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LOCAL NEWS

Beer, Brats and Politics - October 18

The annual Beer, Brats and Politics rally will be Monday, October 18, 2010, 6:00pm at the Plantation Club.. Local Republican candidates will be available to answer your questions and anxious to hear your opinions on the issues.

This event started at Delegal Marina with a mini-cocktail party of cheese and jug wine, and later upgraded to "Wine and Cheese" at Marshwood. As attendance grew, it moved to the Plantation Ballroom and switched to a quasi-dinner of "Beer and Brats".

In the past, SIRC members were admitted free. However, rising costs over the years means that current costs could severely restrict amounts available for a primary mission: donations to candidates. Hence members now pay \$10 a person and non-members \$20.

Hope to see you Monday, October 18. Invite some non-member friends as well. For reservations or more information, please email Tom Osborn at tomosborn@bellsouth.net, or call at 598-1799. Checks in advance should be dropped in his tube at 5 Seafarer's Circle.

Savannah Tea Party Rally - October 17

Candidates Rally is Sunday, Oct. 17, 4:00pm, Lake Mayer. All candidates on our Chatham County ballots have been invited to meet voters and expand on the issues. Featured speakers are: Congressman Jack Kingston; 12th District Congressional Candidate Ray McKinney; and Melvin Everson, member of Georgia's Republican Black Caucus.

Entertainment begins at 3:30 (Walt Peter's Patriotic Rambling Band). At 4:00pm talk show host Bill Edwards and Teen Age Republicans of Savannah will recall the Glenn Beck August 28 Rally in Washington, DC. where they were not permitted to sing the National Anthem at the Lincoln Memorial as it was "an inappropriate activity" according to park security.

Tea Party T Shirts (\$15.00) will help support future events. Mail donations to Savannah Tea Party to: 7 Sedgewater Retreat, Savannah, GA 31411. For more information contact Marolyn Overton 598-7358 marolynoverton@yahoo.com or Jeanne Seaver 663-8728.

Early Voting Available Until October 22

Early voting may be done at the Elections Board at 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite F, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00pm.

New SIRC Website

Our new website is up and running. The site, designed by SIRC website manager Angie Stewart, is: skidawayrepublicanclub.com.

Key Future Dates

October 17 - Savannah Tea Party - 4:00pm, Lake Mayer
October 18 - Annual SIRC Beer & Brats Party - 6:00pm, Plantation Club
November 2 - Election Day
February 21 - Presidents Day Dinner, 6:00pm, Plantation Club

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Political Correctness

Over the past several years I have become more and more disturbed about the use of “political correctness” (PC) in our language and overall culture. Wikipedia defines “political correctness” as “language, ideas, policies, and behavior seen as seeking to minimize social and institutional offense in occupational, gender, racial, cultural, sexual orientation, disability, and age-related contexts.”

In effect, it has become an attempt by a minority to coerce the majority into suppressing contrary opinions and thus making independent thought less acceptable. It serves to inhibit free speech through intimidation, and has little value to justify this restriction.

How Did This Happen?

It is not just a function of language, per se, but truly a reflection and culmination of a number of divergent societal events that have occurred over the last 60 years. Its origins could well be a result of Dr. Benjamin Spock’s teachings to accommodate children’s feelings and cater to their preferences, which became a national child rearing thesis beginning in the late 1940’s. No longer was it important to teach self-denial and respect for authority in bringing up your child. Spock parents taught self-indulgence instead of self-control. As a result, some children came to accept personal gratification as a “right.” Home life now came to reflect narcissism, entitlement and victim thinking. Personal responsibility and respect for self and others - key elements of proper parenting - became a thing of the past.

In the 60’s and early 70’s, the feminist movement launched a campaign to eliminate gender-based terms from the language. In 1975, the National Council of Teachers of English fell into the politically correct line (although that term had not been defined).

About the same period, Dr. Martin Luther King’s civil rights movement was successful in promoting equality of opportunity and justice for all blacks. In its favor, the PC movement helped to downplay the use of demeaning racial epithets from our language. Unfortunately, it has sometimes been abused by some so-called black leaders (e.g. the NAACP, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and the Congressional Black Caucus), who take “racial offense” at anyone who disagrees with their own agenda, thus playing the “race card” as a tactic to try to win a public opinion argument.

Other minorities such as gay right advocates also use the PC card to attack traditional views, hoping that changing the language will ultimately change society. Labeling people “homophobic” is often a way to ignore the substance of those people’s arguments.

Thus, it has gotten to the point that real solutions to minority problems in this country may be thwarted. Some

people may not even enter the public debate for fear of being labeled as prejudiced or worse. Ironically some minorities are free to “name call” their opponents. Thus PC may have inhibited the majority from even entering the discussion.

Extent of Societal Restrictions and Changes

Educational curricula, at all levels, have been subject to reform in order to utilize currently fashionable and progressive ideas rather than the factual teaching of history and current events.

Family life has also become a victim of the PC movement. Over the years, the traditional role of a father has been minimized and that of the single mother (many with multiple children) has been accepted if not glorified. This even in light of extensive studies that confirm the best outcome for children occurs in families with both an actively participating father and mother.

Since the late 1980’s, the political-left has asserted that those on the political-right have used the term in an attempt to distract attention from substantive debate about discrimination and unequal legal treatment, thus re-framing U.S. politics as a culture war.

As our country is exposed to Islamic terrorism, both abroad and at home, we are told that we should be sensitive (tolerant) of the Islamic religion as this will counter the extremist momentum. This is proffered even as the majority of muslims have been consistently silent on their radical brethren’s activities from the events of 9/11 to the present dispute over the construction of a major Islamic mosque adjacent to Ground Zero in New York City.

How Do We Counter It?

Most of us would not intentionally offend our friends, neighbors or others. However, in our language we have adopted the intentional parsing of our words with specific deference to the subject sensitivities – at the expense of other considerations. In our everyday life, we have gone overboard with actions/responses such that we can never be accused of offending or discriminating against anyone.

These actions are truly counterproductive to the real solution relating to the problems we face of prejudice, racism, inequality and partisan politics. Such issues can only be solved through open, honest dialogue, however uncomfortable it may be at times.



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Thank Obama for the GOP Revival

Republican gains on the state level could change the political map for years to come.

By Kimberly A. Strassel, 10/1/10, online.wsj.com

The Obama White House is getting gripes from party members about how its agenda may cost Democrats the House, or even the Senate, this fall. Come Nov. 3, the bigger criticism may be the extent to which the White House has cost Democrats their grip on the electoral map—not just this cycle but for some time to come.

The 2008 Obama victory was followed by that great wash of literature hailing a Permanent Democratic Majority. The electoral map showed Democrats ascendant in vast swaths of the country—the Midwest, the Rocky Mountains, and states such as Virginia and North Carolina. Republicans looked more like a shrunken, rump party of the South.

In his *New Republic* piece, "America the Liberal," John Judis wrote that the Obama win was a culmination of a "Democratic realignment" long in the making; conservatism was kaput. Demographer Ruy Teixeira, in a paper titled "New Progressive America," feted the spreading blue map and its durability.

Asked if Republicans might "come back," Mr. Teixeira explained the GOP had "nothing much to sell" and wouldn't until it had jettisoned "outdated ideology." Until then, the "long-term shifts" would "advantage the progressive side of politics."

Or not. Take a look at the map today. Go to RealClearPolitics.com, which offers three clever electoral maps—one each for House, Senate and gubernatorial races. Each is shaded red or blue based on the latest averages of polls. They are extraordinary. If the current blowback against Democrats holds, the electoral map come Nov. 3 will again be a vast expanse dominated by red, with Democrats again pushed back to their coastal strongholds.

This is President Obama's (and Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid's) legacy to their party. All the more humiliating because the Republican Party had indeed lost its way. With each election the GOP resorted more to rallying a shrinking base. Had the president abided by his own campaign rhetoric—to act as a consensus-oriented bridge-builder—the GOP would have struggled to change the dynamic.

Instead, the administration's policies have prolonged economic misery, leading to skyrocketing unemployment in crucial electoral areas. Its radical and partisan agenda has unnerved and angered key voting groups. Americans want it to stop, and so it turns out Republicans have something to "sell" after all: That they aren't the "progressive side of politics."

It's the president who showed the GOP a way out of the wilderness. He couldn't have provided a better message. Republicans are always at their best, always throwing up the broadest tent, when they talk sense on the econo-

my—free markets, the need for growth, the problems of overspending.

Republicans are storming back into Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Colorado, Virginia—all states that swung for Mr. Obama in 2008, many the supposed building blocks of that permanent Democratic majority. The administration has, if anything, given the GOP an opening in areas it hasn't played seriously in for years—Illinois, New Jersey and Connecticut. Hoggish public unions helped here, too.

Mr. Obama's other gift to Democrats is that he's managed all of this in a year ending with "0." We just had a census. Come 2011, state legislatures and governors will use the results to redraw congressional lines. The party that controls the state is able to draw the lines in ways that benefits its side for the next 10 years.

And as big as the GOP revival is looking nationally, it's looking even bigger from a state level. Republicans are expected to finish this election with between 30 and 36 of the governorships. The Republican State Leadership Committee, which backs state legislative candidates, is already claiming victory in six state chambers and estimates that another 11 are in play.

More important is where these gains take place—Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, for starters. These are states expected to lose House seats because of the census, and the GOP may control the cutting. Or, consider this: Of the 75 most competitive House districts, 35 are in areas where Republicans feel confident they will take control of a legislative chamber. The GOP could be redrawing the map in its favor for nearly half the nation's swing districts.

Redrawn districts are no guarantee that the GOP—which still has much to prove—will keep seats. But they would give the party a toehold to turn a 2010 revival into something more lasting. And local wins give it a stronger base from which to operate against Mr. Obama in the 2012 election. All of this clearly worries the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, which recently blasted out this email: "Anyone who cares about the long-term well-being of the Democratic Party knows that this fall, the smart money is in state legislative races."

There are no guarantees. Mr. Obama is trying to rally his base; maybe he will. Republicans are trying not to blow it; maybe they will. But should this prove a Democratic bust-up, the least the GOP can do is send the president a thank you.



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Why Dems Are Going Down in November

By Arnold Ahlert, 9/30/10, realclearpolitics.com

Unless something totally unforeseen occurs, Democrats are poised to take a real beating in November. Their response to the impending disaster has run the gamut. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi is in denial: "One thing I know for sure is that Democrats will retain their majority in the House of Representatives." Massachusetts Senator John Kerry is condescending: "We have an electorate that doesn't always pay that much attention to what's going on, so people are influenced by a simple slogan rather than the facts or the truth or what's happening." President Obama is angry: "It is inexcusable for any Democrat or progressive right now to stand on the sidelines in this midterm election." Why is the electorate ready to kick Democrats to the curb?

Here's why:

An "Unstimulated" Economy

The original Mother of All Stimulus packages, \$787 billion dollars, quickly grew to an astounding \$865 billion. It wasn't enough. Congress pumped out another \$26 billion in "supplemental" stimulus in August. The results? Unemployment in the private sector remains well above the eight percent Democrats promised, even as public sector workers who support Democrats were rewarded; our Democratically-controlled Congress has amassed more debt in the last four years than nearly the previous two hundred and thirty combined; the Keynesian economic model Democrats stand by is a colossal failure; the Summer of Recovery was a propaganda fiasco.

The Health Care Bill

The absolute epitome of ideological, public-be-damned arrogance. A horrendous compendium of bribes, exploding bureaucracy, runaway costs, written in secret and unread by those who passed it. It includes a mandate, likely un-Constitutional, forcing people to buy health insurance or pay a fine. The same administration which originally claimed the commerce clause of the Constitution made such a fine possible is now saying that the federal government's "power to tax" justifies it. Irrelevant. 60% of Americans want this monstrosity repealed, ASAP.

The Federal Lawsuit Against Arizona.

Again, it's the arrogance, stupid. Despite all the hectoring from Democrats and the Obama administration about racist this, and xenophobic that, fair-minded Americans recognized four things: people have a right to protect their life and property, and if the federal government can't or won't do it, they have a right to do it themselves; the idea that anyone opposing the "rights" of illegal aliens is a bigot is nonsense on stilts; the ruling class in Washington, D.C. is holding genuine border control hostage to "comprehensive reform;" the glaring double-standard of suing Arizona for violating federal

immigration statues, even as the feds turn a blind eye to hundreds of "sanctuary cities" with illegal protection directives unquestionably in conflict with federal law.

The Demonization of the Tea Party Movement

Take your pick: tea-baggers, racists, angry white men, fringe elements, bigots, Astro-turfers, etc. etc. Democrats and the media have tried every one, and every one has been a miserable failure for one overwhelmingly simple reason: decent Americans know they're decent, and getting insulted by Democrats running the country into the ground has only stiffened their resolve. Progressives want to demonize people who believe in smaller government, fiscal responsibility and a desire to return to Constitutional principles? Why not attack people who believe in guns, and religion too? Oh wait. The president already did that as well.

A Hopelessly Compromised Media

Air America tanked, CNN is tanking, and ABC, NBC and CBS news programs have been shedding viewers at historically unprecedented rates—even as Fox and the Wall Street Journal prosper. Americans don't mind people in the media expressing their opinions, as long as they're characterized as opinions, but they seethe when such opinions are portrayed as "hard news." They get even angrier when certain stories are "omitted" by those same organizations, especially when Americans recognize such omissions are calculated to protect the progressive agenda. I wonder if it occurs to either Democrats or their media water-carriers that a majority Americans may savor whacking both groups in November. Depressed looks on the faces of Nancy Pelosi and Katie Couric? In theater circles, that's known as a "two-fer."

The Ground Zero Mosque

Yet another reminder of the contempt progressives and their media enablers have for ordinary Americans who had the "temerity" to allow their feelings to be known. Despite every attempt to characterize these Americans as Islamo-phobic bigots, the public wasn't buying, again for one overwhelmingly simple reason: decent Americans once again demonstrated their decency by separating the legality of the project from the appropriateness of it.

The Complete Disconnect Between the First Family and Ordinary Americans

The golfing, the soirees, and the high-priced vacations have created the perception that we are living through another "let them eat cake" moment in history. On Tuesday, the president called the public schools in Washington, D.C. a "'struggling' system that doesn't measure up to the needs of first daughters, Sasha and Malia."

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Those would be the same public schools Congressional Democrats tossed 3,300 low-income kids back into when they killed funding for vouchers that had freed those kids from D.C.'s educational ghetto.

The First Lady is hectoring Americans to eat healthier. Perhaps more Americans would if they could afford to: the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) stated in their Producer Price Index that the price of food increased 2.4% for March 2010. That's the biggest increase in almost 30 years.

The War on Terror

A politically correct contingency operation against unnamed insurgents with a specific draw-down date? Democrats once again prove that all the talk about Afghanistan being the "good war" was complete rubbish. They want out, and victory-along with the heroic efforts of our men and women in harm's way-be damned. Once again: has America ever fought another war where they knew the exact location of the enemy, had the ability to inflict possibly irreparable damage on them-and decided to split the difference instead? If you answered "Vietnam," another progressively-instigated catastrophe resulting in the deaths of fifty-eight thousand American soldiers and three million innocent Asians, go to the head of the class. And when is that civilian trial of the 9/11 perpetrators scheduled to begin?

Czars and Nationalization

The Obama administration and Congressional Democrats may bristle when Americans call them socialists, but the nationalization of banks, car and insurance companies, student loans and healthcare sure isn't free-market capitalism. Neither is wiping out oil jobs in Louisiana with a government-mandated ban on off-shore drilling-after the feds completely bungled their role in cleaning up the spill which engendered it. Unelected czars who answer to no one but the president, along with out-of-control government agencies such as the EPA have made it clear to many Americans that this administration often considers Congress a completely unnecessary component of governance, especially if they don't kowtow to the president's agenda.

"Unexceptional" America

Progressive contempt for the values and traditions which make this the greatest country on earth can no longer be disguised. An American president who "believe(s) in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism" has made it plain that this is not a great nation which needs tweaking, but a fundamentally flawed one needing a complete progressive make-over. Once one understands this basic premise, everything this administration and Democratically-controlled Congress does makes sense. All of it centers around the ridiculous premise

that America owes the world an apology for any number of shortcomings, many of which can only be alleviated by government-mandated "social justice." That would be the same social justice which demanded-and still demands-that Americans manifestly unqualified to own homes be given mortgages, regardless.

Unknown to the majority of Americans, this precise mindset was part of the financial "reform" bill which also requires banks to lend a certain percentage of capital to minority-owned businesses, even if it means lowering their lending standards. Apparently progressives won't be satisfied with their odious social-engineering schemes until every sector of the American economy bears a striking resemblance to the housing sector. So far, Americans support financial reform because it's been framed as "Main Street versus Wall Street." It's not. Like every other initiative undertaken by this Congress and this administration, it's the elevation of irresponsible and dishonest Americans over those willing to accept the consequences of their own behavior.

There you have it. Democratic control for four years in Congress, and two in the White House has been exactly what many predicted: an ideologically-driven disaster of epic proportions. For years, progressives obfuscated their true intentions, because even they knew most Americans couldn't stomach them. The elections of 2006 and 2008 changed everything. Progressives bought into their own hype, believing they had pulled off a multi-generational transformation of the American mindset. As a result, they showed Americans their true colors: unbridled arrogance, utter contempt for the average citizen's intellect, and a ham-fisted, never let a crisis go to waste determination to bend the electorate to their will, using government as a club.

That's why they're going down in November. And the most satisfying aspect of the whole scenario is this: despite every attempt they've made to blame anyone and everyone else for their problems, they brought it on themselves.



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Why Is He Sending Them?

President Obama lacks the will to fight in Afghanistan. By Charles Krauthammer, 10/1/10, nationalreview.com.

From the beginning, the call to arms was highly uncertain. On Dec. 1, 2009, commander-in-chief Barack Obama orders 30,000 more Americans into battle in Afghanistan. But in the very next sentence, he announces that an American withdrawal will begin after 18 months.

Astonishing. A surge of troops — overall, Obama has tripled our Afghan force — with a declaration not of war, but of ambivalence. Nine months later, Marine Corps Commandant James Conway admitted that this decision was “probably giving our enemy sustenance.” This wasn’t conjecture, he insisted, but the stuff of intercepted Taliban communications testifying to their relief that they simply had to wait out the Americans.

What kind of commander in chief sends tens of thousands of troops to war while announcing in advance a fixed date for beginning their withdrawal? One who doesn’t have his heart in it. One who doesn’t really want to win but is making some kind of political gesture. One who thinks he has to be seen as trying but is preparing the ground — meaning, the political cover — for failure.

Until now, the above was just inference from the president’s public rhetoric. No longer. Now we have the private quotes. Bob Woodward’s book, *Obama’s Wars*, drawing on classified memos and interviews with scores of national-security officials, has Obama telling his advisers: “I want an exit strategy.” He tells the country publicly that Afghanistan is a “vital national interest,” but he tells his generals that he will not do the kind of patient institution-building that is the very essence of the counterinsurgency strategy that Generals McChrystal and Petraeus crafted and that he himself adopted.

Moreover, he must find an exit because “I can’t lose the whole Democratic party.” This admission is the most crushing of all.

First, isn’t this the party that in two consecutive presidential campaigns — John Kerry’s and then Obama’s — argued vociferously that Afghanistan was the good war, the right war, the war of necessity, the central front in the War on Terror? Now, after acceding to power and being given charge of that very war, Obama confides that he must retreat lest that very same party abandon him. What happened in the interim? Did it suddenly develop a faint heart? Or was the party disingenuous about the Afghan war all along, using it as a convenient club with which to attack George W. Bush over Iraq, while protecting Democrats from the charge of being reflexively antiwar?

Whatever the reason, is it not Obama’s job as president and party leader to bring the party with him? This is the man who made Berlin coo, America swoon, and the Nobel committee lose its mind. Yet he cannot get his own party to follow him on what he insists is a matter of vital national interest?

Did he even try? Obama spent endless hours cajoling and persuading individual members of Congress to garner every last vote for health-care reform. Has he done a fraction of that for Afghanistan — argued, pleaded, horse-traded, twisted even a single arm?

And what about persuading the country at large? Every war is arduous and requires continual presidential explication, inspiration, and encouragement. This has been true from Lincoln through FDR through Bush. Since announcing his Afghan surge, Obama’s only major speech that featured Afghanistan was an Oval Office address about America’s leaving Iraq — the Afghan part being sandwiched between that and a long-winded plea for his economic policies.

“He was looking for choices that would limit U.S. involvement and provide a way out,” writes Woodward. One can only conclude that Obama now thinks Afghanistan is a mistake. Maybe he thought so from the very beginning. More charitably and more likely, he is simply a foreign-policy novice who didn’t understand what this war was about until being given the authority and duty to conduct it — and then decided it was all a mistake.

Fair enough. But in that case, what is he doing escalating it?

Senator Kerry, now chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, asked many years ago: “How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?” Perhaps Kerry should ask that of Obama.

“He is out of Afghanistan psychologically,” says Woodward of Obama. Well, he may be out, but the soldiers he ordered to Afghanistan are in.

Some will not come home.



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PERSPECTIVE on Obama vs Reagan

Obama vs. Reagan

by Lauren Levin, 10/03/2010, HumanEvents.com

Vice President Joe Biden recently announced that "there's no possibility to restore 8 million jobs lost in the Great Recession." In essence, Biden is admitting that despite all the profligate spending and redistribution of wealth that are the hallmarks of the Obama Administration—with its massive inter-generational deficits—Obamanomics is a failure.

When will liberal Democrats learn that prosperity is created by unleashing the free market, not smothering it?

I was only two years old when President Reagan left office. While I may not remember his term, between listening to my dad's radio show and reading multiple books about his presidency I know Obama could do well to implement some of the same ideas Reagan had when it comes to tackling harsh economic issues.

The phrase "Great Recession" is an Obama Administration term intended to give the impression that when Barack Obama came to office, the nation faced the greatest economic challenges since the Great Depression. Actually, Ronald Reagan faced a much more daunting situation when he first took the oath of office. In 1981, the country was faced with double-digit unemployment, interest, and inflation rates, which Reagan inherited from the Carter Administration.

Unlike Obama, Reagan rightly believed that these miserable conditions were created by too much government spending, taxing, and regulating. So, he immediately took steps to unravel these policies in order to promote wealth creation, investment, capital formation, and ultimately jobs.

Reagan fought for the passage of the Kemp-Roth bill, which cut federal income tax brackets by 25% over three years, he indexed the rates against creeping inflation, he encouraged capital investment by instituting a 10% credit investment tax credit and he accelerated the ability of businesses deduct the depreciated value of their equipment to make it less expensive to build and expand.

As Reagan often said, and as the magnet on my refrigerator reads: Government is the problem not the solution. And he understood the solution to a recession was not more government but more capitalism. Inflation dropped from 13.5% in 1980 to 4.1% in 1988. Interest rates fell from 18% in 1981 to 8% in 1987. Unemployment went from nearly 10% during Reagan's first year to 5.5% when he left office. The Reagan economic plan created millions of jobs and trillions of dollars in wealth.

In stark contrast, Obama's reliance on Big Government has been a disaster. He has exploited the recession to "justify" a rash of horrendous spending and entitlement

bills that have further weakened the private sector and obstructed future economic growth.

For example, Obama's \$787 billion stimulus plan was supposed to keep unemployment from exceeding 8%. Today, four months after the bill's passage, unemployment is nearly 10%. And virtually all employment growth has occurred in the federal government, much of which includes temporary census jobs. In addition, Obama's budgets will result this year in a record-breaking \$1.56 trillion deficit, beating even last year's then unprecedented \$1.41 trillion gap, and this does not include "emergency" spending bills to cover Medicare reimbursements to doctors, mortgage assistance, and further unemployment compensation.

Meanwhile, Obama has signed into law the biggest entitlement program ever—Obamacare. Even now, all the details and consequences of this 2,700 page bill are not fully understood, but this much we do know: it's a job and business killer.

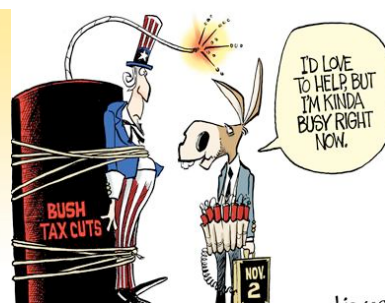
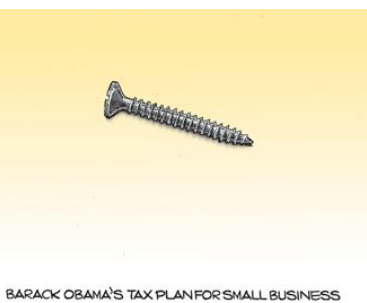
Since most businesses will be required to pay more on health benefits for their employees, or pay a tax if they fail to do so, the cost of hiring new employees or maintaining existing workforces will be extremely difficult as this recession continues. And many of the worst aspects of this law, including new taxes and tax increases, kick in over a period of years. This means people are not investing as they might have out of fear Obama will continue to tax, regulate and otherwise penalize them.

The most serious problem, of course, is that Obama's policies are not aimed at improving the economy. They are intended to expand government. And this is why Obama is no Reagan. Reagan was a hugely successful President and Obama will not be, and this recession shows no signs of waning any time soon. Reagan believed in the people, private property rights, and adherence to the Constitution. Obama believes in taxing, spending, and acquiring power.

Though my generation may not be old enough to actually remember what President Reagan did for our country, we can still learn from his legacy and use his example as a guidepost for future leaders of this nation, rather than elect people like Obama to ruin it.



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Duncan, Max & Trilby	Lindholm, Cliff & Karen	Peterson, Russ & Louise	Ulmer, Bill & Patty
Emery, Jim & Melissa	Loupee, Jerry & Bonnie	Pierce, Joan	Walters, Mike & MaryAnne
Faircloth, Bob & Jean	Luck, Carolyn	Powell, Donald & Phyllis	Wentworth, Will & Priss
Farster, John	Lutton, James D.	Protz, Jane	Wettengel, Phillip & Sue
Forssell, Mark & Shirley	Marley, David & Sara	Rhea, Bud & Dorothy	White, Don & Beverly
Friday, Marc & Laura	McEachern, John & Lisa	Robey, Lee & Betty	Witsell, Edward & Ethel
Guira, Alex & Anne	McKenzie, Herb & Joan	Robinson, Mack & Lois	Wiebe, John & Linda
Gilliam, Joe & Laura	McLaughlin, Sam & Barbara	Rosefield, Sara	Wilson, Frederick & Louise
Glaize, Brad & Tonya	Meeker, Jack & Jean	Sapp, Greg & Theresa	Winnert, Ken & Mary Lee
Goldman, Jerry & Suzy	Meng, Bob & Beverly	Schoenecker, John & Kathy	Wisembaker, Gary & Jeannie
Guira, Alex & Anne		Scott, John & Yvonne	