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## LCRC Executive Board



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## President's Message:

**"Courage Is Contagious" Pass it on.**



## Obama wins

It is the morning after the election. Thank goodness the torture has stopped. Or has it? The incessant prattling of the talking heads of the leftist media are still rattling on as if to give instruction to us poor ole ignorant Republican Conservatives as to why **we** lost the election. They do this while fully knowing that it is almost impossible to win against the party of Obama-Clause and his merry band of media propagandists. Their complicity in the Obama win was as telling as their despicable willingness to help cover-up the death of four Americans in Benghazi. The truth may still prevail on that one however. But the poor American people,... my, my, how they have been deceived. Not only by the Obama camp, but by the leftist run media that is expected to keep the nation informed as to the **facts** of any given situation or event. That's their job!

When the American people fall victim to that type of sophisticated institutionalized propaganda, and the American free press and media abandon their responsibility to bring the people the **truth**, yes that's right,... the truth,... the fate of the American electorate becomes a self-imploding equation at that point. The Democrats know this. Without an honest, truthful, and forthcoming "press", it becomes very difficult, if not impossible for the American people to know the truth and to make righteous decisions when electing their leaders. Our *Founding Fathers* knew this also. Propagandists the world over also have known this. For hundreds, if not thousands of years, this simple fact has played out in numerous civilizations. The Roman emperors knew it, that's why they kept the masses attention diverted to the "Games." Chairman Mao, Joseph Stalin, and Adolph Hitler, all knew the importance of media (press) manipulation for the masses in order to achieve a public perception or goal that would be favorable to *their* evil agenda.

Our American electoral system relies on not only a *free press*, but also a *factual press*. Our press and media have an obligation to bring us, *the people*, true and factual information, *NOT* some Chris Matthews' (MSNBC) "*tingly feeling*" fact! If the so called main-stream media continues to obfuscate, mislead and misrepresent the facts to the American people, they would have succeeded in turning themselves into one of the most recent examples of a socialized propaganda machine. And with the modern capabilities of today's technology, well, let's just say they would have made Joseph Goebbels proud.

In preparation for the next mid-term election, we must all arm ourselves with the truth. We must recognize the truth that our Country, our economy, our freedoms and our American way of Life, are indeed under assault from not only outside our Country, but from within. We must prepare ourselves to do battle with the uneducated, the misinformed, and the apathetic. We must plant the spirit of America into our young people. This is essential. For it is through our young, and *their* commitment, that this Nation *shall not perish from the earth*" ❖

*God Bless America and All of You,*  
 Greg Bowen,  
 LCRC President.

The Lake Country Republican Club Meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at the library here in Quitman, Texas at 6 PM



**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Lake Country Republican Minutes**  
**by Lynn AronSpeer**  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

The LCRC met at the Quitman Library, Goode Street, Quitman, TX. At 6:05 PM our president, Greg Bowen, called the meeting to order.

Joyce Spencer led the prayer and Greg Bowen led the pledges.

*Elected officials* present were Constables Ed Shadbolt and Steve Bowser, Precinct Chairs, Terrell AronSpeer and Sara Philips, City Council members Randy Dunn and Virgil Holland Jr.

*Minutes* were approved as written and appearing in *The SENTINEL*.

*Treasurer* was not present but the balance in the account has not changed.

Terrell AronSpeer announced there were a high number of early voters.

Pat Lafferty gave the nominating committee report as follows: President, Joanna Bowen; Vice President, Terrell AronSpeer; Secretary, Lynn AronSpeer; Treasurer, Becky Vann. All candidates were approved by the membership and will take office in 2013.

Visitor, Rob Carr, owner of *The Ponderosa* on Hwy. 80 announced various things of interest available in his shop and invited members to drop in.

**Program:** October's program was given by Greg Bowen, a movie on the death of the dollar called *End of the Road, How Money Became Worthless*.

Greg announced Bryan Hughes is trying to become Speaker of the House of Representatives.



Next LCRC meeting will be November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the program is an LCRC Thanksgiving and round table discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Submitted by  
 Lynn AronSpeer,



## Membership:

Lake Country Republicans,

As I announced earlier, any new memberships paid from now to the end of the year will carry through to the end of 2013. Our membership is holding steady at 54. Bring friends to the November meeting and encourage them to join us!



Joanna Bowen  
Membership chair

## LCRC November 27th Meeting

**Program: An LCRC Thanksgiving and round table. Good food and lively discussion**

**LCRC meets on the 27th this month. What else happened on this date in American History:**

In 1973, on this date, Gerald Ford was confirmed by the Senate as Vice President under the terms of the 25th Amendment.

**LCRC meets in the Quitman Library at 6 PM. Enter on the east side toward the back.**

## What's Up:

**Lake Country Republican Club (LCRC):**

**Club Meetings: November 27, 6PM - Quitman Library**  
**Program: Thanksgiving and round table discussion**

**SENTINEL Submission Deadlines: No Sentinel in December**

**Republican Women of Wood County (RWWC):**

**Club Meetings: November 19, 11:30 AM - Texas Tea Room**  
**Program: Col. Jeanette Sterner "A Salute to Women in the Military"**

**Holly Lake Ranch Hawkins Republican Club (HLRHRC):**

**Club Meeting: December 10, 6:30 PM - Holly Hall**  
**Program: Mike Lee, talk radio host on post election vigilance**

Wood County Republican Website [www.republicanpartywoodcounty.com](http://www.republicanpartywoodcounty.com)



## Treasurers Report:

Bank balance \$2179.16

Submitted by: Gene Shoemaker, Treasurer

**Hospitality:** Our hearts go out to Betty Carr who lost her husband Kenneth on November first. Betty Dubbs lost her granddaughter to CP. Our warmest thoughts and prayers to both.

Thank you.  
Janice Logan, Hospitality Chair

To report hospitality issues:  
Contact Janice Logan at 223 County Road  
1961, Yantis, 75497, ~OR~  
phone 903-383-3247, cell # 903-850-3267.



2011  
Lake Country Republican Club

COMMITTEES



1. **FUNDRAISING** This committee shall be responsible for development and conduct of the club's fundraising activities, in compliance with the rules and regulation of the Texas Ethics Commission and the laws of the state of Texas.
  1. **Open Position**, Chairman
  2. Joe Blair
  3. Gene Shoemaker
  4. Terrell AronSpeer
  
2. **LEGISLATION** This committee shall be charged with keeping the club informed and aware of legislative events, votes and processes which could have an impact on, or may be of interest to the club. This shall include but not be limited to the coordination and notification of the clubs' membership of the need for urgent action of a political nature.
  1. Philip Winter Chairman
  2. Isabel McGuffin
  3. Travis Burk
  4. Pat Nelson
  5. Rick Shoemaker
  6. Eugene & Joyce Spencer
  
3. **PUBLICITY and COMMUNICATIONS** This committee shall establish and maintain contact with local media outlets and shall actively work to publicize the club's activities, newsletter, website and events.
  1. Terrell AronSpeer Chairman
  2. Lynn AronSpeer
  3. Betty Dubbs
  4. Rick Shoemaker
  
4. **PROGRAM** This committee shall be responsible for producing monthly and special club meeting programs, including the procurement of speakers, and shall keep the Publicity Chairman informed in advance of future programs, to allow news releases to meet local media deadlines.
  1. Dr. James Marvel Chairman
  2. Terrell AronSpeer
  3. Isabel McGuffin
  4. Greg Bowen
  
5. **MEMBERSHIP** This committee shall be responsible for the development of special membership drives and programs. It also should be charged with keeping members informed about club meetings and activities by means of telephone and/or email notification.
  1. Joanna Bowen Chairman
  2. Sheryl Nelson
  3. Gene and Norma Shoemaker
  4. Eugene and Joyce Spencer
  5. Roger and Sandy Tune
  
6. **HOSPITALITY** This committee shall be responsible for the decoration of facilities used for special meetings and events and for appointing "greeters" for meetings and special events.
  1. Janice Logan Chairman
  2. Joanna Bowen
  3. Sheryl Nelson
  4. Lynn AronSpeer
  5. Tera Burk
  6. Shirley Daugherty
  7. Betty Dubbs
  8. Norma Shoemaker



## Legislative Reports—October 2012:

**Submitted (and edited) by Janie Walenta,  
RWWC Legislative Chair**

### Looking Back at Texas' Republican Decade

The Texas Tribune – October 23, 2012 By Ben Philpott



It was a gradual takeover, with the minority party trending upward for several years: George Bush was elected governor in 1994, Republicans took over the state Senate in 1997, and by 2001 the party was just four seats away from taking a majority in the House. The resulting 2001 legislative redistricting maps would cement the state’s shift from blue to red.

Harvey Kronberg, the editor of the *Quorum Report*, says that while the shift was inevitable, Republican leaders, helped by Congressman Tom DeLay, helped accelerate it in the 2002 elections.

“Obviously there was some gerrymandering, but the state was clearly trending Republican and the demographics were working on their behalf,” Kronberg says.

The genesis of that final push may have come when DeLay dropped by Democratic Speaker Pete Laney’s office in 2001. Kronberg says that meeting let Republicans know that the only way their party would get a majority in the Texas congressional delegation was to get rid of Laney.

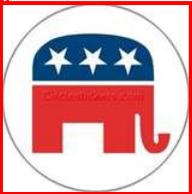
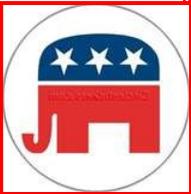
“You can argue that that was the predicate for everything that happened afterward, when Laney said he wasn’t going to be cooperative on congressional redistricting,” Kronberg says.

A new House map and an influx of campaign funds — some of which were eventually deemed illegal — led 88 Republicans to be elected to the House in 2002. Tom Craddick was elected the state's first Republican speaker since Reconstruction. Craddick says the new majority carried responsibilities and freedoms many Republicans had never experienced, which led to a few problems during that 2003 session.

“For over 100 years, you didn’t have control and you didn’t have a lot of input,” Craddick says. “All of a sudden you have control and everybody’s got a program. Everybody’s got a factor they want put into effect. And so you kind of weed through and say, ‘We can’t do that’ [or] ‘We can do this.’”

The new leadership had clear priorities: insurance regulations aimed at stabilizing a homeowners insurance market with skyrocketing premiums, and legislation limiting medical malpractice lawsuits.

“Most of the people that carried the major legislation had never passed a major bill,” Craddick says. “Many of them had never passed anything but local bills.” ▷





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RWWC Legislative Chair Page 2 of 3**

One example of that inexperience surfaced at the end of the session. When bills headed to conference committees to reconcile differences between House and Senate versions of a bill, Craddick often had multiple committees meeting in different parts of his apartment in an effort to help with the negotiations...

Kronberg says the inexperience also showed in how quickly some bills were passed, sometimes with little understanding of what was in them. That includes passage of bills that gave new powers to Texas' traditionally weak governor.

"The appointment process is more direct to boards and commissions," Kronberg says. "The ability of the governor to reach into boards and commissions — where the true administration of government takes place — is more profound. Then there's a whole series of mechanical things that were passed in a massive government-reorganization bill."

Kronberg says Republican inexperience also showed in some of the key legislative committees. More experienced Democrats were either voted out of office or relegated to the background, and eager but "green" Republicans took control.

The GOP leadership also had problems getting business-centric lawmakers to get out of their comfort zone and tackle other topics. Craddick says that was a problem, especially when trying to fill out the House committees focused on health care.

The new majority also had to contend with a multibillion-dollar budget deficit. The hole was filled through program cuts, fee increases and some accounting tricks. But there were no outright state tax increases.

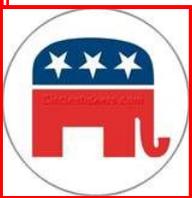
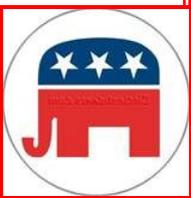
Southern Methodist University political scientist Cal Jillson says that budgetary road map established in 2003 has directed GOP policy ever since. Over the years, he says, this has led to less money for state infrastructure, health care programs, and public and higher education.

"They are far more oriented towards stopping bad things from happening — from their perspective — than causing good things to happen," Jillson says. "They don't have a positive agenda in the sense of [making] improvements to education or access to health care, transportation, the environment or any of the other major policy issues."

Republicans argue that throwing money at a problem isn't a sustainable solution. Craddick says the changes that began in 2003 have guided the state in the right direction.

"I think there were some great changes made," he says. "Probably some mistakes were made, but over all I think that the state's better off and in better shape because of having the Republican control."

And Republicans expect this control to last. ▷





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**Business group makes case for strong accountability ahead of legislative session**

San Antonio Express-News – October 29, 2012 By Maria Luisa Cesar

A coalition of business leaders and education experts is urging state lawmakers to not retreat from the testing and graduation requirements under House Bill 3, the 2009 law that outlines the transition to the state's new school ratings system and standardized test, called the STAAR exam.

Members of the Texas Coalition for a Competitive Workforce are traveling the state this month on an issue they say will be front and center at the upcoming legislative session. Its members include the Texas Association of Business, the Texas Institute for Education Reform, the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Business Leadership Council and the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

The group was to hold a press conference Tuesday at the chamber office in Austin, to “lobby and urge the legislators to hold the line” on the current accountability system, Bill Hammond, the TAB president and CEO, said Monday.

This year, the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, or STAAR test, was rolled out to third through ninth graders, billed as a much more rigorous test than the TAKS it is replacing because it comes with time limits, includes more open-ended questions and — at the high school level — is closely linked to class grades and overall grade point average.

The STAAR ran into a statewide backlash, with school boards calling on the Legislature to reexamine the accountability system.

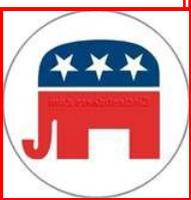
“It's a reaction, an unfortunate reaction on the part of the adults to the fact that the state of Texas wants to hold local schools accountable for the performance of their students,” Hammond said. “Today in Texas, only about 65 percent of ninth-graders graduate in four years and of those that graduate, only about 25 percent are career and college ready.”

So far, 859 school boards representing 84 percent of school districts and 90 percent of Texas public school students have adopted a resolution criticizing what it called the state's “over-reliance on standardized, high-stakes testing,” according to the Texas Association of School Administrators. The majority of school boards in Bexar County have backed it.

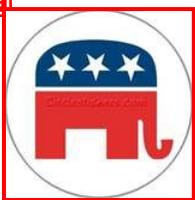
Hammond said school districts have not given the new state test, which has an emphasis on college and career readiness, a chance.

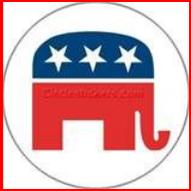
Everyone wants students to graduate from high school and be college or career ready but a “one-size-fits-all test tends to measure learning at a very superficial level,” Alamo Heights Independent School District Superintendent Kevin Brown said Monday. ❖

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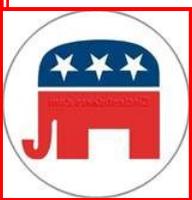
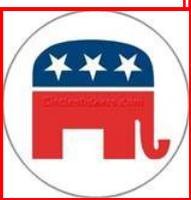


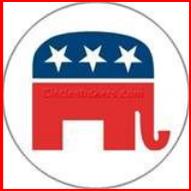
Lake Country Republican Club

# November 2012

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4	5	6 Voting day 	7	8	9	10 <b>SENTINEL Submission Deadline</b>
11	12 HLHRC Meeting 7PM Holly Hall	13	14	15 <b>SENTINEL Publication Date</b>	16	17
18	19 RWWC— TX Tea Room 11:30AM Program: Jeanette Sterner - Women in the Military	20	21	22  Pardon me!	23	24
25	26	27 <b>LCRC Club Meeting</b> Quitman Library 6 PM: Program: Thanksgiving & discussion.	28	29	30	

**HLHRC** - Holly Lake/Hawkins Republican Club  
**LCRC** - Lake Country Republican Club  
**RWWC** - Republican Women of Wood County



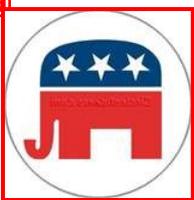
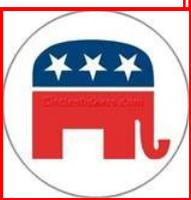


# Lake Country Republican Club

## December 2012

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2	<b>3 HLHRC</b> Meeting 6:30 PM Holly Hall <b>Program:</b> Mike Lee— post election vigilance	4	5	6	7	8
9	<b>10 RWWC</b> Meets Texas Tea Room 11:30 AM <b>Program: TBD</b>	11	12	13	14	15
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# *Lake Country Republican Club*



*We Are the Elephant in the Room*



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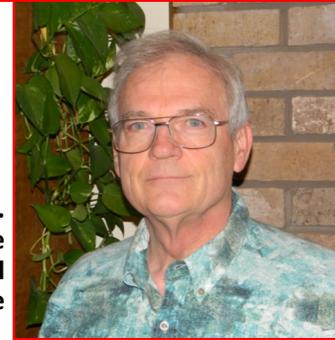


**Editorial Page:**

## Chalk One Up for the Mayans

### What happened?

The short and simple answer is – we lost. But it is more than that. America lost too. This is obvious to almost everyone on our side. The minions on the other side are still drunk on their victory, but they too will pay the price – an ebbing tide strands all boats. When our bones have been picked clean, they will be next.



In this piece I intend to give you my analysis of three things. First, *what happened* – this is necessary to avoid repeating mistakes which were made. Second, I will cover *what's next* – what can we expect in the next four years from an Obama administration, unconstrained by either the need to win another election or by a functioning congress. I will give a short list of only the most obvious concerns – the totality is frankly, too depressing. And finally I will explore what we, Constitutional, fundamentalist conservatives need to do *going forward*.

But first a personal note: The **SENTINEL** takes pride in the fact that, often, we get the story right when the main-stream media does not. The Benghazi incident is the most recent example. Sometimes we get right what befuddles the media completely. The most recent example of this is the shooting spree in a Sikh temple. Occasionally I get things wrong. An example of this would be my fretting that Ron Paul was supporting Mitt Romney to secure the second spot on the ticket for his son Rand Paul. That did not happen. But I cannot remember getting anything so colossally wrong as this election. My observation that we had a 6% cushion over polling results did not hold up in *this* election at all. If anything, the cushion was a lot smaller and went to the other party. I grossly over-estimated our enthusiasm level – several million who came out to vote for John McCain, sat on their hands this election, mostly old farts like myself. And although I do not think I badly underestimated the enthusiasm on the other side, the Obama machine was able to flog them into dragging their sorry butts to the polls anyway. Like I said before, we lost – neither did I see it coming, nor did I properly prepare you.

Back to what happened. Mitt could have been a better candidate – could have done more. He backed down from too many issues which were winners, Benghazi being the most recent and most obvious. He did not forcefully and quickly beat back the libelous attacks leveled at him by Obama and the PACs whose skirts Obama hid behind. Mitt was being cautious, overly so, and it looked weak. The vision he presented, while lofty, was too vague; it was not something voters connected with. His campaign did too little to get him into the news cycle. But Mitt is a truly good man and would have been a credible President. Ultimately, I deferred to Mitt's judgment as to how cautious he could afford to be and how good his get-out-the-vote effort was. Recriminations, blaming Mitt, is hardly sufficient to explain the loss. There are two other major elements which made this perfect storm – an Obama adoring media and the other, tragically, is us.

I am going to spend little time on the media because there is little we can do about it. They follow Obama around with a shovel and a wheel barrow cleaning-up and covering-up his messes. Christie may have thought he was "just being honest," but he wound up being a stooge for the administration and provided a platform for one more of Obama's lies. Could George Bush have gotten away with using Kathleen Blanco, governor of Louisiana during Katrina, for a photo op and then running off on the campaign trail while people were still stranded on roof tops? Christie could have been 'honest' a week later. I suspect he would have been less effusive by then. There is nothing, in the short run we can do about the media. But there is a lot we can do about us. Too many of us think we have done our 'civic duty' when we vote and apparently too few made even *this* minimal effort. Our Founders pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to give us liberty. To maintain it, too many of us pledge only one hour every four years to get in our cars and go put a mark on a piece of paper. In case anyone has yet to notice, this is insufficient. What happened is, we lost – and it is our fault. ▷

**LESS SPEED PER MILE**

## What's next?

Unless Valerie Jarrett is secretly, currently negotiating the terms of our surrender, Iran will go nuclear by sometime next summer. The distance between DC and Tehran is over 5,500 miles but the distance between Iran's western border and Jerusalem is less than 700 miles. The distance to other countries in the region are somewhat more to somewhat less and also easily handled by missiles already in Iran's arsenal. Regional arms race or nuclear Armageddon? - You decide. Well actually, Ahmadinejad decides.

You might as well put Grandpa on an ice flow (Wait, that's me!) because Obama Care will now be implemented in all its anticipated glory. Health care choices – gone. Job creation – gone. Fiscal ruination – alive and well. Death panels or not, health care delayed is too often health care denied. European style health care, with its attendant denials, delays and lack of innovation is now ours. We put up some disastrous Senatorial candidates. They not only cost us the Senate, they contributed to the loss of the Presidency. This contribution was large enough that alone it may have cost us both the Senate and the Presidency. With control of neither the Senate nor the Presidency, Obama Care will be our new reality.

In losing the Presidency imagine what the Supreme Court will become. We could have anything from a Justice Clinton to a Justice Richard Simmons. Those Republicans, who sat home because Mitt was not the perfect candidate, or because he was not 'Christian' enough for them, have some serious soul searching of their own to do. They have some major responsibility here.

The budget deficit will continue to grow because the budget is now on auto pilot. It increases automatically every year a new budget is not passed. This is completely backwards, the absolute wrong incentive. It must be set up that in any year a budget is not passed, all line items are reduced by 10% except congress. Congress's budget should be reduced by 25%. I guarantee, each year a budget would be passed and even if it were not, who would care?

Prepare for a military of the size and influence of Paraguay's. The military budget is already slashed and sequestration will finish it off. Protection of the country is one of only three mandates for which the federal government is responsible. If they could just get these three right!

Seniors should plan to spend their golden years without any gold. Poverty will be the thread which binds together all on fixed incomes. Those still of working age will find themselves working harder to stave off poverty in their own lives. Those who make more will find it worth less. Punitive inflation will be a certainty and hyper inflation a possibility.

The 'Arab spring' (another thing the *SENTINEL* got right from the start) is beginning to remake the Middle East into a danger which will make the old Soviet Union look like a carnival ride. Israel lies in the belly of this seething cauldron. Israel must wonder, as do I, is America still an ally?

Expect the truth about Benghazi to never be revealed. The congress which could have compelled this truth will be constrained by a complicit, or at least sympathetic, Senate. The current administration has no interest in this issue beyond finding a suitable scapegoat if necessary. (This was written just hours before the Petraeus revelations)

The imperial rule of the Narcissist in Chief will become more flagrant. Congress will slip further into irrelevance as Obama skirts congressional oversight by Presidential edict (executive orders.) The states will slip further into irrelevance as Obama will use administrative bureaucracies to reduce the states to mere subdivisions of federal power. Credit the Seventeenth Amendment. ▷

**THAT CAR MAY HAVE TO**

### Going forward:

The left did not get this powerful overnight. We will not turn this thing around overnight either; not in one election, not in one life time. This fight was engaged long before any of us were born. The concerted effort to recreate America as a socialist state began over one hundred years ago. We often hear that *now* America is truly divided. But it has always been so. At our founding, there were those loyal to the King, those in the squishy middle and the Sons of Liberty. Although in the minority, the Founders, the Sons of Liberty, fought for victory, not compromise. The first American political parties formed were one which favored an American Royalty and another which forwarded Jeffersonian Democracy, a limited republican form of government which prevailed. Jackson split off from this to found the modern Democratic Party which originally was a populist party - meaning it was for the "little guy," the farmer, the frontiersman. These "little guys" were slave holders and northerners sympathetic to the institution of slavery. The opposition (abolitionists) eventually coalesced into the modern Republican Party. This was a small "I" libertarian party, meaning it reverted to the Founders' values; it was the first re-founder's movement. A horrendous civil war ensued. The party of liberty prevailed.

Liberty is always under assault. Historically, this assault has come more often from within than from outside sources. What is different in the modern era is this notion that we do not have to fight to keep our liberty. History does not support this conclusion. Even if we do not have to go to war to secure our liberty, we *will* have to fight for it. The fundamental difference between the left and the right is that we on the right realize that people seldom agree in detail on anything and that when they do, they will work diligently to find their differences. Because of this, we either struggle until one prevails and bends everyone else to his will, or (and this was the wisdom of the Founders) we grant each individual the maximum liberty in his own life to the extent that it does not interfere with the liberty of another individual. In America, the ideal is that each man is the king (sovereign) of his own castle. Seeing the success of our neighbor, we can duplicate it in our own life. Noticing our neighbor's failures, we can avoid replicating them as well. This approach created the greatest good for the greatest number. All socialist societies claim this is their objective but it has only been achieved where individual liberty prevails. The left believes that they are uniquely qualified to know what is best for you, what you should eat, what you should drive, what light you should read by and eventually what you should read – definitely not this article. Because the left alone is qualified to direct how we live our lives there is no alternative with which to compare it. No matter how bad it gets, it must be the best we can do because they say it is. This is why where free populations live adjacent to repressed populations with similar climate and resources the free society lives with abundance and the repressed population struggles with scarcity. Park a West German Mercedes Maybach next to an East German Trabant or even substitute the most inexpensive Volkswagen for the Mabach. The difference in the technical achievement and human appeal is remarkable. This example repeats itself in every industry and in every human endeavor.

So, if you are ready to engage in this struggle, to secure liberty for yourself and for generations to come, there are a number of things which must be accomplished. The work will be hard but the rewards will be great. And history tells us this will be more a process to be repeated and maintained rather than a singular achievement to be celebrated. I offer a short and incomplete list of broad ideas. Conservatives will need to dedicate themselves daily to the following and more. ▷

First we have to know what our values are. I submit that they are the Founders' values; that we are a Christian nation, that we believe in individual liberty, and that it is more important that we share values than skin pigmentation, gender, theology, sexual orientation or national origin. We must realize that, although it is easier to change our values to appeal to larger demographics than it is to change certain demographics to appreciate our values, the rewards of the latter far exceed the spiritual costs of the former. We have given up the institutions of learning at all levels to the left. We must retake them. The surest way to do this is with voucher systems across the board. This will be hard work and will require taking on the teachers' unions. The key to success will be to appeal to teachers while taking on their unions.

We have to determine whether the majority of like-minded voters are to our left or to our right. The Republican Party has drifted so far to the left; I contend we will find more disaffected conservative voters to our right than willing conservatives on our left. I further contend that if we do the job right we will find that by appealing to these disaffected conservatives we will be, by substantial numbers, the majority party. This will take a conscious effort and outreach. It will require real achievement by conservatives in office. They will require our support.

We must stop the destructive practice of writing off whole constituent groups. Obama took the black vote by more than nine to one. He took the Hispanic and Asian vote by more than seven to three. Are Thomas Sowell, Larry Elder, Allen West, Condoleezza Rice, and Tim Scott all anomalies? When I suggested to a Republican Party insider (an establishment Republican) that we needed to go into the black churches and present our message, I was discouraged from doing so in no uncertain terms. My initial instinct was right. If we could move just 20% to 30% into the Republican column, the Democrats would never win another election. The hard truth for black Democrats, which almost none of them know, is that it was Democrats who enslaved them and Republicans who freed them. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was such a divisive issue among Democrats it would never have passed without strong majority support from Republicans. Even today it is Democrats who keep black youth in failing public schools and Republicans who offer them real choice and a vision for a better future for their children. Hispanics who have lived under communism, Cubans for example, are among the most conservative of Republicans. This is true for Eastern Europeans as well. Polish people who immigrated after the Reagan Presidency are almost always good conservatives. For Asian populations look no further than Vietnamese refugees. Anyone who has lived under the heavy hand of socialism and who has managed to escape, certifies the conservative viewpoint. We have friends in these communities. We should embrace our fellow conservatives and walk comfortably among these populations.

As an election judge for my precinct here in Wood County, I was surprised in 2008 when eight Buddhist monks and nuns came into vote. I did not know we had such a community in this small rural county. As they were foreign, I assumed they had come into vote for Obama. The foreign press was abuzz and, people from Paraguay to Lapland all wished they were Americans so they could vote for Obama. However, only one monk had registered to vote. Not wanting to have them have a bad experience with voting, I asked the registered monk if he would be willing to have the others observe the process. Everyone seemed satisfied with this solution and we sent them all off with voter registration applications. This year all eight were back and all had registered and were now prepared to vote. Between these two voting events I stumbled upon their temple on a remote county road not far from my own home. The temple is a beautiful adaptation of a large metal building surrounded with Buddhist statuary and affectations. My honey and I actually attended a celebration of Buddha's Birthday at the temple and we were treated royally. ▷

The service took over four hours and included an hour long sermon which, although the entire service was in Vietnamese, I knew had some funny lines because people around me laughed. After voting in the 2012 election, the monks and nuns returned two hours later bringing a vegetarian lunch to the eight election workers in our facility. These are model citizens, industrious and productive, participating in our democracy. As Vietnamese, it is altogether possible that they are even good conservatives. We must embrace immigrants who come to this country legally to share American values. Properly introduced to American life, these often become some of our best citizens.

It should not surprise us that the Democrats' affection for hyperbolic language would lead to phrases like "the Republican war on women," but we must also be prepared to respond strongly to such charges. Although they seem to shy away from the word *abortion*, this entire 'war' is focused on just that. They like to use terms like 'contraception,' 'reproductive rights' and 'women's health.' Yet in approximately half of all abortions, a woman dies. Granted this is a very young woman, but the events are always fatal. They call it 'women's health' but it is very unhealthy for these young women. Abortion is no more contraception than an autopsy is surgery. And in an ultimate perversion of language, 'reproductive rights' intuitively implies the right to reproduce; yet what they honestly desire is the right to destroy. We hear the retort that a woman must have the right to do with *her* body as she sees fit. But we are not talking about *her* body; we are talking about the body of her child. Anyone with a rudimentary understanding of biology knows that the DNA of the mother and the DNA of her baby will be different. It is a different individual. A tumor is a 'tissue mass.' A fetus is a baby, an individual, another human being. As conservatives, we believe that *all* of our rights are 'God given.' Who among us can fathom a 'God given' right to abortion? As inaccurate as it is, the term "Republican war on women" is strong language and we must learn to push back with equally strong, but far more accurate language.

We can no longer confuse geography with population. After any Republican loss we love to trot out the map showing all the Republican counties in red and the Democrat counties in blue. We take great comfort that the vast majority of the map is red. This may come as a shock to some Republicans, but cows don't vote and neither do trees. Democratic policies are destroying the cities and yet the cities overwhelmingly vote for Democrats. We have developed no message for the cities. Jack Kemp cannot have been the only Republican to have understood this. Cities do not have to be the cesspools of crime, dependency and misery in which Democrat politicians flourish. There can be in no American city neighborhoods where police are afraid to patrol. True security must be provided to the residents of the inner city. We need a new generation of Republican mayors to revitalize our cities, to create on the level of the city what Republican Governors have done for states. Recruit or become these people.

All of us have at some point played with a dog or a cat and a laser-pointer. We marvel that the dog never tires of chasing the little red dot. If the dog were just to grab the pointer out of our hand and bury it in the back yard, he could get on with his life. But we *are* that dog. How long can we continue to chase the little red dot? I get countless emails daily stating the UN is coming after our guns, the UN's Law of the Sea Treaty will raid our treasury, the UN's Agenda 21 is corrupting our cities. Just bury the UN in the back yard and get on with your life. Focus on the big source of the problems rather than wasting energy on each piddling affront to our liberty. When your nose is to the grindstone all you can see is the grindstone. You don't see the motor driving it or the man who flipped the switch. Step back and take a look at the bigger picture. Solutions applied at this level require no more effort and yield much greater and longer lasting results. You will not achieve 'small government' by railing at this or that provision in the Obama Care bill – the government has no business in the health care industry or the insurance business. We cannot gain ground complaining about this or that burdensome regulation on the coal or oil industry. Get rid of the EPA. We have not always lived with this alphabet soup of agencies and adding them has provided more problem than solution. Get rid of them. No more small ball. ▷

We will never have a government dedicated to the citizens if this government is populated with career politicians. Career politicians will never give us term limits because every incentive tells them not to. Even in a good economy, people seldom relish having to look for a job. We should send a clown car to Washington DC, a sort of limo service, pick up every congressman and senator we have sent there and bring them home. We should do this every two years because only a citizen government will return power to the citizens. All incumbents must be defeated in their primary every two years. If they had any integrity, they would not even run. This can only be done by being active in the political process. Join a Republican Club or Tea Party organization. Look to the people sitting in the seats around you or even look into the mirror. Identify all the qualified people who are willing to go to Washington for just one term. Line them up and send one after another until a sensible congressional term limit bill or constitutional amendment can be passed. This congress must reassert congressional power and restore balance to our federal system. We must reassert our State governments and repeal the 17th Amendment. Real solutions take time and effort. Just do it.

Our legal system has become a lottery. Lawyers working for a percentage of the judgment have found new depths to which they can sink. Legitimate businesses incur excessive costs just trying to escape the notice of lawyers. Doctors are more concerned with potential law suits than practicing medicine in the patients' best interest. Schools can no longer enforce discipline and, in a related story, inmates now run the penal system through frivolous laws suits. The only reason I can imagine that judges do not throw these suits out of court is that they are afraid of being sued for doing so. This is a mess. Now imagine overburdening our courts and legal system with hearing the divorce petitions resulting from legalized gay marriage. Now there's a reality show! Law suit abuse will only be cured by a 'loser pays' approach. Only when engaging in frivolous law suits comes with a serious penalty will they be curtailed.

Finally, the press is left-leaning because lefties own the media outlets. Conservatives need to either start purchasing these or building new ones from scratch. Conservatives need to set the editorial policies and hire straight-up news reporters. It is inconceivable to me that there is no market for reliable, accurate news and opinion which is insightful and intelligent. We will know we have built such a media outlet when the left boycotts it. At this time conservatives will need to support it. Find and support conservative media outlets. From the Weekly Standard to the American Thinker to Tea Party 911, you will find conservative content. Become more than a consumer; on web versions you are often invited to comment. This gives important feedback to the author and well written comments make the articles far more interesting to readers. Also, by engaging in this conversation, you will strengthen your conservative principles and become better at expressing your unique conservative message. Politics is not a spectator sport. Even if you are not interested in politics, politics is interested in you. We must learn to fight this fight and win.

On November 6 we did not just lose an election, we lost our culture and our country. This has been a long time coming. Our country is not a geographical location, it is a Constitution which is written down. We cannot truly lose it; we must give it away. Our culture is not, as some would have you believe, a white European culture. If this were true, we would be more like Europeans. Our culture is not based on skin pigmentation or a country of origin. It is a set a beliefs about human nature and our relationship with our Creator. We welcome all who share these beliefs. We have provided a process for them to legally become American citizens. Additionally, we freely export these ideas to other countries who wish to emulate our success. Today we must plan a strategy to take back the Senate in 2014, and our country for the long term. We must position ourselves for a 2016 victory which includes someone like Marco Rubio on the ticket. But our major thrust must be to take back the non-governmental institutions and the culture we long ago ceded to the left. We must not allow God to be removed from the courtroom or the schoolroom. We must oppose these affronts to our liberty. We must not depend on elected officials to do this. Historically, we know they do not. We owe it to our children and to the Founders who pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to give us liberty. We can do no less for future generations. ❖

The following article originally appeared on the Tea Party 911 website as a blog post and is reprinted here courtesy of [teaparty911.com](http://teaparty911.com). I wrote it because I was tired of hearing everyone on the left and right parroting this phrase as if it had some deep spiritual meaning.



## War Is Always the Last Resort

“War is always the last resort.” We hear this a lot; it is a constant refrain. Instinctively we all agree; no one wants a war. But what does it really mean, “War is always the last resort?”

The emotional appeal of this statement often masks its almost nonsensical obviousness. What makes going to war the last thing you do is that it is almost always definitive. If what you are looking for is a definitive answer, war should be the first resort; not that we are advocating this policy. It is like the statement, “Whatever you are looking for, it is always found in the last place you look.” Well of course, duh, you stop looking when you find it. It is the definitive nature of finding the object which makes the place you found it the last place you looked. Once you have found the object, why would you continue looking for it?

So it is with war. The victor will determine the resolution of the dispute. Those who say, “War is always the last resort” are usually willing to cede their point in order to avoid going to war to make their point. People who say, “All options are on the table”—we must assume “war” is included in all— are taken far more seriously because they have stated their willingness to do whatever it takes.

In a negotiation, a person who says, “War is always the last resort,” has weakened his own position because, no matter what has already been done, you can always think of something, however improbable, that has not been done. The list of things which can be tried is infinite and war is at the end of this list. War has effectively been taken off the table. In a negotiation, you will be lucky to get your negotiating partner to even listen to you because you have given up all your leverage.

In a negotiation, a person who says, “All options are on the table,” has strengthened his position. He has brought a sense of urgency to the negotiations. You will get your negotiating partners attention and perhaps even his respect for taking this position. In this scenario, negotiations are far more likely to yield a definitive, measurable result.

War *is* the last resort; but not because you are going to try everything on the infinite list first. War is the last resort because when you do resort to it, it will be definitive. Metaphorically, we are told, “War is just another arrow in your quiver.” But to remove it is to remove all the arrows. The only thing you will be left with is the quiver. ❖

### Who said this:

“A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have.”

Answer below the margin on P. 27

## Political Wrap-Up:

Like you, dear reader, I woke up the day after the election in a political "Bizarro World." Allow me to offer a little background.

I am a precinct chair and election judge for my precinct. On election day I was seated next to a poll watcher from an opposition candidate. A voter came in obviously and understandably upset with the President and mentioning him by name. As the election judge, even though I agreed with what the gentleman was saying, I had to ask him not to engage in political discussion while in the polling place. This further upset the man; in fact he came and spoke to me angrily four times after that; two times while in the polling place and two additional times after he left the building and had to come back just to vent. I really felt for the man, a Vietnam vet, and I shared his upset. But I had to maintain order in the polling place. I took comfort in the firm conviction that by that evening he would witness a Romney victory and feel vindicated. The totals from the voting machine in my precinct indicated an 85% to 15% victory for Romney and although I did not expect these type of numbers to hold up nationally, I had faith in the American voter and confidence that the long national nightmare was over. But when I started my car at the end of the evening to return voting materials to the courthouse, I was stunned to hear an awful noise coming from my radio. Now I really felt bad for the man, myself, and for my country. Nothing has been the same since.

Added to the Obama Care cram-down, Fast and Furious cover-up and the Benghazi cover-up, we now have evidence of massive voter fraud, a CIA/military scandal and the most improbable list of replacements for the rats abandoning the Obama ship.

If you think the Benghazi cover-up was improbable before, add what we are being told about Petraeus, Allen and a whole new cast of misfits. They are flooding the zone with nonsense. If they knew what they say they knew about Petraeus when they say they knew it, they would have fired him then. Surely they would have told the President. He is either the most uninformed President ever or the most inept. There are no other choices. And if the President gave orders to protect the personnel under fire as he said he did and this was not done, the President would have fired the person to whom he gave the order. This did not happen. Either the President is lying or he is inept. There are no other choices.

We are told that the CIA Director carried on an illicit relationship and documented it all in emails. Over a decade ago, when I was Director of Customer Service for a small international engineering firm, I told all of my engineers never to put anything in an email or anywhere on their computer that they would not be proud to see printed on the front page of the newspaper. The director of the CIA does not know this? General Allen is in a situation similar to Patraeus's. Is any of this credible?

In 59 precincts in Philadelphia, we are told not a single vote was cast for Romney; Obama received 100% of the vote. In 19 precincts in Cleveland, we are told not a single vote was cast for Romney; Obama received 100% of the vote. This is beyond improbable. As an election official with years of experience I know even if this was the intent of these voters, at least a small number would have selected the wrong candidate by accident. Add to this situation the following; in one county, 108% of registered voters, voted on election day. In another county, 140% of registered voters turned out to vote. As much as I would like to see greater voter participation in my own precinct, I would be embarrassed by these statistics. And finally, a large number of military ballots were not counted because the military did not get them delivered on time. To read of the entire travesty, click [here](#). Is it possible to steal an election in America? Only a moral and decent people can maintain a democratic republic? ▷

Now we are told Susan Rice, current UN Ambassador who, like the President, spent two weeks lying to the American people about what happened in Benghazi, is on track to replace Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. John Kerry who libeled returning Vietnam vets in his testimony before congress is slated to become the Secretary of Defense. Expect re-ups to decline drastically. And it sounds like everybody's favorite, Eric Holder, is holding on.

We suffered more than a political loss on November 6. The evidence is that we have lost the culture. This does not mean the culture war is over, but it does mean the situation is dire and that a political solution is probably not sufficient. In this vein, I am considering taking the SENTINEL in a new direction. Instead of focusing on candidates and issues, I may focus on cultural issues.

How do we restore our religious freedoms? The First Amendment is best known for its language restricting congress from establishing a national religion. But the more important language is its guarantee of free exercise of religion. This applies more to public facilities than to private. How did we ever allow the courthouse, the schoolhouse and the city hall to be stripped of this founding principles? We must wrestle the media from the exclusive domination of the left. Conservatives must either acquire or build alternatives to today's media empires. Union movements are known petri dishes of leftist movements. The "international brotherhood" of anything is an extraAmerican movement. Unionized schools are focused on the plight of the educational establishment, not on the success of the students who move through it. We must replace the socialist leaning public school system with a voucher driven private school system. The university system must be refocused on American progress not on Progressive Americans. Companies should be encouraged to hire applicants qualified to do the jobs required by the company rather than mindlessly hiring college graduates. Our legal system must be focused on justice seekers not fortune hunters. Tort reform must flow from the state level to the federal level. We must demand as a people, through culture not legislation, that adults meet certain standards. No parent should have to avert a curious child's eyes because of the offensive language on a miscreant's t-shirt. We must encourage commitment in marriage as opposed to easy divorce. The family is the building block of all successful cultures. Men and women are as different as spokes and rims but both are necessary to make a wheel and both men and women are necessary to make a family.

As the Tea Party, working from the outside has had a positive influence on the Republican Party, it may be time to consider what secessionist movements have to offer. These are rife with danger, but gain requires risk. Do not place any capital on the Annexation Treaty of 1848. Although it granted the right of Texas to secede, a right granted to no other state, the intervening Civil War and reentrance into the Union involved new agreements which may negate the Annexation Treaty of 1848. You may wish to start your research of this issue by clicking [here](#). Other states have also expressed an interest in secession. A united effort on the part of a number of states is likely to have greater impact. Although I consider this to be a drastic action, the time may have come. Our borders are not protected as required by the US constitution. If citizenship were to be granted by federal authorities, against our will, to persons currently considered foreign nationals, the true sentiments of today's Texas citizens might not be accurately expressed. Time may be of the essence. Of relevance, might be the history of "Bleeding Kansas," which can be found by clicking [here](#).

These are serious issues and the SENTINEL would appreciate hearing the viewpoints of as many readers as possible: [terrellaronspeer@peoplescom.net](mailto:terrellaronspeer@peoplescom.net). ❖

## Quick Comments:

The Snail Hook Scandal is in full swing now. What did the President know, when did he know it and who made the decision not to trouble the Americans citizens about it?

The President did not know about the Petraeus affair. But investigations involved him months before the election. Why is it that the person who should have told the President still has his job?

If Petraeus realized his behavior was so dishonorable he should resign over it, why did it take him two months to decide; after the election but before his testimony before congress. Is Obama the luckiest President ever *or what?*

The President says he gave orders to protect the personnel in Benghazi. Who received this order and why wasn't *he* fired?

Additionally, why, if the President knew early on the nature of the Benghazi attack, why did he insist for weeks the attack was related to an unreleased video?

And, is the current incarceration of the producer of the video in question political or statutory in nature? I did not know that America kept political prisoners.

Now, we are told, the press will pay attention to the Benghazi incident because it involves a sex scandal. If these Bozos are not motivated by four dead American diplomats and patriots, and an obvious Presidential cover-up, why do we believe salacious scandal will bring out angles in the news media? They will cover little more than just the scandal.

The Petraeus scandal will be of no more benefit to the Benghazi investigation than the introduction of Monica Lewinsky was a benefit to President Clinton's impeachment trial for perjury in a court case which denied justice to an American citizen. Clinton only lost his law license which Obama already forfeited. Obama will not even experience this mild slap on the wrist.

Ed Sam, Commissioner (commissar?) over the Pennsylvania Ice Hockey league banned the playing of the National Anthem at games. Due to public outcry, he has now lifted the ban. Am I the only one who has noticed Ed Sam is the spitting image of Joseph Stalin? Is Ed Sam his real name and if you already tend to look like Joseph Stalin do you really want to go with the goatee/mustache combination?



Sandy victims, are still looking for relief. Katrina was handled far more expeditiously than this and George Bush was excoriated. The difference is the party affiliation between the two Presidents. Surely that can't be the reason.

Israel is currently under assault on two fronts: Syria as a byproduct of civil war, and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Add in the increased threat from Iran, the abrogation of the treaty with Egypt and the waning support from the US and you have developing a situation of Biblical proportions.

The President says he is ready to "compromise" with Republicans. Translation - he is ready for Republicans to yield to his every demand. Immediately after saying he was ready to compromise, the President gave a short list of those items that were off the table. It bore a striking resemblance to the short list of items the Republicans say are essential.

To avoid the cliff, don't follow the lemmings.

The Dow is dropping, unemployment is up dramatically and scandals abound. You don't think he lied during the campaign, do you?

Sex, Lies and Video Tape - this administration has got it all. ❖

## Letters to the Editor:

### A.R. comments

October's Presidents message was the best ever.

**We got lots of letters on my email "the Mayans were right." These were all written when we were still hopeful. Cathy wrote:**

Prayer is our last hope for Tuesday. Our priest actually told us today to go "vote with God by your side" and hopefully we will get a new country! Now that is something, since our clergy has said they cannot endorse anyone. But put like that we all got it!

### Ruth Wrote:

Thank you for this! Best explanation of the separation of powers, including the Electoral College, I have read. See you tomorrow night at the square.

### Karen wrote:

Once again, I appreciate your well-worded, concise summary. I hope to join with you and others Monday evening at the Courthouse for prayer. We place our hope in God.

### Helen wrote:

Well-stated, Terrell.

**Bill provided his own version of "Quick Comments" with the following over a series of weeks:**

Since surely they are consistently true to their principles, I can't help but wonder how long it took those pipeline protesters to get here from California on horseback.

It took them 150 years, but through consistent dedicated hard work the progressives have succeeded in changing our Constitutional Republic into a Democracy. The Constitution was written to protect the sheep from the wolves (no matter what the popular vote). On Nov. 6, 2012 the wolves and sheep voted on what to have for dinner and the wolves won.

The current looter/producer ratio is not sustainable. When the looters (government employees and assistance recipients) discover that there are no longer enough producers to support them in the manner to which they have become accustomed Greece happens.

Quote of the day: "We need to fix government the way you fix a cat." - *John Stossel*

If you want to shoot me in the head and I don't want you to, how do we "reach across the aisle", "find common ground", and "compromise"?

**Very pithy. The SENTINEL agrees with all Bill's comments this month. The SENTINEL appreciates all who contribute content and commentary. By this participation the conservative conscience is defined. Participation is both courageous and necessary.**

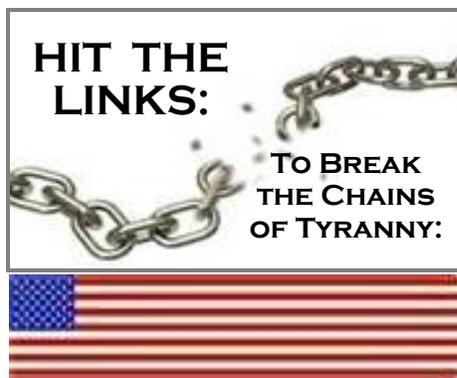
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**Obama's new motto: I've got what it takes, to take what you got.**

Reprinted from my email "The Mayans Were Right" by popular demand:

## On the Electoral College

Those who are critics of the Electoral College may take note that in situations like this 2012 election (and even situations unlike this), the Electoral College is the firewall which limits electoral shenanigans to a single state. No matter how many ballots you stuff in a ballot box in Wyoming, you can't get any more than three Electoral College votes; in Minnesota it would be ten. Recently, I confronted the argument that we elect all our representatives by popular vote and therefore we should do the same with the President. But historically, this was never the Founders' intent. The Founders did all they could to insure there was no single system which could be easily corrupted. Supreme Court Justices are appointed, Presidents are elected by the Electors of the Electoral College, and until 1913, when the seventeenth amendment was passed, Senators were elected by members of State Legislatures, not by popular votes in their own states. Only Representatives to the House were elected directly by popular vote. The effect of the Seventeenth Amendment was to federalize the Congress and to fatally weaken the sovereignty of the State governments which are now little more than a bureaucratic subdivision of the federal government. Before passage of the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment, an out of control Senator could be recalled by the State. By setting up four different systems to populate positions within the federal government, the Founders created a system which would be more difficult to corrupt. The Electoral College is an integral part of this plan. Out with the bath water, but let's keep the baby. ❖



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## Post-Mortem

I am already reading so many pundits and other talking heads analyzing the disaster that was this year's elections. I am adding my own ten cents. Here goes:

### 1. We are outnumbered

We accurately foresaw the enthusiasm, the passion, the commitment, the determination, and the turnout. Married women, men, independents, Catholics, evangelicals – they all went for Romney in percentages as high or higher than the groups which voted for McCain in 2008. It wasn't enough. What we saw in the election on Tuesday was a tipping point: we are now at a place where there are legitimately fewer Americans who desire a free republic with a free people than there are those who think the government should give them stuff. There are fewer of us who believe in the value of free exchange and free enterprise. There are fewer of us who do not wish to demonize successful people in order to justify taking from them. We are outnumbered. For the moment. It's just that simple.

### 2. It wasn't the candidate(s)

Some are already saying, "Romney was the wrong guy"; "He should have picked Marco Rubio to get Florida/Rob Portman to get Ohio/Chris Christie to get [someplace else]." With all due respect, these assessments are incorrect. Romney ran a strategic and well-organized campaign. Yes, he could have hit harder on Benghazi. But for those who would have loved that, there are those who would have found it distasteful. No matter what tactic you could point to that Romney could have done better, it would have been spun in a way that was detrimental to his chances. Romney would have been an excellent president, and Ryan was an inspired choice. No matter who we ran this year, they would have lost. *See #1, above.*

### 3. It's the culture, stupid.

We have been trying to fight this battle every four years at the voting booth. It is long past time we admit that that is not where the battle really is. We abdicated control of the *culture* – starting back in the 1960s. And now our largest primary social institutions – education, the media, Hollywood (entertainment) have become really nothing more than an assembly line for cranking out reliable little Leftists. Furthermore, we have allowed the government to undermine the institutions that instill good character – marriage, the family, communities, schools, our churches. So, here we are, at least two full generations later – we are reaping what we have sown. It took nearly fifty years to get here; it will take another fifty years to get back. But it starts with the determination to reclaim education, the media, and the entertainment business. If we fail to do that, we can kiss every election goodbye from here on out. And much more.

### 4. America has become a nation of adolescents

The real loser in this election was adulthood: Maturity. Responsibility. The understanding that liberty must be accompanied by self-restraint. Obama is a spoiled child, and the behavior and language of his followers and their advertisements throughout the campaign makes it clear how many of them are, as well. Romney is a grown-up. Romney should have won. Those of us who expected him to win assumed that voters would act like grownups. Because if we *were* a nation of grownups, he *would* have won. ▷

But what *did* win? Sex. Drugs. Bad language. Bad manners. Vulgarity. Lies. Cheating. Name-calling. Finger-pointing. Blaming. And irresponsible spending.

This does not bode well. People grow up one of two ways: either they *choose* to, or circumstances *force them* to. The warnings are all there, whether it is the looming economic disaster, or the inability of the government to respond to crises like Hurricane Sandy, or the growing strength and brazenness of our enemies. American voters stick their fingers in their ears and say, "Lalalalalala, I can't hear you."

It is unpleasant to think about the circumstances it will take to force Americans to grow up. It is even more unpleasant to think about Obama at the helm when those circumstances arrive.

#### **5. Yes, there is apparently a Vagina Vote**

It's the subject matter of another column in its entirety to point out, one by one, all of the inconsistencies and hypocrisies of the Democrats this year. Suffice it to say that the only "war on women" was the one waged by the Obama campaign, which sexualized and objectified women, featuring them dressed up like vulvas at the Democrat National Convention, appealing to their "lady parts," comparing voting to losing your virginity with Obama, trumpeting the thrills of destroying our children in the womb (and using our daughters in commercials to do so), and making Catholics pay for their birth control. For a significant number of women, this was appealing. It might call into question the wisdom of the Nineteenth Amendment, but for the fact that large numbers of women (largely married) used their "lady smarts" instead. Either way, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton are rolling over in their graves.

#### **6. It's not about giving up on "social issues"**

No Republican candidate should participate in a debate or go out on the stump without thorough debate prep and a complete set of talking points that they stick to. This should start with a good grounding in biology and a reluctance to purport to know the will of God. (Thank you, Todd and Richard.)

That said, we do not hold the values we do because they garner votes. We hold the values we do because we believe that they are time-tested principles without which a civilized, free and prosperous society is not possible. We defend the unborn because we understand that a society which views some lives as expendable is capable of viewing all lives as expendable. We defend family – mothers, fathers, marriage, children – because history makes it quite clear that societies without intact families quickly descend into anarchy and barbarism, and we have plenty of proof of that in our inner cities where marriage is infrequent and unwed motherhood approaches 80%. When *Roe v. Wade* was decided in 1973, many thought that the abortion cause was lost. 40 years later, ultrasound technology has demonstrated the inevitable connection between science and morality. More Americans than ever define themselves as "pro-life." What is tragic is that tens of millions of children have lost their lives while Americans figure out what should have been obvious before.

There is no "giving up" on social issues. There is only the realization that we have to fight the battle on other fronts. The truth will out in the end.

#### **7. Obama does not have a mandate. And he does not need one.**

I have to laugh – bitterly – when I read conservative pundits trying to assure us that Obama "has to know" that he does not have a mandate, and so he will have to govern from the middle. I don't know what they're smoking. Obama does not *care* that he does not have a mandate. He does not view himself as being elected (much less re-elected) to represent individuals. He views himself as having been re-elected to complete the "fundamental transformation" of America, the basic structure of which he despises. Expect much more of the same – largely the complete disregard of the will of half the American public, his willingness to rule by executive order, and the utter inability of another divided Congress to rein him in. Stanley Kurtz has it all laid out [here](#). ▷

Barak Obama - Proof positive "different isn't always better."

### **8. The Corrupt Media is the enemy**

Too strong? I don't think so. I have been watching the media try to throw elections since at least the early 1990s. In 2008 and again this year, we saw the media cravenly cover up for the incompetence and deceit of this President, while demonizing a good, honorable and decent man with lies and smears. This is on top of the daily barrage of insults that conservatives (and by that I mean the electorate, not the politicians) must endure at the hands of this arrogant bunch of elitist snobs. Bias is one thing. What we observed with Benghazi was professional malpractice and fraud. They need to go. Republicans, Libertarians and other conservatives need to be prepared to play hardball with the *Pravda* press from here on out. And while we are at it, to defend those journalists of whatever political stripe (Jake Tapper, Sharyl Atkisson, Eli Lake) who actually do their jobs. As well as Fox-News and talk radio. Because you can fully expect a re-elected Obama to try to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine in term 2.

### **9. Small business and entrepreneurs will be hurt the worst**

For all the blather about "Wall Street versus Main Street," Obama's statist agenda will unquestionably benefit the biggest corporations which – as with the public sector unions – are in the best position to make campaign donations, hire lobbyists, and get special exemptions carved out from Obama's health care laws, his environmental regulations, his labor laws. It will be the small business, the entrepreneur, and the first-time innovators who will be crushed by their inability to compete on a level playing field.

### **10. America is more polarized than ever; and this time it's personal**

I've been following politics for a long time, and it feels different this time. Not just for me. I've received messages from other conservatives who are saying the same thing: there is little to no tolerance left out there for those who are bringing this country to its knees – even when they have been our friends. It isn't just about "my guy" versus "your guy." It is my view of America versus your view of America – a crippled, hemorrhaging, debt-laden, weakened and dependent America that I want no part of and resent being foisted on me. I no longer have any patience for stupidity, blindness, or vulgarity, so with each dumb "tweet" or FB post by one of my happily lefty comrades, another one bites the dust, for me. Delete.

What does this portend for a divided Congress? I expect that Republicans will be demoralized and chastened for a short time. But I see them in a bad position. Americans in general want Congress to work together. But many do not want Obama's policies, and so Republicans who support them will be toast. Good luck, guys.

### **11. It's possible that America just has to hit rock bottom**

I truly believe that most Americans who voted for Obama have no idea what they are in for. Most simply believe him when he says that all he really wants is for the rich to pay "a little bit more." So reasonable! Who could argue with that except a greedy racist?

America is on a horrific bender. Has been for some time now. The warning signs of our fiscal profligacy and culture of lack of personal responsibility are everywhere – too many to mention. We need only look at other countries which have gone the route we are walking now to see what is in store.

For the past four years – but certainly within the past campaign season – we have tried to warn Americans. Too many refuse to listen, even when all of the events that have transpired during Obama's presidency – unemployment, economic stagnation, skyrocketing prices, the depression of the dollar, the collapse of foreign policy, Benghazi, hopelessly inept responses to natural disasters – can be tied directly to Obama's statist philosophies, and his decisions.

What that means, I fear, is that they will not see what is coming until the whole thing collapses. *That* is what makes me so sad today. I see the country I love headed toward its own "rock bottom," and I cannot seem to reach those who are taking it there. ❖

## White House Stimulus Package

### White House's Top 20 Raises

Name	Title	Salary Increase (2010-11)	% Increase
Matthew Vogel	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC POLICY	\$71,400 to \$130,500	83
Heather Zichal	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE	\$100,000 to \$140,000	40
Kevin Lewis	DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEDIA	\$42,000 to \$78,000	86
Elizabeth Olsen	SPECIAL ASST TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE	\$76,500 to \$110,000	44
Jessica Wright	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING	\$96,900 to \$130,000	34
Lauren Paige	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF MESSAGE PLANNING	\$62,000 to \$95,000	53
Elizabeth Nelson	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING	\$45,900 to \$75,000	63
Ashley Tate-Gilmore	DIRECTOR OF TRAVEL OFFICE	\$45,900 to \$75,000	63
Carlos Monje Jr.	SPECIAL ASST TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL	\$91,800 to \$120,000	31
David Cusack	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ADVANCE AND OPERATIONS	\$102,000 to \$130,000	27
Kimberley Harris	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT	\$130,500 to \$158,500	21
Jonathan Samuels	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND HOUSE LIAISON	\$130,500 to \$158,500	21
Thomas Vietor	SENIOR DIRECTOR AND NATL SECURITY STAFF SPOKESMAN	\$78,000 to \$105,000	35
Frederico Gardaphe	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	\$50,000 to \$75,000	50
Denis McDonough	ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR	\$147,500 to \$172,200	17
Johanna Maska	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADVANCE AND DIRECTOR OF PRESS ADVANCE	\$56,100 to \$80,000	43
Kwesi Cobbina	CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	\$42,000 to \$65,000	55
Semonti Stephens	DEPUTY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	\$53,550 to \$75,000	40
Amanda Anderson	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS ADVISOR	\$60,000 to \$80,000	33
Stacy Koo	DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL	\$55,000 to \$75,000	36
Andrea Turk	DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES	\$50,000 to \$70,000	40

#### In a related story:

Lockheed Martin is going to lay off 123,000 defense workers due to Obama's downsizing of the military. This hit the Drudge report yesterday. This is true!

The law requires Lockheed to give 60-day notice to all to-be-fired employees within 60 days. That drop dead date would be November 1st. Since this would be bad for the election, Obama has promised that our government would cover all Lockheed severance packages to fired employees if Lockheed would not release the names and locations of those losing their jobs until after the election! ❖

<http://thehill.com/blogs/defcon-hill/industry/259517-graham-says-hell-block>

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## Maybe Minorities' Values Need Changing

The most widely offered explanation for Mitt Romney's defeat is that the Republican Party is disproportionately composed of -- aging -- white males.

That is, alas, true.

But the real question is what Republicans should do with this truth.

There are two responses.

The nearly universal response -- meaning the response offered by the liberal media and liberal academics (and some Republicans) -- is that the Republican Party needs to rethink its positions, moving away from conservatism and toward the political center.

The other response is for conservatives and the Republican Party to embark on a massive campaign to influence, and ultimately change, the values of those groups that voted Democrat.

The Democratic Party, and the left generally, have done a magnificent job in identifying conservative values as white male values. One reason for their success is that they dominate virtually every lever of influence -- the high schools and universities, television, newspapers, movies, pop culture and everything else except talk radio. Another is that they really believe that conservative values are nothing more than white male -- especially aging white male -- values. Remember, leftism has its own trinity -- the prism through which it perceives the world -- race, gender and class. In this case the race is white; the gender is male; and the class is rich.

As a result of this identification, there is no debate over whether the minorities' (and single women's) values are correct or whether the values of the white males are correct. The left has successfully forestalled any such national discussion by simply reducing conservative values to the dying fulminations of a former ruling class.

In the words of New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd, "Mitt Romney is the president of white male America." ▷

**This identification seems to be working. But it's intellectually dishonest. Aging white males are as important to the left as they are to the right.**

**In a recent issue of the New York Review of Books, liberal Harvard professor Benjamin M. Friedman strongly criticized the Tea Party. After citing "surveys showing that Tea Party members are 'predominantly white, male, older, more college-educated and better off economically than typical Americans,'" he noted parenthetically "they sound like, say, readers of The New York Review of Books."**

**Come to think of it, these people who make up the tea party also sound like the people who attend classical music concerts, who endow concert halls, museums, hospitals, and universities, and fund left-wing causes (George Soros, for example).**

**Perhaps when this generation of aging white males dies off, aging women, aging Latino and black males, and young people will become the readers of journals such as the New York Review of Books and endow symphony orchestras.**

**I suspect not. And if not, the left may come to regret its contempt for this particular group. Without aging white males, I doubt the New York Times would survive. How many young people, females, Hispanics and blacks subscribe to the New York Times?**

**Obviously the issue for the left isn't aging white males, it is conservatives, whether they are young or old, white or nonwhite, male or female. If female aborigines were conservative, the left would have a problem with female aborigines.**

**For conservatives, the issue is that for generations now, they have failed to make the case for their values. They haven't even conveyed conservative values to many of their children. And when they have, the university has often succeeded in undoing them.**

**The only answer to the "demographic" problem, therefore, is to bring women (single women, to be precise), young people, Hispanics, and blacks to conservative values. I wrote a column in September ("It's not Just the Economy, Stupid!") criticizing the Mitt Romney campaign for only talking about jobs and the economy. President Obama kept saying that this election was about two different visions of America. But like George Herbert Walker Bush, the Romney campaign appeared to disdain "the vision thing."**

**Our only hope for America is that every conservative takes upon him or herself the project of learning what American and conservative values are, ▷**

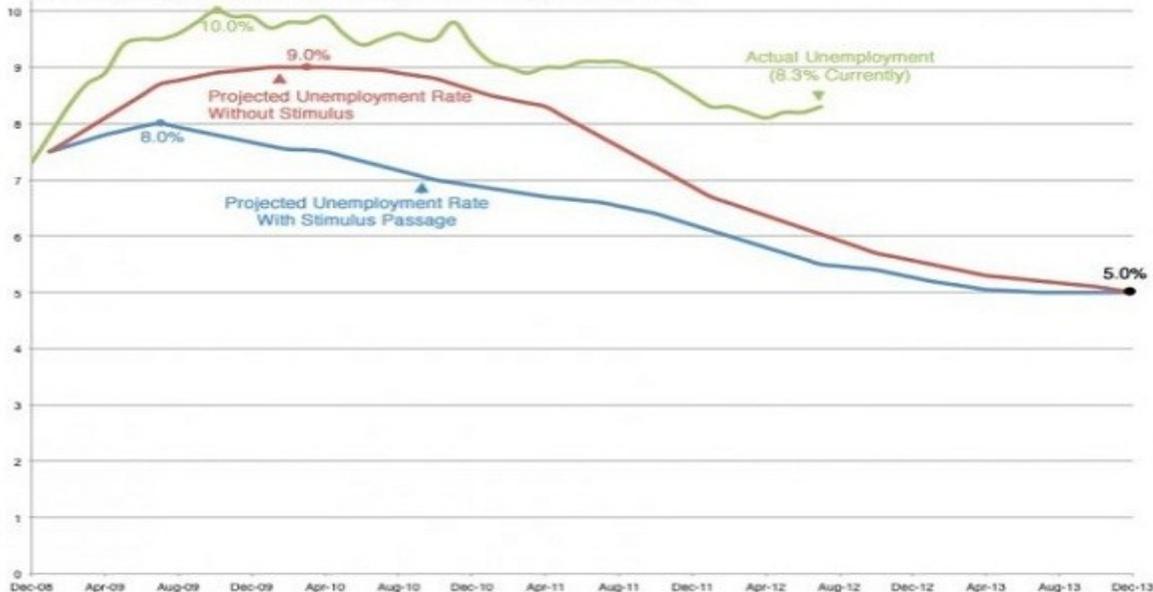
coming to understand what leftism stands for, and learning how to make the case for those values to women, young people, blacks and Hispanics. That is what my radio show, [latest book](#) and Prager University are about. And while I am, happily, hardly alone, there are still far too few of us who understand "the vision thing." Surely the Republican establishment has not.

We should missionize for the American Trinity (Liberty, In God We Trust, E Pluribus Unum) as least as passionately as the left has missionized for its antithesis -- Egalitarianism, Secularism and Multiculturalism. Or we will lose America as we have always known it. ❖



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### Unemployment Rate Projections (vs. Actual)



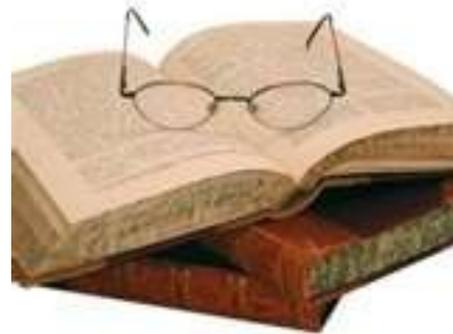
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## BOOK REVIEW:

by: *Jane Byrd*

### Here Come the Black Helicopters! By Dick Morris & Eileen McGann

Dick Morris wants us to remember that, however the Nov. 6 election turns out, there will be a “lame duck” Congress.



Even if Obama is defeated – or *especially* if he is defeated – he and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton plan to use his remaining months in office to push through a series of treaties. Once a treaty is passed, it’s the law of the land – *forever!* “Laws can be repealed, but treaties cannot,” Morris says. (See p. 31 for an explanation of the US Constitution’s supremacy clause.)

Treaties are a favorite way for globalists – like Obama and Clinton – to make an end run around our usual law-making. They aim to transfer US power and assets to the United Nations or to UN-created international agencies.

**Here Come the Black Helicopters** discusses the Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST) – already signed and “up for Senate ratification before the end of the year.”

Also on the globalist agenda are UN control of the Internet and an Arms Trade Treaty (gun control). As if that’s not enough to grab our attention, there are also UN proposals that, if implemented, would tax the US without our approval, supersede our Supreme Court and hamper our defense capabilities. Frightening. Read all about it.

Our **Sen. John Cornyn** was one of 34 senators who, in July, signed onto a letter to Majority Leader Reid, saying they intend to vote *against* the LOST. Not among those 34 LOST opponents is **Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison**. We could contact her. Morris urges Republican clubs to “pass resolutions opposing ratification.”

The UN treaty on gun control will also come before the lame duck Senate this year.

For a detailed description of the UN today, please see Part Ten, p. 137 ff. Please.

Finally, why are “black helicopters” in the book’s title? The “black helicopter crowd” is a term used by liberals and globalists to deride anybody who questions their push for global governance. They use it to imply we’re all crackpots. Morris and McGann throw it right back at them. They believe the threat is real, even if the helicopters are not. ❖



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