

# Wilson County Tea Party Newsletter

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## A FEW THOUGHTS TO PONDER FROM THE EDITOR

The CBO says that we are headed for the most **predictable disaster** in U.S. history.

This is the moment, this is the opportunity. We must not blink. NO RISE IN THE DEBT CEILING – not now, not later. No excuses.

## NO COMPROMISE!

[Jim Cooper's Debt Reduction Letter – A Whole Bunch of Nothing](#)

Misery Continues ....[Unemployment Now Up to 9.2%](#): Obama's Outrageous Out-of-Control SPENDING Policies Have FAILED MISERABLY and are BANKRUPTING US!

*The President has recently spoken about those EVIL CORPORATE TAX LOOPHOLES. Keep this in mind: **It is Congress who placed the loopholes there in the first place.** You cannot blame any American for using the tax code as it was designed! The problem is with CONGRESS – NOT CORPORATIONS! Don't blame your 67,000+ pages of tax code on ANYONE except yourself, Mr. President, and the other current and former members of Congress. You broke it – now fix it – without playing politics! NOW! ([Article](#))*

**Also, please do not be fooled into believing the left's rhetoric that they want to "SAVE" Social Security or Medicare by 'not touching it'! It is TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE to tell the American public that there is no need to do ANYTHING to these two programs considering that they are both well on their way to bankruptcy. The RESPONSIBLE thing would be to fix them NOW so that the pain to EVERYONE is minimal! Ignoring the problems that these programs are facing means that the politicians are setting us up for a disastrous train wreck!**

Definition of 'shared sacrifice': American citizens are forced to forfeit more of their hard-earned money to the government so that Congress & the President can continue their massive spending on the pet projects of their choice. *Say NO to 'shared sacrifice'!*

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*"When candidate Obama showed up, I realized that I had heard his typical stump speech every single day of my old Soviet life from big and small Communist party bosses -- the same structure, the same cadences, the same bogeymen, the same demagoguery, the same targets." (Article: [Confession of a](#)*

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**STOP BY AND VISIT US AT OUR WILSON COUNTY FAIR  
BOOTH BETWEEN AUGUST 12 AND 20<sup>TH</sup>!**

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**Is Obama clueless, irresponsible or is this on purpose?**

**Why did the President release 30million barrels of oil from our precious U.S. oil reserves AFTER gas prices had come down more than ~~18~~ ~~21~~ 30 cents in the weeks prior?**

**([Article](#))([Article](#)) ANOTHER FAILED POLICY! ([Article](#))**

*If you want to increase the amount of oil in this country, Mr. President ... why don't we increase the quantity of oil by drilling here in America?! (Looks like the President is also letting Canadian oil slip through our fingers ... on its way to China!)([Article](#))*

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**"Socialized medicine is the crown jewel of Socialism."** Michele Bachmann

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**FROM TEA PARTY PATRIOTS:**

**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! WHY WE SHOULD NOT RAISE THE DEBT CEILING**

**REASON #1: We absolutely will not default if we prioritize our spending.**

President Obama and politicians of both parties in DC want us to believe that America will default on our obligations if we do not raise the debt ceiling again. They think that we don't understand the situation well enough, so we should just allow them to do what they want to do. They believe that we are so naïve that we will believe them when they promise to make spending cuts... someday.

If their big reason for raising the debt ceiling is the claim that we will default, then we've got good news for the politicians!

- Tax revenues for this year are projected to be around \$2.2 trillion.
- Interest payments for this year amount to approximately \$300 billion.
- If we pay the interest first, that leaves us with about \$1.9 trillion to spend on our most important priorities, and [we avoid default](#).
- If we enact Senator Toomey's Full Faith and Credit Act ([S. 163](#)) directing the Treasury to pay principal and interest on the debt held by the public before all other obligations it would ensure that the nation does not default.

**Think of it this way:** Your annual income is \$44,000. Your annual interest payment on your debt is \$6,000. This would leave you with \$38,000. Now if you had been living beyond your means for a while it might be hard to go back to living on that \$38,000. But you would make it work. That's the difference between you and a bunch of spend-aholic politicians. You would cut out the unnecessary expenditures, the things you'd like but just can't afford, and you would probably work to get out of debt.

If America defaults on her obligations, make no mistake about it... **IT WOULD BE DELIBERATE.**

Mr. Timothy Geithner, Treasury Secretary, says that we need to consider tax increases along with raising the debt ceiling. **The truth is that the power to prioritize our spending is in his hands.** It is no wonder that Mr. Geithner of all people would be the one to say that we must borrow more money to pay our debt obligations. He is no stranger to skipping out on paying his debt obligations. Mr. Geithner, this time it is not your money... this time it is the American people's money!

Tell Congress that you want them to pass the Full Faith and Credit Act (S 163 in the Senate and HR 421 in the House) so that America's credit doesn't hang in the balance while politicians do their familiar dance with each other. The President, the Secretary of Treasury, and Congress all have the ability to secure our credit.

**Our states prioritize their spending by applying the first portion of their revenue to their debt. The federal government can, and MUST, do the same.**

**REASON #2: If they raise it, they will spend it.**

Politicians in both parties want us to see the concern in their eyes and hear the emotion in their voices as they speak of an "unsustainable path" of spending that we are on. Unfortunately for them, we know the difference between words and actions. And we know, from experience, that if they get their hands on more money, they will spend it. Therefore, if we raise the debt ceiling by \$2 trillion, as they want to do, all we can say for sure is that we will be \$16.3 trillion in debt instead of \$14.3 trillion. How exactly does that remove us from the unsustainable path?

- The debt ceiling has been raised 10 times in 11 years. In fact, since Congress enacted the first debt limit, they have [never failed to raise it](#).
- Since World War II, government spending, on average, accounted for around one-fifth, or 19.6 percent, of GDP. Today, federal spending accounts for [over one quarter](#), or 25 percent, of GDP. (Note: The Federal Government currently takes in revenue equivalent to only 40% of their spending.)
- The national debt in 2006 stood at approximately \$8.5 trillion. The debt is now over \$14 trillion. ([It's actually over \\$100 trillion if we count unfunded liabilities.](#))

The federal government [spends](#) over \$114,000 *per second*. The [median household annual income](#) is approximately \$49,777. Think about this. If your annual family income were \$50,000, you would spend about one-sixth of one cent per second. It would take your family around six seconds to spend *one penny!* In the same time it takes your family to spend one measly cent, the federal government will spend over \$700,000. And in the politicians' eyes, it is your family that should fork over even more money every year. (Just for fun, how much do the "wealthy" spend per second? You know, those greedy people that need to "pay their fair share" that earn \$250,000 annually? Yeah, they spend four-fifths of one penny per second - not even one whole cent per second. And keep in mind that most families don't even spend their entire salaries. Our estimations don't take into account taxes or money not spent due to savings and retirement accounts, etc. So our numbers here only reflect a hypothetical family that could spend every penny they earn.)

Doesn't this make you wonder what they're spending all that money on? Wouldn't you like to know if all of that spending is legitimate? When the government spends \$699,999.99 more than your family every six

seconds, you have a right to ask questions and to know if they are spending your family's money wisely. And you most definitely have the right to demand that the spending spree be stopped. **NOW.**

### **REASON #3: We've been warned to stop the reckless spending.**

The spending addicts in Washington DC would have you believe that our debt is unconnected to spending. They would like you to think that with some fancy pledges and gimmicks they can control the debt and keep it from spiraling into oblivion. They want you to ignore that overspending is the driver behind the debt.

Why would they want you to believe this? Because if you do, then they can continue to **spend, spend, spend, spend**. Sadly, most of our elected officials care more about their own power than the fate of this nation. In fact, a [CBS poll recently found](#) that 80% of Americans believe that members of Congress work to satisfy special interests rather than their constituents.

The reason so many Americans feel this way is because the politicians' actions leave no room for any other possibility. And American constituents are not the only ones that have come to this conclusion.

- Moody's and Standard & Poor's [have warned us](#) that our credit rating will be downgraded if we do not control our debt.
- If the nation's credit rating goes down, borrowing money becomes more expensive, making our existing debt crisis even worse.
- China issued a statement, as our primary lender, saying that the [US must rein in spending now](#), or will likely face abrupt and severe austerity measures.

Here's a doozy of a fact that **no one** in DC is acknowledging:

When the abnormally low interest rates normalize (i.e. increase to normal rates), our [annual interest expenses will skyrocket](#) - making mincemeat out of *any budget deal brokered today!* Right now the average cost of borrowing for our Treasury Department is 2.5 percent, while the average over the last couple of decades was 5.7 percent! (Please read the article linked above in its entirety.)

**Now get this** - *Our interest expenses, over ten years, will jump to \$4.9 trillion once interest rates "normalize," and the Republicans are "pledging" a decrease of \$2 trillion in spending over ten years... so that \$2 trillion in savings will be swamped by \$4.9 trillion in new interest expenses!*

### **NO DEAL.**

We are now at the point where the entities that lend money to us are starting to get nervous because they can see the writing on the wall. The politicians try to scare the American people by using rhetoric like "draconian cuts," but imagine how "draconian" the cuts will be when our creditors decide suddenly to stop lending us money. Forty cents of every federal dollar is borrowed. Either we cut spending our way, or our creditors will force us to do it their way. Which way do you prefer?

**Reading:** [Is the President of the United States Preparing to Ignore Congress in the Debt Ceiling Debate?](#)

**Or how about this one:** [Are the Republicans Considering a 'Mini-Debt-Ceiling-Deal' Until After 2012 Election?](#) If so, there will be no more Republicans left in Congress after the 2012 election because the Tea

Parties around the country will see to that! DO YOUR JOB OR GET OUT! .... ***And don't try to pull the wool over our eyes either*** ... ([Article](#))

***BY THE WAY...*** Please don't fall prey to the President's class warfare trickery! We are one America and we cannot allow this man to pit one man against another! If he succeeds, WE FAIL AS A COUNTRY!

**Cut, Cap and Balance Pledge:** WHY HAS SENATOR BOB CORKER, SENATOR LAMAR ALEXANDER, REP DIANE BLACK OR REP JIM COOPER **NOT SIGNED THIS PLEDGE?** ([Pledge](#))

READING: [Ten Lessons from Federal Spending](#)

**Did you know that the government has been shut down in the State of Minnesota and NOBODY has died as a result? Predictably, the left and the media are blaming Republicans. Read the truth [HERE](#).**

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***"A tax on anyone is a tax on everyone."*** Dick Morris

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## Food Storage & The Self-Reliant Conservative – Part II

*Continued from our May Newsletter*

We are all dependent on the many creature comforts that America has to offer – often to our own peril. Many years ago, Americans lived off the land and were totally self-sufficient. Today, many Americans could not survive without the local fast food joint, a fully-stocked grocery store and an ATM machine. What about you?

In our May newsletter, we began to discuss one of the ways that you can become self-reliant in the event of a calamity in your life – via the process of storing a small amount of food for you and your family. As we mentioned, a calamity can take many forms - a job loss, natural disaster, terrorist act or economic meltdown. Self-reliance simply means that you plan ahead so that, when confronted with unforeseen events, your burden will be lightened and desperation will not take hold. It is simply about living more responsibly.

Whether you plan for a 3-day or 3-month calamity, planning is the key! Here are a few more ideas and comments regarding food storage:

- Remember that some plastic containers and buckets are not 'food grade' and should, therefore, not be used for long-term food storage. ([Article](#))
- Store water in the event that the water supply is disrupted. Water can be stored for a short time in milk jugs but milk jugs will disintegrate within a few years. Therefore, it's best to store water in 2-liter soda bottles or other water-storage-approved container. When preparing for an emergency, remember to plan for one gallon of water/per person/per day (you should keep a 14-day supply).
- If electricity is out and is expected to be out for a lengthy time, keep in mind that the food in your freezer will spoil if not kept cold. If you do not have a generator, you might want to be prepared to BBQ/grill some of the food and share with family/friends/neighbors.
- Ensure that you have batteries for flashlights and radios. In addition, you should be prepared to light your home via other methods such as oil lanterns.
- Do you know how you would cook meals in the event of an extended electricity outage? Do you have a camp stove or BBQ pit? Do you store an extra bag of charcoal and lighter fluid? If you own a gas grill, do

you have an extra propane tank on hand? If the grill is fueled by natural gas, do you have a plan in the event that the gas flow is interrupted? Can you cook over an open fire?

- Do you have a plan in the event that gas stations are closed due to an electricity outage? What would you do if there is a disruption in the gasoline supply? We recommend that you always keep your vehicle tanks (at least) half-full. If you decide to store gasoline, remember to do it *safely*.
- Could you grow your own food in the event that the food supply was disrupted for a long period? Do you have the seeds necessary to begin a garden? Most of the plants that you purchase for your garden each year are hybrid plants and, as a result, the seeds cannot be saved for reliable re-planting (they are considered to be sterile). Are you familiar with heirloom seeds (non-hybrid)? Non-Hybrid and Heirloom seeds allow you to "collect the seed" from your survival garden crops for future planting.

There is an incredible document that might appeal to those interested in long-term food storage and emergency preparedness. It is put out by the LDS Church (and does contain a few pages of religious info at the beginning of the document). If interested, we urge you to begin by taking the preparedness test on page 16 of the document. ([Document](#))

Want to order food in large cans for your food storage project? Try [Honeyville Food Products](#). They have a flat shipping fee of \$4.49 for your entire order.

**Remember ... Once a disaster occurs, the preparation phase is over!**

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**"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." - Thomas Jefferson**

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### **A Dose of Reality (and History) for America's Youth**

*The youth of today, unfortunately, don't remember the disastrous presidency of Democrat Jimmy Carter in the late 1970's. Eerily, many people are now beginning to compare President Obama to Carter because Obama's policies are producing the same results.*

*The American public elected President Reagan in November 1980 to get us out of Carter's mess. This is what America looked like when Reagan took office.*

*"When President Reagan was elected in November 1980, America suffered double digit inflation, double digit interest rates, and soon double digit unemployment. Three worsening recessions starting in 1969 were about to culminate in the worst of all in 1981-1982, with unemployment peaking at 10.8%. Inflation raged at 11.3% in 1979 and 13.5% in 1980, or 25% in two years. The Washington establishment at the time argued that this inflation was now endemic to the American economy, and could not be stopped, at least not without a calamitous economic collapse.*

*The poverty rate started increasing in 1978, eventually climbing by an astounding 33%, from 11.4% to 15.2%. A fall in real median family income that began in 1978 snowballed to a decline of almost 10% by 1982. In addition, from 1968 to 1982, the Dow lost 70% of its real value, reflecting an overall collapse of stocks."*

*Reagan took office in 1981 and had a disaster on his hands. Were the Reagan economic policies successful? Read the full article! ([Article](#))*

We must teach our youth about America's past so that we do not become doomed to repeat our mistakes! We cannot afford to elect President Obama for another 4-year term!

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## **Funny Bumper Sticker:**

**01-20-13**

### ***The End of an Error***

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#### **Did You Know?**

Despite the President's class-warfare rhetoric about eliminating tax breaks to those using corporate jets, his proposed tax cuts amount to only about **\$3.5 BILLION**. That's only .0025% of our current **\$14 TRILLION** debt.

This is not deficit reduction. This is a joke!

**Did you know** that Obama's 2009 Stimulus extended existing tax breaks to the very same people he's degrading now? ([Article](#))

**Did you know** that the 2009 Stimulus spending is now being considered by the left as the 'baseline' spending level? (Read: "[Entitlement Spending is NOT the Reason the Debt Has Increased 35% Under Obama; It's His OUTRAGEOUS Discretionary Spending](#)")

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## **STATE MUSINGS**

### **HOW DID THIS ONE GET PAST US?**

Information has recently come to light about a disturbing bill that passed the TN General Assembly (and is now law) near the end of the legislative session. HB300 makes it a crime to "*transmit or display an image*" online that is likely to "*frighten, intimidate or cause emotional distress*" to someone who sees it. *Violations can get you almost a year in jail time or up to \$2500 in fines.*"

HUH?

Actually, the bill updates an existing law by incorporating images to the list of communication mediums which can trigger criminal charges by causing 'emotional distress' to others. Here are a few excerpts outlining the changes made to the law (new material in italics):

**(a) A person commits an offense who intentionally:**

**(4) Communicates with another person or transmits or displays an image in a manner in which there is a reasonable expectation that the image will be viewed by the victim by [by telephone, in writing or by electronic communication] without legitimate purpose:**

**(A) (i) With the malicious intent to frighten, intimidate or cause emotional distress; or**

***(ii) In a manner the defendant knows, or reasonably should know, would frighten, intimidate or cause emotional distress to a similarly situated person of reasonable sensibilities; and***

***(B) As the result of the communication, the person is frightened, intimidated or emotionally distressed.***

How does this law adversely affect you?

Although the majority of us would never post any type of images on the Internet or via a cell phone which others would find offensive, most of us are also fierce protectors of free speech – regardless of whether or not we agree with the speech. This law, frankly, places restraints on the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment by restricting images posted on social media sites such as Facebook, web pages or other electronic applications by allowing law enforcement to determine if you're acting 'with legitimate purpose' or are 'causing emotional distress' to others. In addition, law enforcement is now able to make a determination whether or not they believe the image will cause emotional distress 'to a similarly situated person of reasonable sensibilities'! How exactly are the police going to determine if someone is of 'reasonable sensibilities'? Since the law is so vague, each of these determinations will be made at the discretion of law enforcement personnel and it must be assumed that the bias of law enforcement personnel will play a factor in the determination of intent and purpose.

The law also does not define what type of images or communication might cause 'emotional distress' to another individual. Therefore, it is easy to assume that this law could be used to silence those who disagree with your point of view. Would it be a far stretch to believe that religious or political images could be reported to the police as 'offensive'?

To make matters worse, an individual does not have to be the intended recipient to be considered a victim of this 'crime'. Therefore, someone in another part of the state or country who does not approve of your Obama cartoon or the image you've posted supporting an end to collective bargaining could easily file a complaint with the police department in order to have the image removed. You would have little choice but to remove the image or face the realization that it could cost your freedom or thousands of dollars in legal fees and fines.

Unfortunately, all of the representatives in our area – **OTHER THAN DISTRICT 46 REPRESENTATIVE MARK PODY** - voted for this outrageous bill. We commend Rep. Pody for doing the right thing. He was one of only four in the House who stood up for the Constitution!

To those who voted for this: **What were you thinking?**

This bill is a blatant violation of our U.S. and Tennessee Constitution and is wide open to abuse. Therefore, we urge our politicians in the State House and Senate to re-examine this entire statute with a new set of eyes ... *eyes that are WIDE OPEN!*

[\(Legislation\)](#) [\(State of TN Publication\)](#) [\(Article\)](#) [\(Agreeing with the ACLU?\)](#)

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***"I'm terribly sick of everyone acting like bipartisanship is a good thing and a "good congress" gets a lot done. A congress should be judged on how closely***

*they adhere to the constitution.” (Unknown author)*

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Are you receiving emails from the TN Chapter of [ACT! For America](#)? If not, we recommend that you sign up for this newsletter. The group monitors the growing threat of radical Islam in America – *as well as the Islamic threat here in middle Tennessee*. In a recent email, they provided info about property recently purchased in Smyrna by the [Muslim Ahmadiyya Movement](#). This property joins the increasing number of Islamic properties in middle TN.

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## **Obama: AMNESTY GRANTED VIA EXECUTIVE ORDER**

*“By now, the word is probably spreading like wildfire on the country's Spanish language radio stations that cater to illegal immigrants. Get pregnant, or conceive a child with your spouse or significant other, and you likely won't be deported.*

*Already have a child? Bring them here to America illegally. If you can prove you are the guardian of a minor, the government will likely take deportation off the table.” (Article)*

*Ah, the election of 2012 is getting closer... is ANYBODY going to stand up for the American CITIZENS? (Article)(Article)*

It's not a far stretch to believe that the man who shoved Obamacare down the throats of the American people against their will, intends to do the same with amnesty for illegal aliens – especially as he fights for the Hispanic vote.

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*We'd like to express our thanks to [Phillip Warren](#), [Lou Ann Zelenik](#) and [Bobbie Patray](#) for their participation in our June WCTP meeting! They provided us with fantastic information and we're very appreciative!*

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## **Definitely Worth Repeating: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment is Under Attack**

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently announced the Obama Administration will be working closely with the UN to pass the “International Arms Control Treaty”. Disguised as means of fighting against “terrorism,” “insurgency” and “international crime syndicates”, the treaty is really a massive, **GLOBAL** gun control scheme.

If passed by the UN and ratified by the U.S. Senate, the UN Small Arms Treaty would almost certainly FORCE the U.S. to:

- Enact tougher licensing requirements, making law-abiding Americans cut through even more bureaucratic red tape just to own a firearm legally;
- Confiscate and destroy all “unauthorized” or “excess” civilian firearms by requiring that U.S. citizens deliver any banned firearms to the local government ‘collection and destruction center’ or face imprisonment (all firearms owned by the government are excluded, of course);
- Ban the trade, sale and private ownership of ALL semi-automatic weapons. It could also prohibit firearm and ammo manufacturers from selling to the public;

- Require micro-stamping on all guns;
- Create an INTERNATIONAL gun registry, setting the stage for full-scale gun confiscation.

Although the Senate would have to ratify this treaty, the Senate is controlled by a group of staunch left-wing anti-2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Democrats. It is imperative that you keep this in mind during the 2012 elections. If able, you might want to donate a small amount to the election of pro-Constitutional Senate candidates around the country. Remember, *elections have consequences!*

Both Tennessee Senators – Alexander and Corker – have indicated their staunch support for 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights. Senator Corker has indicated that he will not support any treaty that will hurt our right to bear arms.

[Urge Your U.S. Senator To Sign Senator Moran's Letter To The President Opposing The UN Arms Trade Treaty](#)

**Reading:** [Is Obama About to Implement More Gun Control Without Congress?](#)

**More:** [Stop ATF's Anti-Gun Zealots ...](#) and ... [Stimulus Funded ATF Project Gunrunner!](#)

NRA: "Impartial" Journalist Turned Activist ([Article](#))

*MORE 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT NEWS: Two U.S. Congressmen (One Republican, One Democrat) have put forth legislation (H.R. 822) that will enable millions of gun permit holders to exercise their right to self-defense while traveling outside their home states. There are now 236 co-sponsors of the bill including 6<sup>th</sup> District Congresswoman **Diane Black**. Unfortunately, 5<sup>th</sup> District Congressman **Jim Cooper** is **NOT** a co-sponsor! Let him know that you want him to support this bill! ([Cooper's Congressional website](#))*

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## Government (*Out of*) Control

It appears that our Federal Government is working against the rights of individual states and independent businesses. Although many of you may remember the shocking headlines of several months ago when the DOJ filed suit against the state of Arizona over their illegal immigration law, you may not be familiar with a lawsuit that was filed by the NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) in April against the Boeing Company in the state of South Carolina.

Recently, Boeing opened a new \$750 million dollar non-union 787 jet assembly plant in South Carolina. The NLRB, however, is attempting to shut the plant down because they claim that the plant was built in SC – **a right-to-work state** – in retaliation for a 2008 union strike at Boeing's plant in the state of Washington – **a forced union state**. (The International Association of Machinist & Aerospace Worker's Union actually conducted four strikes against Boeing between 1989-2008.)

Obama's NLRB – *which is controlled by a majority of Democrat appointees* – wants the South Carolina work "returned to the state of Washington". Although a successful outcome for the NLRB would put approximately 1000 South Carolina workers out of a job, the NLRB claims that the legal action is aimed at protecting the rights of **all** workers.

Huh?

The most outrageous – *and often underreported* - detail of this case, however, is the fact that Boeing has added over 2000 jobs to the unionized Washington plant since announcing plans to open the South Carolina plant! In other words, NO UNION MEMBER HAS LOST THEIR JOB AS A RESULT OF BOEING'S DECISION TO OPEN A PLANT IN SOUTH CAROLINA!

Repeatedly, the NLRB has claimed that Boeing violated labor laws but, according to an article published in May by the National Legal and Policy Center, those claims are vague at best:

*After conducting an investigation, NLRB Acting General Counsel Lafe Solomon found "reasonable cause" to believe that the company violated two sections of the National Labor Relations Act. First, the move allegedly was motivated by a desire "to retaliate for past strikes and chill future strike activity." Second, Boeing officials had made "coercive statements" to union employees relating to the move.*

*On what basis did the NLRB arrive at this conclusion? The board cited internal documents and news interviews. But the interviews, at least, hardly make for scandal. In one supposedly damning instance, Jim Albaugh, CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, told the Seattle Times (March 2, 2010) that while Washington State remained his "preferred location" for building commercial aircraft, he would view South Carolina as a better alternative unless the union "moderates its future wage demands and avoids strikes." Boeing had especially good reason to fear strikes. The last one, in 2008, lasted almost two months and cost the company nearly \$2 billion in lost revenue. To compensate, management wanted workers to contribute more toward health insurance, forgo defined-benefit pension plans and agree to more outsourcing. Albaugh stated: "The overriding factor was not the business climate. And it was not the wages we are paying today. It was that we can't afford to have a work stoppage every three years. And we can't afford to continue the rate of escalation of wages." Boeing Chairman and CEO Jim McNerney also engaged in "retaliation" in a statement referring to a quarterly earnings conference that appeared on the Boeing website to "diversifying [Respondent's] labor pool and labor relationship" and moving 787 Dreamliner production to South Carolina due to "strikes happening every three to four years in Puget Sound." It's hard to see such statements as coercive. ([Full Article](#))*

If the NLRB and the union are successful in their suit against Boeing, it will, essentially, render the unions in full control of all business decisions made by a union-controlled company. It will take away the rights of a private corporation to make financial decisions that are best for the health of the company and its shareholders. In addition, it is blatantly un-Constitutional. It will also weaken the position of right-to-work states such as Tennessee.

***But, then again, isn't that the agenda of the Obama administration...?***

2012 can't come soon enough.

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Unionize or Else!!!: [The 'unbiased' NLRB issues two new regulations that hurt employers and non-union shops](#) and ... [Obama Agencies Announce Massive Attack on American Job Creators](#)

Face it ... the Progressive left does not believe in capitalism or free markets. They want the government to control EVERYTHING AND *EVERYONE*. If you haven't figured this out yet, you're not paying attention.

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*Isn't it interesting that the government unions complain about the 'selfish' corporate executives yet the unions want the taxpayers – YOU - to fully fund their pensions and benefits without contributing almost anything to it themselves? ...*

**INTERESTING FACTS: FORCED UNION VS. RIGHT-TO-WORK STATES**

	1990-2006	1997-2007		
	Private Sector Job Growth	Productivity	Job Growth	Economic Growth
Forced Union States	17.20%	17.30%	8.90%	33.50%
Right to Work States	39.70%	18.60%	17.60%	41.60%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**PLEASE READ:** The proof is in the facts: [Union curbs rescue a Wisconsin school district](#)

**TIDBITS**

**Sen. Alexander:** [Obama Administration Attacking Right-to-Work Laws](#)

**But, then again, Senator Alexander appears to be clueless!** He's touting electric cars as the best way to use less oil ([Press Release](#)). Sorry, Senator, but this doesn't work for the American people either since our President wants electric rates to 'necessarily skyrocket' ([Video](#)), electric cars & their replacement batteries cost a small fortune, they can only be used for short distances, there is no place at most businesses to plug them for recharging and ... (*get it yet, Senator?*). This is also a major problem for citizens of Tennessee because the TVA has committed to closing down 18 coal-producing plants – one of the cheapest and most efficient sources of energy – in response to the out-of-control radical left-wing agenda to move toward non-existent 'sustainable green' energy. According to an article that recently appeared in the Chicago Tribune, consumers can expect to see a 40-60 percent increase in their electricity bills in the next few years ([Article](#)) ... **yep, you read that right!** However, doesn't the magical, mystical 'green' energy movement just make you feel warm and fuzzy?

**Gift from Obama to You:** Substantially higher electric rates ([Article](#))

Senate votes AGAINST amendment to stop WH from appointing & funding Czars without Senate approval ([Article](#))... All Republicans voted to stop the Czars; All but 2 Democrats voted to keep them.

**Kudos to TN Senators Alexander and Corker for voting to cut Ethanol subsidies!** ([Vote](#))([Article](#))([Article](#)) ... And the latest on the subsidies [here](#)...

**Ethics in Congress? Doubtful!** ... The fox guarding the hen house ([Article](#))

*Sure, he supports oil drilling (wink, wink)* ([Article](#)) **Obama's Plan for \$10 Gas** ([Article](#))

**MORE GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER:** FEMA Takes Control of 800,000 Flood Insurance Policies & Now Competes with Private Insurance Companies! ([Article](#))

Happy Anniversary Dems! ... 800 days since Dem-controlled Senate proposes a budget ([Article](#))([Article](#))

Eleven FOREIGN COUNTRIES are joining with the ACLU to sue the State of Georgia to stop their new illegal immigration law ([Article](#)) (*Did you realize that many of the lawsuits over release of the President's birth certificate were thrown out of court because the plaintiff had no 'standing' in the court to file yet we're allowing lawsuits brought forth by foreign countries over OUR immigration laws to proceed?*)

**AMNESTY, AMNESTY, AMNESTY** [Feds Now Say They Won't Deport Illegals Pursuing Legit 'Civil Rights Claims](#) and ... [Amnesty by any other names is still, ..well, AMNESTY](#)

**Gotta' love Ronald Reagan** ([Video](#))

Know anyone who wants Obama re-elected in 2012? Pass it on! ([Article](#)) *"The obvious question is why Obama, as a state senator in Illinois, would ever have "crossed paths" with such people. The answer goes beyond just union support for the candidate. The "far-left" networks that include the FRSO, the Communist Party USA, the New American Movement, and the Democratic Socialists of America backed and even spawned Obama's political career. Don't forget that Weather Underground leaders Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn hosted a fundraiser for his first run for political office."*

The Real Mitt Romney: [No-Pro-Life Pledge](#) ... and, of course, there's that little irritating fact that Al Gore has endorsed Mitt Romney on Candidate Romney's Climate Change position ... and [The Real Jon Huntsman](#): Family has donated \$25000 to Harry Reid ([Article](#)) ([No Pro-Life Pledge for Huntsman Either](#))

**Has your conservative candidate signed the Susan B. Anthony pro-life pledge?** These candidates **HAVE** signed it: Michele Bachmann, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Rick Santorum. The following candidates have **REFUSED** to sign the pledge: Hermain Cain, Gary Johnson ([Website](#))

**Al Gore Endorses 'Fertility Management'...** [Gore Proposes Population Control as a Means of Curbing Pollution](#)

**Tongue-in-cheek:** [Ten Ways Conservatives Should Give Liberals Exactly What They Want](#)

Attacking the Supreme Court when you wish to rule via judicial activism ([Article](#))

**Post Office Suspends Retirement Contributions** ([Article](#)) ... **Before you get teary-eyed, be aware that YOU are going to pay for these union retirement benefits via**

**your tax dollars!** In case you're wondering, four-fifths of all federal employees participate in the FERS program and they contribute 0.8% of their salary toward their pensions. The White House deficit commission and the Paul Ryan budget plan recommend that those contributions be increased to %5.8. (Note: FERS employees also participate in the Social Security program. Considering that federal government employees make more than the average worker, should the taxpayers have to pick up the tab for these benefits?) ... *Congress, maybe it's time to RESTRUCTURE the money-losing Post Office!* ([Article](#))

**The Obama Transparency:** Emails reveal that the White House was involved in the decision to eliminate pensions of more than 20,000 **NON-UNION** employees at GM! ([Article](#))([Article](#))

**Medicare Trustee Admits that Medicare 'As We Know It' Will End by 2024** ... Medi-CRASH? ([Video](#))

Terrorism on our shores: An under-reported case of terrorism by a ~~Marine-reservist~~ Muslim ([Article](#))

**DUMPSTER-DIVING FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION IN MISSOURI** ([Article](#)) (Thanks, again, to our Tennessee General Assembly for passing the Voter ID law this year! ) (*Did you know that the Republican Colorado Secretary of State determined that approximately 5000 'non-citizens' voted in the 2010 election in which the Republican Senatorial candidate lost to the Democrat by a razor-thin margin?*) ([Article](#))([Article](#)) **Cheat, cheat, cheat** ([Article](#))

*And that leads us to the Progressive's Secretary of State Project and their REAL motives ... George Soros is targeting Secretary of State political offices in key battleground states. Despite what he claims, they are not really looking for candidates with 'integrity'. ([Article](#))*

The Un-American American President ([Article](#))

**A BLATANT CASE OF JUDICIAL ACTIVISM** ... does the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Equal Protection Clause really guarantee equal outcomes? ([Article](#)) This decision affects Tennessee.

## **OBAMACARE**

Obama cuts Medicaid to states and YOU will have to pick up the bill via state taxes! ([Article](#))

**After reading this, does anybody REALLY believe that Obamacare will NOT fund abortions?** ([Article](#))

[Obamacare doesn't stop Medigap providers like AARP from discriminating against Seniors](#)

Up, Up, Up ... Obamacare Waivers Reach 1400! ([Article](#)) .... *Oops, Obama forced to stop granting waivers due to pressure from the public* ([Article](#)). Why were the waivers granted in the first place? According to the Administration, the waivers were "necessary to avoid disrupting negative economic effects on employers who couldn't afford certain provisions in the legislation". Wasn't Obamacare supposed to make health care MORE affordable? The waiver process has been a classic case of the government picking the winners and losers in society – just like a DICTATORSHIP! The administration does not want the American people to know how disastrous this program is going to be for the country

so it has hidden behind these waivers with the hope that we will be too deep into Obamacare by the time the people figure out what's going on! (By the way, did you know that these waivers were NEVER part of the Obamacare law so the Department of Health and Human Services simply "granted itself the power through administrative rules".)

However, isn't this unfair to those who wanted one but DIDN'T get it? YEP! Frankly, this is what happens when the government picks the winners and losers in society!

OOPS ... The Obamacare 'Glitch' ([Article](#))

**When the 'gubmint' knows best:** Government wants to control what you eat ([Article](#)) all in the name of health care ...

Medicare Efficiency Scandal – A view of the future under Obamacare ([Article](#)) ... QUOTE: *"The Ryan plan offers the only serious hope of reducing fraud in Medicare and Medicaid."*

Could this be good news from the Supreme Court for the demise of Obamacare? ([Article](#))

~~Obama Administration Using Your Tax Dollars to Conduct Secretive Survey to See If Doctors Turning Away Patients without Private Insurance ([Article](#)) ... Makes you wonder if the Federal Government is going to FORCE Doctors to accept patients who use the extremely low paying Medicaid program...~~  
**OOPS, Obama changes in mind in the wake of public outrage ([Article](#))**

Rep. Diane Black Joins 48 Reps in Calling for an Investigation into Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan's Involvement in Obamacare During Her Term as Solicitor General! Kudos to Rep. Black! Why hasn't Rep. Jim Cooper signed the document? ([Letter](#))([Article](#))

## **OUT OF CONTROL GOVERNMENT SPENDING**

**GRRRR ...** This will make your blood boil!! ... Republican Rep named 'June Porker of the Month' for sneaking in tons of pork into an appropriations bill – despite Republican promise that they have eliminated earmarks! ([Article](#)) ([Article](#)) Where is Speaker Boehner on this?

Obama's Priorities ... Funding for LaRaza ("The Race") Skyrocket ([Article](#)) and ... Government Slow to Implement ACORN Funding Restrictions ([Article](#))([Article](#))

Taxpayers Funding Lavish Trips Overseas to Study Billboards ([Article](#))

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