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Dear Fellow Republicans,

Thanks to all who attended and participated in making our June picnic on Manasota Key a success.

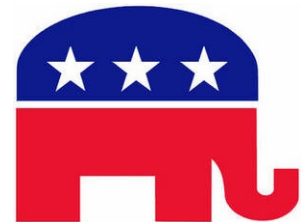
A special thanks to Nina & Paul Stamoulis for arranging the use of their club, and thank God for the fantastic weather. I would be remiss without mentioning the outstanding preparation and cooking by Peter & Tami Watson, along with Denny Curtis and Lou Spacco. A special kudo to Chris Constance for his bartending skills.

Now we turn the calendar to July. Last year we had our first WCCRC golf outing. Due to its success we are having one again on July 17th at Lemon Bay Golf Course. The event will include a continental breakfast, lunch and prizes, all for \$40 per player. Non-golfers are welcome to attend and cheer on all the duffers as they hack their way through 18 holes.

Join us for lunch afterward. The \$15 non-golfers fee includes lunch and the use of a golf cart, so come and enjoy the day, the scenery and the wildlife this Audubon Certified golf club has to offer. Bring a camera, take pictures and join the fun.

On a more serious and political note, I want to praise the members who attended the Charter Review Commission meetings and spoke out against single member districts and opposed a non-partisan Supervisor of Elections. Stay involved, go to meetings, and be sure to vote. Your voice counts.

Thank you,
Ray Corcoran, Pres. WCCRC



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★ **Membership Drive, Special Deal for membership meetings.** ★
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★ We are currently starting a membership drive, and we have a special offer to our members: If you ★
★ bring in a new member (someone or a family that has not been a member in the past) **You and** ★
★ **the new member eat for free!** ★
★ This is limited to one meal for the current member and one meal for the new member. If you have ★
★ 2 in your party and 2 in the new member party only a total of 2 get to eat for free out of the 4. This ★
★ is a 50 to 100% meal discount based on the number in the party. ★
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Next Meeting July 20th

Menu Choices:

- Crab Salad**
- Meatloaf or**
- Baked Cod**

For reservations: Denny Curtisdcurtis@ewol.com
(941) 697-6274

Please get reservations in by Sunday July 18th

Program for July Meeting

The speaker for our July meeting will be State Representative Ken Roberson. Ken will give us a legislative update.

West Charlotte County Republican Club Golf Outing

July 17th
9 a.m. Shotgun



Lemon Bay Golf Club

9600 Eagle Preserve Dr.

Englewood, FL 34224

Continental Breakfast

Lunch

Prizes – Individual & Team

Format: 2 Best Ball of the Foursome

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Remember 9/11!



THE WEST CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB
EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING
NEW MEMBERS

**Christopher Connell
Dean and Mindy Ziegler**

Change The Course Of Congress From Home

In response to the Democrats passing legislation without regard to the American People (remember that Health Care Bill?), Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives have launched two online initiatives to allow Americans to share their ideas for the direction of our country, vote & comment on ideas submitted by their fellow Americans, and select cuts in the federal budget.

The first initiative is "America Speaking Out". This website created by House Republicans asks users to submit ideas & vote on other people's ideas. On this website you may submit ideas for legislation & vote/comment on ideas submitted by other Americans.

The Second initiative is "YouCut". YouCut allows the American People to vote on a specific cuts to the federal budget. At the end of the week, House Republicans will force a vote on the cut that received the most votes. So far, over 1 Million votes have been submitted.

Take a moment to read more about these two initiatives below & get involved from home by submitting your ideas and voting on cuts to the federal budget.

America Speaking Out

America Speaking Out is an official effort to increase the dialogue between Americans and their Congress. Here, Americans are provided a new platform to share their priorities and ideas for a national policy agenda. As House Republicans, we are committed to our principles of limited, more accountable government; economic freedom; lower taxes; fiscal responsibility; protecting life, American values, and the Constitution; and providing for strong national security. This is an open forum, however, where all Americans are welcome to respectfully offer their opinions, regardless of party affiliation and whether we endorse them or not. It is our hope the active engagement of the American people will produce a robust debate that will aid in the construction of a new American agenda.

YouCut

YouCut – a first-of-its-kind project - is designed to defeat the permissive culture of runaway spending in Congress. It allows you to vote, both online and on your cell phone, on spending cuts that you want to see the House enact. Vote on this page today for your priorities and together we can begin to change Washington's culture of spending into a culture of savings. Each week House Republicans will force a vote on the cut that acquires the most votes over the course of the week.

What is the Constitution?

by Rob Natelson

The constitution is a document designed to protect our freedom by imposing law on those who wield political power. Without such law, Americans would be under the constant threat of tyranny.

The word “constitution” did not always refer to a particular document. The word is based on the Latin verb *constituere*, which means to arrange or decide. In its original English sense, a “constitution” was how a political system was set up. People spoke (and sometimes still speak) of the unwritten and evolving “constitutions” of Britain and of the ancient Roman republic.

As I explain in [The Original Constitution](#), the American Founders acknowledged a huge debt to the British and Roman traditions, but they consciously rejected the British and Roman approach to constitutions. Specifically, they rejected the “evolutionary” and “unwritten” constitutional idea in favor of a written document that would lay out the rules in an clear and organized fashion.

There were only a few precedents for this approach: Sweden’s “Instrument of Government” was probably the first. Under Oliver Cromwell (1649-58), the English adopted a short-lived “Instrument of Government,” and then a short-lived “Humble Petition and Advice.” The name of the latter English constitution suggests how little those documents tempered Cromwell’s autocracy.

At the dawn of Independence, however, Americans had lived under colonial charters for a century and half, so they knew a written constitution could work. From 1776 to 1780, the Founding Generation promulgated state constitutions or “frames of government” for Vermont and for eleven of the thirteen original states. (Connecticut and Rhode Island, simply amended their colonial charters.)

In 1776, the Continental Congress began to draft our first national constitution, the Articles of Confederation. It was fully ratified in 1781. When the Articles proved insufficient, a federal convention proposed, and state conventions ratified, our present U.S. Constitution.

As I discuss in [The Original Constitution](#), the Founders had certain common goals and values. To understand what our Constitution really is, we need to understand one goal in particular: To protect liberty by imposing law, in the form of objective and clear rules, on government officials.

In seeking to protect liberty by imposing law on political officeholders, the Founders walked in the Biblical and English traditions. For millennia, governments had promulgated laws to control their subjects but only ancient Israel and England seriously sought to control those in power. In England, the best-known steps of this sort were Magna Carta and the English Bill of Rights.

However, the American state and federal constitutions—and particularly the U.S. Constitution—imposed law on the government in a much more systematic way. The basic rules were collected in a single document. Moreover, as I explain in [The Original Constitution](#), nearly all

the terms in that document are very clear when read by the light of the Founders' language, history, and law.

The courts were empowered to enforce the rules in the Constitution. If necessary, the courts could interpret them, but only by using the methods courts normally used in interpreting legal documents.

Although the U.S. Constitution provided for a large measure of democratic governance, the Founders knew that there could be too much of a good thing: After all, it was the democratic government of Athens that had killed Socrates. So they imposed law even on those officeholders that were democratically elected.

Yet writing down the rules this way also was a profoundly democratic act. It enabled any citizen—or at least any citizen with a smattering of legal knowledge—to understand his own rights and the limits of government action. For the people at large, this was a tremendously empowering event.

By imposing law on the law-givers, the Constitution was key to the brilliant American success story.

Obama Finance Bill (S-3217) Will Allow Seizure of Companies

by Dick Morris & Eileen McGann

President Barack Obama has taken the United States one more giant step towards socialism by ramming through the Senate his financial regulation bill. The bill authorizes the secretary of the Treasury — a political appointee — to seize any financial company (bank or nonbank) simply because, in his opinion, it is too big to fail and in danger of insolvency. This power can be used for political retribution, pressure for campaign funding, or any other abuse bureaucratic whim or partisan politics can conceive. It is a power Fidel Castro or Hugo Chavez would love to have! The legislation also requires that any business that extends credit, in any form, to clear the loan instrument in advance with the new consumer protection agency. The backlog of pending applications will strangle consumer credit. And the bill fails to do the one thing it must do — regulate derivatives and make them transparent. Senator Chris Dodd, D-Conn., bowed to pressure from his sponsors on Wall Street and deleted the regulatory provision and set up a commission to study the situation for two years! Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., protested the cop-out with a no vote against the legislation. So how did it pass? Four Republicans sold out, that's how! Among the RINOs were, of course, Susan Collins and Olympia Snow of Maine. But, surprisingly, Scott Brown, R Mass., the newly elected Massachusetts miracle defected as did the normally stalwart Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa. Now the federal government has effectively taken over about one-third of our national economy by passing Obamacare and regulatory reform in almost the same breath. Repealing this regulatory travesty must be high on our 2011 agenda!

Florida Senate Panel Probes Oil Spill Economics

With a mounting economic crisis following in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the Senate's Select Committee on the Economy will begin meeting in early July to consider action to assist affected businesses, individuals and local governments. The initial meeting will be held July 12th in Pensacola, the area of the state hit first and worst by the spill.

According to Senator Don Gaetz, the committee chairman, the bi-partisan panel will begin receiving testimony and discussing potential legislation across a broad range of oil spill issues affecting the state's economy.

Gaetz said his committee will consider tax relief for affected property owners, the damage and claims process related to the spill, and changes which may be needed in the regulatory environment to promote economic recovery. Actions recommended by the committee may be taken up by either a special or regular session of the Legislature, or both.

"This catastrophe is metastasizing daily," Gaetz said. "Floridians are losing their jobs, business income is slumping and local governments are rapidly burning through their scant reserves. Every barrel of oil that pumps into the Gulf of Mexico poisons the economy of Florida." The committee will also review "barriers to an aggressive response" by state and federal authorities and BP in dealing with the economic consequences of the spill on Floridians.

Today, Chairman Gaetz asked Governor Crist for a detailed schedule of uses of BP funds provided to the state. Where and how effectively the state is deploying funds to support Northwest Florida and the Gulf coast will be on the committee's July 12 agenda.

During the recent legislative session, the Select Committee on the Economy authored the "Jobs for Florida" economic development package which gained unanimous passage in both houses and approval by the Governor. Senate President Jeff Atwater has now directed the committee to address the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Assisting the committee with its work will be the Haas Center for Business Research at the University of West Florida, which has already begun evaluating the economic losses being incurred by the region, and Carr, Riggs and Ingram, a large regional public accounting firm with offices throughout the Gulf coast states.

In addition to Chairman Gaetz, committee members include Senators Ring (Vice Chair), Alexander, Bennett, Gelber, Haridopolos, Hill, Lawson, Negron, Richter, Sobel and Thrasher.

For more information about the Select Committee's July 12th workshop meeting in Pensacola, please contact Elizabeth Moya at moya.elizabeth@flsenate.gov or (850) 487-5494.

To ask a follow on question or to send Senator Don Gaetz an Email: <http://www.gulf1.com/Elected/gaetz/Gaetzmail.htm>

On The Campaign Trail

Marco Rubio Signs Contract from America
July 2, 2010

Dear Freedom Fighters,

YOU DID IT!!!! Thanks to your emails Marco Rubio has signed the [Contract from America](#)!!

There is no doubt that you had a major role in the signing. From last week when no one was getting anywhere till when I received word late last night. The only difference was our email campaign. Right now it is 5:00am and I opened my email to receive confirmation from Ryan Hecker who is the father of CFA. I could not believe it when I read it around 10pm last night so I sent Ryan a second email. He confirmed and I just had to let you all know.

That my friends is two down and two to go. Vern and Connie here we come!

Robin Stublen

BLACK REPUBLICANS MAKE HISTORY

By Frances Rice

Congratulations to the black Republican candidates who won their primaries several months ago, as well as on June 22nd, the most notable of whom is Tim Scott of South Carolina who received over 68 percent of the vote in the Republican Party runoff. A Charleston resident, Scott is also a state representative and previously served 13 years on the Charleston County Council. He is vying to become South Carolina's first black Republican congressman in more than a century. If successful in November, Scott would be among the first black Republican legislators elected since the 2003 retirement of J.C. Watts from Oklahoma.

Scott and the other black Republican nominees, if elected in 2010, would join the ranks of the first blacks who were elected to Congress during the Reconstruction era - all Republicans. On the list that is posted on the NBRA website are the first two black Senators and the 21 black members of the House of Representatives.

Hiram Rhodes Revels of Mississippi was the first black elected as a United States Senator, serving from 1870 to 1871. He was followed in the Senate by black Republican Blanche K. Bruce of Mississippi. Republican Joseph Rainey of South Carolina was the first black to enter the House of Representatives.

During the era of Reconstruction, Democrats - using the Ku Klux Klan - launched a reign of terror against Republican leaders, especially black Republican elected officials. The brutal acts by Democrats was the reason there were no more black Republicans elected to Congress for

nearly one hundred years, until the election of Edward Brooks of Massachusetts in 1966.

Racism in the Democratic Party - past and present - is buried by the liberal press since it does not fit within the media template where the Republican Party is painted as a racist party. The charge that the Republican Party lacks diversity prevails in spite of the existence of around two million black Republicans in America. Also disregarded by the media is the fact that a black man, Michael Steele, is chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Invisible to liberal journalists are talented black Republicans such as NFL hall of famer Lynn Swann; boxing promoter Don King; singer/songwriter Lloyd Marcus; actor/wrestler Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson; rapper/actor James "LL Cool J" Todd Smith; and businessman/talk show host Herman Cain.

Virtually no credit is given to Republican leaders for their inclusiveness, including President George W. Bush who appointed more blacks to high-level positions than any president in our nation's history. Bush's appointees included Gen. Colin Powell as the first black Secretary of State and Dr. Condoleezza Rice as the first black woman Secretary of State. Both of these accomplished black Republicans were derided as "House Negroes" by Democrats.

While denouncing the Republican Party because so few blacks attend Republican meetings, journalists overlook how the denigration of black Republicans by Democrats instills in most blacks a reluctance to become politically active in the Republican Party.

Systematically ignored by the press are Republican-sponsored meetings attended by large numbers of blacks. Journalists avoided the regional faith-based imitative meetings held during the Bush Administration attended by thousands of blacks. The liberal media displayed a decided lack of interest in the Washington, DC leadership conferences sponsored by Republican Senators Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson and Rick Santorum that attracted over 500 blacks each year for several years. Hardly any reporters covered the meetings hosted by the Republican Party of Florida for seven years where over 500 black Republicans attended each time. Although all media outlets were invited to the NBRA Black Republican Forum held in New York City where football hero Lynn Swann was the keynote speaker, only C-Span bothered to show up.

The media also pays scant attention to the numerous black Republican elected officials serving around the country, most of whom were elected in largely Republican districts. Some excellent examples can be found in the sunshine state, including Florida Representative Jennifer Carroll (R-Fleming Island); Mayor Gow Field of Lakeland; County Commissioner Carolyn Mason of Sarasota and City Commissioner Phillip Walker of Lakeland. Also noteworthy is NBRA Vice Chairman Richard St. Paul who was elected to serve on the New Rochelle City Council in New York.

The press perked up a bit after a record number of black Republicans, 32 candidates, threw their hats into the political ring for the 2010 elections. Those who won their primaries and secured their Republican Party's nomination in the past few months are: Star Parker (California's 57th congressional district); Issac Hayes (Illinois' 2nd congressional district); Chuck Smith (Virginia's 3rd congressional district); Marvin Scott (Indiana's 10th congressional district); Damon Dunn (candidate for California Secretary of State); C. Morgan Edwards (North Carolina State Senate); Gwen Patrick (California House District 52); Stephen Broden (Texas House District 30); James White (Texas House District 12); Marilyn Jackson (Texas House District 51).

The two other black Republicans who won their June 22nd primaries, in addition to Tim Scott, are Bill Randall (North Carolina 13th congressional district) and Bill Marcy (Mississippi 2nd congressional district).

A laughable feature of the media's reporting on Tim Scott is the assertion by liberal journalists that Republicans had to overcome their racism in order to nominate Scott. The reporters used the racist past of South Carolina as the basis for their slam against Republicans. Never mind the fact that the Democratic Party controlled South Carolina for over 100 years after the Civil War, and it was the Democrats who were discriminating against blacks. As is explained in the article "The Myth of the Racist Republicans" by Gerard Alexander that is posted on the Claremont Institute's website, the 30-year odyssey of the South switching to the Republican Party begun in the 1970's by Richard Nixon was not an appeal to the racists.

In a 2002 article posted on the Internet, the co-architect of Nixon's Southern Strategy, Pat Buchanan, explained the genesis and purpose of the strategy. Buchanan wrote that Nixon declared that the Republican Party would be built on a foundation of states rights, human rights, small government and a strong national defense, and leave it to the Democratic Party - the party of Maddox, Mahoney and Wallace -- to "squeeze the last ounce of political juice out of the rotting fruit of racial injustice."

The racist Democrats (some of whom became known as "Dixiecrats" when they formed the "State's Rights Democratic Party" just for the 1948 election) did not all join the Republican Party- the party of freedom and equality for blacks. In fact, those racists declared they would rather vote for a "yellow dog" than a Republican. Sadly, most blacks today have taken on the hatred for the Republican Party from the Democrats without understanding the origin of that hatred.

Once Democrats cease their insidious racism toward black Republicans, all black Americans will be free to stop having their vote taken for granted, seize control over their own destiny and vote for candidates based on the content of their policies, not merely the label of their party.

Frances Rice, a retired lawyer and Army Lieutenant Colonel, is chairman of the National Black Republican Association and may be contacted at: www.NBRA.info

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Visit our facebook page.

Just go to Facebook.com and search for West Charlotte County Republican Club. This site was created by our First Vice President Doug Tucker who also does the maintenance and updates. — Thanks Doug!

Rooney Urges Obama to Waive Jones Act

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) yesterday joined fellow Gulf Coast Representatives to send a letter to the President urging him to waive the Jones Act and allow foreign vessels to assist in the Gulf oil spill cleanup.

“We need all hands on deck to stop the spill and clean up the mess,” Rooney said. “We cannot allow red tape and bureaucratic barriers to stand in the way of those who want to help. President Obama should waive the Jones Act today to improve the speed and efficiency of our oil spill response.”

The Jones Act prohibits foreign vessels from transporting goods between U.S. ports. The President can waive the Jones Act to allow foreign ships to assist with emergency responses. For example, President Bush waived the Jones Act following Hurricane Katrina.

To read the full letter, please click [HERE](#).

OBAMA PUSHES AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS

by: Congressman Vern Buchanan – 7/1/10

Once again, President Obama has promoted granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants living in our country. The President this week in a speech at American University called on Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform, including the so-called “pathway to citizenship.” I will do everything I can to block this ill-guided policy that rewards lawbreakers and encourages even more illegal immigration. Amnesty also punishes those immigrants who abide by our laws and seek to enter the U.S. properly and legally. Instead of amnesty, we should support vigorous enforcement of existing laws, a fully secure U.S. border and an increase in the number of U.S. Border Patrol agents. And, of course, we need to make English the official language of the United States.

The Gipper

"The American dream is not that every man must be level with every other man. The American dream is that every man must be free to become whatever God intends he should become."

--[Ronald Reagan](#)

Obama's Agenda: Overwhelm the System

By Wayne Allyn Root

Rahm Emanuel cynically said, "You never want a crisis to go to waste." It is now becoming clear that the crisis he was referring to is Barack Obama's presidency.

Obama is no fool. He is not incompetent. To the contrary, he is brilliant. He knows exactly what he's doing. He is purposely overwhelming the U.S. economy to create systemic failure, economic crisis and social chaos -- thereby destroying capitalism and our country from within.

Barack Obama is my college classmate (Columbia University , class of '83). As Glenn Beck correctly predicted from day one, Obama is following the plan of Cloward & Piven, two professors at Columbia University . They outlined a plan to socialize America by overwhelming the system with government spending and entitlement demands. Add up the clues below. Taken individually they're alarming. Taken as a whole, it is a brilliant, Machiavellian game plan to turn the United States into a socialist/Marxist state with a permanent majority that desperately needs government for survival ... and can be counted on to always vote for bigger government. Why not? They have no responsibility to pay for it.

-- Universal health care. The health care bill had very little to do with health care. It had everything to do with unionizing millions of hospital and health care workers, as well as adding 15,000 to 20,000 new IRS agents (who will join government employee unions). Obama doesn't care that giving free health care to 30 million Americans will add trillions to the national debt. What he does care about is that it cements the dependence of those 30 million voters to Democrats and big government. Who but a socialist revolutionary would pass this reckless spending bill in the middle of a depression?

-- Cap and trade. Like health care legislation having nothing to do with health care, cap and trade has nothing to do with global warming. It has everything to do with redistribution of income, government control of the economy and a criminal payoff to Obama's biggest contributors. Those powerful and wealthy unions and contributors (like GE, which owns NBC, MSNBC and CNBC) can then be counted on to support everything Obama wants. They will kick-back hundreds of millions of dollars in contributions to Obama and the Democratic Party to keep them in power. The bonus is that all the new taxes on Americans with bigger cars, bigger homes and businesses helps Obama "spread the wealth around."

-- Make Puerto Rico a state. Why? Who's asking for a 51st state? Who's asking for millions of new welfare recipients and government entitlement addicts in the middle of a depression? Certainly not American taxpayers. But this has been Obama's plan all along. His goal is to add two new

Democrat senators, five Democrat congressman and a million loyal Democratic voters who are dependent on big government.

-- Legalize 12 million illegal immigrants. Just giving these 12 million potential new citizens free health care alone could overwhelm the system and bankrupt America . But it adds 12 million reliable new Democrat voters who can be counted on to support big government.Â Add another few trillion dollars in welfare, aid to dependent children, food stamps, free medical, education, tax credits for the poor, and eventually Social Security.

-- Stimulus and bailouts. Where did all that money go? It went to Democrat contributors, organizations (ACORN), and unions -- including billions of dollars to save or create jobs of government employees across the country. It went to save GM and Chrysler so that their employees could keep paying union dues. It went to AIG so that Goldman Sachs could be bailed out (after giving Obama almost \$1 million in contributions). A staggering \$125 billion went to teachers (thereby protecting their union dues). All those public employees will vote loyally Democrat to protect their bloated salaries and pensions that are bankrupting America . The country goes broke, future generations face a bleak future, but Obama, the Democrat Party, government, and the unions grow more powerful. The ends justify the means.

-- Raise taxes on small business owners, high-income earners, and job creators. Put the entire burden on only the top 20 percent of taxpayers, redistribute the income, punish success, and reward those who did nothing to deserve it (except vote for Obama). Reagan wanted to dramatically cut taxes in order to starve the government. Obama wants to dramatically raise taxes to starve his political opposition.

With the acts outlined above, Obama and his regime have created a vast and rapidly expanding constituency of voters dependent on big government; a vast privileged class of public employees who work for big government; and a government dedicated to destroying capitalism and installing themselves as socialist rulers by overwhelming the system.

Add it up and you've got the perfect Marxist scheme -- all devised by my Columbia University college classmate Barack Obama.



EDITORIAL: Thomas Jefferson's reset button

Americans have a duty to resist tyrannical government

By THE WASHINGTON TIMES 6:34 p.m., Thursday, July 1, 2010

These days, most commentary on the Declaration of Independence focuses on the implications of the passage that "all men are created equal [and] that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights."

Dwelling on that passage might surprise Thomas Jefferson, who thought it was self-evident. The argument that flowed from his premises is more important, namely that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and when the relationship shifts to the point where government becomes a threat to the lives, liberties and pursuit of happiness of the people, it is government - not the people - that must change.

A government becomes corrupt when it abuses the power derived from the people by doing things that harm the polity and when it acts primarily as a servant of its own interests. This definition of illegitimate government has a history going back at least to Aristotle, though the 17th-century philosopher John Locke, in his "Two Treatises of Government," gave it a form that would have been more familiar to American colonists. Beyond a certain point, when the actions of government become intolerable, the people have not only a right but a duty to reclaim their inalienable sovereignty and start over. This must be done, as Jefferson said, to "provide new Guards for their future security."

The list of grievances in the Declaration - the part people often skip over - is critical to the argument because those grievances serve as evidence to make the case that British government had by its actions sundered the fundamental relationship between Parliament and the American colonists. Such a catalog of "abuses and usurpations" today might include: imposing confiscatory levels of overall taxation; using budget authority to transfer billions of taxpayer dollars to government insiders and pet causes; running up the national debt to a point where it is nearly equal to the nation's total productive output; saddling current and future generations with ruinous debt to pay for pet programs that benefit the few at the expense of the many; failing to secure the nation's borders from a flood of illegal immigrants and standing in the way of states and localities seeking to take up this fundamental duty, which the national government has chosen to ignore; and a variety of other issues ranging from a sketchy national census to crumbling national security.

The prime difference between the situation in 2010 and that of 1776 is that the people now can provide oversight through the election process. The ballot is the corrective mechanism that was unavailable to the Founders. Today's dire situation in Washington has approached the intolerable because too few have gone to the polls to de

defend their rights against the predatory, permanent governing class in Congress. An electorate that fails to defend its rights deserves what it gets. Rights guarantee nothing unless they are used, and if they are not exercised, they tend to be exorcised.

After independence, Jefferson explained that the Declaration was "an expression of the American mind" intended to "give to that expression the proper tone and spirit called for by the occasion." The result is a timeless document the spirit of which is as applicable today as it was then. The people have the means at their disposal to take back our country and the government from the disconnected oligarchy in Washington. However, this only works if Americans actually step up. To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, the country will only be a republic if the people are strong enough to keep it.

Obama Can Shut Down Internet For 4 Months Under New Emergency Powers

Paul Joseph Watson, Prison Planet.com

President Obama will be handed the power to shut down the Internet for at least four months without Congressional oversight if the Senate votes for the infamous Internet 'kill switch' bill, which was approved by a key Senate committee yesterday and now moves to the floor.

The Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act, which is being pushed hard by Senator Joe Lieberman, would hand absolute power to the federal government to close down networks, and block incoming Internet traffic from certain countries under a declared national emergency.

Despite the Center for Democracy and Technology and 23 other privacy and technology organizations sending letters to Lieberman and other backers of the bill expressing concerns that the legislation could be used to stifle free speech, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee passed in the bill in advance of a vote on the Senate floor

Kagan is much like Obama – Unfit and Unqualified

"[Elena] Kagan has less real legal experience of any nominee in at least 50 years, and it's not just that the nominee has not been a judge. She has barely practiced law, and not with the intensity and duration from which I think a real legal understanding occurs. Her actions [as Dean at Harvard] punished the military, and demeaned our soldiers as they were courageously fighting for our country in two wars overseas. Ms. Kagan has associated herself with well-known activist judges who have used their power to re-define the meaning of words of our Constitution and laws in ways that, not surprisingly, have the result of advancing that judge's preferred social policies and agendas."

--Alabama Republican Senator Jeff Sessions

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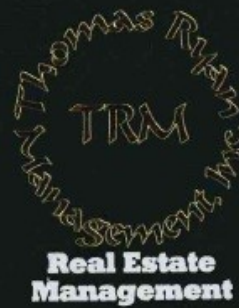
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