FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** **The Commission**

**FROM:** **Commission Secretary's Office**

**DATE:** **November 20, 2013**

**SUBJECT:** **Comments on Draft AO 2013-17 (Tea Party Leadership Fund)**

**Attached is a timely submitted comment received from Michael Gruccio on behalf of the requestor. This matter is on the November 21, 2013 Open Meeting Agenda.**

**Attachment**

Appendix H: Additional Findings

2. According to emails obtained under a Freedom of Information Act request, the Internal Revenue Service shared highly confidential tax payer information of several TEA Party groups with the Federal Election Commission in an ongoing effort to harass TEA Party affiliated organizations. Ex. H-2(a)-(b).
3. An American Enterprise Institute study, "Do Political Protests Matter? Evidence from the TEA Party Movement," finds that government action to stifle the TEA Party, including that of the IRS, substantially contributed to suppression of TEA Party aligned electoral participation between 2010 and 2012. Ex. H-3.
4. Soldiers attending a pre-deployment briefing at Fort Hood claim they were told that evangelical Christians and members of the TEA Party were a threat to the nation and that any soldier donating to those groups would be subjected to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Ex. H-4.
5. The door of Rep. Roger Williams' office in Cleburne, Texas was vandalized with signs stating: "We have had enough TEA Party. Thanks. Douchebag Republicans". Ex. H-5.
6. E.W. Jackson, a TEA Party affiliated politician, found one of his campaign signs in Virginia's Loudoun County smeared with white paint. Ex. H-6.
7. Rep. Alan Grayson sent out a fundraising email with an image likening the TEA Party to the Klu Klux Klan that showed two hooded figures in the background with a burning cross that forms the "T" in "TEA Party." Ex. H-7.
8. Rep. Alan Grayson stated: "One could go on and on, because there is overwhelming evidence that the TEA Party is the home of bigotry and discrimination in America today, just as the KKK was for an earlier generation. If the shoe fits, wear it." Ex. H-8.
9. The online stores evolvefish.com and cafepress.com sell bumper stickers and other paraphernalia that explicitly targets TEA Party organizations and encourages ongoing public harassment and bullying including messages like: "Teabaggers want their county back, the rest of us want to move it forward" and "The Tea Party (Formerly known as the Klu Klux Klan)."Ex. H-9(a)-(b).
10. David French, Senior Counsel at the American Center for Law and Justice, asserted that evidence suggests President Barack Obama was involved in IRS targeting of the TEA Party. Ex. H-10.
11. President Obama blamed "Tea Party extremists" for the federal government shutdown. Ex. H-11.
12. White House Press Secretary Jay Carney accused the TEA Party of holding the federal government for ransom, likening the movement as a whole to criminals, including stating that [President Obama was] "not going to pay ransom to the TEA Party." Ex. H-12.
13. White House Press Secretary Jay Carney further likened TEA Party organizations to criminals when he contended that the shutdown resulted from the TEA Party's "blatant extortion". Ex. H-13.
14. White House Press Secretary Jay Carney further promoted public approbation of the TEA Party movement and harassment of its members when he accused the TEA Party of targeting ordinary Americans, saying: "It's spite, it's deliberate harm to average folks out there." Carney added: "They're doing harm to the America people, they're doing harm to the American economy, and they're doing harm to the Republican Party, which by all accounts is bad for America." Ex. H-14.

15. Former Montana Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger likened the TEA Party to terrorists, stating: "We need to challenge the TEA Party representatives who, like the Taliban, shut our country down." Ex. H-15.
16. Representative Steve Cohen condemned TEA Party members as "domestic enemies" and "guerrillas." Ex. H-16.
17. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has referred to TEA Party members as "anarchists" who have taken over Congress. Sen. Reid said: "We're diverted totally from what this bill is about. Why? Because the anarchists have taken over." Sen. Reid added: "They've taken over the House and now they've taken over the Senate. People who don't believe in government — and that's what the Tea Party is all about — are winning, and that's a shame." Ex. H-17.
18. Sen. Harry Reid declared: "TEA Party extremists bullied the speaker into holding another vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and roll back benefits for tens of millions of Americans." Ex. H-18.
19. House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi characterized TEA Party groups as "legislative arsonists." Ex. H-19.
20. Sen. Elizabeth Warren likened the TEA Party to anarchists: "Behind all the slogans of the TEA Party and all the thinly veiled calls for anarchy in Washington, behind all that there's a reality." Ex. H-20.
21. Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz said: "The TEA Party treats their opposition like the enemy, and when they think I'm wrong, I'm not just wrong, I'm a liar." Ex. H-21.
22. In the article *Message to the TEA Party: Stop Drowning our Government*, the Huffington Post referred to members of the TEA Party as "extremists." Ex. H-22.
23. Greg Valliere, a chief political strategist of the Potomac Research Group, referred to TEA Party members as "extreme radicals." Ex. H-23.
24. Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin said that TEA Party Republicans propose a "radical social agenda [hostile too] women, minorities, immigrants, and gays." Ex. H-24.

Ex. H-2(a).



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## IRS' Lois Lerner Gave Confidential Tea Party Tax Info to FEC, Breaking the Law

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***By Paul Bedard, The Washington Examiner***

The Internal Revenue Service shared highly confidential tax information of several Tea Party groups in the IRS scandal with the Federal Election Commission, a clear violation of federal law, according to newly obtained emails.

The public watchdog group Judicial Watch told Secrets Thursday that it was former scandal boss Lois Lerner who shared the information on groups including the American Future Fund and the American Issues Project.

The emails obtained by Judicial Watch show that the IRS, which was considering the tax status of the groups, gave the FEC the tax returns of the groups, including income, expenditures and staff pay. The emails also revealed the exact working of the prying political questions the IRS wanted the groups to reveal, such as their goals and the requests for brochures and ads.

The information, sent via email, to the FEC came in response to the organization's questions about whether the IRS had granted tax-exempt status to the Tea Party groups. It is unclear how the information the IRS sent was going to help the FEC, since the IRS hadn't determined the tax status of the groups yet.

The emails were produced to Judicial Watch last week by the FEC in response to an Aug. 9, 2013, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The email chain began Feb. 3, 2009, when the FEC made it's request to Lerner.

She emailed back 10 minutes later, and said: "I have sent your email out to some of my staff. Will get back to you as soon as I have heard from them."

According to Judicial Watch, the materials "from the IRS' files sent from Lerner to the FEC containing detailed, confidential information about the organizations. These include annual tax returns (Forms 990) and request for exempt recognition forms (Form 1024), Articles of Organization and other corporate documents, and correspondence between the nonprofit organizations and the IRS. Under Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code, it is a felony for an IRS official to disclose either 'return information or 'taxpayer return information,' even to another government agency."

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**Rich Vail** 13 days ago

Too bad the country's top legal authority, Eric Holder, the US Attorney General won't prosecute her for it.

4 Like Reply



**CTimbo** 13 days ago

The left shouldn't whine when we the people start taking matters into our own hands. A free people can only be pushed so far.

1 Like Reply



**Rich Vail** 13 days ago

**@CTimbo** If you listen to the Left's rhetoric, it is echoing that of the Democratic Party in the late 1850's...especially near the end of the path to the Civil War. I suspect that within the next 5 years (likely 3) that we will be in the midst of a civil war...one that is initiated by the Left.

1 Like Reply



**David LeBlanc** 13 days ago

Proving laws are for the the little people.

Like Reply



**Rich Vail** 13 days ago

**@David LeBlanc** that is the lesson of the Obama Administration...

Like Reply



**bflat879** 13 days ago

Since there is very little media coverage of this (outside of Fox News) this duplicitous President will be able to avoid any responsibility for stealing the last election. I don't say this lightly but, when you add up everything they did to remove the tea party equation from the last election, there's really an abundance of evidence to support a concerted effort being made to control the results of the 2012 election.

Not only did the IRS political appointees exert influence on the process, but they even coordinated with the FEC. Just the fact that the FEC was politically involved in this would indicate, to me at least, they may have been much more political. We only know about the FEC because of the coordination with the IRS, what other organizations did they coordinate with? What about political activities that didn't require coordination?

Finally, the DOJ. Obama won every state the DOJ went after for voter i.d. law except one, Texas. Is that a coincidence? To me it looks like Obama and the Democrats left nothing to chance.

1 Like Reply



**busybea2** 13 days ago

SEND HER TO PRISON! TAKE AWAY HER "AWSOME" RETIREMENT PAY!!

3 Like Reply

**Philena** 13 days ago

Nothing will happen to her. Nohing happes to anybody in this corrupt adminstration. The liberals and the liberal media dont' care. The only thing that matters to them is the transformation of America. The end justifies the means to get there.

2 Like Reply



**average_america** 13 days ago

and why is she not in jail?

oh yes the criminal activity helped Obama in an election so

under eric (fast n furious gun running ) holder

no charges.

1 Like Reply

**moron21** 13 days ago

**@average_america** Exactly. Kinda like what voter fraud. Only conservatives are eligible.

1 Like Reply



**tessaprn** 13 days ago

Arrest and charge her with the felony. Then give her a choice of being convicted of her crime and doing prison time or start spitting out the name Obama.

1 Like Reply



**ObamaZombies** 13 days ago

**@tessaprn** Even worse than that, make her sign up for ObamaCare!

1 Like Reply



**Recondo-101** 13 days ago

Will someone please put this witch in jail..... How many laws and how many times does she have to break the law.

1 Like Reply

**esasc4** 13 days ago

**@Recondo-101** judicial watch has her now!, which if she doesn't talk, she will face prison time and heavy fines or she will talk and then the oblammer will face impeachment. Either way, I am happy!

Like Reply



**Jesse Chambers** 13 days ago

choices, choices, choices.

Go to prison or betray BARRY? Go to prison or betray BARRY? Go to prison or betray BARRY?

Will I live if I betray BARRY???

3 Like Reply

**bonyoldman** 13 days ago

She should be in jail, not retirement mode on the public's money!

2 Like Reply



**Sith Lord Darth Kenyan** 13 days ago

If she committed a felony, then she should be in jail, just like the African-Americans who get caught with crack cocaine.

1 Like Reply



**princessroxana** 13 days ago

The Democrats aim at one party rule, their party, hence the necessity of spying on and harassing political enemies.

2 Like Reply



**HopperCopperDropper** 13 days ago

And.....she lied.

She stated she had done nothing wrong....then pleaded the 5th.

She Lied.....at no point is this administration able to tell any semblance of truth.

1 Like Reply

**mit8019** 13 days ago

If there is any hope at all, this house of cards that has been built around the president has began to fall!

1 Like Reply

**brnfream** 13 days ago

Well are we going to get to hear the prosecution or will this just go under the covers along with Obama's &

Sebelius' and Schumer's and Holder's crimes? Does our Congress even care that our constitution and the laws of out land are being violated?

1 Like Reply



**Sith Lord Darth Kenyan** 13 days ago

**@brnfream** Have you written to your Senators and Reps?

Like Reply



**FGCountryGirl** 13 days ago

His is how she makes the big bucks and goes on paid vacations on the tax payer dime. She is doing her job of sheilding the president and continuing her attacks on those who seek fiscal accountability from our government or religious freedom. She started this practice while she worked at the FEC and was promoted by this administration for promoting their agenda at any cost and by whatever means regardless of her legal right to do so.

3 Like Reply



**badkarma060** 13 days ago

It seems that many in this administration are breaking the law. When will someone go to jail, or are thay above that too?

1 Like Reply



**Sith Lord Darth Kenyan** 13 days ago

**@badkarma060** Have you written to your Senators and Reps?

Like Reply



**badkarma060** 13 days ago

**@Sith Lord Darth Kenyan @badkarma060** Yes, but it is as effective as talking to the bathroom wall. Nothing gets done, and their response smells the same...

Like Reply



**mightywarrior7175** 13 days ago

Is she in the witness protection program. Imagine a angry citizen seeing her in a grocery store or at Wal-Mart. Hard to hold one's composure when an enemy of the state is standing in front of you.

2 Like Reply

**tradertom** 13 days ago

When Fox puts an article on Fox Nation - but not on it's front page - it means Fox does not think it is true. Fox executives have said in the past that Fox Nation is "entertainment". This is a trick Fox uses to get people stirred up with nonsense articles.

The reason this Lerner article is not true is that the FEC has legal authority to get IRS information for any case that the FEC is working on. It's in USC sec 6103 - which has many, many, pages of exceptions to IRS confidentiality - and is not easy to read.

One way to detect a Fox Nation fake is to Google it. If the news is present only in the extreme Right- wing media - it is probably fake. Another way is to use logic: There is little chance a person with a lifetime of DC bureaucratic experience is not going to know the laws governing IRS confidentiality. A third way - the hardest way - is to Google into the relevant law (6103) and read it carefully.

Like Reply



**chrismroo** 13 days ago

**@tradertom** seems you need to go back to the news section and read "No wonder they are holding the numbers" It is there. You sure do seem to post a LOT on a site that you don't like or believe. Weird.

2 Like Reply



**mightywarrior7175** 13 days ago

**@tradertom** So you work behind the scenes and is paid well to say these false things, correct?

3 Like Reply



**MrPhuku** 13 days ago

How much you want to she's got a blue dress hanging in her closet with Hope and Change stains on it.

1 Like Reply



**vm** 13 days ago

It is becoming more clear why this woman chose the Constitution right to keep quiet. But this time, as things are unfolding will she be able to do that in a Federal Court?

1 Like Reply



**davestwin** 13 days ago

Democrat voters have shrugged off every instance of Obama and his cronies disregard for the Rule of Law and the Constitution ... while at the same time dismissing or ignoring all of the lies, corruption, scandal and ineptitude of his administration. It's clear that they've done so because they could care less about their country as long as they get their free stuff or have their wedge issue addressed.

Meanwhile their Democrat leaders ... folks who define the "ends justify the means" concept common to all left wing socialist tyrannies ... know how to play to their base's baser instincts. They're destroying America with their arrogant ignorance ... their hatred of the things and people who helped make America great ... their deceit ... their jealousy and envy ... their need to be victims.

Before 2012 I would have never believed this many American voters would willingly throw away what previous generations worked, built, fought, bled and died for ... and would do so boastfully. Yet, because of them, future generations will never have a chance to experience the American Dream and they will never know of American Exceptionalism ... they will instead live in just another failed socialist state.

5 Like Reply

**vesey** 13 days ago

@davestwin

correct. But exceptionalism requires exceptional people and effort. It seems very little of each is in evidence among our young. True morality has disappeared and been replaced by PC which is another bad harbinger. I hope i'm wrong, but i doubt it.....

1 Like Reply



**john_q_militia** 13 days ago

"Rope or bullet?"

THE ONE AND ONLY QUESTION all Patriots must ask of all SOCIALISTS.

2 Like Reply

**vesey** 13 days ago

not likely that the obama injustice dept will prosecute. Can you see her talking and naming names. No way the obama regime will allow that to happen.....

3 Like Reply

**dfw2011** 13 days ago

She needs to be prosecuted and given the maximum sentence, she took a position of trust and betrayed the American people.

4 Like Reply

**a79jmt** 13 days ago

**@dfw2011** As much as her boss... fraudulent clown Obama!

Like Reply



**kixelsyd** Nov 1, 2013

Criminal charges may be just what are needed to get Lois talking.

3 Like Reply

**trisch** Nov 1, 2013

In the olden days it was smarmy Mafia guy taking the Fifth. Today it is a smarmy Obama administration member. The old Mafia guys were lying back then, and the administration members are lying today. What a way to run a country!

5 Like Reply



**kss911** Nov 1, 2013

If this is in fact true then when can we expect her to be indicted? Or maybe her car will malfunction causing an ACCIDENT. One way or the other I have a feeling this skagbait will being paying for her sins and might I say she will deserve every thing she gets. What is wrong with people these days?

2 Like Reply

**oldoldtimer** Nov 1, 2013

**@kss911** Are you kidding????? Holder will do just like he did with Sebilius and illegal electioneering using her office. It was a minor error. Strictly unintentional because she did not know it was illegal. Holder will prosecute no one that works for Obama no matter the crime.

2 Like Reply

**americansupport** 13 days ago

**@oldoldtimer @kss911** this is strange since the ethics training covers campaigning in your office. all senior federal employees get ethics training when they take office. it appears that this was just another cover up for an Obama supporter by another Obama supporter.

Like Reply

**dfw2011** 13 days ago

**@oldoldtimer @kss911** Unfortunately this is true, and due to the liberal media and the low information voter they will get away with it.

Like Reply



**rick.case49** Nov 1, 2013

Well if this is the case and it is documented that she violated federal law, why hasn't she beed arrested? Remember Richard Nixon thught he was above the law since he was president and nobody died! with this president he has violated everything from his oath of office to allowing the murder of four Americans and arming illegals and cartels in a forgein nation. Where is the public outcry and where is the justice. If Holder will not do anything, then he is subverting the law and should be removed by congress.

1 Like Reply

**americansupport** 13 days ago

**@rick.case49** DOJ has do something and in this administration holder protects all Obama supporters.

Like Reply

**voteexceptional** Nov 1, 2013



She didn't respect congress...she doesn't respect congress..she doesn't respect the american people.. She lied to congress...will someone please provide consequences to traitors and liars...remove them from the job, prosecute for lying to congress, include HOlder and most of his staff to the mix...they are all lying and withholding information from Congress and the american people....documentation of information withheld...they are omitting and lying to congress.....hold these creeps responsible.....

5 Like Reply



**rickson** Nov 1, 2013

What's wrong with our judicial system, why isan't this woman being prosecuted she broke the law, come on people let's get real we are a government of laws or we are not. Stop pretending that these creeps in this administration are the good guys.

4 Like Reply



**momiac** Nov 1, 2013

**@rickson** Eric Holder. Enough said?

1 Like Reply



**robincalif** Nov 1, 2013

**@rickson** Not as long as Oboma and Holder are in control. We are a lawless nation. Look at ALL the crime and crap going on. It's like the devil himself is in charge.

5 Like Reply



**oldoldtimer** Nov 1, 2013

**@robincalif @rickson** HE IS.

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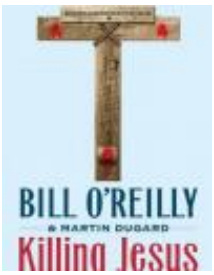
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RE: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups
Lerner Lois G to: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
02/03/2009 05:11 PM

You lucked out--I was sitting here reading email when your email popped up--otherwise it could have been weeks! Make sure you cc (b)(6) on my emails. She keeps me honest.

From: (b)(6) ;@fec.gov [mailto:(b)(6) @fec.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 5:10 PM
To: Lerner Lois G
Cc: (b)(6) ; (b)(6) @fec.gov
Subject: RE: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

Thank you so much for your help and your quick reply.

"Lerner Lois G"
<Lois.G.Lerner@irs.gov>

02/03/2009 05:05 PM

To <(b)(6) @fec.gov>
cc <(b)(6) @fec.gov>, (b)(6)
<(b)(6) @irs.gov>
Subject RE: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

I've sent your e-mail off to some of my staff. Will get back to you once I've heard from them.

From: (b)(6) @fec.gov [mailto:(b)(6) @fec.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 4:55 PM
To: Lerner Lois G
Cc: (b)(6) @fec.gov
Subject: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

Dear Ms. Lerner,

I am an Enforcement Division attorney at the Federal Election Commission. Several months ago, (b)(6) (b)(6) and I spoke with you about the American Future Fund, a 501(c)(4) organization that had submitted an exemption application the IRS in March of 2008. I greatly appreciated you taking the time to explain the exemption process to me and the background information has been very useful in that case. I was hoping that you might be able to answer a follow-up question about the American Future Fund, as well as a similar question about another group, the American Issues Project. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

When we spoke last July, you had told us that the American Future Fund had not received an exemption letter from the IRS. I understand that you are not able to give us any information on the group's

application if it is pending, but could you please tell me whether the IRS has since issued an exemption letter to the American Future Fund? Also if the IRS has granted American Future Fund's exemption, would it be possible for you to send me the publicly available information and documents related to American Future Fund?

I was also wondering if you could tell me whether the IRS had issued an exemption letter to a group called the American Issues Project? The group also appears to be the successor of two other organizations, Citizens for the Republic and Avenger, Inc. Were either of these groups granted an exemption? As with the American Future Fund, could you please provide any information and documents that would be publicly available in relation to the American Issues Project, Citizens for the Republic, or Avenger, Inc.? I was also wondering whether you could briefly explain to me how your office typically handles a group that has been granted an exemption letter but later changes its name and/or board of directors.

Thank you very much for all of your help. If you do have any information that you can share with me about either the American Future Fund or the American Issues Project, please feel free to contact me by either email or phone (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463
Tel: (202) 694-(b)(6)
Fax: (202) 219-3923



**RE: Follow-Up on Question from FEC about nonprofit groups**
Lerner Lois G to: (b) (6) 03/03/2009 06:32 PM
(b) (6) (

Sorry--handed it off to someone else, but then forgot about it--will "recheck." If you don't hear from me by Monday--hit me again

*Lois G. Lerner*
Director, Exempt Organizations

From: (b) (6) @fec.gov [mailto: (b) (6) @fec.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 1:03 PM
To: Lerner Lois G
(b) (6)
Subject: Follow-Up on Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

Hello Lois -

A couple of weeks ago, I sent you an email requesting whatever public information your office had available regarding the American Future Fund and the American Issues Project (as well as that organization's predecessors, Citizens for the Republic and Avenger, Inc.). I was wondering if you have had a chance to check and see if there is any publicly available information that you could share with us? We greatly appreciate your help and any update you can provide us would be very useful.

Thank you in advance for your help,
(b) (6)

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**RE: FW: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups**
Lerner Lois G (b) (6) 03/06/2009 01:24 PM
(b) (6)

Sorry we took so long

*Lois G. Lerner*
Director, Exempt Organizations

From: (b) (6) @fec.gov [mailto: (b) (6) @fec.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 9:47 AM
To: Lerner Lois G
(b) (6)
Subject: Re: FW: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

Thank you very much for this information, it looks as if it will be very useful. You and your staff have been most helpful in this matter.

Many thanks,
(b) (6)

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"Lerner Lois G" <Lois.G.Lerner@irs.gov>

03/03/2009 06:38 PM

To (b) (6) @fec.gov>
cc (b) (6) @irs.gov>
Subject FW: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

Checked with (b) (6) my senior technical advisor, and here is what she found. Hope this helps

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 5:21 PM
To: Lerner Lois G; (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

I went on Lexis and did not find either American Future Fund or American Issues Project on the website. I did find the following information about Citizens for the Republic, Inc., but nothing for Avenger, Inc. It appears that the last update that Lexis used was August 2008. I looked in the DC file on our website which was updated 1/9/09 and the only one of these organizations that I found was Avenger, Inc - using the same EIN as Citizens for the Republic (see info below). If AFF or AIP are not located in DC, we would need to know what state they are in to locate them on our website.

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Section 501(c)(4) -- Civic Leagues, etc.

SUMMARY:
Information on the exempt status of this organization was obtained from the IRS Exempt Ogranization master list last updated on August 19, 2008.

GEOGRAPHIC: District of Columbia

INDEX:
Exempt Organization, Status Approval

REFERENCES:
Subject Area:
Exempt Organizations

TEXT:
Status Date: August 2008

CITIZENS FOR THE REPUBLIC INC
3000 K ST NW STE 500
WASHINGTON, DC 20007-5111

Employer Identification Number: 26-0196975

Ruling Date: November 2007

Group Affiliation: This organization is an independent organization or an independent auxillary (i.e., not affiliated with a National, Regional or Geographic grouping of organizations)

Type of Entity: Corporation

Classification: Civic League

Deductibility of Contributions: Contributions are not deductible

Accounting Period: December

Filing Requirements: 990 or 990EZ return (Income exceeds $ 25,000)

Advance Ruling Expiration Date: Not Available

NTEE: R99 - Civil Rights, Social Action, Advocacy N.E.C.

**********END OF DOCUMENT**********

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| 260196975 | AVENGER INC | % CLETA MITCHELL | 3000 K ST NW STE 500 | WASHINGTON | DC | 200075111 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 20071 | 2 | 0 |

From: Lerner Lois G
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 5:04 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

What can we do to help the FEC here? I'm a little confused about his statement that I told him the org. had not received exemption--it may be that they hadn't mentioned it was a c3 and I told them the org didn't show up on Pub 78. In any event, how can a member of the public find out whether an org has been granted exemption if it isn't a c3 on Pub 78? Second, once they do know the org. received exemption, what's the most expeditious way for a government agency to get the public file? Thanks!

From: (b) (6) @fec.gov [mailto: (b) (6) @fec.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 4:55 PM
To: Lerner Lois G
Cc: (b) (6) @fec.gov
Subject: Question from FEC about nonprofit groups

Dear Ms. Lerner,

I am an Enforcement Division attorney at the Federal Election Commission. Several months ago, (b) (6) (b) (6) and I spoke with you about the American Future Fund, a 501(c)(4) organization that had submitted an exemption application the IRS in March of 2008. I greatly appreciated you taking the time to explain the exemption process to me and the background information has been very useful in that case. I was hoping that you might be able to answer a follow-up question about the American Future Fund, as well as a similar question about another group, the American Issues Project. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

When we spoke last July, you had told us that the American Future Fund had not received an exemption letter from the IRS. I understand that you are not able to give us any information on the group's application if it is pending, but could you please tell me whether the IRS has since issued an exemption letter to the American Future Fund? Also if the IRS has granted American Future Fund's exemption, would it be possible for you to send me the publicly available information and documents related to American Future Fund?

I was also wondering if you could tell me whether the IRS had issued an exemption letter to a group called the American Issues Project? The group also appears to be the successor of two other organizations, Citizens for the Republic and Avenger, Inc. Were either of these groups granted an exemption? As with the American Future Fund, could you please provide any information and documents that would be publicly available in relation to the American Issues Project, Citizens for the Republic, or Avenger, Inc.? I was also wondering whether you could briefly explain to me how your office typically handles a group that has been granted an exemption letter but later changes its name and/or board of directors.

Thank you very much for all of your help. If you do have any information that you can share with me about either the American Future Fund or the American Issues Project, please feel free to contact me by either email or phone (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463
Tel: (202) 694-(b)(6)
Fax: (202) 219-3923



RE: Thank you for your help
Lerner Lois G to: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)

04/03/2009 06:38 PM

You're more than welcome. Let us know anytime we can help--If you need assistance in the future--please cc (b) (6) @irs.gov That way your email is less likely to sit around until I get to it! (b) (6) folks are the ones who will get you what you need. Thanks for the comment about (b) (6) --I'll let him know of your nice words.

*Lois G. Lerner*
Director, Exempt Organizations

From: (b) (6) @fec.gov [mailto: (b) (6) @fec.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 4:49 PM
To: Lerner Lois G
Subject: Thank you for your help

Dear Lois,

I wanted to thank you again for all of the help you have provided in answering my several inquiries about 501(c)(4) organizations. The information that you and your staff provided to me has been very useful, and I have also learned a great deal along the way. I also wanted to let you know that (b) (6) was extremely helpful this week in providing me the requested documents both promptly and professionally.

Once again, I greatly appreciate your help and hope to have a chance to work with you and your staff in the future.

All the best,
(b) (6)

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(b) (6)
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463
Tel: (202) 694-(b)(6)
Fax: (202) 219-3923



**RE: Your request**
Lerner Lois G (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)

02/03/2010 03:43 PM

You're welcome

*Lois G. Lerner*
Director, Exempt Organizations

From: (b) (6) @fec.gov [mailto: (b) (6) @fec.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 1:30 PM
To: Lerner Lois G
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Your request

Lois,

Thank you very much for checking your records and your quick response. This information is very useful and I greatly appreciate your help.

Thanks again,
(b) (6)

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(b) (6)
Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463
Tel: (202) 694-(b)(6)
Fax: (202) 219-3923

"Lerner Lois G" <Lois.G.Lerner@irs.gov>

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To (b) (6) @fec.gov>
cc (b) (6) @irs.gov>
Subject Your request

Per your request, we have checked our records and there are no additional filings at this time. The filer has requested an extension to file. Hope that helps.

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Form **8718**
(Rev. June 2006)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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# User Fee for Exempt Organization Determination Letter Request

▶ **Attach this form to determination letter application.**
**(Form 8718 is NOT a determination letter application.)**

For IRS Use Only

OMB No. 1545-1798
Control number
Amount paid 750 TB
User fee screener

1 Name of organization
Citizens for the Republic, Inc.

2 Employer Identification Number
26-0196975

**Caution.** Do not attach Form 8718 to an application for a pension plan determination letter. Use Form 8717 instead.

**3 Type of request** **Fee**

a ☐ Initial request for a determination letter for:
- An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging not more than $10,000 during the preceding 4 years or
- A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging not more than $10,000 during its first 4 years ▶ $300

**Note.** If you checked box 3a, you must complete the *Certification* below.

**Certification**

I certify that the annual gross receipts of _____ (name of organization) have averaged (or are expected to average) not more than $10,000 during the preceding 4 (or the first 4) years of operation.

Signature ▶ Title ▶

b ☒ Initial request for a determination letter for:
- An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging more than $10,000 during the preceding 4 years or
- A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging more than $10,000 during its first 4 years .... ▶ $750

c ☐ Group exemption letters ..... ▶ $900

## Instructions

The law requires payment of a user fee with each application for a determination letter. The user fees are listed on line 3 above. For more information, see Rev. Proc. 2006-8, 2006-1 I.R.B. 245, or latest annual update.

Check the box or boxes on line 3 for the type of application you are submitting. If you check box 3a, you must complete and sign the certification statement that appears under line 3a.

Attach to Form 8718 a check or money order payable to the "United States Treasury" for the full amount of the user fee. If you do not include the full amount, your application will be returned. Attach Form 8718 to your determination letter application.

Generally, the user fee will be refunded only if the Internal Revenue Service declines to issue a determination.

## Where To File

Send the determination letter application and Form 8718 to:

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 192
Covington, KY 41012-0192

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. If you want your organization to be recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, you are required to give us this information. We need it to determine whether the organization meets the legal requirements for tax-exempt status.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. The rules governing the confidentiality of Form 8718 are covered in section 6104.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is 5 minutes. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:T:SP, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6406, Washington, DC 20224. Do not send this form to this address. Instead, see *Where To File* above.

Attach Check or Money Order Here

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Form **1024** (Rev. September 1998)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a)

OMB No. 1545-0057

If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully. **A User Fee must be attached to this application.**
If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to the organization.
**Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 6 of the instructions.**

**Part I. Identification of Applicant** (Must be completed by all applicants; also complete appropriate schedule.)
Submit only the schedule that applies to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.

Check the appropriate box below to indicate the section under which the organization is applying:

a ☐ Section 501(c)(2) — Title holding corporations (Schedule A, page 7)
b ☒ Section 501(c)(4) — Civic leagues, social welfare organizations (including certain war veterans' organizations), or local associations of employees (Schedule B, page 8)
c ☐ Section 501(c)(5) — Labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations (Schedule C, page 9)
d ☐ Section 501(c)(6) — Business leagues, chambers of commerce, etc. (Schedule C, page 9)
e ☐ Section 501(c)(7) — Social clubs (Schedule D, page 11)
f ☐ Section 501(c)(8) — Fraternal beneficiary societies, etc., providing life, sick, accident, or other benefits to members (Schedule E, page 13)
g ☐ Section 501(c)(9) — Voluntary employees' beneficiary associations (Parts I through IV and Schedule F, page 14)
h ☐ Section 501(c)(10) — Domestic fraternal societies, orders, etc., not providing life, sick, or accident, or other benefits (Schedule E, page 13)
i ☐ Section 501(c)(12) — Benevolent life insurance associations, mutual ditch or irrigation companies, mutual or cooperative telephone companies, or like organizations (Schedule G, page 15)
j ☐ Section 501(c)(13) — Cemeteries, crematoria, and like corporations (Schedule H, page 16)
k ☐ Section 501(c)(15) — Mutual insurance companies or associations, other than life or marine (Schedule I, page 17)
l ☐ Section 501(c)(17) — Trusts providing for the payment of supplemental unemployment compensation benefits (Parts I through IV and Schedule J, page 18)
m ☐ Section 501(c)(19) — A post, organization, auxiliary unit, etc., of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States (Schedule K, page 19)
n ☐ Section 501(c)(25) — Title holding corporations or trusts (Schedule A, page 7)

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|---|---|
| 1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document)<br>Citizens for the Republic, Inc. | 2 Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see Specific Instructions on page 2)<br>26-0196975 |
| 1b c/o Name (if applicable)<br>c/o Paul Erickson | 3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed<br>Sharon Nelson c/o Foley & Lardner LLP<br>312-832-4566 |
| 1c Address (number and street) 4904 Oxbow Avenue — Room/Suite | |
| 1d City, town or post office, state, and ZIP + 4 If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 2.<br>Sioux Falls, SD 57106 | |
| 1e Web site address | 4 Month the annual accounting period ends<br>December |
| | 5 Date incorporated or formed<br>May 17, 2007 |

6 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," attach an explanation.

7 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.

8 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING.

a ☒ Corporation — Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also attach a copy of the bylaws.
b ☐ Trust — Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
c ☐ Association — Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence that the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person. Also include a copy of the bylaws.

If this is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here ▶ ☐

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization, and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

PLEASE SIGN HERE ▶ Paul Erickson, Executive Director — 8/15/07
(Signature) (Type or print name and title or authority of signer) (Date)

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 5 of the Instructions.

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**Part II. Activities and Operational Information** (Must be completed by all applicants)

1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization — past, present, and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: **(a)** a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; **(b)** when the activity was or will be initiated; and **(c)** where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

See attached.

2 List the organization's present and future sources of financial support, beginning with the largest source first.

Citizens for the Republic, Inc. ("CFTR") is funded exclusively from gifts and contributions from its supporters. These supporters include both individuals and corporate entities that support CFTR' s goals. Although CFTR is a membership organization, its members are not currently required to pay a set amount of dues.

**Part II. Activities and Operational Information** (continued)

3 Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

| a Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc. | b Annual compensation |
|---|---|
| Directors: | |
| Paul Erickson | $0 |
| Stephen Moore | $0 |
| Richard Sharp | $0 |
| Officers: | |
| Stephen Moore, President | $300,000 |
| Paul Erickson, Secretary, Treasurer | $0 |
| Paul Erickson, Executive Director | $250,000 |

4 If the organization is the outgrowth or continuation of any form of predecessor, state the name of each predecessor, the period during which it was in existence, and the reasons for its termination. Submit copies of all papers by which any transfer of assets was effected.

Not applicable.

5 If the applicant organization is now, or plans to be, connected in any way with any other organization, describe the other organization and explain the relationship (e.g., financial support on a continuing basis; shared facilities or employees; same officers, directors, or trustees).

Not applicable.

6 If the organization has capital stock issued and outstanding, state: (1) class or classes of the stock; (2) number and par value of the shares; (3) consideration for which they were issued; and (4) if any dividends have been paid or whether your organization's creating instrument authorizes dividend payments on any class of capital stock.

Not applicable. CFTR will not issue stock.

7 State the qualifications necessary for membership in the organization; the classes of membership (with the number of members in each class); and the voting rights and privileges received. If any group or class of persons is required to join, describe the requirement and explain the relationship between those members and members who join voluntarily. Submit copies of any membership solicitation material. Attach sample copies of all types of membership certificates issued.

CFTR's Board of Directors is authorized to establish classes of membership in CFTR, and determine the rights, responsibilities, and amount of dues to be paid by each level of membership. At present, however, CFTR's Board of Directors has not established any requirements for membership in the organization, and anyone may be a member of CFTR.

8 Explain how your organization's assets will be distributed on dissolution.

Upon CFTR's dissolution and after paying or or providing for payment of its debts by majority vote, the Board of Directors shall distribute CFTR's remaining assets to any organization or organizations which has or have been created for the same or similar purposes as CFTR provided that the recipient organization(s) is an exempt organization under the provisions of Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.



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## Part II. Activities and Operational Information (continued)

9 Has the organization made or does it plan to make any distribution of its property or surplus funds to shareholders or members? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," state the full details, including: (1) amounts or value; (2) source of funds or property distributed or to be distributed; and (3) basis of, and authority for, distribution or planned distribution.

10 Does, or will, any part of your organization's receipts represent payments for services performed or to be performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," state in detail the amount received and the character of the services performed or to be performed.

11 Has the organization made, or does it plan to make, any payments to members or shareholders for services performed or to be performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," state in detail the amount paid, the character of the services, and to whom the payments have been, or will be, made.

12 Does the organization have any arrangement to provide insurance for members, their dependents, or others (including provisions for the payment of sick or death benefits, pensions, or annuities)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," describe and explain the arrangement's eligibility rules and attach a sample copy of each plan document and each type of policy issued.

13 Is the organization under the supervisory jurisdiction of any public regulatory body, such as a social welfare agency, etc.? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," submit copies of all administrative opinions or court decisions regarding this supervision, as well as copies of applications or requests for the opinions or decisions.

14 Does the organization now lease or does it plan to lease any property? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," explain in detail. Include the amount of rent, a description of the property, and any relationship between the applicant organization and the other party. Also, attach a copy of any rental or lease agreement. (If the organization is a party, as a lessor, to multiple leases of rental real property under similar lease agreements, please attach a single representative copy of the leases.) CFTR has entered into a lease for 2,160 square feet of office space at an annual rate of $105,840. A copy of the lease is attached. CFTR's rent for such space is based on the going fair market rental value for similar space in the same location.

15 Has the organization spent or does it plan to spend any money attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment or any person to any Federal, state, or local public office or to an office in a political organization? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," explain in detail and list the amounts spent or to be spent in each case.

See attached.

16 Does the organization publish pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, journals, or similar printed material? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," attach a recent copy of each. See attached.


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## Part III. Financial Data (Must be completed by all applicants)

*Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence.* ***If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.***

### A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses

| | | (a) Current Tax Year | 3 Prior Tax Years or Proposed Budget for Next 2 Years | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Revenue** | From 5/17/07 To 12/31/07 | (b) FY 2008 | (c) FY 2009 | (d) | (e) Total |
| 1 | Gross dues and assessments of members | | | | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Gross contributions, gifts, etc. | 7,000,000 | 19,000,000 | 33,000,000 | | 59,000,000.00 |
| 3 | Gross amounts derived from activities related to the organization's exempt purpose (attach schedule) (Include related cost of sales on line 9.) | | | | | 0.00 |
| 4 | Gross amounts from unrelated business activities (attach schedule) | | | | | 0.00 |
| 5 | Gain from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule) | | | | | 0.00 |
| 6 | Investment income (see page 3 of the instructions) | | | | | 0.00 |
| 7 | Other revenue (attach schedule) | | | | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Total revenue (add lines 1 through 7) | 7,000,000.00 | 19,000,000.00 | 33,000,000.00 | 0.00 | 59,000,000.00 |
| | **Expenses** | | | | | |
| 9 | Expenses attributable to activities related to the organization's exempt purposes | 5,170,000 | 15,168,000 | 30,190,000 | | 50,528,000.00 |
| 10 | Expenses attributable to unrelated business activities | | | | | 0.00 |
| 11 | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) | | | | | 0.00 |
| 12 | Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach schedule) | | | | | 0.00 |
| 13 | Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule) | 550,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | | 1,650,000.00 |
| 14 | Other salaries and wages | 347,500 | 795,000 | 825,000 | | 1,967,500.00 |
| 15 | Interest | | | | | 0.00 |
| 16 | Occupancy | 59,740 | 106,634 | 109,831 | | 276,205.00 |
| 17 | Depreciation and depletion | | | | | 0.00 |
| 18 | Other expenses (attach schedule) | 120,000 | 162,000 | 179,000 | | 461,000.00 |
| 19 | Total expenses (add lines 9 through 18) | 6,247,240.00 | 16,781,634.00 | 31,853,831.00 | 0.00 | 54,882,705.00 |
| 20 | Excess of revenue over expenses (line 8 minus line 19) | 752,760.00 | 2,218,366.00 | 1,146,169.00 | 0.00 | 4,117,295.00 |

### B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)

| | | | Current Tax Year as of 8/15/07 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Assets** | | |
| 1 | Cash | 1 | 973,262.64 |
| 2 | Accounts receivable, net | 2 | |
| 3 | Inventories | 3 | |
| 4 | Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) | 4 | |
| 5 | Corporate stocks (attach schedule) | 5 | |
| 6 | Mortgage loans (attach schedule) | 6 | |
| 7 | Other investments (attach schedule) | 7 | |
| 8 | Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule) | 8 | |
| 9 | Land | 9 | |
| 10 | Other assets (attach schedule) | 10 | |
| 11 | **Total assets** | 11 | 973,262.64 |
| | **Liabilities** | | |
| 12 | Accounts payable | 12 | |
| 13 | Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable | 13 | |
| 14 | Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) | 14 | |
| 15 | Other liabilities (attach schedule) | 15 | |
| 16 | **Total liabilities** | 16 | 0.00 |
| | **Fund Balances or Net Assets** | | |
| 17 | Total fund balances or net assets | 17 | 973,262.64 |
| 18 | **Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets** (add line 16 and line 17) | 18 | 973,262.64 |

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation ▶ ☐

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**Schedule B** **Organizations described in section 501(c)(4) (Civic leagues, social welfare organizations (including posts, councils, etc., of veterans' organizations not qualifying or applying for exemption under section 501(c)(19)) or local associations of employees.)**

1 Has the Internal Revenue Service previously issued a ruling or determination letter recognizing the applicant organization (or any predecessor organization listed in question 4, Part II of the application) to be exempt under section 501(c)(3) and later revoked that recognition of exemption on the basis that the applicant organization (or its predecessor) was carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or on the basis that it engaged in political activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," indicate the earliest tax year for which recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) was revoked and the IRS district office that issued the revocation.

2 Does the organization perform or plan to perform (for members, shareholders, or others) services, such as maintaining the common areas of a condominium; buying food or other items on a cooperative basis; or providing recreational facilities or transportation services, job placement, or other similar undertakings? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," explain the activities in detail, including income realized and expenses incurred. Also, explain in detail the nature of the benefits to the general public from these activities. (If the answer to this question is explained in Part II of the application (pages 2, 3, and 4), enter the page and item number here.)

3 If the organization is claiming exemption as a homeowners' association, is access to any property or facilities it owns or maintains restricted in any way? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," explain.

4 If the organization is claiming exemption as a local association of employees, state the name and address of each employer whose employees are eligible for membership in the association. If employees of more than one plant or office of the same employer are eligible for membership, give the address of each plant or office.

Not applicable.



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Form **2848** (Rev. March 2004)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

▶ Type or print. ▶ See the separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0150

For IRS Use Only
Received by:
Name
Telephone
Function
Date

**Part I Power of Attorney**
Caution: *Form 2848 will not be honored for any purpose other than representation before the IRS.*

1 Taxpayer information. Taxpayer(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, line 9.

| Taxpayer name(s) and address | Social security number(s) | Employer identification number |
|---|---|---|
| Citizens for the Republic, Inc<br>c/o Paul Erickson<br>4904 Oxbow Avenue<br>Sioux Falls, SD 57106 | | 26-0196975 |
| | Daytime telephone number | Plan number (if applicable) |

hereby appoint(s) the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:

2 Representative(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.

| Name and address | CAF No. / Telephone No. / Fax No. / Check if new: Address ☐ Telephone No. ☐ Fax No. ☐ |
|---|---|
| Cleta Mitchell, c/o Foley & Lardner LLP<br>3000 K Street, NW, Suite 500<br>Washington, DC 20007 | CAF No. 03-004041R<br>Telephone No. 202-295-4081<br>Fax No. 202-672-5399 |
| Sharon C. Nelson, c/o Foley & Lardner LLP<br>321 N. Clark Street, Suite 2800<br>Chicago, IL 60610 | CAF No. 0200-73412R<br>Telephone No. 312-832-4566<br>Fax No. 312-832-4700 |
| Belinda S. Morgan, c/o Foley & Lardner LLP<br>321 N. Clark Street, Suite 2800<br>Chicago, IL 60610 | CAF No. 03-00905478<br>Telephone No. 312-832-4562<br>Fax No. 312-832-4700 |

to represent the taxpayer(s) before the Internal Revenue Service for the following tax matters:

3 Tax matters

| Type of Tax (Income, Employment, Excise, etc.) or Civil Penalty (see the instructions for line 3) | Tax Form Number (1040, 941, 720, etc.) | Year(s) or Period(s) (see the instructions for line 3) |
|---|---|---|
| Recognition of Exemption | 1024 | 2007 forward |
| Matters Related to Exempt Status | All | 2007 forward |
| Obtaining EIN | SS-4 | 2007 forward |

4 **Specific use not recorded on Centralized Authorization File (CAF).** If the power of attorney is for a specific use not recorded on CAF, check this box. See the instructions for **Line 4. Specific uses not recorded on CAF.** ▶ ☐

5 **Acts authorized.** The representatives are authorized to receive and inspect confidential tax information and to perform any and all acts that I (we) can perform with respect to the tax matters described on line 3, for example, the authority to sign any agreements, consents, or other documents. The authority does not include the power to receive refund checks (see line 6 below), the power to substitute another representative, the power to sign certain returns, or the power to execute a request for disclosure of tax returns or return information to a third party. See the line 5 instructions for more information.

**Exceptions.** An unenrolled return preparer cannot sign any document for a taxpayer and may only represent taxpayers in limited situations. See **Unenrolled Return Preparer** on page 2 of the instructions. An enrolled actuary may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(d) of Circular 230. See the line 5 instructions for restrictions on tax matters partners.

List any specific additions or deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney:

6 **Receipt of refund checks.** If you want to authorize a representative named on line 2 to receive, **BUT NOT TO ENDORSE OR CASH**, refund checks, initial here _____ and list the name of that representative below.

Name of representative to receive refund check(s) ▶



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7 **Notices and communications.** Original notices and other written communications will be sent to you and a copy to the first representative listed on line 2.
a If you also want the second representative listed to receive a copy of notices and communications, check this box .... ▶ [X]
b If you do not want any notices or communications sent to your representative(s), check this box ..... ▶ [ ]

8 **Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney.** The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all earlier power(s) of attorney on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same tax matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you do not want to revoke a prior power of attorney, check here ..... ▶ [ ]
**YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.**

9 **Signature of taxpayer(s).** If a tax matter concerns a joint return, **both** husband and wife must sign if joint representation is requested, otherwise, see the instructions. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, or trustee on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute this form on behalf of the taxpayer.

▶ **IF NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED.**

| Signature | Date | Title (if applicable) |
|---|---|---|
| Paul Erickson, Executive Director | 8/15/07 | Executive Director President |

| Print Name | PIN Number | Print name of taxpayer from line 1 if other than individual |
|---|---|---|
| Paul Erickson | | Citizens for the Republic, Inc. |

| Signature | Date | Title (if applicable) |
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| Print Name | PIN Number | |
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## Part II Declaration of Representative

Caution: *Students with a special order to represent taxpayers in Qualified Low Income Taxpayer Clinics or the Student Tax Clinic Program, see the instructions for Part II.*

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that:

- I am not currently under suspension or disbarment from practice before the Internal Revenue Service;
- I am aware of regulations contained in Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (31 CFR, Part 10), as amended, concerning the practice of attorneys, certified public accountants, enrolled agents, enrolled actuaries, and others;
- I am authorized to represent the taxpayer(s) identified in Part I for the tax matter(s) specified there; and
- I am one of the following:
  - a Attorney — a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the jurisdiction shown below.
  - b Certified Public Accountant — duly qualified to practice as a certified public accountant in the jurisdiction shown below.
  - c Enrolled Agent — enrolled as an agent under the requirements of Treasury Department Circular No. 230.
  - d Officer — a bona fide officer of the taxpayer's organization.
  - e Full-Time Employee — a full-time employee of the taxpayer.
  - f Family Member — a member of the taxpayer's immediate family (i.e., spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister).
  - g Enrolled Actuary — enrolled as an actuary by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries under 29 U.S.C. 1242 (the authority to practice before the Service is limited by section 10.3(d) of Treasury Department Circular No. 230).
  - h Unenrolled Return Preparer — the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by Treasury Department Circular No. 230, section 10.7(c)(1)(viii). You must have prepared the return in question and the return must be under examination by the IRS. See **Unenrolled Return Preparer** on page 2 of the instructions.

▶ **IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THE POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED.** See the Part II instructions.

| Designation — Insert above letter (a–h) | Jurisdiction (state) or identification | Signature | Date | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | DC | Anita Mitchell | 10-5-07 | X |
| a | IL | Dan C. Mick | 10/05/07 | X |
| a | IL | Belinda Morgan | 10-5-07 | X |



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# EO Attachments



- ☐ Expedite Letter
- ☐ EO Form 5768
- ☐ Letter Establishing Case
- ☒ Organizational Docs
- ☐ Bylaws
- ☐ Other Documents
- ☐ Correspondence

- ☐ Add'l Documents
- ☐ Final Letter

# Delaware



*The First State*

I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF "CITIZENS FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2007, AT 7:26 O'CLOCK P.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

Harriet Smith Windsor

Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

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AUTHENTICATION: 5687576

DATE: 05-18-07

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Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
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# STATE OF DELAWARE
# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
# A NON-STOCK CORPORATION
# OF
# CITIZENS FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.

**FIRST:** The name of the corporation is:

**Citizens for the Republic, Inc.**

**SECOND:** The address of the registered office of the corporation in the State of Delaware is located at Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19808, located in the County of New Castle. The registered agent in charge thereof is Corporation Service Company.

**THIRD:** The purpose of the corporation, Citizens for the Republic, Inc., is to act for any lawful purpose for a social welfare organization pursuant to section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code).

**FOURTH:** The corporation shall not have any capital stock and the conditions of membership shall be stated in the corporation's Bylaws.

**FIFTH:** The name and mailing address of the incorporator is as follows:

Sharon C. Nelson
c/o Foley & Lardner LLP
321 N. Clark Street, Suite 2800
Chicago, Illinois 60610

**SIXTH:** The corporation is organized exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provisions in these articles of incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, and after paying for, or providing for its debts, by majority vote, the corporation's Board of Directors shall distribute the corporation's remaining assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall distribute



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any of the corporation's remaining assets to the Federal, state or local government for a public purpose. Any assets not so distributed shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

I, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware, do make, file and record this Certificate, and do certify that the facts herein stated are true, and I have accordingly hereunto set my hand this 17th day of May, A.D. 2007.

By: _____
Sharon C. Nelson, Incorporator





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# CITIZENS FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.

## BYLAWS

### Article I
### Name

1.1 The name of this Delaware not-for-profit corporation is Citizens for the Republic, Inc. (the "Corporation").

### Article II
### Offices

2.1 The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the State of Delaware. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places within or without the State as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The initial registered office is at Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808.

### Article III
### Members

3.1 The Corporation shall have members. Rights, responsibilities and categories of membership in the Corporation shall be established by the Board of Directors. The amount of any dues or costs associated with membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

### Article IV
### Board of Directors

4.1 The Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least one person. Each Director shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age. The initial Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Incorporator set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation. Each Director shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which the Director was elected and until the Director's successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until the Director's prior resignation or removal as hereafter provided.

4.2 Directors shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Directors may be re-elected for successive terms.

4.3 Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause by action of the Board of Directors. The vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors shall be required


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to remove a Director from office prior to the expiration of the term for which that Director has been elected.

4.4 Newly created Directorships or vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors then in office, although less than a quorum.

4.5 A Director elected to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, death, or removal shall be elected to hold office for the unexpired term of the Director's predecessor.

4.6 A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time designated by the Board of Directors in the notice of such meeting. The meeting shall be held at the principal place of business of the Corporation or any other location as set forth in the notice of such meeting. All other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time. Special meetings may be called by or at the direction of the President or by a majority of the Directors then in office. Such notice may be written, oral, or any other method of notice of the time and place. Meetings may be conducted via telephone, teleconference, or other electronic means, as set forth in the notice.

4.7 The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these bylaws. A quorum is present when a majority of the Board of Directors is present or participating as provided in these bylaws. Telephonic, on-line, or similar two-way communication systems used by a Director are permissible to constitute a Director's presence at any meeting.

4.8 Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services as such, but by resolution, the expenses of the members of the Board of Directors for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors may be allowed. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation therefor. A resolution disclosing such compensation shall be presented and approved by the Board of Directors.

4.9 Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Directors, may be taken without meeting if a consent, in writing or in an electronic transmission, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors.

## Article V
## Officers

5.1 The officers of the Corporation shall be President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with other provisions of these bylaws. The President may appoint such other officers or agents, including an executive director and one or more vice-presidents, one or more assistant secretaries, and one or more assistant treasurers, as shall be deemed desirable. Such officers shall have the authority and shall perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.



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5.2 The officers of the Corporation shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. New officer positions may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until the officer's successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

5.3 Any officer, except the President, appointed by the Board of Directors, may be removed by a majority of the Board of Directors whenever in the Directors' judgment the best interest of the Corporation would be served thereby. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contracting rights, if any, of the officer so removed.

The President may be removed only upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors.

5.4 A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

5.5 The rights, duties, and obligations of the officers shall be as follows:

(a) **President.** The President shall be the principal officer of the Corporation and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Corporation, its officers, and personnel, consistent with the policies established by the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President may sign any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated to another officer or agent of the Corporation; and in general shall perform all duties incident of the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The President may be authorized to approve expenditures and take such other steps as he or she shall deem necessary to advance the purposes of the Corporation, provided such steps do not exceed the scope of authority determined by the Board.

(b) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever and deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws; and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible, with assistance of the general counsel, for the administration and oversight of the Corporation's financial records, initiation of an annual audit, if conducted, compliance with statutory reporting requirements, tax returns, and tax payments, if any. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Treasurer shall be authorized to sign contracts and other documents on behalf of the Corporation.




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(c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and shall oversee the keeping, preparation, and filing of all other records required by law or by the policies of the Board; be custodian of the corporate records, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws; keep a register of the post office address of each director which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such director; and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be authorized to sign contracts and other documents on behalf of the Corporation.

(d) **Executive Director.** If an Executive Director is appointed by the Board of Directors, such Executive Director shall be responsible for performing all administrative activities necessary for the day-to-day administration of the Corporation.

## Article VI
## Committees

6.1 The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors, may designate and appoint one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more persons, a majority of whom are Directors, and which committees, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation; provided, however, that no such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in appointing or removing any member of any such committee or any Director or officer of the Corporation; amending the Certificate of Incorporation; adopting a plan of merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another corporation; authorizing the sale, lease, exchange, or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the Corporation or revoking proceedings therefore; adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the Corporation; amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed by such committee. The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors or any individual Director of any responsibility imposed upon it or the Director by law.

6.2 Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation may be designated and appointed by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or by the President as authorized by a like resolution of the Board of Directors. Membership on such committees need not be limited to Directors.

6.3 Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the Directors of the Corporation and until the member's successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.



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6.4 One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the person or persons authorized to appoint the members thereof.

6.5 Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of original appointments.

6.6 Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee. Each committee may adopt rules for its own governance not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

## Article VII
## Contracts, Checks, Deposits, and Funds

7.1 The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

7.2 All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent, or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer, assistant Treasurer, if any, or Secretary of the Corporation.

7.3 All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

7.4 The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or other device for the general purposes of or for any special purpose of the Corporation.

## Article VIII
## Distribution of Property Rights

8.1 Upon dissolution of the Corporation and after paying or providing for its debts, by majority vote, the Board of Directors shall distribute the corporation's remaining assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) or section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or the corresponding sections of any future tax code, or shall distribute any of the corporation's remaining assets to the Federal, state or local government for a public purpose. Any assets not so distributed shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.



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## Article IX
## Books and Records

9.1 The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors.

## Article X
## Fiscal Year

10.1 The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

## Article XI
## Seal

11.1 The Board of Directors may, but is not required to, provide a corporate seal in the form of a circle with the name of "Citizens for the Republic, Inc." inscribed thereon. If such seal is provided, the words "incorporated 2007, State of Delaware" may also appear thereon.

## Article XII
## Waiver of Notice

12.1 Whenever any notice is required to be given under the Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Corporation, or Delaware law governing non-profit corporations, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## Article XIII
## Indemnification

13.1 The Corporation shall indemnify its officers, Directors, agents, and employees against liability as permitted by Delaware law.

## Article XIV
## Amendments to Bylaws

14.1 These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Directors at any regular meeting or at any special meetings.




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# SUBLEASE AGREEMENT

THIS SUBLEASE AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the 30 day of August 2007, by and between Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, a Pennsylvania limited liability partnership (hereinafter referred to as "Sublandlord"), and Citizens For The Republic, Inc., a Delaware, non stock corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Subtenant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Lease Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Lease") dated April 5, 2002, between 601 Thirteenth Street, N.W. Associates Limited Partnership (hereinafter referred to as "Landlord") and Sublandlord, as amended, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, Sublandlord has leased space located on the 9th floor of the commercial office building located at 601 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 (the "Building"); and

WHEREAS, Subtenant desires to sublease from the Sublandlord certain space on the 9th floor of the Building, as described further in Section 1 of this Sublease; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to provide for the rental and further terms and conditions of the Sublease.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Demised Premises: The Sublandlord does hereby sublease to the Subtenant, and the Subtenant does hereby sublease from the Sublandlord, for the term and upon the conditions hereinafter provided, 2,160 rentable square feet of space on the ninth (9th) floor of the Building, as outlined on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit B, and made a part hereof (the "Demised Premises"). Services to Subtenant are provided in accordance with the Lease and are included in the Base Rent unless Subtenant shall use additional electricity, after hours HVAC services, or other additional services that cause the Landlord to charge the Sublandlord for such additional

services. Subtenant acknowledges and agrees that Subtenant is fully familiar with the physical condition of the Demised Premises.

2. Term: The term of this Sublease shall be for a period commencing on the 1st day of September, 2007 (hereinafter referred to as the "Commencement Date") and expiring at midnight on the 30th day of September 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the "Expiration Date"), subject to the rights of termination set forth in Section 20 hereof.

3. Improvements: Prior to the Commencement Date, Sublandlord shall re-paint the Demised Premises and clean the carpet. Thereafter, except as otherwise set forth in this paragraph 3, Subtenant shall not make or cause to be made any alterations, additions or improvements to the Demised Premises, or install or cause to be installed any fixtures, exterior signs, floor covering, interior or exterior lighting, plumbing fixtures, or make any changes to, the Demised Premises without first obtaining the Sublandlord's written approval, which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld, conditioned or delayed, and to the extent required under the Lease, the written approval of Landlord. The Subtenant shall promptly pay all contractors and material men hired by it so as to minimize the possibility of a lien attaching to the Demised Premises; in the event that a lien is filed, the Subtenant shall bond against or discharge it within fifteen (15) days of receiving notice of such lien. The Subtenant shall place no signs on the Demised Premises without first obtaining the Sublandlord's written approval which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed, and to the extent required under the Lease, the written approval of Landlord. All signs shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the District of Columbia. Subject to such restrictions, limitations and approvals of Landlord as may be imposed by the Lease, Subtenant shall be entitled (a) to list its name and the name of its personnel in the directory board of the Building and (b) at its own expense, to place its name at

the entrance to the Demised Premises so long as the signage and location of the signage is approved in writing by Sublandlord, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, and to the extent required under the Lease, by Landlord. Subject to receipt of any required approval of Landlord, Subtenant shall be permitted to remove one (1) non-bearing wall within the Demised Premises, at its own cost, as shown on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit B.

4. Use: The Subtenant shall use and occupy the Demised Premises solely for general office use, and said use of the premises shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations of all governmental entities having jurisdiction over the Subtenant or the Demised Premises.

5. Rent: The Rent payable under this Sublease for the term hereby created shall consist of (a) an annual rent (hereinafter referred to as the "Base Rent") in an amount set forth in Section 6 hereof and (b) such additional sums of money as may be payable by the Subtenant pursuant to the provisions of this Sublease (hereinafter referred to as the "Additional Rent"). The Subtenant covenants and agrees to pay the Base Rent and the Additional Rent (hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Rent") directly to the Sublandlord at its address specified in Section 15 hereof, or at such other address as the Sublandlord may hereafter designate in writing, in lawful money of the United States, without notice, demand, set-off or deduction whatsoever, at the times and in the manner hereinafter specified.

6. Base Rent: The Subtenant covenants and agrees to pay to Sublandlord a base annual rent ("Base Rent") for the Demised Premises. The annual base rent shall be divided into equally monthly installments and such monthly installments shall be due and payable in advance

without deduction or demand, on the fifth (5th) day of each calendar month during the term of this Sublease. The Base Rent for the Demised Premises shall be:

| Period | Rate Per Rentable Square Foot |
|---|---|
| September 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008 | $49.00 |
| October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009 | $50.47 |
| October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010 | $51.98 |

Notwithstanding the above, Subtenant's Base Rent shall be abated for the first month of the Term.

7. Additional Rent: Commencing October 1, 2008 the Subtenant shall pay as Additional Rent during the term of this Sublease Subtenant's Proportionate Share of Increases in Real Estate Taxes and Annual Operating Charges in excess of a 2007 Base Year (such increases shall be abated through September 30, 2008). In addition, the Subtenant shall pay as Additional Rent during the term of this Sublease any additional expenses Sublandlord incurs as a result of additional electrical consumption, overtime HVAC charges, or other charges which are requested by the Subtenant or charges which are charged to the Sublandlord by the Landlord pursuant to the Lease as a result of actions taken by the Subtenant. All Additional Rent due hereunder shall be payable within five (5) business days of submission of a written invoice by Sublandlord to Subtenant.

8. Obligations Under the Lease: This Sublease and the Subtenant's rights under this Sublease shall at all times be subject to and this Sublease is made upon all of the terms, covenants, and conditions of the Lease, with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein at length, and except as otherwise provided for herein, the Subtenant shall keep, observe and perform or cause to be kept, observed and performed, faithfully all those terms, covenants, and

conditions of the Sublandlord under the Lease with respect to the Demised Premises. For the purposes of this Sublease, unless the context otherwise requires or would produce a result inconsistent with the intent and contemplation of the parties hereto, wherever the word "Landlord" appears in the Lease, it shall be deemed to refer to "Sublandlord" hereunder, and whenever the word "Tenant" appears in the Lease, it shall be deemed to refer to "Subtenant" hereunder. All of the terms, covenants and conditions of the Lease except as inconsistent with the specific provisions of this Sublease, made by the Tenant therein to and for the benefit of the Landlord therein or which affect its obligations to the Landlord, shall be deemed made by Subtenant to and for the benefit of Sublandlord, or as affecting Subtenant's obligations to Sublandlord, and such terms, covenants and conditions shall constitute the terms, covenants and conditions of this Sublease, except for the payment of rent and except as otherwise limited, modified or supplemented by this Sublease. Subtenant agrees to indemnify and save the Sublandlord harmless from any breach of the obligations of the Sublandlord as Tenant under the Lease which shall arise as a result of action or inaction by or on behalf of the Subtenant. Sublandlord agrees to give Subtenant written notice of any breach by the Subtenant governed by this paragraph within fifteen (15) days of discovery thereof.

9. Representations and Warranties of the Sublandlord: In addition to such other representations and warranties as may be set forth in this Sublease, the Sublandlord hereby makes the following representations and warranties, each of which is material: (i) that the Lease as attached hereto as Exhibit A is unmodified and in full force and effect; (ii) that the Sublandlord has no knowledge of any uncured defaults on its part under the Lease; (iii) that the Sublandlord has no knowledge of any event having occurred that authorizes the termination of the Lease; (iv) that the Sublandlord has the right, power, and authority to enter into this Sublease,

subject only to the consent of the Landlord; (v) that the Sublandlord will fully perform all of its obligations as Tenant under the Lease during the term of this Sublease; and (vi) that it will exert commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Landlord to perform its obligations pursuant to the Lease which would affect Subtenant's possessory rights and enjoyment of the Demised Premises.

10. Insurance:

(a) The Subtenant shall carry comprehensive general liability and casualty insurance and any other types of insurance pursuant to the Lease as if the Subtenant were the Tenant thereunder. In addition, all insurance required of the Subtenant shall be written as a primary policy coverage, and not contributing with or in excess of any coverage which the Sublandlord or the Landlord may carry. In any event, Subtenant shall hold Sublandlord harmless from any claims against Sublandlord in the event of damage or loss to any of Subtenant's fixtures, improvements, or contents of the Demised Premises, except those claims arising out of Sublandlord's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(b) The Subtenant shall deliver to the Sublandlord certificates of such insurance at the beginning of the term of this Sublease. In the event that the Subtenant shall fail promptly to furnish any insurance herein required, the Sublandlord may effect the same and pay the premium therefore for a period not exceeding one (1) year, and the premium so paid by the Sublandlord shall be immediately payable by the Subtenant as Additional Rent.

(c) All policies of insurance as aforesaid shall name both the Sublandlord and the Landlord as additional insureds, as their interests may appear, and shall provide for no cancellation without 30 days written notice to Sublandlord and Landlord.

(d) Provided and so long as the following provisions of this paragraph do not result in the invalidation or cancellation of the fire and extended coverage of insurance policies of the parties covering their respective premises or the contents thereof or constitute a defense to any claim for loss under said policies, Sublandlord and Subtenant agree to and by these presents do hereby waive all rights of recovery and causes of action against Sublandlord, Subtenant, respectively, and their Partners, Shareholders, officers, employees, servants, agents and all parties claiming through or under this Sublease for any damage to or destruction of their respective premises caused by any of the perils embraced within fire and extended coverage and additional perils insurance policies of the parties, notwithstanding that said damage shall be due to the negligence of any or all parties in whose favor this provision operates.

11. Defaults: If the Subtenant shall default with respect to this Sublease and the Demised Premises, the Sublandlord shall have all of the rights and remedies accorded to the Landlord under the Lease (subject to Subtenant's cure and other rights), including without limitation, a late payment provision that states if the Rent is not paid within ten (10) business days of the due date, a late payment charge equal to interest on the Rent until paid at the prime commercial rate, as adjusted from time to time, in effect at Bank of America, plus three percent (3%) per annum.

12. Subordination: This Sublease is subject and subordinate to the Lease, to all ground and underlying leases, and to all mortgages and deeds of trust which may now or hereafter affect such leases, the leasehold estate or estates thereby created or the real property of which the Demised Premises form a part, and to any and all renewals, modifications, consolidations, terminations, replacements and extensions thereof. Any elections made by Sublandlord under the Lease shall be binding on Subtenant.

13. Assignments and Further Subleases: The Subtenant agrees that it will not assign or encumber, or permit to be encumbered, its rights or interests under this Sublease, nor sublet the whole or any part of the Demised Premises without prior written consent of the Sublandlord, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, or as required by the Lease, consent of the Landlord. In the case of an assignment, Subtenant shall remain liable for all of Subtenant's obligations under this Sublease. Subtenant's rights hereunder shall be subject, without limitation, to the terms, covenants and conditions of Section 5 of the Lease, as made applicable hereto under Section 13 of this Sublease.

14. Indemnification: The Subtenant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Sublandlord and the Landlord harmless from and against any cost, damage, claim, liability or expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by or claimed against the Sublandlord and/or the Landlord, directly or indirectly, as a result of the Subtenant's use or occupancy of the Demised Premises or default caused by Subtenant.

The Sublandlord hereby agrees to hold the Subtenant harmless from and against any cost, damage, claim, liability or expense (including attorneys' fees) incurred by or claimed against the Subtenant, directly or indirectly, as a result of the Sublandlord's use or occupancy of the Demised Premises or default caused by the Sublandlord.

15. Non-Recourse: No partner of Sublandlord shall have any personal liability for any obligation under the Lease.

16. Notices: Any notice, demand or other communication which must or may be given or made by either party hereto shall be in writing and shall be given or made by hand delivery, or by mailing the same by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed:

In the case of Subtenant, to:

Citizens For The Republic, Inc.
601 13th Street, N.W., Suite 930
Washington, DC 20005
Attn: Paul Erickson

In the case of Sublandlord, to:

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP
601 13th Street, N.W., Suite 1000
Washington, D.C. 20005
Attn: Wendy Iversen

and

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP
1735 Market Street, 51st floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103-7599
Attn: Executive Director

In the case of Landlord, to:

The John Akridge Company
601 13th Street, N.W.
Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20005

Either party may, by notice to the other given as aforesaid, designate a new or additional address to which any such notice, demand or other communication thereafter shall be given, made or mailed. Any notice, demand or communication given hereunder by mail shall be deemed delivered when received by each respective party.

17. Surrender: Upon the Expiration Date, the Subtenant shall quit and surrender to the Sublandlord the Demised Premises, broom clean and in the same condition as they were on the Commencement Date, ordinary wear excepted, deliver to Sublandlord all keys and access keys to the Demised Premises and Building, and the Subtenant shall remove from the Demised Premises all of its property. The Subtenant shall return the Demised Premises to its original

condition within 15 days of surrender, whether at the Expiration Date or otherwise, unless the Sublandlord agrees otherwise. In the event Subtenant continues to occupy the Demised Premises beyond the Term, without Sublandlord's consent, then Subtenant shall be obligated to pay holdover rent in the amount of 200% of the Base Rent.

18. Brokers: Sublandlord recognizes CB Richard Ellis and Studley as the procuring brokers for this Sublease and shall pay said brokers a commission therefore pursuant to separate agreements. Sublandlord and Subtenant each represent and warrant to one another that except as set forth herein neither of them has employed any other broker, agent or finder in carrying on the negotiations relating to this Sublease. Sublandlord shall indemnify and hold Subtenant harmless, and Subtenant shall indemnify and hold Sublandlord harmless, from and against any claim or claims for brokerage or other commission arising from or out of any breach of the foregoing representation and warranty by the respective indemnitors.

19. Parking: Sublandlord shall allocate to Subtenant, at Subtenant's expense, the right to park up to one (1) automobile in the parking garage serving the Building for use of Subtenant and its employee during the term of this Sublease, subject to the terms of the Lease.

20. Security Deposit: Upon execution of this Sublease, Subtenant shall deposit with Sublandlord the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty and 00/100 Dollars ($26,460.00) as a security deposit (the "Security Deposit"). Sublandlord shall hold the Security Deposit in an interest-bearing account for the benefit of Subtenant. Subtenant's taxpayer identification number is #26-0196975————. Provided that Subtenant has fully and faithfully complied with all of the terms, covenants and conditions of this Sublease, the Security Deposit and all interest earned during the Term shall be returned to Subtenant promptly after the Expiration Date. Notwithstanding the above, as long as Subtenant is not in monetary default,

said Security Deposit shall be reduced by $8,820 at the end of the first and second year of the Term.

21. Termination of Lease: Notwithstanding anything in this Sublease to the contrary, Sublandlord shall have the right to terminate this Sublease effective September 30, 2009 provided Sublandlord gives Subtenant at least six (6) months prior written notice. Sublandlord shall have the subsequent right to terminate this Sublease on December 31, 2009, March 31, 2010 and June 30, 2010 provided Sublandlord gives Subtenant six (6) months prior written notice of such termination. .

22. Services: Subtenant shall be entitled to receive from Landlord all of the services with respect to the Demised Premises which Sublandlord is entitled to receive under the Lease. Sublandlord is not obligated to perform Landlord's duties or to provide any services, except as expressly stated in this Sublease. Subtenant agrees to look solely to Landlord for all services required to be provided under the Lease.

23. Computer and Telephone: Subtenant shall be responsible for its own computer and telephone systems including all cabling in connection with such systems. Subtenant will have access to the Demised Premises prior to the Commencement Date for purposes of such installation. Subtenant will be responsible for all damage and repair to the Demised Premises in connection with such installations. Subtenant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Sublandlord harmless from any liability to Sublandlord in connection with its installation of computer and telephone systems.

24. Conference Room: Subtenant shall have reasonable access to Sublandlord's conference rooms on the 10th floor on an as-available basis provided advanced notice is given.

25. Access: Sublandlord and its employees and agents shall have the right to enter the Demised Premises at reasonable times during business hours, with reasonable notice, and at any time in the event of an emergency, for the making of such repairs or alterations or the taking of such other actions as Sublandlord shall have the right to make or for the purpose of inspecting the Demised Premises.

26. General Provisions:

(a) Benefit and Burden: The covenants, conditions, agreements, terms and provisions herein contained shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and each of their respective successors and permitted assigns, subject to the restrictions of Section 13.

(b) Entire Agreement: This Sublease contains the final and entire agreement between the parties hereto, and they shall not be bound by any terms, statements, conditions or representations, oral or written, express or implied, not herein contained.

(c) Captions: The captions throughout this Sublease are for convenience of reference only and the words contained therein shall in no way be held or deemed to define, limit, describe, explain, modify, amplify or add to the interpretation, construction or meaning of any provision of or the scope or intent of this Sublease, nor in any way effect this Sublease.

(d) Singular and Plural: Wherever appropriate herein, the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

(e) Counterparts: This Sublease may be executed in several counterparts, but all counterparts shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

(f) Landlord Consent: Sublandlord and Subtenant agree that this Sublease shall not be effective and the term shall not commence until Landlord has given its prior written

consent to this Sublease. Sublandlord shall promptly and diligently pursue such Landlord's consent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Sublandlord and Subtenant have each executed this Sublease on the day and year first hereinabove written.

ATTEST/WITNESS:

SUBTENANT:

Citizens For The Republic, Inc., a Delaware, non stock corporation

_____

By: Pat Eichen, Executive Director

ATTEST/WITNESS:

SUBLANDLORD:

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, a Pennsylvania limited liability partnership

_____

By: _____

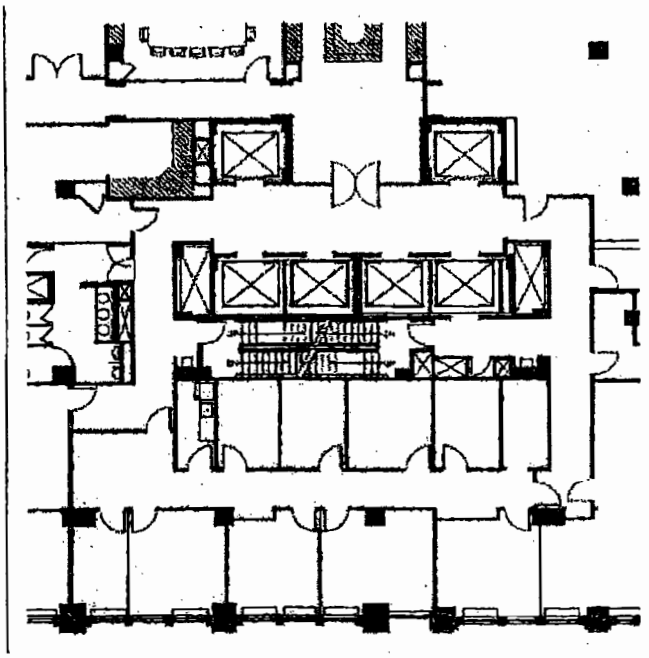
**EXHIBIT A**

**EXHIBIT B**

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601 13th Street, NW

2,160 RSF – 9th floor



**CITIZENS FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.**
**ATTACHMENT TO IRS FORM 1024**
**EIN 26-0196975**

**Part II, Question 1 - Activities of the Organization**

Citizens for the Republic, Inc. ("CFTR") is a social welfare organization dedicated to advocating for the core conservative principles embodied by former President Ronald Reagan, including: limited government; lower taxes; free markets; Constitutional freedoms; and a strong national defense. CFTR's members will include individuals, groups and entities that support its mission. CFTR will work to educate policymakers and the general public about the principles it advocates, and will also support and foster grassroots advocacy efforts on these principles.

***Educating the Public:*** As part of its public education activities, CFTR will inform the general public and provide information on issues related to the core conservative principles, including: limited government, lower taxes, free markets, Constitutional freedoms and a strong national defense. CFTR will use the most effective means of communicating available, including, but not limited to, printed and electronic media, interviews, speeches and other similar media.

CFTR intends to devote approximately 30% of its time and resources to educating the public regarding the issues described above.

***Grassroots Advocacy:*** CFTR intends to support and foster grassroots advocacy efforts promoting the core conservative principles embodied by former President Ronald Reagan, as well as other issues of concern to its members. As part of its advocacy efforts, CFTR may circulate petitions, host public events and speakers, conduct interviews and prepare and publish materials announcing its efforts to promote its core conservative principles and values.

CFTR may also support candidates and public servants dedicated to its mission and will encourage citizens to contact their own elected government officials to voice their own concerns regarding the need to return to conservative principles. These efforts will not, however, constitute a majority of CFTR's time and resources.

CFTR estimates that approximately 40% of its time and resources will be spent on these grassroots advocacy efforts.

***Educating Policymakers:*** CFTR will also educate policymakers on the need to return to the conservative principles of limited government, lower taxes, free markets, Constitutional freedoms and a strong national defense. To accomplish this goal, CFTR's officers and directors, and perhaps, in the future, its members, will attempt to contact policymakers, and alert them to the importance of the need for conservative principles of governance. Policymakers will also be invited to attend any programs or forums CFTR presents to the general public.

CFTR intends to devote approximately 30% of its time and resources to educating policymakers about the issues described above.


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**CITIZENS FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.**

**ATTACHMENT TO IRS FORM 1024**

**EIN 26-0196975**

**Part II, Question 14 – Lease of Property**

CFTR has entered into a lease for 2,160 square feet of space in the downtown D.C. area, at 601 13th Street, NW, Washington, D.C, for a term of three years at a rate of $49.00 per square foot. This rate will increase by three percent (3%) annually. The first year's rent will be prorated for the final quarter of the year in which the space will be leased for a total of $26,460, plus a security deposit of $26,460. There is no relationship between CFTR and leasing organization, Ballard Spahr. A copy of the lease is attached to this Application.

**Part II, Question 15-Influencing Legislation**

CFTR intends to actively communicate with the public regarding how closely various public officials, both appointed and elected, hue to its founding principals on various issues of the day by reviewing the voting records and public statements of such public officials.

**Part II, Question 16 – Brochures and Pamphlets**

Although CFTR intends to produce direct mail brochures and pamphlets as part of their public awareness campaign, it has not yet created such pieces.


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**CITIZENS FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.**
**ATTACHMENT TO IRS FORM 1024**
**EIN 26-0196975**

**Part III, Financial Data-Expenses**

| **Expenses Attributable to Activities Related to Exempt Purposes** | **FY 2007** | **FY 2008** | **FY 2008** |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| Marketing (Email, Web, direct mail, advertising, etc.) | $5,000,000 | $15,000,000 | $30,000,000 |
| Conferences | | | |
| Website Design and Hosting | $50,000 | $36,000 | $36,000 |
| Travel | $120,000 | $132,000 | $154,000 |
| | **$5,170,000** | **$15,168,000** | **$30,190,000** |
| **Compensation of Officers** | | | |
| | | | |
| President | $300,000 | $300,000 | 300,000 |
| Executive Director | $250,000 | $250,000 | $250,000 |
| | **$550,000** | **$550,000** | **$550,000** |
| **Other Salaries and Wages** | | | |
| | | | |
| Administrative staff (including directors of membership, communications, accounting and compliance, information technology, etc.) | $247,500 | $495,000 | $495,000 |
| Consultants | $100,000 | $300,000 | $330,000 |
| | **$347,500** | **$795,000** | **$825,000** |
| | | | |
| **Other Expenses** | | | |
| | | | |
| Telephone/internet | $10,000 | $12,000 | $14,000 |
| Printing/postage | $50,000 | $55,000 | $60,000 |
| Office Expenses | $25,000 | $35,000 | 35,000 |
| Accounting/Legal | $35,000 | $60,000 | $70,000 |
| | **$120,000** | **$162,000** | **$179,000** |
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October 5, 2007

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Internal Revenue Service
P. O. Box 192
Covington, KY 41012-0192

Re: Citizens for the Republic, Inc. – EIN: 20-0196975

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption, together with all necessary attachments, submitted on behalf of the above-referenced organization, Citizens for the Republic, Inc. Citizens for the Republic, Inc. seeks recognition of its status as a tax-exempt social welfare organization pursuant to Code section 501(c)(4).

Also enclosed is the required user fee for the application and Form 2848, Power of Attorney, identifying the undersigned as one of the persons authorized to represent Citizens for the Republic, Inc. in this matter.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Sharon C. Nelson

Enclosures
cc: Paul Erickson (w/enclosures)
Cleta Mitchell (w/enclosures)

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Form 8868 (Rev April 2008)
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return

OMB No. 1545-1709

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box ▶ [X]
- If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

**Part I** **Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only ▶ [ ]

*All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns*

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868 For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit *www.irs.gov/efile* and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

| Type or print | Name of Exempt Organization | Employer identification number |
|---|---|---|
| File by the due date for filing your return See instructions | AMERICAN ISSUES PROJECT, INC. | 26-0196975 |
| | Number, street, and room or suite no If a P O box, see instructions<br>610 S. BOULEVARD, NO. 100 | |
| | City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions<br>TAMPA, FL 33606 | |

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| [X] Form 990 | [ ] Form 990-T (corporation) | [ ] Form 4720 |
| [ ] Form 990-BL | [ ] Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | [ ] Form 5227 |
| [ ] Form 990-EZ | [ ] Form 990-T (trust other than above) | [ ] Form 6069 |
| [ ] Form 990-PF | [ ] Form 1041-A | [ ] Form 8870 |

- The books are in the care of ▶ ROBERT WATKINS & COMPANY, P.A.
  Telephone No. ▶ 813-254-3369 FAX No ▶
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ▶ [ ]
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box ▶ [ ] If it is for part of the group, check this box ▶ [ ] and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3 month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until DECEMBER 15, 2008, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above The extension is for the organization's return for
▶ [ ] calendar year _____ or
▶ [X] tax year beginning MAY 17, 2007, and ending APR 30, 2008.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason [X] Initial return [ ] Final return [ ] Change in accounting period

| | | | |
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| 3a | If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions | 3a | $ |
| b | If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit | 3b | $ |
| c | Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions | 3c | $ N/A |

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions. Form 8868 (Rev. 4-2008)

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- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box ▶ [X]

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1)

**Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time.** You must file original and one copy.

| Type or print | Name of Exempt Organization | | Employer identification number |
|---|---|---|---|
| File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions. | AMERICAN ISSUES PROJECT, INC. | | 26-0196975 |
| | Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 610 S. BOULEVARD, NO. 100 | | For IRS use only |
| | City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. TAMPA, FL 33606 | | |

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

[X] Form 990 [ ] Form 990-EZ [ ] Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) [ ] Form 1041-A [ ] Form 5227 [ ] Form 8870
[ ] Form 990-BL [ ] Form 990-PF [ ] Form 990-T (trust other than above) [ ] Form 4720 [ ] Form 6069

**STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

- The books are in the care of ▶ ROBERT WATKINS & COMPANY, P.A.
  Telephone No. ▶ 813-254-3369 FAX No ▶
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ▶ [ ]
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box ▶ [ ]. If it is for part of the group, check this box ▶ [ ] and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until MARCH 15, 2009.

5 For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning MAY 17, 2007, and ending APR 30, 2008.

6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: [X] Initial return [ ] Final return [ ] Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension
ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN

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| 8a | If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions | 8a | $ |
| b | If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868 | 8b | $ |
| c | Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. | 8c | $ N/A |

## Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ▶ _____ Title ▶ PREPARED BY ROBERT WATKINS & COMPANY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (59-2095914) 610 S BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 TAMPA, FLORIDA 33606 Date ▶ 12/12/08

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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-0047

**2007**

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning MAY 17, 2007 and ending APR 30, 2008

B Check if applicable: [X] Address change [X] Name change [X] Initial return [ ] Termination [ ] Amended return [ ] Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions

C Name of organization: AMERICAN ISSUES PROJECT, INC.

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 610 S. BOULEVARD

Room/suite: 100

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: TAMPA, FL 33606

D Employer identification number: 26-0196975

E Telephone number: 813-254-3369

F Accounting method: [X] Cash [ ] Accrual [ ] Other (specify) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Website: ▶WWW.AMERICANISSUESPROJECT.ORG

J Organization type (check only one) ▶ [X] 501(c) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

K Check here ▶ [ ] if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than $25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ 1,186,045.

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations.

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? [ ] Yes [X] No

H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶ N/A

H(c) Are all affiliates included? N/A [ ] Yes [ ] No (If "No," attach a list.)

H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? [ ] Yes [X] No

I Group Exemption Number ▶ N/A

M Check ▶ [ ] if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

## Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Revenue | 1 | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received: | | | |
| | a | Contributions to donor advised funds | 1a | | |
| | b | Direct public support (not included on line 1a) | 1b | 1,176,460. | |
| | c | Indirect public support (not included on line 1a) | 1c | | |
| | d | Government contributions (grants) (not included on line 1a) | 1d | | |
| | e | Total (add lines 1a through 1d) (cash $ 1,176,460. noncash $ ) | | | 1e 1,176,460. |
| | 2 | Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93) | | | 2 |
| | 3 | Membership dues and assessments | | | 3 |
| | 4 | Interest on savings and temporary cash investments | | | 4 9,585. |
| | 5 | Dividends and interest from securities | | | 5 |
| | 6 a | Gross rents | 6a | | |
| | b | Less: rental expenses | 6b | | |
| | c | Net rental income or (loss). Subtract line 6b from line 6a | | | 6c |
| | 7 | Other investment income (describe ▶ ) | | | 7 |
| | 8 a | Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (A) Securities 8a | (B) Other | |
| | b | Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | 8b | | |
| | c | Gain or (loss) (attach schedule) | 8c | | |
| | d | Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B) | | | 8d |
| | 9 | Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ [ ] | | | |
| | a | Gross revenue (not including $ of contributions reported on line 1b) | 9a | | |
| | b | Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses | 9b | | |
| | c | Net income or (loss) from special events. Subtract line 9b from line 9a | | | 9c |
| | 10 a | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | 10a | | |
| | b | Less: cost of goods sold | 10b | | |
| | c | Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule). Subtract line 10b from line 10a | | | 10c |
| | 11 | Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103) | | | 11 |
| | 12 | Total revenue. Add lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11 | | | 12 1,186,045. |
| Expenses | 13 | Program services (from line 44, column (B)) | | | 13 312,684. |
| | 14 | Management and general (from line 44, column (C)) | | | 14 111,767. |
| | 15 | Fundraising (from line 44, column (D)) | | | 15 71,632. |
| | 16 | Payments to affiliates (attach schedule) | | | 16 |
| | 17 | Total expenses. Add lines 18 and 44, column (A) | | | 17 496,083. |
| Net Assets | 18 | Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 17 from line 12 | | | 18 689,962. |
| | 19 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A)) | | | 19 0. |
| | 20 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) | | | 20 0. |
| | 21 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18, 19, and 20 | | | 21 689,962. |

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**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses** All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others.

| Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I | | (A) Total | (B) Program services | (C) Management and general | (D) Fundraising |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22a Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach schedule) (cash $ 0. noncash $ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐ | 22a | | | | |
| 22b Other grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash $ 0. noncash $ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐ | 22b | | | | |
| 23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule) | 23 | | | | |
| 24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule) | 24 | | | | |
| 25a Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-A | 25a | 249,276. | 148,833. | 62,319. | 38,124. |
| b Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-B | 25b | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| c Compensation and other distributions, not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | 25c | | | | |
| 26 Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b, and c | 26 | | | | |
| 27 Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b, and c | 27 | | | | |
| 28 Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27 | 28 | | | | |
| 29 Payroll taxes | 29 | 14,771. | 8,819. | 3,693. | 2,259. |
| 30 Professional fundraising fees | 30 | | | | |
| 31 Accounting fees | 31 | | | | |
| 32 Legal fees | 32 | 16,733. | 9,991. | 4,183. | 2,559. |
| 33 Supplies | 33 | 1,196. | | 1,196. | |
| 34 Telephone | 34 | 3,955. | 2,361. | 989. | 605. |
| 35 Postage and shipping | 35 | 359. | | 359. | |
| 36 Occupancy | 36 | 86,725. | 51,780. | 21,681. | 13,264. |
| 37 Equipment rental and maintenance | 37 | | | | |
| 38 Printing and publications | 38 | 714. | 714. | | |
| 39 Travel | 39 | 44,742. | 26,711. | 11,187. | 6,844. |
| 40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 40 | 3,698. | 3,698. | | |
| 41 Interest | 41 | | | | |
| 42 Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule) | 42 | | | | |
| 43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize) | | | | | |
| a | 43a | | | | |
| b | 43b | | | | |
| c | 43c | | | | |
| d | 43d | | | | |
| e | 43e | | | | |
| f | 43f | | | | |
| g SEE STATEMENT 1 | 43g | 73,914. | 59,777. | 6,160. | 7,977. |
| 44 Total functional expenses. Add lines 22a through 43g. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15) | 44 | 496,083. | 312,684. | 111,767. | 71,632. |

Joint Costs. Check ▶ ☐ if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? ▶ ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs $ N/A ; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services $ N/A ; (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general $ N/A ; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising $ N/A



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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** *(See the instructions.)*

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What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ▶ SEE STATEMENT 3

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)

a SEE STATEMENT 2

(Grants and allocations $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐ 87,378.

b EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND MEDIA: THE ORGANIZATION DEVELOPED A NATIONAL MEDIA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THREE CORE ISSUES OF ITS MISSION: TAXES AND ECONOMICS, GLOBAL WARMING AND NATIONAL DEFENSE.

(Grants and allocations $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐ 85,498.

c STRATEGIC OUTREACH TO CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL LEADERS AND ECONOMIC THOUGHT LEADERS: A SERIES OF MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS WITH ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS LEADERS, CONSERVATIVE ACTIVISTS AND POLITICAL LEADERS WERE HELD AT VARIOUS PLACES AND TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO CHART THE COURSE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

(Grants and allocations $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐ 139,808.

d

(Grants and allocations $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐

e Other program services (attach schedule)

(Grants and allocations $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐

f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ▶ 312,684.



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**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See the instructions.)

| Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Assets | 45 Cash - non-interest-bearing | | 45 | 697,549. |
| | 46 Savings and temporary cash investments | | 46 | |
| | 47 a Accounts receivable 47a | | | |
| | b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 47b | | 47c | |
| | 48 a Pledges receivable 48a | | | |
| | b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 48b | | 48c | |
| | 49 Grants receivable | | 49 | |
| | 50 a Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | | 50a | |
| | b Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | 50b | |
| | 51 a Other notes and loans receivable 51a | | | |
| | b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 51b | | 51c | |
| | 52 Inventories for sale or use | | 52 | |
| | 53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | 53 | |
| | 54 a Investments - publicly-traded securities ▶ ☐ Cost ☐ FMV | | 54a | |
| | b Investments - other securities ▶ ☐ Cost ☐ FMV | | 54b | |
| | 55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis 55a | | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation 55b | | 55c | |
| | 56 Investments - other | | 56 | |
| | 57 a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis 57a | | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation 57b | | 57c | |
| | 58 Other assets, including program-related investments (describe ▶ ) | | 58 | |
| | 59 Total assets (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58 | 0. | 59 | 697,549. |
| Liabilities | 60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | 60 | |
| | 61 Grants payable | | 61 | |
| | 62 Deferred revenue | | 62 | |
| | 63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | | 63 | |
| | 64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 64a | |
| | b Mortgages and other notes payable | | 64b | |
| | 65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE ) | 0. | 65 | 7,587. |
| | 66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65 | 0. | 66 | 7,587. |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74. | | | |
| | 67 Unrestricted | | 67 | |
| | 68 Temporarily restricted | | 68 | |
| | 69 Permanently restricted | | 69 | |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 70 through 74 | | | |
| | 70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds | 0. | 70 | 0. |
| | 71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund | 0. | 71 | 0. |
| | 72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | 0. | 72 | 689,962. |
| | 73 Total net assets or fund balances. Add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72. (Column (A) must equal line 19 and column (B) must equal line 21) | 0. | 73 | 689,962. |
| | 74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73 | 0. | 74 | 697,549. |

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**Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return** *(See the instructions.)*

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | | a | N/A |
| b | Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12: | | | |
| 1 | Net unrealized gains on investments | b1 | | |
| 2 | Donated services and use of facilities | b2 | | |
| 3 | Recoveries of prior year grants | b3 | | |
| 4 | Other (specify): | b4 | | |
| | Add lines b1 through b4 | | b | |
| c | Subtract line b from line a | | c | |
| d | Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a: | | | |
| 1 | Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b | d1 | | |
| 2 | Other (specify): | d2 | | |
| | Add lines d1 and d2 | | d | |
| e | Total revenue (Part I, line 12). Add lines c and d | | e | |

**Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | a | N/A |
| b | Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17: | | | |
| 1 | Donated services and use of facilities | b1 | | |
| 2 | Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20 | b2 | | |
| 3 | Losses reported on Part I, line 20 | b3 | | |
| 4 | Other (specify): | b4 | | |
| | Add lines b1 through b4 | | b | |
| c | Subtract line b from line a | | c | |
| d | Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a: | | | |
| 1 | Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b | d1 | | |
| 2 | Other (specify): | d2 | | |
| | Add lines d1 and d2 | | d | |
| e | Total expenses (Part I, line 17). Add lines c and d | | e | |

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**Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated.) *(See the instructions.)*

| (A) Name and address | (B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position | (C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.) | (D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans | (E) Expense account and other allowances |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PAUL A. ERICKSON<br>610 S. BOULEVARD, SUITE 100<br>TAMPA, FL 33606 | PRES/DIR/EXEC DIR.(5/17/07-8/13/08)<br>80.00 | 173,026. | 0. | 0. |
| VALERIE BRADSHAW<br>610 S. BOULEVARD, SUITE 100<br>TAMPA, FL 33606 | OFFICE MGR/ADMINISTRATOR<br>80.00 | 76,250. | 0. | 0. |
| ED MARTIN, JR.<br>610 S. BOULEVARD, SUITE 100<br>TAMPA, FL 33606 | PRES/DIRECTOR(8/13/08-PRESENT)<br>0.00 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| ED FAILOR, JR.<br>610 S. BOULEVARD, SUITE 100<br>TAMPA, FL 33606 | SEC/TREAS/DIRECTOR(8/13/08-PRESENT)<br>0.00 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| STEPHEN MOORE<br>610 S. BOULEVARD, SUITE 100<br>TAMPA, FL 33606 | KEY EMPLOYEE<br>0.00 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| RICHARD SHARP<br>610 S. BOULEVARD, SUITE 100<br>TAMPA, FL 33606 | KEY EMPLOYEE<br>0.00 | 0. | 0. | 0. |
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**Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** *(continued)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 75 a | Enter the total number of officers, directors, and trustees permitted to vote on organization business at board meetings ▶ 1 | | | |
| b | Are any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," attach a statement that identifies the individuals and explains the relationship(s) | 75b | | X |
| c | Do any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to the organization? See the instructions for the definition of "related organization." | 75c | | X |
| | If "Yes," attach a statement that includes the information described in the instructions. | | | |
| d | Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? | 75d | X | |

**Part V-B Former Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees That Received Compensation or Other Benefits** (If any former officer, director, trustee, or key employee received compensation or other benefits (described below) during the year, list that person below and enter the amount of compensation or other benefits in the appropriate column. See the instructions.)

| (A) Name and address | (B) Loans and Advances | (C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-) | (D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans | (E) Expense account and other allowances |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NONE | | | | |

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**Part VI Other Information** *(See the instructions.)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 78 | Did the organization make a change in its activities or methods of conducting activities? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement of each change | 78 | | X |
| 77 | Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes. | 77 | | X |
| 78 a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? | 78a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? N/A | 78b | | |
| 79 | Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement | 79 | | X |
| 80 a | Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization? | 80a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," enter the name of the organization ▶ N/A and check whether it is ☐ exempt or ☐ nonexempt | | | |
| 81 a | Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. (See line 81 instructions.) 81a 0. | | | |
| b | Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? | 81b | | X |





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**Part VI Other Information** *(continued)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 82 a | Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value? | 82a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III) 82b N/A | | | |
| 83 a | Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications? | 83a | X | |
| b | Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to *quid pro quo* contributions? | 83b | X | |
| 84 a | Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible? | 84a | X | |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? | 84b | X | |
| 85 a | *501(c)(4), (5), or (6).* Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members? | 85a | X | |
| b | Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less? | 85b | X | |
| | If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year. | | | |
| c | Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members 85c N/A | | | |
| d | Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures 85d N/A | | | |
| e | Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices 85e N/A | | | |
| f | Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e) 85f N/A | | | |
| g | Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f? N/A | 85g | | |
| h | If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year? N/A | 85h | | |
| 86 | *501(c)(7) organizations* Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12 86a N/A | | | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities 86b N/A | | | |
| 87 | *501(c)(12) organizations* Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders 87a N/A | | | |
| b | Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 87b N/A | | | |
| 88 a | At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX | 88a | | X |
| b | At any time during the year, did the organization, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Part XI ▶ | 88b | | X |
| 89 a | *501(c)(3) organizations* Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ N/A ; section 4912 ▶ N/A ; section 4955 ▶ N/A | | | |
| b | *501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.* Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction | 89b | | X |
| c | Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0. | | | |
| d | Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0. | | | |
| e | *All organizations.* At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | 89e | | X |
| f | *All organizations.* Did the organization acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract? | 89f | | X |
| g | *For supporting organizations and sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds* Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? N/A | 89g | | |
| 90 a | List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ DC | | | |
| b | Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2007 90b 0 | | | |
| 91 a | The books are in care of ▶ ROBERT WATKINS & COMPANY, P.A. Telephone no. ▶ 813-254-3369 Located at ▶ 610 S. BOULEVARD, SUITE 100, TAMPA, FL ZIP + 4 ▶ 33606 | | | |
| b | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ N/A See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts | 91b | | X |



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**Part VI Other Information** *(continued)*

| | | Yes | No |
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| c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? | 91c | | X |
| If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ N/A | | | |
| 92 *Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of* Form 1041 - Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 92 | | | |

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** *(See the instructions.)*

| Note: *Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.* | Unrelated business income (A) Business code | Unrelated business income (B) Amount | Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514 (C) Exclusion code | Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514 (D) Amount | (E) Related or exempt function income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 Program service revenue: | | | | | |
| a | | | | | |
| b | | | | | |
| c | | | | | |
| d | | | | | |
| e | | | | | |
| f Medicare/Medicaid payments | | | | | |
| g Fees and contracts from government agencies | | | | | |
| 94 Membership dues and assessments | | | | | |
| 95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments | | | 14 | 9,585. | |
| 96 Dividends and interest from securities | | | | | |
| 97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate | | | | | |
| a debt-financed property | | | | | |
| b not debt-financed property | | | | | |
| 98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property | | | | | |
| 99 Other investment income | | | | | |
| 100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory | | | | | |
| 101 Net income or (loss) from special events | | | | | |
| 102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | |
| 103 Other revenue: | | | | | |
| a | | | | | |
| b | | | | | |
| c | | | | | |
| d | | | | | |
| e | | | | | |
| 104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E)) | | 0. | | 9,585. | 0. |
| 105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E)) | | | | ▶ | 9,585. |

Note: *Line 105 plus line 1e, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.*

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**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** *(See the instructions.)*

| Line No. ▼ | Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes). |
|---|---|
| | |

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** *(See the instructions.)*

| (A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity | (B) Percentage of ownership interest | (C) Nature of activities | (D) Total income | (E) End-of-year assets |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | % | | | |
| N/A | % | | | |
| | % | | | |
| | % | | | |

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** *(See the instructions.)*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? | ☐ Yes | X No |
| (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? | ☐ Yes | X No |

Note: *If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)*



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**Part XI Information Regarding Transfers To and From Controlled Entities.** *Complete only if the organization is a controlling organization as defined in section 512(b)(13).* N/A

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| 106 | Did the reporting organization make any transfers to a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity. | | |

| | (A) Name, address, of each controlled entity | (B) Employer Identification Number | (C) Description of transfer | (D) Amount of transfer |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | | | | |
| b | | | | |
| c | | | | |
| | Totals | | | |

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| 107 | Did the reporting organization receive any transfers from a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity. | | |

| | (A) Name, address, of each controlled entity | (B) Employer Identification Number | (C) Description of transfer | (D) Amount of transfer |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | | 100263040 | | |
| b | | | | |
| c | | | | |
| | Totals | | | |

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| 108 | Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006, covering the interest, rents, royalties, and annuities described in question 107 above? | | |

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Please Sign Here

▶ [signature], Executive Director — 12/19/08
Signature of officer — Date

▶ Paul Erickson, Executive Director
Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature — Date 12/19/08 — Check if self-employed ▶ ☐ — Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen Inst X)

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4
▶ ROBERT WATKINS & COMPANY, P.A.
610 S. BOULEVARD, SUITE 100
TAMPA, FL 33606

EIN ▶

Phone no. ▶ 813-254-3369

Form 990 (2007)

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**Schedule B** (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

# Schedule of Contributors

Supplementary Information for line 1 of Form 990, 990-EZ, and 990-PF (see instructions)

OMB No 1545-0047

**2007**

Name of organization

AMERICAN ISSUES PROJECT, INC.

Employer identification number

26-0196975

Organization type (check one)

| Filers of: | Section: |
|---|---|
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | [X] 501(c)( 4 ) (enter number) organization |
| | [ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation |
| | [ ] 527 political organization |
| Form 990-PF | [ ] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation |
| | [ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation |
| | [ ] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation |

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule. (Note: *Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule-see instructions.)*

General Rule-

[X] For organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, $5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. (Complete Parts I and II)

Special Rules-

[ ] For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of $5,000 or 2% of the amount on line 1 of these forms. (Complete Parts I and II.)

[ ] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than $1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. (Complete Parts I, II, and III)

[ ] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than $1,000. (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the Parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of $5,000 or more during the year.) ▶ $ _____

Caution: *Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they must check the box in the heading of their Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).*

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, Form 990-EZ, and Form 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2007)

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2007) Page 1 of 1 of Part I

Name of organization: AMERICAN ISSUES PROJECT, INC.

Employer identification number: 26-0196975

**Part I Contributors** (See Specific Instructions.)

| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Aggregate contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | $ 1,000,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 2 | | $ 100,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 3 | | $ 50,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 4 | | $ 26,460. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2007)

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AMERICAN ISSUES PROJECT, INC. 26-0196975

FORM 990 OTHER EXPENSES STATEMENT 1

| DESCRIPTION | (A) TOTAL | (B) PROGRAM SERVICES | (C) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL | (D) FUNDRAISING |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AUTO EXPENSES | 1,777. | | 1,777. | |
| COMPUTER SERVICES | 536. | 536. | | |
| DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS | 2,212. | | 2,212. | |
| INSURANCE-WRKRS COMP | 1,009. | 603. | 252. | 154. |
| MEALS & ENTERTNMENT | 1,526. | 1,526. | | |
| MOVING EXPENSE | 350. | | 350. | |
| PAYROLL SERVICE | 1,569. | | 1,569. | |
| TV PRODUCTION | 22,314. | 14,491. | | 7,823. |
| WEBSITE DESIGN | 17,621. | 17,621. | | |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS | 25,000. | 25,000. | | |
| TOTAL TO FM 990, LN 43 | 73,914. | 59,777. | 6,160. | 7,977. |

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AMERICAN ISSUES PROJECT, INC. 26-0196975

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICE ONE

ONLINE ADVOCACY PROJECT: THE ORGANIZATION DEVELOPED A SOPHISTICATED PLAN FOR ONLINE GRASSROOTS OUTREACH AND FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION AND TO ATTRACT AND MOBILIZE A NEW GENERATION OF CONSERVATIVE ACTIVISTS, COORDINATED WITH TRADITIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING TO RECRUIT MEMBERS AND DONORS AND TO EMPOWER THE CONSERVATIVE GRASSROOTS.

| | GRANTS | EXPENSES |
|---|---|---|
| TO FORM 990, PART III, LINE A | | 87,378. |

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE STATEMENT 3
PART III

EXPLANATION

TO ADVOCATE FOR AND PROMOTE THE CORE CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS AND RONALD REAGAN; INCLUDING; LIMITED GOVERNMENT, LOWER TAXES, FREE MARKETS, CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS, AND A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE. TO EDUCATE AND INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND POLICYMAKERS ABOUT THESE PRINCIPLES AND ALERT THEM TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEED FOR CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES IN GOVERNANCE.

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**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**
**TAX EXEMPT & GOVERNMENT ENTITIES**
**EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

**Work Site Address:**
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20038

**Mailing Address:**
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20224

**Telephone Number: (202)283-2300**

**Fax Machines: (202)283-8858**
**(202)283-8937**
**(202)283-9462**

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**To:** _____

_____

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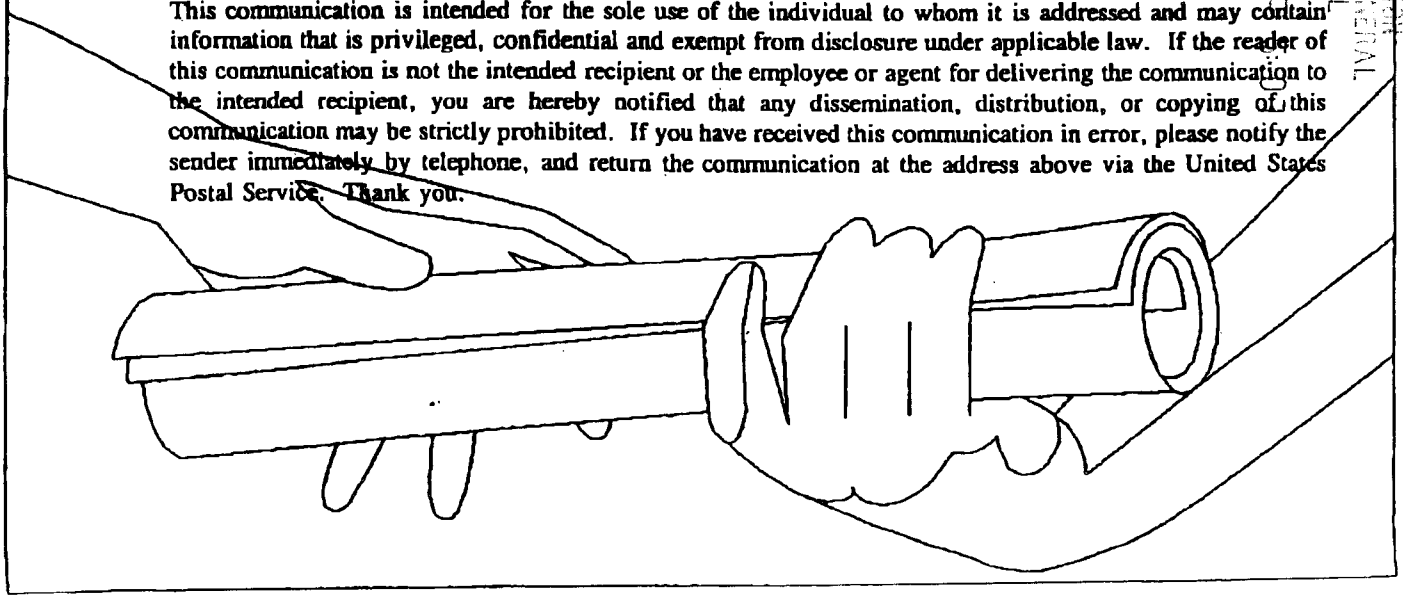
**From:** (202)283-

EO Technical Guidance

**Comments:**
1) Form 1024/2007 F990 -
American Issues Project, Inc.
(formerly Citizens for the Republic, Inc.)
2) Form 1024 -
American Future Fund

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Form **8718**
(Rev. August 2005)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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# User Fee for Exempt Organization Determination Letter Request

▶ Attach this form to determination letter application.
(Form 8718 is NOT a determination letter application.)

For IRS Use Only

OMB No. 1545-1798
Control number
Amount paid 750
User fee screener

1 Name of organization
**American Future Fund**

2 Employer Identification Number
**26 0620554**

**Caution:** *Do not attach Form 8718 to an application for a pension plan determination letter. Use Form 8717 instead.*

**3 Type of request** **Fee**

a ☐ Initial request for a determination letter for:
- An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging not more than $10,000 during the preceding 4 years, or
- A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging not more than $10,000 during its first 4 years ▶ $150

**Note:** *If you checked box 3a, you must complete the Certification below.*

**Certification**

I certify that the annual gross receipts of .....
name of organization

have averaged (or are expected to average) not more than $10,000 during the preceding 4 (or the first 4) years of operation.

Signature ▶ Title ▶

b ☑ Initial request for a determination letter for:
- An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging more than $10,000 during the preceding 4 years or
- A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging more than $10,000 during its first 4 years . ▶ $500

c ☐ Group exemption letters . . . . . ▶ $500

## Instructions

The law requires payment of a user fee with each application for a determination letter. The user fees are listed on line 3 above. For more information, see Rev. Proc. 2005-8, 2005-1, I.R.B. 243, or latest annual update.

Check the box or boxes on line 3 for the type of application you are submitting. If you check box 3a, you must complete and sign the certification statement that appears under line 3a.

Attach to Form 8718 a check or money order payable to the "United States Treasury" for the full amount of the user fee. If you do not include the full amount, your application will be returned. Attach Form 8718 to your determination letter application.

Generally, the user fee will be refunded only if the Internal Revenue Service declines to issue a determination.

## Where To File

Send the determination letter application and Form 8718 to:

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 192
Covington, KY 41012-0192

If you are using express mail or a delivery service, send the application and Form 8718 to:

Internal Revenue Service
201 West Rivercenter Blvd.
Attn: Extracting Stop 312
Covington, KY 41011

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. If you want your organization to be recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, you are required to give us this information. We need it to determine whether the organization meets the legal requirements for tax-exempt status.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. The rules governing the confidentiality of Form 8718 are covered in section 6104.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is 5 minutes. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:T:SP, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6406, Washington, DC 20224. Do not send this form to this address. Instead, see *Where To File* above.

Attach Check or Money Order Here

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Form **2848** (Rev. March 2004)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

▶ Type or print. ▶ See the separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0150

For IRS Use Only
Received by:
Name
Telephone
Function
Date / /

**Part I Power of Attorney**

**Caution:** *Form 2848 will not be honored for any purpose other than representation before the IRS.*

**1 Taxpayer information.** Taxpayer(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, line 9.

| Taxpayer name(s) and address | Social security number(s) | Employer identification number |
|---|---|---|
| **American Future Fund**<br>**PO Box 13434**<br>**Des Moines, IA 50310** | | **26 0620554** |
| | Daytime telephone number<br>( ) | Plan number (if applicable) |

hereby appoint(s) the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:

**2 Representative(s)** must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.

| Name and address | CAF No. / Telephone No. / Fax No. / Check if new: Address ☐ Telephone No. ☐ Fax No. ☐ |
|---|---|
| **Jill Holtzman Vogel**<br>**98 Alexandria Pike, Ste 53**<br>**Warrenton, VA 20186** | CAF No.<br>Telephone No. **540 341 8808**<br>Fax No. **540 341 8809** |
| **Karen Blackistone**<br>**98 Alexandria Pike, Ste 53**<br>**Warrenton, VA 20186** | CAF No.<br>Telephone No. **540 341 8808**<br>Fax No. **540 341 8809** |
| **Jason Torchinsky**<br>**98 Alexandria Pike, Ste 53**<br>**Warrenton, VA 20186** | CAF No. **0302-66389R**<br>Telephone No. **540 341 8808**<br>Fax No. **540 341 8809** |

to represent the taxpayer(s) before the Internal Revenue Service for the following tax matters:

**3 Tax matters**

| Type of Tax (Income, Employment, Excise, etc.) or Civil Penalty (see the instructions for line 3) | Tax Form Number (1040, 941, 720, etc.) | Year(s) or Period(s) (see the instructions for line 3) |
|---|---|---|
| **Income Tax** | **990** | **2007, 2008, 2009** |
| **Tax Determination** | **1024** | **2008** |
| | | |

**4 Specific use not recorded on Centralized Authorization File (CAF).** If the power of attorney is for a specific use not recorded on CAF, check this box. See the instructions for **Line 4. Specific uses not recorded on CAF.** . . . . . ▶ ☐

**5 Acts authorized.** The representatives are authorized to receive and inspect confidential tax information and to perform any and all acts that I (we) can perform with respect to the tax matters described on line 3, for example, the authority to sign any agreements, consents, or other documents. The authority does not include the power to receive refund checks (see line 6 below), the power to substitute another representative, the power to sign certain returns, or the power to execute a request for disclosure of tax returns or return information to a third party. See the line 5 instructions for more information.

**Exceptions.** An unenrolled return preparer cannot sign any document for a taxpayer and may only represent taxpayers in limited situations. See **Unenrolled Return Preparer** on page 2 of the instructions. An enrolled actuary may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(d) of Circular 230. See the line 5 instructions for restrictions on tax matters partners.

List any specific additions or deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney: .....

**6 Receipt of refund checks.** If you want to authorize a representative named on line 2 to receive, **BUT NOT TO ENDORSE OR CASH**, refund checks, initial here _____ and list the name of that representative below.

Name of representative to receive refund check(s) ▶



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7 **Notices and communications.** Original notices and other written communications will be sent to you and a copy to the first representative listed on line 2.

a If you also want the second representative listed to receive a copy of notices and communications, check this box . . ▶ ☐

b If you do not want any notices or communications sent to your representative(s), check this box . . . . . ▶ ☐

8 **Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney.** The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all earlier power(s) of attorney on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same tax matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you **do not** want to revoke a prior power of attorney, check here. . . . . ▶ ☐

**YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.**

9 **Signature of taxpayer(s).** If a tax matter concerns a joint return, **both** husband and wife must sign if joint representation is requested, otherwise, see the instructions. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, or trustee on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute this form on behalf of the taxpayer.

▶ **IF NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED.**

| Signature | Date | Title (if applicable) |
|---|---|---|
| | 2/29/08 | Director |

| Print Name | PIN Number | Print name of taxpayer from line 1 if other than individual |
|---|---|---|
| Nora Schlinger | ☐☐☐☐☐ | |

| Signature | Date | Title (if applicable) |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

| Print Name | PIN Number |
|---|---|
| | ☐☐☐☐☐ |

## Part II Declaration of Representative

**Caution:** *Students with a special order to represent taxpayers in Qualified Low Income Taxpayer Clinics or the Student Tax Clinic Program, see the instructions for Part II.*

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that:

- I am not currently under suspension or disbarment from practice before the Internal Revenue Service;
- I am aware of regulations contained in Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (31 CFR, Part 10), as amended, concerning the practice of attorneys, certified public accountants, enrolled agents, enrolled actuaries, and others;
- I am authorized to represent the taxpayer(s) identified in Part I for the tax matter(s) specified there; and
- I am one of the following:
  - a Attorney—a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the jurisdiction shown below.
  - b Certified Public Accountant—duly qualified to practice as a certified public accountant in the jurisdiction shown below.
  - c Enrolled Agent—enrolled as an agent under the requirements of Treasury Department Circular No. 230.
  - d Officer—a bona fide officer of the taxpayer's organization.
  - e Full-Time Employee—a full-time employee of the taxpayer.
  - f Family Member—a member of the taxpayer's immediate family (i.e., spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister).
  - g Enrolled Actuary—enrolled as an actuary by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries under 29 U.S.C. 1242 (the authority to practice before the Service is limited by section 10.3(d) of Treasury Department Circular No. 230).
  - h Unenrolled Return Preparer—the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by Treasury Department Circular No. 230, section 10.7(c)(1)(viii). You must have prepared the return in question and the return must be under examination by the IRS. **See Unenrolled Return Preparer** on page 2 of the instructions.

▶ **IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THE POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED.** See the Part II instructions.

| Designation—Insert above letter (a–h) | Jurisdiction (state) or identification | Signature | Date | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | VA | | 3-18-08 | X |
| a | VA | | 3-18-08 | X |
| a | VA | | 3/18/08 | X |



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Form **1024** (Rev. September 1998)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a)

OMB No. 1545-0057

If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully. **A User Fee must be attached to this application.**
If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to the organization.
**Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 6 of the instructions.**

**Part I. Identification of Applicant** (Must be completed by all applicants; also complete appropriate schedule.)
Submit only the schedule that applies to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.

Check the appropriate box below to indicate the section under which the organization is applying:

- a ☐ Section 501(c)(2)—Title holding corporations (Schedule A, page 7)
- b ☑ Section 501(c)(4)—Civic leagues, social welfare organizations (including certain war veterans' organizations), or local associations of employees (Schedule B, page 8)
- c ☐ Section 501(c)(5)—Labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations (Schedule C, page 9)
- d ☐ Section 501(c)(6)—Business leagues, chambers of commerce, etc. (Schedule C, page 9)
- e ☐ Section 501(c)(7)—Social clubs (Schedule D, page 11)
- f ☐ Section 501(c)(8)—Fraternal beneficiary societies, etc., providing life, sick, accident, or other benefits to members (Schedule E, page 13)
- g ☐ Section 501(c)(9)—Voluntary employees' beneficiary associations (Parts I through IV and Schedule F, page 14)
- h ☐ Section 501(c)(10)—Domestic fraternal societies, orders, etc., not providing life, sick, accident, or other benefits (Schedule E, page 13)
- i ☐ Section 501(c)(12)—Benevolent life insurance associations, mutual ditch or irrigation companies, mutual or cooperative telephone companies, or like organizations (Schedule G, page 15)
- j ☐ Section 501(c)(13)—Cemeteries, crematoria, and like corporations (Schedule H, page 16)
- k ☐ Section 501(c)(15)—Mutual insurance companies or associations, other than life or marine (Schedule I, page 17)
- l ☐ Section 501(c)(17)—Trusts providing for the payment of supplemental unemployment compensation benefits (Parts I through IV and Schedule J, page 18)
- m ☐ Section 501(c)(19)—A post, organization, auxiliary unit, etc., of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States (Schedule K, page 19)
- n ☐ Section 501(c)(25)—Title holding corporations or trusts (Schedule A, page 7)

| | |
|---|---|
| 1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document)<br>**American Future Fund** | 2 Employer identification number (EIN) (if none, see **Specific Instructions** on page 2)<br>**26 : 0620554** |
| 1b c/o Name (if applicable) | 3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed<br>**Jason Torchinsky** |
| 1c Address (number and street)<br>**PO Box 13434** — Room/Suite | |
| 1d City, town or post office, state, and ZIP + 4 If you have a foreign address, see **Specific Instructions** for Part I, page 2.<br>**Des Moines, IA 50310** | **( 540 ) 341 8808** |
| 1e Web site address | 4 Month the annual accounting period ends<br>**December** |
| | 5 Date incorporated or formed<br>**8/7/2007** |

6 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," attach an explanation.

7 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.

8 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING.

- a ☑ Corporation— Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also attach a copy of the bylaws.
- b ☐ Trust— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
- c ☐ Association— Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence that the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person. Also include a copy of the bylaws.

If this is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here . . . . . ▶ ☐

**PLEASE SIGN HERE** ▶ I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization, and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

..... (Signature) Nicole Schlinger (Type or print name and title or authority of signer) 2/29/08 (Date)

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**Part II. Activities and Operational Information** (Must be completed by all applicants)

1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past, present, and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: **(a)** a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; **(b)** when the activity was or will be initiated; and **(c)** where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

**EDUCATE THE PUBLIC 70%**
**The organization plans to educate the public on policy issues and decisions that affect the American public.**

**Starting in August 2007- through 2007 and beyond**

**Consultants will be engaged to assist with this activity.**

**ACTIVITY TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION 30%**
**The organization plans to engage in activity to influence legislation through grassroots advocacy promoting state and local legislative and executive branch initiatives in support of its mission at the state and federal level.**

**Starting in August 2007- through 2007 and beyond**

**Consultants will be engaged to assist with this activity.**

2 List the organization's present and future sources of financial support, beginning with the largest source first.

**Corporations, associations, organizations and individuals who support the mission and purpose of this organization may provide financial support.**

## Part II. Activities and Operational Information (continued)

3 Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

| a Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc. | b Annual compensation |
|---|---|
| **Nicole Schlinger**<br>**PO Box 257, 700 E. Pleasant Street, Brooklyn, IA 52211**<br><br>***Nicole Schlinger is not compensated for her services as a director. Her fundraising and telemarketing firm may be contracted to provide services to the organization at market rates.** | **None*** |

4 If the organization is the outgrowth or continuation of any form of predecessor, state the name of each predecessor, the period during which it was in existence, and the reasons for its termination. Submit copies of all papers by which any transfer of assets was effected.

**N/A**

5 If the applicant organization is now, or plans to be, connected in any way with any other organization, describe the other organization and explain the relationship (e.g., financial support on a continuing basis; shared facilities or employees; same officers, directors, or trustees).

**N/A**

6 If the organization has capital stock issued and outstanding, state: **(1)** class or classes of the stock; **(2)** number and par value of the shares; **(3)** consideration for which they were issued; and **(4)** if any dividends have been paid or whether your organization's creating instrument authorizes dividend payments on any class of capital stock.

**N/A**

7 State the qualifications necessary for membership in the organization; the classes of membership (with the number of members in each class); and the voting rights and privileges received. If any group or class of persons is required to join, describe the requirement and explain the relationship between those members and members who join voluntarily. Submit copies of any membership solicitation material. Attach sample copies of all types of membership certificates issued.

**The corporation has no members.**

8 Explain how your organization's assets will be distributed on dissolution.

**Upon dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to another organization operated exclusively for charitable purposes or for social welfare purposes as described in section 501(c)(4).**

**Part II. Activities and Operational Information** (continued)

9 Has the organization made or does it plan to make any distribution of its property or surplus funds to shareholders or members? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," state the full details, including: **(1)** amounts or value; **(2)** source of funds or property distributed or to be distributed; and **(3)** basis of, and authority for, distribution or planned distribution.

10 Does, or will, any part of your organization's receipts represent payments for services performed or to be performed? . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," state in detail the amount received and the character of the services performed or to be performed.

11 Has the organization made, or does it plan to make, any payments to members or shareholders for services performed or to be performed? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," state in detail the amount paid, the character of the services, and to whom the payments have been, or will be, made.

12 Does the organization have any arrangement to provide insurance for members, their dependents, or others (including provisions for the payment of sick or death benefits, pensions, or annuities)? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," describe and explain the arrangement's eligibility rules and attach a sample copy of each plan document and each type of policy issued.

13 Is the organization under the supervisory jurisdiction of any public regulatory body, such as a social welfare agency, etc.? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," submit copies of all administrative opinions or court decisions regarding this supervision, as well as copies of applications or requests for the opinions or decisions.

14 Does the organization now lease or does it plan to lease any property? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," explain in detail. Include the amount of rent, a description of the property, and any relationship between the applicant organization and the other party. Also, attach a copy of any rental or lease agreement. (If the organization is a party, as a lessor, to multiple leases of rental real property under similar lease agreements, please attach a single representative copy of the leases.)

15 Has the organization spent or does it plan to spend any money attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any person to any Federal, state, or local public office or to an office in a political organization? . . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," explain in detail and list the amounts spent or to be spent in each case.

16 Does the organization publish pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, journals, or similar printed material? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," attach a recent copy of each.

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**Part III. Financial Data** (Must be completed by all applicants)

*Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. **If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.***

## A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses

| | | (a) Current Tax Year From 1/08 To 12/08 | 3 Prior Tax Years or Proposed Budget for Next 2 Years (b) 2009 | (c) 2010 | (d) | (e) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Revenue** | | | | | |
| 1 | Gross dues and assessments of members | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | | 15,000,000 |
| 2 | Gross contributions, gifts, etc. | | | | | |
| 3 | Gross amounts derived from activities related to the organization's exempt purpose (attach schedule) (include related cost of sales on line 9.) | | | | | |
| 4 | Gross amounts from unrelated business activities (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 5 | Gain from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 6 | Investment income (see page 3 of the instructions) | | | | | |
| 7 | Other revenue (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 8 | Total revenue (add lines 1 through 7) | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | | 15,000,000 |
| | **Expenses** | | | | | |
| 9 | Expenses attributable to activities related to the organization's exempt purposes | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | | 15,000,000 |
| 10 | Expenses attributable to unrelated business activities | | | | | |
| 11 | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 12 | Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 13 | Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 14 | Other salaries and wages | | | | | |
| 15 | Interest | | | | | |
| 16 | Occupancy | | | | | |
| 17 | Depreciation and depletion | | | | | |
| 18 | Other expenses (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 19 | Total expenses (add lines 9 through 18) | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | | 15,000,000 |
| 20 | Excess of revenue over expenses (line 8 minus line 19) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |

## B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)

| | | Current Tax Year as of 2/17/08 | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Assets** | | |
| 1 | Cash | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | Accounts receivable, net | 2 | |
| 3 | Inventories | 3 | |
| 4 | Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) | 4 | |
| 5 | Corporate stocks (attach schedule) | 5 | |
| 6 | Mortgage loans (attach schedule) | 6 | |
| 7 | Other investments (attach schedule) | 7 | |
| 8 | Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule) | 8 | |
| 9 | Land | 9 | |
| 10 | Other assets (attach schedule) | 10 | |
| 11 | **Total assets** | 11 | 0 |
| | **Liabilities** | | |
| 12 | Accounts payable | 12 | 0 |
| 13 | Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable | 13 | |
| 14 | Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) | 14 | |
| 15 | Other liabilities (attach schedule) | 15 | |
| 16 | **Total liabilities** | 16 | 0 |
| | **Fund Balances or Net Assets** | | |
| 17 | Total fund balances or net assets | 17 | 0 |
| 18 | **Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets** (add line 16 and line 17) | 18 | 0 |

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation. ▶ ☐

**Schedule B** **Organizations Described in Section 501(c)(4) (Civic leagues, social welfare organizations (including posts, councils, etc., of veterans' organizations not qualifying or applying for exemption under section 501(c)(19)) or local associations of employees.)**

1 Has the Internal Revenue Service previously issued a ruling or determination letter recognizing the applicant organization (or any predecessor organization listed in question 4, Part II of the application) to be exempt under section 501(c)(3) and later revoked that recognition of exemption on the basis that the applicant organization (or its predecessor) was carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or on the basis that it engaged in political activity? . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," indicate the earliest tax year for which recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) was revoked and the IRS district office that issued the revocation.

2 Does the organization perform or plan to perform (for members, shareholders, or others) services, such as maintaining the common areas of a condominium; buying food or other items on a cooperative basis; or providing recreational facilities or transportation services, job placement, or other similar undertakings? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," explain the activities in detail, including income realized and expenses incurred. Also, explain in detail the nature of the benefits to the general public from these activities. (If the answer to this question is explained in Part II of the application (pages 2, 3, and 4), enter the page and item number here.)

3 If the organization is claiming exemption as a homeowners' association, is access to any property or facilities it owns or maintains restricted in any way? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," explain.

4 If the organization is claiming exemption as a local association of employees, state the name and address of each employer whose employees are eligible for membership in the association. If employees of more than one plant or office of the same employer are eligible for membership, give the address of each plant or office.

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The Secretary of State acknowledges receipt of the following documen

Articles of Incorporation

The document was filed on August 7, 2007, at 09:37 AM, to be effective as of August 7, 2007, at 09:37 AM.

The amount of $20.00 was received in full payment of the filing fee.

Michael A. Mauro

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
# OF

# AMERICAN FUTURE FUND

(Formed under the Revised Iowa Non-Profit Corporation Act)

## ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is American Future Fund ("the Corporation").

## ARTICLE II

The address of the Corporation's initial registered office and the name of its initial registered agent at that office:

CT Corporation System
2222 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

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## ARTICLE III

The following individual shall serve as the Incorporator:

Jessica Young
98 Alexandria Pike, Suite 53
Warrenton, VA 20186

## ARTICLE IV

The Corporation shall have no members.

## ARTICLE V

The Corporation is established primarily to further the common good and general welfare of the citizens of the United States of America by educating the citizens of the United States about public policy issues.

No part of the net income of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose and objects set forth in this Fifth Article.

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Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue law

**ARTICLE VI**

The directors of the corporation shall be elected or appointed as follows:

The Incorporator shall have the authority to appoint the Initial Board of Directors and to fill any vacancies that may occur on the Board of Directors. Directors shall serve a term of office of one (1) year.

**ARTICLE VII**

Upon dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to another organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes or for social welfare purposes as described in section 501(c)(4).

These Articles of Incorporation have been duly signed by the incorporator as required by law;

Dated this 30 day of July, 2007

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BY: _____ (Incorporator)

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## ARTICLE I
## OFFICES

SECTION 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE. The initial principal office of the corporation shall be located at 2643 Beaver Avenue, #339, Des Moines, IA 50310. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Iowa, as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the Corporation may require from time to time.

SECTION 2. REGISTERED OFFICE. The registered office of the Corporation is: 2222 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312

## ARTICLE II
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS. The business, property and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. NUMBER. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, but in no event shall be less than one (1). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by an amendment to these Bylaws. Any increase in the number of Directors shall be considered a vacancy to be filled by the remaining Directors.

SECTION 3. TENURE. Each Director shall serve a one-year term, or shall serve until he or she resigns, is incapable of serving, or is removed pursuant to these Bylaws. Each director must be reelected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL. At a special meeting of the Directors of this Corporation called for the purpose of removing any Director, such Director may be removed by a majority vote of all Directors entitled to vote. When any Director is removed, such unexpired term shall be considered a vacancy on the Board of Directors to be filled by the remaining Directors.

SECTION 5. RESIGNATION. Any Director may resign at any time with the assent of a majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS. Directors need not be residents of the State of Iowa.

SECTION 7. VACANCIES. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment by the Incorporator, or, if the Incorporator declines to make such an appointment, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors may vote, unless otherwise provided by law. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors may be filled by appointment by the Incorporator until the next election of directors by the Directors.

SECTION 8. ANNUAL MEETINGS. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors to elect officers and directors and to conduct such business as may be necessary shall be held at such a time and place as shall be designated by the Board.

SECTION 9. REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at the time and place as determined by resolution of the Board without other notice than such resolution.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.

SECTION 11. NOTICE. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least two (2) days previous thereto by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each director at his business address, or by telegram. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by electronic or Internet notice, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the electronic or Internet notice is delivered to the service provider

SECTION 12. WAIVER OF NOTICE. The attendance of a Director at a Board meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. The Director may also submit a signed waiver of notice.

SECTION 13. QUORUM. A majority of the Directors then in office constitutes a quorum for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. A quorum shall not be established if more than 50 percent of such quorum is related by blood or marriage. If less than a majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice

SECTION 14. MANNER OF ACTING. The act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be an authorized action of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 15. ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING. Any action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to authorization voted at a meeting of the board of directors or a committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if, before or after the action, all members of the board or of the committee consent thereto in writing. The written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board or committee. The consent has the same effect as a vote of the board of committee for all purposes.

SECTION 16. MEETINGS HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL. A member of the board or of a committee designated by the board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all participants in the meeting can simultaneously hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this provision constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

SECTION 17. COMPENSATION. By resolution of the Board of Directors, each director may be paid his expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and may be paid a stated salary as director or a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or both, so long as such payments are reasonable. No such payment shall preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

SECTION 18. PRESUMPTION OF ASSENT. A director of the Corporation who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless he shall file his written dissent to such action with the person acting as the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof, or shall forward such dissent by registered mail to the Secretary of the Corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to director who voted in favor of such action.

## ARTICLE III
## OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, and a Treasurer all of whom shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors, including a Secretary, Vice President or Chairman. In its discretion, the Board of Directors may leave unfilled for any such period as it may determine any office except those of President and Treasurer. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person.

SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office for a one-year term, or until a successor is elected and qualified, or until his death, or until he shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. REMOVAL. Any officer, agent, or director may be removed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Election or appointment of an officer, agent, or director shall not of itself create contract rights, and such appointment shall be terminable at will. An officer's authority to act may be suspended by vote of a majority of the Board for cause.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION. The salaries of the officers shall be reasonable and shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. No officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he is also a director of the Corporation.

SECTION 7. PRESIDENT. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and subject to the Board of Directors, shall have authority over the general control and management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall have power to appoint or discharge employees, agents, or independent contractors, and to determine their duties and compensation, if any, which shall be reasonable. The President shall sign all corporate documents and agreements on behalf of the Corporation, unless the President or the Board expressly instructs that the signing be done with or by some other officer, agent or employee, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed. The President shall see that all actions taken by the Board are executed and shall perform all other duties incident to the office; subject, however, to the President's right and the right of the Board to delegate any specific power to any other officer of the Corporation.

SECTION 8. VICE PRESIDENT. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

SECTION 9. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall: (a) keep minutes of the Board of meetings; (b) be responsible for providing notice to each Director as required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or by the Bylaws; (c) be the custodian of corporate records; (d)

keep a register of the names and addresses of each officer and Director; and (e) perform all duties incident to the office and other duties assigned by the President or by the Board.

SECTION 10. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody over corporate funds and securities; (b) keep accurate books and records of corporate receipts and disbursements; (c) deposit all moneys and securities received by the Corporation at such depositories in the Corporation's name as may be designated by the Board; and (d) perform all duties incident to the office and other duties assigned by the President and by the Board.

## ARTICLE IV
## CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the Corporation's interest when the corporation contemplates entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Corporation or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

1: Interested Person- Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest- A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement,

b. A compensation arrangement with the Corporation or with any entity or individual with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement, or

c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Corporation is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

3. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

4. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Section 3.3 of this article, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

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SECTION 3. PROCEDURES.

1. Duty to Disclose- In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists- After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Corporation can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Corporation's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines

the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

SECTION 4. RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS. The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

1. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

2. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION.

1. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

2. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

3. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

## ARTICLE VI
## INDEMNITY

The Corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and the Incorporator as follows:

(a) Every director, officer, or employee of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees. reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be made a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or enterprise, or any settlement thereof; whether or not he

is a director, officer, employee or agent at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the director, officer, or employee is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided that in the event of a settlement the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being for the best interests of the Corporation.

(b) The Corporation shall provide to any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or enterprise, the indemnity against expenses of suit, litigation or other proceedings which is specifically permissible under applicable law.

(c) The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, direct the purchase of liability insurance by way of implementing the provisions of this Article VI.

## ARTICLE VII
## CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

SECTION 1. CONTRACTS. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 2. LOANS. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 3. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. DEPOSITS. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

SECTION 5. CORPORATE DOCUMENT PROCEDURE. All corporate documents including stocks, bonds, agreements, insurance and annuity contracts, qualified and nonqualified deferred compensation plans, checks, notes, disbursements, loans, and other debt obligations shall not be signed by any officer, designated agent or attorney-in-fact unless authorized by the Board or these Bylaws.

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## ARTICLE VIII
## MEMBERS

There shall be no members of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE IX
## FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December each year.

## ARTICLE X
## CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors may at its discretion provide a corporate seal, which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and the State of incorporation and the words. "Corporate Seal".

## ARTICLE XI
## WAIVER OF NOTICE

Unless otherwise provided by law, whenever any notice is required to be given to any director of the Corporation under the provisions of these Bylaws or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or under the provisions of the applicable Business Corporation Act, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## ARTICLE XII
## AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

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March 18, 2008

Internal Revenue Service
201 West Rivercenter Blvd.
Attn: Extracting Stop 312
Covington, KY 41011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of the attorneys authorized to represent American Future Fund (EIN 26-0620554) in connection with its Form 1024 application and am listed on the Form 2848 submitted with that application.

Enclosed, please find the forms 1024- Application for Recognition of Exemption, 2848- Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, and 8718- User Fee for Exempt Organization Determination Letter Request with all necessary attachments.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact me, or one of the other attorneys listed on form 2848. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Blackistone

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 2508 - Room XXXX
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

Department of the Treasury

Date: July 14, 2008

Employer Identification Number:
26-0620554
Person to Contact - Group #:
Mrs. M. Taylor
ID# 52-449
Contact Telephone Numbers:
410-962-9525 Phone
410-962-0133 Fax
Response Due Date:
August 4, 2008

AMERICAN FUTURE FUND

P O Box 13434
Des Moines, IA 50310

Dear Sir or Madam:

Before we can recognize you as being exempt from Federal income tax, we must have enough information to show that you have met all legal requirements. You did not include the information to make that determination on your Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a) or for Determination Under Section 120.

To help us determine whether you are exempt from Federal income tax, please send us the requested information by the above date. We can then complete our review of your application.

If we do not hear from you within that time, we will assume you do not want us to consider the matter further and will close your case. As a result, the Internal Revenue Service will treat you as a taxable entity. If we receive the information after the response due date, we may ask you to send us a new Form 1024.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

M. Taylor
Exempt Organizations Specialist

Enclosure

Name: American Future Fund

Note: Your response to this letter must be submitted over the signature of an authorized person or of an officer whose name is listed on the application. Also, the information you submit should be accompanied by the following declaration which must be signed by an officer of the organization:

> *Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.*

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

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Additional Information Requested:

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# FAX

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**EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

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**Telephone Number: (202)283-2300**

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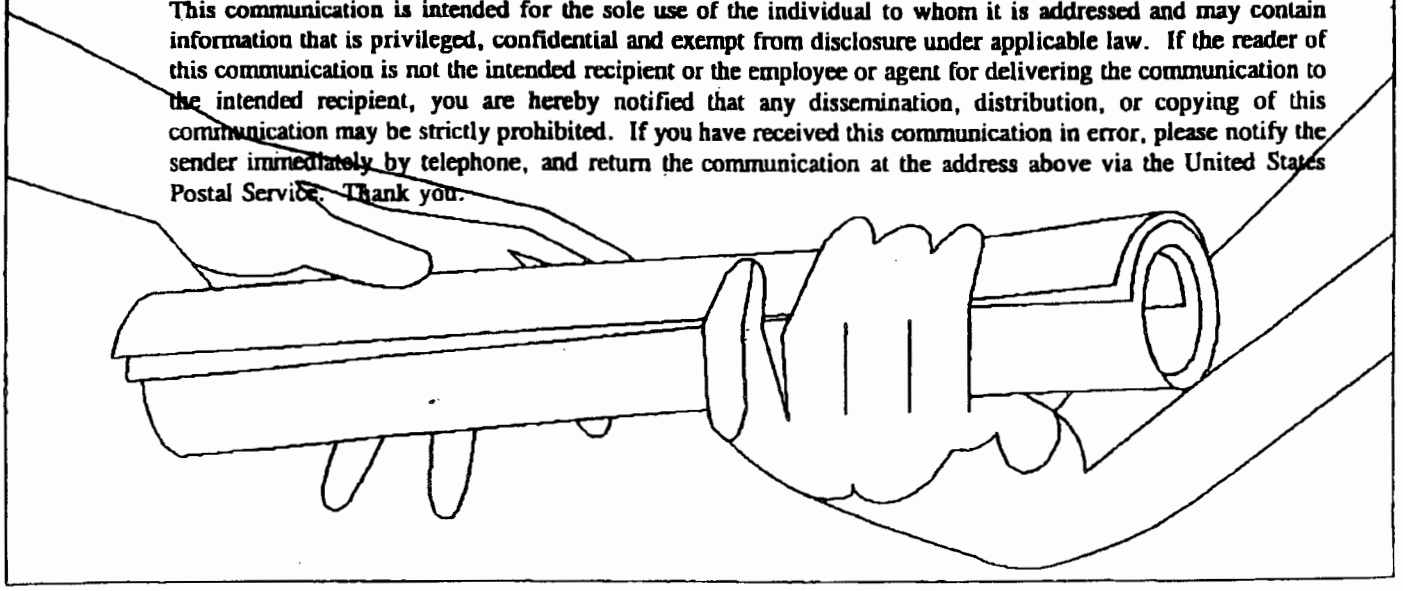
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EO Technical Guidance

**Comments:**
1) Form 1024/2007 F990 -
American Issues Project, Inc.
(formerly Citizens for the Republic, Inc.)
2) Form 1024 -
American Future Fund

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RE: American Future Fund
EIN 26-0620554

BY FAX

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today regarding the response to American Future Fund's (EIN 26-0620554) 1024 application. We appreciate your willingness to extend the submission deadline to August 18, 2008. If the organization requires additional time to prepare the response, we will contact you before that date.

Thank you,

Karen Blackistone

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BY FAX AND FED EX

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The American Future Fund ("AFF") is pleased to provide the following responses to your letter of July 14, 2008. We hope that the answers provided herein will help answer your questions about the organization.

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The American Future Fund's activities generally fall into two categories. The first includes activities to educate the public about policy issues and decisions that affect the American public. The second is activity to influence legislation. Although many of the organization's activities may have elements of both educating the public and influencing legislation, we have described the organization's activities in detail and have provided numerous examples of its activity to date.

Activity to Educate the Public

a. Efforts to educate the public have, and will take many different forms, depending on the issues involved, the timing, and the significance of the issue. To date, activities to educate the public have included radio and television advertising, newspaper advertising, internet activity (including a blog and emails to the public including both to those who have signed up to receive emails and to email lists the organization has purchased), research and polling, and press releases and public statements. In the future, AFF anticipates that it will write and place opinion editorial pieces and letters to the editor in newspapers in addition to the methods described above. The purpose of such activities is to further the common good and general welfare of the citizens of the United States by informing the American public about important issues that affect their lives. We have included samples of these materials.

b. Activities to Educate the Public continue on an on-going basis. The organization is continually updating the information on its website and will stay abreast of important policy issues and will take appropriate action to inform and educate the public when appropriate.

c. Educational activities are conducted by the Board of Directors, consultants, and volunteers. A consultant has been engaged who serves as the organization's spokesperson. He is the primary blogger on the website and point of contact for national and local news media.

Many of the organization's directors, consultants and volunteers are based in Iowa, so the activities will be conducted there; however, activities are directed across the United States. Other consultants are located in Washington, DC and Boston, Massachusetts. Thus far, the organization has engaged in activity to educate the public about important policy issues in Connecticut, Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, and Washington, DC.

The organization is building a list of supporters across the country and contacts them via the internet on various public policy issues, and regularly updates its website and blog with information consistent with the organization's principles. As of August 1, 2008, the organization had approximately 20,000 subscribers to its email list. We have included examples of these emails.



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d. Individuals or organizations that support the mission and positions of the American Future Fund are welcome to assist in any AFF activities. AFF's activities to educate the general public do not benefit any group of individuals or organizations.

e. No charges or fees are assessed with respect to educational activities.

f. Educational activities are designed to inform the American public about important policy issues and decisions. We believe that our organization has succeeded in informing the public about these issues and we hope that future efforts to educate the public will have the same impact.

g. Approximately 70% of AFF's activity is devoted to educating the public.

Activity to Influence Legislation

a. American Future Fund intends to shape public policy through its activities to influence legislation. AFF will engage in grassroots advocacy, which may take many forms, such as radio and television advertising, newspaper advertising, and public statements from the organization.

b. AFF's activities to influence legislation began in January 2008, and will continue on a regular basis while the organization is in existence.

c. Activities to influence legislation are conducted by the Board of Directors, consultants, and volunteers.

Many of the organization's directors, consultants and volunteers are based in Iowa, so the planning of activities and development of advocacy materials will be primarily conducted there. Other consultants are located in Washington, DC and Boston, Massachusetts. Advocacy materials have been published in Connecticut, Colorado, Nevada, Washington, DC and Minnesota.

d. Individuals or organizations that support the mission and positions of the American Future Fund are welcome to participate in AFF activities to influence legislation. AFF's activities to influence legislation do not benefit any group of individuals or organizations.

e. No charges or fees are assessed with respect to activities to influence legislation.

f. AFF intends that activities to influence legislation will encourage the adoption of free-market policies that benefit the American public.

g. Approximately 30% of AFF's activity is devoted to influencing legislation.



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AFF was organized in August, 2007. During the initial months of the organization's existence, it did not engage in any significant amount of activity, it did not raise any money, and it did not have any other Directors or Officers, during this time, Ms. Schlinger began soliciting input and ideas for the organization from outside individuals and planning for future activity. Once the organization's activities began in earnest, Ms. Schlinger retained consultants to assist with the organization's activities, and began fundraising for the organization. Although the additional board members were not formally elected until August 15, 2008, significant consultation and input from the community began as early as August, 2007.

The minutes of the meeting where the additional board members were elected are attached, and the requested information follows.

- Barbara Smeltzer, Director & Secretary, 1440 N Algona St., Dubuque, IA 52001, No compensation
- Sandra Greiner, Director & Treasurer, 1005 Hwy. 92, Keota, IA 52248, No compensation

In addition, the Board decided that a "Youth Representative" on the Board would be a valuable asset to the organization by representing an important demographic segment AFF is trying to reach with its efforts and would add knowledge to the board on new media matters. The Board is currently searching for such an individual. If a Youth Representative is added to the Board, we will provide their name, address, and compensation amounts to the IRS.

**3. You indicate in the financial data "gross dues and assessments of members." What are the qualifications for your members? How much are their dues and/or assessments? Explain fully. How does the organization obtain its membership?**



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**You also state that the "corporation has no members." Explain this discrepancy. Submit copies of any solicitations for support.**

The revenue data was included on line 1 in error. It is expected that revenue will come from contributions, gifts and other donations, not membership dues or assessments. Accordingly, such information should have been provided on line 2, not line 1. We have revised Part III to reflect this change and have attached it to this response.

In addition, we have included sample email solicitations and a power point grant proposal.

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Nicole Schlinger does not have a contract with AFF, either proposed or executed. Nicole has been compensated a total of $12,000 since the organization began ($4,000 per month for services rendered in March, April, and May), for services she provided including initial planning, organizing and fundraising. She has not done any work for AFF for which she will be compensated since May.

Nicole has explained that she invoiced AFF at a rate below her regular rate for her consulting business for the services she performed, and the remainder of her services provided to AFF before March and since May have been on a volunteer basis.

If, in the future, Nicole Schlinger's firm is engaged by AFF, the terms of any agreement, contract, or payment would be approved by the remaining disinterested directors.

**5. Submit representative copies of any brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, newspaper articles, advertisements, or any other literature regarding your organization.**

We have included copies of advertisements that our organization has prepared and distributed in furtherance of its mission to educate the public about policy issues that affect the general public and to influence legislation. The attached print media piece relates to a public educational and issue advocacy campaign related to consideration of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act by the US Congress that AFF ran in April. The attached CD contains a sample of radio, and television ads relating to the current debate about energy policy and prices, the mortgage crisis, and advertisements promoting other free-market and common-sense policies. Finally, a copy of a script used for phone calls to consumers related to the mortgage crisis is attached.

The organization does not have any brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, or newspaper articles regarding the organization other than the website located at www.americanfuturefund.com.

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AFF has written fundraising contracts with Legacy Consulting and with Frontline Strategies. A copy of the Frontline contract is attached. The Legacy Consulting contract will be submitted to the IRS upon execution.

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Neither Nicole Schlinger, nor any of the other directors, have a business or family relationship with any of the consultants to the organization.

All attachments will follow by overnight FedEx delivery. Please let us know if you require any more information about AFF to complete your review of its application. We can be reached at (540) 341-8808.

Sincerely,



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## Part III. Financial Data (Must be completed by all applicants)

*Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence.* ***If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.***

### A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses

| | | (a) Current Tax Year | 3 Prior Tax Years or Proposed Budget for Next 2 Years | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Revenue** | From 1/08 To 12/08 | (b) 2009 | (c) 2010 | (d) | (e) Total |
| 1 | Gross dues and assessments of members | | | | | |
| 2 | Gross contributions, gifts, etc. | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | | 15,000,000 |
| 3 | Gross amounts derived from activities related to the organization's exempt purpose (attach schedule) (Include related cost of sales on line 9.) | | | | | |
| 4 | Gross amounts from unrelated business activities (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 5 | Gain from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 6 | Investment income (see page 3 of the instructions) | | | | | |
| 7 | Other revenue (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 8 | Total revenue (add lines 1 through 7) | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | | 15,000,000 |
| | **Expenses** | | | | | |
| 9 | Expenses attributable to activities related to the organization's exempt purposes | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | | 15,000,000 |
| 10 | Expenses attributable to unrelated business activities | | | | | |
| 11 | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 12 | Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 13 | Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 14 | Other salaries and wages | | | | | |
| 15 | Interest | | | | | |
| 16 | Occupancy | | | | | |
| 17 | Depreciation and depletion | | | | | |
| 18 | Other expenses (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 19 | Total expenses (add lines 9 through 18) | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | | 15,000,000 |
| 20 | Excess of revenue over expenses (line 8 minus line 19) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |

### B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)

| | | | Current Tax Year as of 2/17/08 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Assets** | | |
| 1 | Cash | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | Accounts receivable, net | 2 | |
| 3 | Inventories | 3 | |
| 4 | Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) | 4 | |
| 5 | Corporate stocks (attach schedule) | 5 | |
| 6 | Mortgage loans (attach schedule) | 6 | |
| 7 | Other investments (attach schedule) | 7 | |
| 8 | Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule) | 8 | |
| 9 | Land | 9 | |
| 10 | Other assets (attach schedule) | 10 | |
| 11 | **Total assets** | 11 | 0 |
| | **Liabilities** | | |
| 12 | Accounts payable | 12 | 0 |
| 13 | Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable | 13 | |
| 14 | Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) | 14 | |
| 15 | Other liabilities (attach schedule) | 15 | |
| 16 | **Total liabilities** | 16 | 0 |
| | **Fund Balances or Net Assets** | | |
| 17 | Total fund balances or net assets | 17 | 0 |
| 18 | **Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets** (add line 16 and line 17) | 18 | 0 |

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation. ▶ ☐

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# Board Meeting

## American Future Fund

**Date of the Call: August 15, 2008**

**Director and President Nicole Schlinger, presiding.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

2. Consider Resolution to appoint new members
   a. Motion by Schlinger to Approve
      Sandra Greiner to the Board as Treasurer
      Barbara Smeltzer to the Board as Secretary
   b. Second the Motion by Schlinger
   c. Vote to Approve - unanimous

3. Discussion of a young person to serve on the Board of Directors
   Young person could be college age or post-college individual so youth is represented on the AFF board
   Young person would represent an important demographic segment AFF is trying to reach with its efforts
   Young person would add knowledge to the board on new media matters – blogs, social networking sites, etc.
   Discussion ends with general agreement on proceeding if the right board candidate emerges for this position

4. Discussion on AFF Energy agenda plan
   Petition sign-up numbers
   Online and email campaign update
   Legislative update on current congressional energy proposals

5. Ask if there is any new business to discuss, or other issues to discuss - none

6. Meeting adjourned by President Schlinger. 2:26pm

JULY 24, 2008

Brent Lowder
Frontline Strategies, LLC
P.O. Box 4393
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Dear Eric:

Upon Frontline Strategies, LLC ("FLS") acknowledgement and agreement as a Consultant and approval by American Future Fund ("AFF"), this letter will set forth the terms and conditions of the Agreement between FLS and AFF for professional consulting services to AFF. The primary duty of FLS will be to design and implement a fundraising strategy for AFF. FLS agrees to work with AFF staff and AFF in coordinating and implementing such fundraising strategy, and to provide status reports to AFF when requested. Additional description of the work and terms is provided in the attached proposal.

In return for FLS Consulting Services, AFF agrees to compensate FLS as follows: 10% of all funds raised for AFF through FLS efforts. Furthermore, AFF agrees to pay FLS an additional $50,000 bonus for each $1,000,000 raised for AFF through FLS efforts.

The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 24, 2008 and shall conclude on June 30, 2009.

AFF will reimburse to FLS business related travel or other expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred by FLS in connection with the performance of FLS duties under the terms of this Agreement, provided that any expenditure in the amount of $25 or more shall be approved in writing by AFF. Fees and authorized expenses will be paid after the completion of the services rendered above and upon submission by FLS of invoices for services rendered and authorized expenses with accompanying receipts for any request reimbursements.

During the course of this Agreement, FLS may come into the possession of confidential information that pertains to AFF's business, including marketing records, mailing lists, strategies and procedures. FLS acknowledges that any and all information provided to, generated by, or otherwise becoming known to FLS its directors, officers, employees, Consultants, or agents in connection with or incident to this Agreement, is privileged and confidential information in any form, and FLS will not retain, duplicate, or use any such information in any fashion or for any purpose. Confidential information will not be willfully or negligently divulged or made accessible to any third party. Confidential information as described above is the exclusive

property of AFF and will be immediately returned to AFF upon request or upon completion of FLS consulting services.

All services rendered by FLS under the terms of this Agreement will be rendered in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including, without limitation, the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and the Internal Revenue Code.

During the term of this Agreement, FLS may provide services to other parties provided such services do not conflict with the interests of AFF for which FLS is performing Services under the terms of this Agreement, or otherwise interfere with the Services to be rendered under this Agreement. With respect to any work FLS may perform for other parties where such work could be reasonably perceived to be in conflict with AFF, Consultant will keep AFF informed from time to time as to the identity of any such parties to whom FLS is providing services as well as providing information as to the nature and scope of activities FLS is providing for such parties. During the term of this Agreement, FLS will refrain from any action or conduct which is inimical or opposed to the interests of AFF. FLS will promptly advise AFF of any possible conflict of interest.

FLS shall not at any time during the term of this Agreement, or for a period of 3 months immediately following the termination of this Agreement, for FLS or for any other person or entity, seek to perform or perform any services for any Committee, organization, or any other entity or person that has goals that are inimical to AFF. If this agreement is terminated prior to the termination date, this provision shall extend to a period of 6 months following termination.

It is understood that AFF will not be responsible for the payment of, or withholding of, federal, state and/or local taxes, payroll taxes, Social Security taxes, health insurance, unemployment insurance, and any other similar personnel costs in connection with this Agreement.

In connection with the performance of your duties under the terms of this Agreement, it is understood that you will not enter into any contract or agreement on behalf of AFF without the prior approval of the Board of Directors of AFF. It is further understood that the performance of duties and responsibilities under the terms of this Agreement will, at all times, be subject to the direction of the Board of Directors.

Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, AFF shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time in the event that FLS fails to perform Consultant's Services with the highest standards of skill and care or FLS is otherwise in breach of any of the terms of this Agreement.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent the immediate termination of this Agreement for the unsatisfactory job performance by FLS, insubordination, dishonesty, or any other reason deemed to be appropriate by AFF.



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This Agreement and its performance shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa.

The signatures of the parties affixed below will constitute acceptance of the terms of this Agreement. The terms set forth above constitute the full and complete agreement between the parties, and any modifications thereto must be agreed to by the parties, set forth in writing, and signed by the parties.

Sincerely,

NICOLE SCHLINGER
PRESIDENT

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:**

**American Future Fund**
("AFF")

BY: _____

NAME: Nicole Schlinger

TITLE: President

DATE: 7/25/08

**Frontline Strategies, LLC**
("FLS")

BY: _____

NAME: Brent J. Lowder

TITLE: Partner

DATE: July 24, 2008

Tax ID #26-2871981

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# TEST -- Alert: Gas prices soar while Congress' approval plummets

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Dear Concerned American,

Gas prices are **skyrocketing**.

The price of foreign oil goes **UP**, yet we are not able to drill or explore here. **It's madness**. When will the Congress act?

In fact, the only thing that's actually going **DOWN** is Congress' approval rating. Their record-low approval is a direct result of their inaction on ENERGY, and offering no direction on the issue.

http://energy.americanfuturefund.com/petition.php

As you know, President Bush took action and signed an executive order to allow offshore drilling exploration.

**But Congressional leaders like Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi?** Still blocking votes on things like offshore drilling, and the result is higher and higher energy bills.

American Future Fund is urging Congress to act immediately. In a radio ad (which you can listen to at right), we called on Harry Reid to stop blocking common-sense measures, and to immediately begin work on a remedy for energy. In fact, American Future Fund has called on Congress to skip its August recess if they cannot find swift resolution to America's energy crisis.




**Click here for our radio ad, "YouTube Sensation"**

**We need you to join us** in making your voice heard.

By signing our petition, found HERE, you will send a clear message that you stand with us and the millions of Americans struggling under the **oppression of being beholden to foreign oil.**

We will make your voice heard by delivering this petition to the Senate. **They'll only act if they hear from us soon.** If we don't act, Congress will go on recess without getting a single thing done, and at a price we can't afford to pay.

Sign the petition today!

Sincerely,

Nicole Schlinger
President, American Future Fund

**http://energy.americanfuturefund.com/petition.php**

P.S. - In order to keep our ads on the air, we need your help. Liberal interest groups like MoveOn.Org are pumping millions of dollars into the airwaves to combat our ***conservative, free market ideals***. If you donate today, you will ensure your voice is heard over those liberal groups who continue to support an agenda that blocks efforts for energy independence. Please consider making a secure donation to our efforts today.

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# [TEST] Dodd, Senate Plan Bailout of Subprime Lenders

**The American Future Fund <contact@americanfuturefund.com>** **Wed, Jul 2, 2008 at 11:52 AM**

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Dear Friend,

If you had an extra $1,000 in your pocket, what would you do with it?

**Would you freely give it away to subprime lenders** who preyed on their customers?

Because that's exactly what the U.S. Senate is prepared to do. Their $300 billion mortgage bailout means every man, woman and child is responsible for giving $1,000 to subprime mortgage lenders.

You read right. They are prepared to offer subprime lenders a giveaway that amounts to **$1,000 from you, your spouse, your children - and even your grandchildren** in taxpayer dollars.

Even more disturbing, the person spearheading this massive spending bill is Senator Christopher Dodd - chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, which oversees the mortgage industry. This is important, because he saved $75,000 on two mortgages in a sweetheart deal from the lender Countrywide. Now he's prepared to pay them back.

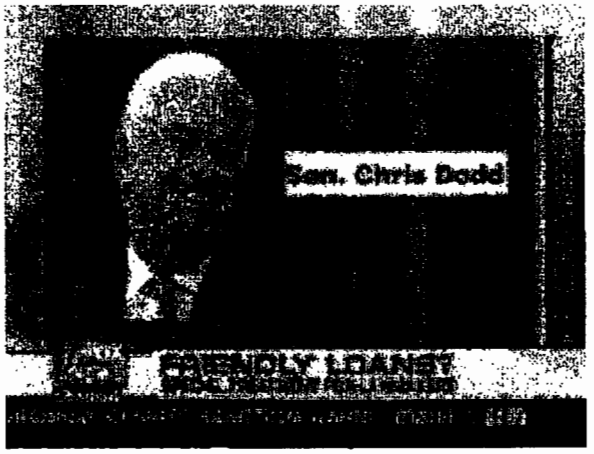
Read the story HERE, and check out our YouTube video below.

Thankfully, Senator Jim DeMint has stood up to them, and thus far has prevented any action on this bill.

**We need more senators to stand with DeMint, and stand against greedy subprime lenders.**

The Senate returns to vote on the bill soon. American Future Fund is diligently working to prevent a mortgage bailout for big lenders - but we need your help.

Call the Senate switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and tell your senator that tax dollars shouldn't bail out people who cheated their customers with subprime loans.




Click here to watch "Sweetheart Deal" on YouTube

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# [SP] Sign the Petition: Demand Energy Action NOW

**TownHall Spotlight <TownHallmessage@townhallmail.com>** **Tue, Aug 5, 2008 at 10:08 AM**
Reply-To: TownHall Spotlight <TownHallmessage@townhallmail.com>

SPOTLIGHT from Townhall.com

Tuesday, August 5, 2008



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Fellow conservative,

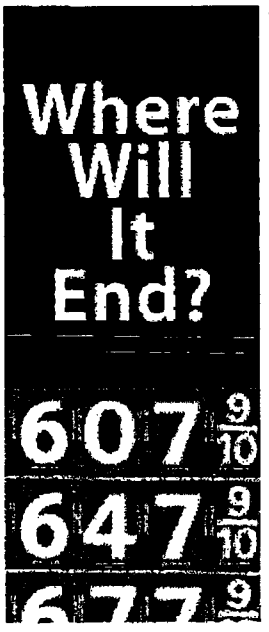
Think back to the start of this year.

You had goals. You wanted to accomplish some major achievements.

- Maybe it was investing a little more of your hard-earned money into the **stock market.**
- Perhaps you wanted to save a little more for your **children's college education.**
- Or, you were hoping to get a little bit closer to **paying off that mortgage.**

But it hasn't exactly worked out that way. So, **WHAT HAPPENED?**

http://energy.americanfuturefund.com/petition.php




Over the past seven months, gas prices skyrocketed, with no end in sight. The dial on the gas pump rolled over and over – putting you in a $50, $75 or even $100 crunch every time you filled up. With every fleeting gallon you pumped, it was less money you could invest or save. It was another link in the chain that constrained you from spending your hard-earned money on things that matter to you .

**Expense, after expense, after expense**. Yet, you carried on, working each and every day to provide for you and your family. Meanwhile, what have our leaders in Congress been doing? In a word: NOTHING.

http://energy.americanfuturefund.com/petition.php

Our leaders in Congress have continually blocked

attempts to relieve our dependence on foreign oil, be it drilling here at home, environmentally sound offshore drilling, oil shale exploration, building new refineries for the first time in over 30 years...and the list goes on. They have stood in the way of real progress when it comes to domestic energy exploration and production.




**It's got to stop**. It is time for you to be in control of your family budget again, not beholden to major fluctuations in energy costs.

It's time for a cohesive energy policy. Sign the petition HERE, to take your voice heard by the U.S. Congress that real energy legislation is needed.

**http://energy.americanfuturefund.com/petition.php**

We need your help. American Future Fund is committed to achieving energy independence. We serve as a pipeline between you and your elected officials. Let's face it; congressional leaders haven't been hearing you. But with your help – along with the tens of thousands of others like you – they will have no choice but to hear us.

We've told Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

We've told Congressman Mark Udall.

But the others need to hear from us as well. It is only with a clear agenda - with people like you who are willing to lead on it - that we can truly make a difference.

Please sign up today, and ensure that YOUR voice is heard.

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Sincerely,

Nicole Schlinger
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# AFF's Seven-Point "America First Energy Agenda"

American Future Fund (AFF) believes that "Enough is enough." We must immediately pursue a broad, long-term domestic energy plan that forever relieves our dependence on oil from foreign dictators. We must act right here, right now. The U.S. Congress needs to schedule votes now to address our national energy challenges.

**AFF's seven-point "America First Energy Agenda"**

- AFF believes the United States should immediately begin safe, clean drilling for oil in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).
- AFF believes the Unite States should immediately develop domestic nuclear energy.

- AFF believes the United States should continue to support and pursue the development of alternative fuels.
- AFF believes in the exploration, refining and use of domestic oil shale.
- AFF believes in the use of wind turbines as an alternative source of energy.
- AFF believes the United States should immediately begin safe, clean offshore drilling.
- AFF believes the United States must build new refineries, for the first time since 1976.

Read the press release announcing the effort.




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# Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, July 22, 2008
Contact: Tim Albrecht (515) 720-5250 or TAlbrecht@AmericanFutureFund.com

**AFF Releases 7 Point "America First Energy Agenda"**

Des Moines, IA - American Future Fund (AFF), today released a seven point "America First Energy Agenda" which calls on the U.S. Congress to schedule a vote now to act on real, long â€"term energy solutions that address our national energy challenges.

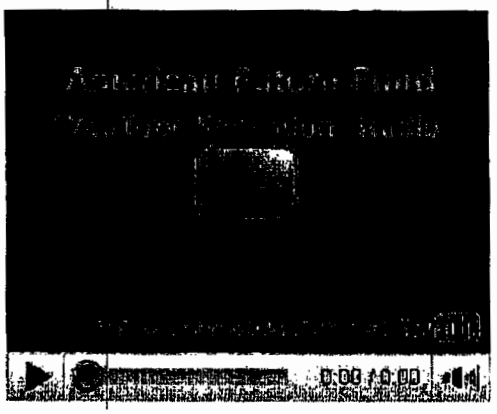
AFF believes that "Enough is enough." We must immediately pursue a broad, long-term domestic energy plan that forever relieves our dependence on oil from foreign dictators. We must act right here, right now and look to America first.

The "America First Energy Agenda" is running in conjunction with the 'YouTube Sensation' radio ad airing in Nevada and Washington, DC, which calls on Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to explore domestic sources of energy, including allowing for offshore drilling and exploration of oil shale.

In addition to offshore drilling and the exploration of oil shale, AFF is calling on Congress to act on wide ranging comprehensive solutions including drilling in ANWR, the development of domestic nuclear energy, alternative fuels, wind energy, and building new refineries for the first time in 32 years.

AFF President, Nicole Schlinger states, "At a time when America imports nearly 75% of its oil from foreign countries and consumers are paying over $4 per gallon, itâ€™s time to act right here, right now, and end our dependence on oil from foreign dictators." Schlinger continued, "America has more oil reserves than Saudi Arabia and still Congress is blocking the exploration of domestic resources. America canâ€™t afford band â€“ aid solutions any longer."

Learn more about AFF's "America First Energy Agenda" here and ways you can help tell Congress to act right here, right now.



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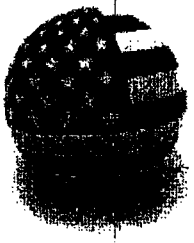
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# Sign AFF's "America First Energy Agenda" Petition

## Let Congress Know What You Think

Show your support for real energy solutions by signing AFF's America First Energy Agenda petition to Congress below.

We will compile signatures to present to Congress and demand real energy reform.

**Name ***

**Email ***

**Address**

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

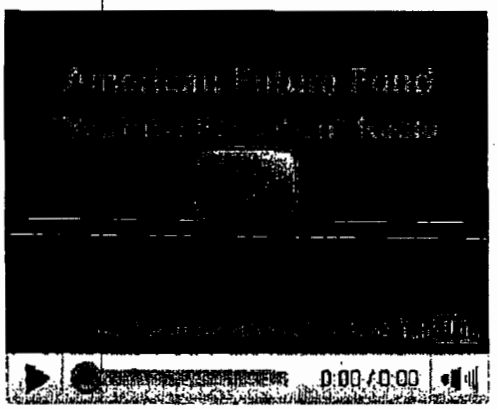
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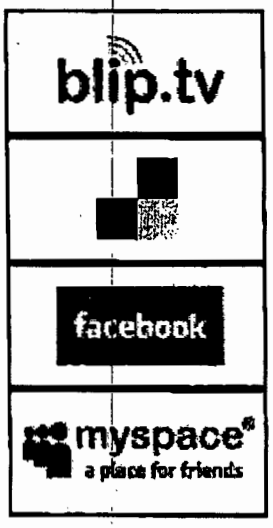
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# Sign the FISA Petition

On February 16th, the law that allows intelligence agencies to intercept new terrorist communications expired. Now, more than 60 days later the intelligence community sits, waiting to have the capability to keep America safe. House leaders have played politics with national security long enough.

Do you support the bipartisan terrorist surveillance bill that would give the intelligence community the necessary means to keep America safe? If so, sign the petition to tell House leaders 60 days is long enough!

* Email
First Name
Last Name
Phone
Address 1
Address 2
City
State
Zip

* = Required Field

Submit

- Contribute

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# National Voter Registration Project

A Proposal by the American Future Fund
AmericanFutureFund.com

Friday, May 9, 2008

# About Us

The American Future Fund operates as a 501(c)(4) and was formed to provide Americans with a conservative and free market viewpoint to have a mechanism to communicate and advocate on the issues that most interest and concern them.

The American Future Fund is established as a multi- state issues advocacy group designed to effectively communicate conservative and free market ideals.

The American Future Fund will educate citizens across the country on common conservative principles.



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# The Environment

**What It's Like**

- Record low approval ratings for Congress & the President
- Disaffection with the establishment and political process
- Regular people are shunning political parties and politicians in favor of issues and causes they believe in

**Who Is Doing What**

- Liberal Groups running massive voter registration programs
  - MoveOn.org
  - Rock The Vote
  - Democrats.com
  - Others
- Barack Obama campaign running nationwide NetRoots registration campaign
  - First ever coordinated nationwide NetRoots registration campaign by major candidate



# A Tale of Two Choices

**Option 1**

- Conservatives do nothing to form a cohesive vehicle to conduct voter registration efforts
- Liberal groups continue their registration and issue advocacy efforts

**Option 2**

- Utilize an effective issue advocacy organization to conduct voter registration efforts utilizing:
  - Conservative messaging
  - New Media (NetRoots)
  - Traditional grassroots
  - Traditional media



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# Where AFF Will Concentrate

- AFF proposes voter registration efforts in the following states:
  - Colorado
  - Indiana
  - Iowa
  - Minnesota
  - New Hampshire
  - New Mexico
- Via the web, AFF will also support a national registration effort – enabling citizens outside those states to also be able to become a new registrant

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# The Solution

**The American Patriot Project**

•There is no greater debated public issue than that of what it means to be patriotic or what it means to be an American

•Utilizing the Internet, New Media, and traditional media, AFF will seek to engage America in a discussion of what patriotism means to them

•This narrative will be conducted largely via the internet at www.PatriotsVote.com

"Patriotism, in part, means sacrifice and a willingness to die for one's country," said Benjamin Ginsberg, a Johns Hopkins University political scientist and co-author of "Downsizing Democracy."

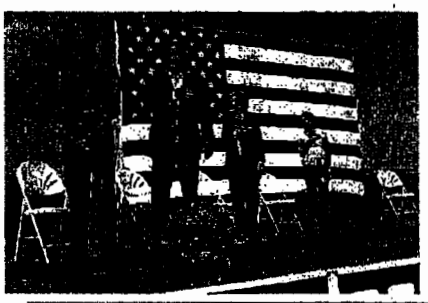
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# The Solution

**The American Patriot Project**

•The discussion will be commenced with a webvideo (perhaps run in select markets or via Google) that lays out different public leaders positions along with regular Americans thoughts on patriotism

–Juxtapose public statements by candidates, governors, senators, and regular Americans that shows a cutting difference between what right and left think



Obama campaign statement on wearing a flag pin: *"We all revere the flag, but Senator Obama believes that being a patriot is about more than a symbol. It's about fighting for our veterans when they get home and speaking honestly with the American people about this disastrous war."*

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# Plan of Action

The PR plan will consist of the following:

- Traditional Print Advertising
- Select Online Advertising
- Select on-air advertising when appropriate (but limited)
- Placement of opinion-editorials, research findings, and press releases
- All buys will be supplemented by Google plan

Google

- Google advertising will boost all commercial or print views online by embedding video and messages in online materials sorted by zip code of end net user
- This gives AFF the ability to better target their message; for example, internet users in Colorado will get a different message than New Mexico users.

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# *NetRoots* Explained

**Netroots** describes political activism organized through blogs and other online media, including wikis and social network services.

- Utilizing AFF's relationship with Google the issue ad will be integrated in as many places as desired (sorted by zip code of the end net user – or nationwide.
  - Ad screenshot will be inserted in news publications on the net as desired
  - This ad would then be viewable via click of the end net user
- Program is able to be customized and diagnostics are trackable in real-time so AFF can see who is accessing the video and the level of their eventual activism – ie did they register to vote or sign up as a grassroots volunteer
  - This enables AFF to track the efficiency of PR spending in one area vs. another.




# *NetRoots* continued...

AFF will work with conservative activist, issue and online communities to get them to link to www.PatriotsVote.com and embed video and print content to ensure widespread exposure.

- When a video is embedded, there will be an option for a concerned American to "click" and sign up to be an active participant in the voter registration drive in their state.

Options will include:

- Sign a voter registration form
- Invite friends to register
- Organize registration drives in their community
- Find registration drives in their community
- Write letters to the editor or opinion pieces about patriotism and why they're voting this election
- Volunteer to help register others in their state
- Contribute to help fund ***The American Patriot Project***



# Deliverables

- AFF will use the ***NetRoots*** campaign to compliment traditional grassroots campaigning in an effort to maximize voter contact.

**Grassroots Plan** (applicable to each state) –

–Hire Voter Registration Director

•Responsibilities will include:

–Attending all public events

–Organizing voter registration drives

–Coordinating door to door and phone efforts

–Updating state specific ***NetRoots*** component

–Recruiting grassroots volunteers

–Managing communication with local news media

–Conduct Survey Research

•Identify and target new voter registrants

•Find new coalitions and communities to reach out to



# Goals

**Voter Registration Numbers by State:**

•Colorado –
- •4,861,515 ('07 Est. pop.)
- •2,903,376 ('08 Reg. voters)

•New Mexico –
- •1,969,915 ('07 Est. pop.)
- •1,088,977 ('06 Reg. voters)

•Indiana –
- •6,313,520 ('07 Est. pop.)
- •4,318,977 ('08 Reg. voters)

•Iowa -
- •2,988,046 ('07 Est. pop.)
- •2.2 million on voter file

•Minnesota –
- •5,197,621 ('07 Est. pop.)
- •2,217,552 ('06 Reg. voters)

•New Hampshire –
- •1,315,828 ('07 Est. pop.)
- •830,000 ('08 WashPost est.)

***The American Patriot Project*** voter registration goal:
500,000 NEW voters

# FAX

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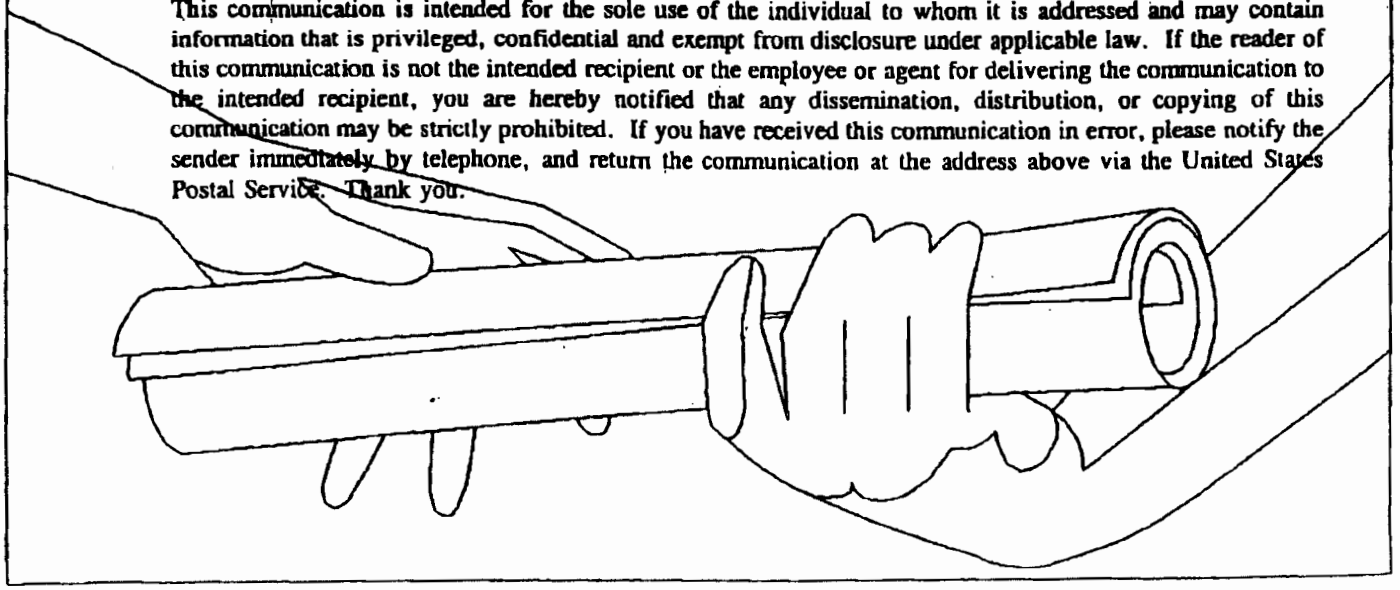
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1) Form 1024/2007 F990 -
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# Budget & Timeline

$8.1 Million to execute a 6 month plan starting June 1, 2008

**see state by state budget proposals

| | |
|---|---|
| Colorado - $1.6m | Iowa - $1.1m |
| New Mexico - $1.1m | Minnesota - $1.4m |
| Indiana - $1.2m | New Hampshire - $1.25m |

= $16 a registration

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# Conclusion

AFF will use The American Patriot Project to run an aggressive issue advocacy campaign using a NetRoots and traditional grassroots campaign to register conservative voters across the country.

Currently there is no conservative vehicle filling the void between new media, the traditional media/grassroots campaign.

The American Future Fund is poised and ready to fill that void. We cannot sit by and let liberals outmaneuver conservatives this year.

Thank you for your consideration.

The American Future Fund.

American Future Fund

America needs real energy action.
American Future Fund

Hi this is _____ with the American Future Fund. Senator Chris Dodd was recently in the news because he saved $75,000 on two mortgages in a sweetheart deal from Countrywide. Now, he oversees the mortgage industry in the Senate, and is pushing a bill to give subprime lenders $300 billion in taxpayer money. You heard right – that's $1,000 for every man, woman and child in the Connecticut. Call Chris Dodd at (202) 224-3121 and tell him to stop the mortgage bailout. Because you shouldn't be on the hook because greedy lenders got carried away.

For more information call (515) 720-5250.




More than 60 days have passed since the intelligence community was stripped of capabilities vital to keeping America safe.

But Nancy Pelosi *still* refuses to act.

On February 16th, the law that allows intelligence agencies to intercept new terrorist communications expired.

The Senate voted to extend the law, passing a bipartisan bill that united political adversaries around the shared mission of protecting America.

Nancy Pelosi *refuses* to pass the Senate's bill, despite strong bipartisan support and the urging of 21 Democratic members, who cautioned that continued failure to do so, "could place our national security at undue risk." (Letter from 21 House Democrats to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, 1/28/08)

According to top law enforcement officials, their fears have already been realized. Attorney General Michael Mukasey and Director of National Intelligence Michael McConnell wrote, "We have lost intelligence information this past week as a direct result of the uncertainty created by Congress' failure to act." (Letter from Michael Mukasey and Michael McConnell to House Intelligence Chairman Silvestre Reyes, 2/22/08)

The House has played politics with national security for long enough. It's time for Nancy Pelosi to pass the Senate's bipartisan terrorist surveillance bill and return to our intelligence agencies the tools they need to keep us safe.

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August 22, 2008

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RE: American Future Fund
EIN 26-0620554

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

In our response dated August 18, 2008, we indicated that the Board of Directors for American Future Fund was considering adding a youth representative on the Board.

At a Board meeting on August 20, 2008, the Board elected Cord Overton to fill this position. The minutes of this meeting are attached. Mr. Overton will receive no compensation. His address is 2136 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50014.

Please let us know if you require any more information about AFF to complete your review of its application. We can be reached at (540) 341-8808.

Sincerely,

Karen Blackistone

*Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.*

# Board Meeting

## American Future Fund

## Meeting Minutes

**Date of the Call: August 20, 2008**

Present on the call:

Nicole Schlinger
Barbara Smeltzer
Sandra Greiner

1. Call the Meeting to Order by President Schlinger

2. Discussion with new members about mission and plan from 2007-2010
   - Conservative issues voice
   - Strong grassroots presence
   - Strong internet connectivity
   - Focus on free market issues

3. Discussion of young person to serve on the Board of Directors

   General discussion focused on having a young person to fill a role on the Board of the organization. This seat on the board will rotate every year or two to always allow for a college-aged voice to be present on the Board.
   a. Motion was made by Nicole Schlinger to nominate Cord Overton to fill that position.
   b. Motion was seconded by Sandra Greiner
   c. Vote to approve – motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion on AFF National Energy agenda
   - Online petition
   - Email updates
   - National focus on legislation
   - Discussion of Gang of Ten policy proposal
   - Discussion of S. 3202
   - Discussion of H.R. 6108

5. Upcoming meetings, events, etc.

6. Ask if there is any new business to discuss, or other issues to discuss - none

7. Meeting adjourned – 7:45pm
   a. Motion was made by Sandra Greiner
   b. Motion was seconded by Barbara Smeltzer

Vote to approve – motion was unanimously approved.

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Date: September 22, 2008

AMERICAN FUTURE FUND

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Employer Identification Number:
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Response Due Date:
October 6, 2008

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Name: American Future Fund

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Sincerely yours,

M. Taylor

M. Taylor
Tax Law Specialist

Name: American Future Fund

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EIN 26-0620554

BY FAX AND FED EX

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

This is in response to your letter dated September 22, 2008.

A 501(c)(4) organization is permitted to engage in an unlimited amount of lobbying activity, including grassroots lobbying. American Future Fund advocates for conservative and free market ideas, has and will continue to educate the public about these issues, and engage in lobbying activity. AFF did not feel that the conservative and free market voice was adequately represented in the public debate on legislative issues, in particular: national security, the economy, and energy independence.

AFF focuses on to decisions that are being made by Congress today, particularly about energy policy and economic security and the legislation currently pending on these subjects, which will have a significant impact on the public for years to come.

1. **Please explain in detail where your fundraising proceeds will go. Will they go to any particular organizations or other entities? Explain fully.**

American Future Fund ("AFF") plans to use its fundraising proceeds exclusively in furtherance of its own activities. To date, AFF has not made any contributions or grants to any other organization or entity. AFF currently has no plans to support or fund any



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other organizations or entities and 100% of AFF's funds go directly towards AFF's activities, as described to the IRS. AFF will continue to use its funds to educate the public and advocate for policy changes consistent with its stated policy goals.

**2. Explain why it appears that your fundraising and voter registration efforts are focused in the states of Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, New Hampshire and New Mexico. What is the significance of these particular states in relation to your organization and its activities? Be specific.**

AFF's fundraising activities are not focused on the states listed above. AFF's fundraising efforts are targeted to individuals and organizations nationwide that support AFF's policy positions, regardless of their location, and are not based on any geographic criteria. AFF has received donations through its website from all over the country and from larger donors nationwide.

The voter registration grant proposal was provided to the IRS in response to your request for "all written fundraising materials." This document was prepared for a specific donor who expressed an interest in funding a voter registration drive in the states mentioned. However, AFF was not awarded this grant, and therefore did not participate in these activities.

**3. Discuss whether your organization directly or indirectly funds or plans to fund the 2008 Presidential election campaign.**

AFF does not directly or indirectly fund the 2008 Presidential election campaign. None of the grassroots issues advertising paid for by AFF has mentioned or referred to any candidate for President or Vice President. Furthermore, AFF will not engage in any paid advertising activity that mentions or refers to any candidate for President or Vice President in 2008. Although there have been occasional links to news articles that mention the presidential candidates on AFF's blog, any discussion of the candidates on AFF's blog by AFF will be strictly as a result of their position as sitting United States Senators who are voting on important legislative issues currently pending before the Senate.

AFF is a strictly issues-focused organization. Thus far, the organization has focused on many legislative issues, most notably energy independence, economic policy, and national security. In both of these cases, the organization has engaged in educational activities and grassroots issues lobbying directed at numerous members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from both political parties. Even though both of the major party candidates for President are leading members of the United States Senate and could have a significant impact on policy action taken by Congress in their capacity as Senators, AFF has not engaged in any activities to influence the votes of either of these sitting United States Senators on pending legislative issues primarily because of their status as presidential candidates.

**4. Explain why your advertisements appear to be more partisan than non-partisan.**

AFF's efforts are strictly issue based and non-partisan. AFF has engaged in aggressive lobbying efforts directed at Members of Congress, regardless of party affiliation, whose positions are in opposition to its policy principles. For example, AFF has aired grassroots issue advertisements on the subject of energy policy that disagreed with the policy positions of seven sitting United States Senators and urging them to change position. Of these, four were Republicans and three were Democrats. As demonstrated by this example, AFF's policy advocacy is conducted in a non-partisan manner.

AFF's grassroots advertising focuses on issues and legislation based on the significance of the issue and the nexus between the issue and AFF's core conservative and free market principles. AFF directs its grassroots issue advertising efforts at key lawmakers that have an opportunity to impact the policy discussion, based on their position on the issue, relative decision making power, and the likelihood that AFF's message will resonate with the individual and impact their position on the issue.

For example, in the summer of 2008 AFF engaged in efforts to lobby Congressman Mark Udall, an influential member of the House Committee on Natural Resources from Colorado, a state with significant oil shale resources. As a result of AFF's issue advertising and grassroots efforts to lobby Congressman Udall, he reversed his position on oil drilling. *See,* "Udall Reverses Opposition to Offshore Drilling" available at http://www.denverpost.com/politics/ci_10194734 (originally published August 14, 2008). AFF considers this a successful lobbying effort.

Finally, the United States Supreme Court, in *Wisconsin Right to Life v. Federal Election Commission*, 127 S. Ct. 2652 (2008), considered advertising aired by Wisconsin Right to Life, another 501(c)(4) organization. AFF has carefully respected the test outlined by the Supreme Court in this case and its advertising constitutes genuine issue advertising, as defined by the Supreme Court. Chief Justice Roberts described "genuine issue ads" as follows.

> First, their content is consistent with that of a genuine issue ad: The ads focus on a legislative issue, take a position on the issue, exhort the public to adopt that position, and urge the public to contact public officials with respect to the matter. Second, their content lacks indicia of express advocacy: The ads do not mention an election, candidacy, political party, or challenger; and they do not take a position on a candidate's character, qualifications, or fitness for office

*Id.* at 2667. AFF's advertisements always focus on legislative issues, take a position on the issues, and exhort and encourage the public to contact the public official about the pending issues. None of AFF's issue advertisements have mentioned an election or the status of the individual mentioned in the issue ad as a candidate for office. In fact, many

the officeholders referred to in AFF's issue advertisements are not candidates in the 2008 election, and of the numerous issue ads, only two have mentioned a challenger or a political party. AFF's advertisements have never commented on a candidate's character, qualifications or fitness for office.

**5. Discuss whether you are supporting or opposing through your grassroots lobbying a particular candidate for public office.**

AFF does not support or oppose any candidate for public office. AFF is strictly a grassroots lobbying organization focused on important public policy issues and committed to a conservative and free market viewpoint. As discussed above, AFF's grassroots issue advocacy fits within the Supreme Court's definition of "genuine issue ads." Its activities are directed toward influencing key votes by Congress on these issues, not supporting or opposing any candidate for public office.

In the current climate, where energy policy is striking at the heart of Americans' pocket-books and problems on Wall Street are affecting businesses on Main Street, AFF understands that the general public is increasingly aware of the decisions currently being made by Congress and the impact these decisions have on their daily lives. AFF believes that it can play an important role in educating the public about these significant issues and contribute to the national discussion about the best solutions for the country.

Sincerely,

KBlack

Karen Blackistone

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**Department of the Treasury**

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**October 28, 2008**

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Sincerely yours,

M. Taylor

M. Taylor
Tax Law Specialist

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Name: American Future Fund

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# DECLARATION
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**(Legal name of organization)**

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Correspondence dated: August 18, 2008
August 22, 2008
October 6, 2008

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Signature and Title of Officer, Director, or Trustee

Date

# REVENUE PROCEDURE 2008-4

## EXCERPTS RE: PENALTIES OF PERJURY STATEMENT

## SECTIONS 9.02(13) AND 11.04

**SECTION 9. WHAT ARE THE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTING LETTER RULINGS AND DETERMINATION LETTERS?**

**Certain information required in all requests**

**.02**

**Penalties of perjury statement**

**(13) Penalties of perjury statement.**

**(a) Format of penalties of perjury statement.** A request for a letter ruling, determination letter, and any change in the request submitted at a later time must be accompanied by the following declaration: **"Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this request, or this modification to the request, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the request or the modification contains all the relevant facts relating to the request, and such facts are true, correct, and complete."** See section 11.04 of this revenue procedure for the penalties of perjury statement applicable to submissions of additional information.

**(b) Signature by taxpayer.** The declaration must be signed and dated by the taxpayer, not the taxpayer's representative. Neither a stamped signature nor a faxed signature is permitted.

The person who signs for a corporate taxpayer must be an officer of the corporate taxpayer who has reasonable knowledge of the facts and whose duties are not limited to obtaining a letter ruling or determination letter from the Service. If the corporate taxpayer is a member of an affiliated group filing consolidated returns, a penalties of perjury statement must also be signed and submitted by an officer of the common parent of the group.

The person signing for a trust, a state law partnership, or a limited liability company must be, respectively, a trustee, general partner, or member-manager who has personal knowledge of the facts.

## SECTION 11. HOW DOES EP OR EO TECHNICAL HANDLE LETTER RULING REQUESTS?

**Requires prompt submission of additional information requested after initial contact**

**.04** Material facts furnished to the Service by telephone or fax, or orally at a conference, must be promptly confirmed by letter to the Service. This confirmation and any additional information requested by the Service that is not part of the information requested during the initial contact must be furnished within 21 calendar days to be considered part of the request.

Additional information submitted to the Service must be accompanied by the following declaration: **"Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete."** This declaration must be executed in accordance with the requirements in section 13.02(1)(b) of this revenue procedure. A taxpayer who submits additional factual information on several occasions may provide one declaration subsequent to all submissions that refers to all submissions.

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Name: American Future Fund

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Sincerely yours,

M. Taylor

M. Taylor
Tax Law Specialist

Name: American Future Fund

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# REVENUE PROCEDURE 2008-4

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**Certain information required in all requests**

**.02**

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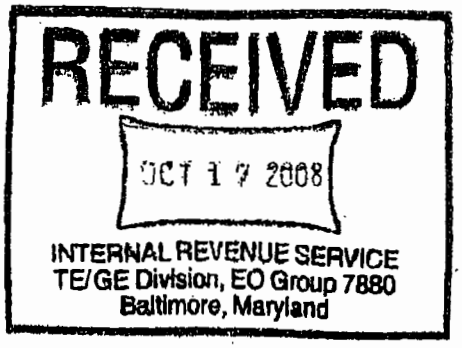
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October 17, 2008

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31 Hopkins Plaza
Baltimore, MD 21201
Attn: Mrs. M Taylor
Room 1420
Group 7880

RE: American Future Fund
EIN 26-0620554

BY FAX

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Please find the Penalty of Perjury declaration for American Future Fund, signed by its President, Nicole Schlinger. An original will follow by Fed Ex, however we anticipate that it will take several days for us to receive the original from the organization.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen Blackistone

# DECLARATION
# OF

AMERICAN FUTURE FUND
(Legal name of organization)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.

Correspondence dated: August 18, 2008
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President
Signature and Title of Officer, Director, or Trustee

10/16/08
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**From:** (b)(6)
**To:** Lerner Lois G
**Subject:** Re: Question from the FEC about an exempt organization
**Date:** 02/02/2010 10:36 AM

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Thank you very much, I really appreciate your help with this. I will make sure to cc (b)(6) in the future.

(b)(6)

▼ "Lerner Lois G" <Lois.G.Lerner@irs.gov>

**"Lerner Lois G"**
**<Lois.G.Lerner@irs.gov>**

02/02/2010 10:31 AM

To (b)(6) @fec.gov>
cc "(b)(6) @irs.gov>, (b)(6) @irs.gov>
Subject Re: Question from the FEC about an exempt organization

I'll have someon check ans we'll get back to you. (b)(6) has retired so when emailing me please cc (b)(6) , my ne Executive Assistant. Thanks
Lois G. Lerner----------
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**From**: (b)(6) @fec.gov (b)(6) @fec.gov>
**To**: Lerner Lois G
**Cc**: (b)(6)
**Sent**: Tue Feb 02 09:35:21 2010
**Subject**: Question from the FEC about an exempt organization

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Thank you very much for all of your help again. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Many thanks,

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Spoke to Lois Lerner – need to show primary purpose is consistent w/ 501(c)(4) purposes in connection w/ ~~AFF~~

will call again here to see if an IRS determ made re exempt has been

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02/01/2010 05:09 PM

To lois.g.lerner@irs.gov
cc (b)(6) @irs.gov, (b)(6) @irs.gov
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Thanks for the update. On my end, I was able to get the IRS filings faxed over.
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Thanks,
(b)(6)

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**/FEC/US**

To (b)(6) /FEC/US@FEC
cc
04/01/2009 09:48 AM Subject AFP/AIP

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**From:** (b)(6)
**To:**
**Subject:** Re: AIP -- 100.22(b) footnote
**Date:** 03/19/2010 10:18 AM

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Sounds good. I will add a footnote to that effect now, unless you need access to the document immediately.

As for the IRS, I checked with Lois Lerner last month and the IRS does not have any new information, except for that the group filed for an extension. Based on last year's 990, the group's fiscal year for 2008 ended in April 2009. Under the extennsion schedule for 990s, they would have had until March 15, 2010 to file their 990 **on time**. I don't think the IRS would have any more information then they did in February, but I can check again if we think it would be useful. If the fact that the group's website is not operational means that the group is shutting down, it could be a while before they actually file something with the IRS.

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(b)(6)
**/FEC/US**
03/19/2010 10:06 AM

To (b)(6) /FEC/US@FEC
cc
Subject Re: AIP -- 100.22(b) footnote

(b)(5)

Were you able to find out anything from the IRS re: updated financials? I know you have been busy, so if you haven't had time to look into this, please feel free to delegate it to an investigator, or I can ask another attorney on the team for help.

▼ (b)(6) /FEC/US

(b)(6)
**/FEC/US**
03/19/2010 10:01 AM

To (b)(6) /FEC/US@FEC
cc
Subject Re: AIP -- 100.22(b) footnote

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks,
(b)(6)

▼ (b)(6) /FEC/US

(b)(6)
/FEC/US

To (b)(6) /FEC/US@FEC
cc
03/19/2010 09:46 AM Subject AIP -- 100.22(b) footnote

I'm trying to finally finish this up -- could you send me the revised AIP report (or link to it)?

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**To:**
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Thanks (b) (6) I'm going to have (b) (6) ask Lois Lerner if the IRS has anything more on American Future Fund when he gets in contact with her about American Issues Project.

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# Study finds IRS suppression of Tea Party swung 2012 election

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A new study by the American Enterprise Institute -- "Do Political Protests Matter? Evidence From The Tea Party Movement" -- finds that the movement boosted Republican turnout by three to six million votes in the 2010 election. This effect was blunted in the 2012 election, though, because growth in the movement stalled.

That slowdown happened, co-author and AEI economist Stan Veuger notes, at the same time that the IRS began coming down hard on these groups. He argues in a RealClearMarkets.com article that this most likely had a major impact in the 2012 election.

"The founders, members, and donors of new Tea Party groups found themselves incapable of exercising their constitutional rights, and the Tea Party's impact was muted in the 2012 election cycle," Veuger said.

He added: "The data show that, had the Tea Party groups continued to grow at the pace seen in 2009 and 2010, and had their effect on the 2012 vote been similar to that seen in 2010, they would have brought the Republican Party as many as 5 to 8.5 million votes compared to Obama's victory margin of 5 million."

Given those numbers, it is reasonable to be suspicious of the IRS targeting, Veuger said.

The AEI study was done by Veuger, Andreas Madestam of Stockholm University, and Daniel Shoag and David Yanagizawa-Drott, both from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

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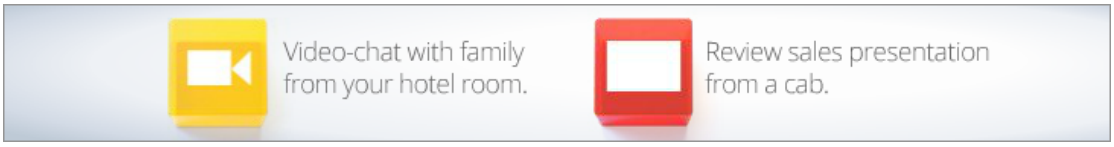
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# Does Army consider Christians, Tea Party, a terror threat?

*By Todd Starnes / Todd's American Dispatch / Published October 23, 2013 / FoxNews.com*






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Soldiers attending a pre-deployment briefing at Fort Hood say they were told that evangelical Christians and members of the Tea Party were a threat to the nation and that any soldier donating to those groups would be subjected to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A soldier who attended the Oct. 17th briefing told me the counter-intelligence agent in charge of the meeting spent nearly a half hour discussing how evangelical Christians and groups like the American Family Association were “tearing the country apart.”

Michael Berry, an attorney with the Liberty Institute, is advising the

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soldier and has launched an investigation into the incident.

"The American public should be outraged that the U.S. Army is teaching our troops that evangelical Christians and Tea Party members are enemies of America, and that they can be punished for supporting or participating in those groups," said Berry, a former Marine Corps JAG officer.

"These statements about evangelicals being domestic enemies are a serious charge."

*"On the very base that was the site of mass murder carried out by a radicalized Muslim soldier, it is astonishing that it is evangelical groups that are being identified as a 'threat.'"*

*- Tony Perkins, Family Research Council president*

The soldier told me he fears reprisals and asked not to be identified. He said there was a blanket statement that donating to any groups that were considered a threat to the military and government was punishable under military regulations.

"My first concern was if I was going to be in trouble going to church," the evangelical Christian soldier told me. "Can I tithe? Can I donate to Christian charities? What if I donate to a politician who is a part of the Tea Party movement?"

Another soldier who attended the briefing alerted the Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty. That individual's recollections of the briefing matched the soldier who reached out to me.

"I was very shocked and couldn't believe what I was hearing," the soldier said. "I felt like my religious liberties, that I risk my life and sacrifice time away from family to fight for, were being taken away."

And while a large portion of the briefing dealt with the threat evangelicals and the Tea Party pose to the nation, barely a word was said about Islamic extremism, the soldier said.

"Our community is still healing from the act of terrorism brought on by Nidal Hasan – who really is a terrorist," the soldier said. "This is a slap in the face. "The military is supposed to defend freedom and to classify the vast majority of the military that claim to be Christian as terrorists is sick."

Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, tells me the Pentagon is pushing anti-Christian propaganda.


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“On the very base that was the site of mass murder carried out by a radicalized Muslim soldier, it is astonishing that it is evangelical groups that are being identified as a ‘threat,’” he said. “Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel must immediately intervene to stop this march against the rights and freedom of our soldiers.”

The soldier said they were also told that the pro-life movement is another example of “radicalization.”

“They said that evangelical Christians protesting abortions are the mobilization stage and that leads to the bombing of abortion clinics,” he said, recalling the discussion.

An Army spokesman at the Pentagon tells me they do not maintain or publish a list of organizations considered extremist.

“None of these slides [shown at the briefing] were produced by the Army, but by soldiers who included information found during an Internet search,” the spokesman said.

He said commanders and other leaders were cautioned that they should not use “lists of extremists, hate groups, radical factions or the like compiled by any outside non-governmental groups or organizations for briefings, command presentations, or as a short cut to determining if a group or activity is considered to be extremist.”

Meanwhile, the public affairs office at Fort Hood is denying the soldiers' allegations.

“The allegations you are asking about were brought to the attention of the Fort Hood leadership immediately and a (sic) inquiry is occurring,” read a statement from Tom Rheinlander, the public affairs director at Fort Hood. “At this time, initial information gathered about the training and what you claim occurred is not substantiated by unit leadership and soldiers present at this training venue.”

I sent the public affairs officer additional questions about the specific content of the briefing but he declined to respond.

But this is not the first time an Army briefing has labeled evangelicals as extremists. Last April an Army Reserve briefing classified Evangelical Christianity and Catholicism as “religious extremism.”

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In a letter to Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.), Secretary of the Army John McHugh said the briefing in April was an isolated incident and the material used was not sanctioned by the Army.
McHugh said it was a “misguided attempt to explain that extremism is not limited to a single religion.”

Two weeks ago, several dozen active duty troops at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, were told the American Family Association, a well-respected Christian ministry, should be classified as a domestic hate group because it advocates for traditional family values.

Again, the military called it an isolated incident with a trainer using material that was not sanctioned by the military.

That explanation is wearing thin with American Christians.

“How much longer can the Army claim no knowledge or responsibility for these things?” Berry asked.

“These repeated incidents show either that this training was directed from Army leadership at the Pentagon, or else the Army has a real discipline and leadership problem on its hands because a bunch of rogue soldiers are teaching this nonsense.”

The most recent allegations at Fort Hood have drawn sharp rebuke from religious liberty groups around the nation.

“Why is the Army engaged in these anti-Christian training propaganda briefings?” asked Perkins, himself a veteran of the Marine Corps. “The only explanation is that this is a deliberate effort of the Obama administration to intimidate and separate soldiers from Christian groups that they support and that support them.”

Ron Crews, executive director of the Chaplain Alliance, called the military’s behavior dishonorable.

“Far from mere ‘isolated incidents,’ as the Army has dismissed previous occurrences, this latest incident demonstrates a pattern and practice of Army briefings identifying mainstream religions, such as Evangelical Christianity, Judaism, and Catholicism, as examples of ‘religious extremism’ similar to Al Qaeda, Hamas and the Ku Klux Klan,” he told me.

Perkins said it’s time for the Pentagon to “ensure that instructors carry out their role to train our troops to defend our freedom, and

not push anti-Christian propaganda."

*Todd Starnes is host of Fox News & Commentary, heard on hundreds of radio stations. Sign up for his American Dispatch newsletter, be sure to join his Facebook page, and follow him on Twitter. His latest book is Dispatches From Bitter America.*


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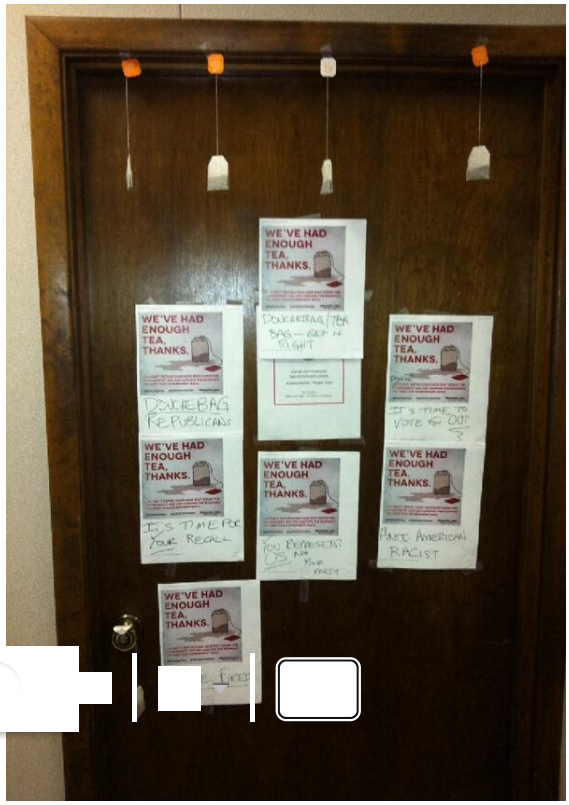


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**Mike Repplier** @MikeRepplier 2 Oct
Republican @RepRWilliams claims his office was vandalized with tea bags and vulgar signs last night pic.twitter.com/D2hDETJ1KT
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**Shawna Vercher** @shawnavercher 2 Oct
@RepRWilliams That's not vandalism - it's flyers and scotch tape. Grow up, do your job and open the government. #shutdown
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**D Keene** @Keene329 2 Oct
@RepRWilliams My husband and I voted for you as did @Jordan Winar! We are behind you 100%!!
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**D Keene** @Keene329 2 Oct
@RepRWilliams Please don't listen to negative replies. 95% of them don't live in your district. Your voters are civilized & conservative.
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@RepRWilliams Then re-open the government and resign. And don't be such a baby. People are out of work thanks to you.
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@RepRWilliams Thats not vandalism, shut up and get to work.
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@RepRWilliams Get over yourself you ass hat...that's not vandalism. All of you are idiots, time for libertarians and 'real' people to govern
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@RepRWilliams I'm concerned that you refer to that as "vandalism". That's flyers and scotch tape. Talk to a small biz owner about vandalism.
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# Black Conservative Candidate E.W. Jackson Finds Campaign Sign Vandalized With White Paint

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While much of the political world is focusing on the battle between pro-life gubernatorial candidates Ken Cuccinelli and Terry McAuliffe in Virginia, pro-life Lt. Gov. candidate, Bishop E.W. Jackson, is seeking to become the state's next Lt. Governor.




As a pro-life, conservative African-American, Jackson has been pegged with the typical "Uncle Tom" attacks throughout the campaign from liberals who claim he is selling out his ethnicity by taking principled conservative stances and opposing abortion. That criticism went a step further over the weekend.

This weekend, Jackson found that one of his campaign signs in Virginia's Loudoun County had vandals smear the sign with white paint.

From Jackson's Facebook Page about the vandalism:

> "Activists in Loudoun County pooled their resources and spent thousands on 4x8s for our campaign only to find them vandalized. This isn't free speech, this is intimidation – and the Democratic Party of Virginia needs to put stop to it today!
>
> We need to be able to work together if we're going to continue to make Virginia a place where people want to live and work. That starts by stopping these antics and respecting the views of our neighbors."

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Earleir this year, Democratic went nuts over statements by Jackson. The quote all the news pieces were highlighting: "Planned Parenthood has been far more lethal to black lives than the KKK ever was."

"The main similarity, which I will continue to propound is that the moral dilemma that both pose is very similar," Jackson told conservative talk radio host Bryan Fischer, according to Buzzfeed. "The justification for slavery is in a sense the same as the justification for unfettered abortion, which is, the victim is not a real person, he's not a human being and therefore has no rights that we are bound to respect."

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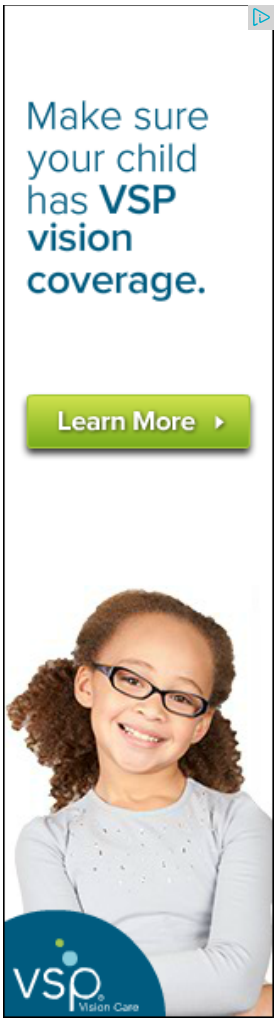
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Florida Democratic Rep. Alan Grayson is standing by his campaign's comparison of the tea party with the Klu Klux Klan.

On Monday, Grayson's re-election campaign sent out a fundraising email with a picture of a burning cross, which was used as a "t" to spell out "tea party."

"Now What You Know What The 'T' Stands For," the email read.




Readers who clicked on the picture were directed to a donation page for the congressman's re-election.

In a long statement, Grayson defended his campaign's mailer, arguing that the tea party has a history of racism.

"Regarding the image that the campaign circulated, members of the Tea Party have engaged in relentless racist attacks against our African-American President," Grayson said, before listing alleged racist incidents tea party members have engaged in and including a racist depiction of President Obama.

"Tea Party candidates, including my opponent in the last election, have endorsed forcing Hispanics to speak English," he added. "One could go on and on, because there is overwhelming evidence that the Tea Party is the home of bigotry and discrimination in America today, just as the KKK was for an earlier generation. If the shoe fits, wear it."

Jennifer Burke, national outreach director for TheTeaParty.net, slammed Grayson for the KKK-tea party comparison.




"As a black Tea Party activist, I could say that there's nothing more offensive than equating the Tea Party with the Ku Klux Klan," she said in a statement. "The hate speech uttered by sitting congressman Alan Grayson is deplorable, even by the low levels reached in recent years when Democrats routinely call us racists and suicide bombers."

The tea party movement arose in response to economic issues in 2009 and, unlike the KKK, is led by a number of black leaders. The tea party has engaged in no acts of anti-black terrorism and, also unlike the KKK, was not primarily associated with the Democratic Party at its founding.

Grayson has made a name for himself in Congress by making bombastic statements. Among other things, during a previous tenure in Congress, Grayson said on the House floor that the Republican health care plan was for people to "die quickly" if they get sick.

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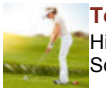
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**Marii Cazan** ➔ Manfred • 22 days ago
During the Senate debates on the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871, it was revealed that members of the Democratic Party formed many terrorist organizations like the Ku Klux Klan to murder and intimidate African Americans voters. The Ku Klux Klan Act was a bill introduced by a Republican Congress to stop Klan Activities.
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**lrg** ➔ Marii Cazan • 22 days ago
Yep, that was back in the days when California was red, and Texas was blue.
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**Zero_Dark_Obozo** ➔ lrg • 22 days ago
I would certainly think - and hope - that someone of any significant stature within the Jewish faith AND the Anti-Defamation League, in order to maintain any credibility whatsoever, would roundly condemn this cheap, two-bit, frontal-lobotomized, sh*t-eating-grinned, disgraceful, ersatz Jew Grayson not only for denigrating THE major symbol of Christianity, but for inaccurately applying its KKK misuse to the Tea Party as well.

If I were a Jew, a fu*ker like this would have me shaking in my boots. Well? What say you?

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**Ted41** ➔ Marii Cazan • 22 days ago
It's 2013 in case you were lost. A lot has changed, seriously.
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**Melissa Katsmom Votano** ➔ Ted41 • 22 days ago
You can't change history and the facts are that the Democrats ARE the racists.
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**WHO?** ➔ Melissa Katsmom Votano • 22 days ago
It's a simple historical fact that Democrats lynched, burned, mutilated and murdered thousands of blacks and completely destroyed entire towns and communities occupied by middle class Blacks, including Rosewood, Florida, the Greenwood District in Tulsa Oklahoma, and Wilmington, North Carolina to name a few.
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**walkingtall** ➔ WHO? • 22 days ago
Ted41 sounds eerily similar to john copper and jackaru.....all of which are rabid liberals. There is no amount of reasoning with them....they are incapable of it.
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**WHO?** ➔ walkingtall • 22 days ago
People like Ted41 lack any form of critical thought process; they have no ability to distinguish fact from opinion. They add value in their ability to amuse with their inanity. They also provide a perfect avenue to display fact to counter their indoctrinated opinion. They obviously don't see that in their inanity they do more damage to their progressive cause than good. Let them rant. Counter them with

fact, they'll never get it but other people watching will.

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**chicagorefugee** ↗ Ken Martin · 22 days ago
Sounds like a moby to me.
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**Melissa Katsmom Votano** ↗ walkingtall · 22 days ago
Good to know.
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**walkermac** ↗ walkingtall · 22 days ago
I agree. Also copper is similar to grayson shoveling his pompous bile and drivel trying to sound pseudo-intellectual.
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**undergroundman14** ↗ WHO? · 21 days ago
Then why are blacks stupid enough to vote democrat? Please white America, stop worrying about blacks, or the white far-left who love to gin them up against white America.
Blacks dig their own grave each time they vote democrat.
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**Jeanninne Bassinger** ↗ WHO? · 21 days ago
That is true; also take a look at Watts, Compton, Detroit....
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**mtbeau** ↗ WHO? · 22 days ago
Those folks became Republicans in 1965
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**chicagorefugee** ↗ mtbeau · 22 days ago
Sure they did, just ask George Wallace and Robert Byrd.
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**WHO?** ↗ mtbeau · 22 days ago
Sure they did. All the democrats and republicans switched parties in 1965 due to that Sharknado and Sharktopus attack.
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**Alaskaninfidel** ↗ WHO? · 21 days ago
Alien brainwashing?
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**Ted41** ↗ Melissa Katsmom Votano · 22 days ago
Apparently you need to read some comments on this and other right wing sites. Listening to Glenn Beck isn't helping. LOL.
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**Coffee Steve** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
Nancy Pelosi, Alan Grayson, Harry Reid, I rest my case
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**Ted41** ↗ Coffee Steve • 22 days ago
You'd be brought before the bar if were any kind of attorney. Obviously, you are not.
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**Bteri** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
Uh... we're not in a courtroom -- this is a forum of debates and the comment was 100% appropriate. The only thing that isnt - is you.
8 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

**Alaskaninfidel** ↗ Ted41 • 21 days ago
You're pretty funny...tell another...please.
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**Bteri** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
Lets have a vote and find out who wants you to go to your "left wing sites" AND STAY THERE. Your dishonest, unsubstantiated posts are a waste of our time.
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**Melissa Katsmom Votano** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
I'm sure you enjoy your time watching Chris Mathews. Have a nice day.
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**gunnyjeep** ↗ Melissa Katsmom Votano • 22 days ago
ted gets a tingle up his leg every time Chris is on the air
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**HowsItWorkingOutForYa** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
We will just stick to history.
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**Ted41** ↗ HowsItWorkingOutForYa • 22 days ago
Not if you live on this planet.
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**dk1951** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
Growing up on the south side of Chicago, the blacks hated you pandering liberal pansies and you would get the shit knocked out of you if you pretended to feel their pain. Blacks are not as dumb as you libs think they are.
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**Alaskaninfidel** ↗ Ted41 • 21 days ago
That makes zero sense...as usual.
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**Ted41** ↗ Alaskaninfidel • 21 days ago
Not to you, obviously.
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**alvin691** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
You are digging deep, but it isn't helping your case.
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**Coffee Steve** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
How? Is the black community doing better now? I missed that
14 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

**Ted41** ↗ Coffee Steve • 22 days ago
Relative to the 19th century? Seriously? Can you read?
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**DaveL** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
So, please tell us: which year did the Democrat party switch from being racist oppressors to minority saviors? Just curious!
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**Ted41** ↗ DaveL • 22 days ago
There is no Democrat party. Try again.
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**John Thomas** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
actually, Ted...it is the Democrat party. You try again. It should be called the "blame everyone else" party anytime something goes wrong in their life.
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**DaveL** ↗ Ted41 • 22 days ago
I see. You prefer Democratic. Okay, what year did you Democratics abandon racial oppression.
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**mtbeau** ↗ DaveL • 22 days ago
The same year the Democrats in the South became the new GOP...1965.
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**DaveL** ↗ mtbeau • 22 days ago
Once again. Explain that. Or are you just a robot spouting preprogrammed messages?
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**Meekrob** ↗ DaveL • 21 days ago
The latter. Troll fails the Turing test.
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**mtbeau** ↗ DaveL • 21 days ago
"There goes the South for a generation (meaning to the Republican Party)," Lyndon Johnson is said to have predicted as he signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act into law. Actually, it's been two generations, but otherwise Johnson was dead-on.
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**DaveL** ↗ mtbeau • 21 days ago
I am truly astounded that you leftists keep putting forth this silly argument. You are really gluttons for

punishment. Johnson may have said that, but then why hasn't it proven to be true? The very year that Johnson said it, even Goldwater didn't win the South. He won the 5 Dixiecrat states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina and that's all. So, why has nobody ever called Goldwater a racist? I'll tell you why: because he was a founding member of the NAACP in Arizona. He opposed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (one of 6 Republicans) on a libertarian basis of not handing over more power to government. After Goldwater, Nixon won only 1 Dixiecrat state in 1968. In 1972 he won all of them in a 48 state blowout of McGovern. But in 1976, Jimmy Carter swept the entire South except for Virginia. That kind of blows your lame claim of decades-long control doesn't it? Besides, Strom Thurmond was the only segregationist to migrate to the GOP. The other 11 segregationists in the senate at that time stayed in the Dem party until the day they died. So, where is your evidence that Republicans have controlled the South for 2 generations?

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**mtbeau** ↗ DaveL · 22 days ago

I guess some people in the Republic Party think there is a Democrat Party.

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**DaveL** ↗ mtbeau · 22 days ago

Sorry but your argument makes no sense. If the Republican party has Republicans, then it follows that the Democratic party has Democratics. Either you are a Democrat (Democrat Party) or you are a Democratic (Democratic Party). Make up your mind.

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**mtbeau** ↗ DaveL · 21 days ago

You will have to research that one yourself! I think you are chasing your own tail with your own argument.

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**Bteri** ↗ Ted41 · 22 days ago

Do you practice being an antagonistic combatic jackass or is it a natural gift?

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**feduppo** ↗ Bteri · 21 days ago

He suffers from cranial-rectal inversion syndrom. With enough help and a lot of lubrication we might be able to pull his head out, but then the lenghty process of cleaning the crap out of his eyes and ears would start!

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Alan Grayson smiles. Photo: Bill Clark, Getty Images

Florida Democratic Rep. Alan Grayson doubled down his extremely provocative rhetoric on Wednesday, in the days after his campaign sent out a fundraising email with an image likening the tea party to the Klan that showed two Klansmen in the background with a burning cross used as the "t" in "tea party."

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However, Grayson took his tea party-KKK comparison another step further and said the tea party engaged in hate speech, racism, discrimination, bigotry and in some case even threats of violence.

"I think the tea party should expel those members who engage in hate speech," Grayson said to an unidentified reporter with Orlando ABC affiliate WFTV. "So many members of the tea party have engaged in hate speech against the president, against the first lady, against numerous members of the Congress and against me. And we could give you examples of that."




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"I'm calling them out for their hate," Grayson continued. "That's not wrong. That needs to be done. It's the only way to end it."

WFTV asked Grayson if perhaps this was a step too far, to use the extreme imagery, but the Florida Democrat pushed back.




"No, it doesn't go too far because the essence of both unfortunately is an undue openness to racism, to bigotry, to prejudice," he continued. "In fact generations ago, the KKK was the home of that sentiment and all too often today we see the tea party being the home of that sentiment."

Grayson was also asked if the comparison was unfair since the KKK would use violence and that the tea party has shown signs of using violent measures. According to Grayson, they haven't yet but the presence of certain weapons at presidential events.

"Not yet," he replied. "You may recall that there were people that brought automatic weapons to president's speeches. What were they trying to convey? They were members of the tea party."

When asked if his campaign's email may have been offensive to African Americans who aren't involved in any sort of tea party activities, Grayson said he had received words of encouragement from a fellow African-American member of Congress.

"I will tell you an African-American member of Congress came to me less than 20 minutes ago and told me that he thought I was entirely right and that what I said was the words of God," Grayson added. "So you tell me — who's right, who's wrong?"

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**Manfred** → HughGKnutts · a month ago
There is no evidence backing Grayson's allegations. His words and actions constitute criminal slander. Unlike OWS, the Tea Party is, has been, and will always be a responsible non-violent group of people exercising our First Amendment rights. Grayson is an elected PUBLIC SERVANT slandering the people he is sworn to represent; mark my words, this is indeed slander and outright criminal behavior on the part of Grayson. Violation of the civil rights of

my words, this is indeed slander and outright criminal behavior on the part of Grayson. Violation of the civil rights of free born U.S. citizens by an agent of the government is a crime. In the Obama environment of hatred for fellow citizens criminal prosecution, although warranted, is unlikely. This leaves the civil courts as our alternative.

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**panola60** → Manfred · a month ago

Left-wing Occupy Terrorist Arrests: 7,700+
Left-wing Occupy Terrorist Deaths: 32
Left-wing Occupy Terrorist Rapes Committed: 23
Left-wing Occupy Terrorist Injuries: 400+
Left-wing Occupy Terrorist Property Destruction: $12 billion
Left-wing Occupy Terrorist Bombings : Occupy leader, Brandon Baxter, is one of many arrested in the terrorist plot to bomb bridges in Cleveland.

Tea Party Patriots Arrests: 0
Tea Party Patriots Deaths: 0
Tea Party Patriots Rapes Committed: 0
Tea Party Patriots Injuries: 0
Tea Party Patriots Property Destruction: $0
Tea Party Patriots Bombings: 0

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**Socialism: Organized Evil** → panola60 · a month ago

If Floyd Corkins, Chris Dorner, Ed Schultz, Troy Gilmore Jr., John Muhammed, Hussein Obama, Lee Boyd Malvo, Demetrius Glenn, Lakim Faust, Allan Brauer, John Van Allen, Michael Davis, and Aaron Alexis are any indication, today's liberals are becoming increasingly unhinged, violent, and aggressive.

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**HollywoodHick** → Socialism: Organized Evil · a month ago

Unhinged and without a moral compass. That's not a good combination.

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**Socialism: Organized Evil** → HollywoodHick · a month ago

Excellent point.

One of the delusions of marxism is the notion of human uniformity. The notion that all hominids somehow magically share the same moral compass.

As we're seeing more and more today, the moral compass of Western civilization is completely missing from those who do not share Christian/Western values.

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**JacksonPearson** → Socialism: Organized Evil · a month ago

Perhaps Western civilization has slowly separated from God. Leftists have done everything in their power to remove God, and Christianity from schools and the public square. Add abortion, has shamefully produced a 60 million pile of fetuses, of lost generations.

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**Socialism: Organized Evil** → JacksonPearson · a month ago

Without Christianity, there is no Western civilization.

Like marxism, the "big idea" of today's liberalism is the notion that a self-proclaimed group of the uber-enlightened are somehow magically entitled to consciously direct the future of mankind.

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**reggiec** ↗ Socialism: Organized Evil · a month ago
So true...and Obama does not think we are a Christian nation.

George Washington:

***"…While just government protects
all in their religious rights, true religion affords to government its surest
support."

In a letter to the Synod of the
Reformed Dutch Church of North America Oct. 9, 1789

***"And let us with caution indulge
the supposition that morality can be attained without religion. Whatever may be
conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure,
reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can
prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

In his farewell address, Sept 19,
1796

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**Right wing** ↗ reggiec · a month ago
Thank you. A day brightener, indeed!
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**Becky** ↗ JacksonPearson · a month ago
As long as it's the LIBS destroying themselves they can have it.
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**Freedomist** ↗ Socialism: Organized Evil · a month ago
Don't confuse authoritarian-socialist-communist atheists with non-violent, pro-freedom, pro-constitution atheists. They do exist and pose no threat to American values or American way of life.
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**Socialism: Organized Evil** ↗ Freedomist · a month ago
Well, atheism is the core tenet of the marxist ideology because it attempts to deny the fundamentally religious nature of mankind. It is the gateway to "fundamental transformation".
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**Freedomist** ↗ Socialism: Organized Evil · 25 days ago
But Marxism is not a tenet of atheism. Marx didn't like religion because the Czarists and the RO Church shared and relied on each other's authority for legitimacy and maintenance of power. Had the Czarists been secular, Marx may not have cared about religion.
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**Socialism: Organized Evil** ↗ Freedomist · 25 days ago
Interestingly, there's no history of atheism before Karl Marx. At least as far as I can tell.

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**Freedomist** ➚ Socialism: Organized Evil • 25 days ago

Atheists were persecuted and prosecuted as heretics making organized atheism impossible before the 20th century. Individual atheists took huge risks revealing their beliefs.
Here's some historical atheists:
Paul Heinrich Dietrich (1723-1789)
Percy Shelley (Mary's husband, 1792-1822)
Auguste Comte (1798-1857)
Max Stirner (1806-1856)
Elizabeth Cody Stanton (1815-1902)
Susan B Anthony (1820-1906)
Herbert Spencer (1820-1903)

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**MarioG** ➚ Socialism: Organized Evil • a month ago

Under the surface they were always like this. Liberal Democrats fought a bloody civil war to preserve slavery, terrorized blacks through their subsidiary KKK, filibustered civil rights legislation, flew the Confederate flag over the SC statehouse, and then finally found a way to destroy the black family that had survived slavery and Jim Crow (D) by paying the poorest blacks to have plenty of kids without getting married to increase their welfare payments.

Civil Rights leader and ex-Mayor of Atlanta and ex-Ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young, admitted as much in an interview with Bill O'Reilly just this week.

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**George D** ➚ MarioG • a month ago

Mario.....Liberal Democrats....No they were Dixie Crats...with Nixon's Southern strategy they joined the Republican party. Did you really have a history class in school? Did you pass it? Amazing!

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**MarioG** ➚ George D • a month ago

You get an A in Democrat spin but an F in REAL US history.

The last time I checked, Nixon had nothing to do with the bloody attempt to preserve slavery, which Republicans opposed, or with the KKK, or with standing in the school house door, or the dogs and hoses under Bull Connor or the seating in southern buses, or with filibustering civil rights legislation.

Nixon had nothing to with the Democrat's favorite KKK member, Robert Byrd, or with Fritz Hollings raising the Confederate flag over the SC statehouse.

Nixon had nothing to do with the Great Society and the welfare rules that encouraged more kids and discouraged stable relationships.

Your public school union teachers must have not told you about all the facts in this lawsuit against the Democrats and President Obama, by folks whose families personally experienced the oppression of blacks by the Democrats.

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Quote:
Suing President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party for racism would be a joke if the Plaintiffs

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**brunodarkhorse** ↗ George D • a month ago
Wow George your simplicity is staggering. Ever here of beloved democrat named Robert C. Byrd?
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**holdyourhorses** ↗ George D • a month ago
Silly us they were Dixie Crats not Democrats! And it was Nixon's fault not Johnson's! Man, we should have known it was Nixon's fault because everyone knows Nixon was an incredible strategist by the way he handled Watergate. So he got them all to join the Republican Party. How about that.

Are you kidding me? There's only one way anyone with half a brain could regurgitate such a stupid thing. They've been dumbed down by the regressive "progressive" democratic (a.k.a. marxist communist) union teachers in a public school. Yep, turned into another "useful idiot" blindly following the commies.

Put your big boy pants on George, and stop drinking the Kool-Aid. Think for yourself; that can't possibly be true.
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**George D** ↗ holdyourhorses • a month ago
Well I have been wearing men's clothing for at least 55 of my 75 years. How about you look up "Southern Strategy" before you release your bucolic comments? I still do not figure where your facilitation with Kool_Aid and pants comes from, unless you fill yours as you write. Union.....teachers....Marxism...and the communists....I think you would be happier in Communist China where they have no Unions. Unions are not part of Communist Societies.....but then again as a looser in public school you probably came up with this unprobable mental construct or simply got it from Fox TV. Johnson by the way forced the civil rights legislation and medicare through the congress and to this day, your phony neo cons choke on anything that helps the working men and women of this nation maintain human dignity. By the way junior....I worked in factories and farms, paid my own way through two college degrees, and spent decades in public service. What are your credentials....? How dare you diminish teachers and the struggles of the progressives of this nation! How many groups have you led.....how many community organizations have you worked in....what have you done to contribute to this nation. What are you doing for your neighbors? Talk of kool aid...pants...and pseudo history says it all....you are done.
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**MarioG** ↗ George D • 25 days ago
George, what about the following are you having a problem understanding?

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Quote:
Suing President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party for racism would be a joke if the Plaintiffs were anyone other than Rev. Wayne Perryman, a respected black minister and community activist. Perryman, an author, lecturer and a former newspaper publisher and radio talk show host who has received a multitude of honors and awards for
his work and community service, was recently recognized by Chairman Benjamin Jealous of the NAACP for his latest research on racism and
politics.

On September 11, 2011, Perryman brought together blacks from the West Coast and the East Coast to sign one of the most comprehensive legal

briefs ever prepared for a racial discrimination lawsuit. The suit was to filed on September 12, 2011 in US District Court against President Barack Obama and the DNC. The plaintiffs, who refer to the defendants as

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**Freedomist** ➚ MarioG • 25 days ago
Democrats of the mid-1800s were not "liberal". The Republican Party started out as a "liberal" party. You have to keep in mind that early or classical liberalism is nothing like the progressivism and socialism of today that conservatives call "liberal". Classical liberals are pro-individual freedom, including economic freedom the conservatives adopted in the early 1900's.

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**MarioG** ➚ Freedomist • 25 days ago
You are right. Classic liberals would be like the modern political conservatives. The point is that it was the Democrats who oppressed blacks until they were unable to derail civil and voting rights legislation that Republicans helped LBJ to pass. It was then that LBJ passed liberal, patronizing Great Society legislation that assumed blacks were unable to make it on their own and needed Uncle Sam to hold their hands. That became a shackle when the poorest black women were incentivized to have as many babies as possible without a man in the house to maximize their welfare checks. This has destroyed the black family that had survived slavery and Jim Crow (D). Today, three out of four black babies are born to single mothers, one out of two among Hispanics and one out of four among blacks. The poverty rate among single-women households is around 50%, higher for minorities, whereas the poverty rate for two-parent families is only 11%, 8% for blacks. Yet, no black pastor, the NAACP or the Urban League want to talk about this. When Bill O'Reilly brought it up he was called a racist. When Don Lemon, a black CNN host, said O'Reilly had a point, they called him an Uncle Tom.

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**Freedomist** ➚ MarioG • 25 days ago
More congressional Democrats voted against the Civil Rights Act than Republicans.

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**MarioG** ➚ Freedomist • 25 days ago
Also, a higher percentage of Republicans voted FOR the Civil Rights Act than the percentage of Democrats voting for it. The Republicans also broke the filibuster by Democrats to try and stop this legislation.

The most lasting damage the Democrats have done to blacks since then is finally finding a way to destroy the black family which had survived the dark days of slavery and Jim Crow (D) by paying the poorest blacks to have as many babies as possible without having a man in the house to maximize their welfare checks.

They doubled down by trapping the kids in failing schools and denying them school vouchers and passing minimum and prevailing wage laws that make it difficult for young blacks to find entry level jobs to start climbing the economic ladder.

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**Becky** ➚ Socialism: Organized Evil • a month ago
They've ALWAYS been unhinged. But now they are definitely becoming insanely more violent. They ALL should be locked up in mental institutions for the safety of everyone else.

There are THREE Legal reasons that allow a person to be diagnosed as "Insane" and locked up: Destruction of property, dangerous to self, and dangerous to others. This is the LEGAL means to have someone locked up until they are 'successfully' treated.

Remember that people and begin using it. That is the LAW and if you make a complaint the LAW has to enforce it.

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**Socialism: Organized Evil** ➚ Becky · a month ago

It's only going to get worse as the Obama regime further implodes. Take commensurate precautions.

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**MarioG** ➚ Becky · 25 days ago

Alan Grayson is certifiably insane. His latest ploy is to counter-attack anyone who questions him about HIS racism as a racist because presumably he's trying to end racism by calling the Tea Party, the least racist group out there, racist. You should have seen Martin Bashir squirming at being called a racist for questioning Grayson. It was priceless to see yet another vicious liberal racist like Bashir being called a racist.

The REAL racists going back to the days of slavery were mostly Democrats. Even today, their virtual government plantations in every major urban center, is racism under the guise of economic patronage, because they are trapping the poorest blacks in failing schools and minimum and prevailing wage laws that have devastated the black community and made them wards of the government.

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**Becky** ➚ MarioG · 24 days ago

I caught just a bit of the Basher thing. It was fun to see the tables turned on one of their own. Give them a slight taste of what it will really be like when the Libs/Commies begin their feeding frenzy. Precious....I agree with all your statements Mario. Particularly that Blacks are not being done a service by the Dems keeping them IN servitude. Wish they'd get it together, have SOME sense of self-preservation, and realize what the Dem party has been doing to them for decades now.

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**MarioG** ➚ Becky · 24 days ago

Becky - I have good news - blacks are slowly but surely beginning to escape from the government plantations and spreading the word, encouraging others to do the same. This dropped Obama's support from 96% in 2008 to 91% in 2012 - still absurd for a certifiable dunce, but trending down.

Check out the documentary produced by Rev. C.L. Bryant, once the Chairman of the NAACP in Garland, TX. It's called "Runaway Slave". Google it and read about it.

Deneen Borelli, whom Hannity Fans will recognize as a Fox News contributor has published a book called, "Blacklash - How Obama and the Left are driving Americans to the Government Plantation"

Rev. Wayne Perryman, a respected black Pastor from Seattle has used the detailed research of 350 scholars to bring a lawsuit against the Democrat Party and Obama himself alleging a systematic pattern of racist policies and practices against blacks. Google "Federal Observer - Rev. Wayne Perryman lawsuit against Democrat Party" and read the first link.

This is as good as it gets for conservatives who want minorities to be as independent and successful as anyone else. Only conservatives have an HONEST sympathy for minorities who have been oppressed for far too long by the Democrats and liberals.

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**Becky** ↗ MarioG • 24 days ago
Mario I am glad to hear that. It can only help to have Blacks like Thomas Sowell and Dr. Ben Carson as role models. I hope the Blacks are using them as such. I love the sounds of the lawsuit. That might be about the only thing that will stop the Dems/Commies from herding them into inner cities and pushing welfare until they're all useless. Just the way the powers that be want them. I'd love to see that turn around. Yes, I am familiar with Borelli too. I like her. Thanks for the 'good' news Mario.
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**Adam_DC** ↗ panola60 • a month ago
Then there is the inconvenient fact that Grayson leaves out that OWS was endorsed by the KKK and pretty much every white power group out there. The OWS rioters actually marched in lockstep with neo-N*Z*I militias on many occasions and had armed white power organizations protecting them by patrolling their riots.
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**Tiger716** ↗ panola60 • a month ago
.....but why let facts interfere with his rant? Spreading a lie never has stopped a liberal Democrat before.
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**bobwhite** ↗ Tiger716 • a month ago
The Democrat Party would not exist without lies. Lies are the only thing that supports that miserable party.
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**n_slash_a** ↗ panola60 • a month ago
Well said. One minor correction, there were actually 10 Tea Party Patriots arrests, however, none were for serious crimes (generally non-payment of parking tickets, etc...). Still way less than the thousands of the Occupy savages.
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**stephanie wilson** ↗ panola60 • a month ago
code pink too
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**tlmartin** ↗ panola60 • a month ago
Add a key point to the list. They are not owned by the religions right and they are not prejudice against blacks, browns, lesbians, homosexuals or Asians.
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**freeinpa** ↗ Manfred • a month ago
Liberals don't need evidence. They smear with allegations and then the accomplices in crime, the MSM, aid and abet the perps
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**Socialism: Organized Evil** ↗ freeinpa • a month ago
Precisely. Know your adversary.
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**JacksonPearson** ↗ freeinpa • a month ago

Progressives are a criminal enterprise!

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**Renellin** ↗ JacksonPearson · a month ago

Actually, I have blogged with progressives who are quite thoughtful and honest about their convictions. They often have a good deal in common with conservatives, and some very different concepts as well. They (at the blog I post to) also hate a dishonest administration, and fully recognize the failure of Obama to do anything meaningful to further the goals of American citizens. One of the reasons the dems have to dehumanize us is so the not-quite-so thoughtful people will accept their narrative, and this administration plays to the not-so-thoughtful people, and strives to increase their number.

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**Renellin** ↗ freeinpa · a month ago

As we saw with the treatment of Mitt Romney, by all accounts a wholly decent man, they start with their end conclusion and then force the facts into their narrative.

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**lukuj** ↗ Manfred · a month ago

Grayson thinks by saying it and wishing it he makes it true. You, of course, are actually speaking the truth he wants to ignore.

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**Smurfet** ↗ Manfred · a month ago

All the politicians on the left have slandered us & our presidents for years. How many times have they said they wished they'd die or they wanted to kill them. A bunch of evil communist propagandist

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**mike tewell** ↗ Manfred · a month ago

he's a democrat hat's all the evidence they need, name calling and smearing works for that party since they can't speak the truth without their tongues getting in the way

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**Becky** ↗ Manfred · a month ago

Not to mention that HE engages routinely and vehemently in that same "Hate Speech" he accuses TEA Party members of using. When they DON'T. HE should be arrested and imprisoned under the favorite ploy of the Dems/Commies and THEIR 'hate speech' law. He IS criminal - and as far as I am concerned so are the azzes who re-elected this fat Bas TURD knowing what he was like.

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**Renellin** ↗ Becky · a month ago

Never mind the hate speech law. We should all realize that was a bad law from the start. A crime is a crime. It rarely involves positive affection. Impeach Obama for his many crimes.

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**Becky** ↗ Renellin · a month ago

Of course it was a "bad law" Renellin. But hey, why NOT use their own weapons (they meant to use against US) against THEM?

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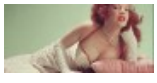



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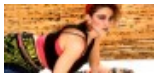
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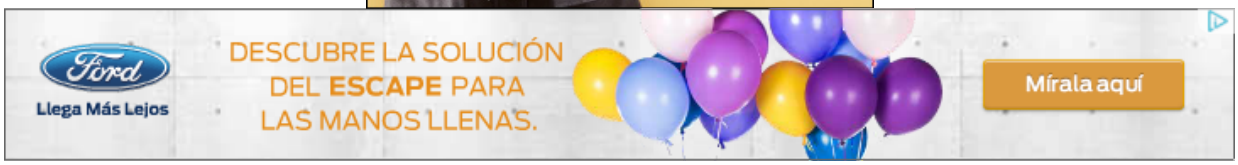
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# Did Obama Draw a 'Road Map' for the IRS to Target Tea Party Groups?

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President Barack Obama's rhetoric toward conservative nonprofits inspired the Internal Revenue Service to target Tea Party groups, a broad lawsuit against the IRS alleges.

"The president of the United States gave the IRS a road map to investigate the tea party in the United States," David French, senior counsel to the conservative American Center for Law and Justice told TheBlaze.



President Barack Obama works the rope line following a speech at the Ford stamping plant in Liberty, Mo., Friday, Sept. 20, 2013. (AP)

The ACLJ is representing 41 Tea Party and patriot groups from 22 states, claiming the IRS committed unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination by blocking or delaying their applications for tax exempt status. The suit does not name Obama as a co-defendant, but includes him in the narrative of what led to the alleged abuses from

the agency.

The plaintiffs filed an amended complaint this week, and provided a timeline arguing that Obama, congressional Democrats and even the mainstream media (none of whom are named as co-defendants) helped pressure the IRS to take action violating the First Amendment rights of Tea Party groups. The timeline shows actual IRS action that followed rhetoric.

"It's difficult to imagine the president of the United States didn't at least know about this prior to the emergence in the media in May 2013," French said. "The IRS actions closely resemble the president's public exhortations. He accused these citizens groups of taking foreign money. That's just demagoguery."

The lawsuit gives several examples from 2010, the year the Tea Party caught fire and when the IRS' extra scrutiny is said to have started.

On Aug. 21, 2010, during his weekly address, Obama said, "This summer, they're also seeing a flood of attack ads run by shadowy groups with harmless-sounding names. We don't know who's behind these ads and we don't know who's paying for them."

He continued, "You don't know if it's a foreign-controlled corporation. You don't know if it's BP. You don't know if it's a big insurance company or a Wall Street Bank. A group can hide behind a phony name like 'Citizens for a Better Future,' even if a more accurate name would be 'Corporations for Weaker Oversight.'"

On Sept. 16, 2010 in Stamford, Conn., Obama warned of conservative nonprofits: "None of them will disclose who's paying for these ads. You don't know if it's a Wall Street bank. You don't know if it's a big oil company. You don't know if it's an insurance company. You don't even know if it's a foreign-controlled entity."

A Sept. 21, 2010 story in the Huffington Post headlined, "Obama, Dems Try to Make Shadowy Conservative Groups a Problem for Conservatives" reported that senior administration officials "urged a small gathering of reporters to start writing on what he deemed the most insidious power grab that we have seen in a long time."

A day after that story was published, Obama spoke at a Democratic fundraising event in New York and warned about the groups again.

"They pose as non-for-profit, social welfare and trade groups," Obama told Democratic donors. "Every single one of them, virtually, is guided by seasoned, Republican political operatives."

French said the 41 groups will be seeking relief for monetary damages, as well as a punitive judgment from what he said was IRS abuse. The amount of compensation the groups are seeking will be determined later, he said.

"These groups were unable to raise funds," French said. "There were sizable grants they missed and multiple

expenses mounted over multi-years of targeting. For 41 groups, there is a high degree of difficulty and compensation."

Further, he said many of these Tea Party groups were targeted in swing states, where the vote was suppressed for the 2012 election.

"It's unknowable what impact it had on the election," French said. "To say it had no impact, of course it had an impact. We do know it suppressed turnout and was a grave constitutional violation."

The plaintiffs' complaint states: "The White House, congressional Democrats and the liberal media increasingly criticized the IRS for allowing conservative groups to exercise their First Amendment rights as tax exempt organizations and demanding that for those groups, the IRS should adopt more rigorous standards than applied to, for example, the Barack H. Obama Foundation."

It continues, "IRS employees, including political employees to the IRS, eager to please their benefactors or kindred spirits forced plaintiffs applications into a Byzantine process, harassed them and systematically deprived them of their right to engage in constitutionally protected speech."


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President Obama's meeting with certain House Republicans, Carney said, would not be a negotiation: "he's not going to pay ransom to the Tea Party so that the government opens or the government doesn't default."

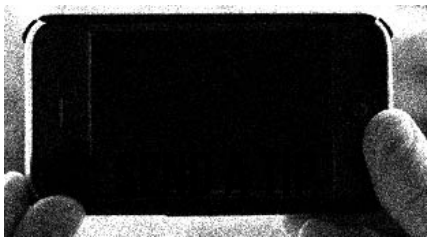
Carney blamed divisions among Republicans for the government shutdown, particularly blaming the Tea Party: "The President invited all members of Congress because he believes all of them shoulder the responsibilities…When it comes specifically to the House of Representatives and the House Republican conference, I think the president extended the invitation to all members because we have seen that it is a very diverse and fractious conference…a subsection of the House Republican conference has been driving decisionmaking…and that is in part why we have a shutdown."

Carney complained that Obama had "sincerely engaged" by buying Republicans dinner. He said that "there is a subsection here that will only end the shutdown if [Obama] offers to resign."

*Ben Shapiro is Editor-At-Large of Breitbart News and author of the New York Times bestseller "Bullies: How the Left's Culture of Fear and Intimidation Silences America* (http://www.amazon.com/Bullies-Culture-Intimidation-Silences-Americans/dp/1476709998/ref=tmm_hrd_title_0)" (Threshold Editions, January 8, 2013).

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LOL, Carney stepped into that one didn't he :)
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I am in the subsection that demands Obama's arrest.

I want Obama taken to GITMO for aggressive interrogation to learn who the others in his cell are.
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I'm all for the aggressive interogations :)
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I'm for S.E.R.E. course training courtesy of the U.S. SEALS. Want to disrespect our VETS living or dead? They'll be more than happy to instill the proper respect in you. **Note - you probably won't get the kid glove version
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.....and full disclosure of his background. Education funding, associations, communist contacts, and his appointees background, Valarie, et al.
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Perhaps salt water boarding.
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And give back the Nobel. He knows no peace
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There's now talk of Putin receiving the Peace prize. Seems the prize has lost all of it's original meaning.
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nope, it is a kick in the a$$ to Obama.
Putin should be considered for the Nobel Peace Prize.
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If he resign, we can arrest and convict a lot sooner.
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Can I still tar and feather him she says hopefully????
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Very messy---very effective, but very messy !
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shame the hell out of him
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And it would certainly shame his looney wife.
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she should be tarred and feathered right along with him, we need extra tar and feathers though to cover that huge rump though
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He shames him self, and the office he holds.
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He has no shame.
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that is what makes him so dangerous = having no shame.

For the reason he LIES about what occurred in Benghazi, conspires w Susan Rice as the US Ambassador to The United Nations - to use her influence to have Lies and deceit to appear as truths - disgracing The USA; Obama lies before The United Nations - two weeks later; has Hillary Clinton LIE over the CASKETS of the FOUR DEAD AMERICANS who were killed in the Radical Muslim TERRORIST ATTACK in Benghazi; LIE about not having anything in the area to send to save and rescue Americans under siege who were serving our country abroad - but gave "two" STAND DOWN ORDERS for Benghazi - giving the distinct impression that they KNEW what would occur in Benghazi and were party to the pre-meditated plan - w The Muslim Brotherhood.

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If he resigns he can be taken by law enforcement and charged for the crimes against the nation he has committed. So let him resign in complete disgrace.

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Why Egyptian Christians hate Obama

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With the advent of Obama, everyone knew his administration was supporting radical extremists like the Muslim Brotherhood and fanatic rebels in Syria and Libya. Copts knew that they were only a pawn in the eyes of previous administrations, who didn't really care about them except to the extent of what may have fit their interests. The Egyptian Christians are certain that Obama himself is one of the main reasons for what is happening to them now; the killings, burning of churches, and displacement from their homes and villages at the hands of the Muslim Brotherhood. Obama offers the Brotherhood both money and protection, using U.S. intelligence agencies with plans to restore them to power

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Even that's too good for him.

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I agree, a firing squad is more like it

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I like the old school way of dealing with traitors, Drawn and quartered. We need to send a message not a slap on the wrist.
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his head on a pike!!!!

I wonder what he would yell out while undergoing this, allah????
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add Akbar
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it sure wouldn't be FREEDOM would it?
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Are you suggesting we execute the president of the United States of America?
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**Hutson** ↗ Zany Roberts · a month ago
With extreme prejudice. Traitors and criminals to the State should not be allowed to walk free let alone breath.
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**bruce lorraine** ↗ Zany Roberts · a month ago
I see Hutson has, but I"ll suggest he be tried or treason & then if found guilty sentenced accordingly. Treason during a time of war usually means being hung by a rope if found guilty.
You know due process and all. Any executive orders giving any president a 'get of jail free' card need to be revoked.
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Maybe keel hauled.
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OK, let's not get carried away.
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Beware the nsa is listening
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Perhaps to a new GALLOWS !
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ANYTHING to rid us of him works for me :)
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Vice President Joe Biden, right, and White House Press Secretary Jay Carney attend a meeting between President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

President **Barack Obama** is willing to work with congressional leaders on a long-term budget deal but will not negotiate with lawmakers under the threat of shutting down the government or defaulting on the country's obligations, White House Press Secretary **Jay Carney** said Monday.




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"It is not a concession to keep the government open. It is not a concession to pay America's bills," Mr. Carney said. "That is a responsibility."

Earlier Monday, Mr. Obama said he was not resigned to a shutdown.

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With time ticking down before the fiscal year expires, Mr. Carney blamed an "extreme faction" of House Republicans for threatening to partially shut down the federal government in an effort to advance their ideological agenda. The White House spokesman repeated the president's pledge to speak with congressional leaders during the next couple days but said continuing to fund the government and raising the nation's debt ceiling remained non-negotiable.

"What he will not do is go along with the idea that the government should be shut down over this desire to unwind history and achieve through threat and extortion what Republicans couldn't do through the legislative process or through the election process," Mr. Carney said. "It's just not fair to the American people."

Mr. Obama has largely stayed on the sidelines as the House and Senate lurched toward a shutdown, stuck in a stalemate centered on the law known as Obamacare. Mr. Carney said it was up to Congress – not the president — to pass a bill to fund the federal government.

The Democratic-controlled Senate met Monday afternoon and quickly stripped out amendments to House-approved legislation that would fund the government through mid-December. Attached to the bill were a one-year delay of the federal health law and a repeal of the law's tax on medical devices.

Administration officials have said that President Obama would veto any legislation that delays or defunds his signature health-care law. And Mr. Carney made clear Monday that other changes to Obamacare, including repealing the medical-device tax, would be rejected as well.

"None of this acceptable," Mr. Carney said. "This is just blatant extortion."

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4:07 pm September 30, 2013

**Anonymous** wrote :

Extortion?

Obama leads it as he runs for office saying he'll halve the deficit, that"s unpatriotic, irresponsible,he'll raise the quality of discussion, then sinks to what he learned best as community organizer…lie, deceive and do anything but as is the case here.

Five years, seven raises and he want's to force America to keep spending trillions morre or else. It's pathetic and were he in the real world he'd been fired long ago.

3:49 pm September 30, 2013

**Concerned** wrote :

House stand firm, This lunacy of ever increasing budgets and programs must be stopped. I am not a Tea Party guy, but the Dems will bleed us until we are a third world nation.

And the thought of the Dems paying for a part of Congress's and their staffs health care rather than expose them to what they are foisting off on this nation needs to be stopped.

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**Anonymous** wrote :

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On Thursday, White House press secretary Jay Carney launched into an attack on the Tea Party, suggesting that conservatives were thwarting the will of the people and perverting House leadership on the debt ceiling issue and the government shutdown. “We should put everything on the table,” Carney said. “But what we cannot continue to do is punish the American people which is what the Tea Party Republicans are doing in the name of trying to extract partisan demands.”

Carney added, “The president has always said he will talk about anything. What he won’t do is pay a ransom…in exchange for Congress doing its fundamental job.” He continued by blaming the Tea Party, saying, “the Tea Party can’t get what it wants through normal legislative means or the ballot box.”

Over and over again, Carney blamed what he called the Tea Party subsection of the Republican Party for the current shutdown situation, despite the administration’s unwillingness to pass any piecemeal budgeting for particular portions of the government. “It’s spite, it’s deliberate harm to average folks out there,” he said of the Tea Party’s insistence on Obamacare changes. “They’re doing harm to the America people, they’re doing harm to the American economy, and they’re doing harm to the Republican Party, which by all accounts is bad for America,” Carney said, saying the country benefits from two strong parties working together, and ripping “one faction of one house of one branch of government.”

*Ben Shapiro is Editor-At-Large of Breitbart News and author of the New York Times bestseller “Bullies: How the Left’s Culture of Fear and Intimidation Silences America* (http://www.amazon.com/Bullies-Culture-Intimidation-Silences-Americans/dp/1476709998/ref=tmm_hrd_title_0)” (Threshold Editions, January 8, 2013).



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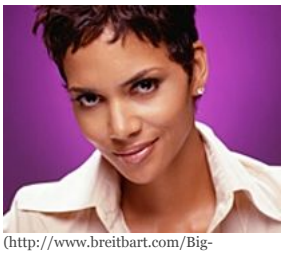


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When will someone in the press have the guts to call Carney on his dismissive , childish name calling, personal childish attacks on the folks that do not agree with his party?
It is beyond pathetic.
And beneath the office of the Presidency.

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**freedomrocks** ➔ yourmamatoo · a month ago

press? you mean we actually have a press?

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**Tlady** ➔ freedomrocks · a month ago

Carney should have actually said, "Tea Party doing harm to suck up RINO'S in the PARTY." So much for wishful thinking Carney.

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**zmrcleanz** ➔ Tlady · a month ago

If Carney speaks you can usually bet the opposite is the truth.

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Yup, just like his fearless leader Oballah.
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Carney is a eunuch and a Osambo throne sniffer
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**sanman99** ➔ sanman99 · a month ago
Oh wait a minute that is your favorite pass time!
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Racist^
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**Kyle** ➔ Zany Roberts · a month ago
But you're the biggest Racist, because you brought it up, you're a race hustler, baiter, obsessed with race because its all you got to stand on which makes you weak and lame. Democrats manufacture racism.
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**Zany Roberts** ➔ Kyle · a month ago
So if someone kills someone based only on their race and I call them a racist that makes me a racist because, "I'm the one who brought it up."
Got it. Good logic.
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**zipzag** ➔ Zany Roberts · a month ago
George Orwell would say, you feel the responsibility of acting as the Thought Police, because you impute your own thoughts into the mind of someone who commits an act. How do you know why someone kills another, without being that person?
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**Zany Roberts** ➔ zipzag · a month ago
George Orwell indeed. It's some seriously Orwellian, convoluted, up is down, war is peace kind of logic that when lechevre calls our first black President "Osambo," a play on the racist book "Little Black Sambo," and I point out that he's being racist, I become racist. That's a neat little trick. You've now inoculated yourself, eternally, against racism. In fact, the only way you can be racist, according to your logic, is to call someone else racist!

Hahahaha! The crazy thing is, your critical thinking skills are so lacking, you actually believe what you said. Poor dumb person, quoting Orwell, as if that alone makes you smart.

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**zipzag** → Zany Roberts · a month ago
It's clear you think I too am a racist, because you claim I've now somehow "inoculated" myself, even though we've never met, I used no duragoatory words or phrases and you have no idea what gender, race or other affiliations I may be. Just because I highlighted your illogic, you respond with personal attacks. I would say to you Zany (def; Fun loving, Happy go Lucky, wild and crazy??? I think not. Maybe your name should be Angry instead.) It's better to be thought a fool, then to open your mouth and remove all doubt! I'm convinced by what you've shown here, that you'll try to find someway of saying that too makes me racist. Shame on you.

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**Zany Roberts** → zipzag · a month ago
I didn't call you racist. I said you've eternally inoculated yourself, (and anyone else, for that matter) against the charge of racism through your use of Orwellian logic. Get it straight man.

And if it helps you figure out my name, I am laughing at you.

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**SwamperJack** → Kyle · a month ago
Our first biracial Affirmative Action president has zero executive experience and it shows. He's not even a lawyer anymore, he surrendered his law license in 2008 to avoid charges. Michelle surrendered her law license in 1997 because of fraud. Racism is all he's got. He can't even throw a baseball.

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**Zany Roberts** → SwamperJack · a month ago
He's actually got 5 years executive experience, as President of the United States of America no less! And 3 more to go, don't you just love it!

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**SwamperJack** → Zany Roberts · a month ago
Now that is comedy but I like Tyler Perry mo betta.

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**Zany Roberts** → SwamperJack · a month ago
The best comedy is always based on the truth, don't you think?

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I'd like to tell Oballah where he could shove all those fingers he loves to point :)

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**flahorsedentist** → Tlady · a month ago
Ever wonder where they've been?

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ewwwww, I don't want to

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**Raptormann** → SS-176 · a month ago
Carney and Oballah care NOTHING for the Republicans or for this country. They can go f-off!

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**Tlady** ↗ Raptormann · a month ago
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**Not Sure** ↗ SS-176 · a month ago
Ladies and gentlemen, a real President, Dwayne Elizondo Mountain Dew Herbert Camacho.
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**zipzag** ↗ SS-176 · a month ago
Idiocracy!!! It's one of my favorite movies! Love it!
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**jen** ↗ Tlady · a month ago
Funny how Obama and Republican party say same thing about

tea party. If you bolt from dnc, then why not bolt from rnc? What is stopping you? - Romney or Rubio or McCain?

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**bafhuggingnanarepublic** → zmrcleanz · a month ago
Spiteful Tea Party 'Doing Harm to the Republican Party', said the paid Liar of the Radical far leftist country destroyer, Obozo's shill.

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**snowleopard (cat folk gallery)** → zmrcleanz · a month ago
Practically. The thing is, as many lies as he has told and been allowed to get away with, how can he keep his fannie from burnign to the ground?

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**Cynicles** → zmrcleanz · a month ago
Duh - he is the spokesman for a pathological liar aka the usurper.

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**Zany Roberts** → Cynicles · a month ago
I'll probably regret this question, but, in your mind, what exactly did Obama "usurp?"

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**cwgf** → Tlady · a month ago
Here is an example of what the Tea Party supports - the million-Vet march in DC this Sunday: http://vetmarch.com/.

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**Tlady** → cwgf · a month ago
RIGHT IS MIGHT :) I LOVE SOS, I signed their petition and made a donation to help this VETMARCH, thank you for sharing this!!!!

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**boondoggles** → cwgf · a month ago
Of course they fear the tea party. What they are doing is wrong, unethical and the tea party calls them on it.

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**Zany Roberts** → cwgf · a month ago
You've got both sides covered. Impressive! First shut down the government so the vets can't get into the monuments, then turn around and be their champion. That's an amazing trick. I wonder how many Americans will fall for it?

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No, you own the disgraceful treatment of our Vets, both monuments and death benefits. Your masters O'Caesar and Reid own the shutdown. Why do you insist on shutting the government down in order to shove Deathcare down our throats? We don't need it, we don't want it, and we can't afford it. Wrap your sheepskin tighter little boy.

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Wow. And you believe that.
Unfortunately for you no one outside this right wing echo chamber is buying it.

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Says you. But you are irrelevant.

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Carney...enough to make even Goebbles blush.
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got that right, such a vomitus little puker
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a sniveling little twat, that's jay carney.
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A Montana Democrat announced his bid for Senate Wednesday with a swipe at the tea party, comparing it to "the Taliban," and likening the government shutdown to the bombing of Pearl Harbor during World War II.

Former Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger announced that he would run for the Senate seat being vacated by Montana Democratic Sen. Max Baucus.

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"We need to challenge the tea party representatives who, like the Taliban, shut our country down," Bohlinger told reporters, the Billings Gazette reported.




According to the paper, he then continued, likening the actions taken by tea partiers leading up to the government shutdown in October "to the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and the terrorists' actions on Sept. 11, 2001."

There is already one Democrat in the Senate race: Lt. Gov. John Walsh — who has been endorsed by Montana Democratic Sen. John Tester. Walsh made a splash in September when he "liked" a page called "Breasts.Proof men can multitask2″ on Facebook. A senior Montana Democrat told Buzzfeed that the public affirmation of his love for breasts was an accident.

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BearNJ · 6 days ago

It shows how insane these left wingers have become. They are a product of the 60s Marxists take over of the Democratic Party.

Unless you're a big government statists why would you "fear" the Tea Party? They aren't anarchists like the Occupy Wall Street movement was at its roots.

The Tea Party want the Bill of Rights to be protected and are for responsible government. Only a Paul Krugman drone thinks we can deficit spend nearly a trillion a year with no consequences for the future. The Tea Party has been attacked by the media and

inside the Beltway from both parties elitists that are destroying this nations financial vitality.

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**chuckinva** ➚ BearNJ · 6 days ago

And just who are these so-called terrorist? They are you and me that reads what is happening in Washington instead of getting the news in sound bites from the big spenders in DC and the liberals in Hollywood.
The Tea Party is made up of educated men and women that want their government to live within it's means. They give to America instead of taking from America and that's is why the left fears them.

My God you numskulls on the left they are trying to protect your rights also as enumerating in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. What have you done for your country lately?

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**harborsenior** ➚ chuckinva · 6 days ago

Somewhere along the way, we have allowed the left MSM and Policicans to define the Tea Party. That needs to be changed.

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**Zero_Dark_Obozo** ➚ chuckinva · 6 days ago

When are these F-ing libshits ever going to give up on their repetitive, insane comparisons?

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**Rose_Red** ➚ Zero_Dark_Obozo · 6 days ago

They can't. It's part of their DNA.

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**Justin Hensley** ➚ Zero_Dark_Obozo · 6 days ago

They won't. People are so unbelievably f*cking dumb that they actually believe extremist, intolerant Dems

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**The Owl** ➚ chuckinva · 6 days ago

Interesting. No tea party member has yet to murder a US citizen on foreign soil using a US military drone just because he turned over a card on Thursday!

I think THAT guy is the real terrorist.

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**ConservationinCA** ➚ chuckinva · 6 days ago

Didn't Hollywood just make a movie (that bombed) about this with Jamie Foxx as Obama? Living in fantasy land, all these libs. They better watch their backs, though.

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**Rose_Red** ➚ chuckinva · 6 days ago

OMG! Can I steal your first paragraph? I've a several fools on a local site that I'd LOVE to share that with!!!!

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**American3300** ➚ BearNJ · 6 days ago

Bingo

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**JoelinPDX** · 6 days ago

When you have to draw comparisons to the Taliban, Pearl Harbor and 9/11, you know that you really have nothing worthwhile to say.

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**Thale Taxurfeet** ↗ JoelinPDX · 6 days ago

> "When you have to draw comparisons to the Taliban, Pearl Harbor and 9/11, you know that you really have nothing worthwhile to say."

Not only nothing worthwhile to say, but it reveals a lack of understanding of the Taliban, of the events that led up to 12/07/41, and the attacks on us in 09/11/01. Not to mention his lack of understanding of fellow citizens who are clamoring for the Feds to return to the constraints outlined by the enumerated powers in the Constitution, or even the Constitution.

Of course, Obama's DHS labeled a lot of us as terrorists in their report dated April of 2009.

The sources used to generate that report were revealed via a FOIA request and are quite revealing.

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**Rose_Red** ↗ Thale Taxurfeet · 6 days ago

And, they expand that report every day!!! I recently had my IRS audit.

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**Thale Taxurfeet** ↗ Rose_Red · 6 days ago

> " I recently had my IRS audit."

Best of luck to ya.

I've been paying professionals to do my taxes for many years now simply because they will, if you provide them with accurate data, argue with the IRS on your behalf.

My temper, although moderated a good amount with age, can still get the best of my self-control if poked/prodded too hard/often. The CPA/Tax-Pro's expertise/advice/assistance is well worth the fee.

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**Rose_Red** ↗ Thale Taxurfeet · 6 days ago

I didn't even tell our accountant about the audit until after the fact for a couple of reasons. I've still not received the final determination, and it's actually been 3 months. I used to deal with the IRS frequently with an employer, so I was concerned but not freaked. My accountant can argue with them over anything that might come up with the way she does the form with the information I give her, but the auditor and I already went through all my receipts and information and settled any little discrepancies. But, he did warn me that I could get audited again.

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**Misanthropic Moose** · 6 days ago

Fiscal responsibility...preservation of the middle class...no progressive taxation on the middle class...choice in health care...NO MARXISTS!...JOBS! Yep that's the Tea Party. Rock on Ted Cruz!

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**gastorgrab** · 6 days ago

Let's get something straight; THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN WAS OVER OBAMACARE!

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# Dem Rep. Steve Cohen: Tea partiers are 'domestic enemies' [VIDEO]

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Tennessee Democrat Rep. Steve Cohen called tea party congressional Republicans “domestic enemies” against which he must defend the country, describing them as rabid, sophomoric and in ambitious pursuit of their policies.

“I obviously do not have an opportunity to go within the conference, the Republican — we call it a caucus, they call it a conference,” Cohen said on Saturday’s broadcast of MSNBC’s “Up with Steve Kornacki.” “But I know some of the members there — and a lot of those members — they’re rabid, they’re sophomoric, literally, they’re second term in Congress, never worked in politics before, and they think they are somehow like — it’s all talked in military terms. They think they’re some kind of guerrillas there to strike a blow for freedom.”

The Tennessee Democrat warned the tea party may try to pursue its shutdown strategy once again. But he added that it was his duty as a member of Congress to support the country from all enemies domestic and foreign — portraying the tea party members as domestic enemies.



"I think they may try to pull this off again," he continued. "What John Boehner is going to have to do is decide that he's not going to be speaker in 2015 and work with the same crew that gave us the opening-up of government. Nancy Pelosi's Democratic caucus and give or take 80 reasonable Republicans and pass some bills to avoid another CR problem and shutdown and avoid the debt crisis, protect the country from these people, who really, you got to think, we take an oath to support the country against all enemies foreign and domestic, and these are the domestic enemies."

Cohen is no stranger to controversy. Back in 2011, the Tennessee Democrat likened attacks on Obamacare to Nazi Germany in a speech on the House floor. Cohen later apologized for those remarks.

(h/t Mark Finkelstein, Newsbusters)

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The Tea Party is the only real friend the middle class has. Every other entity out there is conniving to swipe the largest concentration of wealth on the planet which is currently in possession of the middle class. The destructive nature of ALL of Obama's policies will do one thing, drive home the Tea Party's message. Hundreds of millions of middle class people will have to go broke due to the evil that is Obama first; but, the Tea Party will eventually emerge as heroes to all.
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**Jim Brothers** ↗ Zero_Dark_Obozo · a month ago
Libs will die to take this country.
The Tea Party will die to defend it.
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**Molon Labe!** ↗ Jim Brothers · a month ago
Cocked, locked and ready!
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**Roughneck** ↗ Molon Labe! · a month ago
That darned 2nd Amendment is really a thorn in the radical left's side, ain't it?

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**Realist4U** ↗ Roughneck · a month ago
The US Constitution is the only thing Liberals hate and fear more than Sarah Palin.
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**jimdep** ↗ Roughneck · a month ago
Yes and we must NEVER LOSE IT. I give $ to some causes and the NRA is one I WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT. Without the 2nd amendment we are toast!
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**Diamondback** ↗ jimdep · a month ago
Don't forget the Second Amendment foundation (SAF) too.

They're the REAL HEROES in winning the Heller v. D.C. and McDonald v. Chicago 2A Supreme Court decisions.

Heller established the RKBA as fundamental and individual CIVIL right; McDonald applied/incorporated 2A protections against the states (previously it was only considered a restriction on the Feds).

That's right. Gun Rights ARE CIVIL RIGHTS TOO!
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**Diamondback** ↗ Roughneck · a month ago
Yup, AND it is SETTLED SUPREME LAW of the land too. It's been settled for approx. 225 years BEFORE the illegitimate Obamacare law was passed by questionable procedure without one single Republican vote and against the will of 65% of the American people.
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**Ulysses Gaze** ↗ Molon Labe! · a month ago
The Spartans who's words you bastardize wouldn't feed your yellow liver to their dogs you pathetic excuse for a homunculus.
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**Diamondback** ↗ Ulysses Gaze · a month ago
Heyyyyyyyyy, that's exactly how we think about you too Useless.
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**marktomark** ↗ Jim Brothers · a month ago
libs begone with a flyswatter when it starts
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**SideTraKd** ↗ Jim Brothers · a month ago
And the RINOs will capitulate because they're scared of being called mean names by the liberals.
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**James Anderson** ↗ rosamondnecipoglu321 · a month ago
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**Joseph Gardner** ↗ Zero_Dark_Obozo • a month ago
The mere fact that the Democratic Party though Obama and his cult consider a significant number of U.S. citizens, the same citizens they are constitutionally sworn to represent and protect, "enemies" shows the true nefarious intent of the left. The left is pure evil, they will stoop to any low to garner control over other people. FIGHT BACK AMERICA! DEMAND THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY STOP DENYING YOU YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!
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**porchhound** ↗ Joseph Gardner • a month ago
Joseph the old guard Republicrats are JUST as bad. They championed all those post 911 programs including forming Homeland Security. We are under attack from both sides and all we got is us! One party just builds on the other's corruption.
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**Justin Hensley** ↗ porchhound • a month ago
Yes. Those are establishment republicans. Not tea partiers who only want freedoms that are already guaranteed. Think of it this way. Establishment republicans are actual liberals. Democrats are extremist liberals.
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**jimdep** ↗ Justin Hensley • a month ago
democRATic party has been hijacked by the most EXTREME elements in this country.
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**Diamondback** ↗ Justin Hensley • a month ago
The Democrat party today IS the COMMUNIST PARTY of yesteryear.

The establishment Repukicraps are just Communist Lite.

Extensive noose therapy is needed across this once great land from the former free and once brave.
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**Defend Liberty** ↗ porchhound • a month ago
They're not good, but they're nowhere close to being evil. The intellectual vanguard of today's liberalism is 100% pure neo-marxist progressive.
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**gun_nut** ↗ porchhound • a month ago
Absolutely correct. My Rep (Wolf-R) supports domestic spying, voted for all Clinton's gun bans and has called for them to be renewed, sided with Obama on eliminating the debt ceiling, et. After 33 years in Congress, all he can see is his next election.
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Guest ↗ Joseph Gardner • a month ago
We are fighting back, but against the GOP, not your suggested target.
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**Ron47** ↗ Guest • a month ago
Then you will be crushed by a mountain of debt and a falling dollar, and deservedly so.
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**Zero_Dark_Obozo** → Guest • a month ago
Your fellow libshitz are in control of the government and the media. There is no 'fighting back' on your part, only oppression.
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**DAlvarez** → Zero_Dark_Obozo • a month ago
That was Ché Guevara;s slogan.....I am seeing the lefties following their leader,,,,
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Guest → Zero_Dark_Obozo • a month ago
Written by a true idiot.
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**James Anderson** → Guest • a month ago
Yes, your comment is.
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**Zero_Dark_Obozo** → Guest • a month ago
Yes, your comments are indeed written by a true idiot who can't think straight, you hopeless, pretzel-logic loser.
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**Cleatus Van Damne** → Buck Ofama • a month ago
The progressives are the real clear and present danger to the United States of America. Anyone who supports or collaborates with them is a traitor to our nation.
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**Diamondback** → Cleatus Van Damne • a month ago
"... foreign and DOMESTIC, ..."
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**kenpuck** → Buck Ofama • a month ago
Cohen's right. Tea Partiers are the enemies of people like Cohen.
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**dfw** → Buck Ofama • a month ago
I would hope that more middle class will realize this.
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**freeinpa** → dfw • a month ago
And the younger folks who are still mesmerized by the Obama myth and have not yet realized their future has been mortgaged almost beyond repair
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**Justin Hensley** → freeinpa • a month ago
All stupid young people care about is how f*cking cool a candidate is. Those stupid flower children need to wake up.
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**Ron47** → Justin Hensley • a month ago
They need to learn there's nothing cool about being clueless, weak, and incompetent

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**Over the Road Steve** ➔ Ron47 • a month ago

But there is something cool about being young, attractive, and smooth. Cruz is in no way smooth, Obama is. This is how it it operates, folks, on all levels. And in all age groups, not just the young.

My wife's friend, whose interests were with Romney, voted against him because he was a "Ken doll." This is how they think.

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**momsense1** ➔ Justin Hensley • a month ago

It's easy for the kids to identify with the flower children they're running the country and are indoctrinating our kids from cradle to grave to their beliefs.

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**Diamondback** ➔ momsense1 • a month ago

Because so many amerikans still support public schools and their teacher UNIONS, plus continue to save and borrow to send their kids to the Government Indoctrination Camps that we call Colleges and Universities instead of sending them to Trade Schools so they will have the skills to create their own jobs, etc.

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**momsense1** ➔ Diamondback • a month ago

I was in the classroom when it started, In the late 70's or early 80's our brain trusts decided that every kid was going to have college prep no matter what they wanted to do after high school---No more commercial courses, retail training or trade skills, No more office skills either except for basic computers. This is when the dropout rate started increasing and the behavior problems started to spike. Everyone only talks about jobs leaving this country---has anyone ever tried to find out why? Profit is only one segment of it--lack of skilled workers is another and bigger problem, but it's never talked about. Guess it just doesn't fit with the "truthful agenda" of our president, does it. I really wish they would emphasize trade schools----nothing is worse than teaching kids who have already decided to fail because there's nothing for the in school or maybe in life, because some delusional academics have theories to prove, or some potential Liberal voter to indoctrinate.

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**Over the Road Steve** ➔ Justin Hensley • a month ago

This is it folks. we keep arguing issues. Personalities are ALL that matter. Talk to the average leftie. their understanding of the issues is vague beyond belief, but Obama is sooo cool and our guys are sooo old and repressed.

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**momsense1** ➔ Justin Hensley • a month ago

The flower children of the 60's and 70's are now running the country--it's easy for the young and the brainless living in mommy's basement to identify with them.

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**toledojim** ➔ Buck Ofama • a month ago

The Tea Party is the middle class, it is the grouping of all those Americans who work hard, go to church, believe in God, and want their kids to have a better future. The reason these people scare the daylights out of the politicians is simply because when that group gets energized, look out, they will work to vote out the bums who won't listen. The

mainstream media plays the group down because they know they are the backbone of the country and they know, if energized, they will prevail.

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Avatar **timzank** • a month ago

What a sad, vindictive, dishonest, lying little man you are.

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**Socialism: Organized Evil** → timzank • a month ago

In some related YouTube video, the Memphis Trotsky - Steve Cohen - attacks Christians while waging ideological warfare against the Bill of Rights: http://youtu.be/1WcM3P-Gmh8?t=...

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**ROCKHARD** → Socialism: Organized Evil • a month ago

But if anyone spoke of Jews the same way.he would cry anti Semitism.... he is just another Christian American hater like so many from his ilk..

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**Socialism: Organized Evil** → ROCKHARD • a month ago

It's way past time to turn the tables. Cohen needs to be aggressively called out on the House floor, censored by the House of Representatives, and put up for expulsion from the House.

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**Tom Michael** → Socialism: Organized Evil • a month ago

Why would you single out just one member of Congress for using over-the-top ridiculous rhetoric? It seems inconsistent to call out this one person when dozens of them say things like that almost every day. It would seem more reasonable to censor all of them, or none of them.

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**Socialism: Organized Evil** → Tom Michael • a month ago

Well, if Floyd Corkins, Chris Dorner, Steve Cohen, Ed Schultz, John Muhammed, Hussein Obama, Lee Boyd Malvo, Demetrius Glenn, Lakim Faust, Allan Brauer, John Van Allen, Michael Davis, and Aaron Alexis are any indication, today's liberals are becoming increasingly unhinged, violent, and aggressive.

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**Tom Michael** → Socialism: Organized Evil • a month ago

If you pay attention and take an honest look at things, you'll find that there are many more members, including dozens among the Tea Party caucus in the House, that are acting in similarly "unhinged" manner.

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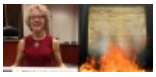
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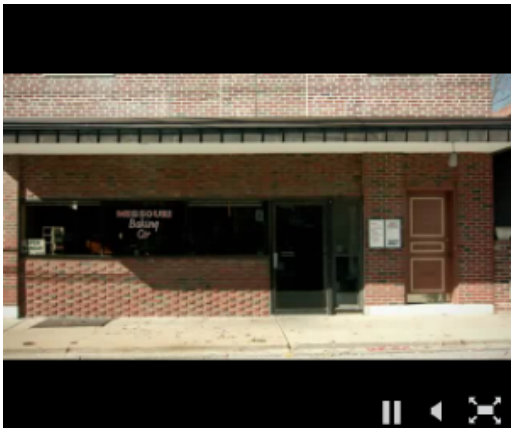


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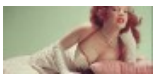


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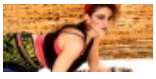


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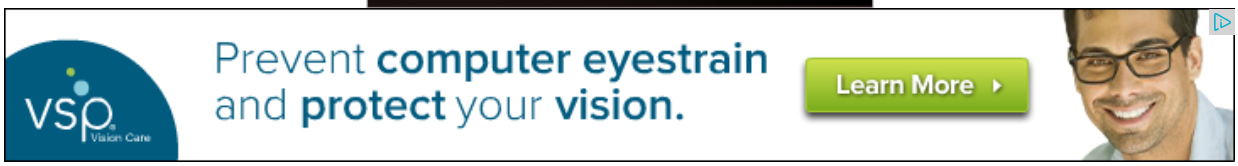
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# Reid: 'Anarchists have taken over' in Congress (Video)

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid on Thursday said “anarchists” have taken over Congress.

Reid (D-Nev.) said Tea Party Republicans are preventing progress on an energy efficiency bill by offering amendments on ObamaCare and other unrelated issues.

“We’re diverted totally from what this bill is about. Why? Because the anarchists have taken over,” Reid said on the Senate floor. “They’ve taken over the House and now they’ve taken over the Senate.

“People who don’t believe in government — and that’s what the Tea Party is all about — are winning, and that’s a shame.”

On Wednesday, Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) said he would **prevent** votes on lawmakers' amendments to the energy bill until he's assured he'll get a vote on his amendment, which would require some congressional and executive branch staff to enroll in the ObamaCare health exchanges.

“It’s defund ObamaCare, and I guess as the fiscal year comes to and end that’s what it’s all about,” Reid said.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) also introduced an ObamaCare-related amendment that would delay the individual health insurance mandate for one year, and codify the Obama administration's one-year delay of requirements that employers provide insurance.

“Let’s delay ObamaCare mandates for families right now,” McConnell said. “Then let’s work together to repeal the bill.”

The Senate is working on S. 1392, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act. This bill is meant to improve the energy efficiency of buildings. Reid said he hoped he and McConnell could work out a deal to allow votes on germane amendments later in the day.

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# Reid: 'House Republicans have truly lost their minds'

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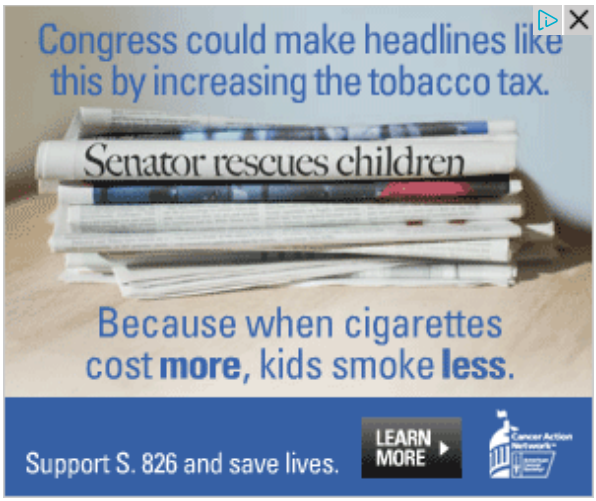
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WASHINGTON, May 15 (UPI) -- U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Wednesday "House Republicans have truly lost their minds" under a popular definition of insanity.

Reid, speaking of House GOP leaders' plan to hold a 37th vote on repealing the Affordable Care Act -- commonly known as "Obamacare" -- cited a statement often attributed to Albert Einstein, that insanity is defined as "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

"If that's true, the House Republicans have truly lost their minds," Reid said in a speech on the Senate floor.

Noting that House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said after the 2012 election "Obamacare is the law of the land," Reid said, "Tea Party extremists bullied the speaker into holding another vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and roll back benefits of Americans."

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Reid pointed out Boehner had said last week 70 freshmen members of Congress who had not previously had an opportunity to cast a vote to repeal the healthcare reform law have "been asking for an opportunity to vote on it."

He said House Republicans "will waste this week on yet another dead-end repeal vote."

"Perhaps Republicans think the 37th time is the charm." Reid said.

Citing a CBS News analysis putting the cost of the repeal votes at "$52.4 million and counting," Reid said that was enough money "to restore funding for 19 million meals for homebound seniors or 6,900 children dropped from the Head Start program" under federal spending cuts known as the sequester.

"Fortunately, Republicans' latest repeal effort -- their latest exercise in insanity, as

described by Albert Einstein -- is doomed to fail like all the others," he said.

Topics: Harry Reid, Albert Einstein, John Boehner, Healthcare Reform

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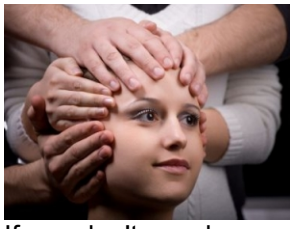
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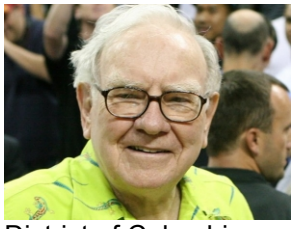


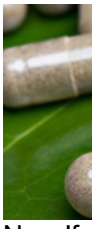
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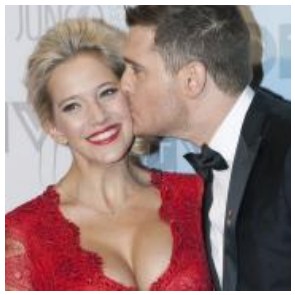
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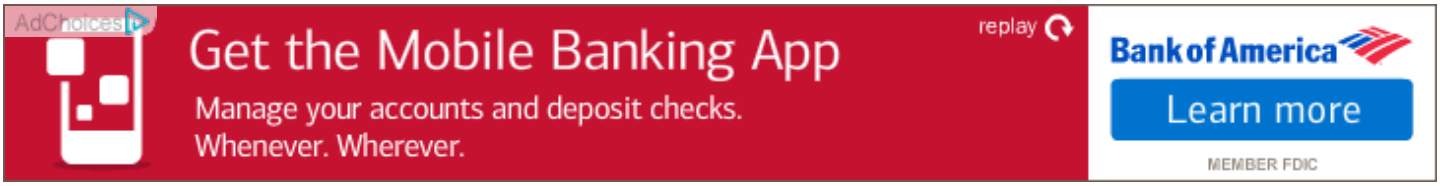
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CROWLEY: Do you believe they really want to shut down the government? Because you know if you said to them, they would say, we think this is a disaster because it is hurting businesses. It is causing businesses to go from full time jobs to part time jobs. So, they can get out from under health care.

PELOSI: It is an excuse. It is not a reason. It is an excuse, it is not a reason. Now, for the 42nd time this week, they voted to defund one approach or another, did fund the Affordable Care Act. They know it's not going anyplace. Instead of spending the time of congress to reach an agreement -- now, this is a wolf in wolf's clothing.

It's two nos do not make a yes. On the other hand, now they have a bill. It's sort of disguises what's happening on the budget side where they have a budget figure which their own appropriation's chairman said this is not enough funding to carry on the work of government.

CROWLEY: Well, that was my next question. Is the spending level OK with you? Set aside --

PELOSI: No.

CROWLEY: No.

PELOSI: No.

CROWLEY: How far away are they from what you could deal with?

PELOSI: What we deal with is what we agreed to in the Budget Control act which is a bipartisan agreement. The Budget Control Act was one trillion 57, theirs is $988 billion. That makes a very big difference in the delivery of service to the American people. So, I think it's really important to note that there are lots of excuses that they use.

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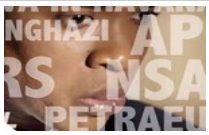

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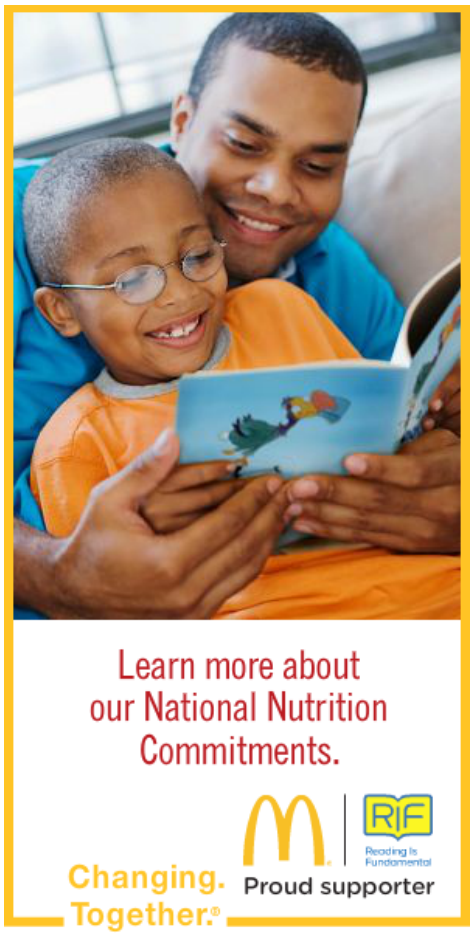
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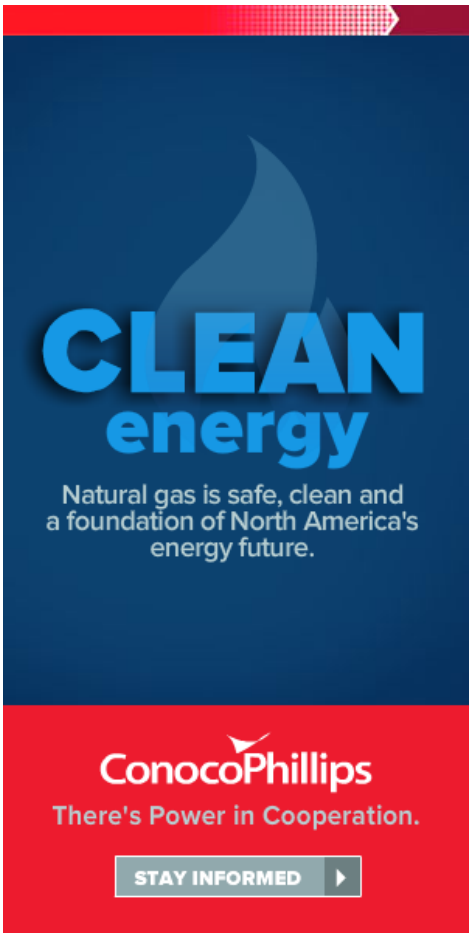
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MINNPOST

# Sen. Elizabeth Warren: 'We are not a country of anarchists'

By Eric Black | 10/09/13

If you haven't seen it already, and if you have a liberal bone in your body, you'll enjoy these excerpts from a recent Senate floor speech by Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts. For those who like to look at words all spelled out, I've appended the text below the video. Have a nice day.




It was delivered on Oct. 3. Here's a partial transcript:

> *Mr. President, we are now three days into a completely unnecessary, completely avoidable Republican shutdown, and there is more talk than ever about our inability of our leaders to find common ground on central economic and fiscal issues of our time.*
>
> *The government shutdown is throwing a major wrench into a fragile economic recovery.*
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> *Nearly 1 million federal employees are sitting at home for no reason, and other*

*public servants are working but not earning a paycheck. Cancer patients are being turned away from clinical trials at the NIH. Veterans' benefits are at risk. Basic nutrition services for pregnant women and new moms will be disrupted. Small businesses won't be able to get federal loan guarantees.*




*And all this is happening on top of the idiotic sequester – drastic, across-the-board spending cuts – that have crippled Meals on Wheels, Head Start, and investments in medical research.*

*We all know how we got here. For years now, we've heard a small minority in this country rail against government.*

*When I hear the latest tirades from some of the extremists in the House, I am struck by how vague these complaints are.*

*From their rhetoric, you'd think they believe that anytime that we the people come together to improve our lives that the nation is committing some terrible wrong.*

*From their rhetoric, you'd think they believe that the government that functions best is a government that doesn't function at all.*

*So far, they haven't ended government but they have achieved the next best thing: shutting the government down.*

*But behind all the slogans of the Tea Party and all the thinly veiled calls for anarchy in Washington, behind all that there's a reality.*

*The American people don't want the extremist Republican's bizarre vision of a future without government. They don't support it. Why? Because the American people know that without government, we would no longer be a great nation with a bright future. The American people know that government matters.*

*The anarchy gang is quick to malign government but when was the last time anyone called for regulators to go easier on companies that put lead in children's toys? Or*

*for food inspectors to stop checking whether the meat in our grocery stores is crawling with deadly bacteria? Or for the FDA to ignore whether morning sickness drugs will cause horrible deformities in little babies? We never hear that, not from political leaders in Washington and not from the American people.*

*In fact, whenever the anarchy gang makes headway in their efforts to damage our government, the opposite happens.*

*After the sequester kicked in, Republicans immediately turned around and called on us to protect funding for our national defense and keep the air traffic controllers on the job.*

*And now that the House Republicans have shut down the government, holding the country hostage because of some imaginary health care bogeyman, Republicans almost immediately turned around and called on us to start re-opening parts of our government.*

*Why do they do this? Because the bogeyman government is like the bogeyman under the bed. It's not real. It doesn't exist.*

*What is real, what does exist, are all those specific and important things that we as Americans have chosen to do together through our government.*

*In our democracy, government is not some make-believe thing that has an independent will of its own. In our democracy, government is just how we describe the things that we the people have already decided to do together.*

*It's not complicated. Our government has three basic functions: Provide for the national defense, put in place rules of the road – like speed limits and bank regulations that are fair and transparent, and build the things together that none of us can build alone – roads, power grids, schools – the things that give everyone a chance to succeed.*

*We are a nation of innovators and entrepreneurs, growing small businesses and thriving big businesses. But our people succeed – our country succeeds – because we have all come together to put public institutions and infrastructure together.*

*We all decided to pass laws to put cops on the beat so that no one steals your purse*

*on Main Street or your pension on Wall Street.*

*We all decided to invest in public education so that businesses have skilled workers and a kid with an idea can create the next breakthrough company.*

*We all decided to invest in basic science so there is a great pipeline of ideas to create our future.*

*These achievements aren't magic. They didn't simply occur on their own or through dumb luck. In each instance, we made a choice as a people to come together.*

*The Food and Drug Administration makes sure that the white pills that we take are antibiotics and not baking soda.*

*The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration oversees crash tests to make sure that all new cars have effective brakes.*

*The Consumer Product Safety Commission makes sure that baby's car seats don't collapse in a crash and the toasters don't explode.*

*We don't know who they are. But there is no question that there are Americans alive today, Americans who are healthier, Americans who are stronger because of these and countless other government efforts. Alive, healthier, stronger because of what we did together.*

*The anarchy gang at the House can dump on their make-believe version of government all they want. But when the real government fails to live up to the high expectations we have all set for it, politicians in both parties rush to outrage. Why? Because the American people know that government can work and believe government should work.*

*Today – that's right, today – marks the fifth anniversary of President Bush signing the bank bailout into law. That financial crisis cost us upwards of $14 trillion. That's trillion with a T. That's $120,000 for every American household, more than two years worth of income for the average family. Billions of dollars in retirement savings disappeared. Millions of workers lost their jobs. And millions more families lost their homes.*

*In April 2011, after a two-year bipartisan inquiry, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations released a 635 page report that made it plain regulators could have and should have used their existing tools to prevent the crisis. Republicans and Democrats, a bipartisan group, found strong agreement that – you better believe it – government matters.*

*The attacks on government are abstract, but the consequences of this shutdown are real. Less accountability for cheaters and rule breakers. Less opportunity for our children. Cracks in the foundations that businesses need to succeed. And a tilted playing field that limits opportunities for all of our people.*

*We know the government doesn't always work. We know that no institution is infallible. People make mistakes. Ideas fail, and sometimes we get things wrong.*

*But our response isn't to give up. Our response isn't to sit back and say, "I told you so." We're not a nation of quitters!*

*Our response – the American response is to fix it, to make government work better.*

*Our democracy is an experiment, and it's always evolving. We constantly re-design and re-imagine and improve on what we do together. But time and time again throughout our history, we have reaffirmed the simple truth that government matters.*

*And right now, right at this moment, if you look closely, you'll see that we are reaffirming it once again.*

*It's not an accident that the desire to shutdown government is confined to one extremist faction of one political party of one chamber of Congress of one branch of government.*

*It is not an accident that this extremist faction must resort to absurd hostage tactics, threats to turn off the government, threats to default on our debts, threats to tank the economy, to force their views on everyone else.*

*And it's not an accident that this faction is doing everything in its power to make government appear dysfunctional.*

*In a democracy, these hostage tactics are the last resort for those who can't win their fights through elections, can't win their fights through Congress, can't win their fights for the Presidency, and can't win their fights in court.*

*But these threats are not working and they will never work because this is a democracy, and for more than 200 years our democracy has defeated extremists and rejected the idea that government doesn't matter.*

*So, Mr. President, to those who have forced us to the brink, to those who rail against a make-believe government, to those who seem to rejoice in anarchy, to those who have salivated at the chance to shut down our government because their extremist views have left them disconnected from the experiences of the American people, it is time to hear a simple message:*

*You can do your best to make government look like it doesn't work when you stop it from working. You can do your best to make government look paralyzed when you paralyze it. You can do your best to make government look incompetent through your incompetence and ineffective through your ineffectiveness. But sooner or later, the government will re-open because this is a democracy and this democracy has already rejected your views. We have already chosen to do these things together. We all know that we are stronger when we come together.*

*When this government re-opens, when our markets are safe again, when our scientists can return to their research, when our small businesses can borrow, when our veterans can be respected for their service, when our flu shots resume and our Head Start programs get back to teaching our kids, we will have rejected your views once again.*

*We are not a country of anarchists. We are not a country of pessimists and ideologues whose motto is "I got mine, the rest of you are on your own." We are not a country that tolerates dangerous drugs, unsafe meat, dirty air or toxic mortgages. We are not that nation. We have never been that nation, and we will never be that nation.*

*Today, a political minority in the House that condemns government and begged for this shutdown has had its day. But like all the reckless and extremist factions that have come before it, their day will pass, and our democracy will return to the*

*important work that we have already chosen to do together.*

*Thank you.*

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Of course there will always be those looking for a quick score, a financial killing, or to profit off others who will fall for their latest get-rich-quick scheme,...

who see, in the shut down and reduction of government exactly the environment they need to more freely rip off their fellow citizens in a billion larger and smaller ways,...

who, when they rail against government are really railing against being required to conduct their business and financial affairs according to the principles of honesty, decency, and fair play,...

who are too ignorant to realize that, in the absence of government, it's only a matter of time before someone takes from them everything they have, simply because there's no authority to stop it from happening.

Does government go too far? Once in awhile, but not nearly so far as powerful individuals will inevitably go if there's nothing to stop them from doing so.

Those who truly want no government to get in their way can always ship themselves off to Somalia or some other libertarian paradise, but that's NOT the way the vast majority of their fellow citizens want to live,...

and neither they nor their wealthy friends have the right to act as political thugs as they try to turn the US House of Representatives into their own private little protection racket in order to seek to force us in that direction.

### Beautiful...

SUBMITTED BY JACKSON CAGE ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 2:15PM.

..not quite the Gettysburg Address, but close. If only the Prez could deliver that kind of message. P.S., It's brakes, not breaks. :)

### Cost of Govt Trend?

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 5:03PM.

The total cost of government as a percent of GDP has been steadily increasing since 1900 and is now approaching 40%. There is no sign on the horizon that this trend is going to change, especially if the Democrats keep adding at the rate they wish to. So I have been asking my readers, are you okay with government exceeding 50% of GDP when your children are adults? If not, what are you willing to sacrifice today to reverse the cost trend?

See the following for the graphs at the local, state, fed and total levels.
http://give2attain.blogspot.com/2013/10/us-government-spending-trend.html

I am not sure if the GOP are anarchists or folks that are willing to take significant risk to reverse a very disturbing trend line... Thoughts?

By the way, increasing taxes will not reverse the cost trend line... It will just help people think they can afford even more.

### The graphs at your link

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 8:19PM.

are an exercise in creative curve fitting.
Most of them actually show an leveling off of increase in total (not Federal) government spending relative to GDP.
If they were adjusted to take into account the -decrease- in actual GDP in the past half dozen years, I suspect that they would show a -decrease- in proportion of GDP devoted to government spending.

And, there are no sources given for the numbers in the graphs, which just show the URL of another private site. There's no indication of how "government spending" is defined.

Most of the Federal data I have seen show a -decrease- in government spending over the past few years.

### A further point

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 8:36PM.

Government spending tends to rise during a recession.
Fewer people employed (as has been the case) leads to more people requiring social welfare support.
So, if the economy is allowed to recover, the combined rise in employment and increase in GDP will lead to a reduction in the proportion of GDP allocated to government without any change in policies.

#### Long Term Trends

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 8:12AM.

Short term trends can be misleading, that's why I used ~63 years...

Remember in 2007 when many thought their home value could appreciate at ~10%/yr indefinitely... Which of course defied any long term basis. Therefore we had the 2008 bubble pop...

### Sacrifice? Or stop the stupid spending?

SUBMITTED BY LOGAN FOREMAN ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 9:14PM.

Like ridiculous wars in Iraq, Afganistan, and Vietnam; cut defense spending dramatically; stop the waste from defense contractors; end the subsidies, tax breaks and other corporate welfare by any govt body; make sure that no state receives more federal govt aid than the amount of taxes paid by the state; term limits; no pensions for any politician on any level; etc

### Trends

SUBMITTED BY TODD HINTZ ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 6:32AM.

Your graph shows that the rise in federal government spending is almost flat since 1950. Local government spending also shows very little change from the 1930s with just a dip during WWII, which is understanding given there was a war on.

The only area that shows any real growth at all is at the state level, which has gone from 8% to 11% in the post war era. Even that is not some huge area to be concerned with considering it's risen 3% in the span of 50+ years.

So what exactly are you complaining about?

### Graph Reading

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 8:14AM.

I think you had better look closer. See my new comment at the top level.

### I'm still trying to figure

SUBMITTED BY TODD HINTZ ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 3:33PM.

I'm still trying to figure out what your point is. Are you implying that 50% of GDP is a bad number? If so, why is it bad? What you need to do is make a point, substantiate it, and draw a logical conclusion. So far you have not done anything more than post a couple of graphs and imply in a vague manner that government spending is bad.

You need to step up your game a bit if you're going to post on MinnPost.

### No Point

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 6:19PM.

I have learned that there is no amount of proof that will convince a true Liberal, I write for the Moderates and Conservatives. Just a few points to make them think a little deeper. I have never been out to convince anyone either way.

### Seriously

SUBMITTED BY TODD HINTZ ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 7:22AM.

Hey, I'm just looking for you to draw a conclusion, to make any sort of point whatsoever. I figure if I could draw that out of you then and only then could we talk about some sort of proof to back it up.

Of course you are out to convince people. If you weren't, you would not repeatedly post on this board, complete with a couple of links. It's only when people asked you for further documentation that you retreated from that position and claim that you're just addressing moderates and conservatives, then retreated further and said you're not trying to convince anyone.

This board is specifically for the arena of ideas. You went through the trouble of visiting MinnPost to read the article, created an accounted, looked up charts, and posted here multiple times. Those are hardly the actions of someone who is not out to convince anyone of a particular point of view.

### Conclusion

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 8:58AM.

Government spending continuosly as compared to GDP.
Politicians not addressing the issue because citizens like receiving stuff that is paid for by others.
It seems this will be extremely problematic over time.
What should we do about it?
Ignore it and keep spending more
Address it and start cutting the free stuff

By the way, I had the log in and graphs for a long time. It didn't take too much to share them.

#### More Details

SUBMITTED BY TODD HINTZ ON OCTOBER 12, 2013 - 9:02PM.

I think you meant government spending is INCREASING as compared to GDP, not continuously. Government is continuously spending money, even if that spending level is only 1%. You make it sound like that's a bad thing.

Actually politicians are addressing the issue of the deficit, which is why you see it going down. I'm not sure what mean by "free stuff paid for by others" as nothing is free: we all pay taxes in one form or another. ACA is fully funded, so you must not be talking about that. Is it Social Security and Medicare? If so, some minor adjustments in those programs will see them funded for many decades to come.

So what exactly will be extremely problematic over time? "It" and "stuff" really doesn't articulate your position. All I see are sound bites and hand waving without a thoughtful discourse on the subject.

### No...

SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN ECKLUND ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 8:22AM.

You are obviously trying to convince people to believe your views, which is totally fine, but don't deny it after spending days commenting in here. And your first sentence here pretty much lays bare your political bias, not to mention all your other leading questions in other posts that ultimately support the conservative 'pro-shutdown,' viewpoint.

I'm not here to question your motives, just your methods. You're not posting credible data, nor are your projections scientific (you seem to be using a lot of esoteric terms in an attempt to give your claims more weight, even though the only actual observation you've made is that a line is going up!) and you're casting yourself as a moderate when in fact you are not.

### Blog Links

SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN ECKLUND ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 8:46AM.

John, this 'Give2Attain' is your own blog. Did you mention that to anyone here? That you were linking to an 'article' you wrote to support your points here, hoping that people would think they were made or posted by

someone else, to add credibility?

Really?

### Assume Good Intent

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 9:39AM.

In my first statement I said... "So I have been asking my readers"

I am sorry if I did not make it more clear that I am an active blogger. However, I have no intention of recreating everything here that is already there, so I crosslink. Whatever I post there has links to the sources.

There was no intent to deceive. Just an intent to challenge the foregone conclusion by the commenters on this site that the GOP are the villains here. I think both sides have dirt on their hands.

### By "both sides have dirt on

SUBMITTED BY SUSANNE WISSINK ON OCTOBER 14, 2013 - 3:17PM.

By "both sides have dirt on their hands" I assume you mean that both sides have some responsibility for the current impasse in Congress. I would agree with that, but it is hardly equal. GOP is wallowing neck deep in a mud hole holding ACA hostage. Dems got dirty trying to reach in and help the GOP so a solution could be found. Fortunately the Dems let go before the GOP dragged them into the mud hole with them. (Note: deliberate use of hyperbole.)

Is it a foregone conclusion that the GOP are the villains? No, it is a conclusion after a review of the facts. You have provided nothing that suggests the GOP are not the villains. Yeah, there are soundbites. But soundbites are not facts or conclusions. Without some real facts or logical explanations of how you reached those conclusions they are just words and not ideas.

### No Problem...

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 14, 2013 - 7:45PM.

Apparently you don't see a continuing increase of gov't as a percentage of GDP as a problem. Where as the more capitalistic folks like myself see that as a large problem. I guess it is just a difference in perception and belief.

Folks like myself see the GOP standing up for a more traditional America, whereas others see them blocking the "improvement" of government. Maybe time will tell.

### Just because

SUBMITTED BY MATT HAAS ON OCTOBER 14, 2013 - 9:35PM.

Something is tradition, doesn't mean that it is correct, or the best approach to every situation. That and the fact that the "traditional" America you reference is merely a figment of misremembered nostalgic pining for some supposed "golden age". Nearly all of the wonderful things in history that you wish to return to were brought to you by ideas diametrically opposed to your own. The only lasting visage of the individualism you espouse is the ever increasing interpersonal vitriol we all experience on a daily basis as those who feel as you do are

increasingly confronted by the discovery that all the world is NOT in fact solely revolving around them.

### Roman Empire

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 15, 2013 - 8:28AM.

Learn from history???

### Conservatives are hung up on

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 6:00PM.

government OF the people.
Liberals also know about government BY the people and FOR the people.
That's the difference.
And a Republican said it!

### Elizabeth Warren

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK MORSE ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 6:34PM.

IS THE TEA PARTY ANTI-GOVERNMENT?

Exclusive: Chuck Morse responds to claims from 'corporate hack' Sen. Elizabeth Warren

By Chuck Morse

We hear the interminable torrent of lies from Democrats about the government shutdown, but the one that claims the tea-party is anti-government must be answered. When tea-party House members refuse to sign off on the biggest tax increase in American history, and the Obamacare mandate was declared to be a tax by Chief Justice John Roberts, those House members are protecting working people from a new agency that will suck the money right out of their bank accounts. This opposition to this onerous tax and the thousands of new regulations in Obamacare is not anti-government; it is anti-bad government.

The most egregious example of this type of liberal lie, the one that holds that the tea party is anti-government, comes from Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren. A corrupt corporate hack, Elizabeth Warren called tea-party House Republicans “the anarchy gang” in her most recent email.
In the email, Warren, the hypocrite who was paid over $200,000 by Travelers Insurance Corporation, which hired her to screw factory workers who were suffering from asbestos poisoning, workers who were trying to collect on their insurance policies, has the gall to falsely accuse Republicans of calling for “regulators to go easier on companies that put lead in children’s toys.” Conspiratorially claiming that the tea party is (hush, hush) sending out “thinly veiled calls for anarchy in Washington,” Warren, who was paid six figures by Dow Chemical, a multi-National Chemical Corporation to stop women from getting money for toxic shock breast syndrome, falsely accuses Republicans of stopping inspectors from “checking whether the meat in our grocery stores is crawling with deadly bacteria.” Warren, who supports partial-birth abortions, championing children, accuses Republicans of calling for “the FDA to ignore whether morning-sickness drugs will cause horrible deformities in our babies.”
I am not making this up – honestly, I’m not.
In her email, Warren intoned her usual tired bumper-sticker slogan against Republicans:
“I’ve got mine, the rest of you are on your own.”
Yes, she certainly did get hers when she lied about her ethnic status to get tenure at Harvard. She got hers each year Harvard gave her around $350,000 to teach one class. She and her husband, who also got around $350,000 from Harvard for teaching one class, also shared a free house thanks to Harvard.

And we wonder why the cost of higher education is so high for “the rest of us” who are “on our own.”
Oh, and by the way, the Consumer Protection Bureau she set up at $600 per hour, money paid to her by taxpayers, “the rest of us,” is financed by the Federal Reserve, which is a private institution that is owned by the “millionaire and billionaire” big banks and corporations.
Opposing big tax increases is not anti-government. Supporting the Constitution is not anti-government. Standing up for working people, for an honest dollar and for elected politicians who are telling the truth and who have the courage to stomach the torrent of lies as they do their job of representing the interests of working people is not anti-government.
Chuck Morse hosts “Chuck Morse Speaks” on the Information Radio Network.

### We're not anti-government

SUBMITTED BY DENNIS TESTER ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 8:12PM.

We're pro-freedom. Liberals like Lizzy Warren pretend they don't know the difference. She should put down her Saul Alinsky manual and do her job.

#### Mostly freedom

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 8:45AM.

from obligations to others.
Obligations to YOU (like providing roads, police, fire protection.....) you have no problem with.

### Cites please

SUBMITTED BY PAT BERG ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 9:43PM.

Your little article contains quite a few claims.

Please provide the citations to support those claims rather than expecting us to simply take your word for it.

### Tea Party

SUBMITTED BY TODD HINTZ ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 6:57AM.

The Tea Party is not only anti-government, they're anti-democracy. Their views, ideas, and people lost in the arena of elections and that's not good enough for them. They have to hold the rest of the nation hostage while they throw a temper tantrum.

If your ideas are so popular, convince a majority of Americans that you have the bright right way and get your guys voted into office. Until then you have NO right to wreck the lives of your fellow Americans that you pretend to love and protect.

### Hyperbolic radio rhetoric

SUBMITTED BY NEAL ROVICK ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 7:30AM.

Hyperbolic radio rhetoric works better on the radio, Chuck.

When you write, it is expected that you can provide evidence other than, "I am not making this up – honestly, I’m not".

So how about a few more references and fewer inferences.

### As usual on the right

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 8:43AM.

clear out the allegations, ad hominem remarks and irrelevancies and there's no there there.

### Perspective?

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 9:55PM.

Come on folks, share your thoughts.

The cost increase trends I have documented are before the baby boomers hit and the social security/Medicare trust funds are depleted. It is likely the rate of growth will be even steeper when those events occur, and ACA is fully implemented.

How long can we ignore the slope of that line? And if you are okay with government potentially spending or distributing 50% of our GDP, what is your rationale?

### John:Try this on for

SUBMITTED BY NEAL ROVICK ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 8:01AM.

John:

Try this on for size:

http://www.motherjones.com/kevin-drum/2013/01/government-spending-down-0...

Real government spending (local, state, federal), on a per-capita basis, went up by $967 in Clinton administration, up by $3,336 in the Bush administration, and was DOWN by $80 in the Obama administration through 2012.

Given that the deficit is 35 to 40 percent less than last year, I'm sure the decrease in the spending under Obama is continuing through 2013.

The numbers are adjusted for inflation and adjusted for increases in population.

Yeah, let's put the Republican's in charge. They've certainly proved they know how to cut spending!!!

### Cause?

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 7:34PM.

I agree that Bush kind of lost his mind in his attempt to stimulate our way out of the recession. And we can argue the costs and benefits of Iraq/Afganistan for hours...

So who do you think has been gridlocking all of Obama's stimulus and other spending bills during the recovery... And who is taking the risk of doing it again?

You certainly can't believe it is Obama/Democrat self restraint that has been responsible for this turn of events...

### Stimulus Plan

SUBMITTED BY TODD HINTZ ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 9:16AM.

Actually Bush's stimulus plan was exactly the right thing to do at the right time. The only problem with it was it wasn't big enough.

Before you howl in protest at the assertion, let me throw a little economics 101 your way.

There are three sectors in society that spend money:
-Consumers
-Business
-Government

Consumers are by far the biggest sector, accounting for about 70% of purchases. When the recession hit, businesses stopped buying and started laying people off in droves. And consumers stopped buying because they were either laid off or were afraid of being laid off. So now you have two sectors of the economy who aren't buying much of anything.

Simple math: what does that leave? 3 - 2 = 1 and that one is the government. So now you know why the government, both Republican and Democrat, implemented the stimulus spending plan. Without it the economy would have easily slid from a recession into a depression, putting a lot more people out of work.

I'm not sure what other solution you would propose to solve the economic crisis, but I'm sure it's hugely entertaining.

#### Stimulus

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 12:16PM.

The problem is that stimulus should come for ~2 years and then go. However in this case Bush started it and Obama continued it. Now when it is time to turn the burner down the Liberals are screaming that the Republicans are trying to destroy the government by cutting spending. (ie anarchists) And they are blaming Bush for spending. And praising Obama for his incredible fiscal restraint.

It makes no sense... The extra cash burn was for "short term" stimulus, it is supposed to be backed out. Unfortunately it is hard for folks to turn down the spend once the spigot is on...

##### Why end the stimulus

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 2:33PM.

when we're still in a major recession?
Employment is still at a record low, and demand corresponds.

#### Stimulus

SUBMITTED BY TODD HINTZ ON OCTOBER 12, 2013 - 9:16PM.

What's your justification for declaring that the stimulus should be two years? The stimulus should last as long as necessary to get the economy out of the recession or depression it's in. That could take a lot longer than two years, as it did in the 1930s. To say that it should only be

two years seems rather arbitrary, don't you think?

Liberals aren't blaming Bush for spending, they're blaming Bush for creating the economic fiasco in the first place. You're really pulling the wrong narrative from the story.

### 8 year cycles and Payback is a *****

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 14, 2013 - 12:50PM.

According to my previous employer's sales, recession hit on ~8 year cycle. 1986, 1994, 2001, 2009, ???

Hold stimulus too long and it is no longer stimulus, kind of like me and Diet Dew...

Besides if you borrow for stimulus, you should pay it back in the "better" years... Or you have the problem we have today... (ie lots and lots of debt)

### Congratulations!

SUBMITTED BY TODD HINTZ ON OCTOBER 14, 2013 - 7:14PM.

John, this is the first sensible post you've had on this article! Yes, the debt does need to get paid back at some point, but it has to be when the economy is humming along, not when it's struggling. Get people back on their feet first and then we can afford to dial back on stimulus. Do it too soon though and the economy just does a double dip recession.

During the Clinton years they did papers and what the impact would be if all the debt was retired. You may be surprised to hear that it wasn't all roses and chocolate.

Thanks again for the sensible post. There may be hope for you yet!

### You haven't actually documented anything.

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 8:47AM.

You've made allegations unsupported by any documents from verifiable sources.

### Better Link?

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 7:19AM.

http://www.forbes.com/sites/warrenmeyer/2011/07/14/its-a-spending-problem/

This does not even include the Local and State which are higher yet...

And if you think the curves are flat, you'll have to explain that better. Total spend was ~25% in 1950 and is now ~38%. I don't think that would defined as flat. So at an increase of 13% per ~60 years we will be at 51% in ~60 years from now, maybe sooner if the Democrats countinue with their socialization of services... Does that sound appealing?

### Somewhat better

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 8:52AM.

and thus less scary.
The problem is still trying to fit cyclical trends to linear functions.
You might try a real statistical analysis package, not just Excel.
You're plotting data to 2012 and trying to make projections to 2075. Doesn't fly.
Amateurs!

### The blue line

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 9:03AM.

collections as a % of GDP is depressed in the past few depressing years (the unemployed pay few taxes, and business tax payments are at an historic low despite the rise in corporate profits).
The Red line (outlays, % of GDP) is rising for reasons also tied to the depression, as well as the depression of the total GDP of which they're a percentage.
Not that complicated.
Most economists of whatever persuasion know better than to make simple linear projections.
Are you en engineer, by any chance?

### Engr, MBA, 6 Sigma BB

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 7:38PM.

I love trends and statistics. Also, one should use the appropriate tool. If I wanted precision I would have put the data in minitab and analyzed. I don't need that since I am not looking for causation, I am just pointing out that it is going up, up, up... And given the entitlement promises exceeding the premiums that have been paid... We have big problems ahead...

### NO statistical analysis will prove causation

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 8:29AM.

That takes active experimental manipulation of the relevant variables.
Minitab is just a fancy spreadsheet.
Have you every actually run a multiple regression analysis?

### Yes

SUBMITTED BY JOHN APPELEN ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 9:20AM.

Yes

### My condolences

SUBMITTED BY PAUL BRANDON ON OCTOBER 11, 2013 - 2:41PM.

Particularly if you did it on a Friden mechanical calculator the way I did ;-)

### Anarchy

SUBMITTED BY HIRAM FOSTER ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 7:23AM.

The problem is that we have a government of anarchists.

### Thank you Elizabeth Warren and

SUBMITTED BY BERYL JOHN-KNUDSON ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 7:44AM.

Thank you Eric Black for placing Warren's speech here - a rare gem - words that will never be forgotten...words to give us hope in a time of doubt.

...and words too that will drain the ink out of my printer as I copy one copy to improve more than our first cup of morning coffee.

Congress still has a few worth applauding, oh yes.

### Quick question

SUBMITTED BY RB HOLBROOK ON OCTOBER 10, 2013 - 7:46AM.

Why is the 50% figure the danger line?

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# Wasserman Schultz goes after tea party, defends Obamacare rollout

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October 18, 2013 | By Anthony Man, Sun Sentinel

U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz said Friday that Washington's October of dysfunction was "incredibly challenging, difficult, divisive [and polarized."

But that's not all. "I could keep going," she said, adding vitriolic and poisonous.

The Weston Democrat said the resolution, a temporary budget and short-term increase in the nation's borrowing authority, were difficult to achieve because of the tea party, which she sharply criticized in an interview with the Sun Sentinel editorial board.



U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (right) answers questions from reporters... (Brittany Wallman )

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"Tea party affiliated Republicans are hell bent on my way or the highway politics [and] refuse to acknowledge that perhaps every belief they subscribe to is not 100 percent correct," she said. "The tea party treats their opposition like the enemy, and when they think I'm wrong, I'm not just wrong, I'm a liar."

She was softer, though still critical of Republicans who voted with Democrats to reopen the government and raise the debt ceiling. She said they displayed some "courage," but it came late in the partial government shutdown, which stemmed from an effort by conservatives to delay or kill the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare.

Wasserman Schultz avoided what she the kind of rhetoric used by the House Democratic campaign committee, which labeled U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Miami, a "partner in a reckless and irresponsible political game."

"I'm not going to direct any animus toward Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen. We have a good working relationship and it's important for South Florida that we maintain those good relationships. And I have said we've got to turn down the vitriolic rhetoric," Wasserman Schultz said.

Wasserman Schultz, who is chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee, didn't hold back criticism of Republican leaders. She said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, could better lead his fractious

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caucus if he'd "go see the wizard and find some courage. You have to be less consumed with holding onto power and more concerned with doing the right thing."

Wasserman Schultz said the rollout of the Obamacare online health exchange hasn't been as disastrous as many people think.

The Obama administration hasn't released figures, but the research firm Millwad Brown Digital reported 3.7 million people attempted to register during the first week and just 36,000, or 1 percent, were successful.

She said "problems, glitches, obstacles" are inevitable with a complex new system. "That happens with apps when they're released all the time and tech companies don't just decide to scrap the whole plan. What do they do? They upload version 2 and version 3 with bug fixes, and we don't all raise holy hell over the fact that there were a few bugs in a new app that was released."

She said plans by some congressional Republicans to investigate the problems are "a witch hunt. The Republicans that are leading the Government Oversight Committee, that is what they wake up every single day trying to do. What's the new witch hunt of the day that they can use to undermine President Obama and his administration."

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After the debacle of the government shutdown, it's no surprise GOP lawmakers are pouncing on the botched rollout of the Affordable Health Care Act. Who knew IT troubles could provide such a big political advantage? Republicans have seized this opportunity to distract from their failed negotiations over budget and healthcare issues. And by plowing forward with their recriminations, they have highlighted a significant truth: there is more than one way to skin a cat and there is more than one way kill the government.

Republican strategist Grover Norquist is famous for saying: "My goal is to cut the government in half in twenty-five years, to get it down to a size where we can drown it in a bathtub." Now the Tea Party crowd is doing its best to squeeze what's left down the drain.

They have tried to cut taxes and gut budgets so the government can't operate properly. They have tried to handcuff agencies so they can't do their jobs. And as if that wasn't extreme enough, they went so far as to shut the whole thing down. But perhaps the most destructive thing they have done is to make Washington appear so dysfunctional that more people lose faith with the whole enterprise.

Yet poll after poll show that voters hate gridlock, but value what government provides--especially public health and environmental safeguards. In other words, there is a baby in that bathtub that is most definitely worth saving.

According to a survey conducted for NRDC by Public Policy Polling, for instance, almost two-thirds of voters opposed the near closure of the Environmental Protection Agency during the government shutdown. Why? Because ordinary citizens can't force coal-fired power plants and heavy manufacturers to clean up their act. They count on the EPA to do the job--to stand between them and dangerous pollution and to make sure the air is clean enough to breathe and the water is safe enough to drink.

People don't appreciate Tea Party types messing with these protections. While most Americans opposed the shutdown, even more didn't like the fact that it furloughed EPA inspectors. This was true nationally among Latinos, in key states, in districts represented by once-moderate House Republicans, and even in House Speaker John Boehner's home district.

And yet polluter friendly lawmakers--including some Democrats--continue to attack the EPA. Recently Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY) introduced a draft bill that would force the EPA to get approval from Congress in order to set limits on the amount of dangerous carbon pollution coming from power plants. This is a radical rethinking of how safeguards work in our country. It would allow politicians--instead of scientists and medical health professionals--to decide how much pollution is safe for our communities.

Today the NRDC Action Fund with NRDC released polling that solidly shows voters support candidates who will take action to reduce carbon pollution. This is an opportunity for candidates facing tough races ion 2014 to embrace EPA standards to protect the health and well-being of Americans.

Doing the right thing by standing up to dirty polluters is not just good policy, it's good politics.
The bad news? This is only the latest attempt of coal industry allies and Tea Party leaders to weaken government oversight. Over the past few years, House GOP lawmakers have voted more than 300 times to undermine public health and environmental safeguards. Most of these efforts have not become law, but they have taken up a lot of time and energy, and

they feed into voters' perceptions that Washington is full of bickering naysayers.

And this is where the Tea Party extremists could gain advantage: voters could start tuning out and distrusting government--including the branches and services and protections they value.

The best antidote to this apathy is to keep voting and keeping following your lawmakers' records. Did they enter government service only to tear down the government? Do they routinely try to gut the EPA and other agencies that protect us from pollution? Do they talk about making government function better but try to cripple it at every turn? If so, then vote them out of office. A recent CNN/ORC International survey found that three-quarters of voters believe most GOP members of Congress shouldn't be re-elected.

If voters don't lose faith in the government between now and the mid-term elections, we could send the Tea Party a powerful message: Americans value government when it keeps our families safe and makes our lives better. And if they keep trying to drown it in the bathtub, we will act as the lifeguard and save it.

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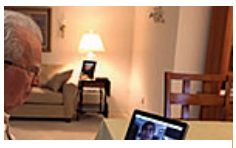

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# Government shutdown: Wall Street angry at tea party it has no influence over




By **MJ LEE** | 10/2/13 2:59 PM EDT Updated: 10/3/13 10:13 AM EDT

Wall Street is clear about who's to blame for the government shutdown and a looming debt default: tea party Republicans.

What's less clear is what Wall Street can do about it.

The reality is that deep-pocketed financial services executives and their lobbyists have little leverage against tea party lawmakers who don't much care for financiers or big banks and don't rely heavily on the industry for campaign cash.

(**POLITICO's full government shutdown coverage (http://www.politico.com/p/pages/government-shutdown/)** )

"Those are the ones who are most problematic for Boehner," one D.C.-based lobbyist who represents financial services clients said of tea party lawmakers. "I don't think there's any way for Wall Street to punish the 25 to 50 hard core House Republicans. It's not like [Reps. Steve] Stockman and Tim Huelskamp are doing a lot of Goldman

Sachs events. I don't think Justin Amash cares if Bank of America gives to him or not."

The rise of tea party lawmakers' influence is shift from years past when the Republican party was more business friendly and could be counted on by Wall Street to give great weight to its concerns.

For many members of Congress, wooing wealthy Wall Street donors and financial services PACs is a routine part of their reelection efforts and a source of frustration for industry critics who view this largesse as standing in the way of reforms. The reputation of the banking industry has taken a beating since the financial crisis, but it nevertheless remains a powerful lobbying force in Washington thanks in part to its generous political donations.

(**POLITICO interview: Rep. Steve King predicts longer shutdown (http://www.politico.com/multimedia/video/2013/10/rep-steve-king-predicts-longer-shutdown-in-politico-interview.html)** )

But the industry feels powerless when it comes to dealing with some members of the tea party, who are immune from one of Wall Street's most potent tools: campaign donations.

"The extreme radicals are going to get reelected because they come from districts where they don't need to raise that much money," said Greg Valliere, chief political strategist of the Potomac Research Group. "This new tea party movement is not particularly pro-business. They certainly are not pro-Wall Street and pro-big banks. That is a new strain in the Republican party that worries many on Wall Street."

The heads of big banks — including Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein and JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon — met with President Barack Obama on Wednesday to discuss the shutdown, debt ceiling and other issues. They are also expected to meet with some lawmakers as part of gatherings organized by the Financial Services Forum — a group that represents the heads of large banks and insurance companies.

(**WATCH: Key moments leading to shutdown deadline (http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/shutdown-97647.html?hp=f2)** )

But the Wall Street chiefs' day trip to Washington isn't expected to budge negotiations over the fiscal stalemates.

Wall Street's frustration over the current fiscal impasse is shared by the larger business community, which has tried through groups like the Chamber of Commerce to convince lawmakers that the threat of shutting down the government or failing to raise the borrowing limit should not be used as negotiating ploys.

Defenders of the tea party movement say a reliance on Wall Street's deep pockets for campaign funding is precisely what the new wave of conservative politicians are trying to buck.

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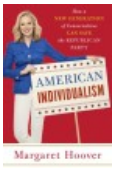
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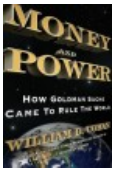
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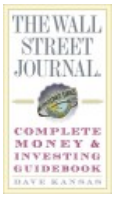
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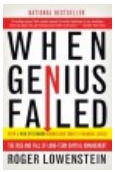
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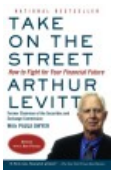


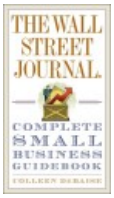













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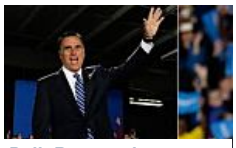
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By **ALEXANDER BURNS** | 11/6/13 10:03 AM EST Updated: 11/6/13 11:58 AM EST

The chairman of the Democratic Governors Association called Terry McAuliffe's election in Virginia a rebuke to the national GOP and discounted Republican Gov. Chris Christie's thumping victory in New Jersey as a testament to the politics of personality.

Speaking with POLITICO by phone Wednesday morning, Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin said McAuliffe's narrow victory over Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli was a harbinger of the midterm governor's races of 2014.

"Terry ran a campaign that focused on jobs, investments in education infrastructure and lifting up the middle class, versus the theme that swept in the tea party governors in 2010, the radical social agenda that alienates women, minorities, immigrants and gays," Shumlin said. "Cuccinelli represents the exact policies that you've seen tea party governors implement."

He specifically mentioned Maine, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Florida and Iowa as states with incumbent Republican governors where an anti-tea party message will resonate.

Shrugging off Christie's lopsided win in New Jersey, Shumlin said bluntly that the DGA never saw that campaign as a winnable race. Democratic challenger Barbara Buono used her concession speech Tuesday night to lace into members of her own party for failing to support her bid.

"The lesson from New Jersey is pretty simple," Shumlin said. "We don't put resources where they don't make a difference. We didn't spend a dime in New Jersey and there was an example of a candidate who – the voters of New Jersey looked more at his personality than his failed economic policies."

The DGA spent $6.5 million in the off-year Virginia race, a huge investment for a committee that is chronically outraised by its Republican counterpart. The Republican Governors Association spent nearly $8 million on Cuccinelli's behalf.

Shumlin insisted that DGA would be able to remain financially competitive with the RGA in 2014 – when Christie will chair the organization – because it simply spends its money better. He pointed to the spending record in Virginia, where the DGA invested by contributing millions of dollars directly to McAuliffe, whereas the RGA divided its spending between contributions to Cuccinelli and independent ads.

Shumlin said that the RGA's independent ads, focused on McAuliffe's business career, "had absolutely no impact" on the race.

"It's not just about how much money you raise. It's about how you spend the dollars," he argued.

Asked if he expected to get financial help from McAuliffe – a legendary Democratic Party fundraiser – Shumlin said the governor-elect has to focus on his day job.

"His job is to focus on jobs in Virginia and delivering on the ambitious agenda he's outlined," Shumlin said.

The Vermonter added: "I know he'll work closely with us."

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