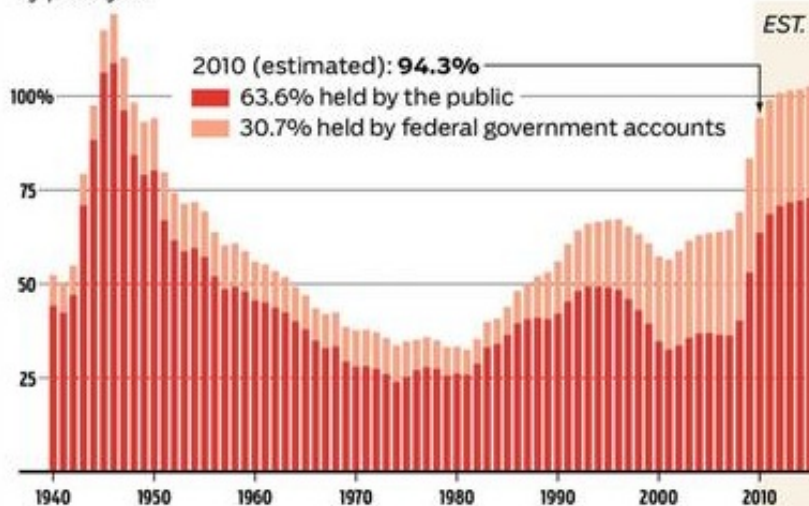
<http://conservativenewmedia.com/>

Ann Coulter's site:

<http://anncoulter.com/>

Debt as a percentage of GDP

By fiscal year



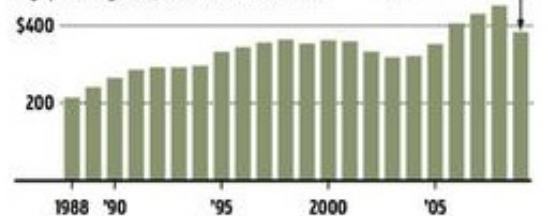
Publicly held debt

Estimated ownership of U.S. Treasury securities at end of each calendar year, in trillions



Interest on the debt

By fiscal year, scale in billions



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/>

Allen West for Congress:

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

Their homepage:

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

Wall Builders:

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

One of the more radical people from the right, calling for the impeachment of Obama:

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

The Center for Freedom and Prosperity, a free enterprise site (there are several videos on the flat tax):

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

The Tax Foundation:

<http://taxfoundation.org/>

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

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

Political news and commentary from the Louisiana Political News Wire:

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

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

<http://commieblaster.com/>

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

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

Another babebolicious conservative (Kim Priestap):

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

Stop Spending our Future:

<http://stopspendingourfuture.org/>

DeeDee also blogs at:

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

Somos Republicans:

<http://somosrepublicans.com/>

This is actually a whole list of stories about the side-effects of Obamacare (e.g., Obamacare may be fatal to your health savings account; Medical devices tax will cost jobs; young will pay higher

insurance rates, etc.): Send one-a-day of each story to your favorite liberal friends:

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

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

Zomblog:

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

Conservative news site:

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

<http://conservativeamericannews.com/>

Your daily cartoon:

<http://daybydaycartoon.com/>

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

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

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

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

These are some very good comics:

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

Helps for liberals to call conservative talk shows:

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

Sarah Palin's facebook notes:

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

Media Research Center:

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

Must read articles of the day:

<http://lucianne.com/>

The Big Picture:

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

Talk of Liberty

<http://talkofliberty.com>

Lux Libertas

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

Conservative website:

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

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

Excellent articles on economics:

<http://www.cato-at-liberty.org/>

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

(Excellent video on the Department of Agriculture posted)

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

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/>

(The segment was:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU-evdGu1Sk>)

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

An online journal of opinions:

<http://caffeinatedthoughts.com/>

American Civic Literacy:

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

The Dallas TEA Party Organization (with some pretty good vids):

www.dallasteaparty.org

America people's healthcare summit online:

<http://healthtransformation.net/>

This is fantastic; Florida (the Sunshine State) is now putting its state budget online:

<http://transparencyflorida.gov>

New conservative website:

<http://www.theconservativelion.com>

Conservative website:

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

Suzanne Somers s supposed to be older than Bill O'Reilly? He interviewed her this week, and she looked, well, hot. She is big into vitamins and human growth hormones.

<http://www.suzannesomers.com/Default.aspx>

The latest Climate news:

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

Obama cartoons:

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

Education link:

<http://sirkenrobinson.com/>

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

News from 2100:

<http://thepeoplescube.com/>

How you can get your piece of the stimulus pie:

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

Always excellent articles:

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

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

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

Conservative blog: Dan Cleary, political insomniac:

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

Stand by Liberty:

<http://standbyliberty.org/>

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

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

Lower taxes, smaller government, more freedom:

Citizens Against Government Waste:
<http://www.cagw.org/>

Conservative website featuring stories of the day:

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

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

News feed/blog:
<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/>

News site:
<http://lucianne.com/>

Note sure yet about this one:
<http://looneyleft.com/>

Conservative news and opinion:
<http://bijenkorf.wordpress.com/>

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

The Best Graph page (for those of us who love graphs):
<http://midnightgraphs.blogspot.com/>

The Architecture of Political Power (an online book):
<http://www.mega.nu/ampp/>

Recommended foreign news site:
<http://www.globalpost.com/>

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

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

Kevin Jackson's [conservative black] website:
<http://theblacksphere.net/>

Notes from the front lines (in Iraq):
<http://atwar.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Remembering 9/11:
<http://www.realamericanstories.com/>

Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball site:
<http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/>

The current Obama czar roster:
<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0909/26779.html>

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

Undercover video and audio for planned parenthood:
<http://liveaction.org/>

The Complete Czar list (which I think is updated as needed):
<http://theshowlive.info/?p=572>

This is an outstanding website which tells the truth about Obama-care and about what the mainstream media is hiding from you:
<http://www.obamacaretruth.org/>

Politico.com is a fairly neutral site (or, at the very worst, just a little left of center). They have very good informative videos at:
<http://www.politico.com/multimedia/>

Great commentary:
www.Atlasshrugs.com

My own website:
www.kukis.org

Congressional voting records:

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

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

<http://howobamagotelected.com/>

The psychology of homosexuality:

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

International News:

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

The Patriot Post:

<http://patriotpost.us/>

Obama timeline:

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

Tax professor's blog:

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

I hate the media...

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

Palin TV (see her interviews unedited):

<http://www.palintv.com>

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

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

Asharq Alawsat Mid-eastern news site:

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

