

Wilson County Tea Party Newsletter

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OBAMA'S PATH OF DESTRUCTION CONTINUES

VIDEO: Obama Presidency - By the Numbers

POVERTY RATE: 15.1% (HIGHER THAN LATE 1960'S)

CHILD POVERTY RATE: 22%

FAMILY INCOME: BACK TO 1996 LEVELS

FOOD STAMP USE HITS ANOTHER RECORD – 45.3 MILLION (ARTICLE)

ONLY 103,000 JOBS CREATED IN SEPTEMBER – 45,000+ OF THEM WERE DUE TO THE STRIKING VERIZON WORKERS RETURNING TO WORK! JOBLESS: STILL 9.1%

(ARTICLE)

ARTICLE: [ECONOMIC GROWTH, NOT INCOME REDISTRIBUTION IS WHAT HELPS US ALL](#)

We'd like to thank everyone who attended our wildly successful '**Wake Up America**' event which took place on 10/10 at the Pavilion at Fiddler's Grove. We appreciate all of the support we received from our conservative friends! We'd also like to say a special thanks to **Steve Gill, Jim Kinney, James Baird, Nikki Goeser, Mark Herr, The Boondock Rockers, and Bob Pope**. All were fantastic and we couldn't have done it without them!

The Bank of America Senator Dick Durbin ATM Fee

Have you heard about the new \$5 monthly fee imposed by Bank of America on customers who use their ATM card? Other banks are expected to follow suit and implement similar fees.

After the fee was announced, Illinois Senator Dick Durbin went on the floor of the U.S. Senate and suggested that customers "*get the heck out of that bank*" after suggesting that BoA was gouging its customers!

The good ole' Senator failed to tell the American citizens one tiny detail, however. This fee is a direct result of government intervention into the banking business via the Dodd-Frank bill (passed in 2010 when the Democrats completely controlled Congress). More specifically, this new fee can be traced directly to an amendment of the Dodd-Frank legislation that was sponsored by none other than Senator Durbin!

The Durbin amendment gave federal regulators the ability to establish price controls on the amount that banks could charge merchants that accepted the bank customers' debit cards as payment! As a result of this amendment, the government 'regulators' established that the maximum price a bank could charge for this service was 24 cents – a regulation that is expected to cost banks \$14 BILLION annually in lost revenue. (Article)(Article) As a result, banks are now scrambling to make up the lost revenue and the Durbin fee is one way to do that.

Control of the banking system is one more nail in the coffin of capitalism. But, isn't that the intended consequence, Senator Durbin?

“America is like a healthy body and its resistance is threefold: Its patriotism, its morality, and its spiritual life. If we can undermine these three areas, America will collapse from within.” ... Joseph Stalin ([PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO!](#))

CAMPAIGN OF DECEIT

Thankfully, on October 11th, the Democrat-controlled Senate failed to pass Obama's 'job bill' (another massive payoff to the unions worth almost \$500 Billion). ([Article](#)) The President had been campaigning for an increase in the capital gains tax rate for wealthy Americans by falsely leading people to believe that the 'rich' are paying a lower tax rate on their income than the average middle-class citizen. **This is a blatant lie.** President Obama stated that billionaire Warren Buffett pays taxes at a 15% rate on his income while his secretary pays a much higher tax rate on her salary. The facts, however, tell a different story.

President Obama failed to mention one *little* detail. Warren Buffett, *and any other 'rich' American who pays their taxes per the IRS rules*, paid a 35% tax rate on his income when initially earned and he's now paying an additional 15% on revenue earned from the long-term investment of that income. 35% + 15%! *Mr. Buffett is paying the **capital gains tax** rate on the investment of his after-tax money while his secretary is paying **income tax** on her income – likely at a 28% rate.* These taxes are distinctly different – and for good reason. (*The short-term capital gains tax rate for someone in Mr. Buffett's tax bracket is 35%. The short term rate is paid when investments are held less than one year. You might also note that Buffet's secretary would also pay a 15% capital gains tax rate on money earned from long-term investments of her after-tax salary and 28% on her short term investment income.*)

The President is comparing apples to oranges - *an intentional misrepresentation of facts!*

The purpose of a lower capital gains tax rate has always been to spur investment – the very vehicle of a capitalist society. Investment of capital (aka: *income*) such as investment in stocks and bonds requires risk and investors should be rewarded for that risk. Without capital investments companies could not survive and expand. When one invests capital in a company or venture, however, the possibility exists that the initial investment will be lost. The lower capital gains tax rate is the method used to incentivize this type of risk. The President's proposal to tax capital investment income at a higher rate for all upper income individuals will likely take away much of the incentive for that risk.

It is truly disingenuous to compare Mr. Buffett's capital investments to his secretary's income. His secretary's income is paid in exchange for her business services and this income comes without risk. Unfortunately, the President is using class warfare as the vehicle to achieve a capital gains tax increase for the upper income earners so that he can continue his massive deficit spending. He simply needs more taxpayer dollars and he's using deceit to convince uninformed Americans to give the money to him!

If provided with more revenue to fund the government, does anyone truly believe that a President who has increased the federal debt by an eye-popping \$5 trillion in less than three years will use the newly acquired tax revenue to reduce the size of our hugely-bloated federal government debt?

I wouldn't put my money on it... ([Article](#))([Article](#))([Article](#))([Article](#))

[Obama's Hate the Rich Campaign](#)

[President Obama Clueless About Teacher's Tax Rates](#)

[The Only 'Rich' Who Seem to NOT Pay Taxes are Those Who Support Obama!](#)

More deception You might have heard the claims that the Obama administration has deported more illegal aliens than the Bush Administration ([Article](#))([Article](#)). Here's a video of President Obama speaking to a Latino group, however, admitting that his statistics are deceptive and he is NOT actually deporting illegals who are living on U.S. soil. ([Video](#)) *Wink, wink...*

Imagine ...

“Imagine the National Football League in an alternate reality. Each player's salary is based on how long he's been in the league. It's about tenure, not talent. The same scale is used for every player, no matter whether he's an All-Pro quarterback or the last man on the roster. For every year a player's been in this NFL, he gets a bump in pay. The only difference between Tom Brady and the worst player in the league is a few years of step increases. And if a player makes it through his third season, he can never be cut from the roster until he chooses to retire, except in the most extreme cases of misconduct.”

Do you think this is a ridiculous scenario for the NFL? Of course it is! So, why would anyone accept it for the children in this country?

READ: [“What If the NFL Played by Teacher's Rules?”](#)

When Both Sides of Cooper's Mouth are Moving ...

Seems that 5th District Rep Jim Cooper is speaking out of both sides of his mouth ...

Rep Cooper recently joined the Blue Dog Coalition in demanding that the Super Duper Tax-Cutting Committee cut \$4 TRILLION from the deficit ([Article](#)). For this, we applauded them because we fully support massive debt and deficit reduction!

In their recent press conference, however, the Blue Dogs tried to assure seniors that neither political party is going to cut Medicare or Social Security benefits for those who currently receive benefits or those who will begin receiving benefits soon.

Shame on you, Rep Cooper! TELL THE TRUTH! Cooper and most (if not all) of the Blue Dogs voted FOR the passage of Obamacare in March 2010 despite the fact that the socialized medicine program cuts approximately **ONE-HALF OF A TRILLION DOLLARS** directly from the Medicare program – **and this includes the benefits of those who are currently on Medicare or those who will join the program soon!** Obamacare will be paid for on the backs of seniors and we ALL know it!

Most of us agree that Medicare and Social Security must be overhauled if these programs are to avoid bankruptcy and we realize that it will require sacrifice by everyone. However, Cooper's comments are blatantly misleading. He has already voted to cut the benefits of seniors currently on Medicare and he did nothing to stand up for senior citizens when Obamacare was rammed through the Democratically-controlled Congress in March of 2010.

You can't run away from your voting record, Rep Cooper!.

THE REAL PROBLEM WITH OUR GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM

Author is unknown but obviously brilliant!

The folks who are **getting free stuff**,
Don't like the folks who are **paying** for the **free stuff**,
Because the folks who are **paying** for the **free stuff**,
Can no longer **afford** to **pay** for **both** the **free stuff** and their **own stuff**.

And,
The folks who are **paying** for the **free stuff**,
Want the **free stuff** to **stop**.
And the folks who are **getting** the **free stuff**,
Want even **MORE free stuff** on **top** of the **free stuff** they're getting **already!**

Now..... The **people** who are **forcing** people to **PAY** for the **free stuff**,
Have told the people who are **RECEIVING** the **free stuff**,
That the people who are **PAYING** for the **free stuff**,
Are being **mean, prejudiced** and **racist**.

So the people who are **GETTING** the **free stuff**,
Have been convinced they need to **HATE** the people who are **PAYING** for the
**free stuff because they are selfish. And they are promised more free stuff if they
will vote for
the people who force the people who pay for the free stuff to give them even more
free stuff.**

And - - - - that's the **Straight Stuff!**

***"There Are Two Ways To Enslave A Country.... One Is By The
Sword. The Other Is By Debt." — John Adams***

The True Colors of the ACLU

You may have seen a story that recently appeared on local TV networks and newspapers in which coaches in Sumner County were told they could no longer participate in **any** prayer at a school event after word got out that they had *bowed their heads* during a student-initiated, student-led prayer during a football game. The school district admonished these coaches citing the fact that the district was sued earlier in the year by the ACLU who, once again, claimed they were protecting the citizenry from the imaginary separation of church and state. ([Article](#))

Well, it appears that the ACLU is only concerned about 'church and state' when CERTAIN churches are involved! In a San Diego school district, the ACLU is defending the right of Muslims to exercise prayer in schools! ([Article](#))

Need we say more?

The Useful Idiots

President Obama & the Democrat Party's 'class warfare' political strategy is already beginning to have a detrimental and dangerous effect on this country as protesters take to the streets demanding their 'share of America's wealth'. These "**Occupy Wall Street**" protests are spreading to major cities across the country and are espousing an anti-capitalist, left-wing, union-backed, COMMUNIST/FASCIST/MARXIST-LEANING message. So, far, more than 1000 people have been arrested and there is fear that these protests will grow more violent.

At the same time, the ignorance of the protesters is *amazing*. Watch these videos ([Video](#))([Article](#))([Video](#))([Video](#))([Video](#))! Here is a list of their demands - many of which are unconstitutional and RIDICULOUS. ([Article](#))([Article](#))([Astroturf!](#))

Does it appear to you that the President is trying to purposefully divide this country? Is the President supporting this radical movement in order to incite uninformed college students to rise up and re-elect him in 2012? In a recent press conference, he stated that the protesters were 'giving voice to an increasing frustration with the way our financial system works in this country'. *Oh really, Mr. President? What would you like to replace it our financial system with?* ([Article](#))([Article](#)) *Tell us! (Interestingly, many of the protesters come from wealthy homes!* [Article](#))

Are the underlying organizers of these protests going to push for violence similar to the type seen in the 1960's? ([Article](#)) Who is paying for these revolutionary protests? ([Article](#))

By the way, remember how the media portrayed the INFORMED tea party protesters in 2009? ([Video](#)) They seem to believe that these radical protests, however, are symbolic of good old-fashioned democracy. ([ABC](#)) ([NBC](#))

Related: Did you know that President Obama has received more money from Wall Street than any other politician over the last 20 years - including Bush? ([Article](#))

OH, THE HUMANITY ... !

The left continues to spread lies about the Voter ID legislation recently passed and signed into law in Tennessee. In a recent press conference ([Article](#)), 5th District Rep Jim Cooper joined Illinois Senator Dick Durbin in spreading panic and deceit about the intent and effect of this law.

Cooper's choice of Senator Durbin as his partner in spreading these falsehoods is quite interesting because Durbin hails from one of the most corrupt states in the U.S. with regard to election integrity.

Tennessee Congressman Steve Cohen is also attempting to ignite a fury by suggesting that the law could have a greater impact on minority voters than others. Cohen has asked U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to determine if photo ID voter laws violate the Voting Rights Act. (You might want to read this interesting point of view from PajamasMedia.com in which

they ask why the Democrats "[get away with implying that minorities are too lazy, ignorant, or stupid to go down to the local DMV and obtain a driver's license or non-driver photo ID card](#)".)

As we mentioned last month, we urge you to ensure that you have the proper identification to cast a vote in 2012. We will continue to remind you of this throughout 2012 and we ask that you pass this info along to family and friends. (You can be sure that the left will line up dozens of folks to falsely claim that they were 'disenfranchised' because of the new voter ID law! [Article](#)) If you're unsure of the ID requirements, please visit our website ([here](#)). If you don't have a photo ID, you can find information about obtaining one via the TN Department of Safety [here](#). Here is a full list of the TN Driver Service Centers ([List](#)).

READ: [How Rare is Voter Fraud?](#) ... and ... [Obamacorn](#)

EVENT: The Wilson Election Commission Administrator will hold two town hall meetings in Wilson County on **November 1**. *Both meetings will be held at noon*. One meeting will be held at the Election Commission Office and the other meeting will be held at Mt. Juliet City Hill. The deputy election commissioner will host the meeting at Mt. Juliet.

Corruption in the White House

We suspect that most of you are already familiar with the growing scandal involving the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) (under the supervision of the Justice Department) in which they sold weapons to small-time gun buyers in the hopes of tracing them to major weapons traffickers along the southwestern border and into Mexico. The secretive operation, known as **Fast and Furious**, failed miserably. It is now considered to have been responsible for the death of (at least) one American border patrol agent, eleven violent crimes in the U.S. (involving 57 of the weapons) and as well as more than 200 unconfirmed deaths/violent injuries in Mexico. Many also believe that the Obama Administration tried to blame many of these violent crimes committed by the Fast and Furious weapons on the sale of guns by American gun dealers with the hope that stricter gun-control laws could be instituted. Could this have been his plan all along? ([Article](#))

In recent weeks, however, two new scandals have emerged in which the White House is directly involved. It would appear that the Obama Administration put more than half a billion dollars of taxpayer money and the security of the American people at risk for the sake of their political supporters. Here's a synopsis of the Obama's most recent scandals:

SOLYNDRA:

On January 9, 2009, less than two weeks before President Bush left office, the Bush Administration's Energy Department's credit committee made a unanimous decision not to offer a loan commitment to green-energy-solar-panel-company, Solyndra, as part of the loan guarantee program signed into law in 2005. The Bush Administration had expressed concern that Solyndra's production costs made the price of manufacturing power capacity significantly higher than its competitors and, therefore, made it a risky investment. ([Article](#))

In August 2009, however, the Obama Administration pushed federal regulators to approve a \$535 million ~~government-backed~~ taxpayer-backed loan guarantee to Solyndra over the objections of federal budget analysts so that Obama could tout his green-energy policy with Solyndra as the backdrop. To make matters worse, the 2009 Obama Stimulus Bill contained legislation that removed a requirement that firms like Solyndra pay a substantial up-front fee to cover the risk of a loan, a provision that had slowed approvals of loan guarantees. This new provision, therefore, placed all of the risk solely on the back of taxpayers.

It now appears that those reviewing Solyndra's credit worthiness for the Obama White House knew on August 19, 2009 that Solyndra would run out of cash in September 2011 based on Solyndra's business model. They knew that the taxpayers would be left holding the bag on this investment **when** it failed yet approved it anyway! **In addition, it has been discovered that Solyndra executives visited the White House numerous times prior to the loan approval providing a direct link between the White House and the scandalous approval.**

In late 2010, the company failed to satisfy certain terms of their loan thereby defaulting on the loan. However, the Energy Department restructured the loan to keep the company afloat. ([Article](#))([Article](#))

In August 2011, Solyndra filed for bankruptcy and taxpayers lost **\$535 MILLION!**

Investigations are now underway to determine why this loan was approved and the White House's involvement in the loan approval as well as what happened to the billions of wasted dollars. Do you think it could have anything to do with the fact that Solyndra executives were large donors to the Democrat Party? Hmmmm...

As the Obama Administration remains silent about the scandal, it continues to grow. We have recently learned that Solyndra was also given favorable treatment by the IRS. ([Article](#))

- [How Did Credit-Risky Solyndra Get Sweetheart Interest Rate from the Obama Admin?](#)
- [Obama's Big Green Boondoggles](#)
- [2nd Obama Fundraiser Linked to Solyndra](#)
- [Solyndra Employees Tell of Questionable Moves](#)
- [More Solar Companies Led by Democrat Donors Received Federal Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Government Green Jobs Cost ~~\\$23 \\$5.67~~ \\$1.65 MILLION EACH!](#) (Ah, that's better...)
- [Massive Solar Loan Given to Pelosi's Relative](#) (Former Solyndra Board Member Serves on Board of this company also!)
- *By the way, on 9/28 the Energy Department approved two more solar panel loan guarantees worth more than one BILLION dollars!* ([Article](#))([Article](#))
- Watch Out! Here comes another one! \$1.2 BILLION at stake! ([Article](#))

LIGHTSQUARED:

LightSquared is a company that that been vying for permission to develop a wholesale 4G LTE wireless broadband communications network in a frequency band in the vicinity of our nation's GPS system.

Recently, Air Force General William Shelton, Commander of Air Force Space Command, informed Congressional leaders in a closed-door session that the White House tried to pressure him to soften his testimony to favor the LightSquared project even though the WH was aware that this project would put the American military, law enforcement and every American citizen in danger.

According to BigGovernment.com:

"Gen Shelton told members of Congress that the GPS satellite constellation operates in a "quiet neighborhood" in terms of bandwidth, and it's this lack of interference that helps shield the GPS system from harmful interference in its critical operations. The LightSquared project would be the equivalent of a rock band moving into the neighborhood and blasting its music. All the testing the military did on LightSquared's systems indicated major disruptions in the GPS system." ([Article](#))

In General Shelton's presentation to Congress, he went prepared to warn of the dangers the LightSquared project would pose to our GPS integrity and to our military. He said the White House attempted to pressure him into altering the substance of his testimony to indicate:

- That the military would continue to test the proposed bandwidth for ways LightSquared could still use the spectrum space without interfering with GPS.
- That he hoped the necessary testing for LightSquared would be completed within 90 days.

Thankfully, integrity ruled and the General refused to make these changes to his testimony.

It now also appears that a second witness has come forward indicating that the WH also pushed them to alter their Congressional testimony. In addition, Townhall.com has reported that *"portions of the supposedly independent opinion submitted to a Congressional Oversight Committee regarding LightSquared from four separate government agencies contained "identical language in their written testimony" – a truly remarkable coincidence".* ([Article](#)) These government agencies are now refusing to comply with Congressional requests for information about the LightSquared issue.

The reason for the White House's request that these witnesses commit perjury appears to be that the company is a major donor to the Democratic Party. Philip Falcone, LightSquared's principle investor, and his wife each donated \$30,400 to the Democratic Senate Committee a week after meeting with senior White House staff. CEO Sanjiv Ahuja [donated](#) \$30,400 to the Democratic National Committee on the same day that two other LightSquared employees contacted the White House for meetings with senior officials.

In a recent development to this story, it appears that then-Senator Obama invested \$100,000 in Skyterra in 2005. Skyterra later changed its name to LightSquared. ([Article](#))

Cattle futures, anyone?

- [The Case of the Air Force 4-Star and WH Pressure](#)
- [Obama's Dangerous Broadband Boondoggle](#)
- [LightSquared: Obama's Pay for Play Morass](#)
- [LightSquared Partner Goes Bankrupt - \\$267 Million in Loan Guarantees](#)

Heritage Action for America – Conservative Scorecard

With each vote cast in Congress, freedom either advances or recedes. Heritage Action's new legislative scorecard allows Americans to see whether their Members of Congress are fighting for freedom, opportunity, prosperity, and civil society. The scorecard is comprehensive, covering the full spectrum of conservatism, and includes legislative action on issues both large and small. ([Website](#))

Here are the ratings for our TN Federal Legislators from the conservative [Heritage Foundation](#):

District	Position	Name	Party	Score
7	Rep	Marsha Blackburn	R	80%
3	Rep	Chuck Fleischmann	R	77%
2	Rep	John Duncan Jr.	R	73%
4	Rep	Scott DesJarlais	R	69%
1	Rep	Phil Roe	R	69%
TN	Senator	Bob Corker	R	66%
6	Rep	Diane Black	R	64%
8	Rep	Stephen Fincher	R	64%
TN	Senator	Lamar Alexander	R	58%
5	Rep	Jim Cooper	D	20%
9	Rep	Steve Cohen	D	18%

TIDBITS

SURPRISE! Obama's American Jobs Act lessens & diminishes the individuality of states ([Article](#))

Oh, anchor baby! ([Article](#)) So, tell me again why a woman in the late stages of pregnancy should be allowed to travel to the U.S. so that she can have her baby here? ... **How about this one?:** Wife of Mexican Drug Lord Crosses Border to Give Birth to Twins in U.S.; Both Babies Now American Citizens! ([Article](#))! HAD ENOUGH YET? **The Perils of Birthright Citizenship** ([Article](#))

SPEAKING OF GREED ... Union leaders robbing taxpayers ([Article](#))([Article](#))

California Town fines couple for holding bible study ... *in their own home* ([Article](#)) and ... Government to impose regulations on religious institutions? ([Article](#))

Indoctrination of the children in school ([Article](#))

Socialism with a Capitalistic Veneer ([Article](#))

Ah, of course ... [Georgia Middle School Assignment Depicts 'Positive' Aspects of Shariah Law](#)

Whether you agree with the **No Child Left Behind law** or not, you should be concerned with the fact that the Obama administration has just made it irrelevant via the stroke of his dictatorial pen. ([Article](#)) ([Article](#))

Pesky elections again ... Left-wing shows desire to ignore the Constitution and even suggests that elections be SUSPENDED! ([Article](#))

Tennessee at the heart of gun debate: Should Pardoned Felons Have Gun Rights Restored ([Article](#))

What the left doesn't want you to know ...Gun Crimes Continue to Decrease Despite Surge in Gun Sales ([Article](#))

Super-Duper Deficit Committee's Accounting Method Discussion Doesn't Inspire Confidence ([Article](#))

NUCLEAR OPTION: DEMS REFUSE TO VOTE ON OBAMA'S JOB BILL - Senate Dems Change Senate Rules So that Republicans Can't Force Vote On Obama Jobs Bill ([Article](#)) ([Article](#)) ... (Note: Jobs bill was brought before the Senate on 10/11 and failed.)

Did anyone see the AARP President on Bill O'Reilly's show about a week ago? The AARP has released commercials which mislead seniors to believe that proposals are being made in Congress to change or reduce Social Security benefits for current recipients. THIS IS BLATANTLY FALSE! When O'Reilly asked the AARP President for the name of one politician who has suggested that current seniors have their benefits reduced, he could not provide a single name. Just goes to show you that AARP is NOT working in the best interest of seniors.

OBAMACARE

The Godfather of Obamacare speaks: "Shape Up or Else Pay Up... *but we'll excuse the smokers*" ([Article](#))

Wait a minute! Wasn't AARP in support of Obamacare even though almost 1/2 of a TRILLION dollars was cut from Medicare to fund the socialized medicine program? ([Article](#))

Huge majority of doctors do NOT support Obamacare ([Article](#))

Obamacare: Surge in healthcare costs just beginning ([Article](#)) ... Remember, the Obamacare waivers that were granted to 1,472 companies and unions because they couldn't afford the higher premium costs of the new Obamacare rules will expire in 2014. At that time, premiums will skyrocket and it will be TOO LATE! We have no doubt that these waivers were granted to hide the REAL cost of Obamacare so that the American people wouldn't see the train wreck that is coming their way!

Obama Admin recently announced that they will EXPLOIT insurance companies that attempt to raise rates more than 10% per year. Take note of two interesting points about this: (1) Why is the federal government going to EXPLOIT any American company? (2) It appears that their promise that Obamacare would drive down medical costs was an absolute lie. This article leads one to believe that the Administration is expecting an increase of up-to-10% per year in insurance costs. ([Article](#))

Headed for the Supreme Court! ([Article](#))

OUT OF CONTROL GOVERNMENT SPENDING

And these dopes are going to run your health care? ([Article](#))

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