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Too much happened this week! Enjoy...

The cartoons mostly 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).

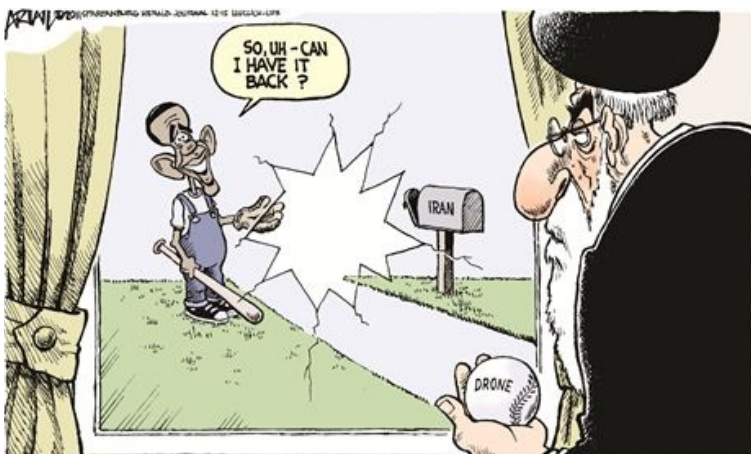
I try to include factual material only, along with my opinions (it should be clear which is which). I make an attempt to include as much of this week's news as I possibly can. The first set of columns are intentionally designed for a quick read.

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

One of our drones landed in Iran, and, even though President Obama asked for it back, they are not giving it back to us.



William Gray and Phil Klotzbach, two top U.S. hurricane forecasters, are quitting the practice of making a seasonal forecast in December because it doesn't work. They have said that a look back shows their past 20 years of forecasts had no predictive value.

The SEC has opened up investigations into FNMA and FHLMC executives and has sued 6 executives for securities fraud. FNMA and FHLMC had a huge exposure, due to subprime mortgage loans that they underwrote, guaranteed or purchased. However, several executives, while under oath, told Congress, that these organizations only had about 2% exposure due to risky loans. No one has actually been arrested, despite lying to Congress. As of right now, no one is spending even a night in jail. Lying to Congress is 5 years in jail. This would be a simple first step. No one is taking this first step. The SEC cannot put these men in jail. It can fine them, at most.

Because of pressure from a conservative evangelical group, Lowe's home improvement store chain pulled its ads from the TLC reality show "All-American Muslim." However, that has incurred the outrage of several celebrities and politicians, some of whom are calling for Americans to boycott Lowe's.

There is a tug of war between the Obama administration and Texas (not a big surprise) over the funding of Planned Parenthood in Texas. Texas tried to remove \$64 million in funding from Planned Parenthood and directed the funds to agencies that do not do abortions. The Obama administration has told Texas that it cannot fund some Title X family planning programs, funded with federal taxpayer dollars, without also funding the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

Navy is required by the White House to make the largest biofuel purchase ever, paying \$16/gallon for their jets. Jet fuel normally costs around \$4/gal. Much of this fuel is being purchased from

Solarzym, a biofuel company, advised by TJ Glauthier, a member of Obama's presidential transition team. Solarzym has already received millions of dollars via the Stimulus Law. Remember this, the next time Democrats speak of cutting the military budget.

Borrowing from the Occupy movement's rhetoric, Congressional liberals will also unveil Tuesday a jobs bill dubbed Restore the American Dream for the 99% Act.



Congress has passed a 2 month extension of the payroll tax cut, and included in that bill, the requirement that President Obama, during those two months, determine whether to go ahead or not on the Keystone XL pipeline. This passed to the House 234 to 193 and the Senate 89 to 10. The Senate added an amendment to the bill. Many Senate Democrats say the Obama

administration will kill the Keystone XL oil sands pipeline.



The Senate and the House also passed a \$1 trillion spending bill, to keep the government functioning until September of 2012. This was a 1220 page bill suddenly dropped on both the House and Senate with apparently very little time to read and consider the provisions. Although the lion's share of opposition came from Republicans, the passage of this bill in both houses was clearly bipartisan. Senator McCain voted against the bill, calling it an outrage and a disgrace.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) says Republicans will revive and expand the STOCK Act, a bill banning insider trading by members of Congress in the first months of 2012

Conservative radio host Michael Savage is offering Republican presidential frontrunner Newt Gingrich \$1 million if he drops out of the GOP race.

Radio show host Mark Levin offers Michael Savage \$100K to get off the radio.

A Las Vegas company says the demand for a Barack Obama mannequin was so great that they decided to produce it for retail use.



The American Civil Liberties Union sued the state of Wisconsin on Tuesday over its law that will require voters to present official identification, claiming it is unconstitutional and will deprive citizens of their right to vote.



The AFL-CIO and the SEIU have been leading the charge from the left to stop voter ID laws. The unions always require an ID when their members vote.

DNC fund-raising letter goes out, warning that the Republicans requiring picture ID's to vote is like

the Jim Crow laws, and is devised to keep older people, minorities and younger people from voting.

The latest [census data](#) says that 1 in 2 Americans have fallen into poverty or are scraping by on earnings that classify them as low income. Their data depicts a shrinking middle class as unemployment stays high and the government's safety net frays. The new numbers follow years of stagnating wages for the middle class that have hurt millions of workers and families. Mayors in 29 cities say more than 1 in 4 people needing emergency food assistance did not receive it. Many middle-class Americans are dropping below the low-income threshold - roughly \$45,000 for a family of four - because of pay cuts, a forced reduction of work hours or a spouse losing a job.

Portland, Oregon mom puts her 4-year-old daughter on train tracks as a part of a protest to shut down the Port of Portland.

Occupy Seattle protesters brought bricks, paint, rebar and flares to their demonstration this week in order to oppose the Seattle Police Department.

Businessmen host jobs fair at Zuccotti Park, but occupiers pelt them with birdseed.

The Canadian government has placed a ban, effective immediately, on face coverings such as niqabs for people swearing their oath of citizenship. My guess is, this is their first step to outlawing full-face veils entirely.

Canada also pulls out of the Kyoto Accord, which is an attempt to subjugate much of the world to climate change restrictions.

In a related story, Obama's Justice Department has joined Great Britain's 'Climategate' leaker manhunt. This is the person or persons who leaked the "Climategate" emails in 2009 and

2011, which emails cast serious doubt on the science behind global warming.

New Haven, Connecticut Mayor John DeStefano will be asking the state Legislature to allow illegal immigrants who live in the city to be able vote in municipal elections.

China will impose punitive duties of up to 22% on large cars and SUVs exported from the United States.

Saudi police and security officers raided an evening prayer meeting at the home of an Ethiopian Christian in the Al-Safa district of Jeddah. Those attending the service were reportedly beaten and 42 Ethiopian Christians were arrested.

A recent report revealed that Pakistani Taliban fighters cut the breasts of a woman who was breastfeeding her child and asked other women to eat the pieces.

Dr Karen Woo was executed alongside nine other aid workers by the Taliban after they tried to cross a mountain river in August last year. Dr. Woo was part of a humanitarian mission that had helped 2,000 Afghans.

Egyptian protestors continue in Tahrir Square. 8 are killed and 300 injured.

President Obama's Treasury Department sanctioned two top Iranian military leaders yesterday for "serious human rights abuses" perpetrated during and since the crackdown on the Green Revolution protestors in 2009, and the State Department. These sanctions, which occurred 894 days after the fact, are being touted this as an example of the United States "steadfast support" for the Iranian people.

House Bill 2029 in Pennsylvania would ban their courts from considering any foreign legal code or system that isn't identical with the Constitution.

Muslim activists say that it is specifically targeted against the practice of Sharia Law and are expressing both outrage and condemnation of this potential new law.

Muslim Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., went on a 24-hour hunger strike in solidarity with four Occupy DC protesters who have gone without food since Dec. 8 to advocate for D.C. voting rights. I guess they can't vote in D.C.?

Say What?

Liberals:



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Asked about the US drone downed by Iran, Pres Obama says "we have asked for it back and we will see how the Iranians respond."

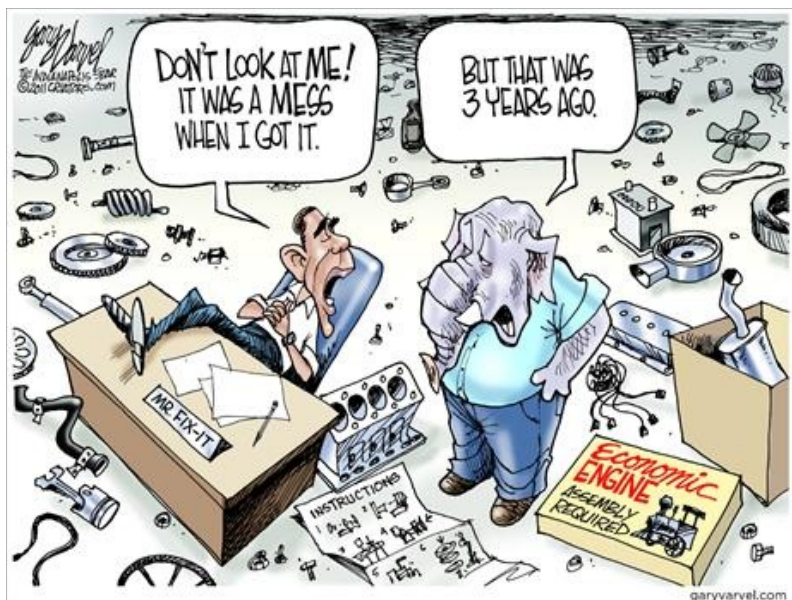
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President Barack Obama: "I would put our legislative and foreign policy accomplishments in our first two years against any president - with the possible exceptions of Johnson, F.D.R., and Lincoln."

President Obama: "I wanna make sure they [diplomats and workers in Iraq] come home [safely], because they're not soldiers."

President Obama: "I do think those dynamics are making it more difficult to get things done. And it's not unusual, after such a severe economic crisis like this, for the politics to be impacted by that, for people to lurch into extremes, or to get more combative."

President Obama: "No matter how well we're steering the ship, if the boat's rocking back and forth and people are getting sick and, you know, they're being buffeted by the winds and the rain ... if you're asking, 'Are you enjoying the ride right now?' folks are going to say, 'No.' People are going to say, 'You know what? A good captain would have had us in some smooth waters and sunny skies at this point.' And I don't control the weather."



President Obama: "I mean if you look at the trend lines, essentially what's happened is that because of automation, because of globalization, you had a lot of manufacturing move out of the United States. Business got more efficient. They needed fewer workers. They had more leverage over workers. And all this added up to a tougher time for middle class families. Over the last decade, between 2000 and 2008, the wages and income were flatlined even though the costs from everything from energy, to food, to healthcare were going up. And that problem was being papered-over through consumer debt - home equity loans, credit cards. And then the bubble burst. So now, I think we're having to squarely address problems that had been building up over

time." Note the time frame as well as Obama blaming technological advances.

Obama: "I do think that right now at least, in the Republican Party there are a couple of notions. Number one is that compromise is a dirty word. Number two, anything that Obama's for, we're against."

President Obama: "It's hard to remember a time when the administration gave more support to the security of Israel. Don't let anyone to tell you otherwise. It's a fact."

President Obama: "I am confident that the vision that we believe in so deeply and that we've worked so hard for is the vision that is truest to our history and most representative of the core decency of the American people."

Obama car czar Steve Rattner: "We never said taxpayers would get auto bailout money back...[because this saved jobs], I think the taxpayers got a good deal."

Vice President Joe Biden: "The biggest thing that's happened, the president has been able to unite the world including Russia and China. In continuing to ostracize and to isolate Iran. So the truth is, and I really mean this, Rachel, the talk about the projection, **the capacity of [Iran] to project power in the Gulf is actually diminished. They are less feared.** They are less - they have less influence than they have had any time, I would argue, in the last 20 years. And there will be a relationship between Iraq and Iran because they have a very long border. They will trade. They should have a normal relationship. But they are not allies."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid: "Millionaire job creators are like unicorns. They are impossible to find and don't exist."

California Governor Jerry Brown, who helped to take California over a financial cliff back in the

1970's and 80's: "The main thing we have to deal with in climate change is the skepticism, the denial and the cult-like behavior of the political lemmings that would take us over the cliff."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.): "The payroll tax cut that the president proposed would put \$1,500 in the pockets of 160 million Americans. **The unemployment insurance extension** is not only good for individuals. It has a macroeconomic impact. As macroeconomic advisers have stated, it **would make a difference of 600,000 jobs** to our economy."



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi: "[Today's legislature] can clearly be labeled the Republican do-nothing Congress. It's a year of missed opportunities and made-up crises."

California Democratic Congressman Mike Honda, a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committees: "**The stimulus bill, which was under the other administration**, was put together because we didn't know what the hell was going on and you know, and we were trying to do things that we thought might help stimulate the economy." Bush's fault again!

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) on Republicans of pushing legislation that would delay the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) industrial boiler regulations: "They have attached a poison pill - literally, colleagues - because it will kill 8,100 more people more than would have otherwise been killed from pollution."

Maxine Waters: "This economy went into a tailspin and a meltdown because of what was going on on Wall Street. Simply all of these exotic products that they put into the housing mortgage market caused this meltdown. And so we have to work at getting the economy back on-line. It's not the president's fault. Don't forget, the President of the United States came into office with a previous administration who had given, you know, unreasonable tax breaks to the wealthiest people in this country; they had allowed Wall Street to damage the housing market with exotic products, whether we're talking about all of these different kinds of loans that came on the market, and so, it is not his fault." Interestingly enough, Ms. Waters was identified while spewing this nonsense as a Republican by MSNBC. The same Waters who warned oil executives that she wanted to nationalize the oil industry.

Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas on the Occupy movement: "I want to passionately say that I do not see them as divisive...I think they are pushing fairness, justice and equality."

New York Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel: "No matter what you think about the people who are exposing themselves out there in protesting, there's one thing that's abundantly clear, and that is the issues that we're talking about are about economic justice, about moral justice." By *exposing themselves*, I don't think Rangel meant *exposing themselves*.

Black activist the Rev. Jesse Jackson to an Occupy camp in London: "Jesus was an Occupier, born under a death warrant, a Jew by religion, born in

poverty under Roman occupation. Gandhi was an Occupier, Martin Luther King was an Occupier, (Nelson) Mandela was an Occupier."

Joe Phelps, columnist and liberal pastor: "The church should celebrate the Occupy movement, the group that picked up the social justice mantle dropped by the majority of today's church, and offer our stories of divine justice. Like the story of Pharaoh, symbol of the monopoly of wealth held by the few, and what happens when leadership fears of scarcity turn Israelites into slaves...The demands of today's Occupy movement may seem less divine, at least from our close-up point of view. But I wonder if, from a distance, say from heaven, the demands for justice don't look a lot like those old, old stories."

Russell Simmons tweet, after calling for a boycott of Lowe's: "[I will] sic every civil rights agency on (Lowe's) until they straighten this out." Lowe's decided not to advertise on the TLC reality show, *All-American Muslim*, bowing to pressure from a conservative evangelical group.

California state Sen. Ted Lieu: "Lowe's action is bigoted, shameful, and un-American. I call on Lowe's to rescind its action and apologize to Americans who are Muslim. If Lowe's continues its religious bigotry, I will encourage boycotts of Lowe's and look into legislative remedies."

73-year old actress Jane Fonda: "[The Republican candidates] all scare me frankly. I get depressed and scared when I look at the Republican debates. I'm worried about anybody getting elected to office who says we have to do away with or privatise social security, we have to reduce medical health insurance, we have to not raise taxes. And, oh, there's no problem with the environment, this is all made up by the left, the scientists don't really know what they're talking about - this worries me...I think he's [President Obama] going to be reelected. I think he's a good man, but I wish that he was tougher on the issues

that I care about and that a lot of people care about."

Jane Fonda: "And that's just fine by me and all the rich people I know, like Ted Turner and Warren Buffet and Bill Gates, you're, they're all saying, Tax us."

Country singer Willie Nelson: "Thanks to the Occupy Wall Street movement, there's a deeper understanding about the power that corporations wield over the great majority of us. It's not just in the financial sector, but in all facets of our lives. The disparity between the top 1 percent and everyone else has been laid bare -- there's no more denying that those at the top get their share at the expense of the 99 percent. Lobbyists, loopholes, tax breaks... how can ordinary folks expect a fair shake?" Nelson is worth \$15 million.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman: "If Tebow wins the Super Bowl, against all odds, it will buoy his faithful, and emboldened faithful can do insane things, like burning mosques, bashing gays and indiscriminately banishing immigrants." Tim Tebow is an NFL football quarterback who is very demonstrative about his faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul "Bear" Vasquez, the [stoned, double-rainbow guy](#) on Obama being reelected: "Once he's really geared up, he's going to be hard to beat. They say any Republican can beat him, but I think that when he really gears up, people are just going to re-elect him. I think he's had a tough job. I think he was left with a big mess, so I think that, overall, he's done a pretty good job. Do I think he could have done better? Yeah, everyone can always do better...I think he deserves to keep going because I think the alternative - getting a Republican back in office - is scary."

AFL-CIO President Rich Trumka and Obama supporter: "I pay more than my fair share [of taxes], I'm sure."

Obama campaign job posting for "quantitative analysts": "The Obama for America analytics department analyzes the campaign's data to guide election strategy and develop quantitative, actionable insights that drive our decision-making. We are a multi-disciplinary team of statisticians, mathematicians, software

developers, general analysts and organizers - all striving for a single goal: re-electing President Obama."

You may have been a Democrat from birth, but these are the voices of your party today. These people are light years away from Presidents John Kennedy and Harry Truman.

The Compliant Obama Press Corps:

Liberal radio pundit and former CNN host Bill Press: ".And you know what I want to say, S.T.F.U. I'm tired of hearing Tim Tebow and all this Jesus Talk." S.T.F.U. means *shut the f** up*.

Environmental photojournalist Jenny Ross about a polar bear carrying the dead and mauled body of a polar bear cub: "This type of intraspecific predation [cannibalism] has always occurred to some extent...However, there are increasing numbers of observations of it occurring, particularly on land where polar bears are trapped ashore, completely food-deprived for extended periods of time due to the loss of sea ice as a **result of climate change**."

MSNBC's Chris Matthews: "Let Me Finish tonight with this: Think about Newt Gingrich with tens of thousands of nuclear weapons at his disposal. Interesting thought, isn't it? A man known to be a bomb thrower with real live bombs in his hands...Newt was hardly the sort of individual you'd give license to over the world's

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Jobs At SEIU

Senior/Lead Internal Organizer, Home Care

Location: Washington
Category: Organizing
Summary: SEIU Healthcare 775NW is hiring a Lead Internal organizer to lead a team of eight organizers who are focused on leadership development, the "Leaders In Action" field team, working with public and private sector home care workers. This team develops leaders and builds networks to take action in a variety of campaigns. The LIA team does not handle traditional representational duties, such as contract enforcement or bargaining. The Lead Organizer also has turf responsibilities in turf close to the union headquarters, and coordinates with one additional peer Lead Organizer.

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Description: The Lead Home Organizer leads work with home "turf". The Lead Team Manager, Participation de Management: Develop and lead strategic field work. Lead and manage accountability, the Leaders In Action. Co-ordinate and effectively execute. Participate in team. Leadership Development: Leading members and organizers to develop curriculum and lead leadership development trainings. Train and lead members in non-violent civil disobedience, such as occupying state buildings and banks, and peaceful resistance. Implement leadership program with the goal of engaging 10% of members in active leadership and majority participation. Member Mobilization: Execute field plans mobilizing members around political campaigns, annual Leadership Convention, lobby days, regional meetings. Execute field plans for special campaigns including contract campaigns, ballot initiatives, COPE contributions, general membership growth and the broader campaign to fight for a fair economy. Plan and execute strategic direct action field plans including banner drops, bank takeovers, and capitol occupations with membership, other local unions, and coalition partners. Additional Responsibilities: Assignments to electoral, legislative and growth (new organizing) campaigns as required. Other duties as assigned.

greatest stockpile of nuclear weapons. You don't give WMD to someone known even by his old former allies to be in a crunch, or even whenever things get edgy, to be himself a weapon of mass destruction. America needs many things but a nuclear armed Newt Gingrich is not one of them."

Joan Walsh from Salon.com, speaking on MSNBC: "You know, it's a tough thing to talk about, Ed, but you and I both know **a segment of the white working class did go over to Ronald Reagan**, did abandon the Democratic party. **Some of it was [because of] race** and some of it was just believing that government was out of control and some people were getting something for nothing. And it was kind of a tragic thing that happened to the Democrats."

MSNBC's Ed Schultz: "And they talked about the uprisings in the Middle East, and I just had to get a little line in there, folks, it started at the capital in Madison, Wisc." They don't even care if their facts are anywhere close to being correct.

Liberals from the past:

Although Car Czar Steve Rattner this week said that no one expected for taxpayers to recoup any monies from their "investment" in GM, Ron Bloom, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner's senior adviser on the auto industry, in 2010, said, "We don't like having this investment but we're not going to sell it at a fire sale."

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs in 2010 also promised, "The money that this administration invested, about \$60 billion, we believe we're on the path to recouping all of that."

Senator Obama in 2002: "I don't oppose all wars, what I am opposed to is a dumb war...What I am opposed to is the attempt by political hacks like Karl Rove to distract us from a rise in the uninsured, a rise in the poverty rate, a drop in the median income, to distract us from corporate

scandals and a stock market that has just gone through the worst month since the Great Depression." And since Obama has become president, there has been a huge rise in the poverty rate, a big drop in the median income, many more corporate scandals (if you include all of the green companies who receive federal dollars that are headed by Obama bundlers and donors), and a stock market that is so erratic that more and more people have put their money on the sidelines.

Then candidate Obama: "I am the only candidate who opposed the war in Iraq from the beginning."

President Obama in 2008: "Generations from now we will be able to look back and tell our children that this was the moment when we began to provide care for the sick and good jobs for the jobless. This was the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal."

Liberal civility:

Radio talker Thom Hartman: If evil is people pursuing policies that lead to the death of other people, yes, Karl Rove is evil.

Caller: On a comparison with Josef Goebbels?

Hartmann: No, I don't think he's anywhere near as bad as Goebbels. Goebbels was responsible for killing six million people. Karl Rove killed maybe 20, 30, 40, 50, maybe 100,000 people, or was responsible for policies that led to the death of those people.

MSNBC's Chris Matthews: "For the right price and a presidential nomination is his [sic], Newt is ready to jump on a dime and hit any opponent where he shows weakness. Why are they on the verge of enlisting in the army of Newt? Because he voices in cold, nasty, deadly tones the words

of their contempt, because he's an opportunist ready to seek any route to his opponent's heart and thereby kill it. He's a political killer, a gun for hire. But he offers a price so precious, he cannot be resisted. This. This is the Faustian deal at hand: Newt Gingrich's promise of a vision of which they on the right have set their hearts, the few minutes of national television in which the President and his wife stand before them in defeat. That's why they're offering up their partisan souls, why they're ready to bow down before this false god of hatred."

Gregg Doyel, CBS Sports: "If Tebow had more class he'd just kill dogs or get drunk and run over somebody and maybe end their life. You know, he's got a lot of nerve talking about some higher power in his life." When asked about the harshness of this remark, Doyel said: "I'm sorry, I'm so sarcastic and dry, my humor's not any good. I was joking."



Chris Matthews: "It's rare we get - this is a real morality play, the way these two guys - this isn't complicated. One guy wants to be civilized [Romney] and the other guy wants to be a troglodyte [Gingrich] or, you know, a caveman.

It's really different approaches, to be - it isn't hard to be a pundit this year, is it?"

Fishbowl DC's Peter Ogburn: "ALL of the [Economic] videos with the women feature shots above the waist. Some even go out of their way to show off cleavage. Because when I think Keynesian economics, I think Titty City. Pretty weird, I know. What's weirder? The latest video is hosted by Michelle Fields, from the Daily Caller. It's no secret that Michelle knows that she is gorgeous and has great hair, but this is super weird. The camera work seems to be largely inspired by the early works of the Al Qaeda hostage tapes. A nervous and awkward Fields, who clearly has NO IDEA what she is talking about, rattles on about "How the New Deal Was a Failure." We get it, Michelle. You think you're hot. But, if you want to be taken seriously, maybe just be good at reporting and stop showing off your legs and cleavage. Do you remember that time Diane Sawyer showed off a bunch of cleavage while reading the news? No? Because it didn't happen!" To see what set off Ogburn's anger, this is Michelle's [low budget Skinemax video](#).

Crazy Muslims:

Famous Salafi preacher Sheikh Abu Ishaq al-Huwainia in Egypt: "[The] Face of a woman like her vagina," which necessitates all women to wear the niqab [veil].

Muslim Brotherhood female candidate, Azza al-Jarf: "Tourists don't need to drink alcohol when they come to Egypt; they have plenty at home."

Hizbullah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah on the Day of Ashura, which aired on Al-Manar TV: "Brother and sisters, on the Day of Ashura, we renew our commitment and our pledge of allegiance. Wait a few minutes, and I will appear on the screen. Don't go away. We will renew our commitment to Hussein, may he rest in peace. Oh Arabs and Muslims, oh the people and the

political forces, do not be misled by the US administration. It is this administration “



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Let's Face it: It's the Radical Right, not Islam, that is the Greatest Threat to the American Way

Police spokesman Colonel Abdullah Al Sarani said, of a Saudi woman who was beaten and tortured with fire until she fell unconscious and died later at hospital: "We have determined that the woman beat herself up and tortured herself with fire because she is gripped by jinn...Investigation showed the other members of her family are also controlled by jinn . . . we closed the case as no criminal act is involved." Jinn is apparently some sort of demonic force.

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Liberals making sense:

Senator Joe Machin: "Let me tell you right now what I can't understand. We only have one topic on the table that everyone sort of agrees with, and it should be the template, which is Bowles-Simpson. Why doesn't our leadership, why doesn't our president, why don't our leaders in the Senate take this template and put it together in bill form?"

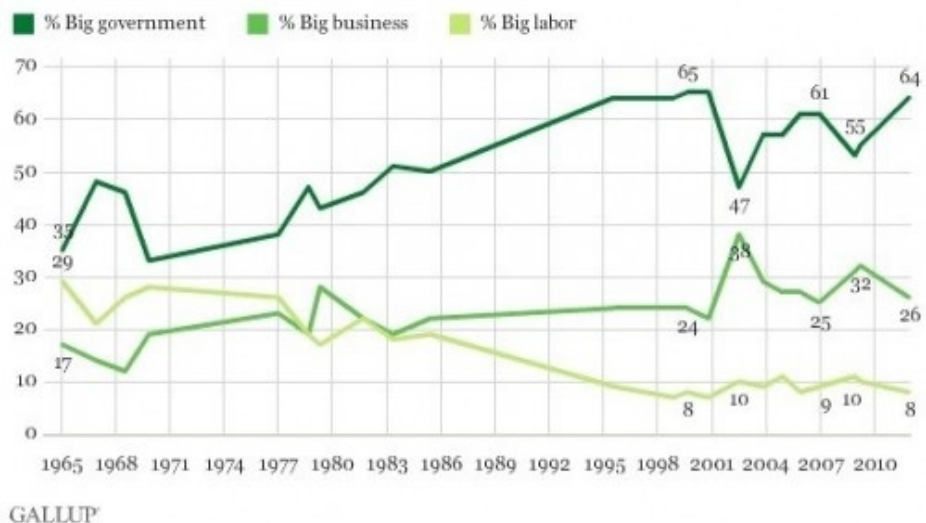
President Obama: "The war in Iraq will soon belong to history, and your service belongs to the ages. Never forget that you are part of an unbroken line of heroes spanning two centuries - from the colonists who

overthrew an empire; to your grandparents and parents, who faced down fascism and communism; to you - men and women who fought for the same principles in Fallujah and Kandahar, and delivered justice to those who attacked us on 9/11."

Time Magazine's Ezra Klein on a graph that shows that people's fear of Big Government is peaking: "But so far as liberalism goes, this is a pretty devastating graph."



In your opinion, which of the following will be the biggest threat to the country in the future -- big business, big labor, or big government?



MSNBC's Chris Matthews: "During the 11AM hour on MSNBC, we reported on a blog item that compared a phrase used by the Romney campaign to one used by the KKK in the 1920s. It was irresponsible and incendiary of us to do this and showed an appalling lack of judgment. We apologize, we really do, to the Romney campaign."

MSNBC's Al Sharpton: "One note. One note before I go. I want to say this. NB--MSNBC apologized tonight for reporting earlier today on a blog attempt that compared a phrase used by Mitt Romney to one once used by the Ku Klux Klan-something I'm passionate about. But as someone who's been a victim of unproven innuendo and half-truths, I agree the report was not proper if you could not nail down all the facts. And this network did the right thing by apologizing."

Kelly Bingel, who served as former Sen. Blanche Lincoln's (D-Ark.) chief of staff until 2005: "Democrats should reject Occupy Wall Street as the spokesmen for the 99 percent. The chance of those guys going out and voting or encouraging anyone else to vote is very low."

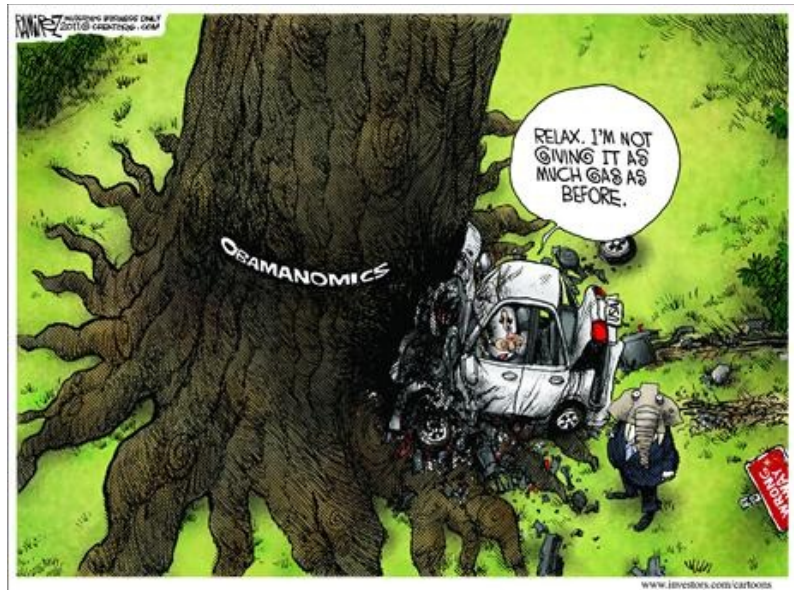
Moderates/Affiliation Unknown:

Rapper Jay-Z: "I wouldn't mind paying more taxes if it went to the things that really mattered. If it went to education and people in poverty and, you know, if it went to the right things. You know, I wouldn't mind. I think it -- I think it should be more -- it should be clearly defined, you know, clearly defined, where all the money is being allocated. Because you can understand paying so much for taxes and then things not improving. You're like where is everything going to?"

Audi of America President, Johan de Nysschen: "[The Chevy Volt] a car for idiots....No one is going to pay a \$15,000 premium for a car that competes with a (Toyota) Corolla. So there are not enough idiots who will buy it...[electric

vehicles are] for the intellectual elite who want to show what enlightened souls they are."

WVEC's David Alan to President Obama: "Do you take any personal responsibility for your administration creating economic conditions?"



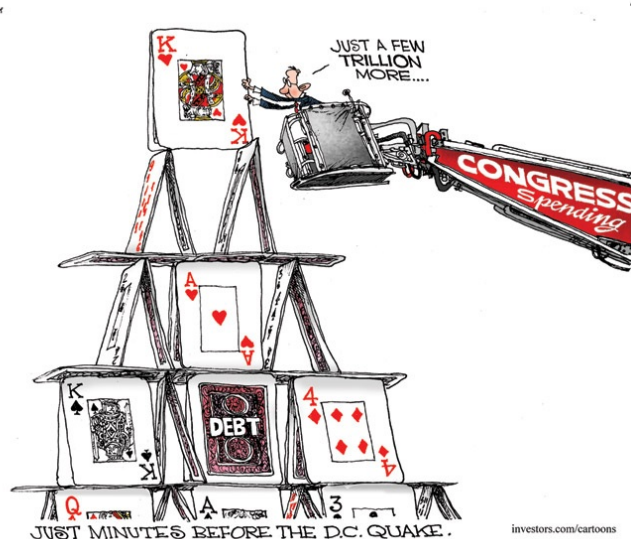
Chief foreign NBC correspondent Richard Engel: "Did America prevail? Iraq's future remains uncertain....What was conspicuously absent today, Brian, there were no parades among Iraqis, no victory celebrations, no thank you's."

Crosstalk:

Democratic Rep. Steny Hoyer who voted for the \$1 trillion omnibus bill: "I rise in strong support of this bill. I urge my colleagues to support this piece of legislation. None of them have read it. Not one of us has read every page in this bill."

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) Who voted against this bill: "Not one member of this body has read the 1,221 pages of this bill representing \$915 billion of the taxpayers' money. Here we are with 15 minutes to consider a document representing

\$915 billion of taxpayers' money filled with unauthorized, unrequested spending."



Senator Tom Coburn: "Although we have an earmark ban, there are thousands of earmarks in this bill....It's not just wrong, it's immoral. [W]e have either taken a stupid pill or a corruption pill."

President Obama, December 2011: "I think we understood that it [the economy] was bad, but we didn't know how bad it was, I think I could have prepared the American people for how bad this was going to be, had we had a sense of that."

Obama Dec. 2011: "At a time when people have been battered by the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, it is understandable if people aren't feeling as chipper as they were in 2008."

Paul Volcker, a top economic adviser to President Barack Obama, in 2009: "I don't remember any time, maybe even the Great Depression, when things went down quite so fast."

Candidate Obama in 2008: "We are in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, and a

lot of you I think are worried about your jobs, your pensions, your retirement accounts." I could continue with pages of our president claiming that this recession was every bit as bad or nearly as bad as the Great Depression before and after he became president.

Declan McCullagh on EconWatch in 2009: "Comparisons with the Great Depression have become commonplace."

Bradley R. Chiller from 2009 from a Wall Street Journal article: "President Barack Obama has turned fearmongering into an art form. He has repeatedly raised the specter of another Great Depression. First, he did so to win votes in the November election. He has done so again recently to sway congressional votes for his stimulus package."

Reps. Judy Chu (D-Calif.), Robert "Bobby" Scott (D-Va.) and Mike Honda (D-Calif.) sent a joint letter to the attorney general Eric Holder: "The NYPD has engaged in conduct that has singled out Muslims for police contact - stops and investigations - based upon their race, ethnicity or national origin...This surveillance allegedly included targeting mosques, student groups, restaurants and even motorists in both NYC and outside the NYPD's jurisdiction."

Reps. Pete King (R-N.Y.) and Bob Turner (R-N.Y.) then sent their own letter: "A recent 'Dear Colleague' from three members of Congress attacking the NYPD was embarrassingly uninformed and shamefully misleading. The reality is that the NYPD is the leading police department in the country with the largest and most effective counterterrorism force, dedicating 1,000 officers to protecting New York from terrorist attacks."

From:

<http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/199709-congress-members-clash-over-call-to-investigate-nypd>

Barbara Walters: "Does that suggest that the American people find you a mediocre president?"

President Obama: "I think what it suggests is that we've gone through a very difficult time. And, in order for us to move forward, we're going to have to do more work."

Walters: "So, you won't be a mediocre two-term president?"

"I want to be a really good two-term president. I think that the choices we've made have made America stronger, and have made the American people. . . put them in a better position in order to succeed over the long term. Short term, folks are still hurting."



Fox News host Gretchen Carlson: "Unemployment has gone up precipitously since he [Obama] took office."

DNC chair Debbie Wasserman-Schultz: "That is simply not true. In fact, unemployment has now dropped below 9%. It's continuing to drop."

Chris Matthews, from a simulcast program for MSNBC and an Iowa radio station: Well, Simon Conway is an Iowa radio talk show host who has spoken to each of the Republican presidential candidates, except Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman, who's not competing in Iowa. Simon, thank you so much for coming on and doing this simulcast. I see you at the mic there. What's it smell like to you out there? What's the sense? Just, if I'd ask you to do a little peroration now on which way it's going, what's it feels like? What is it?

Simon Conway (Iowa talk radio host): Well, first of all, it's always a pleasure to welcome a Democrat to the Simon Conway Show, Chris. So, you're very welcome.

Matthews: Well, what is that? Are we all giving our party labels out here? Are you giving me yours or what? Or you don't want to give one? No, you want to give me one but don't give yourself one. That's fair enough.

Conway: No- Chris, I'm not a Republican, never have been and never will be. I'm keeping my independence.

Matthews: So you give out labels, but you don't assign one to yourself. That's very clever.

Conway: Well, there isn't one. There isn't one. I just want to make sure we're starting with some honesty. You're clearly working for the re-election of Barack Obama.

Matthews: No, I want to make sure-

Conway: -and that's okay.

Matthews: This isn't going to go very long here if you're going into this game of assigning- What is your political voting record, then? How'd you go last time?

Conway: I've only voted once, I'm a fairly new citizen to the United States, and I voted for John McCain while holding my nose.

Matthews: You voted Republican.

Conway: I voted Republican.

Matthews: So, that is how we should identify you, sir, based upon your record.

Conway: If you wish to do that, but, look, the bottom line-

Matthews: No, no. You're doing it to me. So, why don't we do it to you and have some fun?

Conway: Fine! If you want to do that, Chris, you can go ahead and do it. It's untrue, but you can go ahead and do it. But, that's okay. I just want to be clear that we're going to be honest. You're clearly working for the re-election of Barack Obama and I'm okay with that. I just want some honesty here.

Matthews: Well, what are you working for, sir?

Conway: I'm working for the election of a conservative.

Matthews: And who would that be?

Conway: Well, we don't have an individual yet. We've still got an open field, and it's very interesting, and certainly Iowa is not, is not done yet. I think we've got plenty of time, I think we can still see this race change.

From:

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/scott-whitlock/2011/12/15/radio-host-nails-chris-matthews-you-r-clearly-working-re-election-bar#ixzz1ghgt6v7g>

Conservatives:

Former Republican presidential candidate John McCain on President Barack Obama on handling of Iraq. "All I will say is that, for three years, the president has been harvesting the successes of the very strategy that he consistently dismissed as a failure. I imagine this irony was not lost on a few of our troops at Fort Bragg today, most of whom deployed and fought as part of the surge. Over 4,000 brave young Americans gave their lives in this conflict. I pray that their sacrifice is not in vain. I hope that their families will not mourn the day that their sons and daughters went out to fight for freedom for the Iraqi people. Unfortunately, it is clear that this decision of a complete pullout of United States troops from Iraq was dictated by politics, and not our national security interests. I believe that history will judge this president's leadership with the scorn and disdain it deserves." McCain was referring to the surge which then senator Obama opposed in 2007.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.), after telling about a Palestinian woman who was treated for burns at an Israeli hospital, and then later returned for a follow-up visit wearing a suicide belt. "What kind of culture leads one to do that? Sadly, it is a culture infused with resentment and hatred. If the Palestinians want to live in peace in a state of their own, they must demonstrate that they are worthy of a state."

Rep. Allen West (R-Fla.): "If Joseph Goebbels was around, he'd be very proud of the Democrat Party, because they have an incredible propaganda machine," Joseph Goebbels was the head of the Minister of Propaganda in Germany while it was under the control of the Nazi party from 1933 to 1945.

Greg Gutfeld: "Looking to NPR for facts on capitalism is like looking to the protestors for advice on hygiene." [quoted from memory]

Presidential candidate Rick Perry: "I'm kinda getting to where I like these debates. I hope Obama and I debate a lot. I'll get there early. We will get it on, and we will talk about our differences...I hope I am the Tim Tebow of the Iowa caucuses."

Presidential candidate Ron Paul at the FoxNews debate: "Fortunately for the Republican party, almost anyone up here could beat Obama."

Christian Conservative Spectator: "Arab Spring, Sharia Harvest"

Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), on the \$1 trillion omnibus spending bill that he and 146 other House Republicans voted for: "I have consistently said throughout my time in Washington that the American people deserve more from their government. This bill is a crap sandwich! You definitely do not want to bite into it, you cannot stand the taste, but you know you have to eat it."

Weasel Zippers on Meghan McCain: "One-celled organisms outscore Meghan in IQ tests and yet MSNBC still hired her."

Rush Limbaugh: "The National Transportation Safety Board has recommended a ban on all cell phone use in the car by the driver. Not Congress, not lawmakers, but a bureaucracy."



Rush Limbaugh: "Our guys don't want to go Trump's debate but they'll let Stephanopoulos ask them this stupid question about fidelity from the guy who covered 'em all up for Clinton."

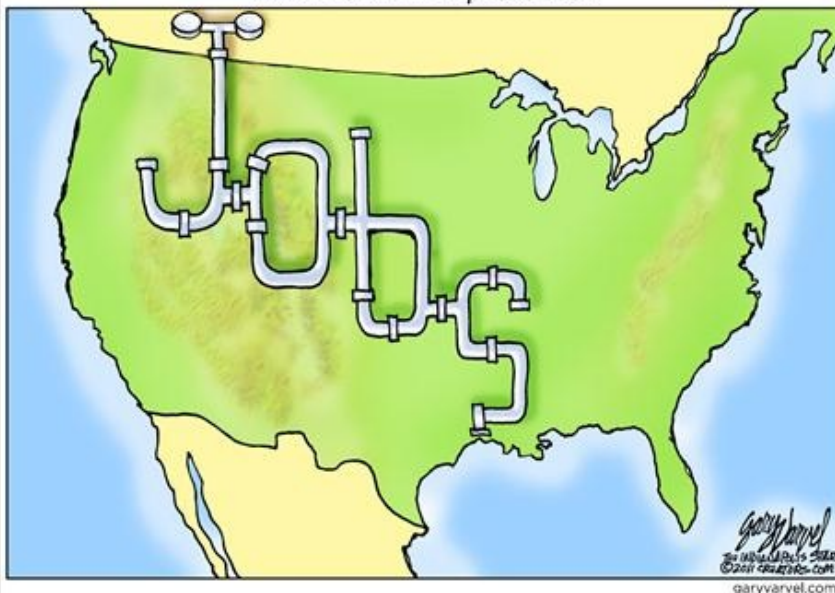
Rush Limbaugh: "I never once asked myself what I think you want to hear. It never even crosses my mind. But a politician who does is essentially saying that they make calculations, and they will deviate from their core if necessary in order to have an audience hear what they want to hear."

Rush Limbaugh: "Conservative primary voters want a conservative -- it's really not complicated -- and the Republican establishment doesn't. It's not complicated. They don't like conservatives, they are scared to death of conservatives on a host of levels."

Rush Limbaugh: "Chelsea Clinton is dutifully learning the inner workings of television in order to learn how to manipulate it later. That's all this is. Nobody starts at the top like this unless they're the daughter of an ex-president who can call in some chits. Nobody starts at the top like this."

Rush Limbaugh: "Notice Obama is threatening to veto a bill that would both lower taxes and create jobs. Aren't those two of the things that he claims to want, that he claims to be focused like a laser on?"

The KEYSTONE XL Pipeline Plan



Rush Limbaugh: "You ever notice Tim Russert is the only news figure that the media can cite as being somewhat objective? Whenever the news media wants to tell us about somebody in their ranks that calls 'em down the middle, it's always Tim Russert."

Rush Limbaugh: "The Democrat led government is taking over. The Democrat led government is becoming the family. Three meals at school all year, breakfast, lunch, and dinner? So when summertime comes, 'Well, where they gonna eat?' You gotta keep the schools open to feed

them, creating more dependency on government. Fifty years of socialism, feminazi-ism, the American family's breaking up."

Rush Limbaugh: "The Republican establishment likes to deny that they exist. They like to say that there really isn't a Republican establishment."

Rush Limbaugh: "The state of public education is pathetic. I don't mean this as an attack on the individuals in it from the standpoint of teachers. I'm just telling you: The whole education system has been corrupted by liberalism. It's not even an education system anymore. It is an indoctrination, a series of indoctrination camps."

Rush Limbaugh: "The fastest growing segment of an investment structure, business, is compliance software to keep you compliant with government regulations. Stop and think of that."

Rush Limbaugh: "Romney's attacking Newt for being rich and Newt's not that rich, and Newt's attacking Romney for being rich, and Romney is that rich. But it's usually the Democrats that do that kind of stuff."

Rush Limbaugh: "This whole cultural attitude the country has made towards a majority position on the pro-life side of this is one of the things that constantly gives me faith that the country isn't lost."

Rush Limbaugh: "The elites look at conservatives as a bunch of Tim Tebows that really, when you get down to it, can't play the game. All they can talk about's God. So it's a threat."

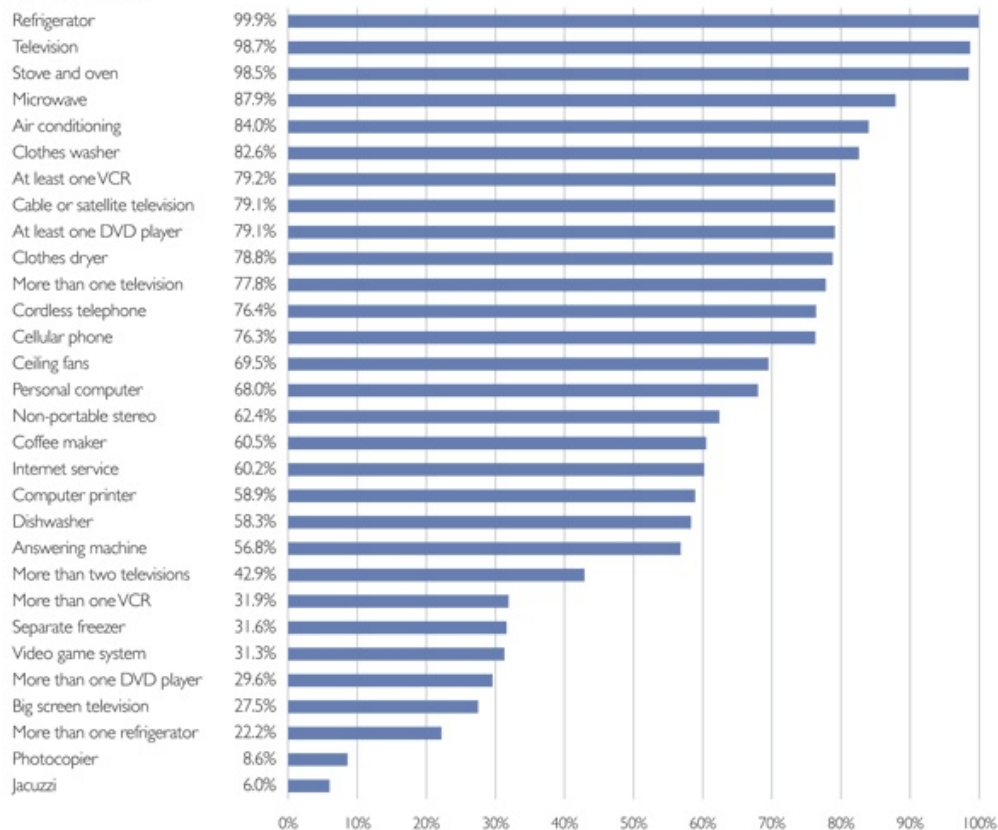
Rush Limbaugh: "Obama wants class warfare where he plays judge and jury as to how much money we have to spend. We are to have limited information about where our money is spent, sort of like Jon Corzine's."

Rush Limbaugh: "What is called poor today would have been considered upper-middle class just a generation, two generations ago. The truth is, wealth does trickle down."

Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul of Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann: "She doesn't like Muslims, she hates Muslims, she wants to go get them."

Percentage of All U.S. Households Which Have Various Amenities

Figures Are for 2005



Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Residential Energy Consumption Survey, 2005.

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Conservatives not making any sense:

Ann Coulter: "[the Tea Party reject Romney because] 'they're not looking at the substance, they're looking at who is going to go around bombastically demanding to see Obama's birth certificate or calling him a Kenyan.'"

Dick Morris: "The Democrats are trying to nominate Gingrich."

Presidential Candidate Ron Paul: "How would I deal with the threat or the so-called threat of the Iranians, that they are going to disrupt the oil supply? Well I'd be provoking them a lot less because they're reacting to the provoking of the West saying 'we're gonna put on sanctions'. We have them surrounded with nuclear weapons and we're claiming

that they're gonna build a nuclear weapon and there's no evidence for this. So we're just looking for trouble. We're building the war propaganda against Iran just as we did against Iraq. And people want to go to war against Iran. And I think they're reacting to the provocations of so many other people saying that 'we're liable to bomb you because you are building a nuclear weapon.' But our CIA doesn't confirm that nor does the UN confirm that."

Republican Infighting:

Conservative radio host Michael Savage: "Newt Gingrich is unelectable. Mitt Romney is the only candidate with a chance of defeating Barack Obama, and there is nothing more important than that for the future health, safety, and security of the United States of America. Therefore I am offering Newt Gingrich one million dollars to drop out of the presidential race for the sake of the nation."

Joe Biden Prophecy Watch

Iran has the technology to confuse out drones and to bring one to land in Iran.



Watch This!

[Outstanding interview of Rush Limbaugh](#) by Greta; this is strongly recommended to those of you who think Rush is a crackpot, nutjob or far right flamethrower.

[DNC ad against Newt Gingrich](#); some people will see this ad and vote for Newt because of it.

[John McCain of the 2011 Omnibus Spending Bill; this is the full 5 minute speech—it's good!](#)

[Hanukkah party rap](#)

[War Porn that has been removed from YouTube](#)

[Occupiers Keep Holiday Food From Hungry Poor](#)

A Little Comedy Relief

Jodi Miller: "The U.N. may impose an import tax to pay for its climate change fund. Hey, if the U.N. wants money for its useless green program, it just needs to donate to the Obama campaign."

Short Takes

1) My favorite headline from Weasel Zippers: **Wall Street Occupiers Love Affair With Public Defecation Takes a Turn For The Worse, Unveil Giant Paper Mache Turd In Front of Goldman Sachs Building.**



Apparently, this thing is suppose to be a squid.

2) Chelsea Clinton, President Clinton's daughter, begins her career as a feature news correspondent on a feature called *Making a Difference*. This is a fundamental difference between news reporters on the left and the right. A left-leaning journalist, when asked, why do you want to be a journalist, will answer, "To make a difference." This is a different mindset, than a

person who wants to report the truth, no matter what it happens to be.

3) The first meaningful endorsement was given this past week. TEA party favorite and South Carolina governor Nikki Haley. Getting some TEA party cred and doing well in South Carolina could be key to winning this election (or, at least to having some early momentum).

4) Actor Gary Busey endorses Newt Gingrich and then, *in a stunning reversal*, changes his mind and withdraws his support, saying that he wants to wait until there are just 2 candidates left in the race, and then he will endorse. Republicans all over the United States are waiting for Busey's choice to be revealed to us.

By the Numbers

If the same number of people were looking for jobs today as were when Obama assumed office, then the unemployment rate would be 11%.

Both the House and Senate just passed \$915 billion , 1,221 page long omnibus spending bill. They spent less than a day looking it over.

The debt has increased by \$48,994.13 each second since Barack Obama became president.

Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi is worth about \$40 million.

- ◆ Jobless rate in January 2009: 7.8%. Jobless rate in November 2011: 8.6%.
- ◆ Number of employed in January 2009, in

thousands: 133,563. In November 2011: 131,708

- ◆ Civilian participation rate in January 2009: 65.7%. In November 2011: 64.0%
- ◆ Unemployment level in January 2009, in thousands: 11,984. In November 2011: 13,303
- ◆ Number of people not in labor force, January 2009, in thousands: 80,554. In November 2011: 86,558

Hamas celebrates its 24th anniversary with these Jihad stats: 1,117 attacks, 87 suicide bombings, 11,093 rockets, 1,365 Jews killed and 6,411 wounded.

Democrat Barbara Boxer has warned that Republicans will kill 8100 people with their amendment to delay some EPA regulations.

China now mines 97% of the rare earth elements which are necessary to manufacturing jobs. Not having access to these metals is a big reason why U.S. manufacturing is decreasing.

Polling by the Numbers

Views of Biggest Threat to Country, by Political Party: 2006, 2009, and 2011

	% Big government	% Big business	% Big labor
2011			
Democrats	48	44	6
Independents	64	26	8
Republicans	82	6	11
2009			
Democrats	32	52	13
Independents	59	30	8
Republicans	80	10	9
2006			
Democrats	55	32	7
Independents	60	26	10
Republicans	68	18	10
GALLUP			

Harvard University Poll:

36% of voters, age 18-29, think Obama will lose the 2012 election;
30% say he will win.

32% of 18- to 29-year olds tell us that they are following the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations either very closely (6%) or somewhat closely (26%).

66% are not following the demonstrations closely at all.

21% of these young Americans are supporters of the the Occupy Wall Street movement.

33% say that they are not supportive,
46% either unsure or refusing to answer the question.

Rasmussen:

Obamacare:	Favor Repeal	Oppose Repeal
	55%	35%

52% of likely U.S. Voters favor passage of an immigration law similar to Arizona's in their state. 34% oppose such a law in their state, 15% are undecided.

Associated Press poll:

52% of Americans say that President Obama should not be reelected
43% say he deserves another term.

44% give Obama's a favorable overall job approval rating
54% disapprove.

Only 29% of Americans support Obama signature domestic accomplishment, Obamacare,
49% oppose the reform.

84% of Americans believe the federal government should not have the power to require all Americans to buy health insurance.

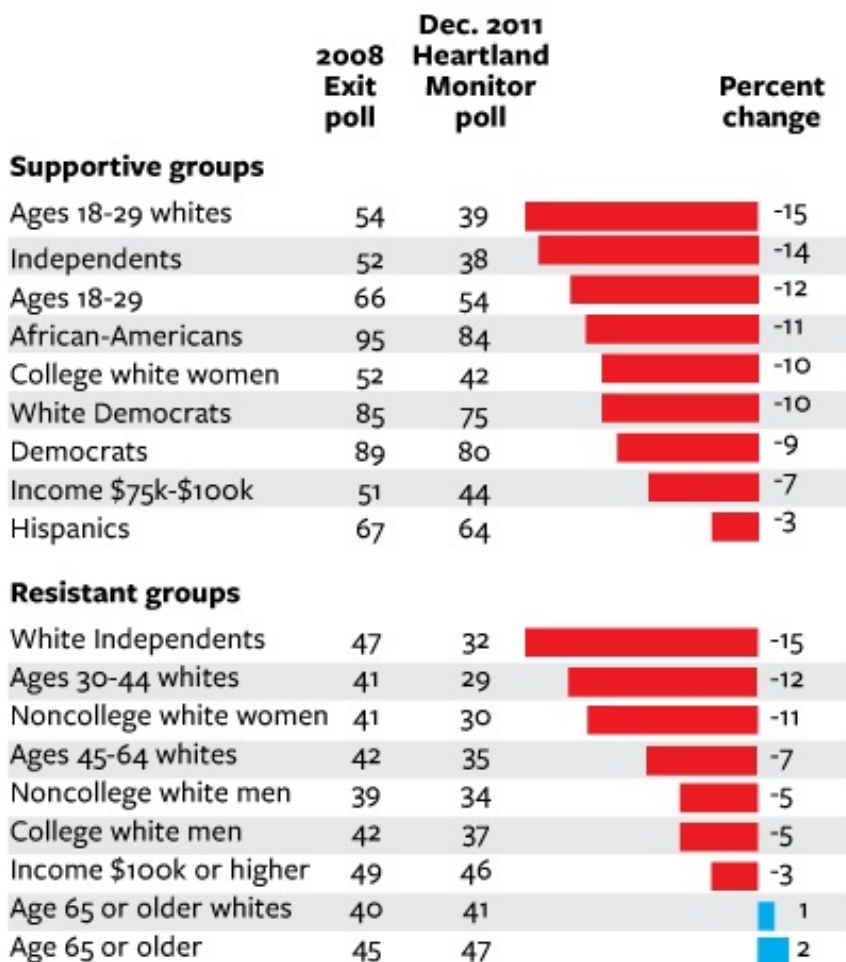
15% believe the federal government should have that power.

NBC/WSJ National Poll:

Gingrich 40%,
Romney 23%
Ron Paul 9%
Bachmann 8%
Perry 6%
Huntsman 5%
Santorum 3%

Obama's Decline

President Obama's approval ratings have slipped across the board, but especially among whites.



Source: Exit polling, Heartland Monitor poll



A Little Bias

This week, police made three arrests at Occupy Portland's action to shut down the port. and seized a gun and sword. Do you remember how the press characterized the TEA party as a bunch of gun-toting yahoos, and on nearly every paper in the country, there was the very carefully cropped photograph of a man who brought a gun to a TEA party rally (cropped to hide the fact that this was a Black guy at a TEA party rally). Despite the many weapons confiscated by police from the Occupy movement, there is no concerted effort by the press to portray them as gun-toting yahoos.

MSNBC daytime anchor Thomas Roberts alleges that Mitt Romney's use of the phrase "Keep America American" plays homage to the Ku Klux Klan slogan of "Keep America American." According to MSNBC, the "Keep America American" expression was apparently used by the KKK in the early 1900s. To their credit, at least 2 MSNBC anchors have apologized for this.

[CBS news report on how wonderful Obamacare is so far](#)

Saturday Night Live Misses

All this time with Christiane Amanpour on ABC's Sunday talk show, and not a single parody.

Prophecies Fulfilled

The SEC charged FNMA and FHLMC executives with securities fraud. Although this sounds pretty dramatic, they will not go to jail. As per my article last week, in the near future, it is highly unlikely that anyone is going to jail, because if one person goes, then he will not go it alone.

My Most Paranoid Thoughts

Congress just shoveled another \$1 trillion out the door, right before Christmas. It seems like they are voting money to go wherever they want it to, just in case they are not reelected.

Missing Headlines

So far, no arrests for Wall Street/FNMA villains

One More Green Scandal; Navy to Pay 4x Fuel Cost

Senate and House Spend \$1 trillion; leave town

Republicans Support Picture ID's to Vote; Dems Oppose

Canada Pulls out of Kyoto Accord

Hurricane Foreasters Quit; Their Forecasts Meaningless

President Obama Comes out in Favor of Green Party Rebels in Iran

Come, let us reason together....

McCain Denounces Senate Spending Bill

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John McCain has some harsh words for the spending bill introduced by the Appropriations Committee on Tuesday.

STATEMENT BY SENATOR JOHN McCAIN ON THE FLOOR OF THE U.S. SENATE REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

"Mr. President, at 12:15 p.m. this afternoon, my office received a copy of the omnibus appropriations bill. It is 1,924 pages long and contains the funding for all 12 of the annual appropriations bills for a grand total of over \$1.1 Trillion. It is important to note that the 1,924 pages is only the legislative language and does not include the thousands of pages of report language which contain the details of the billions of dollars in earmarks and, I'm sure, countless policy riders.

"While we continue to uncover which earmarks the appropriators decided to fund - thanks to a new online database - we at least know what earmarks were requested by Members and how much those projects would cost the American people if they were all funded. Taxpayers against Earmarks, www.washingtonwatch.com and Taxpayers for Common Sense joined forces to create this database. According to the data they compiled - for fiscal year 2011 Members requested over 39,000 earmarks totaling over \$130 billion. Absolutely disgraceful. I encourage every American to go to the website www.endingspending.com study it, and make yourselves aware of how your elected officials seek to spend your money.

"In the short time I've had to review this massive piece of legislation - I've identified approximately 6,488 earmarks totaling nearly \$8.3 billion. Here is a small sample:

\$277,000 for potato pest management in Wisconsin
\$246,000 for bovine tuberculosis in Michigan and Minnesota
\$522,000 for cranberry and blueberry disease and breeding in New Jersey
\$500,000 for oyster safety in Florida
\$349,000 for swine waste management in North Carolina
\$413,000 for peanut research in Alabama
\$247,000 for virus free wine grapes in Washington
\$208,000 beaver management in North Carolina
\$94,000 for blackbird management in Louisiana
\$165,000 for maple syrup research in Vermont
\$235,000 for noxious weed management in Nevada
\$100,000 for the Edgar Allen Poe Cottage Visitor's Center in New York
\$300,000 for the Polynesian Voyaging Society in Hawaii
\$400,000 for solar parking canopies and plug-in electric stations in Kansas

"Additionally, the bill earmarks \$727,000 to compensate ranchers in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan whenever endangered wolves eat their cattle. As my colleagues know, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Gray Wolf program is under intense scrutiny for wasting millions of taxpayer dollars every year to 'recover' endangered wolves that are now overpopulating the West and Midwest. My State of Arizona has a similar wolf program but ranchers in my state aren't getting \$727,000 in this bill.

"Mr. President, I will have much more to say about this bill later this week. I assure my colleagues - we will spend a great deal of time talking about this bill and the outrageous number of earmarks it contains. But for now let me just say this: it is December 14th - we are 22 days away from the beginning of a new Congress and nearly three full months into fiscal year 2011 - and yet we have not debated a single spending bill or considered any amendments to cut costs or get our debt under control. Furthermore, the majority decided that they just didn't feel like doing a budget this year. How is that responsible leadership?

"This is the ninth omnibus appropriations bill we have considered in this body since 2000. That is shameful and we should be embarrassed by the fact that we care so little about doing the people's business that we continuously put off fulfilling our constitutional responsibilities until the very last minute.

"One thing is abundantly clear to me - that the majority has not learned the lessons of last month's election. The American people could not have been more clear. They are tired of wasteful spending. They are tired of big government. They are tired of sweetheart deals for special interests. They are tired of business as usual in Washington. And they are tired of massive bills - just like this one - put together behind closed doors, and rammed through the Congress at the last

moment so that no one has the opportunity to read them and no one really knows what kind of waste is in them.

"Let me be clear about one thing - if the Majority Leader insists on proceeding to this monstrosity - the American people will know what's in it. I will be joined by many of my colleagues on this side of the aisle to ensure that every single word of this bill is read aloud here on the Senate floor.

"I encourage my friends on the other side of the aisle to rethink their strategy and move forward with a short-term continuing resolution to fund the government into next year when a new Congress takes over - a Congress that was elected by the American people on November 2nd. "The majority may be able to strongarm enough members into voting for this omnibus - but they will not win in the end. The American people will remember - and I predict that we will see a repeat of November 2nd in the very near future."

From:

<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/politics/mccain-spending-bill-12-14-2010>

What is sad, there were millions of youth voters who voted for Obama because he was cool and they opposed McCain because he was this cranky old guy. These young people will find out that hard way that, some day, overspending by \$1-\$1.5 trillion each year will have to be paid for.

The Department of Labor vs. America's Farm Kids

By Josiah Cantrall

America was built by farmers, and to this day, farming is a generational industry for many. So why are federal agencies, led by President Obama appointees, intent on taking steps that will undermine and ultimately destroy our nation's agricultural heartland?

It's no secret that liberals hold fatty, high-carbohydrate dairy and corn products directly responsible for our nation's obesity rates. They blame farting cows for a depleted ozone layer and consider farming streamlined animal abuse. Yet the government's attempt to effectively ban farm kids from working on their own farms goes beyond outrageous.

Under new standards being advocated by the Labor Department, youths under the age of eighteen would be prohibited from working in hay lofts, giving shots, caring for baby animals, and being in the vicinity of animals whose behavior may be "unpredictable." For the estimated 1.3 million youths living or working on farms, this means no longer being able to perform routine chores if the farm is set up as a corporation or a business partnership. Today, the vast majority of family farms are legally structured in this manner.

Citing agriculture's high fatality rate, uninformed liberal elites have taken it upon themselves to create an image of uneducated, backwards farmers who are too stupid to protect themselves and their children. In fact, the Labor Department believes that "[c]hildren employed in agriculture are some of the most vulnerable workers in America."

Nothing could be farther from the truth.

While America is busy engineering politically correct, "bubble-wrapped babies," farm kids are raised to endure adversity, work hard, and take responsibility.

Starting at very young ages, farm kids perform chores, fix machinery, and work with animals. I drove my first tractor when I was thirteen, and even then, I was behind the "learning curve." As a 130-pound high school freshman, I frequently wrestled 300-pound calves in order to perform routine chores like administering shots and tagging ears.

Was I a tough kid? Absolutely. We all were. We all are. My childhood was full of the strains, aches, and cuts liberal elites track as labor abuse statistics. Then and now, I view these temporary discomforts as evidence of a hard day's work.

Years beyond their peers in maturity and experience, farm kids are capable of handling adult responsibilities at a younger age. It's no surprise, then, that the majority of deaths and injuries occur to youth ages 16-19. Still, farm-related injuries among youths have declined 48% from 1998 to 2009.

On average, 113 youths under the age of twenty die annually from farm-related injuries. Dividing this number by America's 1.3 million farm kids results in a fatality rate of 8.7 deaths per 100,000 youths. However, 35% of these deaths are attributed to motor vehicles, ATVs, and drowning. Youth deaths are consequently 75%-85% lower than the 2009 adult fatality rate, which was 24.7 deaths per 100,000 workers.

In comparison, the Centers for Disease Control report that 716 bicyclists were killed in 2008, and a sample of 100 hospitals recorded that nearly 240,000 kids fourteen and younger were treated for bike-related accidents. In 2007, an additional 700-plus youths under the age of fourteen drowned.

Should we now ban kids from swimming and riding their bikes?

The University of Wisconsin attributes 63% of farm deaths to tractors and machinery -- tractor rollovers being the most common. If the Labor Department were actually concerned about farm safety, it could address this issue alone.

But it's never been about protecting people.

Bureaucrats hate the quintessential American culture of family farms. The independence-centered, "pull yourself up by your

boot straps" emphasis on responsibility goes against everything they believe in. Simply put, people who think for themselves and work hard don't live off the government. And they certainly don't vote to keep liberals in power!

Farming is part of our identity. It is our way of life, our heritage, our patriotism, and the foundation of our generational values. Farming is the essence of our loyalty to our families and our God -- and there is nothing more sacred than that.

That's why unelected liberal elites don't want farm kids working on farms.

From:

http://www.americanthinker.com/2011/12/the_department_of_labor_vs_americas_farm_kids.html#ixzz1gqlljbzz

My Time at Walmart: Why We Need Serious Welfare Reform

By Christine Rousselle

During the 2010 and 2011 summers, I was a cashier at Wal-Mart #1788 in Scarborough, Maine. I spent hours upon hours toiling away at a register, scanning, bagging, and dealing with questionable clientele. These were all expected parts of the job, and I was okay with it. What I didn't expect to be part of my job at Wal-Mart was to witness massive amounts of welfare fraud and abuse.

I understand that sometimes, people are destitute. They need help, and they accept help from the state in order to feed their families. This is fine. It happens. I'm not against temporary aid helping those who truly need it. What I saw at Wal-Mart, however, was not temporary aid. I witnessed generations of families all relying on the state to buy food and other items. I literally witnessed small children asking their mothers if they could borrow their EBT cards. I once had a

man show me his welfare card for an ID to buy alcohol. The man was from Massachusetts. Governor Michael Dukakis' signature was on his welfare card. Dukakis' last gubernatorial term ended in January of 1991. I was born in June of 1991. The man had been on welfare my entire life. That's not how welfare was intended, but sadly, it is what it has become.

Other things witnessed while working as a cashier included:

a) People ignoring me on their iPhones while the state paid for their food. (For those of you keeping score at home, an iPhone is at least \$200, and requires a data package of at least \$25 a month. If a person can spend \$25+ a month so they can watch YouTube 24/7, I don't see why they can't spend that money on food.)

b) People using TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) money to buy such necessities such as earrings, kitkat bars, beer, WWE figurines, and, my personal favorite, a slip n' slide. TANF money does not have restrictions like food stamps on what can be bought with it.

c) Extravagant purchases made with food stamps; including, but not limited to: steaks, lobsters, and giant birthday cakes.

d) A man who ran a hotdog stand on the pier in Portland, Maine used to come through my line. He would always discuss his hotdog stand and encourage me to "come visit him for lunch some day." What would he buy? Hotdogs, buns, mustard, ketchup, etc. How would he pay for it? Food stamps. Either that man really likes hotdogs, or the state is paying for his business. Not okay.

The thing that disturbed me more than simple cases of fraud/abuse was the entitled nature of many of my customers. One time, a package of bell peppers did not ring up as food in the computer. After the woman swiped her EBT card, it showed a balance that equaled the cost of the

peppers. The woman asked what the charge was, and a quick glance at the register screen showed that the peppers did not ring up as food. (Food items had the letter 'F' next to their description.) The woman immediately began yelling at me, saying that, "It's food! You eat it!"

This wasn't the only time things like this happened: if a person's EBT balance was less than they thought it would be, or if their cards were declined, it was somehow my fault. I understand the situation is stressful, but a person should be knowledgeable about how much money is in their account prior to going grocery shopping. EBT totals are printed on receipts, and every cell phone has a calculator function. There's no excuse, and there's no reason to yell at the cashier for it.

The worst thing I ever saw at Wal-Mart Scarborough was two women and their children. These women each had multiple carts full of items, and each began loading them at the same time (this should have been a tip-off to their intelligence levels). The first woman, henceforth known as Welfare Queen #1, paid for about \$400 worth of food with food stamps. The majority of her food was void of any nutritional value. She then pulled out an entire month's worth of WIC (Women, Infants, and Children program) checks. I do not mind people paying with WIC, but the woman had virtually none of the correct items. WIC gives each participating mother a book containing actual images of items for which a person can and cannot redeem the voucher. This woman literally failed at image comprehension.

After redeeming 10+ WIC checks, Welfare Queen #1 had me adjust the prices of several items she was buying (Wal-Mart's policy is to adjust the price of the item without question if it's within a dollar or two). She then pulled out a vacuum cleaner, and informed me that the cost of the vacuum was \$3.48 because, "that's what the label says." The vacuum cleaner was next to a stack of crates that were \$3.48. Somehow, every other

customer was able to discern that the vacuum cleaner was not \$3.48, but Welfare Queen #1 and her friend Welfare Queen #2 were fooled. Welfare Queen #2 informed me that she used to work for Wal-Mart, and that the "laws of Wal-Mart legally said" that I would have to sell her the vacuum for \$3.48. After contacting my manager, who went off to find the proper vacuum price, Welfare Queen #1 remarked that it must be tough to stand on a mat all day and be a cashier. I looked at her, smiled, shrugged, and said, "Well, it's a job." She was speechless. After they finally admitted defeat, (not before Welfare Queen #2 realizing she didn't have enough money to buy all of the food she had picked out, resulting in the waste of about \$200 worth of products) the two women left about an hour and a half after they arrived at my register. The next man in line said that the two women reminded him of buying steel drums and cement. I said I was reminded why I vote Republican.

Maine has a problem with welfare spending. Maine has some of the highest rates in the nation for food stamp enrollment, Medicaid, and TANF. Nearly 30% of the state is on some form of welfare. Maine is the only state in the nation to rank in the top two for all three categories. This is peculiar, as Maine's poverty rate isn't even close to being the highest in the nation. The system in Maine is far easier to get into than in other states, and it encourages dependency. When a person makes over the limit for benefits, they lose all benefits completely. There is no time limit and no motivation to actually get back to work. Furthermore, spending on welfare has increased dramatically, but there has been no reduction of the poverty rate. Something is going terribly wrong, and the things I saw at work were indicators of a much larger problem. Something must change before the state runs out of money funding welfare programs.

From:

<http://thecollegeconservative.com/2011/12/13/my-time-at-walmart-why-we-need-serious-welfare-reform/>

Christine is a college girl hoping to become the next Ann Coulter

Media Research Center's Media Quotes of the Year

The Tea Party Terrorists Award

Winner

Paul Krugman "We don't have proof yet that this was political, but the odds are that it was. She's been the target of violence before....Her father says that 'the whole Tea Party' was her enemy. And yes, she was on Sarah Palin's infamous 'crosshairs' list. Just yesterday, Ezra Klein remarked that opposition to health reform was getting scary. Actually, it's been scary for quite a while, in a way that already reminded many of us of the climate that preceded the Oklahoma City bombing....Violent acts are what happen when you create a climate of hate. And it's long past time for the GOP's leaders to take a stand against the hate-mongers."

- New York Times columnist Paul Krugman in a 3:22pm ET January 8 blog posting, less than two hours after news broke of Gabrielle Giffords' shooting.

Runner-up

Joan Walsh / Chris Matthews

Salon's Joan Walsh: "These people, the Tea Partiers and their friends and their enablers and their corporate friends like Dick Armey, they have created this shrieking on the right....They're paying the lowest taxes in 50 years - more than 50 years, more than my lifetime - and they are still complaining. And some of them aren't complaining. There are some good business people who know this game of chicken, in particular, is deadly and it's wrong and it's

hostage-taking. And you shouldn't negotiate with hostage-takers."

Host Chris Matthews: "I agree with you. I agree with you. I agree. It's terrorism."

- MSNBC's Hardball, July 5.

Tying Granny to the Train Tracks Award for Condemning Budget Cuts

Winner

Christiane Amanpour "People who have been studying your numbers very carefully have been saying that the numbers don't add up....[They say] two-thirds of the savings that you want to make in spending cuts come at the expense of programs designed for the poor, for the disadvantaged. And this is reverse Robin Hoodism, if you like - take from the poor, give back to the rich again."

- ABC's Christiane Amanpour to Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) on This Week, May 1.

Runners-up

Tavis Smiley "Budgets are moral documents. You can say what you say, but you are what you are. And when you put your budget on the table, that's when we learn who you really are. And I'm not so sure that this is not anything more than an immoral document where the poor are concerned....We avoided a shutdown of government, but we effectively locked out the American people, namely, the poor. And I don't understand why it is in this town that every debate about money always begins and ends with how we can further reward the rich and more punish the poor."

- PBS's Tavis Smiley talking about the budget deal that prevented a government shutdown, NBC's Meet the Press, April 17.

Jake Tapper "The shutdown will stop new funding for medical research and hope for desperate patients....Doctors at the National Institutes of Health would be forced to stop seven new clinical trials, four involving children, next week; and stop

admitting new patients at 640 ongoing trials, 60 of them involving children with cancer."

- ABC's Jake Tapper on World News, April 6.

The Obamagasm Award

Winner

Stephen Marche "Can we just enjoy Obama for a moment? Before the policy choices have to be weighed and the hard decisions have to be made, can we just take a month or two to contemplate him the way we might contemplate a painting by Vermeer or a guitar lick by the early-seventies Rolling Stones or a Peyton Manning pass or any other astounding, ecstatic human achievement? Because twenty years from now, we're going to look back on this time as a glorious idyll in American politics, with a confident, intelligent, fascinating president riding the surge of his prodigious talents from triumph to triumph....'I am large, I contain multitudes,' Walt Whitman wrote, and Obama lives that lyrical prophecy....Barack Obama is developing into what Hegel called a 'world-historical soul,' an embodiment of the spirit of the times. He is what we hope we can be."

- Esquire's Stephen Marche in a column for the magazine's August 2011 issue: "How Can We Not Love Obama? Because Like It or Not, He Is All of Us."

Runners-up

Howard Fineman "By calmly and meticulously overseeing the successful targeting of Osama bin Laden, President Barack Obama just proved himself - vividly, in almost Biblical terms - to be an effective commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the United States."

- Ex-Newsweek correspondent and editor Howard Fineman writing at the Huffington Post, May 2.

Christiane Amanpour "Full of sunny optimism, very Reaganesque, on and on about American exceptionalism in many, many instances and full of Kennedyesque encouragement to break a new

frontier. That Sputnik moment was remarkable...."

- ABC's Christiane Amanpour reviewing Obama's State of the Union speech during live coverage, January 25.

George Stephanopoulos

Host Charlie Rose: "How is he doing overall in your judgment, the President?"

ABC's George Stephanopoulos: "Solid. I mean, it's hard to imagine - I'm trying to think in our lifetime if anybody has been dealt a tougher hand coming into the White House. And given that, I think he has done remarkably well....I think people respect him even more than they like him."

- Exchange on PBS's Charlie Rose, July 12.

Lara Spencer "Is President Obama a baby whisperer? The leader of the free world worked his magic on this munchkin a few days ago at the White House. Now, watch as the First Lady tries to quiet down the fussy little friend....She then hands the bawling baby to the big man and, presto, the tot is simply transfixed."

- "Lifestyle anchor" Lara Spencer on ABC's Good Morning America, June 22.

Jim Kuhnenn "At a community center in the heart of the jostling slum, the President plunged into the lives of children there, playing soccer with kids and watching enthralled at a dazzling martial arts display....The President's sightseeing Sunday was sure to endear him even more to a diverse and multicultural country where his personal story already makes him popular."

- Associated Press reporter Jim Kuhnenn writing about President Obama's trip to Brazil, March 20.

The rest can be found here:

<http://mrc.org/notablequotables/bestof/2011/publicballot/results.aspx?page=1>

Economic Growth Requires Tax Reform, Simplification

by Dr. Brian Baugus

This is the first installment of a multi-part series on suggested economic policies for the next government to consider. These are meant to be long-term solutions. Our current economic downturn is temporary and has some short-term causes but a large part of the explanation lies in the worldview and longer term thinking that governments of both parties have adopted, in small ways since maybe Abraham Lincoln but in significant ways since Franklin Roosevelt and in exaggerated extremes since Lyndon Johnson. The federal deficit, the mess we call a tax code and so forth were created over a long time and while the solutions can be implemented with greater haste it will take some time for the transition and full effects to be felt and the returns to be realized. The political class has seldom shown signs of long term thinking and the greater population seems less so, we can only pray and hope the message gets through. My first installment is on the tax code.

Axiom 1 of Taxation: Higher rates are counter-productive: They do not collect more revenues and provide incentives to engage in non-productive behavior.

Policy application of Axiom 1: Lower the top rate to increase revenue collected and reduce the incentives for unproductive defensive actions.

Axiom 2 of Taxation: Income is income; its source is irrelevant.

Policy application of Axiom 2: Eliminate the corporate tax and the different tax treatment for capital gains. All income should be taxed at the time it is realized and at the same rate.

Axiom 3 of Taxation: The tax code should not destroy the incentive or ability to save or to transfer wealth.

Policy application of Axiom 3: Eliminate taxation on the interest earned on savings accounts, certificate of deposit and other interest bearing bank accounts as well as the gift tax and inheritance tax.

Axiom 4 of Taxation: The tax code should be easy to understand and easy to comply with.

Policy application of Axiom 4: The tax code needs a massive simplification; fewer brackets, shorter forms more universal treatment of income. The first tax form fit on one page, it should again.

What is the purpose of taxation? As with any tool or power granted the government the power to tax is abused. The politicians have long ago lost focus of the purpose and use it primarily as a system to punish and reward based on political favoritism. Just the threat of a new tax brings out the lobbyists and donations to try to influence the outcome. The tax code is a very efficient way to transfer wealth from political enemies to political friends. However, in a liberal free market democracy, the purpose of taxation is to raise the revenue needed to fund the government with as little interference with the private sector's efficient operation as possible

The system's complexity is deliberate; to keep the people in fear and in line. More of the nation's resources are used to comply with the tax code and fill out tax forms than are employed in most manufacturing industries. According to the statistics we spend more time doing our taxes than making cars. There is no moral or economic justification for a tax scheme that requires 6.1 billion man-hours a year to fill out tax forms. Besides politicians, tax accountants and tax attorney's no one benefits from a complicated tax code and the amount of time we spend has a

high opportunity costs, there are many things we could do with that time, we could spend 1 billion hours as a nation filling out tax forms and still have enough hours to double our car production. In addition to the massive waste, a complicated tax code provides many opportunities for graft, corruption, political favors and legal extortion.

The income tax is the best example of how this unnecessary complexity and uncertainty serves the connected at the expense of the less connected. Income tax rates have fluctuated much more than spending has. These charts show how rates have been highly variable while spending has been lumpy but within a much narrower range. This is because keeping the payers in the dark and uncertain is desirable while keeping the recipients pleased and happy is desirable. So, taxation rules are complex and ever changing while spending is steady and predictable. After all, the tax code is about transferring money from the unorganized and less aware to the organized and politically active. The cover story for all of this is to brag about taxing the rich, which really never happens since the rich can afford the talent to find loopholes. While rates have been all over the place, actual revenue collected has been pretty steady, which is necessary for predictable and steady spending. Since 1960, which includes times when the top marginal income tax rate has ranged from 90% to 28% the amount of revenue collected has been between 15% and 20% of GDP. Despite what some want us to believe, experience tells us that rates and revenues are only loosely correlated. As rates increase those with the most to lose take avoidance actions. If economic theory is unpersuasive then maybe the recent experience in Maryland is convincing, when the government passed a millionaire surtax and the number of millionaires fell by a third in one year.

The largest cost of high tax rates is all the investing and productive activities that could take place but does not as people seek to hide their income and resources to protect them from the

taxman instead of investing and growing them. It is the jobs and businesses not created, the new products not brought to market and so forth. The tax money collected may seem like a cost and to the individual it is, but to society that is not lost, just transferred. To some of us that transfer is to a less efficient and less desirable uses but that is more of a judgment call than an economic conclusion. The real cost cannot be seen but is very real.

The same is can also be said of business related income. The United States has the second highest corporate tax of any developed nation. We hear about how poorly we fare against other countries in various ways but we seldom hear about our disadvantageous corporate tax code. People own corporations. Corporate income belongs to individuals. These people pay taxes on the income they earn and there is no economic basis for differing tax rates based on the source of that income. The corporation may not disburse that income but retain it for other purposes but eventually that income will be realized either as a dividend or as a capital gain and should be taxed once, at the individual's tax rate when it is realized.

The perverted incentives in our tax code are very obvious in this area. Interest paid on debt by a corporation is a tax shield. Interest is paid pre-tax so it lowers the firm's tax burden. However, income distributed as dividends is taxed twice. So assuming a 35% corporate tax rate and 28% individual tax rate, a dollar of interest saves the company 35 cents in taxes while the dollar in dividends gets taxed at 35% and then the dividend at 28% leaving 47 cents from the original dollar as income to the stockholder. The government should not have a claim on as much as half of all shareholder's income.

My one aberration from my basic approach is how interest earned on savings should be treated. Axiom 2 states that income is income and all should be taxed the same but for many

people bank savings is their primary investment and it seems appropriate to give it tax-exempt status. This is the first source of capital for many new entrepreneurs and small businesses. We are a capitalist country, we run on capital and it needs to be available plus we want people to have a stake in the ownership and development of businesses and one way to address this is to make interest earned on savings accounts and certificate of deposits tax exempt. Not so long ago the interest we paid on credit cards was tax exempt and it spurred a consumer debt bonanza that very well may have helped create the 'play now and pay later' mentality that seems to permeate our society. It is time we seek to reward thrift and prudence. However, the capital in inheritances and gifts has been taxed already. The government claims the right to take up to half of this money just because someone wants to give it to another. There is certainly no moral justification for this policy, it is rooted in greed and envy and results in people undertaking a number of non-productive protective actions to keep the government away. We need that money in its most productive use, not threading its way through a labyrinth of loopholes avoiding the IRS.

The current tax code is about rewards and punishment, taxing the dispersed masses to reward the politically active. It needs to stop. The code is just another way politicians shakedown donors for contributions as well. If we are serious about economic growth and transparent government, we must simplify the code, reduce rates and quit using the tax code as political weapon.

From:

<http://biggovernment.com/bbaugus/2011/12/17/economic-growth-requires-tax-simplification/>

Voters Who Don't Know Anything

By Bill O'Reilly

Right now there are more than 200 million eligible voters in the U.S.A. Now I don't want to be arrogant here, I don't want to be supercilious. But I estimate that at least half of those folks no idea, none about what's going on in Washington. And their vote counts just as much as my vote or your vote and we take the time to study the issues.

Therefore presidential candidates know they can get some votes with rhetoric alone. Here is the President on "60 Minutes" last night.

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STEVE KROFT, CBS NEWS: What did you accomplish?

BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: Not only saving this country from a great depression. Not only saving the auto industry, but putting in place a system in which we're going to start lowering health care costs and you're never going to go bankrupt because you get sick or somebody in your family gets sick.

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O'REILLY: Now, according to a new CBS News poll which is usually friendly to the President; 54 percent of Americans do not believe... do not believe Mr. Obama deserves to be re-elected; just 41 percent say he does. But in the same poll, 44 percent approve of the job the President is doing; 46 disapprove so you can see the poll numbers don't add up. My conclusion, anything can happen next year, anything because many voters are confused.

The President himself would rather run against Newt Gingrich because then the Democrats can make the election about Newt rather than the

economy and the leadership of Barack Obama. If Mitt Romney opposes the President it's harder to do that and Romney would pound economics all day long.

Last night the President said this about his competition.

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OBAMA: It doesn't really matter who the nominee is going to be. The core philosophy that they are expressing is the same. And the contrast in visions between where I want to take the country and where they say they want to take the country is going to be stark and the American people are going to have a good choice and it's going to be a good debate.

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O'REILLY: That is absolutely true. Americans will face a stark choice next November. President Obama obviously doesn't want to cut government spending very much despite the fact we have more than \$15 trillion dollars in debt. Whoever the Republican nominee will be will have to slash and burn at the federal level. And by the way, if any American thinks taxing the rich is going to bring down debt, "clueless" is the appropriate word.

It is all about core philosophy. Democrats want social justice. They want American power and money to subsidize those who do not have very much not only here in America but all around the world. Republicans are big on self-reliance.

Therefore, President Obama does have a constituency that will vote for him no matter what because they want stuff from the feds. And Mr. Obama is banking on that, despite the fact that there isn't any money left in the federal bank.

And that's "The Memo."

Read more:

<http://www.foxnews.com/on-air/oreilly/2011/12/13/bill-oreilly-voters-who-dont-know-anything#ixzz1gvJsrlsy>

Obama just told us that he did not have any idea how bad the economic situation was...here are some articles from 2009:

Obama's Rhetoric Is the Real 'Catastrophe'

In 1932, automobile production shriveled by 90%.
By Bradley R. Chiller from 2009

President Barack Obama has turned fearmongering into an art form. He has repeatedly raised the specter of another Great Depression. First, he did so to win votes in the November election. He has done so again recently to sway congressional votes for his stimulus package.

In his remarks, every gloomy statistic on the economy becomes a harbinger of doom. As he tells it, today's economy is the worst since the Great Depression. Without his Recovery and Reinvestment Act, he says, the economy will fall back into that abyss and may never recover.

This fearmongering may be good politics, but it is bad history and bad economics. It is bad history because our current economic woes don't come close to those of the 1930s. At worst, a comparison to the 1981-82 recession might be appropriate. Consider the job losses that Mr. Obama always cites. In the last year, the U.S. economy shed 3.4 million jobs. That's a grim statistic for sure, but represents just 2.2% of the labor force. From November 1981 to October 1982, 2.4 million jobs were lost -- fewer in number than today, but the labor force was smaller. So 1981-82 job losses totaled 2.2% of the labor force, the same as now.

Job losses in the Great Depression were of an entirely different magnitude. In 1930, the economy shed 4.8% of the labor force. In 1931, 6.5%. And then in 1932, another 7.1%. Jobs were being lost at double or triple the rate of 2008-09 or 1981-82.

This was reflected in unemployment rates. The latest survey pegs U.S. unemployment at 7.6%. That's more than three percentage points below the 1982 peak (10.8%) and not even a third of the peak in 1932 (25.2%). You simply can't equate 7.6% unemployment with the Great Depression.

Other economic statistics also dispel any analogy between today's economic woes and the Great Depression. Real gross domestic product (GDP) rose in 2008, despite a bad fourth quarter. The Congressional Budget Office projects a GDP decline of 2% in 2009. That's comparable to 1982, when GDP contracted by 1.9%. It is nothing like 1930, when GDP fell by 9%, or 1931, when GDP contracted by another 8%, or 1932, when it fell yet another 13%.

Auto production last year declined by roughly 25%. That looks good compared to 1932, when production shriveled by 90%. The failure of a couple of dozen banks in 2008 just doesn't compare to over 10,000 bank failures in 1933, or even the 3,000-plus bank (Savings & Loan) failures in 1987-88. Stockholders can take some solace from the fact that the recent stock market debacle doesn't come close to the 90% devaluation of the early 1930s.

Mr. Obama's analogies to the Great Depression are not only historically inaccurate, they're also dangerous. Repeated warnings from the White House about a coming economic apocalypse aren't likely to raise consumer and investor expectations for the future. In fact, they have contributed to the continuing decline in consumer confidence that is restraining a spending pickup. Beyond that, fearmongering can trigger a political stampede to embrace a

"recovery" package that delivers a lot less than it promises. A more cool-headed assessment of the economy's woes might produce better policies.

Great Depression vs. 'Great Recession'

Comparisons between this economic recession and the Great Depression are common, but the granddaddy of all downturns was far worse. By David Goldman, from 2009

	Great Depression	'Great Recession'
Bank failures	9,096 – 50% of banks (Jan. 1930 – March 1933)	57 – 0.6% of banks (Dec. 2007 – May 2009)
Unemployment rate	25%	8.5%
Economic decline	-26.5% (1929 - 1933)	-3.3% (Second quarter 2008 - first quarter 2009)
Biggest decline in Dow Jones industrial average	-89.2% (Sept. 3, 1929 – July 8, 1932)	-53.8% (Oct. 9, 2007 - March 9, 2009)
Change in prices	-25% (1929 – 1933)	0.005 (Dec. 2007-March 2009)
Emergency spending programs	1.5% of GDP for 1 year (Increase in 1934 budget deficit)	2.5% of GDP for 2 years (2009 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act)
States' response	Raise taxes, cut spending	Federal stimulus plan gives fiscal relief to states to lessen impact of tax increases

Increase in money supply by Federal Reserve	17% (1933)	125%
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From:

http://money.cnn.com/news/storysupplement/economy/recession_depression/

Nancy Pelosi's Plea for Money

[Your name goes here]

In the hours after Republicans rammed through their poison-pill packed version of the payroll tax cut extension, over 97,000 of you stood with President Obama's veto threat.

Can you help us reach 100,000 strong before Midnight tonight?

The Republican plan would force millions of seniors to pay more for health care and one million unemployed Americans to sacrifice their benefits - but refuse to ask the wealthiest 1% or special interests like Big Oil to sacrifice one red cent.

Now, if Speaker Boehner, Eric Cantor, and Tea Party Republicans refuse to back down from their outrageous demands, the government could be forced to shut down tomorrow at midnight.

Thanks for acting fast,

Nancy Pelosi

P.S. After you sign, please forward this email to 3 friends and encourage them to sign.

Christmas Message from Congress

Following to passing of the 2011 omnibus spending bill.

By Walter Todd Huston

Dear American Voters,

Screw you.

We'll spend what we want.

Love,

Your Democrat Controlled Congress

Merry Christmas, America.

From:

<http://www.conservativecrusader.com/articles/a-detailed-list-of-earmarks-in-the-omnibus-spending-bill>

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[Pork-Filled Omnibus bill article](#)

[Google Spreadsheet posted by Tom Coburn of the 2011 omnibus expenditures.](#)

[Obama's Justice Department is going after Arizona Sheriff Arpaio for being discriminatory; sounds as if they will try to "train" him first.](#)

[The Great Economic Collapse and why no one is going to jail.](#) I have updated this and included a number of links to substantiate the charges.

[Congressmen can't say 'Merry Christmas' in mail?](#)

[These 10 Cars Are So Popular, They're Running Out of Stock](#)

[Six Reasons Christiane Amanpour Failed at ABC's 'This Week'](#)

Additional Sources

[Obama's Justice Department joins Britain's 'Climategate' leaker manhunt](#)

[Republicans worse than Jim Crow](#)

The Rush Section

Hurricane Forecasters Admit They Can't Predict Hurricanes

RUSH: Let's go back to June 2nd, 2003, June 2nd, 2003. This is me on this program.

RUSH ARCHIVE: These hurricane forecast guys -- who do not know what they're talking about. I mean, there is literally, my friends, there's no way you can know how many hurricanes you are gonna have, there's no way you can know other than seasonal averages how many big ones, and there's no way you can know where they're gonna hit and all that. But yet they've come out with their forecast: And this is going to be the worst hurricane season in many decades.

RUSH: Every year. Every year. First it's Colorado State University's William Gray, and then NASA comes out with their forecast, and then Accuweather comes out with theirs. I mean, they all do -- and you know what? These are taken seriously. I remember one year, and this is not that long ago, one year -- it was not a hurricane forecast, it was an El Nino forecast -- some bunch put out a forecast that the Florida winter was

going to be 20 degrees below normal. People from Europe and northern climates began canceling their seasonal hotel reservations because of this forecast, and the forecast was made in September, October that El Nino was gonna cause a bitterly cold south Florida winter. And it was all bogus. Well, "Two top US hurricane forecasters, revered like rock stars in Deep South hurricane country, are quitting the practice because it doesn't work. William Gray and Phil Klotzbach say a look back shows their past 20 years of forecasts had no value. The two scientists from Colorado State University will still discuss different probabilities as hurricane seasons approach -- a much more cautious approach. But the shift signals how far humans are, even with supercomputers, from truly knowing what our weather will do next."

Forecasts had no value.

Now, I first saw this reported in the Ottawa Citizen in Canada. These two scientists, William Gray and Phil Klotzbach, released this statement six days ago, and we just hear about it today. They release their statement on December 7th. So far, not one United States mainstream news outlet has bothered to pick up the story. Apparently the public doesn't have the need or the right to know about such things. Folks, do you know how many people went out and bought insurance policies based on these forecasts? Do you know how much money was spent to protect from upcoming hurricanes or to prepare for, or to insure against or whatever? And, by the way, I like Bill Gray. I don't want to be misunderstood here. I think this takes guts to do this. I would expect next somebody in the global warming community is going to say the same thing, that their research over the last 20 years has shown that it has no value, that it is worthless, that we don't know what we're talking about. Bill Gray, to his credit, has constantly said, "Global warming has nothing to do with hurricanes. It has nothing to do with their formation, it has nothing to do with their intense, it has nothing to do with their

volume, it has nothing to do with anything." But now 20 years, 20 years, they went back and looked 20 years of forecasting has been found to have zilch value.

RUSH: Bill Gray at Colorado State University basically throwing in the towel. This is a major, major thing. They announce this on December 7th. It still hasn't shown up in the American media, and there's a reason obviously it hasn't shown up. It might undercut the popular idea that computer models can predict the weather decades from now. The whole global warming hoax is based on computer models and fraudulently faked data like tree cores, ice cores, whatever else they make up -- and what Bill Gray has basically said is we've gone back and we've examined our work for the last two decades, the last 20 years, and it's of no value. Our computers were worthless in predicting any aspect of hurricane activity year to year.

So I went back to the archives of my own program, and I found this November 26, 2007, about four years ago. I said this: "If they can't tell us in March," which is when the first real seasonal forecast is always issued, "If they can't tell us in March how many hurricanes we're going to have between June 1st and November 30th in a single year, then the question must be asked. Since they believe hurricanes are part of global warming, part of the whole carbon emissions greenhouse gases meme, why in the world are we to accept any prediction they make for 50 years out, 30 years out, or even ten years out -- particularly when those forecasts involve man-made activities -- and yet in March, we don't know how many hurricanes we're gonna have?"

On that same day, November 26th of 2007, there was also a story in the UK Telegraph which claimed "Mankind Shortening the Universe's Life," and that story was based on all of these similar kind of models that Bill Gray and Phil Klotzbach were using to predict their hurricanes. This is major, and the fact that the American

media has ignored it is tantamount evidence that global warming is nothing more than a political issue, part of an agenda of socialism, Marxism, whatever you want to call it that's to be advanced. A huge, huge thing. Bill Gray is a hero here. He is really a hero. You have to commend these guys, Gray and Klotzbach, for having the courage to admit the truth. You know, they're putting their reputations at risk here, perhaps a lot of grant money for Colorado, Colorado State University. I mean they've just come out and said their whole department's work had no value!

December 7th, ladies and gentlemen, this all came out -- December 7th -- and not a word has been said about it in the US media.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/entertainment/Hurricane+predictors+admit+they+predict+hurricanes/5847032/story.html>

Critics Pan Chelsea Clinton's Debut

RUSH: Chelsea Clinton had her media debut last night on NBC with Brian Williams -- and, my friends, it isn't pretty. I have just one review, but I'm telling you she is being ripped across, over the coals. (interruption) Well, H.R. is telling me over the IFB that he was surprised that Chelsea's being ripped. I am not surprised that she's being ripped because it's so obvious that you can't hide it. But they are missing the point here. They are reviewing her performance with the entirely wrong prism. Let me give you an example. Hank Stuever (I don't know how he pronounces it. It's S-t-u-e-v-e-r, might be Stuever, could be Stuever, whatever it is) in the Washington Post.

Listen to this: "It's no surprise whatsoever that Chelsea Clinton didn't electrify broadcast journalism with her debut Monday night on NBC's 'Rock Center With Brian Williams,' because she has no experience in broadcast journalism. She didn't cut her teeth with live coverage of strip-mall blazes in Sacramento. She never did

weekend weather in Wichita Falls. She didn't blow the lid off mail-order ham scams in Des Moines." (Who -- besides everyone working in TV news, who did each and every one of those things -- says you have to do all that?) "Rather, what was surprising to see on Monday night's show is how someone can be on TV in such a prominent way and, in her big moment, display so very little charisma -- none at all.

"Either we're spoiled by TV's unlimited population of giant personalities or this woman is one of the most boring people of her era." Washington Post. And that's just one. They're all like that. Every Drive-By review of Chelsea Clinton is that bad. It takes no prisoners whatsoever. Now, let's be fair here. Harry Reid isn't the most entertaining guy in the world, either. Harry Reid epitomizes boring, dull, dryball, you name it. Ditto... you want me to give you others names out there? You pick 'em. But this is where Mr. Stuever, Stuever, Stuever misses it -- and everybody else reviewing this misses it. Chelsea Clinton's career path has nothing to do with broadcast journalism. She is a statist-in-training. What we have in Chelsea Clinton is a woman who has been sheltered from the media by parents who wanted to protect her. I understand that. They succeeded.

Bill said (impression), "Lay off my daughter. I don't want to see any coverage about Chelsea. I don't want to see it! I -- I -- I don't want you to ask her any questions; I don't want her covered. She grants no interviews. You. Stay. Away," and they did. So, as such, nobody knows her. Now she's 31 years old. She is a statist-in-training. She's working on her 14th college degree. It's time to get serious about life now. Her future as a statist will require being good on TV -- learning how to become likable and what have you -- and so that's not what this is. This is not about Chelsea Clinton learning how to do news. And, remember, there isn't news in the news anymore. There's no news. That's just that's not why people turn on the TV. There's no news. She

is dutifully learning the inner workings of television in order to learn how to manipulate it later. That's all this is. Nobody starts at the top like this unless they're the daughter of an ex-president who can call in some chits. Nobody starts at the top like this.

Here, couple sound bites. First November 14th, we'll go back, Brian Williams. He was on Piers Morgan Tonight on CNN. They were talking about Chelsea Clinton being hired by NBC, and Piers Morgan said, "I think she'll be terrific." Why would he think that? He couldn't possibly know she'd be terrific. Piers Morgan: "I think she'd be terrific." How does he know? It's an inspired appointment," said Piers Morgan. "But there will be journalistic critics who say this is just further evidence of news networks dumbing down. It's the celebrification, if you like, of news, of conventional news journalism. What would you say to that?"

WILLIAMS: I can't wait to hear her voice and her viewpoint. And I would remind everybody that there was much kerfuffle about Tim Russert's resume: Oh, my goodness he worked for a couple elected Democrats. And what that nicely left out was Tim Russert's talent and intellect and ability to call them down the middle.

RUSH: Yep, yep, yep. Okay, so adding insult to injury now, Tim Russert posthumously compared to Chelsea Clinton by Brian Williams at NBC. So let's go. Last night, NBC's "Rock Center," Brian Williams speaking with correspondent statist-in-training Chelsea Clinton about how she became a reporter for NBC. Williams: "So tell us how you got from your life as it was, say yesterday, to a life now with us and doing this." Get this, now. So here's Chelsea, who's there because her dad called in a couple chits, or her mom, who knows, she's there because a phone call was made. Brian Williams, (imitating Williams) "Chelsea, what a story, what an achievement, so many people could learn so much. How did you go from being totally obscure

to being almost as big as I am on this show?" And here's what Chelsea said.

CHELSEA: For most of my life I did deliberately lead a private life, and inadvertently led a public life. I've always been incredibly proud of both of my parents, and proud of the work I had done privately. As a person and professionally and academically, my grandmother, who passed away at the beginning of November, had a core adage in her life, that life is not about what happens to you but about what you do with what happens to you, and she recently had been cajoling me and challenging me to do more with my life, to lead more of a purposefully public life, that being Chelsea Clinton had happened to me and that I had a responsibility to do something with that asset and opportunity, and telling stories through making a difference, I believe, will be one way to manifest that and I hope to make her proud.

RUSH: Okay. So, in her own words, that's how Chelsea got from her life as it was yesterday to last night with Brian Williams on "Rock Center." Well, you can be your own judge as to what you think she sounds like. A Washington Post guy said, (paraphrasing) "How is it possible to be so boring? How is it possible to have so little, if any, none, zilt, zero, nada, charisma?" (interruption) Are you kidding me? Brian and Dawn don't know what a "chit" is? You never heard of calling in a chit? You gotta be kidding me. Two members of my staff were lost when I said Bill Clinton called in a couple chits. What did you think I said, something other than chit? Never heard the word chit? Well, what would be a substitute word for it? (interruption) No, no, no, Clinton didn't call a couple chicks. A chit is a debt, gambling debt, a marker, an IOU, protection money, it could be any number of things. Does that help? They're still lost in there.

RUSH: You ever notice Tim Russert is the only news figure that the media can cite as being somewhat objective? Whenever the news media wants to tell us about somebody in their ranks

that calls 'em down the middle, it's always Tim Russert. Never anybody else. You notice that? Notice that? So you add that with the Sullivan Group and their auditing of my opinion, how could I not go up? I mean gem after gem after gem the past three weeks.

[Story Links](#)

Missouri Gets \$2M Grant to Feed Needy Kids

RUSH: The state of Missouri is "receiving a \$2 million federal grant to help feed needy children near Kansas City and St. Louis during the summer." Two million that we don't have to feed needy children near Kansas City and St. Louis during the summer. "The state has operated a pilot project in Kansas City and plans to expand it with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The funding will be divided between Kansas City and St. Louis. State officials say they will be able to help 10,000 children in the St. Louis, Kansas City, Hickman Mills and Center school districts."

Now, what did I just say? Nobody ever won anything defending it. Well, here you go. We're trying to defend against this profligate spending. But we're not on offense. We're just trying to stop it. We're like at the Alamo. We're just trying to stop it. We're constantly on defense everywhere, 'cause we don't use government the way they do. They're constantly on offense, constantly making a move, constantly trying to make it bigger. We're just saying, "Stop, stop, damn it, stop!" We're not even trying to advance anything. Very troubling. So this is how it works, you see.

If you feed them, if you feed the children three square meals a day during the school year, how can you expect them to feed themselves in the summer? So you start out with breakfast for the

kids that can't afford that, which happened when I was in junior high. I remember when it started. I remember the school making a big announcement over the PA, and I'm not lying to you, and I said, "What the hell is this? I eat breakfast at home, what is this?" Opening cafeteria at seven o'clock, and it was like a continental, it was nothing hot, it was rolls and bread and butter and stuff like that. And then of course it expanded. And we learn now it includes dinner in Memphis and other places during the school year.

Okay, then school ends, and of course how can we expect them to feed themselves in the summer when they haven't had to for nine months? So this is how it works. They demand to be fed during the summer. Or their acolytes demand that they be fed during the summer. Because, after all, we've conditioned them to not feeding themselves. Plus their parents don't have to take responsibility of feeding them, and their parents don't have to take responsibility of paying, not directly, for 'em to be fed. So it's just natural. "Mr. Limbaugh, these children simply are ill-equipped to feed themselves in the summertime. It's the only compassionate thing we can do." Yeah, well, who made that possible? You, Mr. New Castrati, by trying to make people helpless, wanton little waifs and serfs dependent on the state. Pure and simple.

[Link](#)

Additional Rush Links

[We Pay for the Entitlement Society](#)

[Public School Teachers Make Twice the Private Sector Average](#)

[CNSNews: Dept. of Labor: Public School Teachers Are Highest Paid State Workers; Compensation Doubles the Average in Private Industry](#)

[AP: Report: Half of Schools Don't Meet Federal Achievement Standards; Duncan Blames 'No Child Left Behind'](#)

[I Told You So: Obama Says Economy was Worse Than We Knew](#)

[Media Buries Bad News for Obama in Gallup Poll, Retail Sales Numbers](#)

[David Axelrod Calls Newt a Monkey, whose butt can be seen](#)

[Study: Eggs are Good for You](#)

[Women Will Bear Brunt of Climate Change](#)

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.

Christine Rouselle's website:

<http://thecollegeconservative.com/christine-rouselle/>

Ending Spending:

<http://endingspending.com/>

The Congressmen spending huge amounts of money and those who attempt to curb this spending:

<http://endingspending.com/sheriffsandbandits/>

Very good free enterprise blog and news source; *The American*:

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

Crossroads GPS site (the YouTube site is the best organized):

<http://www.youtube.com/CrossroadsGPSChannel>

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

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

Excellent set of short videos:

www.youtube.com/user/LearnLiberty

Split nation (news and opinions from both sides):

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

Page after page after page of slanted news coverage. Two similar stories are followed; one about Democrats and one about Republicans. How does the Obama Media Complex cover one as compared to the other?

<http://www.akdart.com/med6.html>

Very interesting economic news and views:

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

The Bluegrass pundit (a collection of stories of the day): pumpkin

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

The Global Warming Policy Foundation:

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

Current list of Obama's executive orders:

<http://1461days.blogspot.com/2009/01/current-list-of-president-obamas.html>

The Liberal Media Exposed by the Media Research Center (a right-leaning organization):

<http://www.mrc.org/biasbasics/pdf/BiasBasics.pdf>

The Times Watch, which gives example after example of the latest bias on mainstream news sources:

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

A syndicate of talent:

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

Conservative Daily News:

<http://conservativedailynews.com/>

Merging Corruption:

<http://emergingcorruption.com/>

Liberal blogger:

<http://doninmass.com/>

Pro/Con on important issues:

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

Stolen History. This is a Black historian who seeks to teach the actual history of the Black man in America:

<http://stolenhistory.org/>

Which interest groups support which party?

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

Open Secrets:

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

Honest news on the Occupy movement:

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

Are you a woman who wants a nice bag which is the right size to carry a weapon?

<http://designerconcealedcarry.com/>

Political Cartoons:

<http://drawfortruth.com/>

News opinion site I am still thinking about:

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

Examples of liberal results:

<http://urbangrounds.com/>

The Global Warming Policy Foundation:

<http://thegwvf.org/index.php>

The Occupy unofficial site:

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

The Freedom Post, a conservative blog who often likes facts and figures.

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

Rebel Pundit; citizen journalism from the belly of the beast:
<http://rebelpundit.com/>



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This holiday season, you can give to the 2012 campaign because of someone else—maybe a friend or family member.

Simply enter their name and email address, below. Then, we'll send them a message letting them know they inspired you to donate.

Thank you for supporting this campaign, and happy holidays.

*Important: By making a donation today, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to have dinner with Barack and Michelle Obama. By clicking on the "Submit" button below or otherwise participating in the promotion, you agree to be bound by these **Official Rules** and represent that you satisfy all of the eligibility requirements.*

Free Republic:
<http://www.freerepublic.com/home.htm>

Anti-Wall Street groups include: Stop the Machine under October 2011, which apparently had permits for for October. This is very organized; these are

Conservative blogging from the great unwashed
<http://www.policymic.com/main/index>

The Right Scoop, where there are a number of videos, mostly of recent speeches of presidential candidates.
<http://www.therightscoop.com/>

James O'Keefe's website (independent journalist):
<http://www.theprojectveritas.org/>

not people who just showed up suddenly. Their issues: protect the planet, healthcare for all, end wars, tax the rich and end corporate welfare.
<http://october2011.org/>

Freedom's Lighthouse:
<http://freedomslighthouse.net/>

The Swine Line (Citizens Against Government Waste):
<http://swineline.org/>

Right Change:

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

Misfit Politics on YouTube:

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

Translating Jihad:

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

The Five Myths archive of the Washington Post:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/five-myths/2010/07/06/ABCCtvO_linkset.html

The Obama Diary (this is a very pro-Obama diary with lots of videos):

<http://theobamadiary.com/>

I Hate the Media:

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

In case someone tells a fib about Obama, we need to turn that person in. Luckily, the President has provided for us such a website:

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/signup/o2012-attackwatch-report-an-attack> or after they have your email address, then use:

<http://AttackWatch.com>

The Obama Diary. This appears to be a pretty serious site, dedicated to telling you what the president is doing right:

<http://theobamadiary.com/>

Tomorrow's Economy Today (lots of graphs).

<http://www.economy-tomorrow.com/>

We the people; online petitions from the people to the White House:

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

Conservative blogging and [news](#):

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

Political news site; looks comprehensive and possibly non-partisan:

<http://electzu.com/>

Workforce Fairness Institute (it sounds like a liberal group, but it looks like a conservative group):

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

Wrote *Left Turn* and measures media bias as well as individuals. There is a 40 question test to measure your political quotient and the quotient of various media outlets are given.

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

Conservative Refocus (conservative opinion and a little news):

<http://www.conservativerefocus.com/index.php>

News and right-leaning commentary

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

Big Hairy News (right-leaning tongue-in-cheek and some actual news, sort of):

<http://peacemoonbeam.typepad.com/bighairynews/>

National Taxpayers Union:

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

Millionaires who think they should pay more taxes:

<http://patrioticmillionaires.org/>

Sunshine State News (almost the only news service which ran a story on Mack's Penny Plan). They are not a conservative news source, by the way.

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

Bankrupting America:

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

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

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



"No texting! No talking! No eating!
No shaving! No singing! No music! No. . . ."

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 (watching 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/>

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>

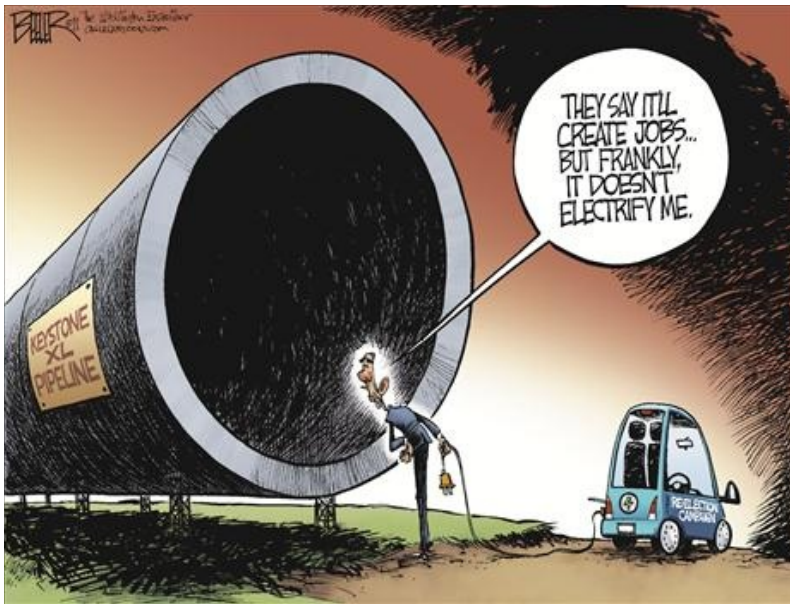
This website, asks the eternal question...
<http://www.isglennbeckright.com/>

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/sebastianjer/>

An article on the federal reserve:
http://www.apfn.org/apfn/fed_reserve.htm

The Economic Collapse Blog:
<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/>

Albert Mohler's blog, which is Christian and conservative:
<http://www.albertmohler.com/>

Readers begin a discussion, and other join in:
<http://ricochet.com/>

The Other Half of History (the history which is ignored in the modern classroom):
<http://historyhalf.com/columns/>

American History:
<http://wallbuilders.com/>

Citizen Tom (news and conservative commentary):
<http://citizentom.com/>

Pronk Palisades (recent news and editorial videos and links):
<http://raymondpronk.wordpress.com/>

The Right brothers (sort of newsy and commentary):
<http://therightbrothers.posterous.com/>

Freedom Fighter's Journal (news and opinion articles):
<http://ronbosoldier.blogspot.com/>

Liberty's Army (mostly economic and middle eastern revolutionary news right now):
<http://www.libertysarmy.com/>

News and opinion articles:
<http://iusbvision.wordpress.com/>

STORM's official Revolutionary document:
<http://www.leftspot.com/blog/files/docs/STORMSummation.pdf>

Climate Depot's 321-page 'Consensus Buster' Report:
<http://www.climatedepot.com/a/9035/SPEICIAL-REPORT-More-Than-1000-International-Scientists-Dissent-Over-ManMade-Global-Warming-Claims--Challenge-UN-IPCC--Gore>

The Iowahawk, which is a blog, at times, heavy with stats, and at other times, it is hard to tell:
<http://iowahawk.typepad.com/iowahawk/>

Liberal collector of links and liberal [news](#):
<http://onegoodmove.org/1gm/>

Good conservative news blog:
<http://a12iggymom.wordpress.com/>

The radio patriot; a news repository and right-wing blog:
<http://radiopatriot.wordpress.com/>

Glenn Beck's news page; almost everything is a video:
<http://www.theblaze.com/>

Conservative Girls are Hot:
<http://girlontheright.com/>

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

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

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/>

The Right Reasons (news and opinion):

<http://www.therightreasons.net/index.php>

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://mypetjawa.mu.nu/>

Kids Aren't Cars:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tammy Bruce

<http://tammybruce.com/>

[California's] Public Speakers blog:

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

Flashpoint—California’s most significant political news:

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

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

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

Political Chips:

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

Brits at their best:

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

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

<http://politicalaffairs.net/>

Headlines, short news stories:

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

Christmas is evil (Muslim website):

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

Conservative blogger:

<http://reaganiterepublicanresistance.blogs.pot.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>

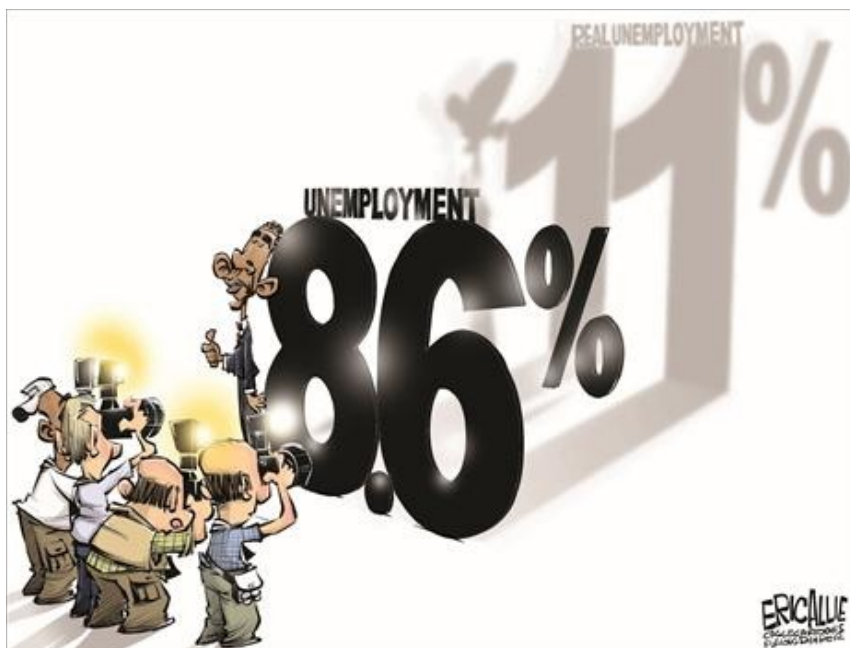
The U.K.’s number watch:

<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

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/>

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/WalterEWiliams/>

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

The Prairie Pundit:
<http://prairiepundit.blogspot.com/>

Ordering their pamphlets:

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

Cartoon (Senator Meddler):

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

Bear Witness:

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

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

Right Change (facts presented in an entertaining manner):

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

Bias alert from the Media Research Center:

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

Excellent conservative blogger:

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

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

<http://ourtab.org/>

Center for Responsive Politics:

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

The Chamber Post (pro-business blog):

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

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

<http://laborpains.org/>

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

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

Their opposition:

<http://resistingthegreendragon.com/>

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

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

The WSJ Guide to Financial Reform

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

The WSJ Guide to Obamacare:

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

The WSJ Guide to Climate Change

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

Video-heavy news source:

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

Political News:

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

Planet Gore; blogs about the environment:

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

The Patriot Post:

<http://patriotpost.us/>

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

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

Index of (business) freedom, world rankings:

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

U.S. State economic freedom:

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

The All-American Blogger:

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

The Right Scoop (with lots of vids):

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

In case you have not seen it yet, Obsession:

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

Inside Islam; what a billion Muslims think:

<http://vimeo.com/14121737>

World Net Daily (News):

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

Excellent blog with lots of cool vids:

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

Black and Right:

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

The Right Network:

<http://rightnetwork.com/>

Video on the Right Network:

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

The newly designed Democrat website:

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

Composition of Congress 1855–2010:

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

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

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

The anti-Jihad resistance (which appears to be a set of links to similar websites):

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

Seems to be fair and balanced with an international news approach:

<http://ibnlive.in.com/>

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

Black and Right dot com:

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

Mostly a liberal blogger, who says vicious things about most conservatives; and yet, says something sensible, e.g. posting many of the things which the healthcare bill does to us.

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

Conservative news site (many of the stories include videos):

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

<http://nakedemperornews.com/>

<http://pajamasmedia.com/>

Muslim hope:

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

Anti-Obama sites:

<http://howobamagotelected.com/>

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

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

International news, mostly about Israel and the Middle East:

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

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

News headlines sites (with links):

<http://drudgereport.com/>

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

Business blog and news:

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

And I have begun to sort out these links:

NEWS AND OPINIONS

Conservative News/Opinion Sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Right Wing News:
<http://rightwingnews.com/>

Scared Monkeys (somewhat of a conservative newsy site):
<http://scaredmonkeys.com/>

Conservative News Source:
<http://www.newsrealblog.com/>

David' Horowitz's NewsReal:
<http://www.newsrealblog.com/>

Pamela Geller's conservative website:
<http://atlashrugs2000.typepad.com/>

The news sites and the alternative news media:

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

Andrew Breithbart's websites:
<http://biggovernment.breitbart.com/>

Conservative Websites:
<http://www.theodoresworld.net/>
<http://conservalinked.com/>
<http://www.moonbattery.com/>
<http://www.rockiesghostriders.com/>
www.coalitionoftheswilling.net
<http://shortforordinary.com/>

A conservative worldview:
<http://www.divineviewpoint.com/sane/>
<http://www.theamericanright.com/forums/index.php>
<http://politipage.com/>

Liberal News Sites

Democrat/Liberal news site:
<http://intoxination.net/>

News

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

News Organization (I mention them because I have seen 2 honest stories on their website, which shocked and surprised me):
<http://www.ocregister.com/>

Business News/Economy News

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

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

Great business and political [news](#):

www.wsj.com

www.businessinsider.com

Quick News

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

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

Republican

Back to the basics for the Republican party:

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

Republican Stop Obamacare site:

<http://www.nrcc.org/codered/main.php>

North Suburban Republican Forum:

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

Politics

You Decide Politics (it appears conservative to me):

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

The Left

From the left:

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

Far left websites:

www.dailykos.com

Weatherman Underground 1969 "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows."

http://www.archive.org/details/YouDontNeedAWeathermanToKnowWhichWayTheWindBlows_925 (PDF, Kindle and other formats)

http://www.antiauthoritarian.net/sds_wuo/weather/weatherman_document.txt (Simple online text)

Insane, leftist blogs:

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

<http://poorsquinky.com/politics/all.html>

Media

Media Research Center

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

Conservative Blogs

Mike's America

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

Dick Morris:

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

David Limbaugh (great columns this week)

<http://davidlimbaugh.com/>

Texas Fred (blog and news):

<http://texasfred.net/>

Conservative Blogs:

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

<http://americanelephant.com/>

http://www.freerepublic.com/tag/*/index

The top 100 conservative sites:

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

Sensible blogger Burt Folsom:

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

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

<http://constitutingamerica.org/>

Conservative news/opinion site:

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

The Left Coast Rebel:

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

Good conservative blogs:

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



The Romantic Poet's Webblog:

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

Brain Shavings (common sense from the Buckeye State):

<http://brainshavings.com/>

Green Hell blog:

<http://greenhellblog.com/>

Daniel Hannan's blog:

<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/author/danielhannan/>

Conservative blog:

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

Richard O'Leary's websites:

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

Freedom Works:

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

Yankee Phil's Blogspot:

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

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

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

Babes

And simply because I like cute, intelligent babes:

<http://alisonrosen.com/>

Liberty Chick:

<http://libertychick.com/>

Dee Dee's political blog:

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

The Latina Freedom Fighter:

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

Ann Althouse ("Crusty conservative coating, creamy hippie love chick center.")

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

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

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

A mixed bag of blogs and news sites

Left and right opinions with an international flair:

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

This is an odd blog; conservatism, bikinis and whatever else posted by either a P.I. or the brother of a P.I.:

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

More out-there blogs and sites

Angry White Dude (okay, maybe we conservatives are angry?):

<http://angrywhitedude.com/>

Mofo Politics (a very anti-Obama site):

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

Info Wars, because there is a war on for your mind (this site may be a little crazy??):

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

The Magic Negro Watch (this is peppered with obscenities and angry conservative rhetoric):

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

Okay, maybe this guy is racist:

<http://angrywhitedude.com/>

Media

Glenn Beck's shows online:

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

News busted all shows:

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

Joe Dan Media (great vids and music):

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

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

<http://patriotsnetwork.com/>

PolitiZoid on YouTube:

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

Reason TV

<http://reason.tv/>

This guy posts some excellent vids:

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

HipHop Republicans:

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

TOPICS

(ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Bailouts

Bailout recipients:

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

Eye on the bailout (this is fantastic!):

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

The bailout map:

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

From:

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

Border

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

<http://secureborderintel.org/>

<http://borderinvasionpics.com/>

Secure the Border:

<http://securetheborder.org/>

Capitalism

Liberty Works (conservative, economic site):

<http://libertyworks.com/>

Capitalism Magazine:

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

Communism

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

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

How this correlates to the goals of the ACLU:

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

Congress

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

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

Corrupt Media

The Economy/Economics

Bush "Tax Cut" myths and fallacies:
<http://libertyworks.com/category/obamanomics/bush-tax-cut-myths-fallacies/>

A debt clock and a lot of articles on the debt:
<http://defeatthedebt.com/>

Recovery (dot) gov (where our money is being spent):
<http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

A collection of articles by Michelle Malkin about Obama's war against jobs:
<http://michellemalkin.com/category/politics/obama-jobs-death-toll/>

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

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

AC/DC economics (start with the oldest lessons first; economics in 60 second bites):
<http://www.youtube.com/user/ACDCLeadership#p/a>

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

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

www.Americanroadmap.org

The Freedom Project (most a conservative news and opinion site which appears to concentrate on matters financial)
<http://www.freedomproject.org/>

Bankrupting America, with great videos and maps:
<http://www.bankruptingamerica.org/>

This appears to be a daily pork report, apparently as pork in Washington bills is discovered, it gets posted at Tom Coburn's website:
<http://coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=WashingtonWaste>

Weekly poll, asking you to identify what we ought to cut in governmental spending:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/YouCut/>

Global Warming/Climate Change

This is an interesting site; it seems to be devoted to the debate of climate change:
<http://www.climatedebatedaily.com/>

Global Warming headlines:
<http://www.dericalorraine.com/>

Dr. Roy Spencer on climate change:
<http://www.drroyspencer.com/>

Not Evil, Just Wrong video on Global Warming
<http://noteviljustwrong.com/>
<http://www.letfreedomwork.com/>
<http://www.taskforcefreedom.com/council.htm>

Global Warming Hoax:
<http://www.globalwarminghoax.com/news.php>

Global Warming Site:
<http://www.climatedepot.com/>

Global Warming sites:

<http://ilovecarbondioxide.com/>

35 inconvenient truths about Al Gore's film:

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

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

Wall Street Journal's articles on Climate Change:

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

Michael Crichton on global warming as a religion:

<http://www.michaelcrichton.net/speech-environmentalism-as-a-religion.html>

This man questions global warming:

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

Healthcare

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

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

Republican healthcare plan:

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

Health Care:

<http://fixhealthcarepolicy.com/>

Betsy McCaughey's Health Care Site:

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

Obamacare Watch:

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

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

<http://joinpatientsfirst.com/>

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

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

Islam

Islam:

www.thereligionofpeace.com

Jihad Watch

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

Answering Muslims (a Christian site):

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

Muslim demographics:

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

Muslim Demographics (this is outstanding):

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

Muslim deception:

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

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

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

Celebrity Jihad (no, really).

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

Legal

The Alliance Defense Fund:

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

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

www.lc.org

ACLU founders:

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

Military

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

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

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

National Security

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

Race Relations

A little history of Republicans and African-Americans:
<http://grandoldpartisan.typepad.com/blog/>

Oil Spill

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

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

Cool Sites

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

The 100 most hated conservatives:

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

Still to Classify

Army Ranger Michael Behenna sentenced to 25 years in prison for 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://iowntheworld.com/blog/?p=29858>

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

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

News Website to get the Headlines and very brief coverage:

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

National Institute for Labor Relations Research

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

Independent American:

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

If you want to be scared or depressed:

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/>

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

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

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

<http://nointernettakeover.com/>

Whizbang (news and views):

<http://wizbangblog.com/>

John T. Reed comments on current events:

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

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

<http://conservativenewmedia.com/>

Ann Coulter's site:

<http://anncoulter.com/>

Allen West for Congress:

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

Their homepage:

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

Wall Builders:

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

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

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

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

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

The Tax Foundation:

<http://taxfoundation.org/>

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

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

Political news and commentary from the Louisiana Political News Wire:

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

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

<http://commieblaster.com/>

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

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

Another babebolicious conservative (Kim Priestap):

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

Stop Spending our Future:

<http://stopspendingourfuture.org/>

DeeDee also blogs at:

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

Somos Republicans:

<http://somosrepublicans.com/>

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

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

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

Zomblog:

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

Conservative news site:

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

<http://conservativeamericannews.com/>

Your daily cartoon:

<http://daybydaycartoon.com/>

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

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

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

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

These are some very good comics:

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

Helps for liberals to call conservative talk shows:

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

Sarah Palin's facebook notes:

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

Media Research Center:

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

Must read articles of the day:

<http://lucianne.com/>

The Big Picture:

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

Talk of Liberty

<http://talkofliberty.com>

Lux Libertas

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

Conservative website:

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

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

Excellent articles on economics:

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

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

(Excellent video on the Department of Agriculture posted)

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

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

(The segment was:

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

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

An online journal of opinions:

<http://caffeinatedthoughts.com/>

American Civic Literacy:

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

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

www.dallasteaparty.org

America people's healthcare summit online:

<http://healthtransformation.net/>

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

<http://transparencyflorida.gov>

New conservative website:

<http://www.theconservativelion.com>

Conservative website:

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

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

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

The latest Climate news:

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

Obama cartoons:

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

Education link:

<http://sirkenrobinson.com/>

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

News from 2100:

<http://thepeoplescube.com/>

How you can get your piece of the stimulus pie:

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

Always excellent articles:

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

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

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

Conservative blog: Dan Cleary, political insomniac:

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

Stand by Liberty:

<http://standbyliberty.org/>

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

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

Lower taxes, smaller government, more freedom:

Citizens Against Government Waste:

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

Conservative website featuring stories of the day:

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

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

Christian Blog:

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

News feed/blog:

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

News site:

<http://lucianne.com/>

Note sure yet about this one:

<http://looneyleft.com/>

Conservative news and opinion:

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

Conservative versus liberal viewpoints:

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

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

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

The Architecture of Political Power (an online book):

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

Recommended foreign news site:

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

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

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

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

Kevin Jackson's [conservative black] website:

<http://theblacksphere.net/>

Notes from the front lines (in Iraq):

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

Remembering 9/11:

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

Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball site:

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

The current Obama czar roster:

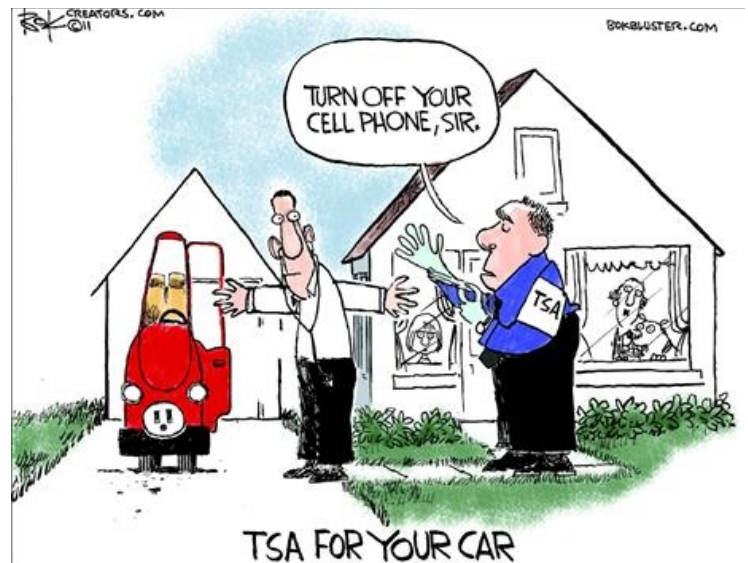
<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0909/26779.html>

Blue Dog Democrats:

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

Undercover video and audio for planned parenthood:

<http://liveaction.org/>



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

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

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

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

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

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

Great commentary:

www.Atlasshrugs.com

My own website:

www.kukis.org

Congressional voting records:

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

On Obama (if you have not visited this site, you need to check it out). He is selling a DVD on this site as well called *Media Malpractice*; I have not

viewed it yet, except pieces which I have seen played on tv and on the internet. It looks pretty good to me.

<http://howobamagotelected.com/>

The psychology of homosexuality:

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

International News:

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

The Patriot Post:

<http://patriotpost.us/>

Obama timeline:

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

Tax professor's blog:

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

I hate the media...

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

Palin TV (see her interviews unedited):

<http://www.palintv.com>

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

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

Asharq Alawsat Mid-eastern news site:

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



Photo from Syria