

# Wilson County Tea Party Newsletter

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

We're located in the Turner Evans Building right off the Midway!

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On Friday Night, August 5<sup>th</sup>, S&P downgraded the U.S. credit rating from **AAA** to **AA+**. This brought us back to a level we haven't seen since 1917. S&P said that the 'compromise' reached in Washington earlier in the week during the debt ceiling debate, fell short of what would be needed to stabilize the economy. WE AGREE!!  
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S&P has suggested they may downgrade our credit even further to **AA**. Maybe some out there are shocked but we aren't. **Hate to say we told you so but ...**

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Remember ... When Bush was President in 2007, we were fighting the same wars, the same corporate loopholes existed, the same 'evil Bush tax cuts' were in full swing and the same Medicare prescription drug plan for seniors was in existence. Yet, his 2007 budget contained only a \$161 Billion dollar deficit. While deficit spending is not acceptable at all, what is Obama's excuse for the **massive** deficit increase? Could it have something to do with the fact that he's raised discretionary spending by 84% & his policies and regulations are stifling job growth?

Year / Spending Total / Deficit / President

2007 / \$2.7 trillion / \$161 billion / Bush  
2008 / \$2.9 trillion / \$239 billion / Bush\*  
2009 / \$3.1 trillion / \$407 billion / Obama\*  
2010 / \$3.55 trillion / \$1.17 trillion / Obama\*  
2011 / \$3.7 trillion / \$1.6 trillion / Obama\*

\* Budget developed by Democrat-controlled Congress

**Under Bill Clinton, America's debt increased \$547 million each day. Under George Bush, America's debt increased \$1.6 billion each day. Under Barack Obama, America's debt has increased \$4.1 billion – EACH AND EVERY DAY.**

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***“The bigger the government, the smaller the people.”*** John Boehner,  
Speaker of the House 7/25/11

**FACT:** The law-making portion of the federal government is currently controlled 2/3 by the Democrats and 1/3 by the Republicans. Democrats control the Presidency & Senate; Republicans control the House.

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***"We don't need a constitutional amendment to do our jobs; the Constitution already tells us to do our jobs."*** President Obama 7/15/11 rejecting conservative calls for a balanced-budget amendment - after liberals increased the federal debt by \$5 TRILLION in less than 3 years while borrowing 43 cents of every dollar.

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## **BUILD THE BORDER FENCE PROJECT**

State Senator Steve Smith from Arizona has launched a website where people can make a tax-deductible contribution to build the border fence since it is apparent that the Federal Government has failed to carry out their duty to close the borders and protect us. According to Senator Smith, he has spent an enormous amount of time and effort setting this up and making this project possible. All funds will be collected and held in a trust account in the State of Arizona Treasury office and 100% of the funds will be used for the Build the Fence project. If interested in donating, here's the website:

[www.buildtheborderfence.com](http://www.buildtheborderfence.com)

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## **Truth about the Progressive's Pro-Woman Agenda**

The Progressives are constantly touting the 'right wing' as anti-woman and falsely leading voters to believe that they fight for the rights of women.

***Well, it's time we set the record straight.***

These are just a few things that the left and their liberal policies have done for women, children and families during our lifetime. ***Is this how women measure success?:***

- In the 1960's and 70's, the left demanded that women be given the *freedom of choice*. They fought ferociously to give women the right to legally abort their children and this became the law of the land in 1973. Somehow, discarding the life of your child was supposed to liberate women. Now, almost 40 years later as many have lost all respect for the value of life, we've learned that women in NY abort approximately 40% of all children (the rate of abortion for African Americans is higher) while Washington D.C. funded 300+ abortions in a recent 2-year period. ***What a wonderful left-wing achievement!***
- While fighting for the right to abort their children at will, the left has fought just as hard to eliminate executions of violent criminals – including those who have raped and killed women and children. ***What a wonderful cause to fight for! After all, it is such a privilege to pay taxes to maintain these hard core violent offenders for their entire lives at taxpayer expense!***
- Since 1964, the left has spent \$16 TRILLION on welfare during their 'war on poverty' and is expected to spend \$10.3 TRILLION more over the next 10 years. During that same timeframe, poverty has remained about the same. In 1969 it was 13.7%. In 2009, it was 14.3%. ***This outstanding policy really improves the lives of women by producing such high results!***
- Some of you might remember the 'Murphy Brown' television show years ago that was supposed to show how wonderful it was to have a child outside of marriage. ***This fine liberal policy has really given women and children a 'lift up'!*** In 1960, only 5.3% of all births were out-of-wedlock. As the liberal welfare state grew, so did the out-of-wedlock rate. By 2008, the rate was more than 40%. The black population has been particularly hard hit. In 1960, the out-of-wedlock rate in the

African-American community was 23%. By 1990, it had grown to 65-70% and it is now approximately 72.3%. Does anyone really believe that women benefit by rearing their children in a household without a father present? The left must think so because they've made no attempts to correct this **oppressive** program. The Progressive Left's 'Great Society' has decimated the black community and has, essentially made them beholden to a government that keeps them in poverty. However, the African-American community continues to support the left in huge numbers. ([Source](#))([Source](#))

- Studies show that the rate of violent teenage crime corresponds with the number of families abandoned by fathers - *a direct result of the welfare state*. The lack of strong role models, of course, leads to higher rates of incarceration due to the increase in crime. *Due to the liberal policies of the left, women are seeing their children murdered on the street or incarcerated at an alarming rate!* ([Source](#))
- The breakdown of the family unit has led to higher drug usage (which leads to more crime). Female drug abusers are having children that they cannot care for and the horrific cycle of family deterioration continues. *This is definitely another reason to support the left-wing policies!*
- The left's radical agenda, for many, has taken away the incentive to find employment. After all, who needs a job when you can get food stamps, public housing and free medical care – **and live a subsistent life** – rather than going out, getting a good job and participating in all of the wonderful things life has to offer! *Women should PRAISE the left for providing them with the ability to barely scrape by in life!*
- As we've mentioned, the left's cure for poverty has led to a dramatic reduction in marriages because welfare dependency has made it more lucrative to remain unmarried. (In 1950, 88% of white families and 78% of black families consisted of a husband and wife in a traditional marriage.) For many women, this has eliminated one of life's most rewarding relationships in addition to the legal and financial advantages that marriage can bring. *Another winner for women & children!* ([Source](#))
- The left's 'great society' has brought about decreased scholastic aptitude due to a multitude of reasons. In addition to the decreased aptitude brought about by the decline of two-parent families, there has also been a decline in the quality of education in direct conjunction with the rise of union control of our schools – *a control instituted and pushed by the left-wing*. This has resulted in a decreased ability for our young adults to compete in a technically-advanced society, less expenditures in the school system for the children, a decline in educational expectations and, ultimately, a decline in achievement.
- Much of the rapid increase in medical costs is due to the lack of tort reform which, if enacted, would protect physicians and hospitals from frivolous lawsuits. The Progressive left has fiercely protected the pockets of lawyers rather than the livelihood of physicians and hospitals. In some instances, communities are left without any doctors in the vicinity because they can no longer afford to practice due to skyrocketing insurance premiums. In addition, the implementation of Obamacare will, ultimately, result in outrageously higher state taxes across the country to fund the massive influx of people who will now qualify for Medicaid. *Now, this liberal effect is DEFINITELY a winner for women!*
- The left's high-tax-mentality forces, in many instances, married women to work outside of the home even if they would prefer not to. This especially affects lower-income families. The high tax rates (and the higher cost of purchasing left-wing union products) have taken away the REAL right of women 'to choose' because basic survival, in many instances, requires a two-income family. (In 1960, only 1/3 of all women with children worked outside the home while recent stats show that approximately 60% of women are now employed outside the home. Studies show that those women age 30-39 are the most frustrated with this lack of choice in their life because they are the ones who most likely are raising small children.)

There are SO many other things that the liberal agenda has done for women that it would be impossible to list them all here. Progressives must be proud because these accomplishments are impressive to say the least!

**So, to all of you women out there who support the Progressives, we must ask:**

### ***WHY EXACTLY DO YOU THINK THE LEFT IS PRO-WOMAN?***

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## **SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD TO MAKE A POINT ABOUT A BROKEN SYSTEM**

In 1950, each retiree's Social Security benefit was paid for by 16 U.S. workers. In 2010, each retiree's Social Security benefit is paid for by approximately 3.3 U.S. workers. By 2025, it is projected [that there will be approximately two U.S. workers for each retiree.](#) So, envision this ...

*The year is 2030 and the average yearly amount paid to each Social Security beneficiary is \$24,000. Do you think that each of your children would object to contributing \$12,000 of their salary each year just to pay the Social Security benefit of ONE PERSON? Do you want this for YOUR children? Do you think that the youth of today realize that the 'hope and change' that Obama refers to means that he is selling them a bill of goods and that they will have to forfeit a huge portion of their salary in the future to the federal government?*

According to a recent U.S. government report, soaring interest costs on the U.S. national debt plus rapidly escalating spending on entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare will absorb approximately 92 cents of every single dollar of federal revenue by the year 2019. That is before a single dollar is spent on anything else.

Yet, everywhere I look on television or the internet, I see comment after comment from American citizens insisting that politicians change ABSOLUTELY NOTHING about Social Security or Medicare!

**If you're one of those who insist on NO changes to these programs, then what is YOUR solution?**

No one is trying to eliminate Social Security for you or anyone else. We have been assured that benefits will not be changed for those citizens who are nearing retirement - age 55 and above. But we MUST face facts! Whether we like it or not, **WE** have allowed the government to raid the Social Security Trust Fund year after year since President Lyndon Johnson first raided it in order to pay for the Vietnam War. We all knew it was happening but did nothing to stop it.

As I've written over and over again, we must do SOMETHING about entitlements because they cannot be sustained and will, eventually, fall into bankruptcy (**and we will all lose EVERYTHING**). So I must ask these questions about one of those programs -Social Security- to each of you who do not want entitlements touched in any way:

*Do you think that a 54 year old would be irreparably harmed if their retirement age was raised by 1 or 2 months? Would they suffer greatly if they could not retire (with reduced benefits) at 62 but, instead, had to wait until the age of 62 and 2 months?*

*Do you think that a 50 year old would be forever damaged if their retirement age was raised by 3 months?*

*Do you think that a 45 year old would suffer emotionally if their retirement age was raised by 5 months?*

*What about raising the retirement age of a 35 year old by 1 year or raising the retirement age of a 30 year old by 1.5 years? How about an 18 year old by 3 years?*

**Are these the changes you fear and despise?**

**If so, maybe a 50% cut in your Social Security benefits after you've begun receiving them would suit you better.**

Whether you like it or not, our choices are limited. We didn't stop the thieves over the last 40+ years and now we must face the fact that they robbed us blind.

**Pose these questions to your family and friends. Tell them that we MUST begin an open and honest dialogue on this issue – one based on reason rather than emotion. While you're at it, tell them this for me: .... *The political party that promises you everything you want is going to be the first to take away everything you have.***

**You can count on it.**

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**Fact:** *Between now and 2017, the number of Americans who have reached their retirement age will essentially double, from 35 million to approximately 70 million.*

***"Anyone who is for leaving Medicare just like it is now is for bankrupting Medicare."***

FL Senator Marco Rubio 7/12/11

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## **LEGALIZED FRAUD: BASELINE BUDGETING**

The American people were the big losers in the recent debt ceiling scam perpetrated by the Washington elitists who truly believe that the citizens of this country are simpletons unable to absorb pertinent facts and reach a logical conclusion. Frankly, their 'compromise' deal fixed NOTHING and WE KNOW IT! The almost-immediate S&P credit downgrade proved us right!

The 'right' touted the debt compromise as the '*best they could do*' since they only control the U.S. House while the left controls the Senate, the Presidency and the forth wing of liberal government, *the media*. The left, on the other hand, spewed a headache-inducing rant calling for increased taxes coupled with the status quo in Social Security and Medicare spending along with their promise to punish the *evil* rich and their *evil* corporations.

Despite the right's promise that they achieved 'cuts that equal more than the debt ceiling increase', they actually got nothing. Why? Because the 900-pound gorilla remains in the room and it continues to suffocate us.

What is the gorilla?

It is **baseline budgeting** and, until it is eliminated and replaced with zero baseline budgeting we will continue to dig our economic grave.

Baseline budgeting was born in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. That legislation required the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to prepare projections of federal spending for the upcoming fiscal year based on a continuation of the existing level of governmental services. It also required the newly established Congressional Budget Office to prepare five-year projections of budget authority, outlays, revenues, and the surplus or deficit.

Essentially, baseline budgeting is a budget projection of current services. The only change that has been made to this economic farce in the last two+ decades is that the projections are now made for 10 years rather than the original 5 years into the future.

Baseline budgeting assumes that every government agency needs to increase their budget 3-10% each year *regardless of the amount of money actually needed by that agency the previous year*. These spending increases are AUTOMATIC! An increase in spending is *expected* while there is nothing to reward fiscal responsibility. The process encourages waste and abuse by each government agency. It also allows our federal officials to spew propaganda to the American people by falsely claiming that budgets are being 'cut' when, in reality, they are simply not being raised or being raised by a smaller amount than originally projected.

In a recent monologue, radio personality Rush Limbaugh described baseline budgeting like this ([full transcript](#)):

*Baseline budgeting is based on the presumption that every item in the budget will automatically increase between three and 10% depending on what the item is, every year, regardless what happened in the previous year. This is why, for example, at the end of the year the agriculture department starts advertising for food stamp applicants because they want their budget to increase. So they don't look at the reality, and say, "You know what, we don't need this much money in this department. We have more money than we need. We don't have as many people needing food stamps as we have food stamps." They don't look at it and then cut back and tell the government, "You know what, you can cut us here." They will go out and give away food stamps in order to make sure they get that three to 10% increase. But that three to 10% increase every year becomes the starting point for every budget negotiation.*

*So, for example, when Obama passes the stimulus bill, another trillion dollars effectively is added to the baseline. No consideration is given to whether or not the money was spent wisely, wasted effectively or whatever. It was just spent. And because it was spent, there must be an increase in that line item every year. The way this manifests itself in Washington, the best way I have ever found to illustrate this is to put yourself in the situation where you're going to go buy a new car. You've looked at your budget, and you have decided that you can afford the monthly payment on a \$40,000 car. So you go to the showrooms or you go to the Internet or you go wherever you look to buy a car, and you find a car you really love for \$70,000 that the dealer tells you is on sale, that you can get it for 60.*

*So you and the family discuss it, and if you're like Washington, what you do is you tell yourself, "You know what? Let's get that \$70,000 car that only costs 60, and we will save ourselves \$10,000." But you haven't. You have spent \$20,000 more than you originally allocated. You originally said you're gonna*

*buy a \$40,000 car, then you find one you really like for 70, on sale for 60, you plop down the 60, which is 20 more than you wanted to spend, and tell yourself you saved ten. That's how it works. That's baseline budgeting. That is how a cut or a saving is actually an increase.*

Therefore, the 'tax increases' constantly touted by the Democrats as the solution to our debt crisis would only add to the baseline budget in the year following their implementation – essentially increasing our debt in the long term. Remember, we do NOT have a revenue problem!

Baseline budgeting is legalized fraud and the taxpayers are the unsuspecting victims. For instance, a 3 percent increase in the budget of a program that was originally expecting an increase of 8 percent is still a budget increase – NOT A BUDGET CUT. However, under baseline budgeting, any increase less than the increase projected by the OMB is considered be a cut. Former CEO of Chrysler, Lee Iacocca, once stated that if the business world used baseline budgeting the way Congress does "*they'd throw us in jail.*"

A particularly favorite ploy of the left is the attempt to 'get a rise' from the uninformed public by issuing blatantly false statements indicating that the right is cutting funding for favorite programs when, in reality, the right has only suggested a *cut in the growth rate of spending for these programs or agencies*. "Draconian cut" is a favorite rhetorical rant and, unfortunately, it resonates with the ignorant or apathetic voting public.

Rush's 7/27/11 monologue also describes the preposterous way our government budgetary agency would look at a freeze in government spending:

*"One final thought to illustrate the absurdity of our baseline, and I'll leave you alone. If Speaker Boehner --" now, listen to me very carefully, folks "-- if Speaker Boehner were to propose that we simply freeze all government spending immediately, including mandatory and discretionary, meaning including the entitlements, if we just freeze everything and spend no more this year than we spent last year, the Congressional Budget Office would score that as a nine and a half trillion-dollar cut."*

In fact, the OMB has projected that the cumulative total of our automatic baseline **increases** for the next ten years is approximately \$9.5 TRILLION. Therefore, if we cut \$2.1 to 2.4 TRILLION from our debt over the next 10 years (the amount promised by the recent debt 'compromise'), **our debt will still increase by about \$7.1 TRILLION over 10 years!** The 'compromise' passed by our Congress and signed by the President last week didn't do one thing to stop our massive spending because baseline budgeting still exists and there is nothing in this legislation to stop the automatic increases given to each agency year after year. As Rush also points out, the baseline budget for 2021 is already \$5.7 TRILLION. Necessary or otherwise, it's a done deal under our current budget system. The baseline budget for 2013 is \$2 TRILLION more than 2012 budget even though not one of your representatives in Washington got together to discuss the merits of a single agency receiving the increase in spending – *not one meeting to decide if a program was effective or if your money was being spent wisely. (You might want to keep in mind that these automatic increases in agency budgets are taking place while our government is telling seniors that there is no inflation and, therefore, there is no need to increase the amount of Social Security benefits they receive. So, why then, do agency budgets need to increase so dramatically?)*

### **What can we do about this deceitful process?**

We need to eliminate baseline budgeting IMMEDIATELY by passing legislation that will stop the automatic increase in federal spending each year. At least one such bill ([HR920 Zero Baseline Budget Act of 2011](#)) was introduced in the U.S. House in March of this year and currently has 34 co-sponsors.

**Unfortunately, neither Wilson County Representative (Diane Black or Jim Cooper) has signed on as co-sponsor.** There may, however, be other such bills that we are unaware of which address the same issue. Any representative serious about achieving true fiscal reform, however, must support legislation of this type because, without it, we are on a fast train to financial ruin.

It is time to end the farce known as baseline budgeting. The budget of each federal program/agency should start at ZERO each year! Each agency/program should have to justify their current expenditures and thoroughly document their need for an increase. As long as we are federal debt, increases should be non-existent or, at least, very minimal. Instead, each agency should be cutting their budget year after year until fiscal responsibility is brought back to this government. A cut should be called a cut and a spending increase should be called a spending increase. The **deliberate deceit** must stop and it must stop now.

We urge you to contact the offices of Reps Diane Black and Jim Cooper as well as the offices of our two TN Senators, Alexander and Corker, to insist (politely, of course) that they support and pass a zero-baseline budget bill. We need to ensure that this will be an issue in the 2012 election so please pass on this information to your friends and family.

Whether you realize it or not, Congress put the federal government on fiscal auto-pilot in 1974. Since that time, we have all been foolish enough to believe that we were sending representatives to Washington to make a difference, *to change things for the better*. Unfortunately, we've been scammed because each representative that has gone to Washington since that time has issued well-crafted falsehoods in the form of press releases leading us to believe that they were getting tough on waste, fraud and abuse. They assured us that they were reigning-in out-of-control government. In reality, however, each of them knew – upon arriving in D.C. - that the system was profoundly broken yet almost none of them had the courage to stand up before the American people and tell the truth. Instead, they lined up behind the others who had come to Washington before them and did nothing to truly address the problems plaguing our government for fear of losing their high profile job. Most of our reps in Washington chose the path of least resistance and pretended to represent the unsuspecting citizens of this country. For this, we will ALL pay a heavy price.

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**On a side note** ... have you heard about the "Penny Plan" legislation that has been put forth in both the U.S. House and Senate in order to balance the budget in 6 years? The Penny Plan balances the budget by:

- Cutting total federal spending by one percent each year for six consecutive years,
- Setting an overall spending cap of 18 percent of gross domestic product in 2018, and
- Reducing overall spending by \$7.5 trillion over 10 years

This plan is quickly gaining momentum among members of Congress as well as the American public. Here is a link to the House and Senate bills ([HR1848](#)) ([S1316](#)). What do you think?

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STATE MUSINGS

The [TN Center for Policy Research](#) has released the [2011 Tennessee Pork Report](#). As expected, it sounds like a broken record and we must ask why many of these same items appear in this report **year after year?**

For instance, why does the Tennessee General Assembly not eliminate some of the expenditures which have proven to be costly to taxpayers while generating no social or revenue benefit? An excellent example of this insanity would be the nine **non-profitable** golf courses that are run by the state. Although several of the state-run courses have been closed or privatized recently, why do nine still remain? Most of these establishments were not even profitable during the periods of low unemployment experienced during the Bush years ([Unemployment chart](#)) and have gotten worse during the more recent economic calamity. Why should taxpayers continue to fund this? Why did the state EVER fund this?

Another item of insanity is the continued funding of Pre-K. This funding of this failed program is particularly troublesome due to the fact that the taxpayers continue to fund studies which **repeatedly** find that the program provides no long-term value to the children of Tennessee. The cost to taxpayers for this non-beneficial program? **\$90 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR – and that doesn't include the cost of the studies!** How much more do we need to waste? Why bother to fund studies if the lawmakers are going to ignore them?

The 'Books from Birth' program is another that needs to be eliminated entirely. This program provides free books each month to children under the age of 5 at a cost to taxpayers of \$3.4 million per year. **IT IS NOT THE FUNCTION OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO GIVE FREE BOOKS TO CHILDREN!** The taxpayers already fund public libraries in every part of this state! As the report highlights, this program began as a private charity and it needs to be returned to the private sector.

We urge OUR LAWMAKERS to read this report and pass legislation in the next session to eliminate some of the unconstitutional, wasteful spending that seems to be overlooked year after year. Unfortunately, if history is our guide, it is likely that next year's Pork Report will look much the same.

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*"As I've said about the flag pin, I don't want to be perceived as taking sides. There are a lot of people in the world to whom the American flag is a symbol of oppression. The anthem itself conveys a war-like message. You know, the bombs bursting in air and all that sort of thing."* 9/7/2008 Then-Senator Barack Obama on 'Meet the Press'

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### **Wilson County Right to Life Director Speaks on Passage of SJR127**

Pro-life Tennesseans won a hard fought victory in May when the state Legislature approved the placement of a proposed pro-life constitutional amendment on the ballot for public vote in 2014. The amendment language was drafted in response to the radical 2000 ruling by the Tennessee Supreme Court in *Planned Parenthood of Middle Tennessee v. Sundquist* which established a so-called 'fundamental' right to abortion in the Tennessee Constitution. As a result, even the most basic, common sense protections such as **informed consent for women** considering abortion, **a 48 hour waiting period**, **hospitalization for later term abortions** and even the inspection and **licensure of abortion facilities** in our state were all stripped away as violating this newly identified state right to abortion.

The proposed constitutional amendment will make clear that the responsibility for regulating abortion in Tennessee lies with Tennessee voters and our elected state lawmakers---not a handful of unelected, unaccountable judges.

**The ACLU and Planned Parenthood are already gearing up to defeat the pro-life amendment in 2014.** They are receiving grants, hiring staff and preparing to expand their community outreach. Your help now is critically needed to lay the groundwork for victory in 2014. ***Will you help with the following?***

- **Prayer.** Asking the Creator of Life to provide every tool and resource necessary for us to succeed. Please consider joining the Right to Life weekly day of prayer and fasting each Thursday. A short email focus is emailed each Wednesday in order to make our prayers even more united and effective.
- **Life Support Team.** Please consider becoming a monthly donor by bank draft, credit card or by mail. Your consistent gifts of any amount will help us to plan most effectively when we know that we can count on your contribution.
- **Local Chapter.** For many years local county chapters such as Wilson Right to Life have coordinated positive pro-life outreach efforts in communities throughout the state. Booths at public events, student oratory contest, pastor's breakfast and more are ongoing efforts which need your help and support to grow. These projects are even more important as we look toward building the foundation for victory in 2014!
- **Church Support.** The active support of so many local churches, classes and other small groups have made projects like the Choose Life billboard on I-40 a reality. Would your class, club or church be willing to assist Wilson County Right to Life by underwriting or sponsoring the billboard for one month? Or maybe you'd like more information on hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to assist Right to Life work in our community. More information is just a call or click away.
- **Choose Life Specialty Plate.** Since becoming available in 2006, Tennessee's Choose Life plate has raised more than \$500,000 for life-affirming agencies and programs throughout the state. Your support can help us remain the 6<sup>th</sup> best selling plate---or allow us to even become the best selling specialty plate in our state!
- **Donate books, cds, DVDs.** Consider donating books, music or small collectibles to be sold online with all proceeds benefiting our pro-life work.
- **Distribute Pro-Life Petitions for TRL.** Help make the case to our elected officials that protective public policies are broadly supported in Tennessee. At the same time, you'll be helping to identify pro-life households and voters well in advance of the critical 2014 ballot vote.

For more information about any of these efforts, please contact Trecia Dillingham at 443-5458.

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The Iowa Caucuses are the first major event of the 2012 Presidential campaign. They will be held on **February 6, 2012**. *Since Iowa is a fairly liberal state, we can't help but wonder why so much attention is paid to these caucuses from the 'right'?*

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***"I think that nothing could disenfranchise an eligible voter more than finding out that ineligible voters are voting". Tre Hargett, Tennessee Secretary of State***

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*DID YOU KNOW? ... that a study of Colorado voter rolls after the 2010 election showed that 11,800+ (likely) illegals were registered to vote and that almost 5000 of them actually voted in the election? However, the Democrats insist that we do not have a voter fraud problem in this county. Hmm. ([Article](#))*

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**The Myth of the Independent Voter**

I think that most of you would agree that the two political parties are further apart in ideology today more than ever.

The left supports monstrous growth in government coupled with restrictive states' rights, higher taxes, unbridled debt, redistribution of wealth, expansion of the welfare state, class warfare, judicial activism, a weakened defense, intense government regulation and the rights and desires of the collective rather than those of the individual. The left is against the execution of violent criminals but strongly supports the abortion of innocent babies. They want religion visually removed from every corner of our society and tried to regulate speech they oppose. The left believes that America must apologize for her strength and view America's exceptionalism as 'greed' and 'arrogance'. They believe that the Constitution is an ever-changing document – one that should be changed to cater to the whims of the politically powerful – rather than a document that should be revered and provide the core structure of our government.

On the other side of the spectrum are Conservative values. They believe in smaller government in which individuals are allowed to keep as much of their earnings as possible and they support the rights of the individual. They believe that the out-of-control debt is detrimental to our future and freedom and realize that we must live within our financial means. They support states' rights and believe that hard work is the basis for wealth. They believe that the welfare state, although needed for the truly poor and disadvantaged, is destructive and addictive and that class warfare should not be part of our culture. They believe in a strong defense, limited government regulation, the free market and adherence to the Constitution. They believe in American exceptionalism. Conservatives believe that innocent babies should be protected while supporting deserved punishments for violent criminal offenders who have made repeated destructive life decisions. They strongly support the Constitution as the cornerstone of our government and judiciary and believe that this precious document should not be changed by a group of non-elected judicial activists nor is meant to be changed on a whim.

So how could someone truly place themselves ideologically in the 'middle' since the path that each of the two major political parties would like to take is starkly opposite?

You have to wonder if 'Independents' know what type of 'change' they really desire? In the recent debt ceiling debate, for instance, it was not possible to support fiscal responsibility while supporting higher taxes coupled with higher spending – *the plan of the left*. Increased spending when the spending is based on a borrowed dollar is NOT fiscally responsible. In addition, increased spending when you are **forcibly** taking money from a hard working American to give to another is not morally or fiscally responsible.

### ***So, what is an 'Independent' voter?***

Many years ago, it might have been possible to support the ideological middle. **But now, no, it is not.**  
The sides are polar opposites.

You may find yourself on one side of the spectrum while supporting one or two issues from the other side but, unfortunately, your vote translates to 'all or nothing' support of the agenda of one side or the other.

There is no middle.

Most of us have a hard set of core values and beliefs that guide us through our lives. These beliefs help us determine which stance we'll take on all issues in our life. Therefore, if you are aware of your core values and you understand the differences between the two major political parties, you cannot be an 'Independent'.

Still consider yourself to be an “Independent’ at this point? *You’re not paying attention.*

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## **ECONOMY BEING CRUSHED UNDER WEIGHT OF LEFT-WING POLICIES**

No words needed on these statistics:

- **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2010 Revised to 2.3% from 4.1%** (*A revision of this size sounds almost criminal – isn’t it interesting that the administration put forth such inflated, erroneous growth rates during an election quarter?*)
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011 Revised Down From 1.9% to Just 0.4%**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011 GDP 1.3% rather than 1.8% as expected**
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FL Senator Marco Rubio 7/30/11 on the floor of the U.S. Senate

*“I would love nothing more than compromise. But I would say to you that compromise that’s not a solution is a waste of time. If my house was on fire, I can’t compromise about which part of the house I am going to save. You save the whole house, or it will all burn down.”* ([Speech](#))

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### **TIDBITS**

#### **TSA: A Portrait in Islamization**

**A ‘Must Read’:** Muslim Organization in Nashville, TN – An Overview ([Article](#))

Obama Grows the Welfare State ([Article](#)) ... What is Poverty in America? ([A ‘MUST READ’](#))

*And, Obama wants to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)* ([Article](#))

**Ah, UNIONS** ... Did Obama’s Car Czar Admit that they bailed out the auto companies ‘for the unions’? ([Article](#)) ... But, we wonder what he’s going to do for them this time? ([Article](#))

Is the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) a ‘rogue’ agency or is President Obama playing good cop/bad cop in order to appeal to Independents in 2012? After all, he stacked the NLRB with left-wing radicals! ([Article](#))

**UNION THUGGERY:** SEIU ‘Intimidation’ Manual Uncovered ([Article](#))

Obama trying to bribe woo Hispanics in order to gain votes for 2012 election ([Article](#))

**DOES ANYONE CARE TO PUT AMERICANS FIRST?** Dems say: “We Can’t Attack Repubs in 2012 if we agree to Medicare Cuts” ([Article](#))

**The Soft Dictatorship** ([Article](#))

**King Obama?** Obama tells La Raza (aka: ‘The Race’) “*The idea of doing things on my own is very tempting. I promise you, not just on immigration reform.*” ([Article](#))

**Of course, no intelligent person would raise taxes during a recession!** (Obama 2009) ([Article](#))

**Gubamint run amok:** Obama wants to change business rule that creates NIGHTMARE for businesses ([Article](#)) ... *Is Obama the most anti-business President in U.S. history?*

**TOTAL DISCONNECT:** Obama quietly celebrates 57<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> birthday ([Article](#)) with big WH party (his 5<sup>th</sup> celebration within days) only hours before the USDA releases report that record number of Americans collected food stamps in May ([Article](#)) – 45.8 million to be exact. That's up 12% from one year ago & 34% from two years ago.

OH, SHOCK! Anchor Babies to change the direction of our country ([Article](#))

More Democrat Gun Control ([Article](#))

**You WILL accept Sharia law!** ([Article](#)) ... Comment from reader of this article: "First come the mosques acting as magnets for Muslim families and communities. As the % of Muslims increase they will declare Sharia law in their communities. Goal is world domination and they are not shy about it either."

**But what about the Unions?** ... School Voucher Bills Flood GOP-led Statehouses ([Article](#))

Indiana Posts a Budget Surplus Without Raising Taxes; Democrats Not Happy About It ([Article](#)) ... Republican Governor Puts State 'Back in the Black' ([Article](#))

Know someone who believes in man-made global warming? Well, remind them to NEVER let the FACTS get in their way! ([Article](#))

**GDP STATS SPEAK VOLUMES** .... Q1 2011 Revised Down From 1.9% to Just 0.4%! 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2010 Revised to 2.3% from 4.1% (a revision of this size sounds almost criminal) ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011 GDP 1.3% rather than 1.8% as expected

**TERM LIMITS ANYONE?** ... The author of this article wrote it to point out the blatant lie spoken by long-term Senator Dick Durbin on TV. However, there is another important point to take from this story. The young author points out that Dick Durbin has been a Senator longer than the author has been alive. Does anyone really believe that this was the intent of our founding fathers? Although many of you likely agree that we need term limits, maybe it's time that we stopped providing pensions to Senators and Congressmen. It was NEVER meant to be a career! ([Article](#))

**STOP THE PRESSES** ... Seems that Former Presidential candidate, John Kerry, wants the press to suppress stories about the Tea Party movement because of their 'absolutely absurd notion(s)'. ([Article](#)) ... His motto: "Free speech for me for not for thee"

## **OBAMACARE**

Coming soon to a hospital near you: View of Socialized Medicine in England ([Article](#))([Article](#)) ... England's NHS Rationing ... *again* ([Article](#))

Medicare Reform: Who Decides ([Article](#)) ... Wonder how many people realize that Medicare will be rolled into Obamacare and will not continue as a separate entity? We also wonder how many people, when listening to rhetoric that the 'right' wants to cut benefits for seniors, realize that Obamacare includes **\$500,000,000,000** worth of cuts to Medicare and these **cuts haven't begun yet?** **The cuts will begin in 2014** ... after it's too late to do anything about it!

Yes, Virginia, there really is a ~~Santa Claus~~ Obamacare Death Panel ([Article](#))

Destruction & Bankruptcy by Obamacare of Private Health Insurers Begins ([Article](#)) ... and, as expected: 1 in 8 Employer Health Plans Axed Since Obamacare Enacted ([Article](#)) (*which is EXACTLY the intention*) .... Ladies, ladies ... Step Right Up and Get Your FREE Healthcare! It won't cost you a penny more than everything you own! ([Article](#))

You ain't seen nuthin' yet, honey! Wait until 2014 under Obamacare! ([Article](#))

## OUT OF CONTROL GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Good use of your taxpayer dollars? Obama is paying someone \$72,500 per year to bully his critics via Twitter ([Article](#))

And here's another: \$130,000 in Stimulus money to purchase 'Social Justice' manuals in Omaha ([Article](#))

**Our Federal Government: Dumb and Dumber** ([Article](#))

Warning (Content): Look at how the government spent \$900,000 of your money!! ([Article](#))

*A few years in the pokey, perhaps??* ([Article](#))

Should the Secret Service be paying VP Joe Biden \$2200 per month to rent a cottage on his property – when the very reason they are there is to protect HIM? ([Article](#))

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## REMEMBERING 911

Date: **9.11.11**

Time: 1PM-3:30 PM

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel South-Cool Springs

820 Crescent Center Drive

Franklin, TN

Register and Print **FREE** Tickets: <http://911neveragain.eventbrite.com/>

The Wilson County Tea Party, in cooperation with 15 other organizations in Middle TN, is co-sponsoring this important event on the 10th anniversary of [Patriot Day](#) to remember the 2,977 victims of the terrorist attacks on 9.11.01. [Click Here](#) to view the event details, download the flyer, register for the event, and look at the co-sponsoring organizations. Admission is free, donations are suggested, and seating is limited. A printed ticket and a photo ID is required for admission. No video, photography, or recording is permitted. No media is admitted.

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