

Wilson County Tea Party Newsletter

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WE WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES

Did you know that the official 2012 election season begins with the Iowa Caucus on January 3rd followed by the January 10th New Hampshire primary? The Tennessee primary election will follow on March 6th.

Have you yet chosen your candidate for President of the United States?

Unfortunately, many of us feel that there is no ideal conservative choice in the Republican Presidential primary to mount a strong campaign against President Barack Obama. However, it is still imperative that you participate in the election process because it is critical that we replace the current President with a competent individual who has America's best interest at heart.

In order to help you select the best candidate, we've put together a collection of platform positions outlined by the top six candidates (Bachmann, Gingrich, Paul, Perry, Romney and Santorum) on their respective websites. ([Charts](#)) You'll note that some of the candidates did not document their positions on certain important issues and, in those instances, we've left those issues blank. You might also pay careful attention to the words used by the candidates. Certain candidates appear to be more committal than others and this can often be ascertained via their choice of words.

The charts also provide info about each candidate that they may NOT want you to know usually in the form stories written about the candidates by the media. We believe that knowledge is power!

We encourage you to review the charts in order to determine what values and beliefs each candidate truly represents. Only then will you be able to make an informed decision!

**MICHELLE MALKIN: THE SEARCH FOR THE IMPERFECT CANDIDATE
([ARTICLE](#))**

Ignore the polls! Why? Because polls are intended to sway opinion & they are irrelevant!

In 1980, George H.W. Bush won the Iowa Caucuses although Ronald Reagan went on to win the 1980 Presidential nomination (and, of course, the Presidency). In December 2007, one month before the 2008 Iowa caucuses, Republican Presidential candidate John McCain was running in 5th place in polls of potential candidates behind Mike Huckabee, Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani and Fred Thompson. As you know, McCain eventually won the Republican nomination. In 2004, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry was running third in polls behind Democrat nominee candidates Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt for the Democrat nomination for President although Kerry went on to win the nomination. □□

Don't let the media choose YOUR candidate!

NOT MUCH TO SAY ABOUT THE FAILURE OF THE SUPER-DUPER DEBT REDUCTION COMMITTEE EXCEPT ... WE'RE NOT SURPRISED!

Congress had NO BUSINESS turning over THEIR RESPONSIBILITY to a small group of legislators. This was a failure of EVERY person in Congress – EVERY ONE OF THEM – including the entire Tennessee delegation!

To our Legislators: It is now time to do YOUR job and cut spending! We are still running yearly deficits in excess of **\$1,300,000,000,000** and our national debt now exceeds **\$15,000,000,000,000**. Which part of this do you NOT understand? President Obama and the previous Democrat-controlled Congress increased spending by more than 25% between 2008-2010 yet the current Republican-led House couldn't even agree on \$100 Billion in cuts that they promised earlier this year. Do you want us to believe that you can't find anything to cut? The average American citizen could do it! Why can't you?

Also, do not forget that tax increases are not the answer! Passage of tax increases on ANY American is simply an indication that you intend to continue the outrageous spending. This would be another sign of the failure of Congress! NO TAX INCREASES ON ANY AMERICAN!

We'd also like to stress, however, that continuation of the payroll tax cuts (passed on 12/16/2010 as part of a bi-partisan effort in the previous Congress) is also irresponsible. ([Article](#)) Social Security funding has already reached a perilous stage and we cannot afford this so-called 'economic stimuli' farce funded by a reduction in the Social Security tax rate. This was supposed to be a temporary tax and this social experiment must be allowed to expire! It has done NOTHING to stimulate the economy (see next story!).

In addition, it is ridiculous to continue to pass one stimulus package after another while refusing to address the issues that are stifling job growth (especially in the Senate!). Until Obamacare is repealed and the crushing regulation burden is lifted, the economy will continue to falter regardless of how many stimulus packages are passed to 'help' the American people. If you'd like to help us, GET OUT OF OUR WAY! ([Unfortunately, the U.S. House passed a bill to extend these cuts on 12/13.](#))

[The Non-Existent Spending Cuts](#)
[Republicans Asking President Not to Cut Military Spending](#) (well, you shouldn't have agreed to them in the first place!)

THANK GOODNESS! THE OBAMA POLICIES ARE WORKING!

Unemployment unexpectedly dropped from 9.0% to 8.6% during the month of November! This must be a sign that the Obama policies are working!

Not so fast ...

“The decrease in the jobless rate reflected a 278,000 gain in employment at the same time 315,000 Americans left the labor force. The labor participation rate declined to 64 percent from 64.2 percent. “

In other words, more people gave up looking for a job than actually found one. Approximately 13 million Americans are now looking for work but another 10 million have totally given up! If the 315,000 people had not given up looking for work in November, the unemployment rate would have risen to 9.3% ([Article](#)).

The secret not being reported by the press is that these people fell into the abyss and are no longer being counted as unemployed. These numbers are really a picture of despair rather than something to be celebrated!

Ah, the Obama policies. ([Article](#))

A Brentwood Hero is Coming Home: Please Welcome Him

A true American hero is coming home to Brentwood on 12/20 and we're asking that you be there to greet him as he arrives home in Tennessee!

Spec. 4 Andrew Wilson lost both of his legs on 10/19 in Afghanistan and has had eleven surgeries since then to repair his injuries. He's coming home from Walter Reed Army Hospital to spend Christmas with his family.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. next Tuesday, the limo should get to Old Hickory Boulevard and Franklin Road. Brentwood Police and Patriot Riders escort will lead a convoy south on Franklin Road from Old Hickory Boulevard to Concord Road where it will turn left and travel east to Sunset Road, just east of the Governors Club. ([Article](#))

Please join us. This hero deserves our respect, admiration and thanks.

Obama Continues to Bypass Congress

Obama's latest 'We Can't Wait' ploy is an attempt to change the Obamacare legislation to correct some of the 'problems' in it without the input of Congress!

According to a recent article posted on [The Blaze](#) website, the Administration is proposing an IRS rule that shows their blatant disregard for Congress as well as past Supreme Court rulings on similar situations:

“The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act offers “premium assistance”—tax credits and subsidies—to households purchasing coverage through new health-insurance exchanges. This assistance was designed to hide a portion of the law’s cost to individuals by reducing the premium hikes that individuals will face after ObamaCare goes into effect in 2014. (If consumers face the law’s full cost, support for repeal will grow.)

The law encourages states to create health-insurance exchanges, but it permits Washington to create them if states decline. So far, only 17 states have passed legislation to create an exchange.

This is where the glitch comes in: ObamaCare authorizes premium assistance in state-run exchanges (Section 1311) but not federal ones (Section 1321). In other words, states that refuse to create an exchange can block much of ObamaCare’s spending and practically force Congress to reopen the law for revisions.

The Obama administration wants to avoid that legislative debacle, so this summer it proposed an IRS rule to offer premium assistance in all exchanges “whether established under section 1311 or 1321.” On Nov. 17 the IRS will hold a public hearing on that proposal. According to a Treasury Department spokeswoman, the administration is “confident” that offering premium assistance where Congress has not authorized it “is consistent with the intent of the law and our ability to interpret and implement it.” ([Full article](#))

We urge you to call or write your U.S. Rep’s office as well the offices of both of our U.S. Senators and DEMAND that they stop the President from bypassing Congress and, therefore, the American people on this issue. Congress wrote this law and ONLY Congress can change it.

Rep. Black: <http://black.house.gov/>

Rep. Cooper: <http://cooper.house.gov/>

Sen. Corker: <http://corker.senate.gov/public/>

Sen. Alexander: <http://alexander.senate.gov/public/>

Please do not allow the President to make the voice of the people irrelevant!

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul Pelosi

“...Never use any information coming to him confidentially in the performance of governmental duties as a means for making private profit...”

Ethics Manual for Members, Officers, and Employees of the US House of Representatives (36KB) , 1992

A bombshell book recently released by author Peter Schweizer entitled “[Throw Them All Out](#)” outlines the apparent shady investment practices of our Washington legislators. According to Schweizer, insider trading is commonplace amongst our Congressional leaders – *usually at the expense of taxpayers* – although the same practice would likely send an ordinary citizen to prison. ([Article](#))

Schweizer's book outlines examples of investment activity such as participation by legislators in prized IPOs (Initial Public Offering) that appear to closely coincide with legislation making its way through Congress. Such IPOs are usually not available to average citizens and Schweizer seems to indicate that elected officials could be taking some legislative positions based on their ability to secure investment profits. One such example involves former Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her *invited* participation in a 2008 highly-prized VISA (credit card company) IPO which netted her approximately \$100,000 in a two-day period (a 50% profit). Interestingly, swipe-fee legislation that would have been harmful to VISA never made it to the House floor for a vote. ([Article](#))([Article](#))([Article](#))

Unfortunately, according to Schweizer, this type of corruption is rampant in Congress *on both sides of the ideological aisle*. It probably explains why the net worth of legislators have RISEN by 25% since the financial crisis of 2008 while the net worth of the average American has fallen by as much as 20% or more in the same time period.

Past attempts to end or curb the corruption and shady practices have been met with little support from legislators. However, Schweizer's book has suddenly lit a fire under the feet of voters in this country who no longer feel that Washington is working in the best interest of the American people and many of us now believe that the time is ripe for meaningful legislation to end one of the many corrupt Washington practices. Legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate entitled "Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act" or the STOCK Act ([HR1148](#) and [S1871](#)). The House bill had originally been introduced in March by a Democrat from Minnesota but, since then, the number of co-sponsors has risen to more than 222 including 5th District Rep Jim Cooper. In addition, Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown has just introduced the Senate version of the bill. However, there is major concern that this is a case of the 'chickens guarding the hen house'. We are not convinced that the current proposed legislation is anything more than an attempt to provide cover for continuation of these corrupt practices and we will not take a position on these pieces of legislation until they have been debated by Congress (likely resulting in significant changes) and the final legislation is available for public review. We are also aware that the possibility exists that additional bills will be introduced covering the same issue. ([Article](#))

We would like to let our Congressional leaders – including Senator Corker, Senator Alexander and Representative Black - know that we expect each and every one of them to be on board any proposed legislation to stop insider trading by a Congressional member, an employee of a Congressional member, an immediate family member of any of these or trading by an outside party on behalf of any of these people. We would also expect that any investment trading done by a Congressional member or on their behalf (and this includes by their spouse or on behalf of their spouse) be posted on a website this is available to all Americans and that this trade activity be posted within 5 business days of the trade. The 90-day financial disclosure period suggested in HR1148 is ridiculous – especially in this digital age.

We will be watching this!

*If you hear anyone using the term 'fair share', tell them the following:
"Envy is as much a sin as Greed."*

Since Congress Can't Do It, We'll Do It For Them!

The tea party movement (via Freedomworks) has created a detailed plan to bring fiscal responsibility back to the government. According to Freedomworks, this plan is a “*Comprehensive Ten-Year Plan to Stop the Debt, Shrink the Government, and Save Our Country*”. ([Tea Party Budget](#))

It was supposed to be presented to the Senate Rules Committee on November 17th via a closed door meeting in the Russell Senate Office Building that had been planned well in advance. The Democrat-controlled Senate Rules Committee REFUSED to allow the tea party group – **representatives of the American People** – speak in an open forum and claimed that they were violating Senate rules by holding such a meeting. The microphones were removed and the doors were closed – all in an attempt to hide the fact that the tea party has a plan to BALANCE the budget. The Senate, on the other hand, HAS NO PLAN! They haven’t CREATED a budget in almost 950 days – just shy of 3 YEARS!

Although the meeting participants were told that the meeting was being shut down by Rules Chairman Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), the Ranking Member of the Rules Committee is TN Senator Lamar Alexander. We believe that the leaders of the Rules Committee members owe an apology to the Freedomworks representatives.

Unfortunately, those in Washington have forgotten that they are a body ‘of the people’ working ‘for the people’. We are THEIR boss; they are NOT ours! ([Article](#))([Video](#))([Part II](#))

Update: Lightsquared

In our October newsletter, we covered the story of Lightsquared – a company “*vying for permission to develop a wholesale 4G LTE wireless broadband communications network in a frequency bank in the vicinity of our nation’s GPS system*” despite objections from the U.S. military who insist that testing on Lightsquared’s equipment has shown that this network would severely interfere with our critical GPS system. ([October Newsletter](#))

As you may remember, the White House attempted to pressure an Air Force General (& others?) to lie to Congress about the effect of Lightsquared’s network on the GPS system.

It now appears that a recently leaked report shows that “*LightSquared Inc. wireless service caused interference to 75 percent of global-positioning system receivers examined in a U.S. government test*”. ([Article](#)) This system could prove to be disastrous if implementation proceeds because it will disrupt navigation by cars, boats, tractors and planes.

Unfortunately, we have a President more interested in padding the pockets of his political donors than he is in the safety and security of the American people.

Please help us vote him out in 2012.

Read: [Why is FCC Stonewalling on Lightsquared?](#)

Assuring the re-election of Barack Obama

Wondering how we can ASSURE the re-election of President Barack Obama? The answer is simple: Vote for a 3rd party candidate!

It is often rumored that libertarian Ron Paul, businessman Donald Trump or one of the other minor players may run as a third party candidate. If so, this candidate could be solely responsible for the downfall of the Republic because they CANNOT win the Presidency and their candidacy will ensure that President Obama is re-elected to a second term.

There is also a new group that has appeared on the horizon called 'Americans Elect'. Although they are touting their group as "a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded by Americans from across the political spectrum that are worried that our nation's deep political divisions keep big problems from being solved", they are suspiciously refusing to disclose their primary funding source. In the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2010, their primary funding came from Peter Ackerman. Mr. Ackerman donated \$2300 to the election of Barack Obama in 2008. ([Article](#))([Article](#))

One man seeking the nomination of 'Americans Elect' is former Republican Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer. Mr. Roemer initially stated that he'd love to 'reach across the aisle' and run with left-wing Democrat Joe Lieberman as his VP but Lieberman indicated that he's not interested. The former Governor (1988-1992) has since listed several others that he'd love to run with (as VP). ([Article](#)) The first on the list is VT Senator Bernie Sanders. Senator Sanders is an AVOWED SOCIALIST – a fact found on the Senator's own official website ([here](#)). Why would a proclaimed conservative wish to run on a political ticket with a Socialist? Hmmm...

We are still eleven months away from the Presidential election but we urge you to keep your eyes open for those running on a third party ticket. As we've mentioned before, we do not support a third party run by any candidate and believe that the results could be disastrous. Instead, we believe that we must work within the framework of the two major political parties by nominating & selecting candidates that represent conservative views. We believe in educating the American people so that they will select a candidate based on issues rather than one being pushed by the left-wing press.

Stay tuned as well follow these potential candidates in the coming months.

TO OUR STATE LEGISLATORS - A TEA PARTY WISH

As we've mentioned multiple times in the past few months, we strongly commend you for passing a Voter ID law in Tennessee. We have no doubt that there will be continued pushback on this law from those who continue to engage in voter fraud. However, we urge you to remain strong because YOUR POSITION IS A CORRECT AND NOBLE ONE. We want EVERYONE who is legally eligible to vote to do so but we do not want to weaken the voice of the citizens of Tennessee by allowing illegal voters to cast a ballot.

However, we want to remind our State Legislators that there is some unfinished business in Tennessee. In the last legislative session, HB1784 and its Senate companion bill, SB1091, were struck down in committee. These bills would have added requirements that candidates submit additional documents before having their name placed on a ballot to ensure that they are qualified based on the [qualifications for office outlined in the U.S. and State Constitutions](#). (See our May 2011 issue.)

We're asking our State Legislators to re-address this legislation in a coming legislative session.

It's a simple request. Voter's now have to prove their eligibility to vote. It's time that the candidates prove their eligibility to be placed on a Tennessee ballot!

TIDBITS

A Tea Party Success Story: The REINS Act ([Article](#)) ... This bill passed the House on 12/7 ([HR10](#)). Rep. Diane Black voted FOR the bill but Rep. Jim Cooper voted AGAINST IT ("To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law")

Yep, Obama's tough on illegal immigration! U.S. Proposes UNMANNED Border Crossing with Mexico ([Article](#))

GRRRRR... Is there a secret farm bill in the debt reduction deal? ([Article](#)) ... All legislation should be passed through 'stand-alone' bills!

Early Muslim Extremists in America ([Video](#)) ... Sharia Law Already Devouring UK ([Article](#))

Cheat, cheat, cheat ... Left still whining about Voter ID law since it prevents voter cheating! ([Article](#)) The only voters that will be suppressed are those that are illegal or dead! ... *Except in Wisconsin* ([Article](#)) ... Shame on the NAACP ([Article](#)) and now they're going to a foreign entity – the UN – to have them STOP America's Voter ID laws! ([Article](#)) ... Of course, now our Justice Department is trying to STOP the anti-fraud efforts ([Article](#)) ... "DNC Wants Voter Fraud" ([Article](#))

Democrats are 'cooking the ballot boxes' on election day says, well, a Democrat ([Article](#))

[For 2012, Be Wary of Obama's Tie to Corrupt Project Vote](#)

And speaking of cheating ... The New Welfare Swindle ([Article](#))

U.S. House Passes Gun Carry Reciprocity Law ([Article](#))([Vote](#)) but ... Obama cracks down on hunters ([Article](#))

Just the facts ... Michigan couple gets monthly Medicaid checks to take care of their two adult children with Cerebral Palsy. State classifies them as 'home healthcare workers' so they have to pay union dues to the SEIU! ([Article](#)) ... Control in Minnesota ([Article](#))

THINK BLUE DOG DEMOCRATS SUPPORT A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT? ... Not so fast ... ([Article](#))

And the numbers speak ... ([Article](#))

DID YOU KNOW ... ? That a vote in the U.S. House to propose a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution FAILED (essentially on a party-line vote with most of the Democrats voting NO and almost all of the Republicans voting YES)? ([Vote](#)) ... Fails in Senate also ([Article](#))

AND DID YOU KNOW ... ? That Rep. Jim Cooper vote NO on the “[HR1633: Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011](#)” (To establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law) ... This bill would have suspended – for one year – the EPA’s efforts to regulate farm dust – DIRT!! This EPA regulation will put a strangle-hold on America’s farmers so WHY DID REP. COOPER VOTE AGAINST IT?

Hail to the Chief! Obama tells anarchists “You’re the reason I ran for office” ... ([Article](#))

“Occupy Oakland” Hosts Gay Porn Video Shoot ([Article](#))

Climategate II ([Article](#))

Spread it around ... The College Conservative ([Article](#))

“Old Guard” Republican Wins Leadership Position in Senate Instead of Tea Party Backer ([Article](#))

Click your heels three times and say “I miss Jimmy Carter, I miss Jimmy Carter, I miss Jimmy Carter” ([Article](#)) (*Oh well, it didn't work.*)

BREAKING NEWS FROM ~~COMMUNIST CHINA~~ WASHINGTON: [So-called 'media watchdogs' ignore Attorney General's demand for media silence from conservative website "Daily Caller"](#)

Why are we bailing out Europe when we're drowning in debt? ([Article](#))

Extending unemployment benefits but not fixing the real problem ([Article](#))

Resolution? Boeing, the NLRB & the Union ([Article](#)) **and ...** [The NLRB Votes To Approve Ambush Elections & Deny Due Process](#)

Obama makes speech invoking visions of Teddy Roosevelt’s Progressivism ([Article](#))([Article](#))

OBAMACARE

It's official; Obamacare to the Supremes! ([Article](#))

Health Care Law Threatens to Cripple Medical Device Companies ([Article](#))

When a biased Presidential Administration picks the winners and losers ([Article](#))

Supposedly, we have been collecting taxes to support Obamacare since ---- so that we'll have enough to pay for it when it is implemented in 2014. However, it appears that Congress is spending the money being set aside for Obamacare.

First rationing, now Obama-sanctioned Medicare/Medicaid fraud ([Article](#))

DISASTROUS!! Millions now losing their health insurance ahead of Obamacare implementation ([Article](#))

OUT OF CONTROL GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Post Office: **Only the government get away with this** ... Have you heard of any other business that tells their customers they're going to purposely decrease the quality of their service while increasing the cost of that service? ([Article](#)) **It's time to privatize!**

MUST READ: *Another interesting note about this recent announcement by the Post Office ... It appears that a union contract was signed in **MAY 2011** guaranteeing that 220,000 postal clerks & maintenance workers **cannot be laid off for the life of the four-year union contract!** Who (in the government) signed such a contract with the union knowing that the USPS was in dire financial straits? **IS ANYONE LOOKING OUT FOR THE TAXPAYERS?** ([Article](#))*

Beware: The union is now negotiating a contract with the government for 45,000 mail handlers! ([Federal website](#))

We want answers from our Senators and Representatives!! The government must stop negotiating these ridiculous contracts with government-employee unions! We cannot afford it!

Latest updated on Post Office closings [here](#).

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