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Too much happened this week! Enjoy...

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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). If you do not believe in Jesus Christ, let me encourage you to do so: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man comes to the Father but through Me." "Believe in Me and you will have eternal life. Believe not, and the wrath of God will abide on you." (John 14:6 3:16).

## This Week's Events

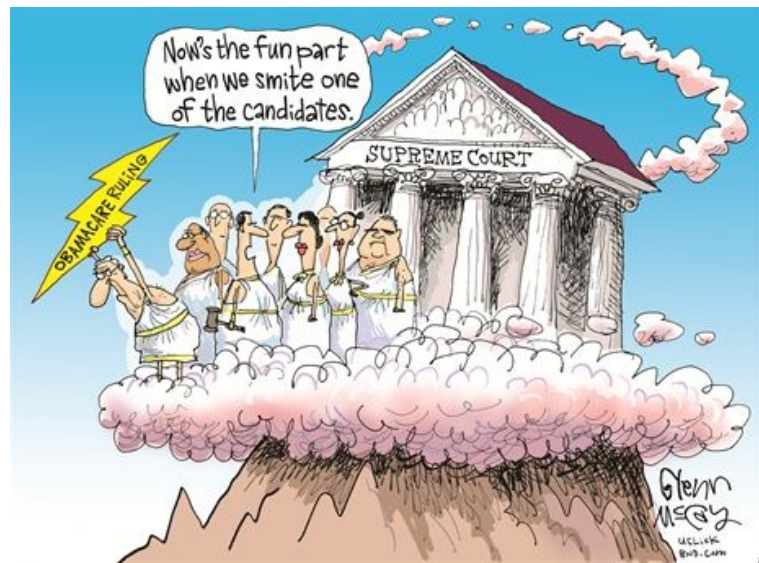
The FBI [has conducted](#) more than 100 investigations into suspected Islamic extremists within the military. About a dozen of those cases are considered serious.

The Supreme Court okayed the controversial portion of the Arizona immigration law; and invalidated 3 portions of it. The Mexican government says it's [disappointed](#) that the U.S. Supreme Court upheld part of an Arizona law requiring police check the immigration status of anyone they stop. In the wake of this decision, the Obama White House has made it clear that they [may not cooperate with Arizona](#) with regards to illegal aliens. The Department of Justice, under Eric Holder, has also set up a

[hotline](#), where people can call and complain about how they have been treated by the police in Arizona.

### Obamacare:

The Supreme Court also [upheld](#) the individual mandate of [Obamacare](#), which is the heart of Obamacare, calling it a tax (which Democrats refused to do). However, the federal government [cannot penalize](#) states by withholding medicare funds if the opt-out. Progressives in Congress have signaled that they are ready to renew their push for the model of health care they wanted all along: the single-payer option. The White House is claiming that for those making less than \$250,000/year, they will [come out ahead](#) because of Obamacare. Interestingly enough, they wrote *sub-set* instead of *subset*. No one proofreads there?



Quite a number of governors [have decided not to obey the mandates of Obamacare](#) and set up an insurance exchange. I guess if Obama can decide what laws to follow and which ones to ignore, that holds true for everyone now.



## The 2012 election:

Team Obama is [keeping it classy](#) by selling BFD tee shirts for campaigning.



President Barack Obama's campaign has [recruited a legion of lawyers](#) to be on standby for this year's election as legal disputes surrounding the voting process escalate. Thousands of attorneys and support staffers have agreed to aid in the effort, providing a mass of legal support that appears to be unrivaled by Republicans or precedent. Obama's campaign says it is particularly concerned about the implementation of new voter ID laws across the country, the possibility of anti-fraud activists challenging legitimate voters and the handling of voter registrations in the most competitive states.

Obama supporters are being offered a new raffle, which [would give them a seat](#) on the Obama campaign bus.

Speaking of campaign buses, the Romney campaign bus again drove around an Obama fundraiser [honking its horn](#) each time it passed. For those of you keeping score at home, this is the second time in two weeks Team Romney has taunted the Obama supporters with his bus.

## The economy:

Vice President Joe Biden, first reading a quote: "'Outsourcing has been a powerful economic force that has made U.S. companies more nimble and profitable,' end of quote. I simply ask you, how's that nimble and profitable thing working for you all? How's that nimble and profitable thing working for the General Motors and Chrysler plant closed in my home state of Delaware?" An Obama bailed-out GM outsourced the jobs Biden is talking about. Oops. Rush Limbaugh thinks that Biden may be firing a few warning shots to Obama saying, "Don't even think about firing me. I can talk my butt off."

## Operation Fast and Furious:

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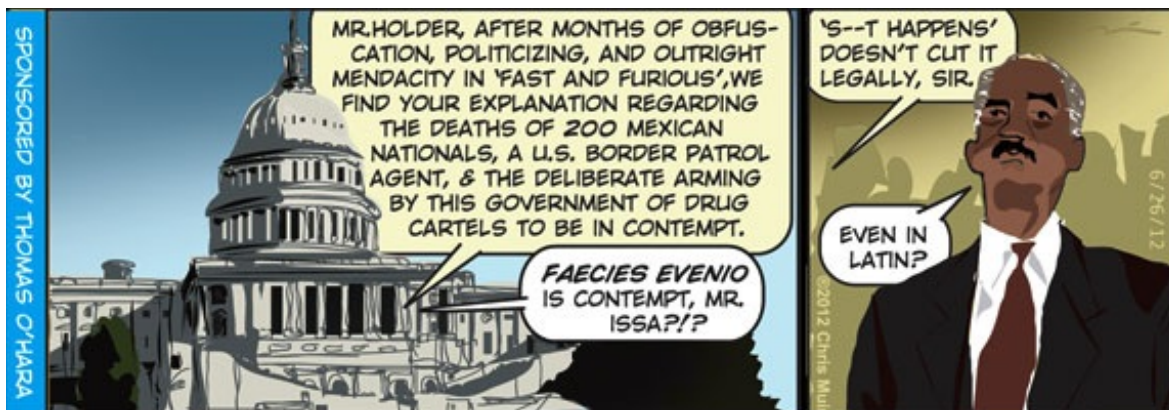


GUNS DON'T KILL, THE ATF DOES.

www.investors.com/cartoons

Dennis K. Burke, who as a lawyer for the Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee in the 1990s was a key player behind the enactment of the 1994 assault-weapons ban, and who then went on to become Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano's chief of staff, and contributor to Barack Obama's 2008 presidential primary campaign, and a member of Obama's transition team focusing on immigration issues, ended up in the Obama administration as the U.S. attorney in

Arizona [responsible for overseeing Operation Fast and Furious](#). If there were no tracking devices put on the guns, if the guns were not followed and arrests made, you tell me what his plan was.



The House found Attorney General Eric Holder in [contempt](#) for not providing the documents the House has been requesting over the past 18 months or so. He [will not be prosecuted criminally](#).

The National Rifle Association (NRA) warned House lawmakers last week that it will [score](#) Thursday's vote on the Republicans' contempt resolution, which accuses Holder of stonewalling a GOP investigation into a bungled gun-walking program under his Department of Justice (DOJ). This is, in part, why many Democrats will vote for censoring Holder.

Just over the weekend, we have found that House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) quietly dropped a bombshell letter into the Congressional Record. There are wiretap applications are under court seal, [which contain a startling amount of detail about the operation](#), which would have tipped off anyone who read them closely about what tactics were being used.

### The liberal agenda:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is spending between \$2.5 million and \$3 million to run radio ads to [encourage](#) those eligible for food stamps to enroll. This campaign can be heard in California, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, and the New York metro area.

The Obama administration on Friday [threatened](#) to

veto a defense appropriations bill in part because it does not include higher health care fees for members of the military.

### Nanny government:

Although the Justice Department has extended the deadline for America's hotels to comply with regulations regarding handicap access to swimming pools, new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines are already being applied at miniature golf courses, driving ranges, amusement parks, shooting ranges and saunas. [Among the provisions](#) in the "Revised ADA Standards for Accessible Design," which went into effect on March 15, is one requiring businesses to allow miniature horses on their premises as guide animals for the disabled. Another limits the height of slopes on miniature golf holes.

### Science and the Green agenda:

[Abound Solar was given](#) \$400 million in taxpayer money; and they went belly up [this week](#).

The [Department of Energy officials gave](#) a New Hampshire-based biofuel company access to \$80



million for a Michigan project that has already fallen short of job creation expectations, despite receiving another \$40 million in state and DOE subsidies. This company produced 3 jobs in the past 3 years, despite already getting green government money. Not to worry; it's just Obama money.



Remember those Antarctic ice shelves that are melting because of global warming; well, [they're not](#).

### The food police:

President Obama surprised customers and employees at the historic Varsity Diner in Atlanta on Tuesday, treating his staff to a lunch that healthy eating promoter Michelle Obama may not approve of. [The president's order included](#) five chili dogs, four hot dogs, one cheeseburger and five "Varsity orange" drinks for his spokesman Jay Carney, senior adviser Valerie Jarrett and others, according to White House pool reports. Mr. Obama paid with cash. Yesterday, it was [hot fudge sundaes](#). Apparently, prezy got trapped in a ["food desert."](#)

The Department of Agriculture is looking into instituting [new standards](#) for which juices can be

sold in schools, and cranberry juice cocktails may get the ax.

Junk food is [allowable](#) in Obama campaign headquarters, where \$2,084.37 was paid to Domino's Pizza, \$1,774.78 went to Pizzanno's Pizza, \$1,167.45 went to Papa John's, \$834.03 went to Pizza Hut, and \$362 went to Little Caesars. \$239.39 was spent at Krispy Kreme.

### Local matters:

Stockton CA in Bankruptcy



Jackie R. Whiton of Antrim had been a six-year employee at the Big Apple convenience store in Peterborough, Massachusetts, until a single transaction sent her job up in smoke. The store clerk was [fired](#) after she refused to take a customer's Electronic Balance Transfer [food stamp] card to pay for cigarettes.

Classify this under *yea, Berkeley*: Department of Homeland Security officials gave the University of California-Berkeley a \$200,000 grant to purchase an "armored response counterattack truck" for its [campus police department](#), to the dismay of Occupy protesters in the area. The eight-ton

vehicle, commonly referred to as a "Bearcat," is used by U.S. troops on the battlefield and is often equipped with a rotating roof hatch, powered turrets, gun ports, a battering ram, and a weapon system used to remotely engage a target with lethal force.



A drunken driver—an illegal alien—killed an South Carolinian women's son last year, and she must deal with bills [associated](#) with the wreck, even for the cost of cleaning up her son's blood.

#### **Yesterday's News from the past just now coming out:**

A day after killing Trayvon Martin, George Zimmerman [passed a police lie detector test](#) when asked if he confronted the teenager and whether he feared for his life "when you shot the guy," according to documents released today by Florida prosecutors.

Right before the 2008 crisis, our lawmakers made 166 changes to their stock, bond and fund portfolios in 2 days.

#### **They're just like us:**

An influential Taliban leader in South Waziristan who is favored by the Pakistani military and

government has become the second Taliban leader [to order a halt to polio vaccinations](#) in areas under his control due to objections over US drone strikes in the tribal areas.

Egypt's Foreign Ministry said Wednesday it had told Israel that it would not be "[appropriate](#)" for Israeli pilgrims to make an annual visit to the tomb of a 19th-century Jewish holy man in the Nile Delta. At one time, Egypt was a well-known tourist area, and Christians and Jews alike traveled there, because of the common history of the Egyptians and Jews. Many Egyptians make their money on tourism. Essentially confining their tourism to Muslims only is not going to be a smart financial move for them.

A prominent Saudi Islamic scholar slammed the satellite TV news channel Alarabiya for [recruiting](#) beautiful female newscasters, who he said appear on screen with too much make up.

A Syrian minister is quoted as saying his country's forces may have [mistaken](#) the Turkish plane they shot down for an Israeli one.

The Taliban released a video the week that they say [shows the heads](#) of 17 Pakistani soldiers captured in a cross-border raid from Afghanistan this week and beheaded.

Iranian [video game developers](#) have "completed initial phases of production" of "The Stressful Life of Salman Rushdie and Implementation of his Verdict," a brainchild of the Islamic Association of Student that has been three years in the making. Players of this game will be able to carry out a death fatwa against Rushdie. Sounds fun.

15 [people](#) have been [killed](#) and 40 wounded in simultaneous attacks on two churches in north-eastern Kenya near the Somali border.

Throughout the month of May, Muslims in nations with high Muslim population [have been attacking Christians](#), Christian churches, killing

some, beheading others, and crucifying still others.

President-elect of Egypt, Mohammed Morsi, has [vowed](#) to seek the release of blind sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, jailed in the U.S. for plotting to blow up New York City landmarks and assassinate then-President Hosni Mubarak.

20 Christian churches, which are being presently used, have been [slated for demolition](#) in Aceh.

The Obama administration is considering a new gambit to restart peace talks with the Taliban in Afghanistan that would [send several Taliban detainees](#) from the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to a prison in Afghanistan, U.S. and Afghan officials told The Associated Press.

Arab Spring countries [are now being used](#) by al-Qaeda to run terrorist training camps.

## Say What?

### Liberals:

President Obama, a short 6-paragraph speech from Colorado, broken down to its most important component parts: "Hello, everybody. I'm here in Colorado Springs...And we had a chance to tour some of the devastation... We've got volunteers who are out here...we've been engaging in some unprecedented coordination between federal, state, and local communities...one of the things I've done here, in addition to saying thank you to these firefighters...And one of the things that I told these firefighters is...I hope you guys remember the folks...I know this is a little bit unusual - we don't usually do weekly addresses like this, but I thought it was a good opportunity for us to actually focus attention on a problem that's going on here in Colorado Springs...it's important that we're there for them."

Fund-raising email: "Ever wonder exactly what the Democrats have in store for the 2012 campaign? If you're like me, you always want the inside scoop - where we're focusing, what's our game plan, how we're going to win across the country...Donate today, and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to have lunch with Rep. Wasserman Schultz - and you can ask her whatever you'd like."



Clinton administration Labor Secretary Robert Reich: "When arguing against paying their fair share of taxes, wealthy regressives claim 'it's my money.' But it's their nation, too. And unless they pay their share, America can't meet the basic needs of our people. True patriotism means paying for America. True patriots don't hate the government of the United States. They're proud of it. Generations of Americans have risked their lives to preserve it...[T]rue patriots work to improve the U.S. government, not destroy it. But regressive Republicans loathe the government - and are doing everything they can to paralyze it, starve it, and make the public so cynical about it that it's no longer capable of doing much of anything."



## Liberals on Obamacare:

Barack Obama tweet, upon find out that Obamacare cleared the courts: "Still a BFD: [OFA.BO/ayPgAZ](http://OFA.BO/ayPgAZ)" That's both classy and presidential.



After Obamacare made it through the Supreme Court:



Greg Greene is the new media outreach director for the Democratic National Committee

DNC Executive Director Patrick Gaspard tweets on Obamacare Ruling: "It's Constitutional. Bitches!"

Nancy Pelosi, when asked if Obamacare was a tax: "The court has upheld the legislation. I think and I have to see the specific language that they identified with how we wrote the bill in the House as part of the decision, their documentation for the decision. Call it what you will, it's a step forward for America's families and you know what? Take yes for an answer."

Nancy Pelosi, when again asked, isn't this a tax: "No, it's a penalty. It's a penalty that comes

under the tax code for the 1% perhaps of the population who may decide that they are going to be free riders, but most people are not affected by that."

When then pressed with, "But it's a new tax," Pelosi answered: "No, no, no, no."

Nancy Pelosi of Sen. Ted Kennedy and Obamacare "I knew that when he left us he would go to heaven and help pass the bill." Can you imagine if someone like George W. Bush said this?

Ed O'Keefe (of the Washington Post) tweeted: 'Aides say Pelosi told Vicki Kennedy: "Now, Teddy can rest." '

Obamacare, p. 203, line 14-15: "The tax imposed under this section shall not be treated as tax."



Nancy Pelosi: "[Republicans] will ask for repeal, repeal of all the things...that help children, help young adults, help seniors, help men or women who may have prostate cancer, breast cancer, whatever it is, any precondition. And everybody will have lower rates, better quality care and better access. So that's what they want to repeal, [and] we're happy to have that debate."



DNC head Debbie Wasserman Schultz: "When it came to championing the health care legislation, President Obama made sure that although everybody -- the vast majority of Americans have health insurance coverage, we want to make sure that if you're a free rider, if you roll the dice and get sick and use the emergency room as your primary access point for health care. Those health care costs are going to get shifted to all of us. And if you choose not to carry health insurance, this legislation says you're going to pay a small penalty so that we don't have to pay for you rolling the dice. **That's what the health care reform law says and the Republicans are engaging in deception if they say anything else.**"

President Obama, before the Supreme Court decision: "They understand that we don't need to re-fight this battle over healthcare. It's the right thing to do, that we got 3 million young people who are on their parents' health insurance. It's the right thing to do to give seniors discounts on prescription drugs. It's the right thing to do give 30 million Americans health insurance."

Joe Biden, hoping you will send the Obama campaign money: "Yesterday I shared an emotional moment with Barack in the Oval Office after he learned health reform had been upheld. Barack Obama is a man who refused to give up. No matter how politically unpopular it was, he knew it was the right thing to do."

Patrick Kennedy email: "If the Court upholds the [healthcare] law, dangerous Tea Party extremists will go on a rampage."

#### **Liberals on Fast and Furious:**

NY Rep. Ed Towns: "You have to think that there is a connection [between the investigation of Operation Fast & Furious and voter ID laws], because you feel that they're sidetracking him to stop him from looking into the voter ID [laws]. I have no proof of the fact that there's a connection but I must admit that I'm suspicious

of that." The F&F investigation began around 18 months ago and would have been long over by now had Holder provided the requested documents. The voter ID laws are relative recent.



Jack Lew, the chief of staff to President Obama, when asked if there was something so important about these papers that they are withholding to invoke executive privilege: "Candy, this administration has been the most transparent ever."



White House press secretary Jay Carney, concerning the vote to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt: "We hope Republicans change their minds as to what the right course of action is. I cannot imagine this will sit well with most Americans."



Democratic Eleanor Holmes Norton, who represents the city in Congress: "The gun lobby is directly responsible for the gap in federal law that allowed purchases of guns here that were sold in Mexico and ultimately for the tragic death of a border agent. Yet our committee spent no time on the root cause of the tragedy because of a political mandate from the gun lobby." So, Fast and Furious sends out untracked guns all over, making gun dealers break federal laws in order to do their civic duty in this program, and somehow, it is the fault of the NRA?

#### Liberals on the economy:

President Obama: "You know, it's fashionable right now for people to be cynical. We go in cycles like this and right now a lot of people are saying, 'Oh, America is doing terribly' and 'What are we going to do?'"

President Obama: "We created a whole lot of millionaires to boot. Businesses did just fine," he insisted as the crowd applauded. "And you know there are plenty of patriotic, successful Americans all across the country - I meet them every day - who'd be willing to make this contribution again because they understand there is such a thing as the common good. They understand that we're in this thing together."

Rep. Jan Schakowsky: "We are not impotent here. If we are able to mobilize our opposition, we can get the Democratic Party leadership to back off their embrace of some sort of grand bargain that would include cutting those essential programs...we are not going to pass anything significant before the election that is really good for reaching the middle class...so I think it would be a serious mistake to do that [participate in a *grand bargain*] and, in some way, help ourselves...the TEA party will make that impossible as well."

#### Liberals going red:

Marxist John Case, a writer for the Communist Party USA: "... re-electing Obama is absolutely essential...divisions among Democrats and a potential wave of bad economic news can combine to threaten President Obama's reelection."



#### Liberals on the 2012 election:

President Obama: "In 2008 everything was new and exciting about our campaign. And now I'm the incumbent president. I've got gray hair. People have seen disappointment because folks had a vision of change happening immediately. And it turns out change is hard, especially when you've got an obstructionist Republican Congress."

Nevertheless, we've gotten more done in the last three years than most presidents do in eight years."



President Obama at a high school: "You can decide that instead of restricting access to birth control or defunding Planned Parenthood, we should make sure that in this country, women control their own health care choices. That's up to you."

Obama campaign manager Jim Messina, accidentally revealing complex Democratic strategy in fund-raising email:

"It's been a good day.

But this is a three-step process.

1. Pass historic health care reform. Check.
2. Get affirmation from the highest court in the country. Check.

Step three? Win the damn election."

President Obama: "Gov. Romney disagrees with my vision. That's what democracy's all about—we choose. His allies in Congress disagree with my vision; they've got a different approach. Neither of them will endorse any policy that asks folks like me—or Marc Anthony—to pay even a nickel more in taxes." In 2010, the federal government hit Anthony with a [\\$1.6 million tax lien](#), while New York authorities also filed a \$1.8 million lien against the singer.



President Obama defines chutzpah: "These dinners represent how we do things differently. My opponent spent this past weekend at a secretive retreat for the biggest donors to both his campaign and the super PACs that support him. I've got other responsibilities I'm attending to." The president made this claim in the midst of attending 7 fundraisers in a 48-hour period of time.

DNC Chief Wasserman Schultz To Dem Supporters via email: "We're 96 hours from the campaign's most important end-of-quarter deadline. Either we raise \$1.4 million to protect the President and Democratic candidates, or we hand everything over to Karl Rove's GOP extremists."



Obama campaign guy David Pouffe: "After over a decade of watching the security of the middle class erode, Republicans in Congress are determined to return to the exact same policies that led to the economic crisis. The President refuses to settle for a country where a shrinking number of people do really well, while a growing number of Americans barely get by."

Steve Israel, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee: "I don't care if the president was at 122 percent favorability right now. I think (candidates) should be in their districts. A trip to Charlotte may be interesting, but why leave your districts?"

Nancy Pelosi on the harsh political climate, particularly against women: "The stridency, the harshness- they suppress, they suffocate the system with money, they suppress the vote and they poison the debate and that's not a good formula for women because women need to have a civil conversation. The minute a woman gets tough in a debate, you know what they say about her."

#### **The Liberal agenda:**

USDA pamphlet on ways to recruit people for SNAP (food stamps) ([pdf](#)): "**Throw a great party.** Host social events where people mix and mingle. Make it fun by having activities, games, food, and entertainment, and provide information about SNAP. Putting SNAP information in a game format like BINGO, crossword puzzles, or even a "true/false" quiz is fun and helps get your message across in a memorable way."

#### **The food police:**

Ann Marie Habershaw, Chief Operating Officer, Obama for America in an email: "If you win Dinner with Barack, I'll be the one approving your flight arrangements from your town to your dinner with the President and First Lady. Managing the logistics of these dinners is tough,

but we do it because giving supporters a seat at the table - literally - is a huge priority for this campaign. You guys are out there knocking on doors, making calls, and working hard to re-elect the President. You deserve a thank you. And don't forget - I see the hotel bills, too, so don't break in to that minibar."



#### **The campaign:**

A senior White House official speaking on condition of anonymity: "I'm sure they'll [Republicans] nail us on taxes and I'm sure it will work. But, given the alternative [of Obamacare being declared unconstitutional], that's a bitter pill I'm ready to swallow."

Vice President Joe Biden: "One of the things that I resent about these guys is that they talk about us middle class guys and I don't live a middle class life anymore; I live in a beautiful home, they fly me around, you know what I mean?" I may have listed this quote before?

Biden, a day later: "I love these other guys, they talk about **us** as a number, 'Was it \$49,270 or \$52,719 dollars? What's the definition of the middle class?' The middle class, is a value set, the middle class is a way of life."



### **It's all about racism...**

MSNBC's Chris Matthews: "[Obama] did another sort of a walk-back, because he ran not just an African-American, but as a sort of a guy, the son of immigrants. Very much like our backgrounds, you know, white people's backgrounds."

NY Rep. Ed Towns: "People have a tendency of not getting along when there is a lack of resources. As long as there was money flowing, everybody was happy; but when the money started drying up that's when the whole issue of race became prevalent. Any time you have an economic downturn, the race issue will pop up."

### **The War on Women continues...**

President Obama: "Well, 40 years ago, committed women from around the country, driven by everyone who said they couldn't do something, worked with Congress to ban gender discrimination in our public schools. Title IX was the result of their efforts, and this week, we celebrated its 40th anniversary - 40 years of ensuring equal education, in and out of the classroom, regardless of gender." Now, 25% fewer men graduate from college than women. That sounds equal.

### **The Compliant Obama Press Corps:**

TIME Magazine asks: "Is Romney Too Focused on the Economy?"

MSNBC's Chris Matthews, before the Obamacare decision: "...a friend of mine, who is a fellow Roman Catholic said he [John Roberts] does want to be the second Roger Taney. Roger Taney, of course, was a Roman Catholic who upheld the Fugitive Slave Law back before the Civil War and was villainized throughout history because of that. That he doesn't want to do something so egregious as to strike down something that's passed with 60 Senate votes, with a majority in the House and signed by the President with full than mandate of the American people reflected in the election of 2008."

Pete Williams, NBC News Justice Correspondent: "Well, saying that centrist is a loaded term, it's usually a Democratic president is more likely to appoint somebody near the middle who is less ideological."

Katty Kay, BBC: "Well, if you look at Obama's record, he's put, appointed Elena Kagan who is liberal and Sotomayor who isn't particularly liberal. So that would lead you to think that he's more of a centrist when it comes to appointing judges."

Joan Biskupic, Reuters Supreme Court Correspondent: "Ditto with Bill Clinton. He put on Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg."

4 very liberal justices who tend to vote as a group on every important issue.

CNN's Candy Crowley: "It fits into the storyline that Republicans want to push which is he's going to raise taxes on the middle class. But it just seems like we're dancing on the head of a pin here. It's a tax, it's a penalty, it's a fine." Had any Democrat at any time said that Obamacare involved taxes, it would not have passed, even with the large majorities that they had.

**MITT ROMNEY**

## **One-Note Mitt: Is Romney Too Focused on the Economy?**

From an AP report: "Under the agreement, interest rates on new subsidized Stafford loans will remain at 3.4 percent. That's estimated to save 7.4 million students about \$1,000 each on the average loan, which is usually paid off over 10 or more years." From Newsbusters: [\*Applying basic math\*](#), a skill which seems to be beyond the ability of many college graduates these days, the amount of savings involved is a whopping \$8.33 per month (\$1,000 divided by 120 "or more" months). All the ink used and bandwidth burned by leftist partisans has been over less than 30 cents a day.

HLN's Dr. Drew asked stripper Joslyn Jones about the drug use and trauma history common among strippers; she replied: "It's definitely very common, but it's actually like, um, like I always try to use the analogy. You know, you look at the Catholic Church. How much nonsense and debauchery, and disrespect, and really underground, you know, seedy stuff goes on, that's, the Catholic Church, you're supposed to go to Church and everybody's like oh I go to Church and I'm all prim and proper, sweet - it's not really like that. **Most stuff that goes on at church is dirtier than what goes on in strip clubs.**"

Washington Post editor Cathy Areu: "I think it's a tough time to be a white man in America where the minorities are really taking over, to be quite honest. You've noticed on the show people are willing to vote for an atheist. The Latinos are stepping out. They are, minorities are outnumbering all whites in America."

NPR's Scott Horsley: "...the rain had stopped, and a little sunshine was peeking through the clouds. See what his voice does? It clears up the weather, too. It clears up the economy, creates jobs, helps education, and straightens out the weather." Yes, we help to fund this "news."

New York Times opinion columnist Charles M. Blow of voter identification laws: "This election

is very close to being stolen before the votes are actually cast."

Matthews: "Let's get to this GOP leader in the Keystone state and other states, this plan to kill off the older voters and others who might be planning, how dare they, to vote for Obama."

MSNBC's Toure to chairman of College Republicans Alex Schriver: "I generally find young Republicans to be a sort of strange breed. Most young people, regardless of who's at the top of the ticket, most young people tend to be Democrats and it's been that way for a long time. So when I meet a young Republican, I want to put him on a couch and be like, 'how did this happen to you?' and 'how might you be saved?' Can you talk a little bit just philosophically about why you're a Republican, and how old are you by the way?"

NBC's Savannah Guthrie: "Let's talk about Chief Justice John Roberts. Tom Brokaw, not many people saw this one coming. What do you make of this almost Nixon-to-China alignment with liberals on the Court?"

#### Liberal Celebrities:

Hollywood director Judd Apatow, who donated \$30,800 to the DNC in September and has given \$63,000 to President Obama, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and other Democrats since 2008, responding to the Supreme Court ruling striking down state-level restrictions upon political donations by declaring, "Supreme Court Reversed Anti-Citizens United Ruling From Montana - aaaaagg!! More money in politics!!!" I guess this was a tweet?

Cher tweet: "I Feel if he doesn't get all his DUCKS IN A ROW we'll b forced 2 listen 2Uncaring Richy Rich! The whitest man in MAGIC UNDERWEAR in the WH"

Cher: "The Republicans just thought that they'd be able to be in office forever, and I think that, not only were they not, but...they got thrown out by a Black man...that's the stumbling block that they won't be able to get over." I know that some race-baiters just say this kind of stuff, but I think that Cher actually believes it.

Michael Moore: "I know we're slow learners sometimes. But geez, come on now, we've got this piece of it. Now let's move forward and get the next piece and the next piece. There's no going back, though. We're on the path leading toward this universal health care. We're not on the path back on the past to Oliver Twist. Those days are gone."

Glamour: "Do you fund-raise for Obama?"

Mila Kunis: "More like street-art-based stuff in Los Angeles that I can't talk about . . . because I'm pretty sure it's illegal."

Glamour: "You graffiti?"

Mila Kunis: "Mm-hmm. I'd rather do that. I don't need attention for it. What I truly believe in I will do privately."

Michael Moore blog: "And that, I've come to believe, is the true divide in this country. It's not blue state vs red state, liberal vs conservative, Democrat vs Republican. The split we have in America can be boiled down in its simplest form to this: On one side are the people who believe Adam and Eve rode on dinosaurs 6,000 years ago - and then there's everyone else. On that first side are the people who've been fed a diet of fear and lies and hate. And who is feeding them? The 1%. The richest people in the country, the ones who aren't done with us yet because they still don't have enough wealth, have done their best to dumb down the population through destroying our educational system and using media to

provide them with a vastly distorted sense of reality. The rich's only obstacle is that they only hold 1% of the votes in the country. So they have to try to get a slim majority of Americans to vote their way. And fear, plus keeping them stupid, usually works."

#### Liberal civility:

Bill Maher tweet: "#SarahPalin tweeted 'Obama lies, freedom dies' - oh cheer up, it just means when one of ur kids gets knocked up they'll be covered"



Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley: "The only health care mandate they [Republicans] can embrace are transvaginal probes for women."

New Black Panthers tweet, excited about the upcoming Republican convention in St. Petersburg/Tampa area: "Kill these racist honkeys, these crackers, these pigs, these pink people, It has been long overdue!"

New Black Panthers tweet: "Now It Is Time To Stand Up And Fight Back There Are No Good Crackers, And If You Find One, Kill Him Before He Changes"

General [Taco](#), of the New Black Panthers: "Once they [white people] die, we should dig 'em up, and kill 'em again, bury 'em, dig 'em up, and kill 'em again, and again, and again!" It is so tough to take a Black racist who calls himself Taco seriously.

Obama supporters give two words to describe Mitt Romney :

Chocolate Thunder @ChocolateThund9: "#RomneyInTwoWords Mormon faggot"

Shawn Swinehart @shawn\_swinehart: "#RomneyInTwoWords Mormon. I think that about sums it up."

Matthew Deski @minimack722: "#RomneyInTwoWords: Theological Bigot. >> Mormon's Believe that Black skin is a Curse from God. // Let's keep that quiet right Mitt & Media?"

Lots more [here](#).

Liberal radio host Mike Malloy, of the fires in Colorado: "Could that be Jesus or God saying hey, you know, we're sick of you right-wingers. We're sick of you religious nuts. We're gonna flood you, we're gonna burn you?"

The Daily Kos: "As the flames approach the VERY conservative city of Colorado Springs-- we are reminded that this is one of the proud beachheads of the Tea Party movement...perhaps as disaster is about to strike their city, these folks may wish there was a little more government around."

Bill Maher, on possible Republican VP choices: "But Senator Rubio has intelligence, experience, and honesty issues, or what pundits call 'The Full Palin.' Now many Republicans of course want naugahyde beanbag chair and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie as Mitt's second in

command, and it's hard to look at him and not think number two. So Mitt, if you are serious about winning, you have to think outside the box. What about, hear me out, Romney Zimmerman 2012? It's unorthodox, but who better than George Zimmerman to personify your campaign theme of 'I Think The Black Guy's Up To No Good?' "

### Muslims:

Hamas Minister Fathi Hammad a to a graduating class of police officers in the Gaza Strip: "None of you should give up playing with all the tools of force and equipment, which will bring us closer to our aspirations: Jerusalem, the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Haifa, Akko, and Jaffa...Therefore, from this place, we declare to all those who usurped our lands that they must prepare to leave, because we have prepared for jihad. You are going to leave, while we are summoned to battle. We are the owners of this land."

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) tweet: "[an FBI training program is] racist, xenophobic, misdirected, dangerous - and really, really stupid."

Egyptian presidential candidate from the Muslim Brotherhood Islamist movement Mohamed Morsi: "The Koran is our constitution, the Prophet is our leader, jihad is our path and death in the name of Allah is our goal." Things should be fine in Egypt.

However, there is no reason to be alarmed. Sen. John Kerry: "During my recent visits to Cairo, I've had two candid discussions with the new president. He's acknowledged that the central issue to Egypt's future is economic. His words suggest he understands the gravity of the challenges facing Egypt. In our discussions, Mr. Morsi committed to protecting fundamental freedoms, including women's rights, minority rights, the right to free expression and assembly, and he said he understood the importance of



Egypt's post-revolutionary relationships with America and Israel. Ultimately, just as it is anywhere in the world, actions will matter more than words." And Kerry could have been our president.

### **Liberals making sense:**

Utah Democratic Rep. Jim Matheson said Tuesday of his plans to vote in favor of holding Holder in contempt over his refusal to comply with a subpoena into the Operation Fast and Furious scandal: "It just compounds the tragedy when both sides play politics instead of releasing the facts. The Terry family, the public and Congress deserve answers. Sadly, it seems that it will take holding the attorney general in contempt to communicate that evasiveness is unacceptable."

### **Liberals being honest:**

Politico editor-in-chief John Harris wrote in a memo to staff, concerning Joe Williams, who asserted that Mitt Romney was mostly comfortable being around white folks: "After some cordial discussions, Joe Williams and I mutually decided that the best step for him is to begin a transition to the next phase of his career. Joe is an experienced and respected journalist, with keen insights into politics. After nearly 30 years in the business, he has the authority and is ready to give voice to his insights and conclusions in a new setting."

Barack Obama: "...the economy is bad and it's Obama's fault." Okay, perhaps I did take this a wee bit out of context.

Joe Biden: "My grandpa used to say - he's from Scranton - he'd say, 'Joey, when the guy in Dunmore - the next town over - when the guy in Dunmore's outta work it's an economic slowdown. When your brother-in-law's out of work, it's a recession. When you're out of work, it's a depression.' It's a depression for millions and millions of Americans; It's a depression." It

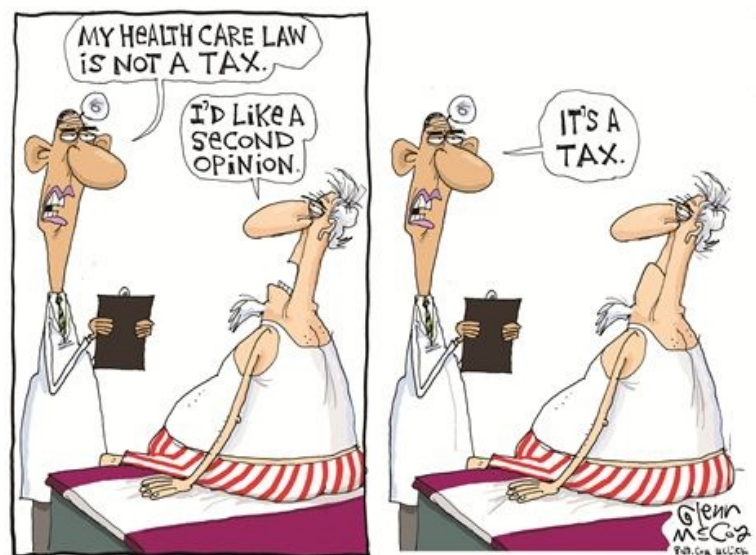
was Joe Biden who kicked off recovery summer 2 or 3 years ago.

### **Moderates/Affiliation Unknown:**



CBS's Mark Knoller tweet: "Pres Obama again forecasts close election because "the other side" is spending "ungodly sums" on negative ads against him."

Mark Knoller tweet: "Though SCOTUS upheld constitutionality of healthcare mandate under tax law, WH says today the penalty for not buying insurance is not a tax."



Mark Knoller tweet: "At a briefing on Air Force One, spksmn Jay Carney said "it's not a tax...it's a penalty" over which people have a choice."

Jay Leno: "Analysts, according to The Wall Street Journal, say the weak economy is causing less energy use, resulting in falling oil prices. So basically the worse the economy is, the lower the price of oil. Do you know what that means? If Obama gets re-elected, gas could be free."

Germany's finance minister Wolfgang Schaeuble, on advice coming from President Obama: "Mr. Obama should first of all take care of reducing the American deficit, which is higher than in the eurozone." The 17-nation eurozone bloc's debt relative to its economic output stands at about 80% while it is about 100% in the U.S.

Josephine Terry, mother of Brian Terry, the border agent killed by a F&F weapon, of the Democrat walkout when Eric Holder was held in contempt: "I was like, totally shocked, but you know what? I think it was a disgrace to them and not to my son."

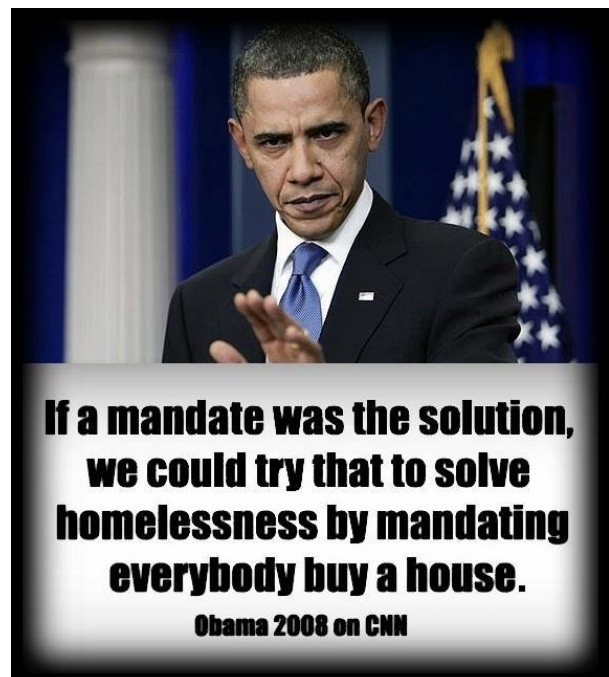
Union leader Brandon Judd of what is becoming DHS policy for border agents: "We are now taught in an 'Active Shooter' course that if we encounter a shooter in a public place we are to 'run away' and 'hide.' If we are cornered by such a shooter we are to (only as a last resort) become 'aggressive' and 'throw things' at him or her. We are then advised to 'call law enforcement' and wait for their arrival (presumably, while more innocent victims are slaughtered)."

According to this same website (I'm not sure if this is Judd or not): "It is always comforting to know that for those of us who carry a weapon when we are off-duty, if we should encounter such a situation, stop a shooter and save countless lives, we can look forward to being disciplined or fired by the Border Patrol because we should have run away to hide and then maybe thrown objects at the deranged killer instead of taking action and stopping him with a firearm."

Arizonan Sheriff, Larry Dever: "If ICE or border patrol won't come get them [illegal aliens which have been captured], then we take them and dump them on their doorstep and say, 'You figger it out.'"



Liberals from the Past:



## Crossfire:

Joy Behar, on *The View*, [discussing](#) the Dream Act and making some illegal immigrants legal: "But what about the kids who were born here?"

Marco Rubio: "Well, the kids who are born here are U.S. citizens."

Sarah Palin tweets: "Obama lied to the American people. Again. He said it wasn't a tax. Obama lies; freedom dies."

Here were some of the responses:

??obiin? @RFLAWLESS: "White Bitch, With your slut daughter and retard child RT @SarahPalinUSA: Obama lied to the American people. Again. Obama lies; freedom dies"

Stephen Wundar @roscow "@SarahPalinUSA ahahahaha you have a retarded son #tcot"

He Who Plays Xbox @insanityreport: "Levi Johnston got in your daughter's thighs RT @SarahPalinUSA: Obama lied to the people He said it wasn't a tax. Obama lies; freedom dies."

O @O\_Sh1tT: "@SarahPalinUSA shut up bitch before we run a train on your slut ass daughter."

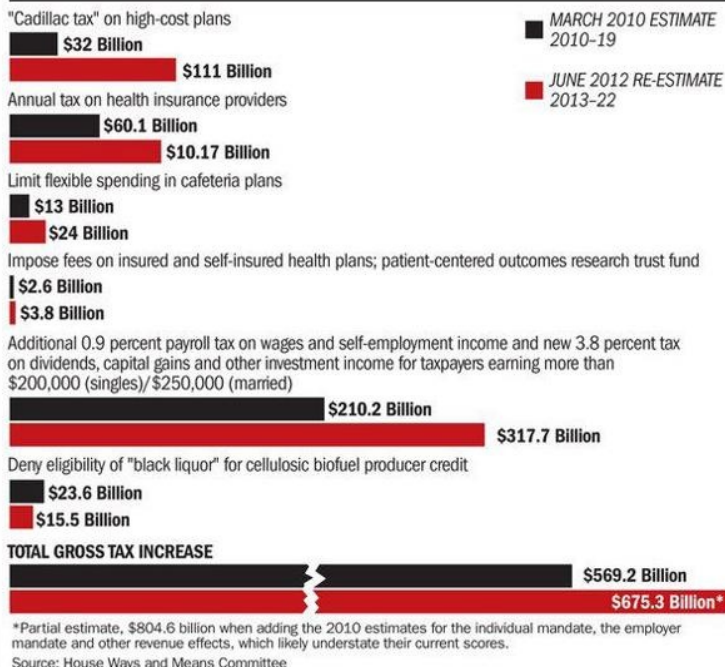
There is a [lot more](#).

Justice Clarence Thomas voted against Obamacare; liberals sounded perhaps just a [wee-bit racist](#) in their criticisms of him.

From [2009](#) (if you want to know what a word means, you ask Obama; do not try anything like getting its meaning from a dictionary):

## 21 TAX HIKES

The Supreme Court's ruling upholding the Affordable Care Act leaves in place 21 tax increases costing more than \$675 billion over the next 10 years. Here are some highlights, along with estimates of how the revenue estimates from the taxes have grown since the bill passed two years ago:



THE WASHINGTON TIMES

George Stephanopoulos: I - I don't think I'm making it up. Merriam Webster's Dictionary: Tax - "a charge, usually of money, imposed by authority on persons or property for public purposes."

President Obama: George, the fact that you looked up Merriam's Dictionary, the definition of tax increase, indicates to me that you're stretching a little bit right now. Otherwise, you wouldn't have gone to the dictionary to check on the definition. I mean what—

Stephanopoulos: Well, no, but.

Obama: —what you're saying is.

Stephanopoulos: I wanted to check for myself. But your critics say it is a tax increase.

Obama: My critics say everything is a tax increase. My critics say that I'm taking over every sector of the economy. You know that. Look, we can have a legitimate debate about whether or not we're going to have an individual mandate or not, but.

Stephanopoulos: But you reject that it's a tax increase?

Obama: I absolutely reject that notion.

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George W. Bush, at the beginning of his presidency: "Today, we affirm a new commitment...to principle with a concern for civility. A civil society demands from each of us goodwill and respect, fair dealing and forgiveness. Some seem to believe that our politics can afford to be petty, because, in a time of peace, the stakes of our debates appear small. To the stakes for America are never small."

President Obama, near the beginning of his presidency, when negotiating with Republicans over the Stimulus package, and Senator McCain was talking to him about giving a list of non-negotiable demands: "Elections matter, I won. You lost."

And when Senator McCain expressed concerns over the size of the his healthcare bill, the president told him: "Let me just make this point, John, because we are not campaigning anymore...So we can spend the remainder of the time with our respective talking points going back and forth, we were supposed to be talking about insurance reform."

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Reporter's question: "It has to do with the visa for the Gama'a al-Islamiyya member. You said last week that there was a - you were looking into the circumstances of how this was issued. Has - have you determined how this - how it

happened? And are you aware that Representative King has asked - formally asked Homeland Security to find out how he was in fact allowed entry, quite apart - separate from the visa issue?"

Ms. Nuland [State Dep't Spokeswoman]: "On the latter, yes, I've seen the reporting. As we promised, we did look into it. Unfortunately, you're not going to be happy with me when I tell you that we are not going to get into the details of confidential visa issuance. He and the rest of that delegation who were here last week have all now returned to Egypt."

Question: "Do you regard it as a mistake to have issued him a visa, given that he is self-proclaimed a member of Gama'a al-Islamiyya?"

Ms. Nuland: "Well, let's start with the fact that we have an interest in engaging a broad cross-section of Egyptians who are seeking to peacefully shape Egypt's future."

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Sendak, who wrote the children's book, "Where the Wild Things are": "Bush was president, I thought, 'Be brave. Tie a bomb to your shirt. Insist on going to the White House. And I wanna have a big hug with the vice president, definitely. And his wife, and the president, and his wife, and anybody else that can fit into the love hug.' "

Groth: "A group hug."

Sendak: "And then we'll blow ourselves up, and I'd be a hero. [Groth laughs.] To hell with the kiddie books. He killed Bush. He killed the vice president. Oh my God."

Groth: "I would have been willing to forgo this interview." [Sendak laughs.]

Sendak: "You would have forgotten about it. It would have been a very brave and wonderful thing. But I didn't do it; I didn't do it."



DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz, 2011: "In two previous gentlemen's statements on the amendment. Both of them referred to the Affordable Care Act, which is the accurate title of the health care reform law, as 'Obamacare.' That is a disparaging reference to the President of the United States, it is meant as a disparaging reference to the President of the United States. . . It is clearly in violation of House rules against that."

But, after the Supreme Court give thumbs up to Obamacare.....

## President Obama on the Supreme Court's decision to uphold Obamacare

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By Noah Remnick on June 28, 2012

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### Conservatives:

George Will, concerning an article where a progressive feminist was despairing that women cannot yet "have it all": "I've got news for her: Men can't have it all, either. That's the nature of

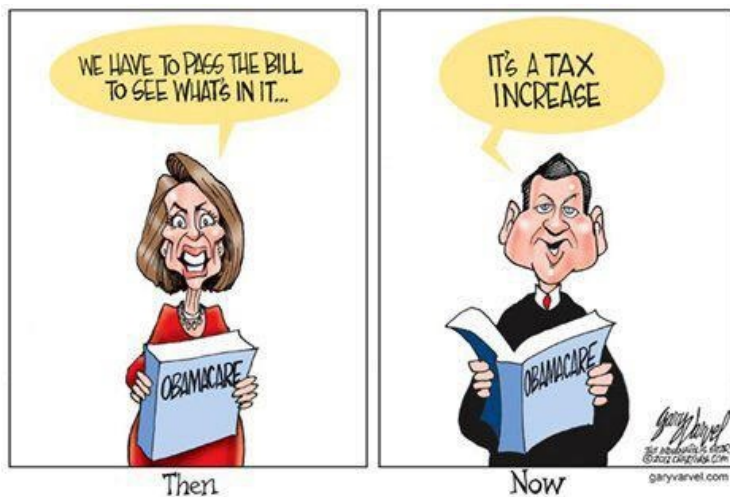
life, tragic choices, et cetera. But she gives us a perfect expression of the progressive mind. I still strongly believe that women can have it all, but not today, not with the way American economy -- America's economy and society are currently structured. So if you'll just restructure everything, everything is possible."

George Will, when asked about Nancy Pelosi in 2009, exclaimed "Are you serious? Are you serious?" when she was asked "Is the mandate Constitutional?": "I think she was completely ingenious. I think such is the political culture of the Congress since The Great Society in the 1960's that it is unintelligible to most Congressional members that we actually have a limited government -that there are things the federal government is not allowed to do. What the court has now been trying to do for six, seven, eight weeks, is draft a limiting principle on the reach of what Congress can do under the pretense, often mere pretense, of regulating commerce."

Charles Krauthammer: "A liberal doesn't care what you do, as long as it's mandated."



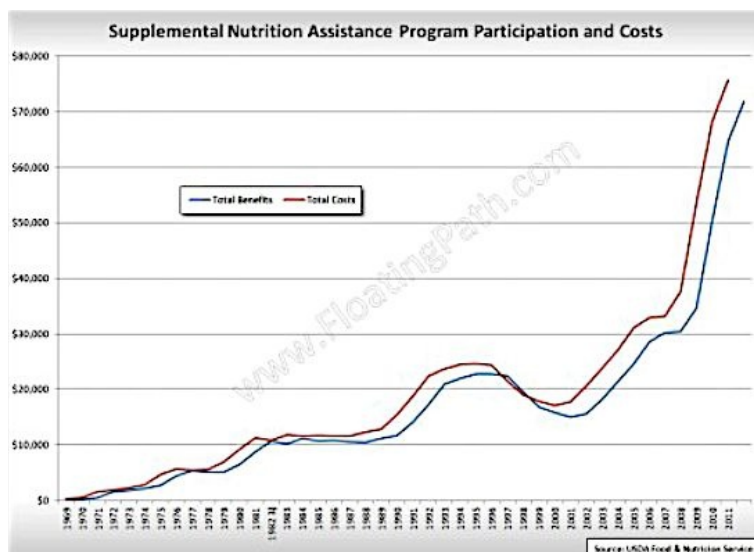
Rep. Allen West regarding Nancy Pelosi refusing to say that the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act constitutes a tax: "I think that former Speaker Pelosi is somewhat delusional. You have to remember that this is the person who said that we have to pass this bill in order to find out what is in his bill. So there has been a deception against the American people from the onset."



Rep. Allen West concerning members of the Congressional Black Caucus for staging a walkout on a contempt vote by the House against Attorney General Eric Holder: "Today the Congressional Black Caucus and other liberal Members of Congress judged the Attorney General by the color of his skin, and not by the content of his character. I am disappointed my colleagues would rather engage in a political stunt to distract the American people from knowing the truth behind the Attorney General's disregard of the law and disrespect of congressional oversight to provide requested documents."

Mitt Romney: "Wawa's gives you a sandwich for \$4. The government couldn't do that, or it would cost more and they would give you a sandwich you don't want."

Paula Priesse: "June 30th - It's an Obama world! Did you know our government is now running radio ads for FOOD STAMPS? O's team is promoting this as a new health plan. No joke. This from the ad: "Will you look at Margie . she looks amazing." "Yes she sure does." "I wonder how she stays so fit? What's her secret?" "Well, she told me that food stamp benefits help her eat right." Wow, didn't know the record 1 in 7 Americans now on food stamps are fitness freaks! Another 4 years of Obamanomics and we'll all be the picture of good health. Wouldn't it be nice if O ever realized that the measure of a successful presidency is not how many are on food stamps but rather how few? Silly me, that would mean fewer Dem votes. P"



Chief Justice John Roberts: "The Affordable Care Act's requirement that certain individuals pay a financial penalty for not obtaining health insurance may reasonably be characterized as a tax."

#### Republicans on the campaign trail:

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani: "What do we want to elect, an unsuccessful person? We tried that, OK, we tried a person of no

accomplishment. Now let's try something different, let's try a man who has actually been successful in life...Anybody in Las Vegas who is going to vote for him [Obama] is out of their mind...He's going to make France look like a low-tax country."

File this under, *whoops*—Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal: "There's only one candidate, Gov. Romney, who has committed that he will repeal the Obomney, uh, the Obamacare tax increase." Republican candidate Tim Pawlenty coined the phrase "Obomney-care" to tie Romney-care in Massachusetts to Obamacare.

#### Conservative snark:

Jodi Miller: "Last week, the Secret Service removed forks and knives at a dinner speech by President Obama to Latino-elected officials. Apparently, the Secret Service overheard someone say about Obama, *stick a fork in him, he's done.*"

#### Hope n' Change

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Jodi Miller: "Some predict president Obama may LEGALIZE POT in order to energize young voters for his reelection. Plus they figure more voters will be too STONED to notice what he's doing to the country!"

Jodi Miller: "The Congressional Black Caucus says it is RACIST to refer to President Obama as

'cool'... Well, it's a good thing NOBODY is calling him THAT anymore."

Sarah Palin, when asked about Pelosi's comments on the Supreme Court healthcare ruling: "Nancy Pelosi is a dingbat."

Jodi Miller: "It's been discovered the Obama supporters who heckled Mitt Romney in Michigan were paid to do so. In fact, the Obama administration now refers to them as *heckling jobs saved or created.*"

#### From Rush Limbaugh's Pearls of Wisdom:

Rush: "The IRS has just become Obama's private army." [quoted from memory]



Rush: "For crying out loud, folks, we have a political party that is in bed with tyranny. This is not your Democrat party of 50 years ago. This is not JFK's Democrat Party. This is a Democrat Party that wants to punish people who disagree with them, wants to criminalize political differences."

Rush: "I think it is the birthright of every American to have the opportunity to become the



best they can be, to exercise the ambition and the desire and the ability that they have to pursue excellence to whatever degree they wish, and to have that effort rewarded accordingly, knowing that there's no such thing as fairness and equality and all that, we can stipulate that."

Rush: "The Constitution was written to limit government power. This ruling expands government power like no one has ever imagined. This ruling expands government power like nobody's ever asked for it before!"



Rush: "I'm getting sick and tired of people marveling at each other for their so-called intelligence, when there isn't any. 'Wow, we didn't predict that. This guy is smarter than we are! This is really cool. We got to find a way to acknowledge this.' Nobody ever tried a stunt like this in 200 years of the Supreme Court. That's why nobody predicted it."

Rush: "When the federal government has the power to tax behavior, there is no end to what can be taxed. And that's what Obamacare was always about from the get-go."

Rush: "The health care bill is not about health care. The health care bill is about the expansion of government and the total loss of freedom. Once the federal government has control of your health care, that means they can dictate your behavior. That's what it's about. That's why the Democrats want this."



Rush: "Obamacare being upheld will, in the end, galvanize the Tea Party like nothing before, after they've gotten mad and depressed for a while."

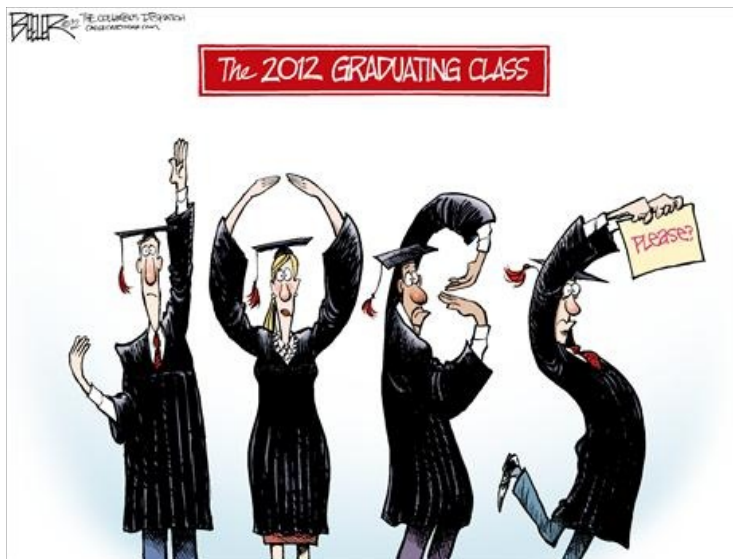
Rush: "Obama doesn't know what outsourcing is. He has been misusing the term. He doesn't know what outsourcing jobs is."

Rush: "Obama's out raising money left and right, but he's spending more than he's raising. These people could not live on what they produce themselves. They cannot live, they cannot work, they cannot function without their hands in everybody else's pockets."

Rush: "How many young people, college students and recent grads entering the real world are depressed and disappointed that life isn't as they see it on TV. That they don't have sex with



everybody they meet in a bar. That not everybody drives a Lamborghini. I think you'd be surprised."



Rush: "Biden's out there flapping his gums on a whole bunch of stuff, and it's a warning, I think: You get rid of me, and there's more of this to come. You let me know you're not getting rid of me, and this stuff stops."

Rush: "The solution to this isn't complicated...What we want is for all branches to uphold the Constitution. It's that simple. We wouldn't be here if the Democrats cared about the Constitution. On immigration or health care, we would not be here if there was respect for the Constitution. It's that simple."

Rush: "Do you think liberals actually want to fix poverty? Do they want an end to racism? Do they want to fix any of this? No! They want credit for trying. They want credit for great, big, heartfelt intentions. But if the problem were ever solved, there would be nothing to blame Republicans for."

Rush: "Folks, I found a story from 1995. It's actually a YouTube video. All I have to do is give

you the headline. You ready for this? Eric Holder, a 1995 quote: 'We must brainwash people against guns.' Can anybody say Fast and Furious?"

Rush: "The Associated Press: 'When it comes to the economy, half of Americans in a new poll say it won't matter much whether Barack Obama or Mitt Romney wins-- even though the presidential candidates have staked their chances on which one would be better at fixing the economic mess.' Do you believe this? This is the latest propaganda point from the White House and from the AP, that a president really has no effect on the economy."

Rush: "When's the last time you heard anybody in the media say that the economy is irrelevant to a presidential election? 'Cause that's what the AP is trying to tell people."

Rush: "Folks, have you seen the CNN audience, 54,000 people? Fifty-four thousand people, 25-54, ten o'clock at night. Fifty-four thousand, it's a test pattern! We've got that many at the corner of 5th and 57th in New York."

**Snarky comments from Weasel Zippers:**

[Top Obama Campaign Official](#) ["Concerned"](#) [Obamabots](#) ["Don't Understand What We're Facing"](#).



How can they expect the lobotomized Obamabots to understand anything beyond simple commands?

[Another Global Warming Propaganda Claim Goes Poof: Antarctic Ice Shelves Not Melting After All.](#)

Al Gore's bank account hardest hit.

[New Obama Super PAC Ad Accuses Romney of "Drowning" Companies In Debt . . . \\$15.8 Trillion Deficit Unavailable For Comment.](#)

Without even the slightest hint of [irony](#).

[Oreo Cookies Go Fabulous.](#)



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I could care less if someone is gay or not, makes zero difference in my life. The problem I have is they make up roughly 1% of the population, yet you would never know it with the non-stop pandering coming from Dems, libs and the media that filters into mainstream society.

## Watch This!

[Protesters](#) in Washington D.C., who are marching against Karl Rove, don't know who he is. Many think that he is one of the guys running against President Obama.

Sarah Palin calls Nancy Pelosi a dingbat; this is the full [interview](#).

Day One, Job One, Repeal Obamacare. Romney [ad](#).



Here is a good [example](#) why there will be problems between the new Egypt and Israel.

Commentary from [Weekly Standard](#):

News channel France 24 hosted a panel Monday night to discuss Egypt's first civilian president, the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohamed Morsi. One of the guests on the panel, via satellite from Cairo, was Nader Amram, a member of the Freedom & Justice Party's foreign relations committee. (The Freedom & Justice Party (FJP) is the Muslim Brotherhood's political party.)

When Amram learned that an Israeli journalist was also included on the panel, he protested that he had not been informed beforehand that he would have to appear with an Israeli. He then launched into a mini-diatribes about how Israel is the real problem in the Middle East and refused to discuss matters further with the Israeli.

Amram's unwillingness to take part in a discussion with an Israeli is a good indication of the possible troubles ahead in relations between Egypt and Israel. When the panel's host pointed out that the two countries are at peace, Amram said he was not speaking for his country, just himself. The problem is that the Brotherhood certainly has many, many more men like Amram in its ranks. Anti-Semitism is in the Brotherhood's DNA.

Local NBC station [says](#) that senator Claire McCaskill is hiding out since the Obamacare was deemed constitutional.

An oldie, but a goodie. A dozen [messages](#) left for Freedom Works, a TEA party group. More liberal civility.

The ACLU quickly put out a [video](#) explaining to illegal aliens how they can stonewall law enforcement.

This is an Obama [campaign ad](#), not to solicit votes, but so that you will send them money to have dinner with Barack and Michelle. Barack is hip, sensitive, cutting-edge and cultural.

## A Little Comedy Relief

Biden in Iowa with [snarky](#) captions.

## Random Acts of Journalism

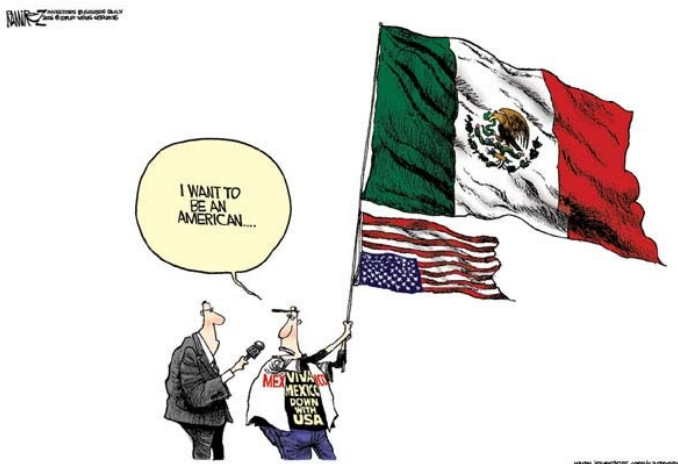
### [Memo to NBC: What the hell is wrong with you?](#)

By former CBS writer/producer Greg Kandra:

I'm tired. Truly. I've grown weary of trying to defend the indefensible and explain the inexplicable. For years, people have stomped their feet and pounded their fists and snorted "Liberal media bias!" and I've always tut-tutted and shooshed them and said, "No, no. Calm down. They meant well. It was just a misunderstanding. A mistake. These things happen." I spent over 25 years working in the oft-reviled Mainstream Media and I saw up close and personal how the sausage was made. I knew the people who wielded the knives and wore the aprons, and could vouch (most of the time, anyway) for their good intentions.

But now?

Forget it. I'm done. You deserve what they're saying about you. It's earned. You have worked long and hard to merit the suspicion, acrimony, mistrust and revulsion that the media-buying public increasingly heaps upon you. You have successfully eroded any confidence, dispelled any trust, and driven your audience into the arms of the Internet and the blogosphere, where biases are affirmed and like-minded people can tell each other what they hold to be true, since nobody believes in objective reality any more. You have done a superlative job of diminishing what was once a great profession and undermining one of



the vital underpinnings of democracy, a free press.

## Short Takes

1) Obamacare is not providing insurance or even medical care for anyone. It is providing subsidized medical care for some, but no guarantee of same.

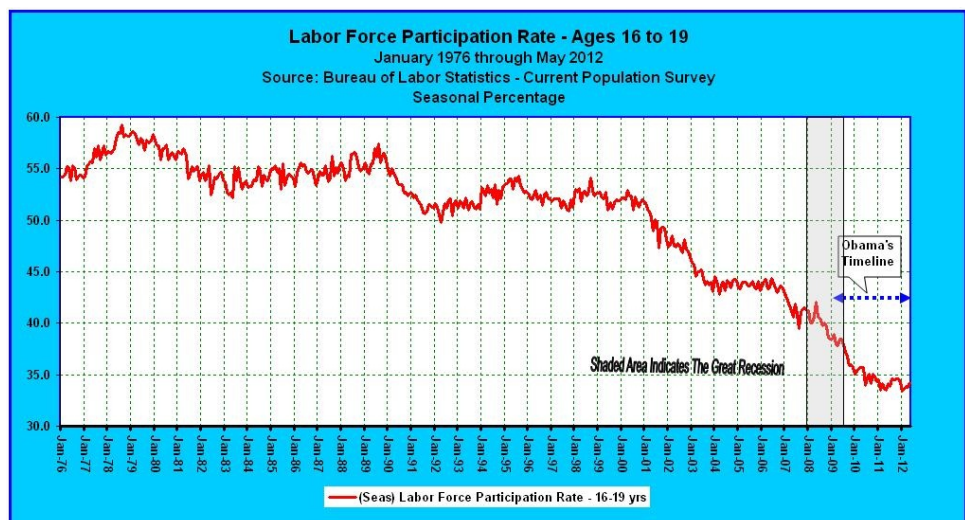
2) John Stossel was speaking of large corporations, which liberals seem to either fear or think are evil. Large corporations, because we do not allow monopolies in the United States, must always compete. Every day you vote on these corporations, like WalMart, McDonald's, or Starbucks, on whether to spend your money there or not. If they don't do right by you, you can go across the street to Target, Burger King, or Dunkin' Donuts. With government, you don't have a choice. You have to deal with government. Government can tax you, regulate your business and your life, and put you in jail if you don't like what it is doing (I exaggerate only a little). You might be able to vote the bums out, but if Tweedle-Dee is your alternative to Tweedle-Dum, that is not as satisfying. For years, politicians have been raking in the dollars from real estate and stock deals, which they are privy to. All of us lost money in 2008. Many of our political leaders, on both sides of the aisle, made money or preserved their principal. Congress may not pass a budget, or draft legislation which is helpful with the cost of healthcare, but, they will make a good salary for the rest of their lives; the people who helped get them elected will be well-compensated, and they will have the best or nearly the healthcare policy available. Furthermore a huge corporation, like McDonald's, might make \$4billion a year.

Congress has been recently running a budget of nearly \$4 trillion/year—money that they did not earn or work for—and they can overspend almost unlimited amounts of money (most recently \$1.4 trillion each year) without any serious personal financial risk. So, who should you be most suspicious of, McDonald's or the federal government?

## By the Numbers

According to the libertarian [Cato Institute](#), "[S]ince President Obama took office [in January 2009], federal welfare spending has increased by 41%, more than \$193 billion per year." Federal welfare spending in fiscal year 2011 totaled \$668 billion, spread out over 126 programs, while the poverty rate that remains high at 15.1% roughly where it was in 1965, when President Johnson declared a federal War on Poverty.

In 1900, there was 1 governmental employee for every 100 private workers. Today, there are 16 governmental employees for every 100 private sector worker. In Greece, there are 20 governmental workers for every 100 private sector workers.





The [average](#) salary + benefits for private workers is around \$60,000 (I think it is less); and it is \$120,000 for federal employees.

Mitt Romney's presidential campaign has [raised](#) \$4.3 million from 43,000 donors since the Supreme Court ruled that President Obama's healthcare law is constitutional (this was over a period of about 2 days).

90% of those who donated \$200 or more to Obama in 2008 have not donated to him yet.

## Polling by the Numbers

*Now I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one -- a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little?*

	% Great deal/ Quite a lot	% Some	% Very little/ None (vol.)
The military	75	18	6
Small business	63	29	6
The police	56	28	16
The church or organized religion	44	29	26
The medical system	41	34	26
The presidency	37	27	36
The U.S. Supreme Court	37	38	22
The public schools	29	40	30
The criminal justice system	29	41	29
Newspapers	25	41	32
Television news	21	39	38
Organized labor	21	37	38
Banks	21	42	35
Big business	21	40	38
Health Maintenance Organizations, HMOs	19	44	32
Congress	13	34	52

(vol.) = Volunteered response  
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### The Hill Poll:

Likely voters disapproved of Obama's assertion of presidential power in the Fast & Furious case. 56% of voters disapproved of his action, while 29% approved.

### Pew Global Attitudes:

74% of Pakistanis consider the United States an enemy country. This represents an increase.

*Do you happen to know the religious faith of Barack Obama?*

*(If "yes"): Can you tell me what Barack Obama's religious faith is?*

	%
TOTAL PROTESTANT/CHRISTIAN	34
Christian	(20)
Protestant	(7)
Baptist	(4)
United Church of Christ	(2)
Methodist	(1)
Muslim	11
None/No religion	8
Catholic	2
Other	*
No/Don't know	44

\* Less than 0.5%

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### Policy Issue Rated Most Important, Based on Nativity/Immigrant Status

Among U.S. Hispanic registered voters

	Born outside the U.S.	Parent born outside the U.S.	Self and parents born in U.S.
	%	%	%
Economic growth	21	17	15
Healthcare	19	18	24
Unemployment	17	19	21
Immigration policies	16	14	7
Gap between rich and poor	11	19	17
Budget deficit	8	11	14
Other (vol.)	1	1	1
No opinion	8	1	2
	101%	100%	101%

Gallup Daily tracking, April 16-May 31, 2012  
Some totals add to more than 100% due to rounding.

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## A Little Bias

the first time a United States Attorney General of the United States is found in contempt; and it is p. 5a in USA Today. I can guarantee you that negative stories about Attorney General Gonzales were often front page there.

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It was on ABC that President Obama clearly and unequivocally insisted that Obamacare was “not a tax” and told George Stephanopoulos that it was silly to consult a dictionary to try to determine what a tax was. However, during this past week, when this would have been an excellent clip to play, [ABC did not air it](#), despite covering stories on the Supreme Court’s ruling on Obamacare.

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The NBC Nightly News ran a full report on the House of Representatives vote to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress, and they also noted that some Democrats joined Republicans on the vote. That is good and honest reporting.

However, ABC's World News and the CBS Evening News only mentioned the dozens of Democrats who walked out of the Capitol in protest as they devoted only about half a minute each to the story.

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CNN had [two medical correspondents](#) on their show to discuss Obamacare, and both of them were activists who touted Obamacare and all of its benefits, both on CNN and on many previous occasions.

## News Before it Happens

Major Garret, who used to be on FoxNews, and is probably one of the informed minds in politics

today, says that Romney will choose Rob Portman as his running mate. Most conservatives want Marco Rubio (including myself), but there is the big problem that, as vice president, he would be next in line for the presidency, and he does not have any real executive experience that I am aware of.

## Prophecies Not Fulfilled

I was quite certain that Justice John Roberts did not want to strike down a law with a 5-4 vote, so I assumed that a deal was cut, and that the Supreme Court would strike down at least the mandate of Obamacare at 6-3. Although the approach of a mandate was, more or less, struck down; it was declared constitutional under the theory that it is a tax.



## Missing Headlines

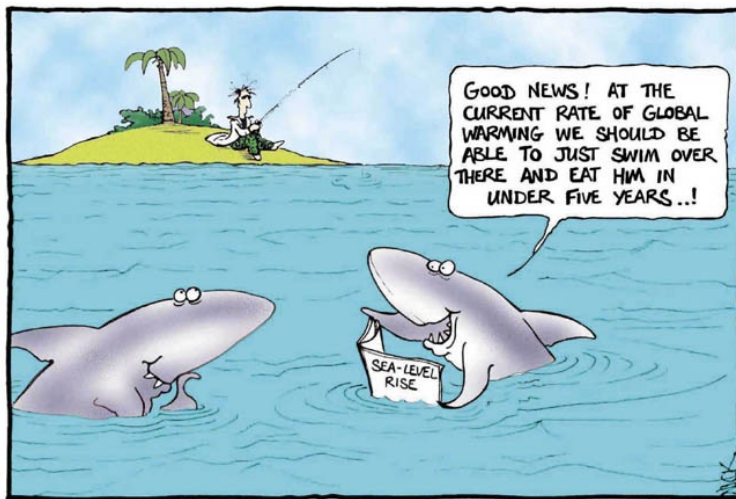
The Obama campaign is selling BFD tee shirts now

**Obama Supporter, Assault Weapons Ban Supporter, May Be Responsible for Fast and Furious**

**Obama Campaign Misuses the Word "Outsourcing" Over and Over Again**

**Abound Solar Get \$400 Million from Taxpayers and Goes Broke**

**Antarctic Ice Shelves Not Melting**



**Members of Congress Make Wise Investments Right before 2008 Crash**

**Al-Qaeda Training Terrorists in Arab Spring Countries**

**Come, let us reason together....**

## Chief Justice Roberts?

Supreme Court Justice John Roberts, appointed by President Bush and thought to be a conservative, was the deciding vote in favor of Obamacare. Whichever way he voted would have been a 5-4 decision. At his own confirmation, he spoke of the court having a

smaller footprint, and, in a ver convoluted way, this appears to be an example of that.

My guess is, Justice Roberts did not want to invalidate a law (any law) on a 5-4 vote; and he made clear, in his opinion, that the Supreme Court does not make a determination on whether a law is good or bad for the nation, but simply, is it in line with the constitution.

Although Roberts rejected the commerce clause in the constitution and the mandate that we buy insurance; but he did something that was unprecedented: he rewrote this legislation, calling the insurance payments or the penalty payments a tax. So he ruled on a law which was not passed by Congress; or, if you would rather, he "fixed" a law passed by Congress, actually making some fundamental changes to that law, in order to preserve it from being struck down.

A lot of conservatives have a problem with that. What seems reasonable to me is, this law compels every person the United States to buy something—namely healthcare insurance (the mandate)—and this is seen by Democrats as a reasonable application of the commerce clause which allows Congress to "regulate" commerce.

What I would have preferred to see is, a specific limitation on the commerce clause, to where this becomes more well-defined by the court (much as they did the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment militias).

Then, because this bill had no severance clause, the entire bill would have been wiped out.

Then, in the majority opinion, Chief Justice Roberts would then say, "Make these specific changes, and pass that bill, and it would be constitutional." If he wanted to.

He should have also scolded the Democrat lawyers for bringing an argument to him based on this being a tax, when those who represented the contents of the bill kept saying that it was not a

tax. "You cannot call it a tax one day and not a tax the next."

He didn't go that route.

He *rewrote* portions of the legislation to reflect that this was a tax (which dozens of people argued against previously—and still argue against). However, if the way that Chief Justice Roberts rewrote this law, it would have never passed in the first place.

This introduced another very odd issue that, you cannot bring a law before the Supreme Court (or any other court) involving the legitimacy of a tax until someone has actually paid the tax. No one has paid any taxes yet for Obamacare. So, by ruling this a tax, we have the problem with this law being in court in the first place.

I think the idea is, if Congress passes a bill, then the Supreme Court, under Justice Roberts, will uphold that law, if the decision is 5-4. On 6-3, he might be willing to strike a law down.

However, what this decision allowed for is, for this bill to be defeated in the Senate with a simple majority vote. Just as this bill was weirdly passed in the Senate on a 50+1 vote reconciliation vote (which still has me slightly baffled); it can be repealed with the same vote, because this is a tax. If that portion of the bill is defeated, then Obamacare collapses without its funding mechanism.

Furthermore, it will be a difficult bill to pass later on, because Republicans can say, "It is a tax; that is how the Supreme Court ruled." That could mean certain doom for anyone who votes for such a bill.

You may say, "This is really convoluted; why not simply just say, 'It's constitutional or not?'" I probably agree with you here. However, it is a 2700 page bill, so, if the bill is so complex, then it

would follow that this ruling would be complex as well.



## Constitutional Contortions

By Mark Steyn

Three months ago, I quoted George Jonas on the 30th anniversary of Canada's ghastly "Charter of Rights and Freedoms": "There seems to be an inverse relationship between written instruments of freedom, such as a Charter, and freedom itself," wrote Jonas. "It's as if freedom were too fragile to be put into words: If you write down your rights and freedoms, you lose them."

For longer than one might have expected, the U.S. Constitution was a happy exception to that general rule - until, that is, the contortions required to reconcile a republic of limited government with the ambitions of statism rendered U.S. constitutionalism increasingly absurd. As I also wrote three months ago (yes, yes, don't worry, there's a couple of sentences of new material in amongst all the I-told-you-so stuff), "The United States is the only Western nation in which our rulers invoke the Constitution



for the purpose of overriding it - or, at any rate, torturing its language beyond repair."

Thus, the Supreme Court's Obamacare decision. No one could seriously argue that the Framers' vision of the Constitution intended to provide philosophical license for a national government ("federal" hardly seems *le mot juste*) whose treasury could fine you for declining to make provision for a chest infection that meets the approval of the Commissar of Ailments. Yet on Thursday Chief Justice Roberts did just that. And conservatives are supposed to be encouraged that he did so by appeal to the Constitution's taxing authority rather than by a massive expansion of the Commerce Clause. Indeed, several respected commentators portrayed the Chief Justice's majority vote as a finely calibrated act of constitutional seamliness.

Great. That and \$4.95 will get you a decaf macchiato in the Supreme Court snack bar. There's nothing constitutionally seemly about a Court decision that says this law is only legal because the people's representatives flat-out lied to the people when they passed it. Throughout the Obamacare debates, Democrats explicitly denied it was a massive tax hike: "You reject that it's a tax increase?" George Stephanopoulos demanded to know on ABC. "I absolutely reject that notion," replied the president. Yet "that notion" is the only one that would fly at the Supreme Court. The jurists found the individual mandate constitutional by declining to recognize it as a mandate at all. For Roberts' defenders on the right, this is apparently a daring rout of Big Government: Like Nelson contemplating the Danish fleet at the Battle of Copenhagen, the chief justice held the telescope to his blind eye and declared, "I see no ships."

If it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, but a handful of judges rule that it's a rare breed of elk, then all's well. The chief justice, on the other hand, looks, quacks, and walks like the Queen in Alice in Wonderland: "Sentence first - verdict

afterwards." The Obama administration sentences you to a \$695 fine, and a couple of years later the queens of the Supreme Court explain what it is you're guilty of. A. V. Dicey's famous antipathy to written constitutions and preference for what he called (in a then largely unfamiliar coinage) the "rule of law" has never looked better.

Instead, constitutionalists argue that Chief Roberts has won a Nelson-like victory over the ever-expanding Commerce Clause. Big deal - for is his new, approved, enhanced taxing power not equally expandable? And, in attempting to pass off a confiscatory penalty as a legitimate tax, Roberts inflicts damage on the most basic legal principles.

Still, quibbling over whose pretzel argument is more ingeniously twisted - the government's or the Court's - is to debate, in Samuel Johnson's words, the precedence between a louse and a flea. I have great respect for George Will, but his assertion that the Supreme Court decision is a "huge victory" that will "help revive a venerable tradition" of "viewing congressional actions with a skeptical constitutional squint" and lead to a "sharpening" of "many Americans' constitutional consciousness" is sufficiently delusional that one trusts mental health is not grounds for priority check-in at the death panel. Back in the real world, it is a melancholy fact that tens of millions of Americans are far more European in their view of government than the nation's self-mythologizing would suggest. Indeed, citizens of many Continental countries now have more - what's the word? - liberty in matters of health care than Americans. That's to say, they have genuinely universal government systems alongside genuinely private-system alternatives. Only in America does "health" "care" "reform" begin with the hiring of 16,500 new IRS agents tasked with determining whether your insurance policy merits a fine. It is the perverse genius of Obamacare that it will kill off what's left of a truly private health sector without leading to a truly

universal system. However, it will be catastrophically unaffordable, hideously bureaucratic, and ever more coercive. So what's not to like?

To give Chief Justice Roberts' argument more credit than it deserves, governments use taxes as a form of incentive. There is mortgage tax relief because the state feels home ownership is generally a good thing. Conversely, not buying health insurance is a bad thing, so such anti-social behavior should be liable to a kind of anti-social tax. But, as presently constituted, the Supreme Court's new "tax" is a steal - \$695 is cheaper than most annual health-insurance policies. Especially when, under Obamacare, you're allowed to wait till you get ill to take out health insurance, and you can't be turned down. Which is why the cost of insurance is already rising, and will rise higher still down the road. Which means that in a few years' time paying the penalty will look even more of a bargain, at least until you fall off the roof or acquire an uncooperative polyp. Right now, many Americans are, by any rational measure, over-insured. That will be far less affordable in the future. Some are already downgrading to less lavish policies. Those with barebones policies might likewise find it makes more sense to downgrade to the \$695 penalty. What Chief Justice Roberts sees as the Alternative Mandate Tax, millions of Americans will see as a de facto Alternative Minimum Health Plan.

Who knows? Chances are I'm wrong, and the justices are wrong, and the government's wrong, and the consequences of Obamacare will be of a nature none of us has foreseen. But we already know Obama's been wrong about pretty much everything - you can keep your own doc, your premiums won't go up, it's not a tax, etc. - and in the Republic of Paperwork multi-trillion-dollar cost overruns and ever greater bureaucratic sclerosis seem the very least you can bet on. It should also be a given that this decision is a forlorn marker on a great nation's descent into steep decline and decay. Granted the

dysfunctionalism of Canadian health care, there's at least the consolation of an equality of crappiness for all except cabinet ministers and NHL players. Here, it's 2,800 unread pages of opt-outs, favors, cronyism, and a \$695 fine for those guilty of no crime except wanting to live their lives without putting their bladder under the jurisdiction of Commissar Sebelius.

And the Constitution is apparently cool with all that.

So be it. It's down to the people now - as it should be. But, meanwhile, a little less deference to judges wouldn't go amiss. The U.S. Supreme Court is starting to look like Britain's National Health Service - you wait two years to get in, and then they tell you there's nothing wrong. And you can't get a second opinion.

## Hope n' Change

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## The ObamaCare Tax

By Stephen Moore

Talk about bitter irony. The details of the Supreme Court's decision upholding the ObamaCare law are still being interpreted, but what is certain is that what saved the law was the "ObamaCare tax." The Court ruled that the individual mandate to purchase health care or face a fine is a tax, not a requirement.

In other words, the Court said that Congress can impose a "tax" on people if they don't buy health insurance.

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Editorial board member Steve Moore on the Supreme Court's upholding the individual mandate under Congress's taxing authority. Photo: Getty Images

When Congress was debating for months and months, the Obama team argued that the individual mandate "is not a tax." This was to spare the White House the embarrassment of admitting that President Obama was violating right out of the box his sacred promise not to tax anyone earning less than \$200,000. According to Congressional figures 70% to 75% of the "tax" falls on those who earn less than \$200,000 per year, and that is 8 million non-rich people. So Mr. Obama argued this was a mandate and a fine to enforce the requirement to buy health care.

But then in front of the Supreme Court and lower courts, the Obama legal team shifted strategies and argued it was a tax after all. The Supreme Court has traditionally and regrettably granted unlimited taxing authority to the Congress and they did so again on Tuesday.

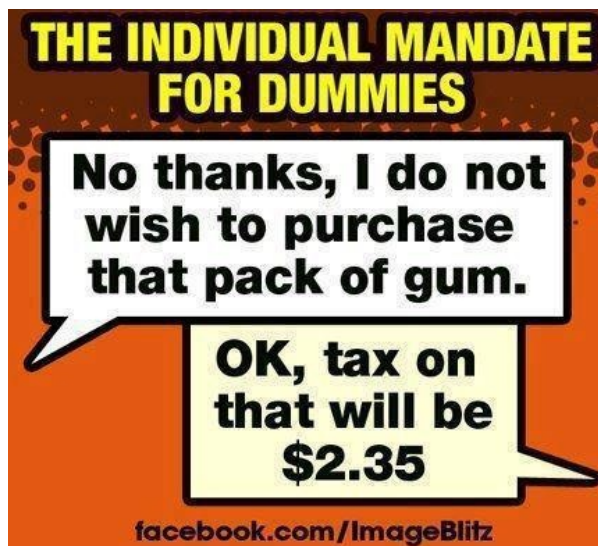
The decision is an absurd and extraordinarily dangerous interpretation of the taxing power. If Congress wants to mandate people to eat right, exercise, say their prayers at night, would it be constitutional if Congress taxes people for not complying?

So the White House won by conceding that their mandate is a tax on anyone whether you make \$200,000 or \$20,000. Mr. Obama's team is surely uncorking the champagne bottles, but taxpayers may not be so happy.

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[ObamaCare and the Power to Tax](#) appears to be a very abbreviated version of the dissenting opinion.



## Obama's failed presidency

By Dick Morris

Particularly if the Supreme Court invalidates the individual mandate at the heart of the ObamaCare law, this president's tenure is increasingly going to be seen as an unmitigated failure.

The economy is in a shambles and getting worse. The national debt is bloated. The stimulus didn't work. His healthcare reform law, his signature program, might be unconstitutional. He tied the nation up for a year and a half, and lost his party's House majority and much of its margin in the Senate, to pass and defend a law that was so poorly written, it could get thrown out by the court. He might be cited for contempt of Congress. He hasn't delivered on his environmental commitments. Cap-and-trade is a dead letter. Gov. Scott Walker's victory in Wisconsin makes a mockery of Obama's pledge to strengthen organized labor during his term. American popularity around the globe is lower

than it was under Bush, and both Iran and North Korea are more threatening.

What's left?

Any even vaguely objective observer has to agree that Obama has failed. The parties still disagree on whose fault the failure was and what the remedy is, but there can be no doubt that he has utterly failed.

Spurred by this record of failure, the case against Obama is rapidly becoming non-ideological and even nonpartisan. Throughout his tenure, he has been under fire from the right for his liberal programs, big spending and grow-government tendencies. But now, the center and the left are chiming in, criticizing his competence, leadership, strength, experience and wisdom. He is coming to be seen as an amateur, not ready for prime time, prematurely elected president before he could acquire a real understanding of how the process works.

His speeches, once inspirational, now sound hollow. His tone, once uplifting, now is partisan and harsh. His demeanor was once unruffled and his voice calming. These days he often appears rattled and off balance. He ran a relatively gaffe-free campaign in 2008 (the encounter with Joe the Plumber excepted). But in 2012, he can't seem to do anything right. He attracted vast amounts of money in piling up a 2-to-1 financial advantage over McCain. But this year, he admits he will be outspent.

In a sense, Barack Obama has morphed into Jimmy Carter. Looking back at the 1980 election, we are tempted to see it in hindsight as the triumph of conservatism as Reagan swept to power. But, in fact, Reagan was careful not to run as an ideologue lest he be impaled like Goldwater was in 1964. Rather, Jimmy Carter lost the election more than Reagan won it. It was the Republican's question, "Are you better off than you were four years ago?" and his calculation of

the misery index (combining unemployment and inflation) that brought Carter down.

Carter, himself, was not a leftist in 1980. He had been a moderate as president. His liberalism was still in the future. He was beaten not because he strayed too far left, but because he couldn't get out of his own way. The American public came to see him in much the same terms that they now use to describe Obama: In over his head, hasn't a clue, can't get anything done.

To win, Obama needs a phenomenal turnout among downscale voters. He's not going to get it. There is no enthusiasm for him among his base. Nobody can be inspired by his record of failure. Democrats are increasingly voting with their feet, staying home during his coming convention and distancing themselves from the top of the ticket. And few voters are sufficiently scared of Mitt Romney to come out to vote for a president who hasn't done anything right.

Six months ago, when I predicted that 2012 would be a Republican landslide, few agreed with me. Now I'm getting more company.





# A Political Glossary

By Thomas Sowell

One of the most versatile terms in the political vocabulary is "fairness." It has been used over a vast range of issues, from "fair trade" laws to the Fair Labor Standards Act. And recently we have heard that the rich don't pay their "fair share" of taxes.

Some of us may want to see a definition of what is "fair." But a concrete definition would destroy the versatility of the word, which is what makes it so useful politically.

If you said, for example, that 46.7 percent of their income - or any other number - is the "fair share" of their income that the rich should have to pay in taxes, then once they paid that amount, there would be no basis for politicians to come back to them for more - and "more" is what "fair share" means in practice.

Life in general has never been even close to fair, so the pretense that the government can make it fair is a valuable and inexhaustible asset to politicians who want to expand government.

"Racism" is another term we can expect to hear a lot this election year, especially if the public opinion polls are going against President Barack Obama.

Former big-time TV journalist Sam Donaldson and current fledgling CNN host Don Lemon have already proclaimed racism to be the reason for criticisms of Obama, and we can expect more and more other talking heads to say the same thing as the election campaign goes on. The word "racism" is like ketchup. It can be put on practically anything - and demanding evidence makes you a "racist."

A more positive term that is likely to be heard a lot, during election years especially, is

"compassion." But what does it mean concretely? More often than not, in practice it means a willingness to spend the taxpayers' money in ways that will increase the spender's chances of getting reelected.

If you are skeptical - or, worse yet, critical - of this practice, then you qualify for a different political label: "mean-spirited." A related political label is "greedy."

In the political language of today, people who want to keep what they have earned are said to be "greedy," while those who wish to take their earnings from them and give it to others (who will vote for them in return) show "compassion."

A political term that had me baffled for a long time was "the hungry." Since we all get hungry, it was not obvious to me how you single out some particular segment of the population to refer to as "the hungry."

Eventually, over the years, it finally dawned on me what the distinction was. People who make no provision to feed themselves, but expect others to provide food for them, are those whom politicians and the media refer to as "the hungry."

Those who meet this definition may have money for alcohol, drugs or even various electronic devices. And many of them are overweight. But, if they look to voluntary donations, or money taken from the taxpayers, to provide them with something to eat, then they are "the hungry."

I can remember a time, long ago, when I was hungry in the old-fashioned sense. I was a young fellow out of work, couldn't find work, fell behind in my room rent - and, when I finally found a job, I had to walk miles to get there, because I couldn't afford both subway fare and food.

But this was back in those "earlier and simpler times" we hear about. I was so naive that I

thought it was up to me to go find a job, and to save some money when I did. Even though I knew that Joe DiMaggio was making \$100,000 a year - a staggering sum in the money of that time - it never occurred to me that it was up to him to see that I got fed.

So, even though I was hungry, I never qualified for the political definition of "the hungry." Moreover, I never thereafter spent all the money I made, whether that was a little or a lot, because being hungry back then was a lot worse than being one of "the hungry" today.

As a result, I was never of any use to politicians looking for dependents who would vote for them. Nor have I ever had much use for such politicians.

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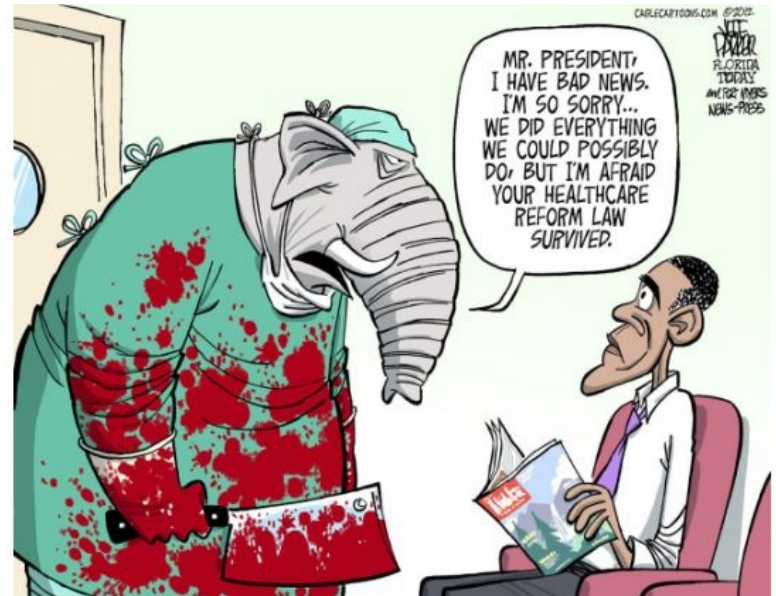
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## The Rush Section



## Why Employers Will Dump Health Insurance

RUSH: I'm blue in the face saying this. So for those of you who have heard it and understand it, please indulge me. If you're a small business, if you are a corporation, a major corporation... Let me put it a different way. If you are an employee of a small business or big company, and you have your health insurance via your employment. The president went out there today and said (paraphrased), "Nothing's changed. You get to keep your doctor. If you like your plan, you get to keep it."

No, and here's why.

What was upheld today was the concept that you must buy health insurance or pay a fine for it, just not under the Commerce Clause. And the way that was arrived at was a tax on behavior. If you

refuse to buy, there is a tax. Now, as the law is written, the tax for not buying health insurance is much cheaper than the cost of a policy. So if you work for a business, large or small, that wants to save money -- and which business alive today doesn't because of the economy? If that business has an opportunity for the next year or two, maybe three...

I don't know when the numbers change, but certainly for the next two to three years after implementation. If the fine is \$800 or \$900 and the cost of an insurance policy for an employee is \$5,000, what are you gonna do? You off-load coverage, and you say to the employee, "Sorry, I've got no choice. I have to stay in business. I'm paying the fine. You're on your own. Now, you can go to the state exchange down there at the government office and you can buy health insurance from them. And you can try to get into a pool there, but it makes no sense for us to offer these expensive policies any longer."

Now, that's not the case for the entire length of the law.

It's very seductive.

The fine is much, much cheaper than the cost of a policy. But only for two or three years, maybe four. At that point, they catch up with each other because the thinking among the people who wrote the law is it'll only take two or three years for businesses to off-load their health care coverage as an employee benefit. Then it all evens out. And then the fines for not having a policy get larger than the cost of a policy. This is all written into the law. It happens in elements. It doesn't all happen in one year, but as each year goes by, the fine goes up.

For two or three years, it's much lower than the cost of the premium is. Then they catch up with each other and then the fine overtakes the cost of the premium. But all of this is by design to get people out of the private insurance market.

TheHill.com: "CBO Report Says Health Care Law Could Cause as Many as 20 Million to Lose Coverage." That was from March 15th of this year. "As many as 20 million Americans could lose their employer-provided coverage because of President Obama's healthcare reform law," said the CBO. And precisely for this reason.

This is also where the threat of jail time enters the discussion. In the original bill, there was a possibility of jail time with the fine. I remember Pelosi was asked about this, and she thought throwing people in jail for not having health insurance was very fair. Because she believed in the "incentive" of staying out of jail to cause people to go out and make sure they're insured. I don't know what this decision has said about that. It's 194 pages, and I haven't talked to anybody yet who's read the whole thing. I haven't read it myself.

I have just gotten the PDF file but I haven't obviously had a chance to go through it all. That 20 million figure, by the way, the CBO is admitting is very low. It's gonna be many more than 20 million people who will lose employer-provided health insurance and who will then be forced to go elsewhere to get it. And if you don't? If you don't, there's the fine. That's what happened today.

RUSH: I want to go back to March of 2007. We played this bite before. If you haven't heard it, I want you to hear it. Nothing has changed. It's Barack Obama speaking to employees or union members, the Service Employees International Union. The unions want and wanted single-payer health care, national health care. Government pay it all. Government provide everything. They wanted it overnight. They've wanted it for a long time. Here's Obama. He's campaigning for president. This is during the primary, the run-up to the primary. Trying to get their votes. Trying to tell them he knows what they want. He's telling them he knows and he agrees. He wants what

they want, but he's telling them how it must happen.

OBAMA: My commitment is to make sure that we've got universal health care for all Americans by the end of my first term as President. I would hope that we set up a system that allows those who can't go through their employer to access a federal system, or a state pool of some sort. But I don't think we are gonna be able to eliminate employer coverage immediately. There's going to be potentially some transition process. I can envision a decade out or 15 years out or 20 years out.

RUSH: These are the people he doesn't lie to. These are the people he tells the truth to. Union people, his number one donors, supporters. I'm gonna get universal health care by the end of my first term, but we're not gonna be able to eliminate employer coverage immediately. I want to, eliminating employer coverage is the key. Getting rid of you having health insurance through your job, that's the ultimate goal, it's what he was telling them five years ago. He told them we can't do it overnight. It's gonna take some time. And the reason for that is that if people find out what we're doing there's gonna be opposition to it. We have to structure it in such a way that the people have no choice in the matter. We have to structure it in such a way so that turning to the government is the only option they've got, and that's why the fines, i.e. the taxes, are much lower starting out than the cost of the premium.

They want people to pay the fine. They want young people and others to pay the fine rather than buy the policy. They want employers to off-load their coverage. They want this. That's why the fines are so small, at first, to make that happen. That way, when it happens, guess who you end up hating? You hate your employer. You get mad at your employer. And guess who you end up loving? Government, your savior, your salvation. Your mean, rotten to-the-core

employer canceled your coverage because he doesn't care about you. All he cares about is profit, and he saw a chance to off-load your health program, instead pay just a cheap little fine. Doesn't care about you. Doesn't care about your family. Doesn't care about your health care. Only cares about himself.

But then there's a light way down at the end of the tunnel. And it's the light of Obama. And even though your mean, rotten-to-the-core boss decided to cancel your health insurance, guess who's there to help you out? Government. And you, at the end of this process, are to be thanking God for government, because without government, you might get sick and die. Or you might get sick and go bankrupt before you die. That's the plan. It's how they think. It's how they strategize. And it's the plan that has been implemented, and now it has been found constitutional. And the way they get there is the power now to tax what you don't do, and that is, buy health insurance. This is taxing your behavior, and whatever they want to end up taxing in the future. No more complicated than that. No limits.

I asked Snerdley, as just a little exercise during the break, I said, "Hey, Bo, stop and think for a minute, tell me what are the federal taxes that you pay right now?"

"Well, let's see. Income."

"Right."

"Property."

"No. No. Those are state, local."

"Oh, yeah. Well, you got user fees out there, the National Parks."

"Yeah."

"Gasoline."



"Yeah."

The point is, there's not a whole lot. And it took an amendment to the Constitution to authorize the income tax. It took an amendment to the Constitution to authorize the income tax! Just to put into perspective what's happened today: Without a constitutional amendment, the government can tax anything now. Not just your income. And not just the sleigh ride at Jellystone Park. And not just gasoline. Not just a user fee for walking into Yosemite or whatever. Now, my friends, it's your behavior, whether Obamacare's tossed out, repealed, or not.

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## Freedom of Choice Meets Its Death Panel

RUSH: President Kardashian is on television as we speak. I decided not to JIP President Kardashian. I figure you're angry and depressed enough as it is. He's basically rehashing all of the lies he told about what health care is: how it's not gonna cost you any more, how you get to keep your doctor, how all these people are gonna end up being insured that weren't insured. About that, you know, people are still digging through this thing. The ruling is close to 200 pages. The law itself is 2,700 pages. Yes, he's spiking the football. Of course he was gonna spike the football. We were the only ones who weren't gonna spike the football. Of course he's spiking the football.

I'm really concerned here, the amount of power this guy is now going to think that he's got. And it's payback time now, by the way. Ask Arizona

about that. This is payback time. But they're gonna have to readjust their campaign strategy, 'cause I know Obama was gonna run against, you know, four white guys and an Uncle Tom. He can't run against the Supreme Court now. He's really had a big campaign issue taken away from him in one sense, and we've had one-handed to us. This whole thing has now become purely political. With the court ruling that this is a tax and it turns out to be the largest tax increase in world history and a tax that we were deceived about, it becomes a purely political issue. It's made to order for the campaign, made to order.

Obama's got nothing to defend. He can go out there and defend this bill all day long, but the number of people who don't want any part of it just multiplied. He's gotta go out and defend and brag about a law that nobody wants, or a vast majority of the American people don't want. He has to go out and try to defend an economic plan that's resulted in destruction of the American private sector. You try to look for positives wherever you can, folks, and along those lines, there is a, to me, still somewhat confusing aspect of a ruling here on Medicaid and the states. There's this little excerpt here from the majority opinion.

"Nothing in our opinion precludes Congress from offering funds under the (Affordable Care Act) to expand the availability of health care, and requiring that states accepting such funds comply with the conditions on their use. What Congress is not free to do is to penalize States that choose not to participate in that new program by taking away their existing Medicaid funding."

So the Supreme Court apparently has decided that the government, in this case the Department of Health and Human Services cannot penalize states who choose not to participate in the new Medicaid expansion. Again, "Nothing in our opinion precludes Congress from offering funds under the (Affordable Care Act) to expand the availability of health care, and requiring that

states accepting such funds comply with the conditions on their use. What Congress is not free to do is to penalize States that choose not to participate in that new program by taking away their existing Medicaid funding."

So they can't do a health care version on Arizona, like they did on immigration in Arizona to the rest of the states. But remember who we're talking about here. We're talking about the Democrat Party and President Obama who picks and chooses which parts of the law that he seeks to ignore and accept.

Mitt Romney spoke just before noon about this. We have three sound bites. Here is the first of the three...

ROMNEY: What the court did not do on its last day in session, I will do on my first day if elected president of the United States. And that is: I will act to repeal Obamacare. Let's make clear that we understand what the court did and did not do. What the court did today was say that Obamacare does not violate the Constitution. What they did not do was say that Obamacare is good law or that it's good policy.

RUSH: And he continued...

ROMNEY: This is now a time for the American people to make a choice. You can choose whether you want to have a larger and larger government, more and more intrusive in your life, separating you and your doctor; whether you're comfortable with more deficits, higher debt that we pass on to the coming generations; whether you're willing to have the government put in place a plan that potentially causes you to lose insurance that you like. Or whether instead you want to return to a time when the American people will have their own choice in health care, where consumers will be able to make their choices as to what kind of health insurance they want.

RUSH: And he wasn't finished. One more bite we have for you.

ROMNEY: If we want to get rid of Obamacare, we're gonna have to replace President Obama. If we want good jobs and a bright economic future for ourselves and for our kids, we must replace Obamacare. That is my mission, that is our work, and I'm asking the people of America to join me. If you don't want the course that President Obama has put us on, if you want instead a course that the Founders envisioned, then join me in this effort. Help us. Help us defeat Obamacare. Help us defeat the liberal agenda that makes government too big, too intrusive, and is killing jobs across this great country.

RUSH: So that's the Republican presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, just before noon today reacting to Obamacare. The Washington Examiner has a story here that Republican governors are planning to ignore the Supreme Court decision today to uphold Obamacare, hoping the issue will drive voters to dump Obama in favor of Romney who's vowed to kill Obamacare.

"Republican governors are planning to ignore the Supreme Court's decision [today] to uphold Obamacare hoping that the issue will drive voters to dump President Obama in favor of Mitt Romney who has vowed to kill [Obamacare]. After the decision, the Republican Governors Association said that nothing should be done by the states until after the election, a clear signal that they believe a [Republican] president, House and Senate will kill [Obamacare].

"RGA Chairman Bob McDonnell said, 'Today's ruling crystallizes all that's at stake in November's election. The only way to stop Barack Obama's budget-busting health care takeover is by electing a new president. Barack Obama's health care takeover encapsulates his presidency: Obamacare increases taxes, grows the size of government and puts bureaucrats over patients

while doing nothing to improve the economy.'" And that's exactly right.

And does so as a result of a massive tax increase that the regime, the president, and the Congress all denied this bill was.

Our freedom of choice just met its death panel: The Supreme Court.

RUSH: Our freedom of choice just met its death panel: the Supreme Court of the United States. Again, there may be an outcome to this that the regime did not anticipate. And it's this. The Supreme Court has ruled -- I just want to repeat this again -- that states cannot be stripped of federal money for not expanding their Medicaid rolls. They can opt out of the Medicaid expansion. And the reason they will is this health care bill puts all the financial requirement on the states. It mandates massive expenditure increases in Medicaid and tells the states they have to spend the money. They can't print money. The states cannot print money. They don't have it. The states are in terrible shape, those where there aren't any oil booms going on. Pensions, health care obligations, unfunded liability, states don't have the money for this.

What this means is that there likely will end up being more uninsured people than there were under previous projections, and guess who these people are? The poor! The people who, in this country, really, if you want to talk about people that don't have health insurance, you're talking 10 to 16 million people who want it but don't have it. That's what all this was about, 10 to 16 million people. Those people are the ones who may be aced out here, because if the states do not have to participate in the Medicaid expansion, they cannot be penalized. The court says right here, what Congress is not free to do is to penalize the states that choose not to participate in that new program by taking away their existing Medicaid funding.

So the states can stay, "We don't have the money. We're not participating in this expansion, and you can't take away what we've got." If it happens like that, the people that end up being harmed are the very people running around today thinking that the result here is they've got free health care. How many of you people, in your office today, or wherever you happened to be when the ruling came down, how many of you people -- I don't know; could be zero -- how many of you had somebody come up to you and say, "Does that mean health care is now free?" I guarantee you there are some who think that, that that's what this means. That's what they thought when it passed. They thought health care was free when it passed. Remember, we had the sound bites now. The Supreme Court's affirmed it.

"Wow, so now my health care's really free." I'll tell you what, not only is it not free, you may not get any health insurance whatsoever. Now, the federal government has recourse if states do this. I call your attention to Colorado, which is burning alive, and one of the reasons why is that Obama has cut the budget necessary for a number of these tanker airplanes that drop chemicals on fires. Because the environmentalist wackos convinced Obama it was a waste of money. Once there's a fire, let it burn. So people are being forced out of their houses. So let's just say, to use a real world example here, say Colorado is a state that decides it's not gonna participate in the Medicaid expansion, and the court says, "They can't be penalized for not doing so. Government cannot take their existing Medicare money away." Well, in a situation like this, Obama could say, "Oh, your state's on fire? Okay, well, I'll take a look as I fly over on my way to California for a fundraiser."

In the case of, let's say Louisiana, let's say there's another hurricane that goes through there, devastates part of the state. Let's say Louisiana has not participated in the Medicare expansion. Obama can say, "Well, you know what? We don't

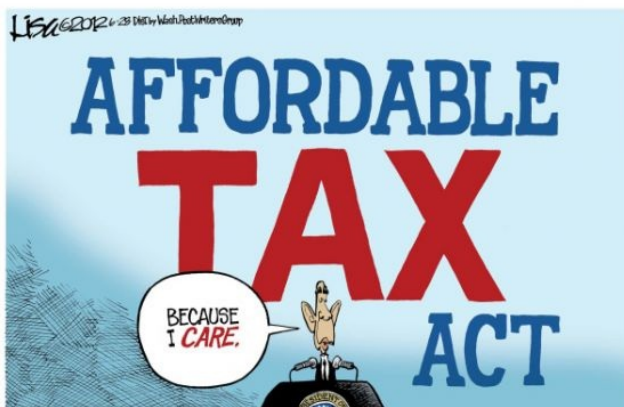
have anything for you. FEMA is too tied up." So there are ways that with political payback, a guy like Obama can punish a state for not playing ball his way, and he's shown that he will do so. Arizona is looking like a prime example of this right now. Arizona dared to stand up to The One, and now Arizona essentially has no border. Arizona has no way to stop. And all this is being done under the rubric of social justice.

So what we get today with the Obamacare ruling is the largest tax in the history of the world is going to be paid by the uninsured, the very people Obama is supposed to help. If you don't go buy insurance for whatever reason, you pay a tax, a fine, what have you. It's just been upheld. The largest tax in the history of the world is going to be paid by the uninsured, the very people Obama is supposed to and claiming to be helping. Arizona, Obama's personal pinata, and other states waiting in line if they don't participate in the Medicaid expansion.

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## Big Education Loads Students with Debt

RUSH: There's a couple things happening out there involving young people. This student loan thing is big. Yahoo News has a story today. They found a bunch of recent graduates talking about their student loan debt. And it ranges from \$80,000 up to over \$200,000 among the people they found. And these people are devastated. These young adults are saying they're not gonna have money to get married. They're not gonna have money to buy a house. They're not gonna have money to live a conventional life as they've seen it and been exposed to.

One woman even says to the writer of the story, "My boyfriend won't marry me because I'm \$135,000 in debt and he doesn't want his name on it." Which we all know the answer, but I don't dare speak it here. (laughing) What are you doing marrying a guy who can't pay off 135 grand? Anyway, it's big, folks, these young adults to whom normally the national debt and deficits wouldn't matter a hill of beans are getting firsthand experience at what it does mean. And who put them in debt, who runs the student loan program? It's Obama. Who's out there pushing these things? Who's out there getting everybody in debt? The government. I don't know what they're complaining about. They get free birth control. Isn't that all they care about? That's what Obama wants us to believe.

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## College Grads Depressed and Demoralized

RUSH: This might be in the UK media, I'm not sure -- about software developers who are writing apps for smart phones, the iPhone, the Android format and so forth. And they are encountering, as they get bigger, and as they start making



money, they are encountering all of the regulations and all of the things that limit their creativity that they didn't know existed. Young people are encountering all of the obstacles that other small-business people have already learned about and deal with each and every day. And I think it's substantive. I think it's important. I think it matters.

Who runs the colleges? Who charges these tuitions that has resulted in these students being in such debt that none of them think they're going to find work in this economy that's gonna help them come anywhere near paying off the loan? That's why I say, don't be surprised if in August or September, at the convention, Obama forgives student loan debt. He can do that. He can propose it. That's all it would take. He doesn't even have to do it, just propose it. He could also propose the government forgiving mortgage debt on properties which are underwater. If he's willing to ignore the Constitution here or there, or basically write new law with a presidential executive order here or there. What's to stop him from announcing he's just gonna wipe all the student loan debt off the books? All of you who owe a hundred thousand, you don't owe anything. (Obama impression) "This is not right, to graduate and be in such debt," blah, blah, and just wipe it off.

But regardless, they're learning about it firsthand, debt, why it matters. Normally such discussions of the deficit and debt and all that stuff, it's boring as it can be to 20-somethings. All they want to do is find lives that look like the people on TV live. Sex with everybody you meet. Yes, that's what it is, Dawn. I know you don't want to believe that. Let me just ask you, Dawn, how many young people, college students and recent grads entering the real world are depressed and disappointed that life isn't as they see it on TV. That they don't have sex with everybody they meet in a bar. That not everybody drives a Lamborghini. I think you'd be surprised. And how

many of 'em can't get jobs, exactly, with all that debt.

I'm telling you, everybody's surrendering the youth vote to Obama. I wouldn't be so fast about it.

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## Why Stockton, CA, is Bankrupt

RUSH: Stockton, California, is gonna file for bankruptcy. Largest US city to fail. They have these pensions and health care liabilities that they simply can't afford, folks. You know, it really is a shame. The average firefighter in Stockton costs the city \$157,000 a year in pay and benefits. Okay, fine, we like people earning a lot of money. The problem is that the firefighter in Stockton can retire at age 50 with a life expectancy of 76 to 80, can retire at age 50 with a pension equal to 90% of his highest salary and free lifetime health benefits.

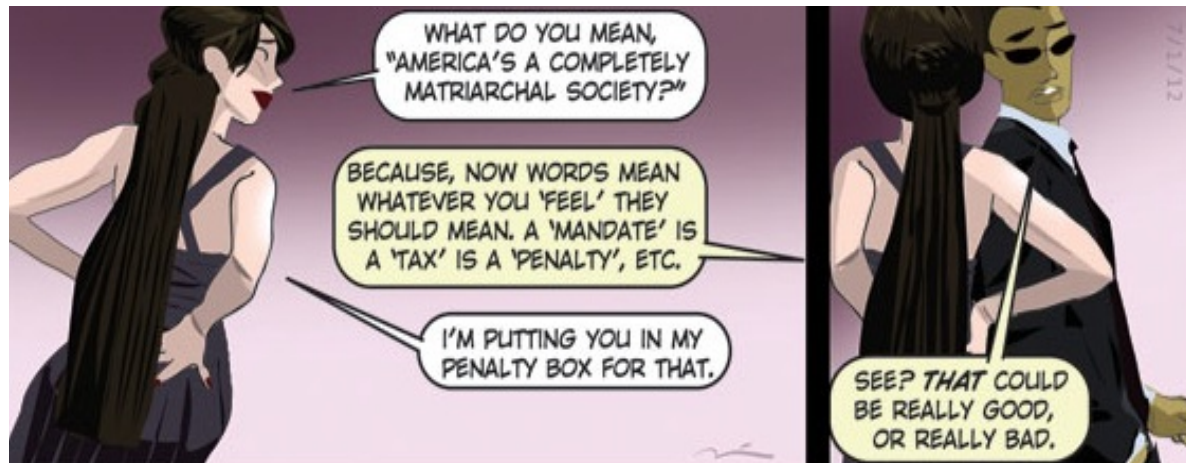


Now, it's a great deal if you can get it, but there isn't the money to pay for it anymore. The deals should never have been made. They make no sense. You can't pay somebody whatever you're paying them,

and have them retire at 50, promise 'em 90% of that for the rest of their lives plus free health care on the top of it. It was promised. The money isn't there. It's a shame for these firefighters, cops, municipal employees, but it just never was sustainable. Stockton has laid off a quarter of its police, 30% of its firefighters, 43% of its city staff in order to pay for these benefits to retired city officials, and they still have to declare bankruptcy.

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