



Flag Day display at Saks Fifth Avenue, New York City

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## Will the Republicans fumble the conservative revolution?

by Keith Wilkerson, managing editor

As election returns rolled in, the liberal forces seemed in full retreat. Incumbents appeared to be falling left and right.

The press had dubbed the mid-summer primaries “Super Tuesday,” but considering there were only a handful of states voting, it wasn’t really super in size.

However, “it did produce some interesting results,” observed the Christian Coalition’s *Capitol Notebook*.

For example, Pennsylvania’s senior senator appeared out of a job. “After switching parties for the second time in his career, Senator Arlen Specter is now a man without a country, so to speak,” quipped the *Capitol Notebook* editorialists. “So much for Obama having the influence to pull Specter over the finish line. In fact, that’s the other ‘big’ news of the night, that Obama is now 0-4 when it comes to big endorsements (remember Virginia, New Jersey and Massachusetts?).”

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## How long can Old Glory keep waving?

by Billy James Hargis II, publisher

How much longer will Old Glory wave?

Conservative columnist and Baptist preacher Chuck Baldwin says the United States is about to break apart. He says states are going to start seceding from the Union—and that Washington, D.C. will be unable to do anything about it.

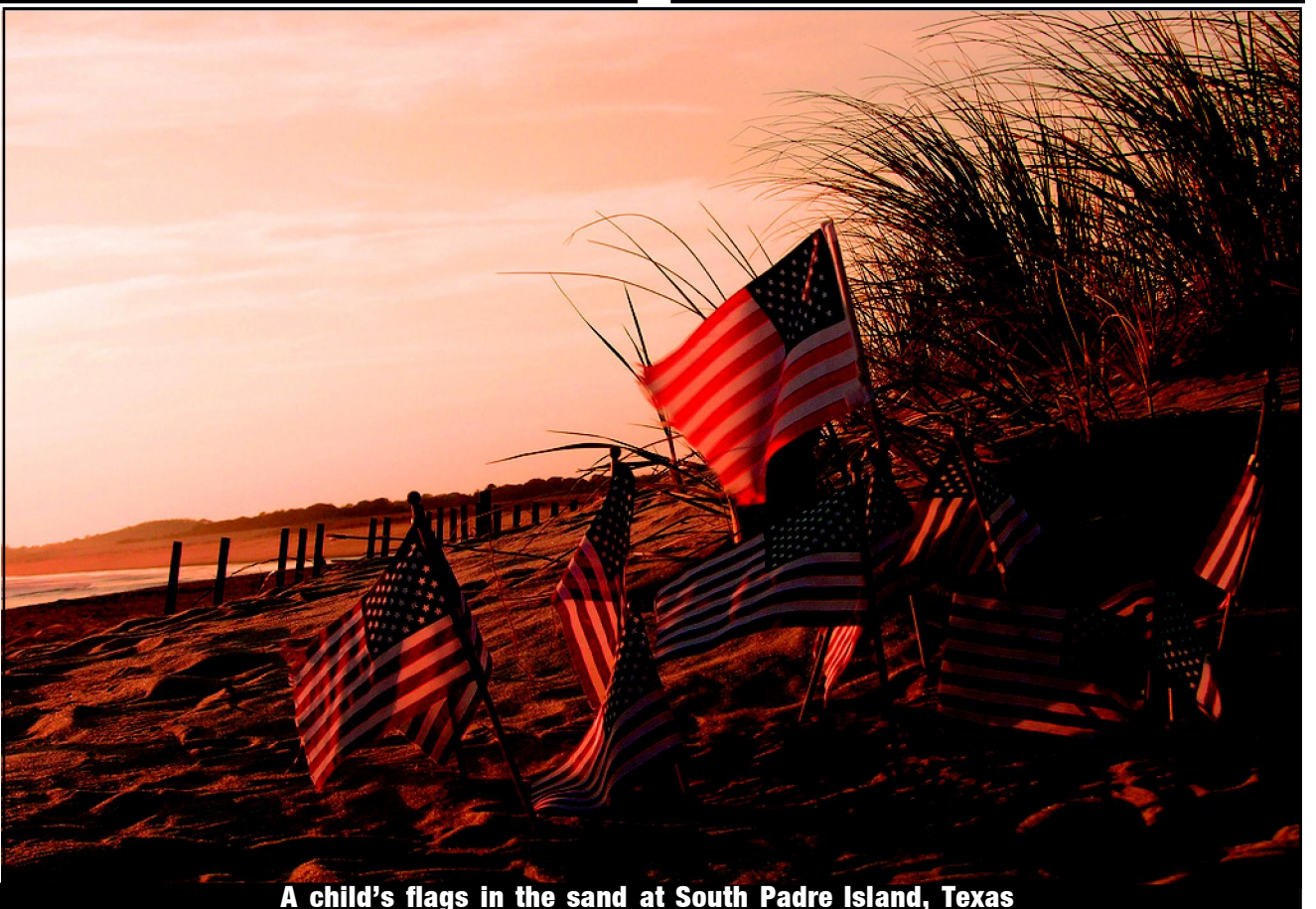
Attorney and fellow conservative columnist Dr. Edwin Vieira thinks such an announcement is absurd.

“Baldwin,” writes Vieira, “asserts that the ‘breakup of the U.S. is inevitable! Short of another Great Awakening, nothing can stop it.’”

“Well,” counters Vieira, “I wonder if anything ‘in the course of human events’ (as the Declaration of Independence put it) is truly ‘inevitable,’ if enough people, sufficiently committed to another outcome, oppose it.”

However, Dr. Vieira concedes “as Pastor Baldwin

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A child's flags in the sand at South Padre Island, Texas

## Why do the liberals ignore Mexico's tough immigration laws?

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

The White House scene was unbelievable. A foreign head of state slammed the United States and its policies while the President applauded.

In the ultimate hypocrisy, Mexico’s President Felipe Calderon, blasted the U.S. – when Mexico has tougher laws that it enforces against illegal immigrants.

The President of the United States offered no rebuttal, no defense of his nation and certainly no polite inquiry of why Mexico doesn’t practice what it preaches. In

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## FBI says Soviets considered Walter Cronkite valuable

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

The Soviet Union relied on the late CBS Evening News anchorman Walter Cronkite as an ally in their propaganda battle against Ronald Reagan.

That’s according to a just-released FBI file that has received almost no media coverage. Cronkite, who died in 2009, is revered by modern journalists.

However, his bias was far more destructive than anyone wants to admit – or even discuss aloud.

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## Rioting Greek ‘public servants’ burn bank, kill 3

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

America’s mainstream media ran to cover its eyes and ears as the president of Greece warned that his country stood on the “brink of the abyss.”

TV news anchors reported that Greek rioters killed three people. Liberal newspapers reported that a bank had been torched.

However, nowhere in the reporting is the truth that

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# The paganization of our United States

by Tim Dunkin, special to *Christian Crusade Newspaper*

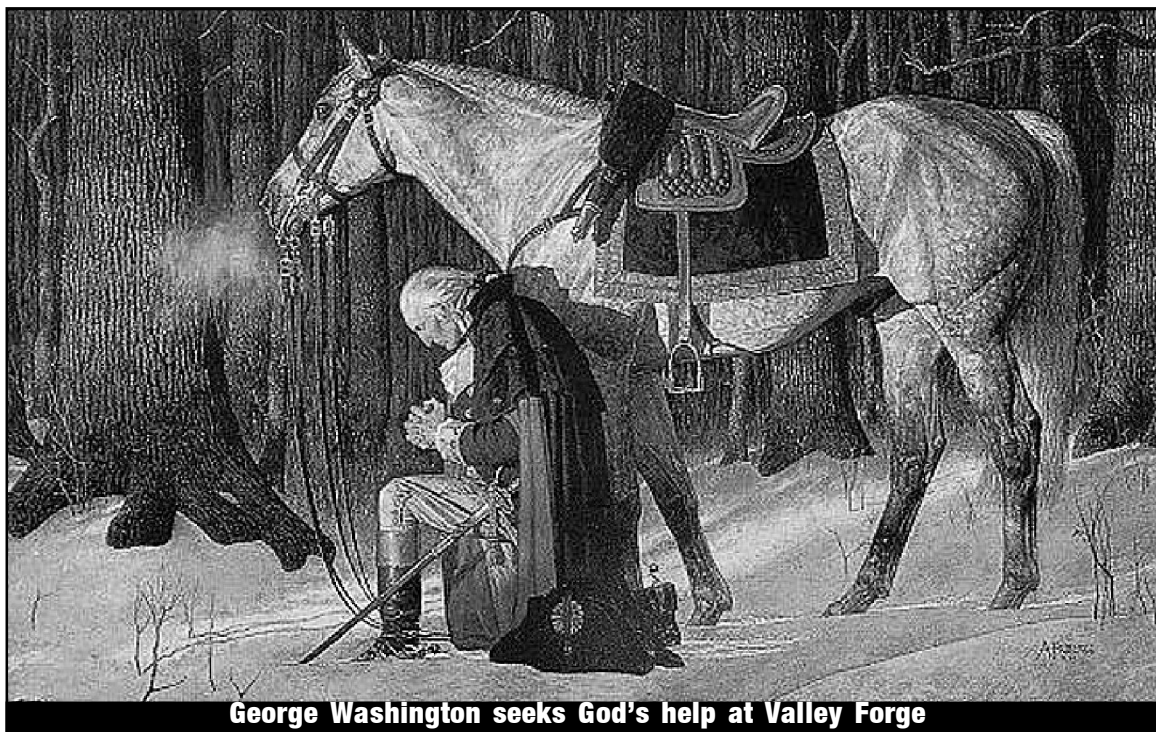
America as we see it today is not the same nation as the America in which my parents grew up. It is certainly not the America that was founded over 230 years ago by a group of patriots who had just won a war of liberation against the most powerful monarchy in the world at that time. These changes, this degradation of America, has accelerated in the last 40 years, however, as a moral sea change swept over this land, driven by the purposeful rejection of America's Christian foundations and the system of government that was influenced and established under their auspices.

Let us make no mistake — America was a Christian nation at her inception. The entire warp and woof of society was permeated with the biblical world view. Our founders, realizing the truth of the Christian doctrine of the inherent sinfulness of man, established a government in which power was divided at the federal level between three competing, contrary branches with specifically-defined powers.

Further, political power was divided between what was supposed to be a relatively weak federal government and the state governments. The intention underlying this choice was to dilute the ability of any one man or group of people from being able to exercise power, naturally corruptible, over their fellow citizens. This intention, we must understand, was a spiritual and moral one, based upon biblical understandings of the nature of man.

The biblical world view informed many of the decisions and beliefs of the founders,

in the commands of God to the Israelite commonwealth to choose leaders from among their own people to serve as judges. Clearly, the men of this generation respected the Bible, looked to it for political and philosophical guidance and were steeped in a world view that accepted the truths of Scripture.



George Washington seeks God's help at Valley Forge

Despite the attempts at historical revision by some, biblical religion had a strong and tempering influence on our nation in her early years. Some claim that our founders and those of their generation, were "rational Deists" who rejected the Bible and its truths.

This idea must be flatly rejected, however, when we look at the sum total of what these men said and did, instead of pulling a few quotes out of context, as the atheists and "freethinkers" do. Indeed, one of the first acts of Congress under the new Constitution was, at public expense, to have Bibles printed and distributed to citizens of our nation living in what were then frontier areas. This is not the action of people who rejected Scripture and sought to establish a radically

secular nation, such as was seen with the revolution in France.

The biblical world view and the system built upon it, helped to protect Americans from many of the ills and vices that have befallen so many other nations throughout history. Pagan nations, by which I mean nations that have rejected the Creator's world view in favor of some form or another of purely man-made sentimentality, have traditionally been very different than those societies in which the Judeo-Christian

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# I am 63 and ... I am tired

by Robert A. Hall, special to *Christian Crusade Newspaper*

**I'm 63.** Except for one semester in college when jobs were scarce and a six-month period when I was between jobs, but job-hunting every day, I've worked hard, since I was 18. Despite some health challenges, I still put in 50-hour weeks, and haven't called in sick in seven or eight years. I make a good salary, but I didn't inherit my job or my income, and I worked to get where I am. Given the economy, there's no retirement in sight, and I'm tired. Very tired.

**I'm tired** of being told that I have to "spread the wealth" to people who don't have my work ethic. I'm

tired of being told the government will take the money I earned, by force if necessary, and give it to people too lazy to earn it.

**I'm tired** of being told that I have to pay more taxes to "keep people in their homes." Sure, if they lost their jobs or got sick, I'm willing to help. But if they bought McMansions at three times the price of our paid-off, \$250,000 condo, on one-third of my salary, then let the left-wing Congress-critters who passed Fannie and Freddie and the Community Reinvestment Act that created the bubble help them with their own money.

freedom of speech of Venezuela.

**I'm tired** of being told that Islam is a "Religion of Peace," when every day I can read dozens of stories of Muslim men killing their sisters, wives and daughters for their family "honor"; of Muslims rioting over some slight offense; of Muslims murdering Christian and Jews because they aren't "believers"; of Muslims burning schools for girls; of Muslims stoning teenage rape victims to death for "adultery"; of Muslims mutilating the genitals of little girls; all in the name of Allah, because the Qur'an and Shari'a law tells them to.

**I'm tired** of being told that "race doesn't matter" in the post-racial world of Obama, when it's all that matters in affirmative action jobs, lower college admission and graduation standards for minorities (harming them the most), government contract set-asides, tolerance for the ghetto culture of violence and fatherless children that hurts minorities more than anyone, and in the appointment of U.S. Senators from Illinois.

**I think** it's very cool that we have a black president and that a black child is doing her homework at the desk where Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation. I just wish the black president was Condi Rice, or someone who believes more in freedom and the individual and less arrogantly of an all-knowing government.

**I'm tired** of a news media that thinks Bush's fundraising and inaugural expenses were obscene, but

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Visitors pause at the Mojave Desert Cross

# Supreme Court OKs cross in the desert, so why is it gone?

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

A \$125,000 reward has been posted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and an anonymous veteran for the return of an 8-foot cross that has stood on top of a 30-foot rock outcropping in the Mojave Desert for 75 years.

The cross had been the object of an eight-year battle that made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court just weeks ago. In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court ruled that “the Constitution does not oblige the government to avoid any public acknowledgment of religion’s role in society.”

However a new legal seems inevitable after government officials at the Mojave National Preserve removed a replica replacement cross—saying it was not covered by the Supreme Court decision. That landmark ruling was hailed as a severe defeat for the American Civil Liberties Union and other atheist groups attempting to remove all Christian symbols from the American landscape.

And now, allowing the vandals to win is unacceptable, said spokesmen for three Christian legal groups fighting to overturn officials against allowing a replacement.

“It’s appalling that vandals would remove a cross that has survived a constitutional challenge at the nation’s highest court,” declared Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the ACLJ. “What’s even more troubling is the fact that the federal government is opposed to permitting a replica cross to be put in place. We’re calling on the Department of Justice to take the appropriate action without delay and permit the replica cross to be put up on Sunrise Rock.”

“This was a legal fight that a vandal just made personal to 50 million veterans,

military personnel and their families,” said VFW National Commander Thomas J. Tradewell, Sr.

Veterans erected the cross in 1934 with a plaque stating, “The Cross, Erected in Memory of the Dead of All Wars.” Another plaque read, “Erected 1934 by Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Death Valley Post 2884.”

In 2001, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit on behalf of Frank Buono, a former National Park Services employee. A district court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the cross and the land transfer violated the Establishment Clause and ordered it removed.

The cross was covered with a canvas bag, then a plywood box. On July 24, 2002, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California found the presence of the cross on federal land to be a violation of separation of church and state and ordered it removed.

In 2003, the U.S. Congress moved to preserve the cross by enacting a one-acre land exchange that transferred the cross from federal to private ownership. Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-California) inserted the land exchange as an amendment to the 2004 Defense Appropriations Act.

On April 5, 2005, the very same U.S. District Court for the Central District of California held that the land exchange had been a “sham” amounting to an “attempt by the government to evade the permanent injunction enjoining the display of the Latin cross” on federal land.

On April 28, six of the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices wrote separate opinions in the case. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy announced the court’s decision and gave his opinion, which Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito Jr. agreed with. All but Thomas wrote separately.

Justice John Paul Stevens dissented along with Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Stephen Breyer.

“Americans want memorials to our nation’s fallen heroes protected,” said American Defense Fund Senior Counsel Jordan Lorence. “Congress was doing just that when it transferred the land under this memorial to the veterans’ group that cares for it.”

Looking at the pictures of the site where the cross once was, VFW spokesman Joe Davis said he was amazed at the serious planning and execution that went into the theft.

The cutting of the thick, metal pipes set in concrete was a serious undertaking, he says. When he first saw photos of the vandalized cross site, Davis says he was “in shock and disbelief. How could anyone have the audacity to tear down a war memorial to the dead?”

Davis says that the original constructors erected the cross out of respect for Americans who died during World War I.

“Three of the highest medals in our armed forces use the cross—the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, and the Navy Cross—and no one has ever returned one of those,” says Davis. “This memorial meant a lot to those veterans.”

A number of Christian legal groups, including the American Center for Law and Justice and the Liberty Legal Institute have protested the park service’s refusal to allow anyone to replace the stolen cross that has long stood on an outcropping known as Sunrise Rock.

“Passive displays like the World War I Memorial, the Ten Commandments, Nativity scenes, or statements like the National Motto do not force anyone to participate in a religious exercise and, thus, do not establish religion,” commented Mathew Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel, in response to the high court’s ruling.

Linda Slater, a spokeswoman for the Mojave National Preserve, said a maintenance worker spotted the replacement replica cross, which was a half-inch larger than the original one, she said. Slater said the new cross wasn’t covered by the Supreme Court ruling, so workers removed it.

# New battleground: freedom vs control

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

Under the Obama administration, America’s culture war has shifted abruptly.

At issue is the liberal viewpoint that there are no absolutes, certainly no clear line between right and wrong, just shades of gray.

The conservative point of view, of course, is that God has the final say, that the Bible is our guide and that there are clear distinctions between good and bad. Over the last decades, this disagreement has turned into a battle over whether only government employees should own guns, anyone should be able to obtain abortion on demand, that no particular religion is any better than any other, and that homosexuality should be praised and taught to our children.

Some conservatives thought that the old battle against godless Communism was resolved long ago—with the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia’s embracing a free-market system and Red China turning from Com-

munist to a repressive neo-fascist state with a free-market system.

It would seem that anybody who has been watching history for the last 25 years could see that socialism has been a failure everywhere that it was tried.

In the words of Britain’s Margaret Thatcher, “Socialism only works until you run out of other people’s money.”

But apparently Barack Obama wasn’t paying attention. The tantalizing prospect of a central government on which everyone is dependent is too attractive for him and the “Progressives” as the new socialists want to be called. Their strategy is to force America into dependency, just as they have done with Social Security and Medicare. Most older Americans depend on both—and are alarmed at the prospect of having no pension or health insurance in their golden years.

More than that, expecting Social Security and Medi-

care to pick up the tab, many Americans have not made any other provision. They just expected both to be there. And the Obama crowd wants to do the same thing to everybody else—to force America to become a nanny state just like much of Europe.

How they can attempt such a thing with Europe spiraling downward into bankruptcy is perplexing. America has just enough resources to continue paying Social Security and Medicare—but not to start providing free health care to everyone!

However, reality does not seem to matter to the liberals.

And there’s the new battleground: vast government control versus a free market.

In 1776, they called it liberty vs. tyranny.

“This is not the culture war of the 1990s,” writes guest columnist Arthur C. Brooks in a remarkable piece in the liberal *Washington Post*. “It is not a fight

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over guns, gays or abortion. Those old battles have been eclipsed by a new struggle between two competing visions of the country's future. In one, America will continue to be an exceptional nation organized around the principles of free enterprise—limited government, a reliance on entrepreneurship and rewards determined by market forces.

In the other, America will move toward European-style statism grounded in expanding bureaucracies, a managed economy and large-scale income redistribution. These visions are not reconcilable."

But wasn't all that decided when the U.S.S.R. collapsed, when China embraced capitalism and such Communist outposts as Albania, Cuba and North Korea either embraced capitalism or poverty?

Not at all, says Brooks. He is the president of the American Enterprise Institute and the author of *The Battle: How the Fight Between Free Enterprise and Big Government Will Shape America's Future*.

"It is not at all clear which side will prevail," writes Brooks. "The forces of big government are entrenched and enjoy the full arsenal of the administration's money and influence."

## Taking advantage of the bad economy

"Our leaders in Washington, aided by the unprecedented economic crisis of recent years and the panic it induced, have seized the moment to introduce breathtaking expansions of state power in huge swaths of the economy, from the health-care takeover to the financial regulatory bill.

"If these forces continue to prevail, America will cease to be a free enterprise nation.

"I call this a culture war because free enterprise has been integral to American culture from the beginning, and it still lies at the core of our history and character," writes Brooks.

After all, "a wise and frugal government," Thomas Jefferson declared in his first inaugural address in 1801, "which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government."

Jefferson later warned: "To take from one, because it is thought that his own industry and that of his fathers has acquired too much, in order to spare to others, who, or whose fathers, have not exercised equal industry and skill, is to violate arbitrarily the first principle of association, the guarantee to every one of a free exercise of his industry and the fruits acquired by it."

In other words, beware of government's economic control, and woe betide the redistributors.

"Now, as then," warns Brooks, "entrepreneurship can flourish only in a culture where individuals are willing to innovate and exert leadership; where people enjoy the rewards and face the consequences of their decisions; and where we can gamble the security of the status quo for a chance of future success."

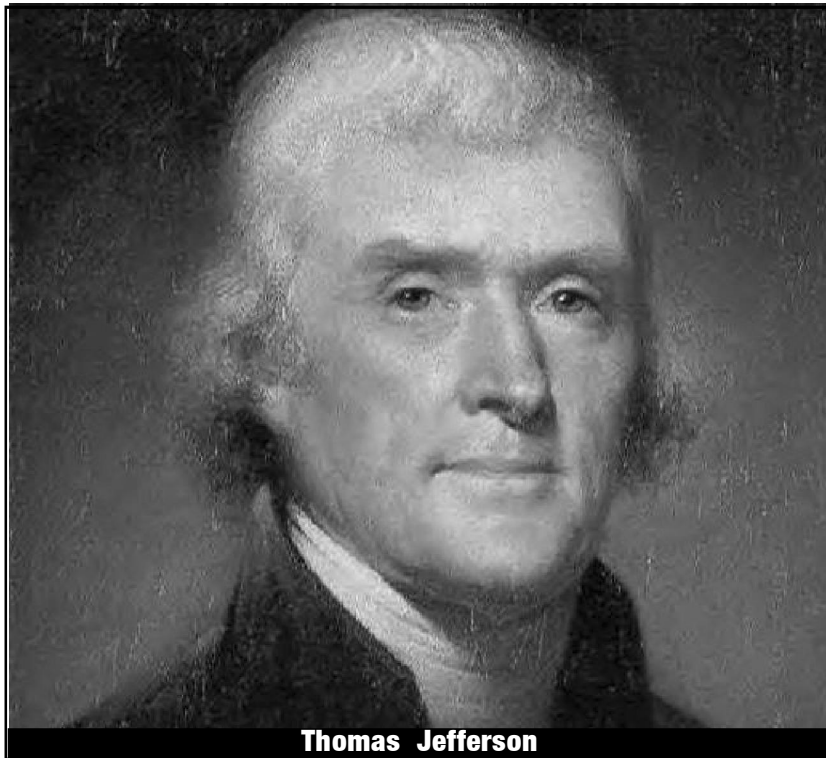
Yet, in his commencement address at Arizona State University on May 13, 2009, Obama warned against precisely such entrepreneurial impulses: "You're taught to chase after all the usual brass rings; you try to be on this 'who's who' list or that Top 100 list; you chase after the big money and you figure out how big your corner

office is; you worry about whether you have a fancy enough title or a fancy enough car. That's the message that's sent each and every day, or has been in our culture for far too long—that through material possessions, through a ruthless competition pursued only on your own behalf—that's how you will measure success."

Such ambition, Obama cautioned, "may lead you to compromise your values and your principles."

"I appreciate the sentiment that money does not buy happiness. But for the president of the United States to actively warn young adults away from economic ambition is remarkable. And he makes clear that he seeks to change our culture.

"The irony is that, by wide margins," writes Brooks,



Thomas Jefferson

"Americans support free enterprise. A Gallup poll in January found that 86 percent of Americans have a positive image of 'free enterprise,' with only 10 percent viewing it negatively. Similarly, in March 2009, the Pew Research Center asked individuals from a broad range of demographic groups: 'Generally, do you think people are better off in a free-market economy, even though there may be severe ups and downs from time to time, or don't you think so?' Almost 70 percent of respondents agreed that they are better off in a free-market economy, while only 20 percent disagreed."

## So, what is going on?

"The goal of tyrants has always been to centralize power unto themselves," writes attorney and conservative columnist Timothy Baldwin. "Alexander Hamilton admits this much: 'This tendency is not difficult to be accounted for. It has its origin in the love of power.' While nation and empire building inevitably lead to destruction and breakup of the political structure, tyrants always believe themselves to be the exception to the rule, not to mention the exception to God's rule. Thus, as they begin losing control, their grip becomes all the more tighter and firmer. In the process, millions of lives are slavishly destroyed."

"As the Bible shows, a sign of a corrupted political system is one that seeks to gather power unto itself," writes Baldwin.

"If tyranny's formula was to decentralize governments, then why would the federal government not

simply allow the states to secede?

"If freedom were accomplished through perpetual political union, why does the U.S. support the unilateral secession of Kosovo from Yugoslavia and the secession of South Sudan from North Sudan?"

"It appears that the U.S. federal government is the omniscient determiner of which nations and states have a 'right to secede' and which ones do not. Why do not those people in those republics just 'get back to their constitution' by virtue of the constitutional process?"

"After all, they both have written constitutions, which are federal unions of states and incorporate similar procedural methods for political change as the U.S. Constitution.

"History, experience and common sense clearly proclaim that tyrannical government and slavery are largely accomplished through the centralization of power, the joining of nations, the elimination of individual and local sovereignty and the rejection of self-determination.

"Since the late 1800s, the agenda of concentrated power has not changed course but has only intensified."

## But the people do not support it!

"No matter how the issue is posed," writes Brooks, "not more than 30 percent of Americans say they believe we would fare better without free markets at the core of our system. When it comes to support for free enterprise, we are essentially a 70-30 nation.

"So here's a puzzle: If we love free enterprise so much, why are the 30 percent who want to change that culture in charge?"

"It's not simply because of the election of Obama. As much as Republicans may dislike hearing it, statism had effectively taken hold in Washington long before that.

"The George W. Bush administration began the huge Wall Street and Detroit bailouts," writes Brooks, "and for years before the economic crisis, the GOP talked about free enterprise while simultaneously expanding the government with borrowed money and increasing the percentage of citizens with no income tax liability.

"The 30 percent coalition did not start governing this country with the advent of Obama, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid. It has been in charge for years.

"But the real tipping point was the financial crisis, which began in 2008. The meltdown presented a golden opportunity for the 30 percent coalition to attack free enterprise

openly and remake America in its own image.

"And it seized that opportunity," writes Brooks, "While Republicans had no convincing explanation for the crisis, seemed responsible for it and had no obvious plans to fix it, the statists offered a full and compelling narrative. Ordinary Americans were not to blame for the financial collapse, nor was government. The real culprits were Wall Street and the Bush administration, which had gutted the regulatory system that was supposed to keep banks in line.

"The solution was obvious: Vote for a new order to expand the powers of government to rein in the dangerous excesses of capitalism. It was a convincing story. For a lot of panicky Americans, the prospect of a paternalistic government rescuing the nation from crisis seemed appealing as stock markets and home prices spiraled downward. According to this narrative, government was at fault in just one way: It wasn't big enough. If only there had been more regulators watching the banks more closely, the case went, the economy wouldn't have collapsed.

"Yet in truth, it was government housing policy that was at the root of the crisis. Moreover, the financial sector—where the crisis began and where it has had the most serious impact—is already one of the most regulated parts of our economy. The chaos happened despite an extensive, intrusive regulatory framework, not because such a framework didn't exist.

"More government—including a super-empowered Federal Reserve, a consumer protection watchdog and

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greater state powers to wind down financial firms and police market risks—does not mean we will be safe. On the contrary, such changes would give us a false sense of security, especially when Washington, a primary culprit in the crisis, is creating and implementing the new rules.”

## And voters have responded at the polls

“With one third of all state primaries completed, let’s take account of our actions to date, and the results,” writes columnist Mark Alexander.

“Republican Pat Toomey in Pennsylvania frightened then-Republican Senator Arlen Specter into switching party affiliations to Democrat, his original party affiliation before 1965. Specter was then handily busted in the recent Pennsylvania Democrat primary.

“Conservative Doug Hoffman in New York almost won a special House election by running under a well-organized third-party banner (most third parties are not well organized and, therefore, lose decisively) but lost after the leftist Republican establishment candidate suspended her campaign and endorsed the Democrat.

“Republican Chris Christie in New Jersey defeated the well-financed Democrat incumbent to become the 55th governor of the usually solidly Democrat Garden state,” continues Alexander.

“Republican Bob McDonnell became the 71st governor of Virginia in a landslide 18-point victory—in a state Barack Obama had carried by seven points just a year earlier.

“Republican Scott Brown became the first Republican since 1972 to be elected to the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts. (Unfortunately, Brown ran to the right to win election, but has not consistently followed through now that he’s in office.)

“Republican Marco Rubio in Florida so alarmed sitting governor Charlie Crist in the Republican senate primary,” writes Alexander, “that Crist became an independent candidate. Rubio now faces a difficult three-way race in the general election.

“Spendthrift Republican Senator Bob Bennett from Utah, in office since 1992 and a member of the all-powerful Senate Committee on Appropriations, was soundly defeated in the recent Utah Republican caucus,” continues Alexander. “Libertarian Rand Paul in Kentucky steamrolled his Republican establishment primary foe by championing constitutionally conservative ideals.

“But as Thomas Jefferson wrote, ‘The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave.’ Indiana conservative Marlin Stutzman lost to the ‘moderate’ Republican establishment candidate.”

But, the mood of the voters is frightening incumbents. Will they all be thrown out of office in November?

They are campaigning energetically. And given the economic situation in America, the voters are scared.

The incumbents all seem to believe that only massive deficit spending can restore economic growth.

“If nothing is done, this recession could linger for years,” Obama warned a few days before taking office. “Only government can provide the short-term boost necessary to lift us from a recession this deep and severe. Only government can break the cycle that is crippling our economy.”

Do you hear the repeated theme? Government will save America. Government will salvage the economy. Government is our savior.

“This proposition is as expensive as it is false,” notes Brooks. “Recessions can and do end without the kind of stimulus we experienced, and attempts to shore up the economy with huge public spending often do little to improve matters and instead chain future generations with debt.

“In fact, all the evidence so far tells us that the current \$787 billion stimulus package has overpromised and underdelivered, especially when it comes to creating jobs.

“If we reject the administration’s narrative, the nation will remain strong. If we accept it, and base our nation’s policies on it, we will be well on our way to a European-style social democracy. Punitive taxes and regulations

will make it harder to be an entrepreneur, and the rewards of success will be expropriated for the sake of greater income equality.

“The new statism in America, made possible by years of drift and accelerated by the panic over the economic crisis, threatens to make us permanently poorer.

“But that is not the greatest danger,” adds Brooks. “The real risk is that in the new culture war, we will forsake the third unalienable right set out in our Declaration of Independence: *the pursuit of happiness*.

“Free enterprise brings happiness; redistribution does not. The reason is that only free enterprise brings earned success.

“Earned success involves the ability to create value honestly—not by inheriting a fortune, not by picking up a welfare check. It doesn’t mean making money in and of itself.

“Earned success,” explains Brooks, “is the creation of value in our lives or in the lives of others. Earned success is the stuff of entrepreneurs who seek value through innovation, hard work and passion. Earned success is what parents feel when their children do wonderful things, what social innovators feel when they change lives, what artists feel when they create something of beauty.

“Money is not the same as earned success but is rather a symbol, important not for what it can buy but for what it says about how people are contributing and what kind of difference they are making. Money corresponds to happiness only through earned success.

“Not surprisingly, unearned money—while it may help alleviate suffering—carries with it no personal satisfaction.

“Studies of lottery winners, for instance, show that after a brief period of increased happiness, their moods darken as they no longer derive the same enjoyment from the simple pleasures in life, and as the glow of buying things wears off.”

Indeed, the same results emerge with other kinds of unearned income—welfare payments, for example.

According to the University of Michigan’s 2001 Panel Study of Income Dynamics, going on the welfare rolls increases by 16 percent the likelihood of a person saying that she or he has felt inconsolably sad over the past month. Of course, the misery of welfare recipients probably goes well beyond the check itself. Nonetheless, studies show that recipients are far unhappier than equally poor people who do not receive such government benefits.

Benjamin Franklin grasped the truth about money’s inability by itself to deliver satisfaction. “Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it,” he declared. “The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of filling a vacuum, it makes one.”

## Instead, it is the achievement of earning it that is satisfying

“If unearned money does not bring happiness,” observes Brooks, “redistributing money by force won’t make for a happier America—and the redistributionists’ theory of a better society through income equality falls apart.

“The goal of our system should be to give all Americans the greatest opportunities possible to succeed based on their work and merit. And that’s exactly what the free enterprise system does: It makes earned success possible for the most people. This is the liberty that enables the true pursuit of happiness.

“To win the culture war, those of us in the 70 percent majority must reclaim—and proclaim—the morality of our worldview.

“Unfortunately, we often fail to do this.

“Instead, we sound unabashedly materialistic. We talk about growth rates, inflation and investment, while the 30 percent coalition walks off with the claims to happiness and fairness.”

According to Obama, for example, we need to restore “fairness” to our tax code by increasing taxes on the wealthy and exempting more people at the bottom from paying anything.

“The irony is that it is the 30 percent coalition, not the 70 percent majority, that is fundamentally materialistic.

“What do they consider the greatest problem of poor people in America? Insufficient income. What would be evidence of a fairer society? Greater income equality. For the leaders of the 30 percent coalition, money does buy happiness—as long as it is spread evenly. That is why redistribution of income is a fundamental goal and why free enterprise, which rewards some people and penalizes others, cannot be trusted.

“The 70 percent majority,” writes Brooks, “meanwhile, believes that ingenuity and hard work should be rewarded. We admire creative entrepreneurs and disdain rule-making bureaucrats. We know that income inequality by itself is not what makes people unhappy, and that only earned success can make them happy.

“We must do more to show that while we use the language of commerce and business, we believe in human flourishing and contentment. We must articulate moral principles that set forth our fundamental values, and we must be prepared to defend them.

“This defense is already underway, in a disorganized, grass-roots, American kind of way.”

## The Tea Party movement is growing in strength

“Protests against the new statism,” observes Brooks, “have flared around the nation for more than a year. And while some have tried to dismiss the ‘tea party’ demonstrations and the town hall protests of last summer as the work of extremists, ignorant backwoodsmen or agents of the health-care industry, these movements reveal much about the culture war that is underway.

“Just compare the protests in America with those in Europe. Here, we see tea partiers demonstrating against the government’s encroachment on the free enterprise system and protesting the fact that the state is spending too much money bailing out too many people. Why are people protesting in Greece? Because they want the government to give them even more.

“They are angry because their government—in the face of its worst economic and perhaps existential crisis in decades—won’t pay the lavish pensions to which they feel entitled.

“There’s no better example of the cultural difference between America and Europe today, yet it is toward European-style social democracy that the 30 percent coalition wants to move us.

“Fortunately, it is hard to dismiss the voice of the voters in our most recent electoral contests.

“Brown’s victory—and Rand Paul’s triumph in Kentucky’s Republican Senate primary—are but warning shots in the burgeoning culture war. The most intense battles are still ahead.

“To win, the 70 percent majority must come together around core principles: that the purpose of free enterprise is human flourishing, not materialism; that we stand for equality of opportunity, not equality of income; that we seek to stimulate true prosperity rather than simply treat poverty; and that we believe in principle over power.

“This final idea is particularly challenging.

“In Washington, a lot of people think they know how to win. They say what is needed are telegenic candidates, dirty tricks and lots of campaign money.

“To them, thinking long-term means thinking all the way to 2012. In other words, they talk only of tactics, parties and power.

“They are wrong.

“What matters most to Americans is the commitment to principle, not the exercise of power. The electorate did not repudiate free enterprise in 2008; it simply punished an unprincipled Republican Party.

“But political turmoil can lead to renewal,” says Brooks.

“The challenges of this new culture war can help us mobilize and reassert our principles. The 2008 election was perhaps exactly what America needed.

“Today there is a very real threat that the 30 percent coalition may transform our great nation forever.

“I hope this threat will clear our thinking enough to bring forth leaders—regardless of political party—with our principles at heart and the ideas to match. If free enterprise triumphs over the quest for political power, America will be the stronger for it.”

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fact, as he loves to do, he apologized for America's terrible behavior. At least this time, he didn't bow – at least not on camera.

"Calderon received liberal plaudits for falsely claiming Arizona's new immigration law uses racial profiling, but that wasn't the only baloney the Mexican president peddled during his state visit," objected the *Washington Times* newspaper in an editorial. "Over four minutes of his Thursday address to Congress was spent lecturing Americans to renew the federal Assault Weapons Ban. His justifications for the ban were all garbage.

## Obama applauds slurs against U.S. policies

"Allowing the running down of a part of the United States by the head of a foreign government, at the White House, standing next to the president – who not only didn't challenge him, but encouraged him – is a foreign-policy catastrophe," objected Bill Bennett and Seth Leibsohn in *National Review* magazine.

"This would be the same Mexico that enforces its immigration laws with the very 'intolerance, hate, discrimination and abuse' of which its president, Felipe Calderon, falsely accuses Arizona," wrote conservative columnist Andrew C. McCarthy.

"President Calderon, the largest contributor of illegal aliens now living and working in America in the vicinity of 12 to 15 million, threw several nasty verbal rocks at Arizona," noted conservative writer Frosty Wooldridge. "His illegal Mexican citizens residing in the United States contribute \$24 billion back to his financial coffers annually in cash transfers.

"At the same time, their lawlessness costs American taxpayers \$346 billion yearly across 15 U.S. federal agencies.

"Amazingly," added Wooldridge, "Calderon and his countrymen cannot and will not provide jobs and a valid economy for Mexico's own people.

"Additionally, his country transports and provides \$75 billion in drugs that his cronies ship into the United States annually. It's quite like a leper spreading his disease into his neighbor's front yard!"

"Every country has the right and duty to restrict the quality and quantity of foreign immigrants entering or living within its borders," wrote Dr. J. Michael Waller of the Center for Advanced Defense Studies.

## So, let's take a look at Mexican law

"If American policymakers are looking for legal models on which to base new laws restricting immigration and expelling foreign lawbreakers, they have a handy guide: the Mexican constitution.

"The Mexican constitution segregates immigrants and naturalized citizens from native-born citizens by denying immigrants basic human rights that Mexican immigrants enjoy in the United States.

"Let's examine how Mexico treats illegal aliens:

"Immigrants and foreign visitors are banned from public political discourse.

"Immigrants and foreigners are denied certain basic property rights.

"Immigrants are denied equal employment rights.

"Immigrants and naturalized citizens will never be treated as real Mexican citizens.

"Immigrants and naturalized citizens are not to be trusted in public service.

"Immigrants and naturalized citizens may never become members of the clergy.



Calderone and Obama

"Private citizens may make citizens

arrests of illegal immigrants and hand them to the authorities.

"Immigrants may be expelled from Mexico for any reason and without due process.

"The Mexican constitution expressly forbids non-citizens to participate in the country's political life," continues Waller. "Non-citizens are forbidden to participate in demonstrations or express opinions in public about domestic politics. Article 9 states, 'only citizens of the Republic may do so to take part in the political affairs of the country.'

"Article 33 is unambiguous: 'Foreigners may not in any way participate in the political affairs of the country.'"

## Immigrants to Mexico never get full citizenship

"Furthermore, the Mexican constitution guarantees that immigrants will never be treated as real Mexican citizens, even if they are legally naturalized," said Waller.

Yet, as our Congressmen and President applauded, with Vice President Biden and

Speaker Pelosi presiding, and with President Obama's cabinet front and center, America got a tongue-lashing from Calderon.

And his diatribe got a standing ovation from nearly two-thirds of the joint members of Congress and assembled administration officials.

"That ovation was for a brazen attack on these United States," notes Waller.

"It was a hostile Mexico against a besieged Arizona," writes McCarthy. "Mexico won in a rout.

"I was talking to a friend the other day, trying to explain my melancholy over the country. Conversations like that tend to get a bit self-absorbed, but indulge me for a second. I said I couldn't think of a better example than myself for relating the problem no one wants to face up to."

McCarthy is a senior fellow at the National Review Institute and the author of *The Grand Jihad: How Islam and the Left Sabotage America* from Encounter Books.

"A number of years ago, at some risk to myself and my family," he writes, "I prosecuted savage jihadists who had made themselves enemies of the United States. I was lauded for doing so by the Clinton administration."

## He was able to overcome political differences

"Though I disagreed with that administration philosophically, and particularly with its conception of international terrorism as a crime problem, I praised the much-needed overhaul by which it put teeth in our counter-terrorism laws. Our disagreement was over the best way to protect the country, not over the imperative that the country be protected. Our debate was the traditional Right-Left debate.

"Moreover," continues McCarthy, "as a New York lawyer who made no secret of having conservative views, I was a decided minority, even among my fellow prosecutors.

"But that only mattered in the occasional, friendly joust over lunch.

"Day to day, our politics had nothing to do with how we went about our jobs. At the office, I had friends across the ideological spectrum. Most of them were from the political left, but we liked and respected one another. The bond we shared, the sense



Illegal aliens cross a barbed-wire fence

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that we were doing something good for the nation we all loved, was stronger than any ideological divisions.

“Why does that matter now? Because, for the first time in our history, we have a president who would be much more comfortable sitting in a room with Bill Ayers than sitting in a room with me.

“We have a governing class that is too often comfortable with anti-American radicals, with rogue and dysfunctional governments that blame America for their problems, and with Muslim Brotherhood ideologues who abhor individual liberty, capitalism, freedom of conscience, and, in general, Western enlightenment.

## Obama sees patriotic Americans as a threat

“To this president and his government, I am the problem. Americans who champion life, liberty, and limited government are not just the loyal opposition; they are deemed potential terrorists, and are derided with considerably more intensity than the actual terrorists.

“Arizona – for criminalizing criminal activity, for defending its sovereignty and protecting its citizens’ lives and property – is slandered as a human-rights violator.

“And here is the excruciating part,” writes McCarthy. “As the Calderon spectacle demonstrates, these sentiments are not fringe sentiments.

“To be sure, they are not held by the majority. To be elected, candidate Obama had to run as a post-partisan moderate, a pragmatic centrist who would not be constrained by ideology.”

## Obama lied to us

“Two camps well knew that this was nonsense: those few of us on the right who bothered to study Obama’s record, and those on the left who understood the campaign to be merely a charade necessary to grab the reins of power.

“It was the second camp we saw standing and cheering for Calderon in Congress. They used him as a vehicle to condemn Arizona.

“This second camp, Obama’s transformative left, had the numbers to give a thunderous ovation because a lot of people agree with them. If I had to guess – after its two generations of marching through our institutions, controlling the academy, and scripting the legacy media – I’d put it at one in five, or maybe even four, Americans. That’s enough

to form a country the size of France or Germany.

“Whatever that country may be, it is not America as we know it,” warns McCarthy. “Quite the opposite: Its purpose is to remake America, to render it unrecognizable to those who love America as she is, or has been.”

## We must stand with Arizona

“To that frightening new country, the rest of us are Arizona.

“We are here to be jeered and loathed.

“We are necessary only to pay for their unsustainable ‘change.’

“That, however, is not supposed to be the social contract, not for most of us. We don’t aspire to be citizens of the world. America suits us just fine. Arizona suits us just fine. And while the Alinskyites know they need us to underwrite their utopia, we will eventually figure out that we don’t need them to govern – and bankrupt – us.

“A nation is a big, bumptious thing,” writes McCarthy. “It needn’t agree on everything. It can even bitterly disagree on major things. But to be a nation, a people, it has to agree that it has a shared destiny: that its unique culture, core principles, and independence are worth preserving, protecting, and defending.

“I didn’t see a shared destiny during those moments in the People’s House. I saw Democrats cheering for Mexico’s attack on Arizona. It was a catastrophe.”

## It was all political games

Indeed, we are a nation divided – with officials who flaunt the law if they think it will gain them votes.

“Assistant Secretary John Morton, Department of Homeland Security, Division of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, went on record stating his department would not necessarily process illegal aliens referred by Arizona authorities,” notes conservative columnist Lynn Stuter.

“Even though his boss, Janet Napolitano, has admitted she hasn’t read the law, knows nothing about the law, Morton quipped, ‘I don’t think the Arizona law, or laws like it, are the solution,’” reports Stuter. “Really? Isn’t that just amazing because Arizona SB 1070 mirrors federal law already in existence. A law, almost identical to Arizona SB 1070, has been in effect in Prince William County, Virginia, for three years.

“So what John Morton is really saying is that he will not enforce existing federal law in Arizona.

“Has John Morton been fired for his comments? No, he hasn’t. Why not? Why is John Morton still drawing a taxpayer-funded paycheck when he refuses to do his

job?” asks Stuter.

“People might find John Morton’s comments regarding illegal aliens, made in Chicago two days prior to his comments about Arizona, most interesting because in making those remarks Morton makes it very apparent that Obama’s treatment of Arizona is very deliberate, very exclusionary, very discriminatory, very selective. In Chicago, he said his agency intends to expand the Secure Communities initiative, which gives police and sheriff’s departments access to a Homeland Security database that includes fingerprints. The initiative recently grew to include most of Chicago’s suburbs.”

“In other words, it’s okay for illegal aliens to violate the law in Arizona, just don’t let them do it in Obama’s hometown of Chicago! What’s good for Chicago isn’t good for Arizona! The message, loud and clear – rule of law or not, Obama will do as he pleases!”

## Here’s an example of the growing corruption

Recently, says Stuter, an incident occurred of which few people are aware.

“You certainly didn’t see it plastered across the television during the evening news,” she noted. “The incident occurred at the home of Gary Baer, a Bank of America executive. It seems that District of Columbia cops escorted buses filled with Service Employees International Union protestors, some 500 of them, to Baer’s home.

“While Baer was not present, his teenage son was, and was thoroughly frightened by the angry, demanding mob of protestors in front of the Baer home and on the Baer

property. The D.C. cops were there to protect the protestors!

“The kicker is that the Baer residence is in the state of Maryland, where D.C. cops have no authority and no right to be without cross-jurisdictional permission, which was not obtained.”

Maryland law enforcement officials had not been advised of this protest. They arrived on the scene after being called by a neighbor.

“What has this got to do with anything?” asks Stuter. “Well, we all know that some of the

first executive orders issued by Obama were to make good on his promises to the unions that helped elect him. One of those unions is SEIU. Should we be surprised, then, that the D.C. cops would accompany SEIU protestors out of their jurisdiction?

“Every cop involved in that little escapade should be fired. Will they be? No. Why not? Because, like the Black Panthers who intimidated white voters exercising their franchise in Philadelphia in November 2008, the SEIU has Obama in their pocket; they can do anything they want and Eric Holder will give them a pass, including roughing up citizens who voice their opposition to Obama policies at townhall meetings!”

## Banning the American flag from schools

“Being the good little Marxist stooges they are, SEIU is also supporting a move to remove the American flag from American schools so as not to insult the thousands of illegal alien children being educated at the expense of American taxpayers! This move follows the incidents during the celebration of Cinco de Mayo when Mexican flags were allowed into American schools and to which some American children took exception.

“The message, loud and clear – it’s okay to insult American children, just don’t insult the illegal alien invaders!

“Obama could not have done more to appease the self-righteous, hypocritical Calderon,” writes Stuter, “outraged that Arizona should have the unmitigated gall to hold criminal Mexican illegal aliens accountable!

“Obama carefully avoided the fact that Mexico has one of the most restrictive, exclusionary immigration laws of any nation; that if you enter Mexico illegally, you get to spend time as a guest in their hell-hole prisons where death, after being beaten, raped and sodomized, is welcomed by most.

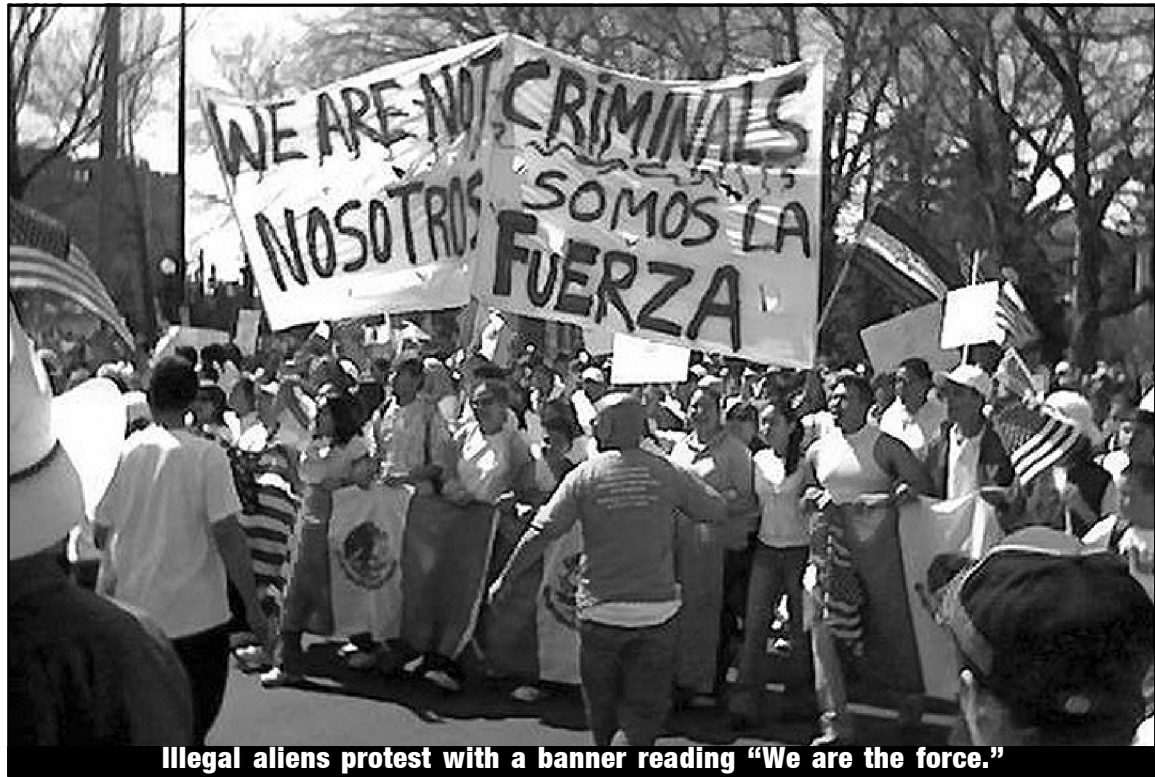
“To Calderon I have this message,

“You have all you can handle if you clean up the mess that is your country. Until that is accomplished, you really have no room and certainly no right to open your mouth! And when your people are:

- Entering this country illegally, in violation of existing federal law;
- Stealing from Americans;
- Taking jobs from Americans;
- Sending their wages back home to Mexico, supporting your people and your government in Mexico;
- Killing Americans at the rate of 26 per day on average;
- Costing Americans billions to prosecute and incarcerate;
- Costing Americans billions in drug-related costs from drugs shipped north from Mexico, protected by your military; and



Illegal aliens cross the Arizona desert into America



Illegal aliens protest with a banner reading "We are the force."

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• Bankrupting American social institutions set up to help Americans, not illegal aliens;

"You definitely have no right to open your mouth!" declares Stuter. "It seems to Americans that your message is rather like that of your citizens in this country illegally. You believe America owes you something.

"The overwhelming majority of the American people support Arizona's law," notes conservative author Gary Bauer. "It's not about racism, but the rule of law and homeland security in a post-9/11 world.

"By the way, the president repeated his solution to the problem of illegal immigration—he's going to crack down on businesses who hire illegal aliens. So if you're an employer and you know the brute force of big government is going to come down hard on you, what are you supposed to do? How are you supposed to tell whether a prospective employee is a legal citizen? That's right—you will ask for proof of citizenship—the very thing that has led Obama and so many liberal politicians to condemn the Arizona law!"

## And the Arizona idea is spreading!

"In what is developing into a standoff between states and the federal government that could be bigger than gun control or even health care," writes conservative journalist Bob Unruh, "17 states have launched versions of Arizona's immigration law, even as federal officials say they may not bother to process illegal aliens caught by the states."

If they do, warned William Gheen, president of Americans for Legal Immigration PAC, the consequences could be dire. ALIPAC has been trying to get officials to address the open southern border for years.

"Obama and the chief of ICE have refused to honor their oaths of office," he said. "Their constitutional requirement is to enforce existing laws. They've told the American public to go eat cake.

Gheen said states where some form of immigration crackdown is under development include Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Utah.

In Utah, State Representative Stephen Sandstrom, a Republican from Orem, reportedly is drafting a bill that would require immigrants to carry proof of status and require law enforcement officers to check for it.

"Utah is seen as a state that welcomes illegal immigrants," Sandstrom told the *Salt Lake Tribune*. "We almost encourage it with driving privilege cards and in-state

tuition for illegals. With Arizona making the first step in this direction, Utah needs to pass a similar law or we will see a huge influx of illegals. The real issue is just establishing a rule of law in our state."

In Maryland, Baltimore's WBAL-TV reports that State Delegate Patrick McDonough, a Republican from Baltimore County, is drafting a bill identical to Arizona's.

## How many illegals are there?

While no one knows exactly how many Mexicans reside in this country illegally, the advocates of "open borders" claim the number of illegal Mexican aliens in The U.S. between 10 and 15 million.

Conservatives put the number at 25 to 30 million.

This much is known: Mexicans living and working in the U.S. transfer about \$25 billion to the Mexican economy. In addition, Mexican criminals and moochers cost taxpaying citizens and legal immigrants almost \$350 billion per year, according to Wooldridge.

Under Obama, the Federal Reserve has worked with the Mexican government to make it easier for illegal aliens to export U.S. money to Mexico.

"Most of this money transfer scheme was created under the radar with few—if any—political figures are discussing the subject," reports Wooldridge.

"One such program being utilized by illegal aliens from Mexico is a remittance program with the ultimate goal of bringing illegal Mexicans—who send money home—into the mainstream of the U.S. financial system, regardless of immigration status.

## Is the Federal Reserve helping them?

"Directo a Mexico, the name of the program," says Wooldridge, "enables U.S. commercial banks to make money transfers for Mexican workers through the Federal Reserve's own automated clearinghouse, which is linked to Banco de Mexico, the Mexican central bank. Few Americans are aware of the connection between the Fed and foreign banks and this program would be just another that exists in the shadow world of international banking.

"To use the service, a Mexican need only possess a 'matricula consular,' an identification card issued by the Mexican consulate in most major U.S. cities to those with proof of Mexican birth or citizenship, or a picture ID card issued by the U.S. or another foreign government. The idea is to make it 'cheaper and safer' for workers to send funds to their relatives in Mexico.

"While on the surface this may appear to be a good idea for banks," writes Wooldridge, "it's an idea based on lawbreakers being given assistance in moving their money around. The Mexican drug trafficker will be able to take advantage of this new banking system as much as the illegal worker cleaning toilets.

"Most illegal aliens make cash transfers, which average \$350 each, through companies like Western Union or a hodgepodge of wire-transfer firms, couriers and others that operate out of storefronts in Hispanic enclaves. Family members then collect the wired cash at a shop in their town or village.

"While House and Senate Democrats stood and applauded Calderon in his

arrogant, outrageous, unconscionable remarks, applauded his attempt to interfere in the affairs of this country and the affairs of Arizona, there were some present that day who did not find Calderon's remarks welcome, appropriate or acceptable.

"California Republican Congressman Tom McClintock was



Aliens being smuggled into the United States

one such person. With fire in his eye, anger in his voice, with words spoken from the heart, without need of a teleprompter, McClintock took both Obama and Calderon to task, putting both neatly in their place."

## McClintock spoke for every true American

He declared that for Obama to do what he did, to aid and abet Calderon in his unconscionable acts of denigration against America and the American people, "should make it apparent to every citizen of the United States that Obama hates this country, and has and will continue to do everything in his power to destroy it!

"The events also make is very clear that Obama is doing everything in his power to destroy rule of law," said McClintock. "Each of these incidents is testament to that fact.

"That should send chills up and down the spine of every freedom-loving American who understands the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the rule of law established by both, and why rule of law is so important and so necessary to freedom, liberty and justice."





Will Texas secede from the Union?

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himself correctly observes, "freedom-loving people are reaching a point of frustration – and even fury."

Liberal magazine *Slate*, owned by the *Washington Post* newspaper, which also publishes *Newsweek*, recently asked several "futurists" to predict whether the United States is on the verge of collapse.

One of the futurists that reporter Josh Levin consulted was Peter Schwartz of the Global Business Network. Back in the 1980s, it was Schwartz who advised the Royal Shell petroleum company to watch out for an obscure Russian politician, Mikhail Gorbachev. If he were to rise to a leadership position, Schwartz advised Shell 20 years ago, it would be a strong indication that the USSR would open to the West and oil and natural gas prices would drop.

"When the price plunge came," recalls Levin. "Shell execs – having anticipated this eventuality – swooped in and bought oil reserves at a discounted rate."

So with that kind of track record, what does Schwartz predict about America? Is it falling apart? He sees no collapse in the immediate future, but says it could happen by 2050. One threat, he says, is racial warfare.

"By 2050," writes Levin, "whites will no longer be a majority in the United States and Hispanics will make up an estimated 29 percent of the population."

"Most violence is committed by males 18 to 35," Schwartz explained to Levin. "Now picture a very large, low-employed Hispanic population of males not too pleased with their lot or their ability to control a white-dominated world. That population then becomes violent and disruptive. And now you get into racial and identity politics – it's all those illegal immigrants we let across the border."

Add in a weak economy, and such possibilities as drought in the Southwest, and the collapse of Mexico into a Colombia-like drug state. Such a threat to America, says Schwartz is real.

However, "Despite the fun of imagining America succumbing," writes Levin, "Schwartz believes the most likely scenario for the next 100 years is 'that the city of Washington will still be a capital of a nation-state on this continent.'"

How can he believe this?

"America has abundant natural resources, relatively low population density, and – with oceans on both coasts – a built-in security system," explains Levin. "The collapse of a country with those inherent advantages sometime in the next century would require a low-probability series of events."

Another possible scenario leading to America's collapse, Levin writes, is favored by Joel Garreau, a

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longtime *Washington Post* writer and editor. In this scenario, America has become weak after a series of catastrophes such as an epidemic and/or nuclear war. A catastrophe that breeds internal division, he argues, is more likely to eradicate America than any kind of external threat.

According to Levin, "A country is like a family, he theorizes. If you feel threatened from the outside, you band together."

Garreau points out that rather than tear the United States apart, the September 11 attacks "galvanized us against a common enemy. The laggard response to Hurricane Katrina, on the other hand, meant that our own government became the common enemy. A long, uninterrupted series of nationwide Katrinas – and a concomitant series of bungled federal responses – is the recipe for collapse."

But, he reminds, he doesn't see it happening very quickly.

Schwartz doubts that government incompetence will be enough to trigger America's implosion.

"After all," writes Levin, "we could always just vote out the bozos who let us down."

What would be required to destroy the country, Schwartz argues, "is Zimbabwe-sized corruption: a succession of executives who pilfer the national treasury and refuse to hold free elections. In that case, the country could fall apart as our national creeds of freedom, democracy and openness are gradually abandoned."

In a different possible scenario, Levin reports, America dissolves peacefully because the cost of running a large nation becomes unmanageable.

"Schwartz likens this to the breakup of the Soviet Union," writes Levin, "a case where the cost of holding the country together proved too great and the advantages too small."

In fact, Russian author Igor Panarin says America will fall apart this year. Schwartz disagrees, saying that "making parallels with the USSR seems a bit dubious." Unlike the Eastern bloc, the United States isn't a conglomeration of states with strong ethnic identities. Texas may have an independent identity, but it is not anything like Lithuania, which has its own long-standing culture and language and held a deep hatred of Moscow. Similarly, the former Soviet republics of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan or Turkmenistan are predominantly Muslim. They chafed for decades under Russian domination.

"In modern America, where English predominates and a highly mobile population flits from place to place," writes Levin, "is it possible that some state or region could develop enough distinctiveness to split from the union?" He does not think so.

Futurist Michael Costigan suggests another scenario in which liberals and socialists migrate to Democratic cities while conservatives and free-market proponents cluster in rural strongholds. In such a scenario, the U.S. could reach a point where the redder-than-red states and the bluer-than-blue states decide to part ways. But he doubts that we are anywhere close to that possibility.

Schwartz then outlines another scenario which would lead to America's collapse – the rise of a global government. In this possibility, "America's national government declines in importance relative to the world community." However, he doubts that can happen very quickly.

"The United States is nowhere near willing to cede its position as the greatest of the world's great powers," says Schwartz.

*Slate* contributor Robert Wright disagrees. The liberal, pro-global government author argues in his book *Nonzero* that humankind must come under a one-world system.

"Wright tells me," writes Levin, "that you wouldn't need something so centralized as a souped-up United Nations. He believes that if in the next 100 years 'America's identity has not dissolved into some sort of larger body of global governance, then chaos will reign.'"

However, there is a way, writes Levin, that a one-world government could come about. It is familiar to Christians who have long been wary of the rise of the Antichrist. Levin writes about the rise of "a global Napoleon, a much more empowered Hitler" or "a super-Mao" who conquers America and the rest of the world via brute force.

Schwartz classifies such a scenario as the least likely of all the possibilities. He says it's harder to subjugate the world than it used to be. He notes there are "more people with military competence spread across the world" who simply would not allow their countries to be absorbed by a world power.

So, why does Pastor Baldwin think America is about to fall apart? He says it's "a historical fact that no empire can sustain itself. And America is more and more becoming a global empire. Folks," he writes, "this new American empire is not sustainable. Mark it down: the American empire will follow every other notable empire of antiquity and collapse of its own weight. The signs are already ubiquitous."

Dr. Vieira responds: "Amen! But is 'the American

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empire' actually America? Or is it the twisted, unconstitutional, unholy perversion of America that has been temporarily imposed upon We, the People? If 'the American empire' were to collapse – as I, for one, anticipate that it will – why should the real America founded upon the quite anti-imperialistic principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, have to collapse with it?"

In other words, Dr. Vieira thinks that America may diminish as the world's policeman. However, that may be a good thing, he says.

"Is it not possible that, with and even because of the collapse of 'the American empire,' the real America could be restored and rejuvenated?" Dr. Vieira writes, "And would not that be a desirable result?"

Meanwhile, Baldwin completely disagrees with the liberal futurists as well as fellow conservative Vieira.

Baldwin says the end of our nation is near. "Growing numbers of concerned, dedicated Americans are joining the nationwide protests against ever-higher taxes," agrees conservative

columnist Tom DeWeese. They are upset about "the outrage of Obamacare; the bailouts and the Federal Reserve; the growing government surveillance society, and the destruction of private prop-



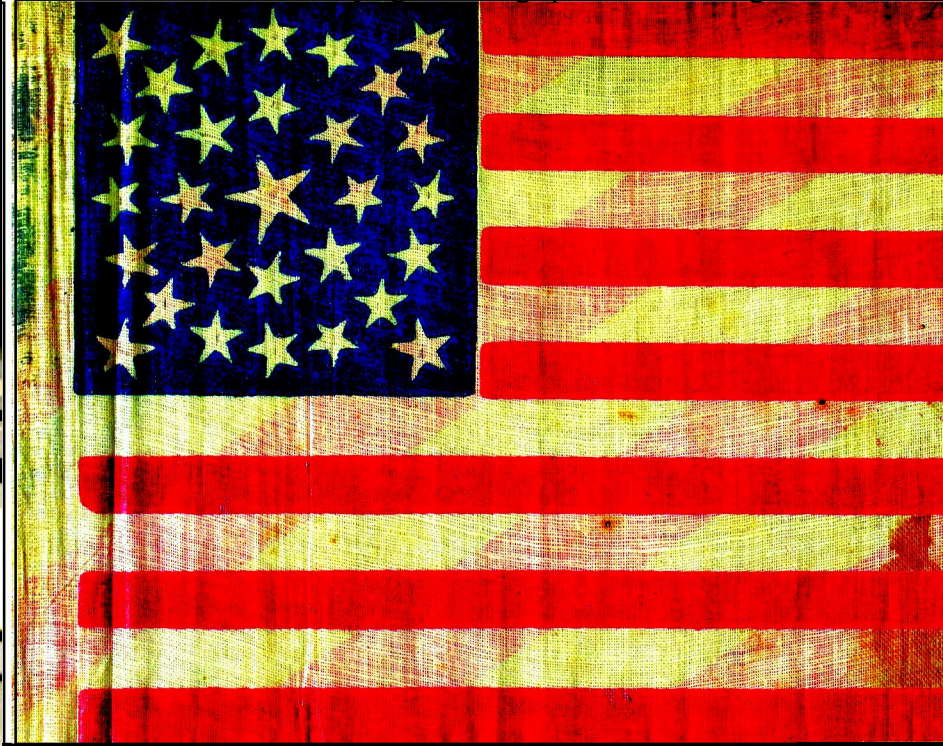
The flag at a California summer camp



A field of flags honors America'



The Bennington Flag



The 29-star flag (1847-1848) after Iowa became a stat



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# Can it keep waving?

development. The question now among these new activists is 'What's the next step?' It's time for action. If we stand firm against federal mandates and international policies, we can go a long way toward limiting

the federal government."

The answer, says Baldwin, is to dissolve the Union.

"People all over America are discussing freedom's future. In short, they are worried. Many are actually talking about state secession," he writes. "In coffee shops and cafes, and around dining room tables, millions of people are speaking favorably of states breaking away from the union. Not since the turn of the twentieth century have this many people thought (and spoken) this favorably about the prospect of a state (or group of states) exiting the union. In my mind, this is a good thing.

"Even many of those who oppose the prospect of secession understand the increasing tyrannical nature of the current central government in Washington, D.C., and that something must be done about it. Even a casual observer would have to conclude that most of the actions proceeding forth from D.C. today

match the very type of tyranny that prompted the American Revolution.

The American colonies revolted and seceded from the British Empire.

"We exist because in the late 1700s a group of men dared to say America is a free nation and declared war against those who ruled us, England," agrees conservative author Marilyn M. Barnewall. "Our army was small, theirs was huge. We and the soldiers who fought so bravely with us earned the right to govern. We wrote a Bill of Rights and a Constitution and declared the guidelines by which this nation would be governed."

However, our current government has abandoned those principles, she says.

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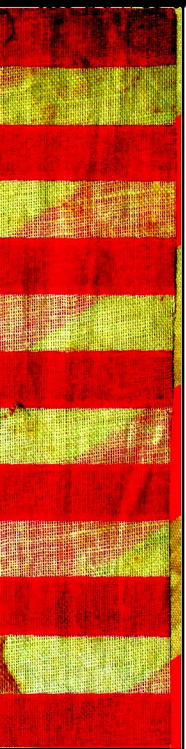
Long may she wave!



s soldiers



The Pentagon's 9/11 flag



The 50-star banner painted on the side of Kentucky barn



At the Washington Monument

# How much longer can America's flag continue waving?

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"They steal freedom by stealth, through lies," writes Barnewall. "We allow it by accepting their lies and claims to power as truth. It's clear that today's 'progressive' society makes it appear that law-abiding folks are at a disadvantage. Law breakers have no problems violating truth or laws. Honest people do. It's a little like the confiscation of guns. The only people who will give them up on demand are those who don't use them to commit a crime."

"In 1777, George Washington's tired, starving, defeated army escaped to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to regroup and train for the fight ahead. They went on to defeat the most powerful army in the world."

Exactly, says Baldwin. Washington seceded from Britain. Now, insists Baldwin, it is time for states to secede from Washington.

"I say again, the breakup of the United States is inevitable. It is only a matter of time. The real question is not if the U.S. will break up, but when and how. Take a look at the staggering debt that this government in Washington, D.C., has burdened the American people with. To talk numbers is meaningless: they total more than we can possibly begin to fathom. These numbers shock sensibilities and strain comprehension. In this regard, toss away all notions of partisan politics. Both major parties in D.C. have forever plunged our children and grandchildren's future into a chasm of indebtedness so deep that it can never be recovered. Never!

"So, all of those who want to parade around and pontificate about the 'unconstitutionality' and 'impracticality' of secession can do so to their hearts' content. It changes nothing. The breakup is coming."

"What is yet to be seen, of course, is if there will be enough states (the last vanguards of liberty) with the foresight to recognize the rise of tyranny and globalism as it approaches," writes Baldwin, "and muster the courage and fortitude to do what principled patriots and lovers of liberty have always done: draw their line in the sand for freedom."

"Call it what you will; debate the definitions and language all you like; it all comes down to the same thing: either men fight for freedom and independence or they allow themselves and their children to be sold into slavery."

"At some point in the future (how far in the future, no one knows), we Americans will, once again, have to face that decision."

"In the meantime, keep talking about freedom around your coffee tables. Keep writing about freedom in your books and columns. Keep praying about freedom in your churches and closets. Keep dreaming about freedom in your hearts and minds."

"Real freedom – where a man can be left alone, where a man can keep what he earns, where a man can make his own choices, where a man's property is his own, where harassing agents of an oppressive central government are nowhere to be found, where a man

doesn't have to sell his soul in order to sell his wares, where a man's worship of God is not subject to political correctness (or the IRS), and where a man can actually exchange commerce and correspondence without the prying eyes of Big Brother – is worth any price."

All that is true, counters Dr. Vieira, who at Harvard University earned bachelor's and master's degrees as well as a doctorate and a law degree. For more than 30

years he has practiced law, arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court the landmark decisions *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*, *Chicago Teachers Union v. Hudson*, and *Communications Workers of America v. Beck*, which established constitutional and statutory limitations on the uses to which labor unions can force non-union workers to pay union dues.

Baldwin, writes Dr. Vieira, "sets out a provocative thesis in support of secession." Essentially, Baldwin's argument is that the United States is about to break up into small fragments, that such a disintegration fits into the plan of the global elitists to construct a world government, and that American patriots should welcome, participate in, assist and even accelerate this breakup through the secession of one or more states.

And, Dr. Vieira adds, Baldwin believes that such

secession "will defeat the New World Order." That is illogical, says Dr. Vieira, who is a staunch conservative.

"It may simply be that my mind is not sufficiently plastic to wrap itself around this argument," he writes, "but I sense that something is missing here. He makes rather a large leap of logic to conclude that 'state secession is, very properly, the last best option for freedomists to maintain fidelity to the principles of liberty.'"

"Second, Pastor Baldwin tells us that 'globalists are already planning America's breakup. Indeed, their plans for the future global economy demand that America fracture. Now, there can be no doubt that, on this score, Pastor Baldwin is accurate. The globalists' New World Order cannot survive, or even come into existence, with an intact, economically and militarily strong, and legally sovereign America standing against it."

"America frustrated the globalists' first scheme for 'world government' – the League of Nations," writes Dr. Vieira. "And although America was roped in to their next scheme – the United Nations – a large proportion of her population has always been (and now remains) at least suspicious of, and even openly antagonistic to, that institution."

"So, if America cannot be absorbed into some supra-national 'halfwayhouse' to global government, such as the projected North American Union, the globalists would like to see her balkanized into a



Is the solution secession?

number of mutually quarrelsome mini-states that the globalists can manage politically by the age-old device of 'divide and rule.'

"My question to Pastor Baldwin," writes Dr. Vieira, "is: 'Divide and rule' being the globalists' own strategy for bringing America down and setting the New World Order up, why should patriots assist them, through 'secession' or in any other way?"

Dr. Vieira says it is a serious mistake for conservatives to believe secession of any state from the Union "is the best way, or even any way, to deal with the situation."

"Certainly, if secession were both constitutional and practical, it would be worthy of consideration." But the U.S. Civil War proved that secession will not be tolerated, he noted. Thus, if secession is "both unconstitutional and impractical," asks Dr. Vieira, "how can it be (as Pastor Baldwin claims) 'the last best option to maintain fidelity to the principles of liberty?'"

"I suspect," continues Dr. Vieira, "that, far from fearing secession, the globalists would actually welcome it, because they anticipate that a single seceding state or even a gaggle of seceding states could not possibly stand up to the New World Order."

"And every move towards secession would accelerate the breakup of America, upon which the globalists' plans depend."

No, writes Dr. Vieira, the best defense of freedom is a united America, "operating according to her Constitution and uncompromisingly asserting her national

sovereignty under the Declaration of Independence."

That, he says, "could successfully fend

off the New World Order – although, perhaps, it might be a long-drawn-out and close-run thing. I believe that the globalists think so, too, and are doubtlessly sore disturbed by that distinct possibility."

But, let's consider the possibility that secession is a good idea. Could it ever work?

"But what lone state or little group of states could put up such resistance?" asks Vieira. "Any state which attempts to secede will simply be jumping from the frying pan into the fire, because no state is prepared – in terms of territorial expanse, size of population, natural resources, economic development, and especially military preparedness – for both secession and subsequent protracted conflict."

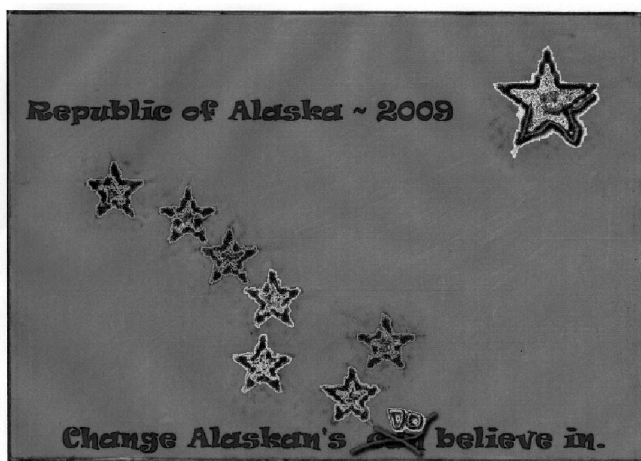
None of the American states, writes Dr. Vieira, has taken the first step either towards actually adopting an alternative currency or towards revitalizing a militia, let alone both. Such would be required if a state were to secede.

"If there is a single state which is now ready, politically and practically, for secession," writes Dr. Vieira, "I should appreciate having someone identify that state."

"How secession might actually be accomplished," he concludes, "is more important than whether secession might be a good idea."

"If secession cannot be made to work, it hardly seems worth discussing."

In short, he writes, "the only prudent course for patriots is to do whatever can be done to retake America – as a whole – to restore her to true constitutional government and to reassert her sovereignty under the Declaration of Independence."





Walter Cronkite

# FBI says Soviets considered Walter Cronkite valuable

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“Cronkite is named in a just-released FBI document from 1986 as being targeted in a Soviet ‘active measures’ campaign against President Reagan’s anti-Communist foreign policy,” writes media watchdog Cliff Kincaid. “Cronkite is named as a possible member of a U.S. delegation that would sign a pro-Soviet ‘People’s Peace Treaty.’”

Cronkite was once known as “the most trusted man in television news” because of his influence during the time when three network news programs dominated the national dissemination of news and information.

However, the CBS newsman “bears a great deal of responsibility for the American military defeat in Vietnam and the Communist conquest of that Southeast Asian country,” writes Kincaid, editor of the *Accuracy in Media Report*.

If Kincaid seems unsurprised by the FBI report, it would be in part because *Accuracy in Media* was one of the first conservative voices to begin expressing astonishment at Cronkite’s radical political leanings. In 1981, AIM founder Reed Irvine exposed Cronkite’s efforts to undermine Reagan’s efforts to end the Cold War.

Why did the Soviets consider Cronkite an ally?

The Cronkite documents include an FBI cover letter, dated June 25, 1986, which designates an attached internal memorandum from the “Campaign for a People’s Peace Treaty” as part of a “Soviet active measures” campaign. The document is addressed to the FBI director and the attention of the bureau’s intelligence division.

While many questions remain about the nature of this secret influence operation and its ultimate success, the documents provide absolute confirmation that the Soviets were targeting major figures in the U.S. media. Other targets were talk-show host Phil Donahue, Harrison Salisbury of the *New York Times*, David Brinkley of ABC News and Bill Moyers of CBS News.

“The ‘Campaign for a People’s Peace Treaty’ was a project of the Soviet front group the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and was designed to create public and international pressure to undermine Reagan’s U.S. conventional and nuclear arms buildup,” says Kincaid.

“Assistant Director for Intelligence of the FBI Edward J. O’Malley testified before Congress in 1982 that the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was founded in 1943 by the Communist Party U.S.A. and served Soviet interests.

“Cronkite, who retired as CBS Evening News anchorman in 1981 but continued to speak publicly about current events, was a natural target of the Soviets and their agents because he was already considered sympathetic to their cause,” says Kincaid. “In 1979, he had given an interview to the Soviet magazine *Literary Gazette* and told Vitaly Kobysch that the ‘Soviet threat’ was ‘most likely ... a myth.’ According to the magazine, Cronkite went on to say that ‘I will never believe in a ‘Soviet threat.’”

“Shortly after the interview was published, the Soviets invaded Afghanistan.

“Donahue, who pioneered the daytime television talk-show format, had already been doing programs with Soviet journalist Vladimir Pozner.

Other claims made in the documents, according to Kincaid, include an FBI notation that Cronkite assisted anti-Vietnam War protesters and said that CBS would rent a helicopter to transport Senator Edmund Muskie to an anti-war rally.

Pages 6-9 in FBI file, says Kincaid, “indicate that Cronkite was privately offering to provide a CBS News ‘open mike’ to the organizers of the 1969 Moratorium to

End the War in Vietnam. A 1969 staff study of the House Internal Security Subcommittee identified the organizers of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee as strongly influenced by the Communist Party USA.

“The offer of support from Cronkite to the anti-war organizers,” adds Kincaid, “is consistent with the fact that the CBS newsman had already declared that the communist 1968 Tet offensive was a defeat for the U.S. and that the American government should negotiate a military withdrawal.

Cronkite’s verdict that the war was unwinnable – and the acceptance of his statement by other media and many members of the public – forced the transformation of U.S. policy into the eventual withdrawal of U.S. forces, leading to the Communist takeover of South Vietnam in 1975.

“Congress held hearings and published reports on such topics as ‘Soviet Active Measures’ and ‘Soviet Covert Action,’ emphasizing how Soviet intelligence operatives and their agents were operating on American soil and internationally,” notes Kincaid.

Heads that “We now know, because of documents discovered and released after the Soviet collapse, that Senator Ted Kennedy made an offer to the Soviets to help organize opposition to Reagan’s pro-defense policies. Kennedy was the leading congressional sponsor of the ‘nuclear freeze’ campaign to prevent deployment of U.S. nuclear weapons in Europe to counter the Soviet threat.

“At Columbia University in 1983, a young Barack Obama wrote sympathetically about groups involved in the ‘nuclear freeze’ campaign and the dangers of ‘militarism,’ but expressed the hope for total disarmament. As President, he is pursuing the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons, which many experts say is unverifiable, and just signed a new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia that he wants ratified by the U.S. Senate. Obama is opposed to modernization of the U.S. nuclear deterrent.

“Cronkite,” says Kincaid, “and the other media personalities were included in a list of ‘possible members of the US delegation to sign the treaty.’ A left-wing organization, the Center for Defense Information, is named as being in the position of providing a ‘military person’ to sign the document.

“In the area of industry, a first name, ‘Armand,’ is listed, an apparent reference to Armand Hammer, the late chairman of Occidental Petroleum who was a family friend of Al Gore and a Soviet agent.”

The memorandum says that Alan Thomson will take the signed “peace treaty” to Moscow and present it to the Soviet Peace Committee. Thomson was the executive director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

“Despite his reputation as an honest and objective newsman,” notes Kincaid, “Cronkite was a key player in an on-the-air CBS News assault on the Reagan Administration’s defense buildup.

“After Ronald Reagan took office as President and proceeded to build up U.S. national defense capability, in the wake of the disastrous Jimmy Carter years, CBS News acted to counter the Reagan effort. They aired a five-part program, ‘The Defense of the United States,’ in which Cronkite appeared to tell us that the relationship with the Soviet Union was dominated by ‘the same old fears and doubts’ because we didn’t have a genuine dialogue with the Soviet communists.”

Accuracy in Media founder Reed Irvine noted at the time of the broadcast that CBS gave us “the Kremlin view that it is the United States, not the Soviet Union, that is striving for an impossible military superiority, while creating fantasies about Soviet aggression.”

“Irvine,” notes Kincaid, “drew attention to the ‘persistent bias of CBS News’ under Cronkite and commented, ‘One has to wonder why the anti-defense bias is so strong and persistent at CBS. My own feeling is that it is a reflection of the views enunciated by Walter Cronkite that show a benign view of the Soviet Union.’”

“While Reagan pursued his arms buildup, including development of the Strategic Defense Initiative, and the Soviet Union eventually collapsed in 1991, the effort to save Vietnam from communism was not successful, thanks in large part to Cronkite’s influence,” says Kincaid.

“The bloody result: 58,260 U.S. servicemen and nearly one million civilians died in the Vietnam War. The South Vietnamese military lost about one quarter of a million dead, and over one million Communist soldiers were killed. Tens of thousands of South Vietnamese allies of the U.S. left behind after the American military withdrawal were tortured in communist camps. Thousands of others fled in leaky boats, becoming known as the ‘boat people.’”

The government of Vietnam today remains a Communist dictatorship.

Meanwhile, the National Council on American-Soviet Friendship turned its collection of pro-Soviet films over to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. “The films provide a fascinating window into a country and political system which no longer exist, and give viewers a way to see the Cold War from another perspective,” the academy says.

“While the Soviet political system may not exist,” notes Kincaid, “the Russians have continued many of the old Soviet-style intelligence and influence operations. The book, *Comrade J*, based on the revelations of a Russian master spy, Sergei Tretyakov, identified former Clinton State Department official and now Brookings Institution head Talbott as a dupe of Russian intelligence.

“Talbott had been a columnist for *Time* magazine, where he wrote about the need for world government, a cause also embraced by Cronkite.

But does anybody today care about Communism or the Soviets? No, says Claire Berlinski of the magazine *City Journal*.

“In the latest issue of *City Journal*,” she writes, “I published a story about a large cache of Soviet-era documents smuggled out of Russia by Pavel Stroilov, a Russian researcher now exiled in London, and a similar collection of smuggled documents held by the former Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky. I wrote that the world was incurious about these papers; this, I argued, was symptomatic of a dangerous indifference to the history and horrors of Communism.”



Greek police on fire from a rioter's Molotov cocktail

# Rioting Greeks set fire to bank, kill 3

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the rioters were actually highly paid government employees, furious that their plush salaries, early retirements and generous benefits are in danger because Greece has followed the exact types of policies being rushed into law in the United States by Barack Obama.

The *Times of London* reported that “three people were killed when an anti-government mob set fire to the Athens bank where they worked.”

“Almost right,” observes conservative journalist Mark Steyn. “They were not an ‘anti-government’ mob, but a government mob comprised largely of civil servants.”

“In Europe,” notes commentator Peter Morici, “voters expect a strong, broad and expensive social safety net – including universal health care, income security

and early retirement. Those benefits until now exceeded in many instances what is provided by governments in North America.

“This safety net has so reduced risks to individual and rewards for initiative and entrepreneurship that the safety net has slowed population and economic growth to dangerous levels. Slower population and economic growth has made the social safety net too expensive to sustain in rich countries and poor countries alike.

“With the commercial integration that followed World War II through the European Common Market, composed initially of only six nations, public expectations for benefits in poorer nations and regions like Portugal, Greece and southern Italy, grew to rival those in richer

states. This despite the fact their economies lacked the resources to pay for those benefits.

“Politicians responded by expanding and enriching social safety nets, but costs rose too, as doctors, teachers and the like expected salaries and benefits more comparable to their colleagues further north.”

That Greek civil servants are “highly uncivil and disinclined to serve should come as no surprise,” writes Steyn. “They’re paid more and they retire earlier, and that’s how they want to keep it. So they’re objecting to austerity measures that would end, for example, the tradition of 14 monthly paychecks per year.

“You read that right, The Greek public sector cannot be bound by anything so humdrum as temporal reality. So, when it was suggested that the ‘workers’ might henceforth receive a mere 12 monthly paychecks per annum, they rioted.

“Their hapless victims – a man and two women – were a trio of clerks trapped in a bank when the mob set it alight and then obstructed emergency crews attempting to rescue them.”

## A warning to us all

America should expect the same if we continue down the road plotted by Barack Obama.

“Unlovely as they are, the Greek rioters are the logical end point of the advanced social democratic state,” writes Steyn, noting they are not an “oppressed underclass, but a pampered overclass, rioting in defence of its privileges and insisting on more subsidies, more benefits, more featherbedding, more government.”

They represent the socialist delusion that other people’s money is limitless – and that the government can generate wealth.

“The citizenry of Greece should be grateful for one thing and that is that they are not useless to the new socialist world order,” writes conservative commentator J.J. Jackson. “At least not yet. This status of still being at least somewhat useful to the ends of elitists who think they know best how to manage the lives of everyone else has earned the Greeks a bailout from their fellow socialists, which will help to keep them afloat until such time as either:

“a) they miraculously and wondrously figure out how to make a failed ideology that has never worked actually work through the application of pixie dust or some other mythical substance,

“b) they give up on socialism or

“c) they are simply no longer useful.

“Meanwhile those in Greece who have been fooled into thinking that government money spent can actually exceed government money collected are rioting and killing in the name of socialism, having not quite figured out that their options are limited.

“And they are really going to go ballistic when they figure out that only one of those three options will actually save them.”

## Europe is collapsing

“It is comical to watch this dance being performed yet again as it has so many times in the past as socialism collapses on itself. Those that have hitched their cart to a one-legged horse are bailed out by others who have hitched their carts to two- and three-legged ones. All involved are all cripples, just not as crippled.

“To save themselves, other countries with their own gimpy horses have rushed to prop up Greece rather than let that country fail, reap the rotten fruits of that failure and learn a hard lesson that will make them stronger as they start over.

“This is, of course, because they know that if the failure of Greece is witnessed and allowed to happen as it should, the people they rule over will start to question the health of the horse pulling each of their own carts.”

So, the Greeks riot – demanding top pay, early retirement and unlimited benefits.

“Who will pay for it?” asks Steyn. “Hey, not my problem, say the rioters. Maybe those dead bank clerks’ clients, assuming we didn’t burn them to



Greek protesters try not to breathe tear gas fumes

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Greek demonstrators

death, too. The problem facing the Western world isn't very difficult to figure out. We've spent tomorrow today, and we can never earn enough tomorrow to pay for what we've already burned through.

"When you're spending \$4 trillion but only raising two trillion in revenue (the Obama model), you've no intention of paying it off, and the rest of the world knows it. In Greece, the arithmetic is starker.

"To prop up unsustainable welfare states, most of the Western world isn't 'printing money' but instead printing credit cards and pre-approving our unborn grandchildren," writes Steyn. "That would be a dodgy proposition at the best of times. But in the Mediterranean those grandchildren are never going to be born."

## Greece is dying

"Greece has one of the lowest fertility rates on the planet, 1.3 children per couple, which places it in the 'lowest-low' demographic category from which no society has recovered and, according to the United Nations—178th out of 195 countries."

Simply put, it means for every 100 Greek grandparents, there are only 42 grandkids. Systems such as Social Security were devised during the 1940s on the principle that few people reached age 65—and those who did were vastly outnumbered by younger people still in the workforce. But the model begins to collapse when millions live well into their 80s... and begin to outnumber the youngsters still earning paychecks.

In today's U.S. Social Security, taxes from current workers go straight to paying for the benefits of current retirees. Taxpayers' money is not being 'saved' anywhere to be withdrawn later—not in America nor in Greece.

In 1950, there were 7.3 working-age Americans for each person over 65. Each grandparent had seven workers contributing to the coffers. However, today in Greece, for every 100 retirees, only 42 Greeks are still working. That won't work at all. Too few young Greeks are paying into the pension funds.

Yet, the money continues to flow out—borrowed money. And there is no way that it will ever be repaid. Furthermore, the pensions are generous beyond belief. Many Greeks retire at age 55. They get 12 monthly paychecks as well as two annual "vacation" checks equal to a month's pay.

Who do the Greeks think will pay such a bill?

Perhaps Greek planners were depending on Arab immigrants to work in Greece's industries and pay the taxes supporting retired Greeks' pensions. But "what hardworking foreigner in his right mind would move to Greece?" asks Steyn.

After all, the socialist government there has made Greece a very difficult place to make a living. Regulations make profitability almost impossible for entrepreneurs. According to the World Bank, when it comes to the ease of doing business, Greece ranks 109th out of 183 countries.

"If they were dramatically to liberate their business-killing economy, they might overtake Lebanon at big hit position 108, and Ethiopia at 107, and maybe Papua New Guinea at 102," observes Steyn. "And who knows? With even more radical reform, they might crack the Hot One Hundred and be bubbling under such favorable business environments as Yemen (99) and Moldova (94).

"Greece ranks 140th when it comes to starting a business, and 154th when it comes to protecting investors."

So, the immigration strategy is never going to work. The immigrants have no incentive to move to Greece.

So, what are the Greeks going to do?

Borrow!

As a result, the Greeks are facing total societal collapse.

## Will America go the same way?

"Thanks to Obama in Washington and business as usual in Athens, the situation has worsened," writes Steyn.

Yet, whereas America still has a choice, Greece doesn't.

Bankruptcy is inevitable. Then the rioters are going to have to go get real jobs.

Is anybody in America paying any attention?

At present, Germany is propping up the European Union. However, that can't continue forever.

"Easily the most telling statement by any politician recently was that from an anguished German Chancellor Angela Merkel," reports conservative journalist Christopher Booker.

She declared that "the current crisis facing the euro

is the biggest test Europe has faced for decades, even since the Treaty of Rome was signed in 1957."

"If the euro fails," she went on, "Europe fails," warning that the consequences for the whole of Europe would be "incalculable."

"We have still scarcely begun to wake up to the gravity of the crisis now upon us," writes Booker, "not just for the eurozone but also for us here in Britain and for the entire global economy. The measures so far taken to prop up the collapsing euro, such as that famous '\$1 trillion package,' are no more than gestures."

## Greece was just the beginning

"Italy, Spain, Portugal and others are now hanging over an abyss of debt which scarcely all the money in Europe could fill—created by countries living beyond their means," he writes, warning that "utter chaos" is the only possible consequence of the collapse of the euro. It would leave Europe with no money to trade in.

"We are witnessing a judgment on the entire deceitful and self-deceiving way in which European socialism has been assembled over the last half-century."

If the euro does disintegrate, as German Chancellor Merkel warns, the consequences will be immense.

Without a currency, trade in Europe would collapse.

"A system failure on this scale would make the 1930s pale into insignificance," writes Booker.

However, "before we chasten our Mediterranean friends too harshly for living beyond their means," writes Morici, America needs to look at its own predicament.

The U.S. federal government and many states face similar difficulties.

Greece is a warning to governments that promise too much and pay too much for what they promise.

"We will all either become Greeks with the welfare classes fighting to see who will stand on whose shoulders and who will be sacrificed to drown to save the rest for a little while longer," writes Jackson, "or we become a people who will reject the failures of socialism at any level."

Will America choose to live in freedom?

Can we "drag our selves and our fellow countrymen out of the river and begin anew?" asks Jackson. "I certainly hope that realization comes soon."

# Will the Republicans fumble the opportunity?

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Nationwide, Obama-endorsed candidates were in big trouble. But, in light of such magnificent successes, will Republicans retake control of Congress in November?

Don't wager the family farm, warn observers. Such a result is not at all assured. The GOP is fractured and divided. Half of the Republican members of Congress seem to think they have to spend like Democrats if they are to win votes. A big contingent can't decide whether they like Christians except on Election Day. Another faction isn't sure they're not Libertarians—opposing almost any government intervention at all.

An enormous crippling factor keeping the Republicans from moving forward is that George W. Bush saw no need to anoint a successor, traditionally an ambitious vice president. In both his terms, Bush chose Dick Cheney as vice president—and Cheney made it clear he had no interest in the Presidency.

Among the Republicans' most dangerous opponents are the mainstream news media, which strategically demonize any conservative who shows the slightest possibility of rising to lead the GOP. Cheney was constantly portrayed as an authoritarian war monger. Any gaffe was headlines for weeks—treatment not afforded Obama's vice president, Joe Biden, even when he does outrageous things, such as proclaim the "f-word" in an open microphone at a public ceremony.

We've all watched how the liberal press and entertainment figures attacked Sarah Palin, doing everything possible to tear her down in the public's eye—purely because she poses a threat to the liberal agenda. Now they've targeting Kentucky senatorial candidate Dr. Rand Paul, showing just how effective "gotcha journalism" can be.

Liberal candidates are never subjected to such scrutiny. Senator Barney Frank could not possibly defend his private life if they did—such as his attraction to young men, one of whom a few years ago was running a male prostitution ring out of the Senator's Washington apartment.

But do we hear anything about that? Certainly not—it's not politically correct. Instead, the mainstream media dredges up obscure libertarian statements that Dr. Paul made about equal rights—putting the potential conservative leader on the defensive.

Then media touted Congressional candidate Democrat Mark Critz's win by ten percentage points over conservative Tim Burns.

But when it comes to "how" Critz won, the media ignored the reality that he did everything he could to run as far from Barack Obama as possible. Furthermore, Critz is no knee-jerk liberal. Indeed, the Democrat ran on an anti-Obama platform, embracing anti-abortion and declaring his support of gun owners. Furthermore, he freely declared he would have voted against ObamaCare.

## So, how is this a win for Obama's progressives?

As they began attacking Dr. Paul, liberal pundits declared that his win of the Kentucky GOP Senate nomination was an indicator of a "civil war in the Republican Party."

It's as if the liberal media is desperate to find something reassuring. Never mind the poll figures showing that more than half of voters are eager to throw all incumbents out of office in November. Never mind that even Democrat voters are wavering in their support of Obama's policies.

The liberal media just can't understand why the public isn't following their lead. They seem to wonder how voters can be so stupid—refusing to listen to the media's direction. They just can't "come to grips with the fact that the Tea Party just did what the talking heads have said they couldn't do, which is win a statewide election," notes *Capitol Notebook*. "And given the fact that Rand Paul came from absolutely nowhere, and swam upstream against an establishment-endorsed Republican candidate, there's no other way to look at it, other than to admit that the Tea Party movement is for real. As a bonus, Paul has also consistently led polls in match-ups against potential Democrats for November.

"The fact is that this 'civil war' so many in the media refer to," adds the *Capitol Notebook*, "will make the Republican Party much, much stronger this November and beyond."

However, the Republicans have much more to worry about than either the mainstream media.

"If there is one thing that I have learned in my over 30 years of existing within the political realm," writes conservative strategist Frank Salvato, "it is that if the political world aligns to present the Republican Party with an opportunity to advance on liberal Democrats and Progressives in government, somehow, somehow, they always manage to find a way to shoot themselves in the foot."

By "Progressives," of course, Salvato is using the term currently being used to

describe what used to be called "Socialists."

"During the last election cycle," notes Salvato, "Republicans railed against the Democrats about earmarks, special-interest spending and fiscal irresponsibility. Many of their opponents rolled their eyes in amusement citing the fiscal irresponsibility of the Republican-controlled Congress dating back to approximately 2000, just after the 'Republican Revolution.'

"Yet close to half the electorate recognized that a fiscally debauched decade of Republican spending wasn't comparable to the steady and consistent tax-and-spend policies of the Democrat Party dating back to before the turn of the 20th Century," writes Salvato. "Democrats—and Progressives masquerading as Democrats—were forced to feign frugality where their platform was concerned.

"Slightly more than half the electorate ate up the media spoon-fed 'hope and change' lie, thus empowering the most Progressive executive and legislative branches in recent U.S. history.

Salvato says the de facto Socialists in control of Congress—aided and directed by a spendthrift Obama Administration—have spent taxpayer monies more irresponsibly than at any other point in American history. He cites the "pork-laden, special interest bonanza that was the Stimulus Bill and the behemoth expansion of federal government that was the Health Care Bill" as only three major pieces of spending legislation among the many "that have delivered our country to the brink of insolvency."

"In fact," writes Salvato, "the outrage of a deceived electorate—outrage present on both sides of the political spectrum and across all party lines—literally produced the potent and extremely effective Tea Party movement; a majority of American people who are angry, exhausted and determined to expunge politicians who consistently put the well-being of their political parties before the execution of good government—political miscreants who have abused the public's trust into opportunistic, self-enriching professional careers."

Salvato says that proof that the American people are done tolerating the political status quo "has been evidenced in every election since the Tea Party movement emerged onto the main political stage.

"From Scott Brown's capturing of Ted Kennedy's Massachusetts Senate seat, to Arlen Specter being retired by Pennsylvania's Democrats, to Arkansas's Blanche Lincoln's forced run-off election to Rand Paul's victory in Kentucky, to Bob Bennett's third-place finish in the Utah Republican Convention, incumbents from both parties, along with the inside-the-beltway political intelligencia have been struck dumbfounded at the potency of the Tea Party movement.

"It has been proven to be as potent and effective on the Left as it is on the Right, the message being clear: no more 'politics as usual.'"

For that very reason, says Salvato, "I was stunned, but not wholly surprised, to hear that some Republican Congressmen were starting to quibble about the longevity of the moratorium on earmarks."

## It is as if the Republicans just don't get it

*The Hill*, a political newsletter that covers Capitol Hill, reports: "House Republicans in line to chair important committees want less-stringent earmark spending rules next year, when they hope to be in control of the chamber. Senior Republicans are pushing for a policy that would allow earmarks."

"Earmarks," of course, is the polite term for wasteful "pork barrel" spending that directly benefits a Congressman's own district. House GOP leaders imposed a moratorium on supporting any earmarks in March to demonstrate their own fiscal discipline.

But now, they want to ease it—even though the public is demanding that the crazed spending spree stop.

Congressman John Mica, a Florida Republican and the ranking member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has been hinting that he wants to be able to give away money again.

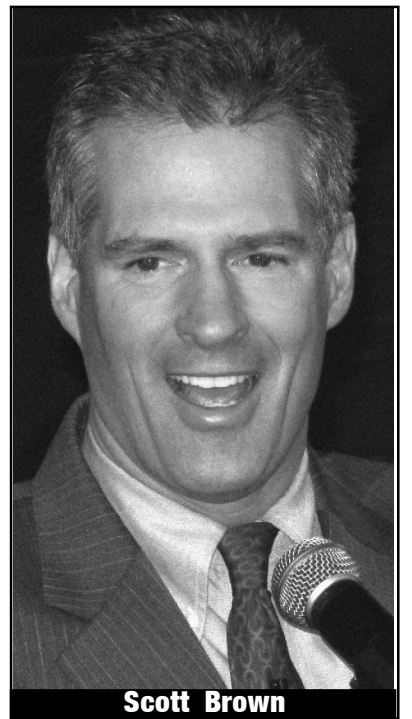
"As depressing as it is to watch the Republican Party dive headlong off a cliff," writes the ever-sarcastic columnist Ann Coulter, "at least we have Dick Blumenthal."

Blumenthal is the Democrat who was certain to win retiring Senator Christopher Dodd's seat this fall.

"After all, he was a Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Purple Heart winner from his days in Vietnam. And captain of the Harvard swim team to boot!" writes Coulter. "But now we find out that, despite Blumenthal's repeated references to serving 'in Vietnam'—he was never in Vietnam. He got five draft deferments and then joined an elite unit of the Marine Reserves to avoid going to war, serving in their heroic 'Toys for Tots' brigade."



Sarah Palin



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Nor was he on the Harvard swim team. Suddenly, the Republicans have a chance to pick up that Senate seat. “So, what do they do?” asks Coulter.

Incredibly, the GOP candidate is a former lady professional wrestler who is now a TV figure on World Wrestling Entertainment specials.

“Republicans could run Rob Simmons, a Connecticut legislator with a distinguished record of service in the House of Representatives, the CIA, and as a Yale political science professor, who actually did serve in Vietnam, winning two Bronze Stars and retiring as a colonel,” notes Coulter. “But no!

“Defeat is so close!” says Coulter sarcastically. “Republicans can almost taste the bitterness of yet another crushing loss!”

As to the GOP lifting the moratorium on pork barrel project, that’s “unbelievable,” says Salvato. “Just as Republicans were about to be able to reclaim the mantle of fiscal responsibility,” Congressmen are making the “incredibly destructive blunder of attempting to return to the grotesque and completely unacceptable ‘ways of old.’ How thick can those elected to office from the Republican Party actually be?”

“At a moment in time when the overwhelming majority of voters – both from the left and the right – are screaming that they don’t want anything to do with the status quo, can anyone think of anything more lacking in political vision, more destructive from a public relations standpoint and politically destructive than to suggest returning to the practice of earmarking money for special interest projects in home districts?”

## And that’s what worries Salvato

“It can be said, without reservation, that Republicans clinging to the fiscal processes of old (earmarks, special interest spending and fiscal irresponsibility) are playing Russian Roulette with America’s future,” he says. “God save us all.”

And what about the Republicans’ terrible track record of letting the left-wing media destroy their candidates? Sometimes, it’s as if the GOP is letting mainstream media select their standard bearers.

The press liked John McCain. That certainly worked out well, didn’t it? The media also likes Mitt Romney, who is unacceptable to most Evangelicals because he is a Mormon. But the media almost foams at the mouth at the mention of Sarah Palin – currently the GOP 2012 presidential frontrunner in opinion polls.

And now, they are targeting Dr. Paul, the Tea Party movement candidate who beat GOP choice Trey Grayson for the Republican senatorial nomination in Kentucky.

“We understand the ferocious nature of the liberal media,” writes media watchdog Cliff Kincaid, “and how they can wage unfair attacks on conservative personalities.”

But Dr. Paul has the additional problem that he’s not a traditional conservative.

He’s a libertarian. His dad, Texas Congressman Ron Paul, has run for president on the Libertarian ticket. Libertarians tend to be quite liberal on social and foreign policy issues, but conservative when it comes to economic policy.

For example, Libertarians generally support open borders, legalized marijuana, and no restrictions on prostitution, abortion or homosexuality. Libertarians also tend to support isolationism and an American military withdrawal from the rest of the world. The conservative aspect of libertarianism is an emphasis on limited government in economic affairs and termination of funding for global institutions such as the United Nations.

“The danger for Paul,” writes Kincaid, “is that, in the end, when his views are finally known, he may not please many conservatives or liberals. Libertarians are well-represented in Washington, D.C., but the philosophy represents a very small segment of the voting population.

His attacks from the leftwing media “may rally some conservatives to Rand Paul’s side,” writes Kincaid. “But he invited those attacks. And more of those attacks will be coming. The sharks smell blood in the water. They are going for the kill. Conservatives will ignore that feeding frenzy, of course.”

However, they will ask whether he just drifted to the right during the campaign, seeming to drop some of his previous libertarian views.

## But what does Rand actually believe?

“Was this an effort to appear more conservative than he really was?” asks Kincaid. “Where does he really stand? Let’s hope that Fox News personalities do not automatically fall into Rand Paul’s camp and defend every utterance he makes just because his opponent is a liberal Democrat.”

“All around the country, I hear conservatives talking giddily about how many seats Republicans will pick up in this fall’s congressional elections,” writes columnist Quin Hillyer.

“Newt Gingrich, for instance, is out there playing his usual game of speaking extravagantly about a coming victory. On May 18, he forecast up to a 70-seat gain in Republican House seats. On May 20, he downgraded his prediction to ‘the 30-to-50-seat range’ – which still would be mighty impressive, by historical standards. This is the same Gingrich who promised a 30-seat Republican House pickup in 1998, only to see an actual loss of five seats instead.

“That’s why the current conservative giddiness is misplaced. Yes, the more conservative candidates won general elections in New Jersey, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Hawaii, and conservatives have won primaries in Utah, West Virginia, and Idaho, while conservatives have surged or even forced more liberal candidates out of races in Florida, Pennsylvania, Nevada, and elsewhere.

“Good,” writes Hillyer. “But all that means is that conservatives can now again wage a real fight. It means we have avoided the rout that the Obama-Pelosi-ACORN-SEIU brigades had planned for us.

“Some indicators, meanwhile, are not good at all. The Republican National Committee has just about \$12 million cash on hand, compared to \$40 million at this point in the most recent comparable cycle.

“All three of the main national party committees are reeling from embarrassments and poorly led. Thousands of dollars for strip clubs. Ham-handed interference in primary battles across the nation rather than letting locals choose their own candidates while the committees save their money and prestige and keep their powder dry until it’s time to beat Democrats rather than fellow Republicans.

“And,” adds Hillyer, “lest anybody forget, conservatives continue to lose legislatively. Health care has been nationalized. Student loans have been nationalized. The financial industry has been turned on its head. Spending continues to go through the roof. The auto industry has been partly nationalized. Half of the 1996 reforms of welfare have been gutted. The Justice Department is run by corrupt, leftist ideologues. The census has been politicized. AmeriCorps has been expanded ten-fold and altered into the first makings of a political army, while its inspector general has been illegally hounded from office – and thus the internal controls against rank politicization have been torn asunder.

“While conservatives pick up popular support and occasional off-year electoral victories, the Left has gobbled up vast amounts of the political continent.

“Friends,” writes Hillyer, “the fight to retake what already has been lost will be a long, long, hard, hard slog. Giddiness is out of place.

“Confidence must be backed not just by hard work but also by *smart* work. Some people already in office are *not* ‘bums’ who merit being thrown out. And some maverick outsiders aren’t really competent or wise.

“Conservatives must learn to discern which are which.”

## Conservative author and editor R. Emmett Tyrrell sees a ray of hope

“I have been meeting with what the intelligentsia once called ‘the masses.’ They read books. They pay taxes. They attend lectures. Oh, and by the way, they are now a lot more prosperous and even more civilized than the intelligentsia, today’s version of which are actually anti-intellectual and occasionally only semi-literate.

“The reason that ‘the masses’ are a lot more prosperous and even civilized is that they have been participating in our free-market economy for years. It has made their lives easier and they recognize it.

“After talking with thousands of ordinary Americans,” writes Tyrrell, “I have come to the conclusion that America has arrived at a historic turning point. It is not just that Tea Partiers are revolting against big government. It is something more. Usually a revolt against big government has meant that uneasy Americans wanted their taxes lowered, but as for cutting government back they were vague. They favored economies but certainly no cutbacks in *their* entitlements — a loaded word, that, entitled to *whom* from *what*? — or government subsidies. What makes this a historic moment is that growing numbers of Americans now accept that they too are going to have to forego at least some of their so-called entitlements. They recognize that the budget crisis is that grave.

“For well over a decade simple demographics suggested that a budget crisis loomed for such programs as Social Security. Yet our politicians merely kicked the can down the road. We have now arrived at the end of the road.

“What hastened our arrival at this dead end,” says Tyrrell, “was the rise of the most inexperienced and left-wing president in American history. Budgetary overhang was ominous when the Prophet Obama arrived at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Then he devised the Troubled Asset Relief Program, a \$787 billion stimulus package, a hugely imbalanced budget, and his trillion-dollar healthcare monstrosity that he lyrically promised would save a trillion dollars. All told, it has been the largest increase in federal spending since World War II.”

“Michael Barone points out in the *Washington Examiner* that ‘it has long been a maxim of political scientists that American voters are ideologically conservative and operationally liberal.’

That has changed, says Tyrrell.

“If the Republicans take the House of Representatives this autumn as I think they will, the Republican leadership had best arrive with plans to undo President Obama’s folly. Equally important they had best have plans to cut entitlements and other spending in such a way as to avert our present rendezvous with bankruptcy.

“I am confident they can.”

## However, author Scott Pandich isn’t so sure

“The GOP shouldn’t want to win back either house of Congress this year. The prize is to send Obama packing in 2012,” he writes.

“What the Republicans should be aiming for is to have the trio of Obama, Pelosi, and whoever replaces Reid remain as the face of Washington, D.C. and, hence, get blamed for whatever goes wrong.

“However,” says Pandich, the GOP should “get close enough in both the House and the Senate to keep the Democrats from doing anything truly disastrous and make picking up both chambers as part of an overall Republican sweep a lot easier in 2012.”



Rand Paul

# The paganization of our United States

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ethic and world view have been pervasive.

These nations have typically been rife with corruption, have considered human life to be a very cheap thing and have not blushed at even the vilest of immoralities.

For much of her history, America could have been counted among those nations that rejected the pagan for the Judeo-Christian.

She was one of a few nations, along with Great Britain and her daughter colonies and a handful of northern European nations, that were holistically Christian nations. As each of these societies has gradually rejected their moral bases, they have drifted into pagan, God-rejecting ways.

America is no different. Since the 1960s, the gradual trend towards devolution that was caused by unbelieving, liberal theology accelerated to a breakneck pace. We are to the point now where America cannot credibly be called a truly Christian nation. We have a small residue of those who hold to a truly biblical world view, but even many of those who call themselves "Christian" hold to a world view that is utterly alien to the world view upon which our nation was founded. We, as a nation, are regressing backwards towards a set of social and moral conditions that have characterized pagan, God-rejecting nations all throughout history.

## How are we doing this?

In pagan societies, there was no sense that God was the Creator, that the universe and all that is in it is the product of a loving, perfect God who made it by His own hand and placed mankind into it as a steward.

Instead, most pagan societies held to some version of a creation myth in which the "stuff" of creation was always there and was merely shaped by finite and limited gods or other supernatural forces.

There was no understanding of creation from nothingness.

Instead, the gods, man and everything else were all just a part of some eternally pre-existent matter that might change in form, but certainly could not be said to have been a product of special creation by a loving, all-powerful God to whom we will one day give an account of ourselves.

As a result, pantheism sooner or later would recommend itself to them as the "obvious" choice for explaining reality, as it did the Stoics in Rome and the Hindus in India.

This, naturally, leads to two outflowings. The first is the placing of humanity and the natural world around us on the same level. A man is equal to a dog is equal to a mouse is equal to a tree.

The most obvious example of this is the view of the transmigration of the soul as it is expressed in karmic Hinduism. In this world view, a man may very well end up being a dog in his next life, or a tree, depending on how good or bad he was in this life. Even among the Greeks and others pagans, however, there was this same sense of man having an intimate connection with nature.

This formed the basis of the sympathetic magic and astrology that were practiced throughout so much of the ancient world – they arose out of the pantheistic belief that all of physical existence was connected and that the actions of one part would subtly influence other parts. The motions of the stars would control our

destinies. Using the right ingredients and speaking the right formulae would influence anything from the weather to the emotions of other people.

We see this same general mindset today in the rise in astrology, the occult, alien Eastern religions and so forth, all of which rest on the same pantheistic foundation.

## The dangers of 'Earth First'

However, the most pervasive example of the inroads that this world view has made into the psyche of our nation is to be found in the widespread acceptance of the principles and beliefs embodied in the environmentalist movement.

While I believe that there is certainly a place within the biblical world view for a proper stewardship over the earth and its resources, the modern "Green" movement goes far beyond this.

Instead of viewing the earth as a special gift of God to man for his use and benefit, the Green movement views the earth as something which transcends man, a system in which man is simply one little cell in the greater mass of life which is called "Gaia."

There are many thousands in our nation who, literally, worship the earth as a mother goddess, just as the pagans in many societies did thousands of years ago. But there are millions more who, while not revering the mother goddess openly, still accept the implicit teachings of pantheistic environmentalism.

"We belong to the earth," they say, "it does not belong to us." That is an anti-God statement and one which is as likely to be said by a religionist in a liberal church as it is an earth-worshipping Gaiast.

The whole "Earth First" movement is predicated on the notion that man, by exercising his industry and intelligence to improve the world around him, is acting on an alien and desultory instinct which is "ruining" the earth. Man needs to know his place, to be "in harmony" with nature.

Indeed, man, because he uses earth's resources, deserves to be "culled" according to some of the more radical Greenies.

Even the belief, imparted to our children in the public schools and in many children's entertainment programs, that we need to "save the earth" by crash recycling programs, ending CO2 production and saving the rain forests is predicated on pantheistic Green assumptions.

## Captain Planet's damage

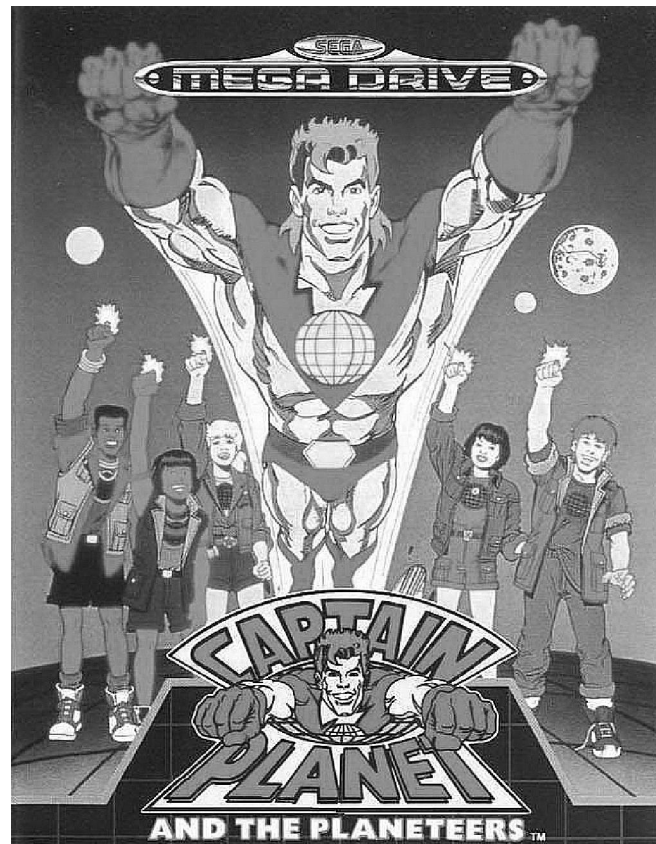
Need I say it, but the cartoon character Captain Planet was nothing more than a high priest of Earth worship, tasked with converting our children to his religion.

Coupled with radical environmentalism, we also see the advance of the religion of evolutionism – which is a religious and mystical belief system, rather than a scientific.

Again, materialistic evolution finds its basis in the myth that all of existence has been eternally – there is no God who called it into existence from nothing.

The other outflowing of the pantheistic ethos is the devaluation of human life. If we're all just part of some great big "everything," then no single one of us really matters for much.

Our nation is well on its way to losing the sense of the



uniqueness and value of innocent human life. In godly societies, it is understood that man was created in the image of his Creator and that he occupies a special and revered place in the estimation of God. To assault the life of man, except under very stringent and atypical circumstances clearly delineated by God Himself (such as capital punishment for very specific crimes), is to assault God Himself.

## In pagan worlds, life was cheap

The Greek and Roman myths are full of stories of unwanted babies who were exposed – left to die on mountains or in the wilderness. In the stories, these babies were often taken in by kindly strangers. In real life, this was a standard practice in these societies for getting rid of unwanted children, especially girls (who were less valued) and usually, nobody was there to take them in.

In the games of Rome, men fought to the death, spilling each others' blood and lives onto an arena floor, all for the entertainment of a hooting crowd.

In war, there was no concept of "human rights," no distinction between civilian and combatant. When the Assyrians, the Mongols or the Romans conquered you, the best you could hope for was bloodletting, looting and the enslavement of the survivors. Human life was just another commodity and a cheap one at that. Even today, in non-Christian societies all over the world, we see the same contempt for the value of human life – how else can one describe, for instance, the genocide committed by a paganized Germany under the Nazis, or the Rwandan massacres in Africa?

But what of America today? What can we say of a nation where a million babies a year are aborted in the womb, practically always because they are inconvenient to one or both of the parents? How is that really any different from leaving the baby to freeze to death or to be eaten by wolves on a mountain? Abortion is a thoroughly pagan practice and nobody who accepts that it is a woman's "right" can credibly claim to be a Christian. Nobody. It is a pagan abomination, the existence of which shows starkly the terrible depths to which our land has fallen.

## But let's look beyond that

What about our popular entertainments, the movies and video games and the like, in which blood and gore are glorified?

Our people are entertained, amused and titillated by seeing graphic, on-screen depictions of people's lives being destroyed in a splatter of blood. Our children play video games where the object is to kill and maim in as grotesque a fashion as possible. How are these any different from the jeering Roman crowds who urged gladiators to behead and disembowel each other as spectacle?

Another practice that was common in pagan societies was the acceptance and practice of sodomy and

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sexual perversion. This sin was rife among the filthy pagan societies of the Canaanites. The pagan Greeks practiced it with abandon.

The Romans, as they became more decadent, cast aside their repugnance at this sin and it became widespread among their upper classes. The role of temple prostitutes in the Baal religion of the ancient Near East, against which God and His prophets objected so strenuously, is well-known and so it is today in America.

## Truth vs lies

One final way in which we see our nation rejecting the biblical world view and regressing to the same standards of behavior as seen in pagan nations throughout history is in the acceptance of institutionalized corruption in politics and government.

Granted, human nature being what it is, there has always been corruption to one degree or another in every government ever conceived, even our own back in the good old days. But late republican Rome set a new standard for such behavior. Offices were bought and sold with impunity.

Patrician notables with personal armies would invade the Republic's neighbors for the purposes of extracting gold, slaves and glorious acclaim back in Rome. Bribery was rampant. Members of the ruling class used the courts as a tool to destroy each other, instead of exacting true justice.

Despite the moralizing against the effects of this corruption by a few lonely voices, there seems to have been little moral or ethical concern that would have served as a brake on the advance of corruption.

Rome wasn't the only corrupt society. Even into modern history, the extent of corruption among government officials and others at high levels in society generally correlates inversely with the degree to which biblical Christianity and the biblical world view had penetrated into the consciousness of a nation.

As they lose that influence, they lose their good government by honest people.

So today, in America we see a system in which bribery is increasingly accepted as "politicians being politicians."

This President has surrounded himself with ethically questionable individuals like Van Jones and Valerie Jarrett and only got to where he is because of his ties to a political machine dominated by such sterling examples of ethical goodness as "Hot Rod" Blagojevich and "Fat Tony" Rezko.

This administration's immigration enforcement apparatus has openly said that it "may not" process illegal immigrants arrested under an Arizona law that the President doesn't like, thereby positively refusing to do its duty under law.

Obama and those around him have not been shy about using Black Panthers, SEIU mobs and ACORN operatives – to intimidate voters, opponents and those who are being made into examples to the rest.

Even before the current administration, Bill Clinton was able to get away with high crimes and misdemeanors because he was popular and well-liked and was able to convince the gullible people of this country that he was merely being persecuted by prudish Republicans for whom it was "all about sex."

The list goes on and on. But do you know why this is the case?

## Because the people allow it

These politicians get away with what they do and continue to get a pass election after election after election, because the mainstream media and the people themselves are willing to accept and condone this ever-increasing lawlessness and corruption. We the people could change this if we wanted.

But too many of us don't want to, because the corruption in Washington is merely mirroring the corruption in the personal lives of many in this nation. To really and truly get serious about holding (Democrat) politicians accountable would mean that too many liberals and even moderates, in this country would have to face up to their own culpability for many of the same sorts of things, only on a smaller and less noticeable scale.

The corruption is not merely at the top in this country. It goes all the way through and it is so because a large portion of this country's population has rejected biblical morals and the biblical world view – we have

become a pagan nation in the way that a goodly share, perhaps the majority, of the people themselves think and act in their personal lives. Just as in Rome, the patrician class got away with corruption because the people were too busy with their bread and circuses and with their own increasingly immoral lifestyles, so it is in 21st century America.

## So what can we do?

How can we, as conservatives and Christians, oppose the seemingly inevitable march towards the paganization of America?

Well, first, we have to get serious about standing up and making our voices be heard on the matter, regardless of who wants to naysay, regardless of who wants to criticize, regardless of who opposes us.

We have to be willing to vote our consciences, instead of constantly compromising with every moderate who comes along and says they are a fiscal conservative. We have to start demanding that our candidates and those who claim to speak for us on the national stage hold to our world view – that they respect human life as a gift from God, that they respect God as our Creator, that they oppose the perversions that are increasingly stamping themselves onto our culture.

We have to make the case in positive terms to those around us, showing them why abortion is bad, why gay marriage is detrimental, why environmentalism is not what it is cracked up to be.

Even more so, we have to get serious about living the biblical world view ourselves, instead of merely telling other people about it.

We have to practice what we preach. We have to make our words and our testimonies match and we have to be able to present them to those around us who have accepted the pagan philosophies and world view and show why ours is better. In our free society, we do not – nor should we – have the right to impose our world view by force of arms or violence.

We do have the right to present it into the marketplace of ideas and we have the responsibility to make it so obvious that it imposes itself, by the iron force of reason and wisdom.

So let's get busy doing so!

# I am 63 years old ... and I am tired

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that think Obama's, at triple the cost, were wonderful; that thinks Bush exercising daily was a waste of presidential time, but Obama exercising is a great example for the public to control weight and stress; that picked over every line of Bush's military records, but never demanded that Kerry release his; that slammed Palin, with two years as governor, for being too inexperienced for VP, but touted Obama with three years as senator as potentially the best president ever.

I didn't vote for Bush in 2000, but the media and Kerry drove me to his camp in 2004.

**I'm tired** of being told that out of "tolerance for other cultures" we must let Saudi Arabia use our oil money to fund mosques and Islamic schools to preach hate in America, while no American group is allowed to fund a church, synagogue or religious school in Saudi Arabia to teach love and tolerance.

**I'm tired** of being told I must lower my living standard to fight global warming, which no one is allowed to debate. My wife and I live in a two-bedroom apartment and carpool together five miles to our jobs. We also own a three-bedroom condo where our daughter and granddaughter live. Our carbon footprint is about 5 percent of Al Gore's, and if you're greener than Gore, you're green enough.

**I'm tired** of being told that drug addicts have a disease, and I must help support and treat them, and

pay for the damage they do. Did a giant germ rush out of a dark alley, grab them, and stuff white powder up their noses while they tried to fight it off? I don't think Gay people choose to be Gay, but I think druggies chose to take drugs. And I'm tired of harassment from cool people treating me like a freak when I tell them I never tried marijuana.

**I'm tired** of illegal aliens being called "undocumented workers," especially the ones who aren't working, but are living on welfare or crime. What's next? Calling drug dealers, "Undocumented Pharmacists"? And, no, I'm not against Hispanics. I'm willing to fast track for citizenship any Hispanic person, who can speak English, doesn't have a criminal record and who is self-supporting without family on welfare, or who serves honorably for three years in our military.... Those are the citizens we need.

**I'm tired** of liberals and journalists, who would never wear the uniform of the Republic themselves, or let their entitlement-handicapped kids near a recruiting station, trashing our military. They and their kids can sit at home, never having to make split-second decisions under life and death circumstances, and bad mouth better people than themselves.

Do bad things happen in war?

You bet. Do our troops sometimes misbehave? Sure. Does this compare with the atrocities that were

the policy of our enemies for the last fifty years and still are? Not even close. So here's the deal. I'll let myself be subjected to all the humiliation and abuse that was heaped on terrorists at Abu Ghraib or Gitmo, and the critics can let themselves be subject to captivity by the Muslims, who tortured and murdered Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins in Lebanon or the Muslims who cut off the heads of schoolgirls in Indonesia, because the girls were Christian. Then we'll compare notes. British and American soldiers are the only troops in history that civilians came to for help and handouts, instead of hiding from in fear.

**I'm tired** of people telling me that their party has a corner on virtue and the other party has a corner on corruption. Read the papers; bums are bipartisan. And I'm tired of people telling me we need bipartisanship. I live in Illinois, where the "Illinois Combine" of Democrats has worked to loot the public for years. Not to mention the tax cheats in Obama's cabinet.

**I'm tired** of hearing wealthy athletes, entertainers and politicians of both parties talking about innocent mistakes, stupid mistakes or youthful mistakes, when we all know they think their only mistake was getting caught. I'm tired of people with a sense of entitlement, rich or poor.

Speaking of poor...

**I'm tired** of hearing people with air-conditioned homes, color TVs and two cars being called poor. The majority of Americans didn't have that in 1970, but we didn't know we were "poor." The poverty pimps have to keep changing the definition of poor to keep the dollars flowing.

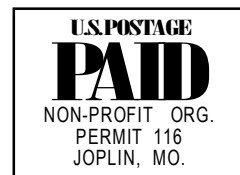
**I'm tired** of people who don't take responsibility for their lives and actions.

**I'm tired** of hearing them blame the government, or discrimination or big-whatever for their problems.

Yes, **I'm tired**, but I'm also glad to be 63. Because, mostly, I'm not going to have to see the world these people are making. I'm just sorry for my granddaughter.

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**DEAR FRIEND:**

As I sit down to write you this special Publisher's Letter, I do so not knowing for certain that you will even have the opportunity to read it, after all is said and done! The ministry of Christian Crusade and this Newspaper are in such dire financial straits, that I am not sure that the money will be there in our account to pay for the printing costs and postage!

Last month's Newspaper went out late and might not have gone out at all, had it not been for a personal loan making it possible to mail it out. However, this was just a loan and must be paid back. We cannot continue borrowing money, as we have been forced to do throughout this year, in order to continue our work! Mind you, the times are such, here in America, that I would borrow every dollar I could to keep getting this message out to the people who are hungry for the truth! But, quite frankly, we have reached the point where there is no more money to be borrowed and we **MUST** find the means to pay our own way!

The times are both hard and wrought with peril. Lying politicians with subversive agendas and the ruthlessness to disregard the desires of the American people have brought our nation and the world to the point of economic collapse! At the same time we, as a people, have been caught up in an atmosphere of hedonism and reckless disregard for GOD, our Creator and our Judge! Rather than falling to our knees in praise and repentance, we thumb our nose at Him and allow our children to be abandoned to a culture of self-satisfaction and the pursuit of pure pleasure, leading only to pain and annihilation!

As I have watched the horrible images of murky death overwhelming the Gulf States coastlines, I have felt that something like that, only far worse, is lurking out there in the form of evil, lapping up at our feet, even now, ready to drown us all in punishment for our lack of atonement! However frightening this horrific future may seem, it can still be turned back, if good men will come to their senses and make a sure stand for God and for America!

I believe this with all of my heart! More and more people are coming to their senses! Interest in this Newspaper is higher

right now, than in many years, as God's people yearn to be informed and to find their voice. In such a time ... in what may in fact be the end of times ... do we pack up our bags at such a critical hour and just go home?

**God forbid it! God forbid it!!**

I know times are hard, but I also know the character and the strength of the people that read this *Christian Crusade Newspaper*, and I am believing that GOD will make a way for this ministry to continue, despite increased postage and printing costs, even as the donations being sent in have dramatically fallen!

I believe that all that is required is faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ and our informing you of our plight! I know what this ministry has meant to the friends of Billy James Hargis. I am believing that they... YOU... will rise to our defense, even now, and allow this message "For Christ and against Communism," to be carried on, and the forces of Antichrist to be turned back!

Will you agree with me on this, My Friend? Will you pray and believe with me? And then, will you ask God what He would have you to do financially to see to it that Christian Crusade may continue? God requires our service now – as never before! My dear friend, can you dig deep today and give Christian Crusade an extra love gift of \$20 or more, as the Lord provides?

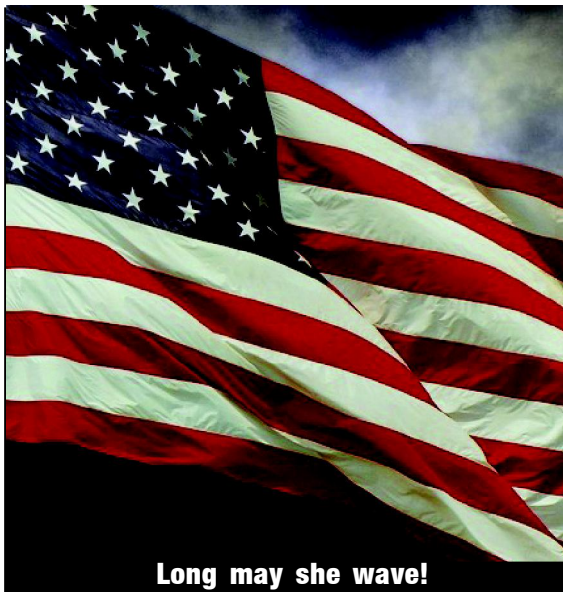
Now is not the time to hold back! Now is the time to sound the trumpet with the cry of "Charge!" ringing in our ears! We depend on your monthly generosity of \$5, \$15, \$25, \$35, \$50, \$100 or even more – as the Lord provides to further the outreach of *Christian Crusade Newspaper*. But if you possibly can, we need an extra gift just to keep our doors open.

In this month's cover story, we ask how long the American flag will continue to wave. I ask you here again, Christian patriot, **how long?** What you and I do here today, may just help determine the answer to that question!

Please, may we not turn away!"

God bless you! Go with God!

Billy James Hargis II,  
PUBLISHER AND PRESIDENT



**Long may she wave!**

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