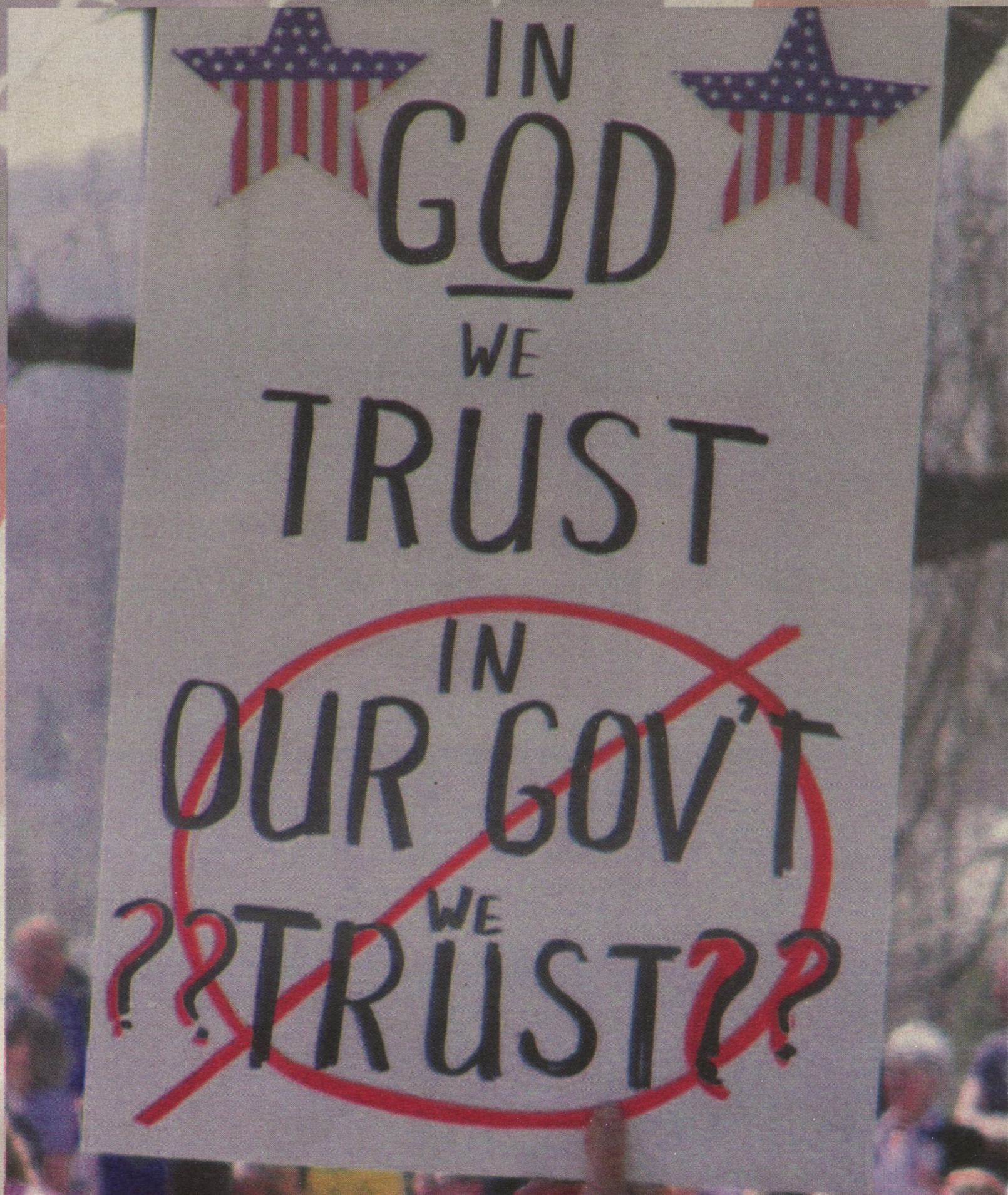


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# Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

Thanks once again for making the right choice and picking up the latest issue of The Patriot. We have some exciting articles and stories for you this month and we hope you enjoy them all - even if you don't agree with everything, we hope, as always, to at least make you think.

A new conservative leaning club has been started here at Stony Brook University. It is called the Stony Brook Young Americans for Freedom, a chapter of the national YAF organization started in the 1960's under the leadership and guidance of William F. Buckley. We are excited that another organization dedicated to the founding principles of our great republic is going to be entering the Stony Brook community and I urge anyone interested to contact us so we can put you into contact with those forming SB-YAF.

Also, we will be attending Tea Parties this coming month (perhaps even throwing one on campus) and urge anyone interested in contacting us about this as well. The Tea Party movement has gained a lot of traction over the past year and looks to gain even more as election season draws ever nearer.

Enjoy!

In Liberty,

Derek Mordente



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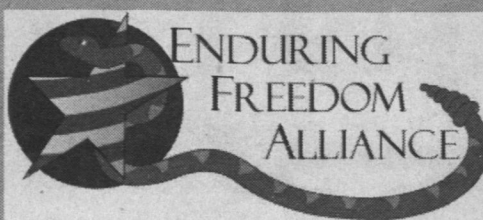
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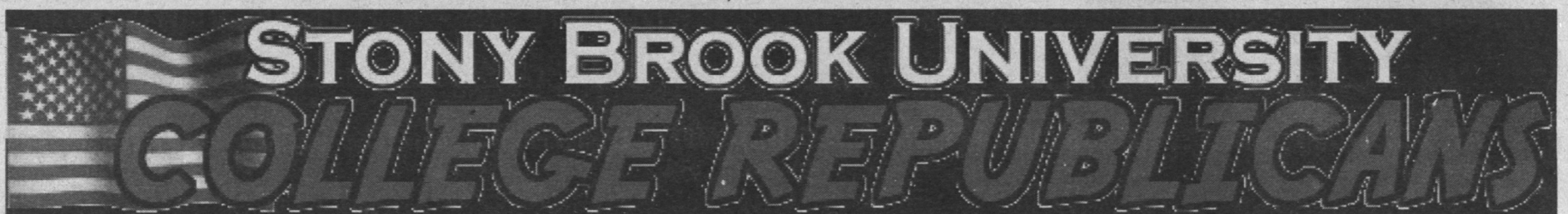
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# The Goal Is To Brainwash You

By Derek Mordente

On March 10th, 2010 I attended the then latest installment of the "Provost's Lecture Series," or, as I like to call it, the "Provost Propaganda Platform." The talk featured Ann Jones, contributor to The Nation and The Huffington Post, both prominent left wing (sometimes downright Communist with regards to The Nation) media outlets.

Before we get into the contents of the talk, I'd like to point something out that is much more important and much more nefarious. As many of you know and are/have been enrolled in, Stony Brook requires many of its students to take classes in their respective college (ACH, GLS, LDS, etc.). As part of these classes, students are required to attend campus events that pertain to their respective college – ACH is Arts, Culture and Humanities, GLS is Global Studies, etc. This talk was deemed worthy to fulfill a requirement for the GLS class and is the only reason why the room was packed with students.

It was the most egregious, sneaky and subversive method I've seen thus far at Stony Brook to indoctrinate its students. Students are "required" to attend events such as this talk for a reason. It is not a coincidence or an accident. This talk was indoctrination in the purest sense. To all students reading this: Academia is your enemy. They have an agenda and they will stop at nothing to mold you into perfect little foot soldiers of the ideological left. Resist it. Please, resist it. Come to your own conclusions, whatever they may be, after you've seen

both sides.

Let's look at some highlights from this talk, which was titled "The Long War" (about Afghanistan). To kick things off, the woman who made the introductory remarks referred to the war in Afghanistan as "the American bombing of Afghanistan" and alluded to the plight of the "men and women caught in the tentacles of globalization." (Globalization, by the way, is code for Capitalism.) The stage was set.

Ann Jones opened with a bang: apparently we are a "militarized society," 9/11 and the Afghan/Iraq wars were planned by a secret cabal of "security advisors" under George W. Bush and everything about the war in Afghanistan boils down to "Oil! Greed! Power!" Those who believe that 9/11 was planned by George W. Bush are about as credible as Holocaust Deniers...

Ann Jones then said, "We know it [9/11] was planned by a secret group," and then proceeded not to tell us how she knew or present any evidence other than her crackpot ramblings. According to her, Afghanistan "might" have had something to do with 9/11. Noooo, they only took credit for it to trick us.

She continued to rail against the United States, its "abnormal" defense budget, and the fact that we have a "standing army in what is supposed to be a Democracy." One, we are a republic. Two, I wonder how long "Democracy" would last without our standing army. Food for thought.

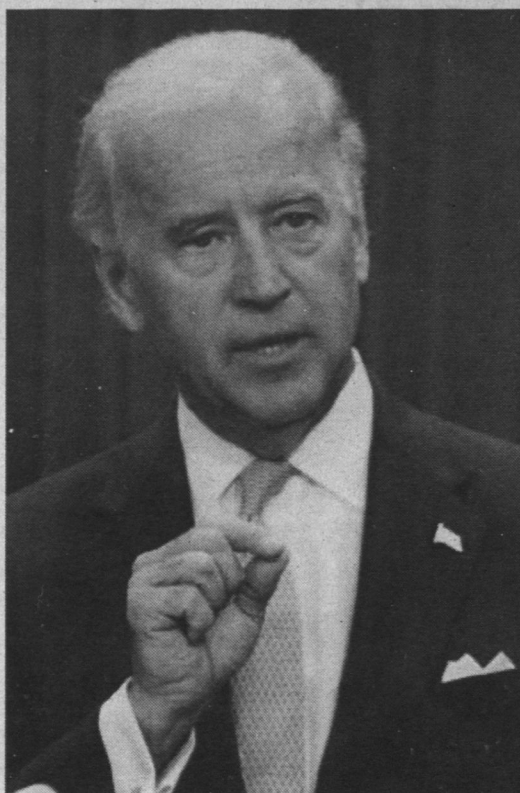
She went on to say, "Everyone admits Al-Qaeda is not in Afghanistan." If by "everyone" she means incredibly stupid and deluded people, then she's right. She then predictably criticized US support of the Afghan forces (the ones who would become the Taliban) in the 1980's fighting the Soviets. I know Ann Jones is living in some sort of fantastic fantasy world, but someone should break her some very basic news: there is no such thing as a permanent alliance, only permanent interest. It was in our interest to support the Afghan forces against the Soviets – we were involved in this little thing called The Cold War.

Her most egregiously nauseating and offensive comments came after she railed on the military and stopped to say, "...don't get me wrong, the military certainly has its uses." We don't like to publish profanity, so use your imagination when you think about what I'd like to say.

Finally, to lend credibility to her entire talk, when someone asked whether President Obama had a secret cabal of "security advising" evil-doers calling the shots, Ann Jones replied, "I'm not privy to Obama." Hmm, I wonder then what made her privy to Bush. What an idiot.

People like Ann Jones are dangerous. But the people who set it up for Ann Jones and anyone like her to talk to a group of students who were required to be there for a class aren't just dangerous – they are evil.

## BREAKING NEWS



VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN DECLARES THAT *The Patriot* "IS A BIG F\*\*\*ING DEAL!"

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# Al Gore Giveth, Al Gore Taketh Away

By Aditya Ramanathan

Prior to spring break, the Stony Brook community (in the dormitories, at least) experienced an earth shattering loss of internet. Some quads went without internet longer than others – Tabler Quad in particular went without internet for an entire weekend, losing it sometime late Friday night/very early Saturday morning and getting it back that Monday.

We can understand the internet going out every once in a while for a short time – these things happen. We'd even be willing to go out on a limb and say we would understand it being out for an entire day. But the whole weekend is a different story.

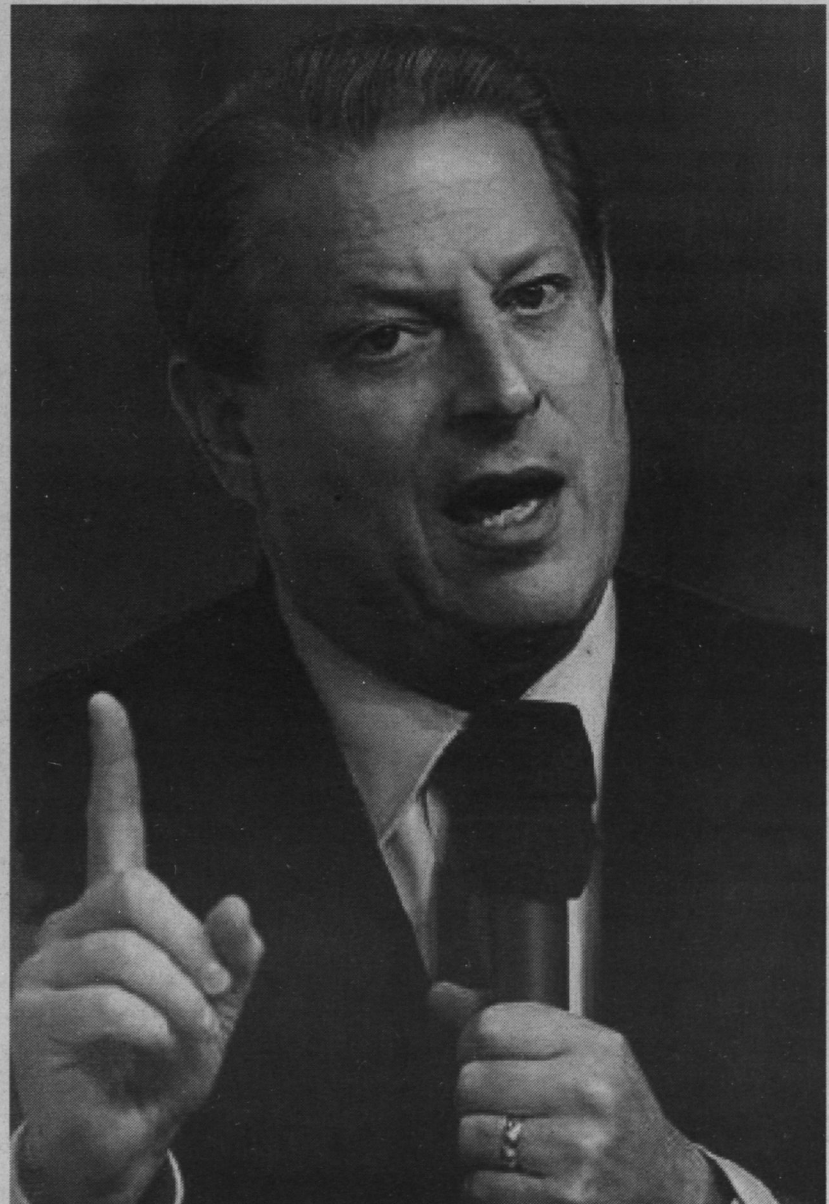
After all was said and done, we were offered no explanation as to why the outage happened (we could only surmise that the all knowing inventor of the internet, Al Gore, decided to take it away from us as punishment for how much we contribute to global warming) and were arrogantly told that we could have gone to any one of the sinc sites on campus if we desperately needed to use the internet.

There is a very serious flaw with such logic, however. As students, we pay a fee called "room and board" in addition to a slew of other "fees," one of which is called the "technology fee." Now, when we pay this money to the school for these reasons, we expect certain things in return – internet access in our rooms being one of them. We aren't paying for internet access in our rooms to be told we have to go use the internet access in the sinc sites, which, by the way, close at certain times. And again, we as students did not pay for "room and board" and "technology" to have to go to a sinc site for internet the entire weekend.

No one would hire a housecleaner and allow her to tell you that she didn't clean one of the rooms in the house because \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank, within reason of course). No. Negative. Demonstrably False. You pay someone for a service and you expect that service in return. This isn't out of the question or unreasonable or selfish – it's perfectly normal.

There also exists the possibility that the school could not get anyone to come fix the problem on a weekend and to that we say: Get Someone. It's that simple. Had we known when we decided to come to Stony Brook that internet (and other luxuries like electricity, heat and hot water) were spotty and that paltry attempts to fix it were the norm we may have opted to go somewhere else.

Such occurrences are a breach of contract of sorts (we pay to live on campus and expect the things promised to us, i.e. internet access) and are worthy of some sort of refund, some other form of compensation or, at the very least, an explanation and an apology.



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# To Slander The Past Is To Cheat The Truth

By Chris Cloonan

Today's political culture is said to be one of the most polarized in American history. There are those on the right who like to call President Obama a socialist. There are those on the left who accuse conservatives of being racist and only taking care of the rich and doing so at the poor's expense. Each side tries to exploit the lunatic fringe of the other side; whether it's the right pointing out the socialist and radical czars within the Obama Administration, or the left showing the deplorable actions of a few Tea Partiers. Each side makes their arguments, some valid and some skewed. But what is lost in this never-ending feud is the truth. For that, we must look to the history books. But, we must make sure we listen to both sides. The goal is to learn the truth, not one ideology's slant.

"History teaches everything, including the future," said Alphonse de Lamartine. The current textbook battle in Texas is one that could alter the course of the country. For too long, history books have been skewed to the left. The goal in Texas is to finally teach history the right way by looking at it from multiple points of view, including the conservative one.

The School Board voted to include curriculum that, according to the New York Times, discussed the "superiority of American capitalism...and present(s) Republican political phi-

losophies in a more positive light." They want to teach the history that typically is not taught in high school including "the violent philosophy of the Black Panthers" and the fact that it was Republicans who supported Civil Rights legislation. They want students to learn about "the unintended consequences of the Great Society legislation, affirmative action and Title IX legislation" as well as "stressing that Germans and Italians as well as Japanese were interned in the United States during World War II, to counter the idea that the internment of Japanese was motivated by racism." How many of the students who attend Stony Brook knew that about the WWII internment camps prior to reading it just now? I'm willing to bet only a handful at best. It's examples like that that the Texas School Board wants to correct. It's not about pushing an ideological agenda; it's about correcting previous education wrongs and showing history for what it is. What's scary is how much information that students today don't even know they aren't aware of.

Stony Brook University is certainly included on the list of schools that teach from a particular ideological view point. The following is meant to expose a handful of these examples and act as a counter to the University's stances, so that students are able to form a more complete opinion after hearing both sides.

Here are just a few examples straight from Stony Brook University where students are not shown the whole truth and instead pushed to endorse the school's left-wing position.

## Part I

Leadership and Development's (LDS) theme of Social Justice. I cringed when I heard this at orientation. I was absolutely floored that a school with the prestige of SBU would endorse such a theme. Here's why:

On November 11th, 1934, Father Charles Coughlin founded the National Union of Social Justice. In 1936, he established the Union's 16 principles including:

1. A belief "in nationalizing those public necessities which by their very nature are too important to be held in the control of private individuals. By these I mean banking, credit and currency, power, light, oil and natural gas and our God-given natural resources." Translated: He wants to take power away from the individual, you, and hand it to the government because it is "too important" for individuals to control. Anything that is important can only be trusted to the government, just like how it is under communism.

2. A belief "in upholding the right to private property yet in controlling it for the public good." Translated: The government has the right to strip you of your right to private property if it is deemed "for the public good." You better not get on their bad side by exercising freedom of speech or you could lose your house, just like how it is under communism.

3. A belief in not only in the right of the laboring man to organize in unions but also in the duty of the Government which that laboring man supports to facilitate and to protect these organizations against the vested interests of wealth and of intellect." Translated: Support workers' right to not only unionize but for the government to do whatever it wants to support the unions in their fight against the evil capitalists. It's an expansion of the government into the private sector. This happens to be supported by, you guessed it, communists. (Just as a side note- According to the US Labor Department, from 2003-2008, states with 9.1% or more of private employees in unions saw private sector employment grow at an average rate of 3.5% compared to over 10% for those states with unionization under 5%.)

4. A belief "in the broadening of the base of taxation founded upon the ownership of wealth and the capacity to pay." Translated: The Progressive tax rate. The more money you earn the higher percentage you pay in taxes. The 1920's demonstrated its failure. What caused the Roaring '20s? A decrease of the top tax rate of 77% in 1920 to 25% from 1925-28 and a 50% cut in spending. People were not taxed as much so they had more money to invest and the economy boomed. It was the largest expansion of the middle class in history, just the opposite of communism.

5. A belief "in preferring the sanctity of human rights to the sanctity of property rights (and) that the chief concern of government shall be for the poor because, as it is witnessed, the rich have ample means of their own to care for themselves." Translated: Individual rights mean nothing because of the "greater good." Instead of taking the advice of Calvin Coolidge (who was president during the Roaring '20s) who said, "the wise and correct course to follow in taxation and all other economic legislation is not to destroy those who have already secured success but to create conditions under which everyone will have a better chance to be successful," Coughlin prefers to destroy the successful and by doing so, stop anyone from becoming successful because that is the only



CHARLES COUGHLIN

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“economically just” thing to do. Everybody is equal. Nobody has anything. Just. Like. Communism.

That short list is just the beginning of what social and economic justice stands for: A massive oppressive government that hides behind the term “greater good.” It’s the radical left at their worst. And it’s endorsed by your very own Stony Brook University.

**Part II**

Have you ever noticed who two of the colleges within the quads here at the University are named after? Let’s take a look:

1. Eleanor Roosevelt. The wife of FDR who championed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a doctrine which includes the right to work, which, if enacted, would result in one of two things. Either one, zero percent unemployment, which is horrible for the economy because there is no longer competition for a job or any reason to work hard because you cannot lose your job (it is a right), or two, skyrocketing unemployment due to the unwillingness of companies to hire workers because they are stuck with them for life because the worker has a “right” to that job.

The UDHR includes the right to unionize which statistics show decreases private-sector job growth. Roosevelt was an activist for the New Deal coalition, “an alignment of interest groups and voting blocs that supported the New Deal and voted for Democratic Presidential candidates from 1932-1968.

2. Margaret Sanger. Sanger was an American eugenicist and the founder of Planned Parenthood who supported sterilizing and segregating those who are mentally challenged. She wanted to “purify” the human race and “placed birth control clinics in minority neighborhoods to eliminate minority races.” Sanger says, “We do not want word to get out that we want to exterminate the Negro population” and that “Birth control must lead ultimately to a cleaner race.” Compare her to Adolph Hitler who said, “The demand that defective people be prevented from propagating equally defective offspring...represents the most humane act of mankind.”

Stony Brook University named buildings after these people in their honor. I can understand if one disagrees with my take on Roosevelt, but not Sanger. For a university to not only endorse but honor a person with such radical, racist, deadly and oppressive views that are comparable to Adolph Hitler is inexcusable.

**Part III****The Continued Use of Affirmative Action**

To be fair, this is a SUNY-wide policy, not just SBU. But there is not a doubt in my mind that the University would endorse it anyway. This simply means that race, ethnicity, gender, etc are taken into account when hiring faculty or admitting students. The goal is to end discrimination and to make the playing field “equal” by giving “historically disadvantaged ethnic groups,” and women as well, an advantage when applying for a job or to a school.



## ELEANOR ROOSEVELT POSES WITH A COPY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The problem with this, as it has been demonstrated time and time again over the years, is that it lends itself, ironically, to more discrimination. The discrimination has just been reversed - hence the phrase “reverse-discrimination.” As Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in his majority opinion in the case of *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1*, “The way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop dis-

criminating on the basis of race.”

Conservatives have concluded that the best way to achieve this is to make the discriminating factors irrelevant by having the processes become “colorblind.” It stops any discrimination and doesn’t patronize/insult minorities and women by giving them jobs through the assistance of Affirmative Action because it had been previously concluded that they were incapable of becoming qualified enough to do so on their own.

College should be a place where history is exposed for what it is so the evils of it are not repeated. Instead, it seems that the evils are often glorified. Students need to ask themselves if they are getting the complete picture or if they are only learning one side. Is it really fair to say that students will always be taught the complete picture at this or any other school that so audaciously flaunts its bias? The answer is a resounding no. It is sad, really. Stony Brook advertises itself as a university that is in the top 1% of the world, yet this is the product.

I am in just my 2nd semester on campus, yet I’ve been in classrooms where socialism is preached to impressionable freshman weekly. I had a class in which I was taught that Republicans, specifically Reagan, was hypocritical to tell USSR Prime Minister Mikhail Gorbachev to “tear down that wall” because he built a wall with Mexico. The truth is that George W. Bush built a fence with Mexico post-9/11 for national security purposes. Reagan told Gorbachev to “tear down that wall” because he wanted to end the communist oppression imposed by the USSR. I had another class where capitalism was debated against socialism and at the conclusion of the debate, the majority of the students favored socialism due largely in part to what had been taught and the lack of evidence shown that, as the Texas School Board would say, shows the “superiority of American capitalism.”

This is the United States of America. Our economic system allows the individual to achieve and earn as much as he or she wants. The free-enterprise system that we live in has lifted, literally, billions of people around the world out of poverty. But this is not what is being taught to impressionable college students, the future of the United States. The University should be ashamed.



# The Tim Bishop Chronicles

## TALES OF A FLIP-FLOPPING LIAR

By Tom Schlageter

Stony Brook University is located in CD-1 (Congressional District One) of New York State and our congressman here is Democrat Tim Bishop. Seeing as how the newly enacted Health Care Act effects student loans (cutting the banks out of the equation and replacing them with government), we felt this was, well, important to know. On January 20th, 2010, Tim Bishop released a letter he (supposedly) wrote for the eyes of Nancy Pelosi (which was featured on his website here: <http://timbishop.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=79&itemid=1654>) that said the following:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
Room H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

Let me start by commending you and your colleagues on our leadership team for your remarkable work, both in shepherding landmark health care reform through the House of Representatives and in protecting so many policy positions important to the House in your negotiations with the Senate.

Now that we have reached such a crucial yet difficult juncture in our efforts to reform a broken system, I wanted to go on record on

two issues of vital importance.

First, as you consider options on a way forward, I urge you not to bring the Senate bill as passed on December 24 to the floor for our consideration. The Senate bill is, in my judgment, flawed in several fundamental respects; I will cite two. [Emphasis added]

One, the excise tax on so-called "Cadillac plans" would subject a number of my constituents to this tax, including a great many who have foregone salary increases for stronger benefits. Further, the fact that it is not properly indexed will subject even more people to the tax in years to come.

Second, and as important, the Senate provision relating to FMAP would represent for New York a \$5 billion swing; the House provisions with respect to FMAP would save New York \$4 billion a year, while the Senate provisions would add \$1 billion annually to New York's yearly Medicaid expenses.

If the Senate bill does come to the floor for a vote, I will have no choice but to vote no. [Emphasis added]

There are many provisions of health care reform which can pass both Houses with bipartisan majorities and improve the quality of health care delivered to New Yorkers and all

Americans. By taking immediate action on key insurance reforms and improving affordability, we can lay the groundwork to provide coverage for all Americans. I hope we can quickly craft legislation that incorporates these provisions.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Bishop  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Naturally, we here at The Patriot were happy to hear this from Congressman Bishop, albeit surprised and skeptical he would follow through. Well, when push came to shove, for some reason yet to be discovered, all of the above words went out the window entirely as, you guessed it, Tim Bishop voted in favor of the very Senate bill he vowed to vote against. We can only imagine what type of sleazy, backroom, underhanded bribe Nancy Pelosi and the rest of her crime syndicate offered Rep. Bishop. Just something to think about in the booth come November...

## After only one year, we are poorer, weaker, less respected, and less free

**We were promised economic growth. Instead we received:**

- Skyrocketing unemployment, especially among young people
- Disastrous federal spending and federal takeovers

**We were promised we would be safer. Instead we have:**

- A weak, hapless foreign policy, driven by our President's narcissism
- A confused military as President Obama hesitates to define a clear strategy to win in Afghanistan
- Emboldened our enemies as President Obama refused to acknowledge we are at war against radical jihadists

**We were promised international respect. Instead we:**

- Were made an international laughingstock as the President ignored Iran's abuses of individual rights and slaughtering of their own people

- Watched our President bow down before dictators
- Received a "sorry, we're not interested" from the International Olympic Committee

**We were promised transparency. Instead we received:**

- A corrupt Chicago-style political machine, with unprecedented influence by lobbyists
- Secret, backroom scheming without promised C-SPAN coverage
- Sweetheart deals for big labor and pharmaceutical companies that do President Obama's bidding
- Countless czars appointed to high-level positions without Congressional vetting and confirmation
- A radical socialist philosophy and agenda

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## HR 3962

By Rachael Doukas

**Purpose:** To provide unaffordable health care for all Americans at the expense of Small business owners and taxpayers.

**Impact of Health Care bill on Small businesses in less than 2,000 pages:**

**Title I - Introduction: What Obama Promised and What He is Really Doing**

President Obama has stated that this health care reform bill will help small businesses, but it will actually do the exact opposite. Susan Eckerly, senior vice president of the National Federation of Independent Business states, "This isn't a health care bill, this is a tax bill wrapped up in health care paper." This bill will increase insurance costs and is hurting the exact people that Obama claimed he wanted to help; small businesses across the country.

**Title II - Providing Tax Credit to Very Small Percentages**

You are probably thinking, "isn't there a tax credit in this bill? Don't tax credits increase net income? Shouldn't that help small business?" Well, the tax credit that is in this bill will do little to nothing to make purchasing insurance affordable to small firms. Only a small 12 percent of small business owners will actually benefit from this, due to the fact that each company must go through a variety of very limiting tests to see how much credit they will actually receive. Very few small businesses with employees of 10 or less will receive the full credit. A firm consisting of eleven to twenty-five employees causes the credit to be reduced per employee. Firms with more than 25 employees receive absolutely NO credit. Wages come into factor as well; only firms that pay their workers \$25,000 or less can receive full credit. The credit a company reduces as average wage of employee increases and stops at \$50,000. A firm with 10 or fewer employees has an average wage of about \$27,000, thus proving the point that only a very small percentage of small businesses will receive full credit. The credit is only for a maximum of five years and healthcare costs will continue

to rise after the five years.

**Title III: Currently Provide Health Care or Currently Do Not - Either Way You Have to Pay!**

If small businesses do not purchase this "qualified" health insurance that the federal government claims is in our "best interest" we will face penalties. Having the federal government make it a requirement to purchase something is unconstitutional. This will impact employers who do and those who do not provide health insurance. If you are an employer who does not offer health insurance you will have to pay a payroll "tax". I choose to put the word tax in quotations due to the fact that it is really an unconstitutional penalty that is being disguised as a tax. Employers must offer "qualified" individual and family coverage and meet premium contribution requirements of at least 72.5% for individuals and 65% for family plans. Employees that do not offer the coverage will have to pay an 8% payroll tax. If an employer offers coverage other than the "qualified" plan, they can be given a penalty of up to \$500,000 a year (\$100 per day). The bill does not even tell us what this so called "qualified" insurance even is.

**Title IV: More fees to "help" Small businesses**

The bill also contains a "health insurance fee," which will hurt small businesses by taxing them. It will be an annual fee that will begin at \$8 billion in 2014 and will regularly increase to \$14.3 billion in the year 2018. In the consecutive years the fee remains at \$14.3 billion and is annually added to whatever the rate of premium increase is for that year. Health insurers have clearly stated that if there are taxes on the insurers, these new taxes will be passed on as costs to customers; and it is Small businesses that will be paying for this new tax. Since insurers are not going to just pay for this expensive tax on their own, the costs will go to the fully-insured market. The tax excludes big business and labor unions so small busi-

nesses will be paying for this since they are buying the fully-insured market's insurance. Policy analysts estimate that family premiums are predicted to increase to a price of at least \$500 per year. Small businesses drive the United States economy and provide jobs for over half of the nation's private workforce so why are we trying to punish them with all of these fees and tear them apart? The restaurant industry will also be hit dramatically from this bill. New jobs that would have been created by the opening of new restaurants will no longer take place because of this tremendous cost burden that this bill will have on the industry. This administered regulation is not reforming but instead it is creating a setback for industry. George Ebinger, board member, New Jersey Restaurant Association, Toms River, N.J., states "I operate three franchises in New Jersey and have a total of 140 employees ... I haven't been able to provide health care because of the cost, and now with the proposed fines, if I don't, I will need to raise my menu [prices] 25 percent to pay the fines or provide care. The past few years have been more trying than any in my past almost 40 years in the business. I don't believe the consumer will understand the reason business prices will increase, [and] customer counts will go down, layoffs will occur and the cycle will continue ... I shudder to think how many small business people will shut the doors as this will put them into the crimson rather than just in the red." This bill will take away the drive of entrepreneurs to start or grow their business because of all the costs and regulations that they will have to follow. With the minimum wage increase of \$7.25 this will put businesses under even more pressure. Steven Berglas, an executive coach in Los Angeles who has written and taught entrepreneurship states that by creating more bureaucratic regulations for entrepreneurial small-business owners, "is like placing a speed-limit sign in front of a Porsche owner."



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# One Year Later, The Tea Still Brews!

By Derek Mordente

It's been one full year since the Tea Party movement shook the American political scene out of its "politics-as-usual" state. To borrow some rhetoric from President Obama, everything that can be said about the Tea Party movement has been said and just about everyone has said it.

However, what have we really learned about the Tea Party movement? The LAMEstream media, as well as Nancy Pelosi and her ilk, would have everyone believe that the Tea Party movement is just a bunch of angry, un-American, Nazi-like, racist white people. Of course, there will always be isolated incidences caused by those unstable people that perennially exist on the fringes of all political movements, Left and Right. In reality, the overwhelming majority of the TP movement is actually a very genuine, very American phenomenon comprised of a diverse group of citizens concerned about the safety and future of their country. Further, charges that TP protestors shouted racial epithets at and spit upon black congressmen during the Health Care Reform House vote have so far failed to be verified beyond the "hearsay" allegations made by the very people issuing the charge. Despite the fact that no video or audio evidence of such attacks has surfaced, the so-called Mainstream Media endlessly reported the story as if it were a confirmed fact.

When it comes to basics, we've learned that the Tea Party movement has facilitated an entrance into the politics for those not previously politically active. We've learned that those that comprise the Tea Party are dedicated and steadfast in their resolve to support the principles the Founders intended the country to stand by. We've learned that the Tea Party movement is a force to be reckoned with that is capable of influencing electoral politics.

Many have tried to define the Tea Party movement, use it, lead it, co-opt it and/or control it. However, it has become increasingly clear that the Tea Party movement is not something that is defined - it defines. It is not something that is lead - it leads. It is actually easier to understand the Tea Party movement by what

it is not.

It is certainly not an arm of the Democratic Party and its power drunk junta in Washington DC, which is currently seeking to impose a Socialist agenda on our great Republic. It certainly rejects a profligate Government that is spending trillions of dollars on worthless socialist schemes designed to bankrupt the country and put the American people in a position of dependence on the State, as if they were peasants begging for their very sustenance from self-styled "educated classes" and so-called "experts."

By the same token, it is also not an arm of the Republican Party - the biggest polling agencies actually saw the Tea Party movement viewed more favorably than the Party itself. Although the Republican Party has, in the past few months, won favorability points with the

as much against corrupt Republican Party professionals and RINOs (Republicans-in-Name-Only) as it is against the Democrats.

Where does this leave us? It leaves us exactly where the United States of America started - with common people engaged in the type of voluntary association that stands up to a government it feels no longer represents it. The Tea Party movement understands that the nation and idea of America are not the same as its government and that America is much more than just a stretch of land from the Atlantic to the Pacific with a powerful military and economy. Tea Party organizations across the country circulated a "Declaration of Tea Party Independence" this year where they stated the following:

"The Tea Party Movement sees America as something exceptional, as something unique, as something that came into existence to fulfill the hope of all previous generations that longed for freedom. It came into existence because it is more than simply a country with land and population and riches and armaments. America came into existence because liberty is an eternal concept in the mind of both God and Man. The United States of America came into existence because Mankind needs freedom the same way it needs food and air and property and security and love. And what is freedom other than the right to be free of the tyranny of Government and the elitist, self-styled aristocrats who seek to run it at our expense and to our detriment? The Tea Party Movement will fight this danger to our Liberty as long as its members have breath in their bodies. When America didn't exist men

and women were compelled to invent it, because mankind cannot exist without freedom and still be fully human."

This is not angry. It is not Nazi-like. It is not racist. It is about as American as it gets and, come November, the Tea Party movement will undoubtedly leave its permanent mark on American history.



9/12/2009 Tea Party Held at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

TP, it will need to continue to work to regain the movement's trust. After all, the Tea Party largely represents the Republican Party's Conservative Base and the Party has, in the past, notoriously manipulated that Base in order to win election after election... only to immediately betray the values and principles that the Base (now the TP) elected it to uphold. The Tea Party movement has made it clear that it is

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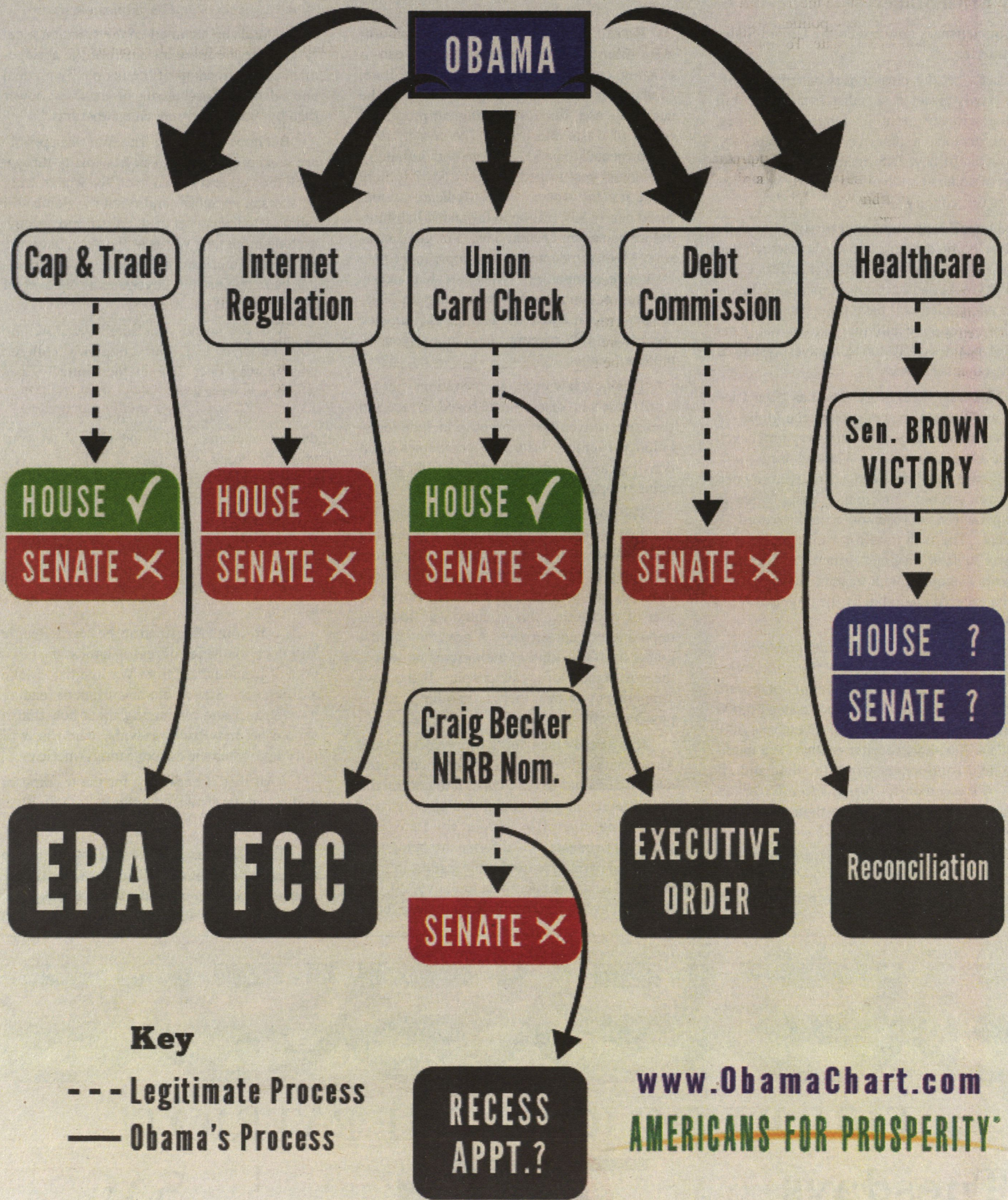


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# Democracy Denied:

## Changing How Washington Works, for the Worse





# “All That Is Necessary For Evil To Triumph Is That Good Men Do Nothing”

By Erich Mauer

Socialism is now law in the United States of America.

Let's get the pleasantries out of the way. The newly enacted socialist health care bill will graciously grant us longer wait times, fewer doctors, a massive new bureaucracy, thousands of new IRS agents, and throw trillions of dollars on top of the burning wreckage that is this country's finances.

Medical innovation will be stifled as there will be no money to go towards research and technology. Quality of care will suffer. Costs will skyrocket and taxes will increase. Insurance companies will have their behavior controlled by the state until they are inevitably put out of business. The single payer system is just around the corner.

This new 'healthcare' law has been tried in a multitude of places around the globe. It has failed miserably each and every time, even in the United States. In Massachusetts, universal care was intended to cure overcrowded emergency rooms and reduce costs, when in fact patient visits rose and costs increased 18 percent. The wait time for a mammogram in Italy is 70 days. In Great Britain, 20 percent of patients diagnosed with treatable colon cancer are considered incurable by the time treatment becomes available.

Everywhere you look, wait times are absurd, care is rationed and the newspaper stories read like horror films. Shortages of doctors are common. Greece is estimated to need 5,000 practitioners to meet demand. They have 600. That's 4,400 short because entering the medicine field is no longer worth the time and effort. It's common for patients to offer bribes for appointments. There are thousands upon thousands of similar examples.

Common sense says cross-state competition would reduce costs, and tort reform has been proven to work. Neither is part of the new legislation.

Instead, America has received a government monstrosity destined to fail. Even our existing entitlement programs are a failure. Medicare is hemorrhaging money, sapping the economy, and, like all government programs, is full of waste and fraud. The cost in 1990 was projected to be \$12 billion (with inflation). The actual cost turned out to be \$107 billion. Now, it's far worse. The Medicare system faced nearly \$37 trillion in unfunded liabilities before socialism became law. For good measure, Medicare denies more people more than insurance companies! Medicare had nearly the highest denial rate in the country in 2008, 6.5 percent, far above the average of insurance companies 4.05 percent, 3 percent if you remove an outlier.

This new law even has provisions that reward those who discriminate based on race and someone conveniently forgot to include legislation preventing insurance companies from denying care to sick children, a popular selling point. Oops.

The constitution is being shredded and individual liberties an afterthought. For the first time in history, the United States government is forcing its citizens to buy a product under threat of punishment. This is in direct violation of everything this country was founded upon and our constitution. A government that grants itself this kind of authority is no longer the government of a free people. If the government can do this, there are no limits to the powers it can grant itself.

It is already happening everywhere. New York wants to ban salt, California tried to pass a law that would have allowed it to control the temperatures in your home, you already have next to no control over your child's education, and residents of California are being told they need permits to hold bible studies in their homes. The government just took over 20% of the economy and will only make things worse.

James Madison summed up the situation nicely. "...there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

But hope is not lost. The American people are wising up. Liberalism has finally thrown back the veil and shown itself for what it truly is: statism, socialism and tyranny. Some still fall prey to the cancer of socialism and become nothing more than wards of the state, but more and more Americans are waking up and fighting back against the government takeover of every aspect of our lives.

Will you spend your sunset years telling your children and your children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free?

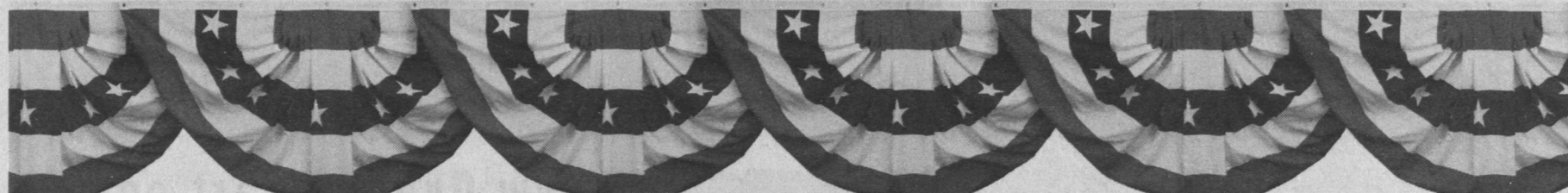
Or will you tell them how, even in the darkest of hours, you stood up and let your voice be heard, you made a difference, you moved events, you got involved and voted the socialists out of office, bringing Liberty back to America?

The clock is ticking on the battle for our countries heart and soul. Independence or dependence, freedom or control, liberty or tyranny.

Learn your facts, stand up, be heard. People will flock to a voice of reason amidst the cesspool of lies radiating from Washington. Make a difference. Staring at a television or reading a newspaper and ruminating about how things should be, how backwards the world is, will only strengthen the cancer eating America.

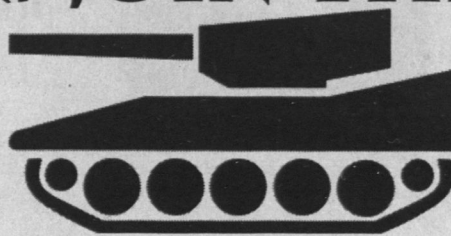
“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

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## 'Bam Snubs Bibi

By Lindsey Claps

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu received an icy reception at the White House on Mar. 24 from President Barack Obama while discussing the discord involved with Israel's proposal to develop housing in East Jerusalem.

The face-to-face meeting was instead devoted to shooting down one Israeli compromise offer after another.

After failing to obtain negotiations on settlements, Obama excused himself from the meeting to have a private dinner, inviting Netanyahu to stay at the White House to consult with advisers and "let me know if there is anything new," a US congressman who spoke to the Prime Minister said.

Netanyahu did not pose for pictures and there was no official statement about the private meeting from Obama and Netanyahu.

Rather than risk being eavesdropped on a White House telephone line, Netanyahu left the White House disrespected and surely with a bitter feeling toward the U.S., its supposed greatest ally.

Israel's housing development plan in East Jerusalem is to construct 1,600 residential units in the Shepherd Hotel compound in Sheik Jarrah, a neighborhood populated mostly by Palestinians, and more recently by Israelis north of the Old City.

Israel captured East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Six Day War, but its annexation was never internationally recognized. The Palestinians claim East Jerusalem as the capital of a future state and demand a halt to Israeli expansion in the occupied territories, includ-

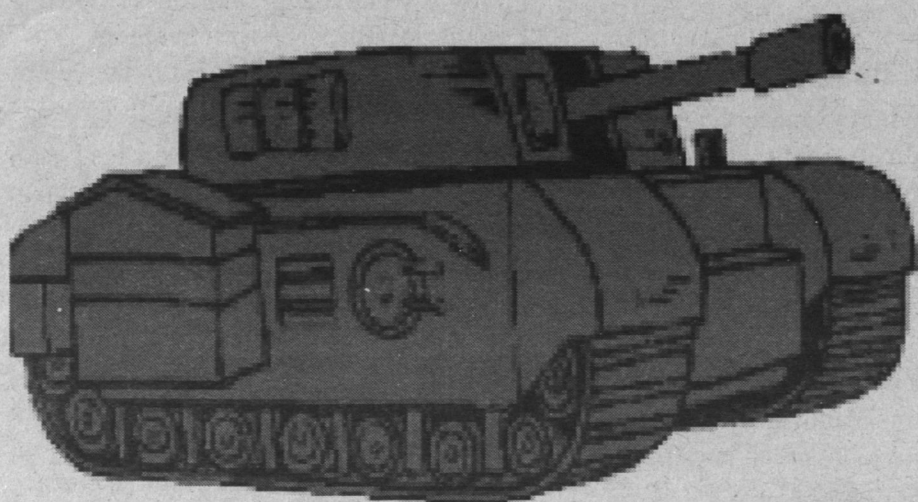
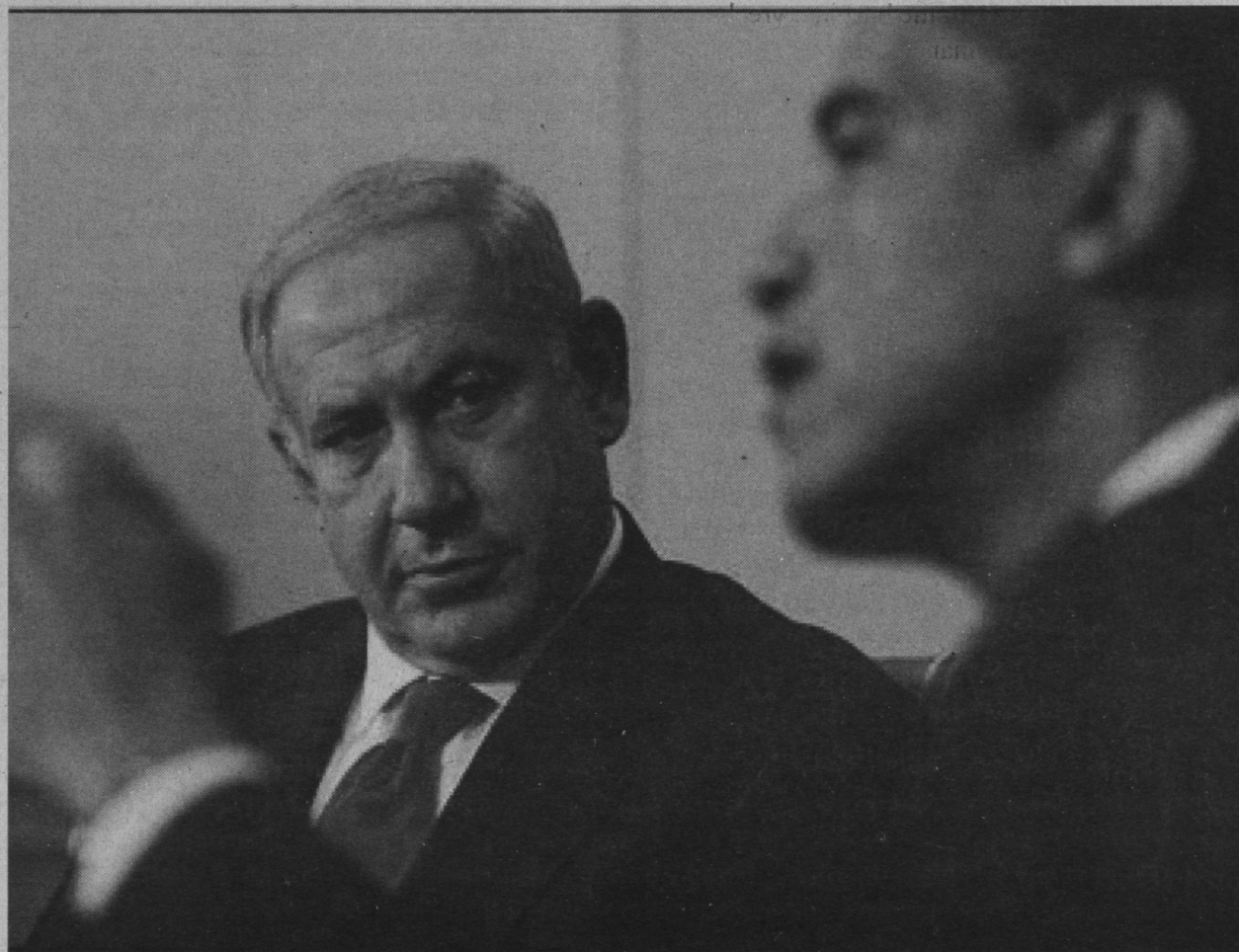
ing East Jerusalem, before Israeli-Palestinian negotiations can start.

Obama does not want Israeli housing plans to develop further because he believes doing so will reverse the steps that have already been made to mend ties in Israel and Palestine.

Obama's unorthodox style in the handling of Netanyahu's attempt to formulate a peace plan will surely strain America's already tense (thanks, of course, to the Obama Administra-

tion) relations with Israel.

This is more than a rude gesture to Netanyahu. Obama's actions stand as a message to Israel's enemies that the U.S. may not support Israel in future confrontations. President Obama has forgotten who is the ally and who is the enemy in this situation. His icy hospitality has undermined the peace process in the Middle East and it empowers Israel's many enemies to further their agenda.



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## English As A Universal Language?

By Deborah Machalow

When asked "Is English a universal language? Should it be?" I, as usual, being the powder-keg, answered that of course English has become the universal language and that it should remain so.

When the United States was first conceived, the nation was designed to be a beacon for the rest of the world, with respect to democracy, freedom, individualism and egalitarianism. The United States enjoyed likening herself to a "city on a hill" for the rest of the world to look up to and attempt to emulate. The United States continued with this ideal under Woodrow Wilson's stewardship of the nation into World War I. Our entry into the Great War wasn't based on our national interests, but on the fact that the world needed to "be made safe for democracy."

English is and should remain the universal language because of the leadership role the United States played, and continues to play in the world. At the end of the Second World War, there was a revival of President Wilson's ideals of democracy. We tried to create a new world order based on collective security against aggression; we sought to recreate the world so that, universal law and not balance

of power politics, national trustworthiness and not national self-assertion would be the foundations of international relations. Following Wilson's idea of the League of Nations, the United Nations was born. The United States became the host of this incredibly important international institution; and we remain so to this day. We use this brainchild of one of our most illustrious leaders. Considering that the United Nations is on our soil, that our seat on the Security Council is permanent, and that our dues constitute approximately 25% of the U.N. budget, it seems only fitting that our language should be used.

Despite its relatively recent decline, the American Dollar is the standard measure of account used worldwide. A majority of the funds going around the world to help the needy comes both directly and indirectly from our people. The United States government contributes the most to the coffers of the International Monetary Fund as well as the World Bank. Our population contributes the greatest amount to different charities across the world. Throughout history, we've used our economic dominance to better others in the world community. We created the Marshall Plan to pre-

vent "political disturbance" and "desperation" in Western Europe after World War II; we aided Japan's rebuild and resurrection after her surrender in 1945: we assisted Russia and the other former Soviet states in their reform and transition to free markets; in the 1990s, the Clinton Administration bailed out the Mexican government... The United States has touched all corners of the earth, and consistently tried to do what's right.

English can be considered a universal language due to the major role the United States has historically played, and continues to play, in world affairs. Because it is a major diplomatic language, it is taught across the globe.

English is considered to be the international language of business; while European, Asian, South Asian and Arab business people may not speak any of each other's languages, they often learn to speak English in order to communicate with each other in the language of what is still the world's largest market.

Because the United States remains a leader in the world's political, economic and social hierarchies, it is only logical that her language be considered a universal language.

## The Health Care O-bamanation

By Lindsey Claps

President Barack Obama's long awaited Health Care Reform Bill was finally passed by the House 219-212 on March 21. And to agree with Vice President Joseph Biden—it's "a big f\*\*\*ing deal."

\$940-billion big. The cost will span over 10 years, but it is just an estimate. Over the last 60 years, it is shown that government programs nearly always exceed its estimated cost. For example, in 1966 The House Ways and Means Committee estimated that by 1990, Medicare will cost \$12 billion. The actual cost in 1990? \$107 billion.

Obamacare promises to provide an additional 32 million people with health care. The problem with this is there will be rationed care and services to all patients. Especially with the millions of baby boomers, without an addition of millions of doctors, there is absolutely no way, numerically, that this increased level of care is possible.

Obamacare promises to crack down on unfavorable insurance practices, such as denying coverage for those with pre-existing condi-

tions, and increasing unwarranted premiums. The problem with denying coverage for people with pre-existing conditions is that people will wait until they get sick to get health insurance. This is the equivalent of buying fire insurance on a house that is already on fire. It is impossible to not raise premiums if everyone must be taken on the plan - previously ill or not.

Obamacare promises to do all of this without increasing the deficit. Interesting math.

The main problem with Obamacare, however, is not the extraordinary costs, promises of coverage, or flawed projected savings. The main problem with Obamacare is that the federal government should not be involved in the health care business in the first place.

Obamacare requires that all employers offer health insurance...or pay a fine. It requires that all Americans attain health insurance...or pay a fine. This violates commerce laws by forcing Americans to purchase a product. It also violates the restrictions given to the federal government by the 10th Amendment.

According to the Constitution, health care

should be left to the free market, citizens, local communities, and states. By ignoring these Constitutional restraints, the Constitution will deteriorate into meaninglessness and will fail to preserve our liberties. It will change and destroy the foundation of the fundamental values that the essence of America is based on.

"This is what change looks like," Obama said at the Health Care Bill Ceremony. "As momentous as this day is—it is not the end of this journey."

Obama is right. The passing of this health care bill will forever change America, and it is the start of the nation's one-way journey to socialism. Obama's health care plan is the first of many transformations the U.S. will see. This country will be transformed to a nation of extraordinary debt, governmental control of industry, and redistribution of taxpayer's wealth. It is, essentially, the first step to changing a country of individual liberty to a country of total governmental control.



# You Lost - It's That Simple

By Pierre Albert

If President Obama is not remembered for anything else during his Presidency, he will certainly go down in history as the only President with enough toughness and grit to pass the landmark "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act". Where the likes of Senator Edward Kennedy and President Clinton have failed, the 44th President Barack Hussein Obama has prevailed. It doesn't matter that the House Bill only passed by a few votes, the point is the Republicans have to face the fact that over 30 more million people will be gaining Health-care, which is a fundamental universal right, which truly makes America the model nation. The government owes the people the right to have a long and healthy life. This right should not be monopolized by the rich or should not be dictated by the money hungry insurance companies. I honestly do not feel bad for the millionaires or those with large salaries that have to pay a bit more taxes. This is called giving your neighbor a helping hand. We can help individuals from third world countries but cannot help our own. The neo-conservatives continue to cry socialism but the American people will not settle for a repeal of the law and go back to being dropped by their coverage for things like pre-existing conditions. Change is

always fought bitterly. There are the states that want to sue the government, there are the angry mobs that yell slurs at congressmen and threaten their lives. People are spitting, people are saying wipe the lawmakers out and throwing bricks through windows. There is so much hate in this country and not over legislation but over party lines. The Republicans do not want the Democrats to have any form of success. It reminds me of the fights for African-Americans' Civil rights and women's suffrage.

The November elections will prove that this is indeed what the people wanted in HealthCare reform. The Republicans need to stop saying that something horrendous has happened to this country because it is hate speech that incites violence. What has happened to the slogan of John McCain when he said "Country first"? They have forgotten that in the chase for power and control. Is it not in the best interest of the country to lower the cost of healthcare in the long run by an overhaul of the broken system? Is it not in the best interest of the country to work towards bipartisanship? The Democrats tried in the form of the HealthCare summit but the Republicans consistently said to scrap the bill. They don't

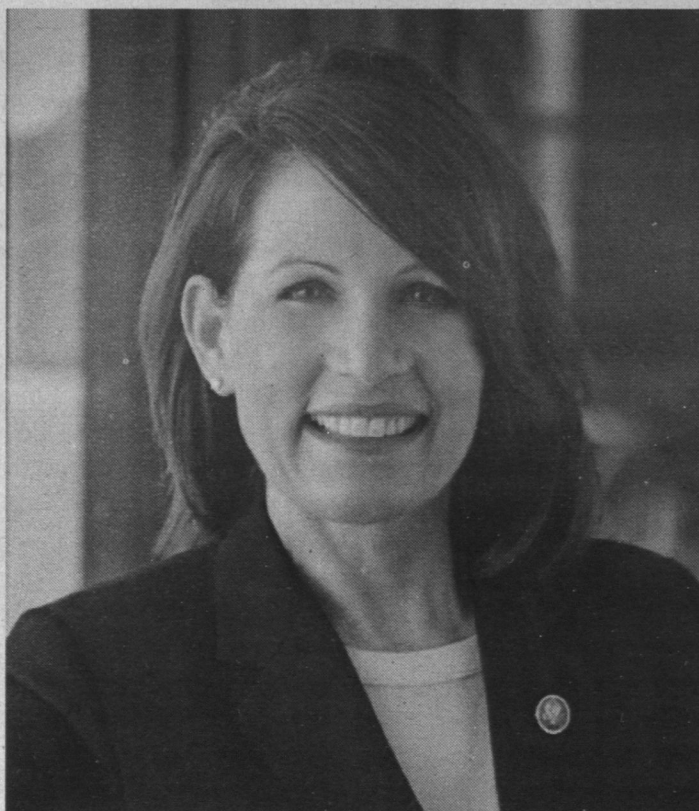
want change but unfortunately that is exactly what the people voted for and now they have it. I predict more change to come in the form of ending the Iraq war, repealing "Don't ask-Don't tell," strengthening the economy and re-making America's image for the better. President Obama is on a wave of momentum now that will allow him to keep passing landmark legislation. This is the beginning of a new era and the voters in November will reaffirm their decision for change by keeping the Democrats in charge of Congress.

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## Patriot of the Month

CONGRESSWOMAN MICHELE BACHMANN (R)



Representative Michele Bachmann of Minnesota unanimously asked consent to revise and restate her opposition to the "dangerous" and flawed Health Care Bill signed into law by President Barack Obama when she proposed H.R. (House Resolution) 4903, which would effectively repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. We know that, right now, the bill will go nowhere. However, with midterm elections looming and the prospects of a Conservative Republican resurgence, Congresswoman Bachmann's heart, resolve and dedication to the founding principles which have

made this country so great serve as a great model for other and future members of Congress to follow. For this, Michele Bachmann is our Patriot of the Month.

As long as people like her continue to fight, the battle is far from over.





# MLB 2010 Predictions!

By Derek Mordente

I. American League

AL East:

- New York Yankees
- Boston Red Sox
- Tampa Bay Devil Rays
- Baltimore Orioles
- Toronto Blue Jays

As if the Yankees weren't the favorites already, the addition of Javier Vazquez as their 4th starter only makes them stronger – especially with their stellar lineup. Boston and Tampa look to be second and third in the division, with Boston having a slight edge with their more established starting rotation. Baltimore is young and perhaps on the rise while Toronto looks to be the cellar dweller this year with the loss of their ace, Roy Halladay, during the off-season.

AL Central:

- Minnesota Twins
- Detroit Tigers
- Chicago White Sox
- Kansas City Royals
- Cleveland Indians

The Twins should be the team to beat this year in the AL Central, as their rotation appears, on paper, to be the best all around. The likes of Nick Blackburn, Kevin Slowey and Scott Baker all have the potential to break out and offense won't be a problem with Mauer, Morneau, Cuddyer, and Kubel. Detroit will no doubt give them a run for their money and Jake Peavy and, as much as I like him, Zack Greinke cannot save their respective teams by themselves. Finally, the Indians don't have much to look forward to.

AL West:

- Seattle Mariners
- Anaheim Angels
- Texas Rangers
- Oakland Athletics

The Mariners are, by far, the most improved team in baseball. The additions of Cliff Lee, Chone Figgins, Jack Wilson (last year) will complement the likes of Felix Hernandez, Erik Bedard (when he comes off the DL), Jose Lopez and Ichiro very well. Although the Angels lost key pieces in the offseason (Lackey and Vlad), their rotation remains formidable: Jered Weaver, Ervin Santana, Scott Kazmir and Joe Saunders make for a team that will contend. The Rangers should make the division competitive (the addition of Rich Harden to the rotation will be a huge boost). Oakland

rounds out the bottom due to a not-so-stellar offense and an inexperienced starting rotation.

Wild Card:

Boston Red Sox/Tampa Bay Rays

Boston appears to be the stronger team, although slightly, on paper. Offense remains a question mark with the loss of Jason Bay and the decline of David Ortiz. However, Josh Beckett, Jon Lester and John Lackey may very well be the most dominant top of a starting rotation in the league. The Rays always find a way to win and compete and show a lot of heart. Their offense is by far superior to Boston's with Evan Longoria, Jason Bartlett, Carlos Pena, Carl Crawford and last year's breakout Ben Zobrist. Their rotation has the potential to be dominant (Matt Garza, James Shields, David Price, Jeff Niemann, Wade Davis) but also has the potential to be mediocre.

II. National League

NL East:

- Philadelphia Phillies
- Florida Marlins
- Atlanta Braves
- Washington Nationals
- New York Mets

With the addition of Roy Halladay, the defending National League Champions look to repeat in winning, at the very least, the NL East. The Marlins are a much improved team with a good starting rotation and a solid lineup. The Braves always manage to be in contention and the Nationals are very much improved through free agent signings (Matt Capps, Jason Marquis, Chien-Ming Wang) and look to complement that with veteran talent and number one draft pick Stephen Strasburg. Unfortunately, the Mets have neither a decent offense nor a decent starting rotation and the injury bug seems to still be feeding on their life force.

NL Central:

- St. Louis Cardinals
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Cincinnati Reds
- Chicago Cubs
- Houston Astros
- Pittsburg Pirates

Aside from the Cardinals, the NL does not have much to boast about. When you have Adam Wainright, Chris Carpenter, Albert Pujols (the best player in baseball) and Matt Holliday on your team, things look pretty good. With the addition of Randy Wolf to the rotation,

Milwaukee sports the next best in the division (Gallardo, Bush, Davis, Parra rounding out the rest) and has All-Stars Prince Fielder and Ryan Braun to anchor a decent offense. The Reds are an improved team but are a year or two away from being contenders and the Cubs and Astros are mired in mediocrity. The Pirates had a fire sale last year of all their talent and look to be the worst team in baseball in 2010.

NL West:

- Colorado Rockies
- San Francisco Giants
- Los Angeles Dodgers
- Arizona Diamondbacks
- San Diego Padres

The Rockies have a lot to be happy about, talent, chemistry and energy being three of the big ones. Their starting rotation looks to get a boost from Jeff Francis (the ace in 2007) as he returns from injury to complement Ubaldo Jimenez, Jorge De La Rosa (who won 16 of his last 19 decisions) and Aaron Cook. Offense is never a problem in Colorado and that won't change this year. Troy Tulowitzsky, Todd Helton, Carlos Gonzalez (who looks to have a break out year), Brad Hawpe and Dexter Fowler should all have good offensive years. The Giants are very much improved with off-season additions Aubrey Huff, Edgar Renteria and Mark DeRosa. The Dodgers look to fall a little as their offense and starting rotation are shaping up to be less effective than they were last year. The Diamondbacks should be competitive, but sport a few too many question marks (rotation and inexperience) while the Padres look to continue their era of rebuilding.

Wild Card: San Francisco Giants

As just stated, the Giants are not the cellar dwelling team of old veterans they were a few years ago. Their starting rotation, consisting of Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, Barry Zito and Jonathan Sanchez sports only one above the age of 30 (Zito is 31). Sanchez has a lot of potential (he did throw a No-hitter last year) and should have a lot of success as a back-of-the-rotation guy. Pablo Sandoval, Emmanuel Burriss, Nate Schierholtz and Buster Posey are all up and coming young players and they are complemented nicely with (not too old) veterans (Huff, DeRosa).



# THANK GOD I DON'T LIVE IN: GREECE

Happy with the way things are going in the United States? According to a recent Gallup poll, 63% of Americans would answer that question with a resounding no. For those of you in this somber majority, The Patriot invites you to join us each month in exploring some countries which may just reinvigorate your faith in the good 'ol red, white and blue.

Greece is the birthplace of democracy and Greek democracy is alive and well. In fact, the Greek people have voted on some pretty serious issues and have come away feeling pretty good. Let's take a look at some of their decisions:

What age should people retire? The answer is 61, unless you're in a dangerous profession, then 50 or 55 sounds right. Strangely, 14 percent of the workforce, such as hairdressers, radio and television presenters and musicians who play wind instruments, are in dangerous professions. You may ask why but the progressive Greeks know a hairdresser's chemicals are toxic, microphones are covered in bacteria and wind instruments can cause gastric reflux.

How important is job security? The answer: it's extremely important. This is why public sector employees, who account for 40 percent of the economy, are guaranteed lifetime jobs. But who wants to work after 50 anyway?

How high should taxes be? The answer: taxes are for losers. Incomes are on average underreported by 10 percent leading to a 25 percent shortfall in tax receipts. The

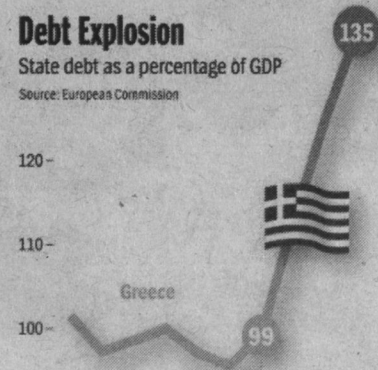
government's answer has been to increase taxes, while the people's answer has been to not pay them.

If nobody pays their taxes, how do we pay off early pensions? The answer: don't. Its genius, the government spends a rampant 44 percent of GDP on pet projects and receives 34 percent in taxes, accumulating a debt of roughly 113 percent of the entire economy. Add pensions to the mix and it's a debt of only 875 percent of the economy. The Greek people know there are consequences to bad fiscal policies and are awaiting their punishment – bailouts!

How do we pay back a bailout? The answer: nobody knows! Greece could inflate its currency, if it had one, but by joining Eurozone it doesn't. Greece could have Europe just give her the money, but Germany wants its money back and a single Eurozone nation can veto a bailout anyway. They could quit the EU but Greece joined the EU by lying about its financial situation through selling its debt to corporations such as Goldman-Sachs and may be sanctioned economically. It could collect taxes, raise the retirement age, weed out corruption and shrink the public economy. Maybe? Nah.

What should be done if the government does any of the stuff just listed? The answer: STRIKE! The government has tried to be responsible once or twice in the past and as a result the Greek people have learned how to strike, and strike they will. Besides, striking is good practice for all the not working you'll be doing at 50.

So here's a question, where should any lover of democracy live? The answer: Greece of course. At the end of the day, wouldn't you vote to retire immediately, never pay taxes, have your stapler recognized as the danger it is, not work for the right to not work, and accumulate a massive debt you never intend to payback?



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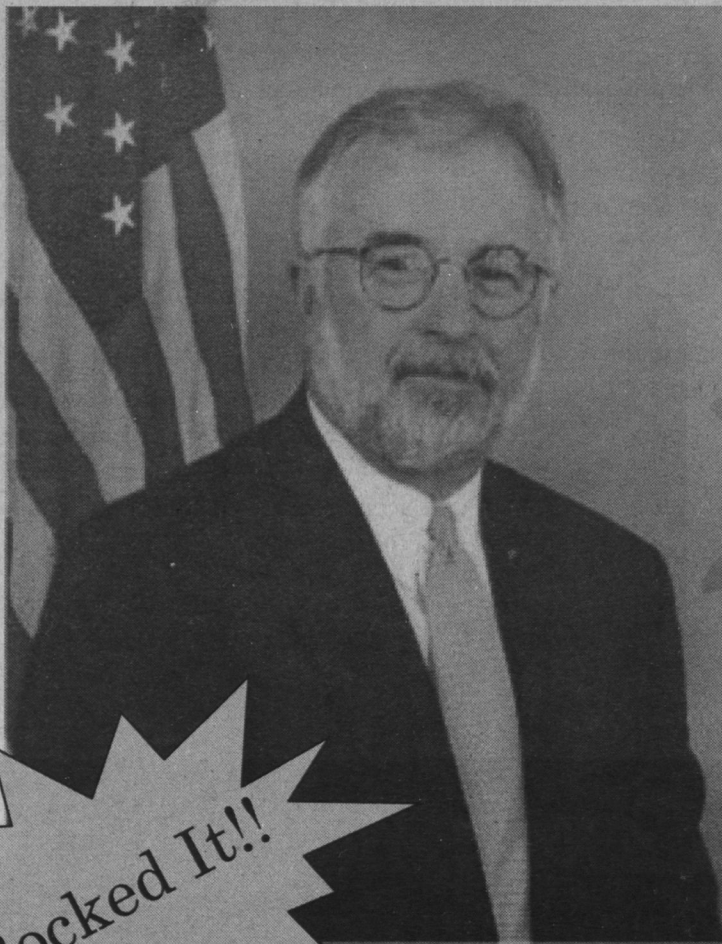


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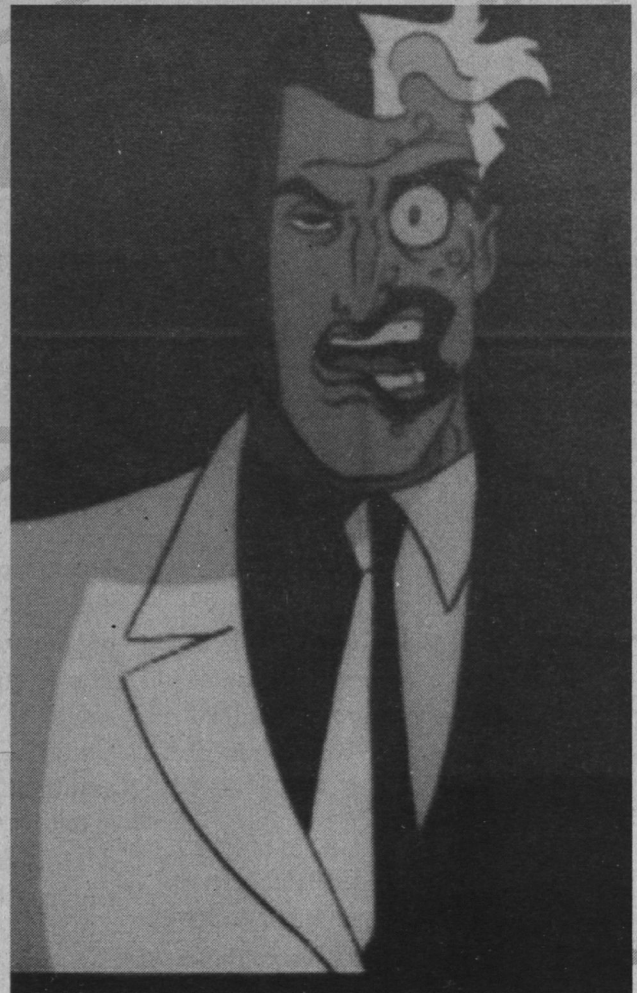


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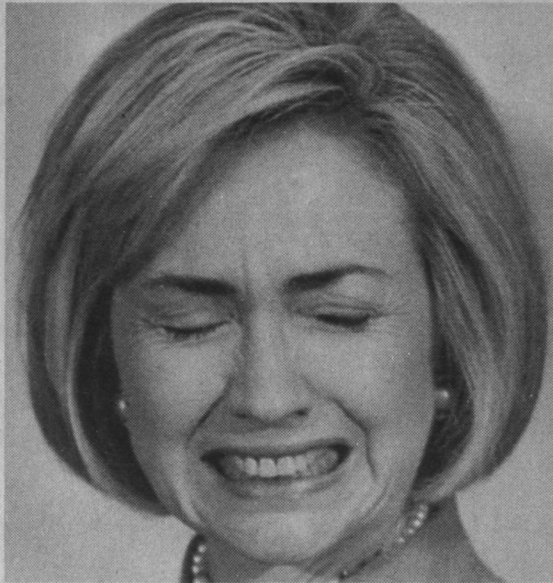
Two Face

Who can wear two faces better? Estranged, out-of-touch and deceptive Congressman Tim Bishop of NY CD-1 or criminal mastermind and prominent Gotham City evil maniac Two Face? Tim Bishop's two faces sport one that can tell his constituents he will not vote for the Health Care Bill and another that lambastes Republicans for NOT voting for it...all while he casts his vote in favor of it. Two Face's...two faces are much more honest and out in front - at least you know you're getting a deceptive criminal. We have to hand it to Rep. Bishop because, let's face it, the key to wearing two faces is hiding it well and Tim Bishop seems to have mastered the art.



# MatchGame 2010!

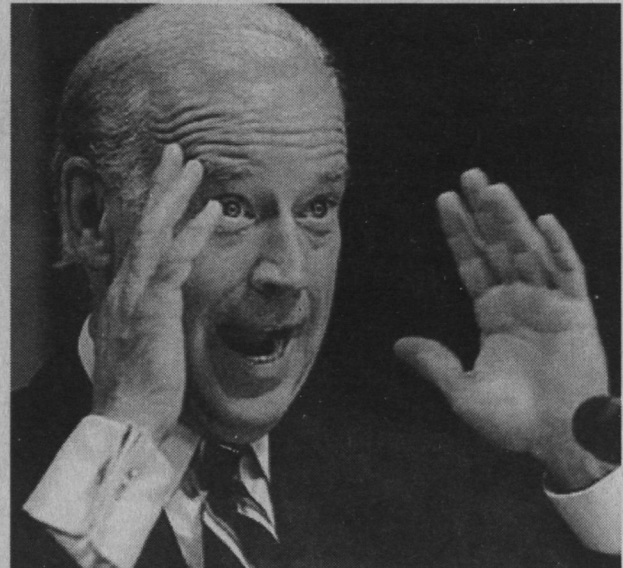
- 1.) "This is a Big F\*\*\*ing Deal..."
- 2.) "The Middle East is obviously an issue that has plagued the region for centuries."
- 3.) "I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president."
- 4.) "The Power...is YOURS!"
- 5.) "I'm pretty sure there will be duck-hunting in heaven and I can't wait!"
- 6.) "I've abandoned free market principles to save the free market system."
- 7.) "They don't call me Tyrannosaurus Sex for nothing."



A) Hilary Clinton



B) Ted Kennedy



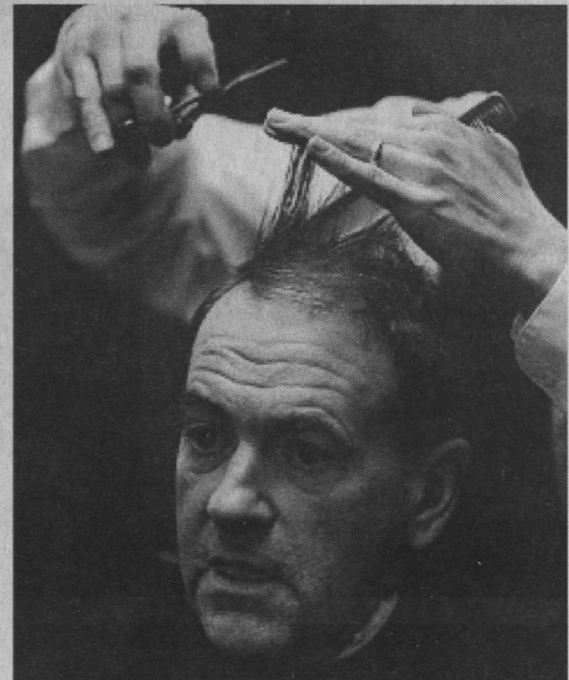
C) Joe Biden



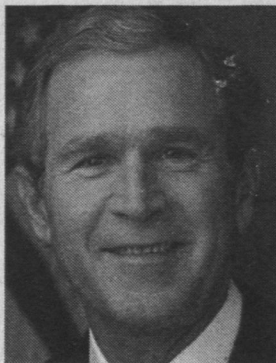
D) Captain Planet



E) Barack Obama



F) Mike Huckabee



G) George W. Bush

Answers:

1) C 2) E 3) A 4) D 5) F 6) G 7) B

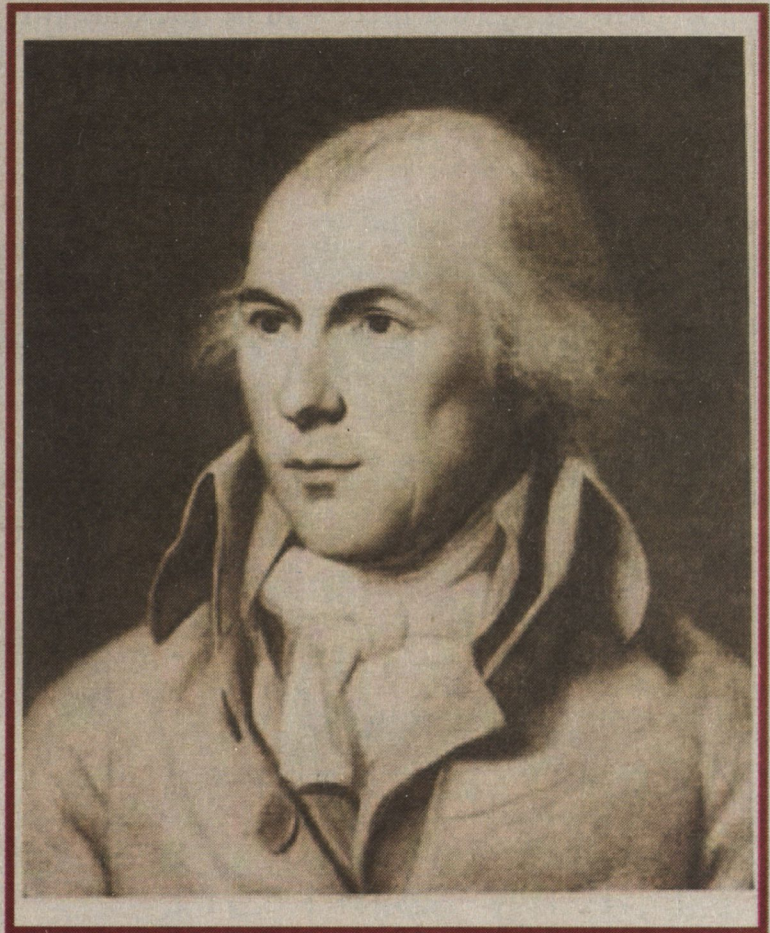




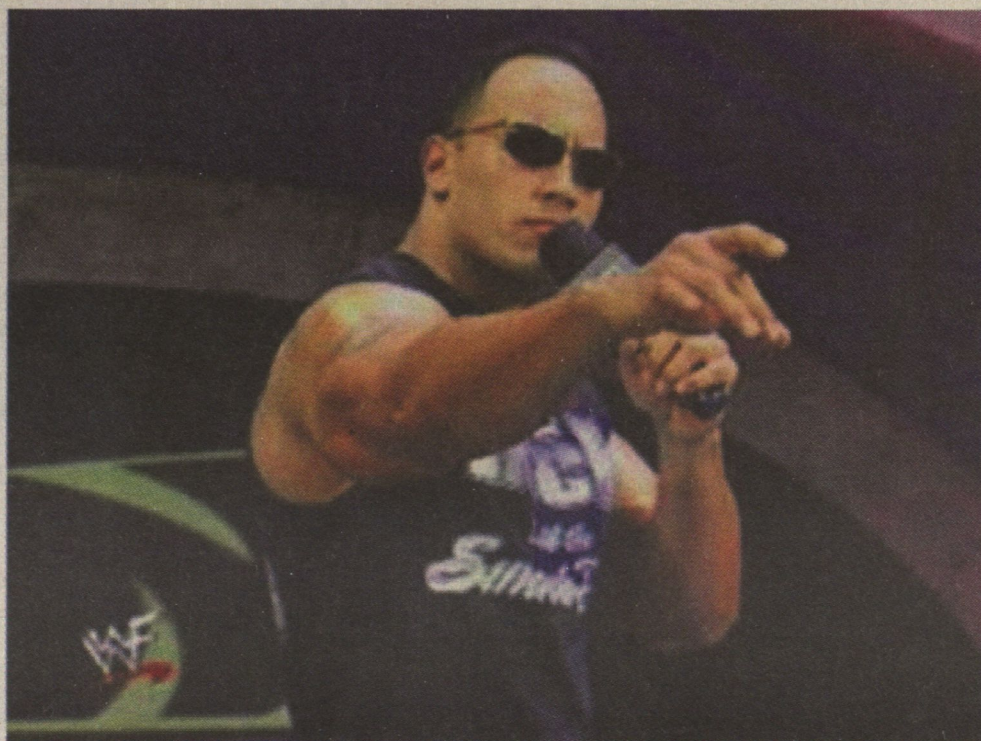
## The Last Word

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JAMES MADISON



**DO YOU SMELL WHAT BA-RACK IS COOKIN'?**



**LISTEN UP JABRONIS! PRES. OBAMA IS COOKIN UP A BIG OLE **SOCIALIST** PIE! KNOW YOUR ROLE! LAYETH THE **SMACKDOWN** ON THOSE ROODY POO POLICIES!**