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## ***TEA PARTY CELEBRATES 1 YEAR BIRTHDAY!***

### WHERE THE TEA PARTIES SHOULD GO FROM HERE

The power of the movement is its independence from Democrats and the GOP.

By Karl Rove, February 18, 2010

There has been a lot of talk about combining the tea party movement with the Republican Party. And on a small scale, that seemed to happen last week in South Carolina after state GOP representatives agreed to create a "Tea Party Republicans" group to coordinate activities with tea partiers in Greenville and Spartanburg.

This week, however, those arrangements fell apart as some tea party groups dissented from the decision. Other attempts to draw tea party groups into formal alliances are running into similar difficulties. That is a good thing. The tea party movement will be more effective than it otherwise would be if it refuses to allow itself to become an appendage of either major political party.

My advice to them is to keep their distance from any single party and instead influence both parties on debt, spending and an over-reaching federal government. Allowing third-party movements to co-opt the tea partiers' good name, which is happening in Nevada, will only serve to elect opponents of the tea party philosophy of low-taxes and fiscal restraint. It could also discredit the tea party movement.

### RECONCILIATION REFERRED TO AS SIMPLE MAJORITY

Slight of mouth tactics now include 'simple majority' rather than the harsh and easily misunderstood word, reconciliation. Soft-sell is a continuing ploy to keep people from overreacting to 'honest' language .

Reconciliation, was designed for budget issues and not for those disapproved by the majority 'of the American people, such as, the health care bill that affects 1/6th of the countrys' economy. President Obama and supporting liberal politicians, arrogantly, insist on forcing this bill upon the people and stand firmly on the belief that they know what is best for all Americans like a parent over their children.

As Robert Byrd, (D-W.V.), one of the original authors of the reconciliation rule, explained, "Reconciliation was intended to adjust revenue and spending levels in order to reduce deficits...it was not designed to...restructure the entire health care system." He warns that using reconciliation for health care would "violate the intent and spirit of the budget process, and do serious injury to the Constitutional role of the Senate." In fact, in 1985, the Senate adopted the "Byrd rule," which prohibits the use of reconciliation for any "extraneous issue" that does not directly change revenues or expenditures. Clearly, large portions of the health care bill, ranging from mandates to insurance regulation to establishing "exchanges," do not meet that requirement.



### HEALTH CARE BILL MIRED AND TIRED!

February 25th, 2010

This past year we have witnessed the most blatant disregard of the people's voice and also a most distressing disregard for the welfare of this nation due to small minded, pitiful political games. A health care bill that was poorly designed and despite liberal acknowledgement, understood and denied by most Americans. This 'muddy' bill is mired in a sea of rhetoric, ego, power and self righteousness, undermining an oath taken to abide by the Constitution for which those political representatives were elected.

The money wasted in forcing a health care plan that was and is not accepted by most Americans could have been spent 'fixing' some of the existing problems. The wasted time and money could have been invested in cleaning up fraud in Medicare and addressing tort reform as an honest approach to reducing the cost of health care.

The summit displayed the division of political philosophy. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) highlighted the three basic approaches to health reform. The major divisions included, comprehensive legislation versus incremental legislation, starting over versus pressing ahead with the bills passed in House and Senate in December, and a decentralized approach versus a centralized federal solution.

Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI).“---While the President and Congressional Democrats would place more control over Americans' health care in the hands of government officials, Congressional Democrats kept insisting on the need to impose an individual mandate on Americans to buy a government approved level of health benefits. In the outline of his own proposal, released on Monday, the President would add to the federal powers embodied in the Senate bill. The most important would be a new Federal Health Insurance Rate Authority, which would provide federal “assistance and oversight” to the states conducting reviews of “unreasonable rate increases” and “unfair practices” of health insurance plans. This, of course, establishes for the first time a legislative basis for the imposition of price controls on health insurance. If government can control both health benefits and health care pricing, that's the proverbial ball game. Private health care would be “private” in name only.

### OBAMA VOWS MORE TAXING & SPENDING

National Taxpayers Union, by Duane Parde , Wed, 10 Feb 2010

In his State of the Union address, an arrogant President Obama told you, "I don't quit." That means despite what the American people want, he and his ultra-liberal Congressional allies aren't listening. They are going to continue to fight for their Big Government, High Taxing agenda that will leave us and our children broke. Obama's new \$3.8 trillion budget calls for more spending, more taxing and a record deficit: \$1.56 trillion. Contact your Congressman to:

- \* Cut taxes now.
- \* Stop over spending and balance the budget.
- \* Stop buying up American businesses with out tax dollars.
- \* Put Americans back to work or you'll be out of a job on November 2, 2010.
- \* Fight to ensure the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts don't expire.If that happens, you and your family's take home income will behit ... hard! Do you really believe Obama will renew these tax cuts? If we don't rise up today, you and your family will paythousands more in taxes next year!
- \* Fight to have the inheritance tax - the Death Tax -repealed altogether. This tax is the ultimate insult to every family that has worked hard, built a successful small business, ranch, farm or wisely saved and invested over the years to pass along something to their children and grandchildren.
- \* Join with lawmakers in both parties to slash wasteful,pork projects. No more excuses. No more pandering to special interests! Our national debt is climbing to new records daily.America is racing toward our day of economic reckoning. For more than 40 years the National Taxpayers Union has been a powerful voice for smaller government, a balanced budget and, of course, genuine tax reform that will be fairer, simpler, and lower.

See: <http://www.ntu@ntu.org>



## TOYOTA JUST A THOUGHT

PRETEND FOR A MOMENT that there is a group of regional grocery store owners who decide to create a private grocers association. The purpose of the association is to allow members networking opportunities. They hire a president who, as contracted, will provide full-time services to their group. He will be responsible for advertising, coordinating events and promoting the grocery industry image—all under association approval.

Among the members are the 2 largest grocery store chains (store A and store B). Some time goes by when the president, being an opportunist, decides to purchase store A as a ‘silent’ personal investment. He postures to eliminate the competition who owns store B by releasing information to the grocers association that there are complaints against store B regarding the freshness of their vegetables. The association president sends out reporters to interview store B customers to find a small percentage that had, over time, purchased a wilted vegetable. Due to the complaints that have been ‘uncovered’, he convinces the association that they should televise the “scandal” to show that they are protecting the customer’s welfare by exposing store B’s fraudulent behavior. The community is shocked. By now store B has begun to suffer a loss of customers and finds that it will take years to rebuild the once great business.

The outcome of this story is--- Many of the association members are grateful to the association president for protecting their image. The community is pleased that the association has protected them from wilted vegetables. Most of all, the president is happy because he has weakened the competition, owns the largest chain of grocery stores and has proven that his philosophy of manipulation works to control the association.

WHAT DOES THIS SCENARIO HAVE TO DO WITH TOYOTA? Needless to say, Toyota has serious problems. They must find a way to remedy problems with their cars, satisfy their customers and rebuild their image as quality auto makers.

The market works. The court system is there to protect against inequities, insurance coverage offers compensation where applicable and the media keeps the public informed by exposing success and failure. The market will either support the future of Toyota or Toyota will fail. Why is the government who has the controlling interest in GM and Chrysler, involved, and why have “they” turned Toyota into a public side show when the market will respond honestly and appropriately?

Government takeover of private business is a conflict of interest and clearly, unconstitutional while inconsistent with the ideals of a free market.

NOT TO MENTION: The other majority shareholder in GM (also on your dime) is the United Auto Workers union. As Mark Tapscott of The Washington Examiner recently uncovered, 59 Democrats serving on the two congressional panels involved in the investigation of the non-unionized Toyota had received re-election campaign contributions from UAW.

**ETHICS AND THE CONSTITUTION ARE NOT PART OF THE GOVERNMENTS ‘BUSINESS’ MISSION STATEMENT!**

By Nancy Armstrong

## BOOKS

[EVER WONDER WHY?](#) by Thomas Sowell—A compilation of columns. Thomas Sowell is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institute and author of—

[THE HOUSING BOOM AND BUST.](#)

[CONSERVATIVE VICTORY](#) by Sean Hannity Free

Sean Hannity has been sounding the alarms about Obama and his agenda from the start. Now—in his first new book in six years—he issues a stirring call to action. Barack Obama and his radical team of self-professed socialists, fringe activists, and others are trying to remake the American way of life. They have used their new Democratic majority to launch an alarming assault on our capitalist system—while abandoning the war on terror, undermining our national security, and weakening our position in the eyes of our enemies. The “candidate of change” is threatening to change our country irreparably, and for the worse—if we don’t act to stop him now. Also---

[DELIVER US FROM EVIL:](#) Defeating Terrorism, Despotism, and Liberalism, was a blockbuster #1 New York Times bestseller, netting more than half a million copies in hardcover. His first book, Let Freedom Ring: Winning the War of Liberty over Liberalism, was a #2 New York Times bestseller and rode the list for 17 weeks.



### PAYGO IS AN UNWORKABLE GIMMICK

by Brian M. Riedl

Better to focus on real spending caps and other reforms that could actually rein in spending and deficits.

President Obama entitled his budget "A New Era of Responsibility," even though it doubles the national debt. And he claims his health care reform plan will save money, even though it's expected to cost up to \$1 trillion.

The president also misrepresented his proposal to bring back the Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) law that existed in the 1990s. In a White House speech, he defined PAYGO as mandating that "Congress can only spend a dollar if it saves a dollar elsewhere."

PAYGO exempts discretionary spending - that huge chunk of the federal budget (40 percent) that includes defense, education, housing, homeland security and transportation spending. Congress could triple the discretionary budget tomorrow without triggering PAYGO. That's quite a loophole.

The total entitlement spending can continue growing 6 percent annually without triggering PAYGO. Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid can continue down their path to swallow up the entire federal budget.

What's left? PAYGO merely says that if Congress wants to grow total entitlement spending faster than the 6 percent annual rate in the baseline, it must raise taxes accordingly. Or, if it wants to reduce net taxes, it must cut entitlement spending accordingly.

Consequently, PAYGO isn't designed to actually reduce spending or the deficit. It's not even designed to slow their growth. Even with PAYGO, this year's 8 percent growth in discretionary spending (the third consecutive year of such growth), and its \$110 billion growth in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid would require zero offsets. Only the creation of a new entitlement program (or tax cut) would have to be offset.

From 1991 through 2002, PAYGO existed as a statute. It was never enforced. Congress enacted \$700 billion in non-offset entitlement expansions and tax cuts, and then cancelled every single sequestration that would have enforced the law. Congress typically waited until the final spending bill of the year, and then simply added a paragraph mandating that PAYGO not be enforced against any past bills.

The result? Entitlement spending actually grew faster after PAYGO's implementation.

### CONGRESS BROUGHT BACK PAYGO AS A RULE IN 2007.

Instead of sequestrations and scorecards, the rule simply required that each new entitlement-expansion or tax-cut bill be deficit-neutral. The results were the same. After much fanfare, Congress waived PAYGO every time it proved even slightly inconvenient. Even when PAYGO wasn't waived, Congress resorted to gimmicks for compliance. The lawmakers passed an expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP) that scored 10 years of tax increases, but only the first five years of the new spending. They enacted a farm bill with timing shifts, funding cliffs and other gimmicks to create the illusion of deficit-neutrality. Spending skyrocketed and PAYGO was again exposed as a joke, a fraud and a gimmick.

Obama's PAYGO proposal is designed to fail. By walling off nearly all entitlement programs from any possible sequestration cuts that would enforce PAYGO, the president statutorily guarantees that a sizable sequestration cannot occur. So if the massive health care bill isn't deficit-neutral, a PAYGO sequestration (even if allowed) may not be able to fully offset the costs later.

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## THE DISARMING OF AMERICA

The release on February 1 of the president's 2011 budget and the Pentagon's (QDR) Quadrennial Defense Review revealed further demilitarizing of America. The U.S. armed forces have been shortchanged since the end of the Cold War. George W. Bush's decision to surge forces in Iraq in 2007 prompted him to ask Congress to increase the size of the military, adding a mere 37,000 soldiers to the active rolls of the Army. Bill Clinton before him made the largest of the post-Cold War reductions.

But the defense review and budget proposal suggest that the Obama administration will end the era of American superpower. Mead summarized Obama's Jeffersonian approach neatly:

Obama seeks a quiet world in order to focus his efforts on domestic reform--and to create conditions that would allow him to dismantle some of the national security state inherited from the Cold War and given new life and vigor after 9/11. Preferring disarmament agreements to military buildups and hoping to substitute regional balance-of-power arrangements for massive unilateral U.S. force commitments all over the globe, the president wishes ultimately for an orderly world in which burdens are shared and the military power of the United States is a less prominent feature on the international scene.

The QDR's formulation of "America's global role" is telling: Past presidents saw that the integrity of the international system depended upon the resilience of American power. But in the Obama view, international politics is not a competition for power, but an exercise in cooperation. As the review puts it, we "advance our interests by reinforcing the rights and responsibilities of all nations." America's armed forces are significantly smaller than they need to be, and the major weapons systems they operate were fielded in the Reagan years.

Thomas Donnelly of The Weekly Standard reported, Monday, February 15, 2010 See: <http://www.weeklystandard.com>

Report continued---

### MILITARY PREPAREDNESS

The Navy has fallen to less than half of the 600-ship peak of the late 1980s. The Obama administration has slowed the pace of aircraft carrier production, which would be a bigger problem except that the Navy doesn't have enough planes to fill up the decks it has. The Navy is also suffering a serious identity crisis. It should be responding to the rapidly growing capabilities of the Chinese Navy, particularly the massive number of submarines and land-based missiles that pose an imminent and lethal threat to U.S. carriers and surface combatants. But instead of preparing to rule the sea lanes of the western Pacific and the Indian Ocean--where a huge proportion of international shipping passes through several chokepoints--the Navy prepares itself for tsunami relief and the suppression of piracy. There's nothing wrong with providing relief (imagine Haiti without the U.S. Navy) or repelling boarders, but those aren't the primary missions for a "blue-water" navy.

The Air Force also is developing a split personality. It is coming to embrace its small-war role, particularly when it comes to unmanned systems like the Predator. But in almost every other respect, the service has fallen on hard times. The 1990s, the time of Operation Desert Storm and the Kosovo war, look in retrospect like the golden age of airpower. The future looks like a nightmare. The Obama administration's decision in last year's budget to terminate the F-22 Raptor program, combined with technological and program-management problems with the F-35, raises previously unthinkable questions about the American ability to assert air superiority in a modern air defense environment. Another lethal combination--corrupt procurement officials and congressional efforts at procurement "reform"--has delayed by almost a decade the Air Force's replacement of its 40-year-old tanker fleet. The current budget contains, at last, some funding for a new bomber to replace the B-2 and the old B-52, but the money is only for studies; a new bomber, be it manned or unmanned, is decades off.

At least the QDR does not shy from recognizing that "first and foremost, the United States is a nation at war." But this makes its fundamental failing all the more apparent: The review ducks the basic question of defense planning, How much is enough?

There have been four previous QDRs--, Each defined a specific force-sizing construct, most often built around a variant of the traditional "two-war standard," the idea that the U.S. military, with its global responsibilities, needed to be able to conduct at least two large-scale operations at the same time.

Prevail in today's wars. It's hard to argue with this, and indeed Defense Secretary Robert Gates has been stalwart in focusing on "winning the wars we're in," spurring the Pentagon to buy much-needed gear like the MRAP even though it is unlikely to be a long-term asset. And to his credit, President Obama has committed to a "surge"--even going so far as to use that term, with its Bush-era connotations--in Afghanistan, to the great consternation of his leftwing base.



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*Politics is not the art of compromise. Politics is rather the art of principles and the effort to sell them to dissenters both misguided and sincere, by force.*

*Ralph Smeed*

AMENDMENT SEEKS TO DENY VOTER RIGHTS

Boise Guardian , 21 Feb 2010

The Idaho legislature will soon be considering HJR 005 which looks pretty tame at first glance, but it is designed to deny citizens the right to approve long term debt at airports and allow airports to go into the real estate speculation and rental business. Here is the GUARDIAN's take on the bill.

The net effect of this amendment is to deny CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS to citizens. Currently citizens have a right to approve profound long-term debt projects at airports. Without voter assent there will be liens on public property owned by all the citizens of a city.

Here is how it works. When citizens go to the polls and approve a long term debt, they offer the FULL FAITH AND CREDIT of the city. When an entity like an airport enters into debt with future revenues as the sole revenue source to pay the bills, it places the public building or land in jeopardy because public assets are used as collateral for the bonds. Typically, these unsecured bonds come at a higher interest rate than those backed by the full faith and credit of the city—backing obtained only through assent of the voters.

Despite what one of the “trusted” rating agencies may say, it is also a terribly risky investment to purchase bonds when the only safeguard is collateral in the form of a fractional interest in an airport structure which you could never foreclose upon.

As written it appears airports would be able to go into the real estate speculation business—purchasing land, building commercial structures leasing them, AND disposing of them IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. In short, cities will be able to “launder” just about any project through airports or urban renewal agencies without voter approval.

One must also remember that any building owned by the government is EXEMPT from taxes. While a city may charge rent for their airport buildings or land; schools, counties, and other taxing units are deprived of revenue from those structures which are owned by city government.

These amendments are nothing more than get-rich-quick schemes and are not good for the citizens—regardless of the revenue source. They are no doubt encouraged and appreciated by the lending institutions which will benefit from the interest on the unsecured bonds.

Link to HJR 005 Warning, it is slow to load, but eventually comes around.

See: <http://www.boiseguardian.com>

YOUTUBE - THE CENSUS IS GETTING PERSONAL

See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsDhkPym01k&feature=email>



## IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES EVENTS

### Ron Paul is coming!

Ron Paul will be here on March 27. He'll attend a special private reception where we'll honor our Friend of Freedom Lifetime Achievement Award winner (to be announced shortly), and Congressman Paul take questions from the participants, followed by a public speaking engagement. Watch this space for additional details.

### Stephen Moore is coming!

Our first annual banquet will be May 15 in Boise. Moore, of course is the economist, policy analyst and commentator. I've had the opportunity to hear him speak many times and he as impressive and dynamic in person as he is on the TV news shows. The annual banquet is our main event this year, so please help us make it a success. Stay tuned for registration information.

### Legislature

Now, some legislative news. The governor has signed into law House Bill 379 , eliminating state taxpayer support of political parties -- an issue raised in our 2010 Idaho Pork Report . There are still a ton of issues we're tracking at the Statehouse. The Idaho Firearms Freedom Act was introduced on Wednesday. The Idaho Healthcare Freedom Act is on Second Reading in the Senate (meaning the bill is making its way through the process and could be set for a final vote on the floor next week). We're also following issues involving urban renewal, pension funding, budget, taxes, immigration and government transparency (just to name a few).

## STATE ACTIONS

### TWO STEPS FORWARD, ONE STEP BACK

Reported by National Taxpayers Union”

Wed, 17 Feb 2010

### Illinois Piglet Book

Illinois get ready! The Illinois Policy Institute teamed up with the Citizens Against Government Waste and released the 2010 Illinois Piglet Book containing examples of wasteful spending in Illinois. The publication brings to light \$350 million in wasteful spending. (Full disclosure- this may make your blood boil.) Did you know that your tax dollars were used to pay for a Batman gala, car racing, and Hawaiian party decorations among a number of other things? (Okay, now take a deep breath.) Is this the best use of your hard-earned money? These are just a few examples of the things you'll find in the Piglet book. Without this publication, the taxpayer abuse would go unnoticed. Thanks IPI and CAGW for digging up the wasteful spending and bringing it to light!

### Progress in Maryland

The Maryland General Assembly has become receptive to measures dedicated to increased transparency in the legislature. Now, for the first time, committee votes will be posted online, as much of the legislative work is done in committee. Furthermore, a bill has been introduced that would make the Assembly's work more transparent and open. HB 344 would require all legislative hearings to be broadcast on the General Assembly's website. It would also require that committees publish the order in which bills will be heard one day in advance, making it easier for taxpayers to schedule time to sit in on legislative hearings. These are important steps in providing information to citizens that will help them hold their representatives accountable.

### New MHPC Website

The Maine Heritage Policy Center just launched a new website called GreatSchoolsforME.org. It provides taxpayers with a variety of information on Maine schools. Included in the plethora of information are performance data, comprehensive spending data by school district, public school employee payroll information, education reports, and school choice information. This is not just a valuable resource for parents in Maine but for all taxpayers in the state.



TEA PARTY BOISE MEMBER MEETING

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The threat against the very essence and core of what the United States of America exemplifies, is real. Our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were written to prohibit political and judicial manipulations that bespeak oppressive i.e. big government. This is a Republic (dictionary: A state in which supreme power is held by the people---). We are a nation suffering a threat from within.

If we, in our home towns, our state and nation, are subjugated by the government, our dollar weakened, property diminished, and spirit depressed, does it not indicate that we must act with stronger resolve and greater passion to dismantle the foes of freedom. Contact your congressmen and senators in Idaho. Let them know how they are doing and what you believe will promote freedom from big government. Invite them to join us at Tea Party Boise. Encourage your friends to do the same.

- CONTINUE TOWN HALL MEETINGS,
- WRITE AND CALL STATE REPRESENTATIVES & SENATORS
- CONTACT THE GOVERNOR
- SUPPORT WITH YOUR REOURCES ORGANIZATIONS THAT IMPACT PUBLIC OPINION.
- VOTE!

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Ralph Smeed's billboard located off highway I-84 has posted humorous, politically inspired quotes since the early 1980s.

Ralph loves to wake people up, even when they don't agree.

"PRESIDENT OBAMA IS NOT ONLY VERY MUCH A SOCIALIST  
BUT MOSTLY REPUBLICAN 'LEADERHIP' IS TOO COWARDLY  
TO SAY IT OUT LOUD,  
WHY?"