

# Let us give Him thanks & praise!

by Jim Martin, special to *Christian Crusade Newspaper*

Let's imagine that you're Abraham. You're out there tending the flocks and suddenly, you have this visit from God. He says to you, "Abram, here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to bless you. I'm going to make you the father of nations. All nations and families are going to be blessed through you."

*Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Genesis 12:1-3).*

So anyway, God made this promise to Abraham. And it came to pass that Abraham became incredibly wealthy. Not only did he have gold and silver, but he had lots of other possessions. In fact, when you read, for ex-

ample, how Abraham had to ride to the rescue of his nephew Lot, the Scripture says Abraham took something like 137 of his own servants.

Now you've got to have some kind of wealth to have 137 servants. So Abraham was tremendously blessed.

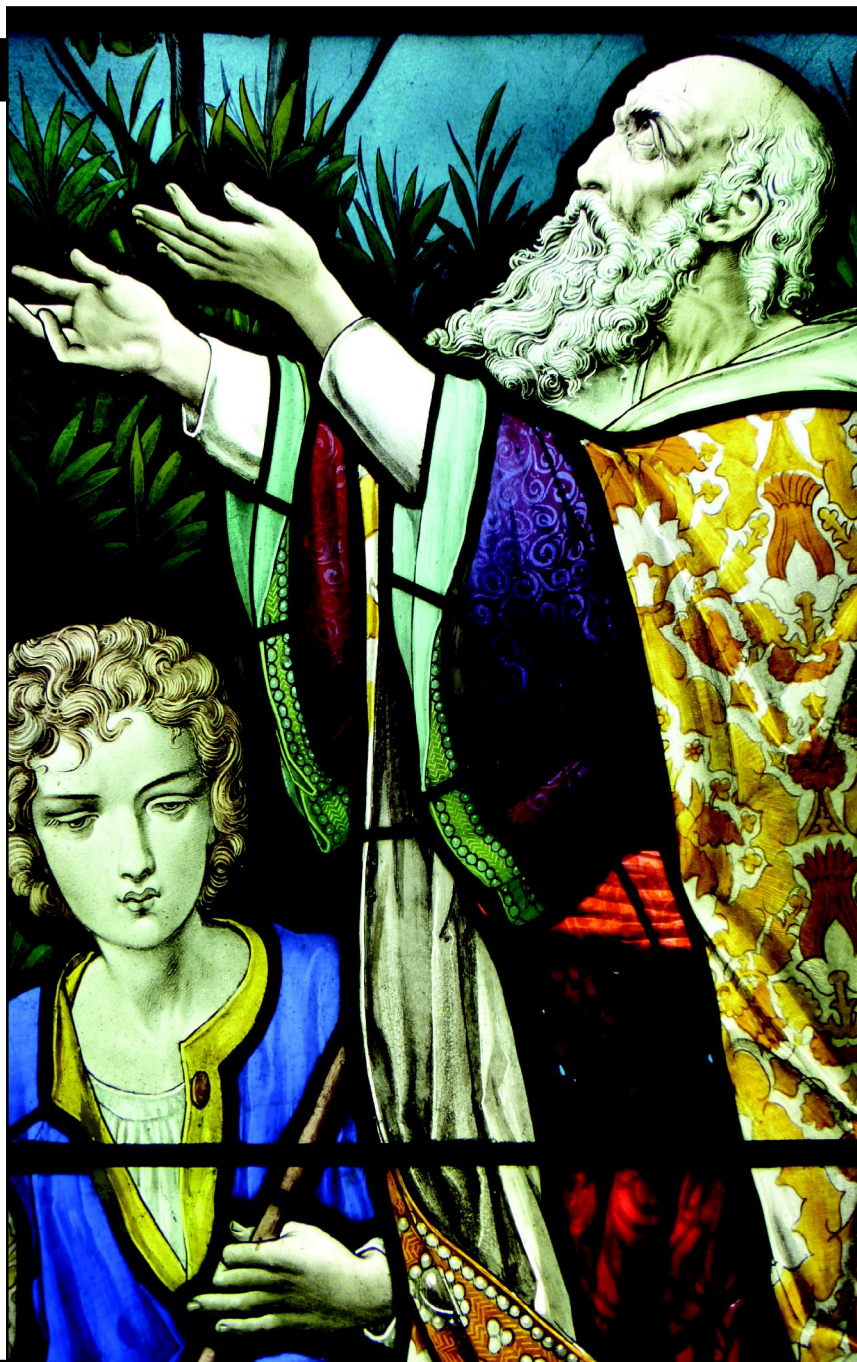
Some time later, God made Abraham another promise:

*That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies (Genesis 22:17).*

What an exciting promise! But year after year came and went without Abraham and his wife, Sarah, having any children. Now, how was the Lord to fulfill this promise? Without any sons, how was Abraham to become the father of anything?

Well, you know the story of how in his old

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Abraham thanking God for Isaac's deliverance

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## Obama 'shellacked,' but still doesn't get message

by Billy James Hargis II, publisher

Barack Obama just doesn't get it.

Is he incapable of hearing America's message?

"Obama is something of a puzzle," marvels former Congressman Ernest Istook.

"He seems to have gotten too comfortable with his tired policy talking points, which focus on assigning blame," writes Peter Roff, senior fellow for the Institute

for Liberty.

"President Obama is incapable of saying that the voters rejected his agenda and collectivist worldview," writes Boston University Professor Cornelius Hurley. "He is too much of an ideologue. Temperamentally he is more like Jimmy Carter than Bill Clinton, and thereby destined to be a one-term president."

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## Is this a return to morality in politics?

by the *Christian Crusade* staff

Conservatives didn't just gain seats on Election Day, they gained pro-life, pro-marriage members to fill them.

"At least 78 House and Senate candidates would – if given the opportunity – vote to make abortion illegal under *all* circumstances," wrote distraught liberal col-

umnist Will Neville. "Two years from now, we will look back on November 2, 2010, as the day that voters ushered in the most pro-life, anti-sex education, anti-gay, anti-family planning Congress in our nation's history."

Well, if it only were so! One thing that drove voters

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## Will voter fraud destroy America's election process?

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

Fraud. Election theft. Betrayal of the democratic process.

Accusations are flying, particularly in Nevada where exit polls showed Nevada's TEA Party candidate for the U.S. Senate Sharron Angle ahead, only to lose inexplicably to vilified Senate Majority Leader Harry

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## China harasses wife of jailed Nobel winner

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

After Chinese pro-democracy advocate Liu Xiaobo won the Nobel Peace Prize in October, his wife and nearly 40 Chinese legal scholars, dissidents and underground church organizers have been detained, roughed up, harassed or kept



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## Muslims sue to reverse Oklahoma's *shari'ab*

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

Oklahoma voters have overwhelmingly approved a state constitutional amendment that would prohibit courts from considering Islamic *shari'a* or other international law when deciding their rulings.

The anti-*shari'a* ballot initiative known as State Question 755, passed by a 70 percent margin. It had

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# Researchers find human ‘liberal gene’

by Keith Wilkerson, managing editor

Don’t hold liberals responsible for their actions. Like alcoholics and psychopaths, they can’t help themselves.

That’s the conclusion of a new study which found that ideology can be built into the DNA, borne along by a gene called DRD4.

Tagged “the liberal gene,” according to journalist Jeremy A. Kaplan, DRD4 is the first specific bit of human DNA that predisposes people to certain political views, the study’s authors claim.

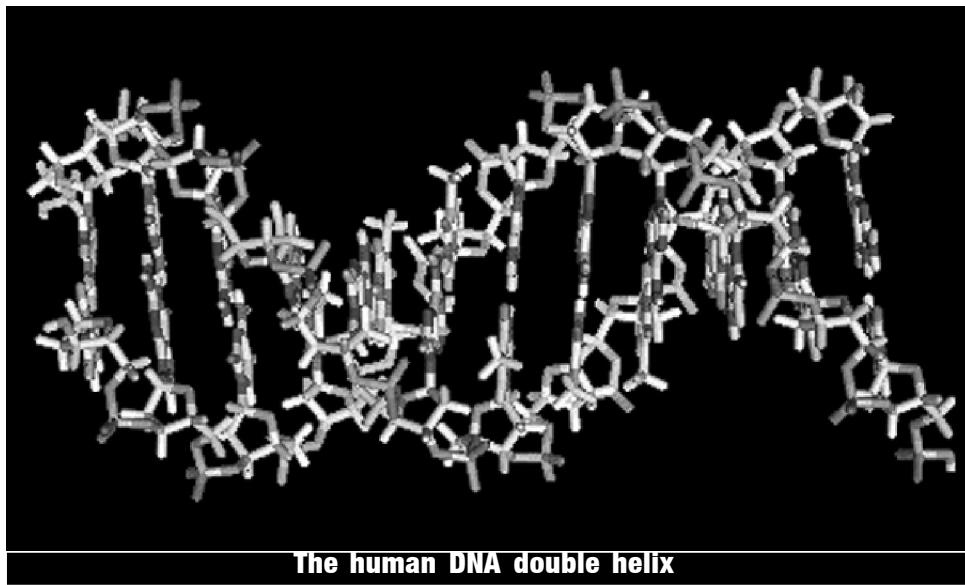
The key to it all is that liberals are more open to illogical ideas, said lead researcher James H. Fowler, a professor of both medical genetics and political science at the University of California at San Diego.

This isn’t a typical gene association study,” he said. “There’s a combination of genes and environment that matter.”

The paper, which appears in the latest edition of *The Journal of Politics*, focused on 2,000 subjects from *The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health*. By matching genetic information with maps of each individual’s social network, the researchers were able to show that people with a specific variant of the DRD4 gene were more likely to be liberal as adults – but only if they had an active adolescent social life.

“The research, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, focused on dopamine – a neurotransmitter that affects a wide variety of brain processes, including control over movement, emotions, and ability to experience pleasure and pain,” reports Kaplan.

Previous research identified connections between a variant of this gene and novelty-seeking behavior, a



The human DNA double helix

personality trait that numerous studies have shown is linked to political liberalism, the authors say.

So if a liberal ideology is genetic, or at least partly genetic, does that mean it runs in the family – and can be passed on to your kids?

No doubt about it, the authors of the study say.

“In fact, psychologists have asserted for many years that social conservatism is heritable,” the paper notes. Fowler cites twin studies comparing fraternal and identical twins that have pinpointed exactly how much liberal ideology can be passed along.

“Ideology is about 40 percent heritable. It’s almost half genes and half environment,” Fowler told Fox News. What’s more, he said, any trait that can be inherited has potentially been with the human race for a long time.

Fowler and colleagues Jaime E. Settle and Christopher

T. Dawkes, also of UC San Diego, and Harvard University’s Nicholas A. Christakis hypothesized that people with the novelty-seeking gene variant would be more interested in learning about their friends’ points of view.

As a consequence, people with this genetic predisposition who have a greater-than-average number of friends would be exposed to a wider variety of social norms and lifestyles, which might make them more liberal than average, they deduced.

The researchers reported that “it is the crucial interaction of two factors – the genetic predisposition and

the environmental condition of having many friends in adolescence – that is associated with being more liberal.”

The research team also showed that this held true independent of ethnicity, culture, sex or age.

It’s a frightening thought, isn’t it? But the study comes as a number of people – both liberal and conservative – are wondering publicly about Barack Obama’s mental health.

Liberal Democrat James Carville railed on and on about Obama’s nonchalant attitude after the catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico until he was ordered by Democratic officials to shut his mouth.

The female liberals on “The View” TV show repeatedly have expressed sympathy for Michelle Obama’s living with a man who appears to be so out of touch.

Is it possible he was just born that way?

# WikiLeaks finds weapons of mass destruction

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

The news media has been predictably silent about a surprise found in the thousands of top-secret documents leaked by the shadowy WikiLeaks organization.

It turns out that Iraq was overrun with weapons of mass destruction. They’re still turning up. If you remember, the media had a field day with the Bush administration’s failure to come up with Saddam Hussein’s stockpiles of atomic, biological or, chemical (ABC) weapons.

Intelligence reports of such weapons of mass destruction were among the top justifications that George W. Bush gave for invading Iraq and overthrowing Hussein.

“By late 2003,” writes journalist Noah Shachtman, “even the Bush White House’s staunchest defenders were starting to give up on the idea that there were WMDs in Iraq.”

“But WikiLeaks’ newly-released Iraq war documents reveal that for years afterward, U.S. troops continued to find chemical weapons labs and to encounter insurgent specialists in toxins.

“Chemical weapons, especially, did not vanish from the Iraqi battlefield. Remnants of Saddam’s toxic arsenal, largely destroyed after the Gulf War, remained. Jihadists, insurgents and foreign agitators turned to these stockpiles during the Iraq conflict – and may have brewed up their own deadly agents.”

In August 2004, report Shachtman, “American forces surreptitiously purchased

what they believed to be containers of liquid sulfur mustard, a toxic ‘blister agent’ used as a chemical weapon since World War I. The troops tested the liquid, and “reported two positive results for blister.” The chemical was then “triple-sealed and transported to a secure site” outside their base.

Three months later, in northern Iraq, U.S. scouts went to look in on a “chemical weapons” complex. “One of the bunkers has been tampered with,” they write. “The integrity of the seal appears intact, but it seems someone is interested in trying to get into the bunkers.”

Meanwhile, the second battle of Fallujah was raging in Anbar province. In the southeastern corner of the city, American forces came across a “house with a chemical lab. Substances found are similar to ones in lesser quantities located at a previous chemical lab.

Nearly three years later, American troops were still finding WMDs in the region. An armored Buffalo vehicle unearthed a cache of artillery shells “that was covered by sacks and leaves under an Iraqi Community Watch checkpoint,” reports Shachtman “The 155mm rounds were filled with an unknown liquid, and several of which were leaking a black tar-like substance.”

In WikiLeaks’ massive trove of nearly 392,000 Iraq war logs are hundreds of references to chemical and biological weapons. Most of those are intelligence reports or initial suspicions of WMD.

Even late in the war, WMDs were still being unearthed. In the summer of 2008, according to one WikiLeaked report, American troops found at least 10 rounds that tested positive for chemical agents.

“These rounds were most likely left over from the Saddam-era regime,” writes Shachtman. “The rounds were all total disrepair and did not appear to have been moved for a long time.”

A January 2006 log notes “neuroparalytic” chemical weapons.

Why hasn’t this been reported in the mainstream media? Why is the *New York Times* silent? How can the CBS Evening News or National Public Radio ignore such a story?

Easy! Such reporting is not within their liberal agenda. It would prove George W. Bush was right.

The mainstream press hasn’t hesitated to proclaim anything in the WikiLeaks documents that embarrass Bush or the Pentagon.

So much for unbiased reporting.

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Author, columnist and former NPR correspondent Juan Williams

# Why are you paying for NPR's liberal campaign?

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

With the firing of National Public Radio correspondent Juan Williams, the question loomed once again: Why do U.S. taxpayers pay more than \$100 million annually to subsidize America's most liberal radio network?

"NPR's firing of Williams tells you all you need to know about the radical and thoroughly intolerant left," observed media analyst L. Brent Bozell. "Williams is a liberal, but still, he isn't liberal enough."

He's also black as well as Hispanic. He was born in Panama and came to the U.S. with his parents at age 4. However, he refused to fit the required liberal image of either African-Americans or Latinos. Instead, he had the nerve to defy his bosses at NPR and appear on Fox News, where he offered liberal rebuttals.

Increasingly, however, he showed independence, which the liberals cannot stomach. He was honest and candid. The week before Election Day, he commented on a Fox program that whenever he boards an airliner, it makes him uncomfortable to see people in Muslim garb on the plane. "It didn't matter that he prefaced it with all the perfunctory and politically correct disclaimers about not being a bigot and we shouldn't blame all Muslims for terrorism," notes Bozell. "Today's left is void of any principles whatsoever. They can be as astonishingly offensive and insulting as they want toward Christians, and no one gets punished."

For example, on April 30 on NPR's "Fresh Air," substitute host David Bianculli raved over the leftist musician Tom Lehrer for his song "The Vatican Rag." It has lyrics like this: "Get in line in that processional, step into that small confessional, there

a guy who's got religion'll tell you if your sin's original."

Williams' firing leaves no doubt what would have happened should an NPR host rave over a Muslim-mocking song satirizing all that bowing to Mecca, ritual prayers and women wearing full-body veils. Some speech is just not tolerated.

Blast Christians all you want. However, Muslims must be regarded with awe and respect.

Just months earlier on NPR's "Fair Game with Faith Salie," the jokes were about Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and his "secret" family recipes. "Boring holy wafers no more," one recipe began. "Take one Eucharist, preferably post-transubstantiation, deep-fry in fat, not vegetable oil, ladies, until crispy. Serve piping hot. Mike likes to top his Christ with whipped cream and sprinkles. But his wife, Janet, and the boys like theirs with heavy gravy and cream puffs. It goes great with red wine."

During the John Roberts Supreme Court nomination in 2005, NPR's Nina Totenberg proclaimed orthodox Catholicism should be a disqualifier for the high court: "Don't forget his wife was an officer, a high officer of a pro-life organization. He's got adopted children. I mean, he's a conservative Catholic, a hard-line conservative."

With the nomination of Sam Alito a few weeks later, Lithwick suggested too many Catholics were already on the high court.

So, the message is loud and clear – on NPR and other liberal venues, feel free to mock Christians and be as insulting and blasphemous as you wish. However, if you dare to utter a politically incorrect statement about Muslims – even in your spare time on another network, your career is over.

"A plane crash that killed 20 people in the Democratic Republic of Congo in August is being blamed on a crocodile that got loose onboard," quipped author Jay Tower. "I realize it's politically incorrect to say this publicly and could get me fired from NPR, but when I get on an airplane and see there's a crocodile, it just makes me nervous."

"Last week, NPR's Chief Executive Officer Vivian Schiller took a break from her crusade for a government takeover of the media to swat a fly," snickered columnist Tara Servatius.

"With now-former NPR analyst Juan Williams suitably splattered across the evening news after politically incorrect comments he made on Fox News, Schiller can return to her real passion – the creation of a national network to ensure that in the future, you get your news from the government in general and NPR in particular."

"There were lots of slants on NPR's firing of news analyst Juan Williams that reflect how surreal cultural liberalism has become," observed commentator Victor Davis Hanson.

"NPR is in some part either publicly funded or relies on a public brand to earn cash. Its charter is to promote the free exchange of ideas. Williams reflected the common experience of many Americans after 9/11 to tense up when someone in Islamic dress or otherwise identifiable as a Muslim boards an airplane – and then quickly explained why such an emotional reaction should not lead to prejudicial stereotyping.

"For NPR to prove that it is even-handed in censoring controversial speech, it would long ago have had to fire reporter Nina Totenberg for a long history of venomous partisan slurs, such as hoping Senator Jesse Helms and his grandkids might contract AIDS.

"Supposedly intolerant hard-driving Fox News has no problem with liberal Williams working for NPR. Supposedly soft-spoken, inclusive NPR has a lot of problems with Williams working for Fox. The asymmetry is quite astounding,

especially when we factor in the public/private angle.

"A private, for-profit company does not mind that Williams works for the public's station whose views are considered liberal; but the liberal public station most certainly does care that Williams works for private, conservative Fox news.

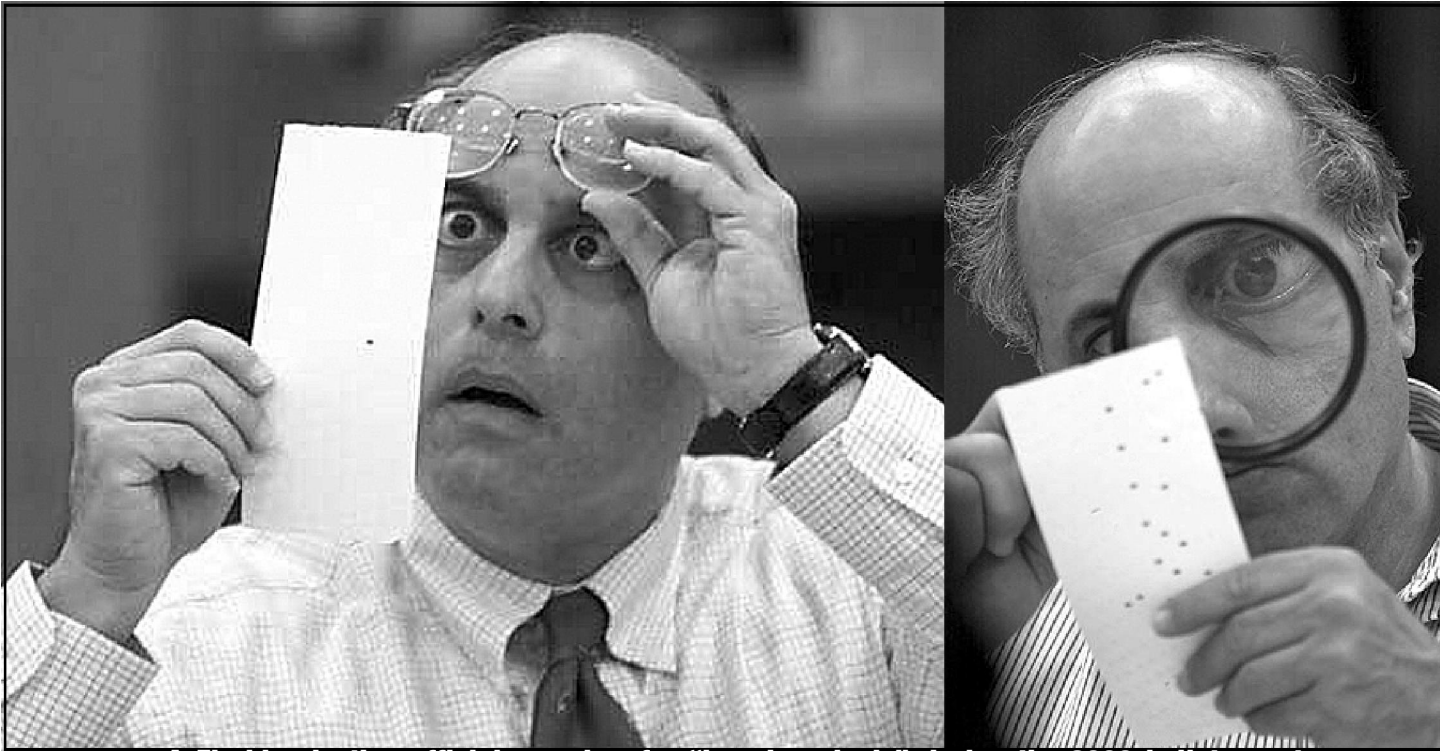
"Isn't the network that takes public money supposed to be the more tolerant? Fox knows its viewers don't care whether liberal Williams works at a liberal network; NPR fears mightily that its intolerant audience can't stand anyone who is associated with Fox?"

Incidentally, notes Hanson, a private corporation owns Fox, whereas, "we the people own NPR."

"Note the silence of the NAACP, which is usually the first to speak out when some African-Americans are deemed railroaded," added Hanson. "By its present vote here, the organization simply gives a green light to go after African-Americans tagged not entirely liberal.

"Does anyone think Williams would be in trouble had he moonlighted at MSNBC or PBS? Notice that ideologue and partisan George Soros just offered NPR nearly \$2 million to hire 100 reporters – and NPR accepted the gift.

"If it is a publicly funded agency, why do zillionaires have the right to donate and determine hiring for their pet causes? Maybe Bill Gates can offer to hire some IRS auditors or Warren Buffet can fund a new branch of the Securities and Exchange Commission?"



A Florida election official searches for "hanging chads" during the 2000 ballot count

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Reid.

We've seen it before. Most Baby Boomers grew up hearing about John F. Kennedy's phantom Chicago votes that put him into the White House and Lyndon Johnson's rise to national leadership through stuffed ballot boxes. Liberals justify any wrongdoing by citing Al Gore's hanging chad loss.

Angle has filed a complaint with the Justice Department, accusing Reid's campaign of engaging in voter intimidation. Her attorney Cleta Mitchell told Fox News that the complaint was filed in response to a *National Review* report of internal emails among Harrah's casino executives. The memos appear to show how Harrah's executives launched an effort to intimidate their employees and ensure that they vote for Reid.

"We hope that the Department of Justice will take this serious and investigate it because it's really quite terrible," Mitchell told FoxNews.com. "This is really, classic voter intimidation."

## Prosecutions ... finally

Meanwhile in Minnesota, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office announced it was prosecuting 47 cases of alleged voter fraud stemming from the November 2008 election.

Minnesota Majority, a conservative group, had cross-checked voter registration and voter history rolls with lists of felons ineligible to vote. At one point the group alleged that felon voters tipped the disputed 2008 election in favor of Al Franken.

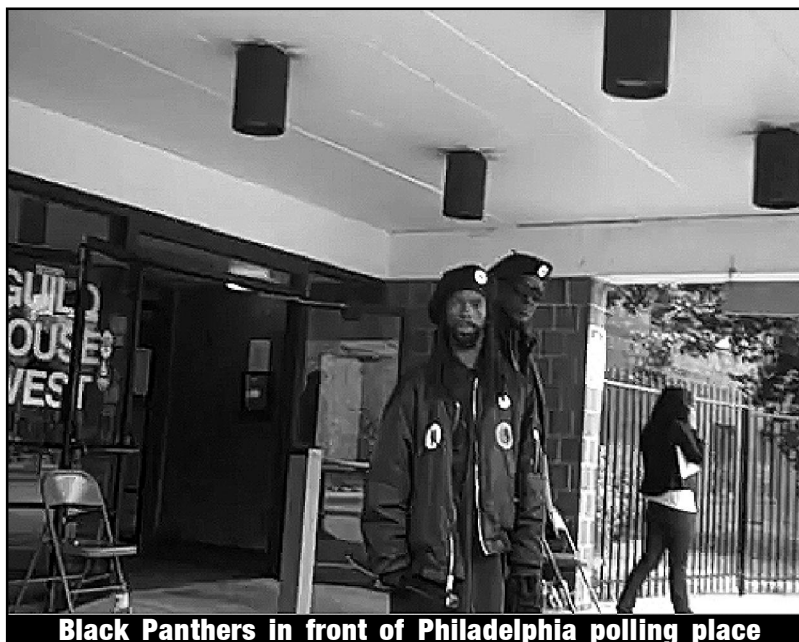
Franken won the hand recount by only 49 votes over incumbent Republican Norm Coleman. After the state canvassing board agreed to accept previously rejected absentee ballots, Franken's lead grew. At the end of a court challenge by Coleman, Franken's official lead was 312 votes.

After exhausting all appeals in 2009, Coleman conceded the election and Franken joined the U.S. Senate six months into the new session—giving the Democrats the 60 votes they needed to block any GOP filibuster. Because Coleman led in the unofficial machine tally on Election Day, many conservative pundits and the *Wall Street Journal* declared that Democrats had "stolen" the election.

And so this election, there was incredible vigilance.

In North Carolina, a Craven County resident reported attempting to vote a straight Republican ticket but his choices came up straight Democrat four times, despite receiving assistance from poll workers. Nearby in Lenoir County, registered Democrat Ervin Norville also tried to vote straight Republican, but found that his ballot had the names of several Democrat candidates already selected.

In Nevada, Boulder City resident Joyce Ferrara reported that when she and several others went to vote for conservative Sharon Angle, they found that Senator Harry Reid's name was already checked off.



Black Panthers in front of Philadelphia polling place

In Texas' 30th congressional district, Democrat Eddie Bernice Johnson's name was the only one on the ballot in several locations.

## Massive election fraud

The liberals' final recourse to thwart this year's voter rebellion, says commentator Selwyn Duke, was massive vote fraud nationwide. Hey, it keeps Venezuela's and Iran's dictators in power.

"A large and growing cloud hangs over the entire election process," writes author Roger Aronoff. "While it has always been with us to some extent, new technologies, new forms of voting and a Justice Department that plays favorites with Americans' voting rights now threaten our electoral system and our expectations of

free and fair elections."

The Obama Justice Department doesn't seem too concerned about keeping the elections honest as much as they do about winning, observed Hans von Spakovsky, the senior legal fellow and manager of the Civil Justice Reform Initiative at the Heritage Foundation's Center for Legal and Judicial Studies.

## Beware close elections

He is a former member of the Federal Election Commission.

"Any place where it comes down to the wire, any place around the country where we have a really close election, well, that's when we have to be worried, because anytime you have a really close election where a small number of votes is going to make the difference—like what happened in Minnesota—that's when people who can put out bogus votes, that's when the temptation is greatest, and that's where it can really make a difference. Any time we have a close election, that's when we've got to be vigilant the most."

Comedian Al Franken was placed into the U.S. Senate after months of legal wrangling, Democrat-controlled courts and panels in Minnesota disqualified hundreds of Republican ballots and scraped together enough Democrat votes to give the Democrats their 60th senator and a filibuster-proof U.S. Senate.

Given the enormous political stakes, says Duke, "I have long said that this election would see vote fraud of unprecedented mag-

nitude."

"We are in a huge battle for the heart and soul of America," writes columnist Laurie Roth. "We are seeing the voter fraud."

Each case is generally referred to as a "mistake" or a "glitch," but, notes Duke, "if that's all they are, then we're witnessing a truly historic anomaly. The laws of probability have suddenly been rescinded and tossed coins are coming up donkey tails every time. Welcome to American elections, Venezuelan style."

"It does seem that a perfect storm of such criminality is brewing," writes Duke. "The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals just struck down an Arizona law requiring proof of citizenship to vote, a treasonous act that facilitates vote fraud."

"Then there is the matter of the fox guarding the polling house. It has now been learned that the technicians who work on the Nevada voting machines that have been checking off Harry Reid's name are members of the Service Employees International Union, a leftist organization that has given tens of millions of dollars to Democrats."

## No paper trail

"By the way, do you remember all the complaints about 'antiquated' paper ballots after the 2000 election? I knew that all the talk about 'hanging chads' and the need for modern technology would lead to vote fraud. After all, now elections can be swayed by a well-placed, skilled hacker and there's no paper trail."

"Add to this the fact that the left is more brazen than ever. For one thing, laymen liberals, like their judges, are very influenced by precedent. And the liberal delusion that George W. Bush stole the 2000 election—thus drawing first blood—gives leftists a handy rationalization for actually stealing elections."

"Second, Barack Obama's DOJ's refusal to prosecute the Philadelphia Black Panthers—despite videotape evidence of their voter intimidation—sends the message that the left has almost carte blanche to sway elections by any means necessary."

"Most of all, though, we have to remember that leftists are, well, leftists. They are simply much more corrupt than those on the right. I know, this sounds like

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blind partisanship, so I'll explain," writes Duke.

"If you're an average bright-eyed conservative and you really want to understand leftists, begin by viewing them as aliens. Because they really aren't like you, and the difference isn't simply ideology, either. They truly are far more dishonest, deceitful and manipulative than conservatives.

"In explaining why this is so, I'll again draw an analogy to Islamists. Many have pointed out that Western and Islamic thought dictate very different things with respect to honesty. While the West's formative religion, Christianity, teaches that lying is a sin, period, Islam states that lying to an infidel for the glory of Allah is a good thing.

"This brings us to liberals. Without belief in anything that transcends man to use as a yardstick for behavior, they ultimately have nothing left to use but the 'god within,' which is just a gussied-up name for emotion. And their emotion-driven ends really do justify their means. If they feel conservatives are 'evil,' conservatives must be.

"And if they feel that any tactic necessary to vanquish that evil is fair game, it must be.

"Lying, cheating or stealing to win elections is not merely justifiable – it is a 'good.'"

"They are aliens from a planet much like the hell described by the devil in an old comic strip in *The New Yorker*, I think, when he said, 'There's no right or wrong down here. It's whatever works for you.'"

So, writes Duke, conservatives "mustn't for a moment entertain the notion that the best thing for the nation after a suspicious loss is to concede the race graciously. Rather, the best thing for the nation is to oust the vote-snatchers from power.

"We must analyze exit polling – which has become a very precise science – for discrepancies between its findings and election results.

"Vote-snatchers are worse than murderers. They not only steal votes but also our future. They undermine the rule of law and threaten the republic itself. In a saner time, they would probably be hanged."

"We all must do our small part," writes Roth, "in getting back our country and freedoms.

"The voting rights laws are there to protect all Americans from discrimination," writes Aronoff. However, "because I believe in clean voter registration rolls, I've been labeled as a 'vote suppressor' by a Left-wing blog site, because I think people ought to have to show a photo ID when they go in to vote.

"That's called 'wanting to intimidate voters from voting.' Those kinds of claims are ridiculous, but that's the kind of thing that is said when people, when regular citizens get concerned over, and want to make sure we have, a secure election."

## Attempted intimidation

"What the Obama administration did try and do is," says von Spakovsky, "they tried to stop Georgia from verifying the citizenship status of newly registered voters, and Georgia actually had to sue in federal court, and once they actually sued, and the Obama administration was faced with the prospect of having to show a federal judge evidence to back up their claim that this was somehow 'discriminatory,' the Obama administration quickly backed down, agreed to settle the case, and agreed to allow Georgia election officials to check to make sure that people who are registering to vote are

really U.S. citizens.

"It is different in each state, and, unfortunately, absentee ballots – that's really the tool of choice, of people who want to steal ballots. A city commissioner in Daytona Beach was just arrested for absentee ballot fraud. We have a trial that is just starting up in Atlantic City because 13 people there, including city councilmen, were indicted for absentee ballot fraud," says von Spakovsky.

"Something happened that I've never seen before, which is, in Troy, New York, the local District Attorney there has asked for DNA swabs of various officials who he's investigating for having engaged in absentee ballot fraud in one of the last elections. He wants to compare their DNA with the DNA on the fraudulent absentee ballots."

## No interest in prosecution

"I know from people I talk to within the Obama administration, that they have absolutely no interest whatsoever in prosecuting voter fraud cases. It's just not something that interests them.

"That was also demonstrated this year," says von Spakovsky, "in their reluctance to get into enforcing the

guy would be out of office by now. And yet, he gets away with doing things like that for military voters

"The Justice Department never went after ACORN for the kind of actions they were engaging in. It took state officials in some states, but the Justice Department never did, and we don't hear or see any indication that they're going to investigate these kind of problems by ACORN-like organizations, or the kind of things that the Service Employees International Union is now, apparently, doing what ACORN used to do."

## Voting felons

"During the Senate contest between Norm Coleman and Al Franken," says von Spakovsky, "which, as you know, was only decided by about 300 votes – they had not taken people who were felons, and who shouldn't be voting, off of the voter rolls there.

"The problem is, the Secretary of State, Mark Ritchie – someone who was, in fact, supported by ACORN and by people like George Soros – hasn't been really doing his job the way he should in cleaning up the voter rolls and getting those folks who shouldn't be voting off of the rolls."

## Illegal aliens

It's apparent that President Obama considers anybody who wants to enforce illegal immigration laws in America, "to be the enemy," writes columnist Jim Kouri. "Even more revealing is the fact that with so much riding on the elections, Obama decided to take the time to speak to people who shouldn't be voting – legal and illegal immigrants.

"The dirty little secret is there exists an enormous amount of proof that illegal aliens are being registered to vote and they're being registered as Democrats. And our political leaders know it.

"Whistleblower J. Christian Adams, who testified before a Commission of Civil Rights committee regarding voter intimidation by the New Black Panthers, dropped a bomb on his former employers at the Department of Justice.

"According to Adams, a Deputy Attorney General refused to investigate allegations of illegal voting during the last presidential election.

"While Justice Department officials deny this allegation – and the news media portray Adams as a disgruntled employee – a study released by the conservative think-tank the Heritage Foundation provides proof that illegal aliens and immigrants with green cards are committing rampant voter fraud in the United States," writes Kouri.

"Reports of ineligible persons registering to vote have raised concerns about state processes for verifying voter registration lists."

Von Spakovsky believes many government officials and politicians are complicit in the voter fraud problem.

"Allegations of voting irregularities have been a staple of American politics," observes Rich Trzupek. "Yet, it's very possible that this year's

election could be about as dirty as any that we've seen in this country in many a decade. Democrats know that the fate of their president's agenda hangs in the balance, while many Republicans believe that unless voters send the administration a clear message, there will be no stopping the march toward European-style, nanny-state socialism.

"With the stakes this high, the temptation to rationalize fraud in the name of the greater good rises in proportion.

"The Chicago machine that nurtured Barack Obama's political career is legendary for its ability to manipulate an election. Indeed, cheating and fraud are such staples of Illinois politics that residents hardly notice any more. It is, of course, always interesting to hear a Chicago news-anchor provide the latest tally of calls to the 'Election Fraud Hotline' and no doubt some wagers are won and lost among citizens once the final count is announced.

"But, for the most part, pay-offs, unregistered voters, dead voters, and all the rest are an accepted part



Senator Al Franken continues in office

federal law that guarantees the right of military people to vote overseas, and, also, the fact that they have completely failed to go after states who haven't cleaned up their voter registration lists by taking people who are dead, or people who have moved, off of their lists.

"That's actually a real scandal," says von Spakovsky, "but they haven't done anything about that. There's a number of states – for example, Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon, Tennessee – who, when they filed a federal report last year that they're required to file, showed that they hadn't removed a single person who had died from their voter registration rolls for two years.

"There were reports than an election official in Illinois, a couple of weeks ago, said that he just didn't really care about overseas military voters, and he didn't care about whether the Justice Department came after him for that.

"Can you imagine if he had said the same thing about African-American voters? That would have been front-page news in every newspaper in the country, and that

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of life. This is the political culture that gave us a Barack Obama and, most importantly, brought political hucksters who believe that the 'Chicago Way' is the only way to power."

Instances of purported fraud continue to pour in.

The Pennsylvania Voter Assistance Office sent citizens letters encouraging them to apply for absentee ballots. However, no such office exists. The letter says it was financed by the Pennsylvania Democratic Committee.

The return address on 250 absentee-ballot applications in Bridgeport, Connecticut was 1238 North Avenue, which just happens to be a vacant lot.

Daytona Beach City Commissioner Derrick Henry and Genesis Robinson, his campaign manager, face

voter-fraud charges for allegedly completing 92 absentee-ballot applications with the names of Floridians who never requested them or who had moved away. There's little doubt that we'll see more and more of this sort of activity as we move toward Election Day.

"The danger in this sort of behavior," writes Trzupek, "isn't merely that it can skew an election, but that it further erodes the American soul. By ramming through unpopular bill after unpopular bill, the Obama administration has left a huge portion of the populace feeling powerless and disenfranchised.

"This election has thus become their moment to say 'enough!' and to demand that the nation change direction. If these tens of millions of Americans find that their message didn't get through, those voters will be deeply

disappointed and more concerned about the fate of the nation than ever.

"But, if these same voters perceive that their voices were silenced as a result of manipulation and fraud, the damage to the nation as a whole will be catastrophically polarizing," writes Trzupek.

"In spite of our well-earned reputation for cynicism when it comes to politics, the average American still believes that one person, one vote can make a difference. Take away that belief, and you undermine America's faith in the democratic institutions that allow the citizenry to determine the direction of the country. Take away that faith from tens of millions of voters who demand to be heard, and America will become a much different nation indeed."



A hometown Tea party in Hannibal, Missouri

# Is this a return to political morality?

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to the polls this time was their revulsion with Obama's rush to transform America into an anything-goes European nanny state. But behind the scenes, there's a civil war going on within the Republican Party. The country club elites invited the religious right into the GOP 30 years ago, but now are appalled that Christians don't want anything to do with a continuation of the policies that put this nation into preposterous debt – even before the Obama trillion-dollar spending spree.

As election returns rolled in, the entrenched GOP establishment was patting itself on the back, clueless about what anger was driving voters to the polls. Was it Medicare reimbursement rates that sent grandmothers into the street at Tea Parties in Claremore, Oklahoma, and Branson, Missouri and all across America?

No, it was Obama's headlong rush into taxpayer-funded abortion, homosexual curriculums in our schools and shoveling billions of dollars to Planned Parenthood and unions. It was public outrage at Obama attack on marriage.

Seventy-four judges were up for retention in Iowa – and only the three who imposed same-sex "marriage" on the state are now unemployed. That is no coincidence. Of the Maine legislators who redefined marriage in 2009, 22 woke up Wednesday morning without jobs.

In at least six state legislatures, where a push for same-sex "marriage" was imminent, Democrats lost their majorities. Say what you will, but the message is that there is a political price to pay. Exit polling from Concerned Women for America found that 62 percent of voters said one of the most important challenges America faces is "the decline of morality and values."

## But are those in the Republican elite listening?

When the blame game begins over why Republicans lost several Senate seats they probably should have won, you can expect the Tea Party to receive its fair share.

After all, they pushed Angle as well as Alaska's Joe Miller and Delaware's Christine O'Donnell, helping them win against moderate Republicans in the primaries.

But Angle and O'Donnell lost their races and, as of press time, Miller was trailing write-in candidate Lisa Murkowski in his election.

"The Republican Party did not win on November 2," writes former U.S. Senator Bob Smith (R-New Hampshire). "The Republican Party was the weapon of choice at the ballot box for millions of ordinary Americans to vent their dissatisfaction with leaders who were bankrupting America and passing mountains of debt on to their children and grandchildren.

"These people for the most part were not party activists, political operatives, big donors or Washington insiders.

"They were common sense working men and women who were fed up and simply sick and tired of our political leaders in both parties ignoring their pleas to return to constitutional government, exercise fiscal restraint, reduce the size of government and cut taxes on business and individuals to create more private sector jobs.

"Call them Tea Party activists or just plain concerned citizens, they are the winners," writes Smith. "This was an insurrection of determined citizens who decided to change the political landscape and in so doing changed America.

"Thomas Jefferson would have been inspired by these patriots!"

But not everyone was buying the Jefferson comparison. Predictably, the liberal media was in high gear. Liberal columnist Mark Leibovich called Tea Parties a "cadre of high-fiving, Heineken toasting, Tea Party insurgents and Republican stalwarts."

Peppered throughout the news articles and network coverage, one finds such terms as right-wing "extremists" and "uncompromising zealots." The worse epithets came from the Republican elite. Former New Hampshire Senator John Sununu predicted proudly that the impact of the Tea Party senators will be "absolutely nothing."

He called the Tea Party as an "overblown story that is 180 degrees from the truth." The former senator said that only those who work with the establishment will be "deeply respected and successful."

## That's a recipe for disaster

The bottom line for Congress, Smith says, is: "The American people have elected you to rein in government, cut taxes and promote job growth and respect the Constitution. They mean business and will not tolerate a lack of commitment and action to accomplish these goals.

"They are not looking for moderation and compromise. They want real change in policy and in the way you conduct your business in Washington, D.C. If you do not deliver, you will be gone in a blink of an eye.

"Here is a bit of unsolicited but friendly advice from one who has been where you are headed:

**"1. The media and the establishment** will do all in their power to see that you fail. You will be mocked, marginalized and ignored. Do not be intimidated. Put principle over politics and do what you need to do. Let elections take care of themselves after you do the right thing. You do not have to interview with anyone just because they ask you. If you succeed with your agenda, you will get all the media attention that you need.

**"2. All of you newly elected** House and Senate members, whether Tea Party or not, immediately announce that you will not be campaigning to raise or accept campaign contributions until January of 2012. Keep the lobbyists out of your offices, hire strong, principled, professional staff and work hard to accomplish what you came here to do. You are thus telling your constituents that you came here to change America back to Constitutional government and fiscal sanity, not just to run again for re-election. This is going to be hard and difficult to do, but so was your election hard and difficult!

**"3. Do not be afraid to speak up** as a new member. Each of you has only one vote and they are all counted equally. Do not let establishment leaders and other members threaten you or flatter you into something you do not believe is the correct agenda or vote.

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**“4. Clearly set the agenda** that you would like to accomplish in 2011 and make sure all party leaders and your colleagues understand it clearly. Get votes on these items even if the President vetoes them. The American people would welcome gridlock, if you demonstrate that you want to stop the spending, repeal government run health care, end the bailouts and stimulus money, reduce corporate and individual income taxes and stop more attacks on our constitutional form of government.

“Put all spending on the table for discussion. You cannot balance the budget by only cutting earmarks and other discretionary spending. Yes, that includes entitlements, corporate subsidies, defense and ending the financial drain of illegal immigration.

**“5. Call for a conference** meeting or a retreat of 50 to 100 of the most successful business leaders in America. Task them to give you some ideas on how we can kick the economy back into gear and create more jobs. You should look at some degree of privatization of education, infrastructure, space, energy and other innovative technologies. Part of this discussion should be a plan for incentives to encourage companies to bring trillions of dollars of capital, sent abroad to avoid taxes and penalties, back to America for new investment and job growth. Business leaders will be flattered to be asked and you never know what they might bring forth.

“The American people are counting on all of you! If you succeed, historians will look back decades from now and write that America returned to the principles and policies of our Founders with the elections of 2010. Given our current crisis, failure is not an option.”

## The beginning!

“We saw the beginning of the moral re-awakening on November 2 when three Iowa Supreme Court justices who had made a ruling allowing homosexual ‘marriage’ lost their seats in a popular revolt,” writes columnist Jonah Knox.

“With the country focused on the increasingly precarious economic and financial situation that faces our nation, it is tempting to ignore the moral decline of America and the accelerating assault on our traditional cultural institutions, such as the family.

“The good news is that reports are emerging that the Tea Party movement, having focused the nation’s attention on the economic crisis, is turning its attention to the moral crisis. They are recognizing that America’s economic strength has to rest on a moral foundation. This is welcome news indeed.”

Independents and people 65 and older are two pivotal voting blocs neither party can afford to lose. On Election Day, Democrats had alienated both.

For seniors, a group that takes voting seriously, Obama’s health care overhaul legislation was a driving issue. Fifty-three percent said the measure should be repealed – and almost all of this group backed Republican House candidates on Election Day.

## Independents, senior citizens

Voters over 65 were also the likeliest age group to consider themselves Tea Party supporters, with almost half – 49 percent – saying they back the conservative movement. Nine in 10 of them voted Republican on Election Day.

Independents seemed especially upset with Obama and took it out on Democrats, voting Republican for the first time since 1998. Over half said the president’s policies will hurt the country, and independents saying their vote represented opposition to Obama more than doubled those saying they were signaling support for him.

More than a third of GOP votes came from the South, the most Republican-friendly region of the country by far. Democrats’ votes came in near equal proportions from the East, Midwest, South and West.

“Washington will be different after this week’s midterm elections,” writes Jonathan Strong, who covers Congress for *The Daily Caller*, a daily Internet news site.

But the issue to watch will be whether the Republican establishment subverts and intimidates the Tea Party newcomers. For about 12 hours after maverick conservative Christine O’Donnell won Delaware’s Republican primary for the U.S. Senate, there was much weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Only it was the Republicans who were fretting. O’Donnell had defeated a liberal Republican congressman.

All the mainstream media analysts were trumpeting their delight that she could not possibly win in the general election – and that Republican hopes to take over the Senate were lost.

On Election night, euphoric that they had hung onto the Senate, Democrats were relieved for two reasons. They still controlled the Senate. And, it appeared, the Tea Party was ripping the Republican Party in two.

After O’Donnell’s primary win, a spokesman for the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee bitterly declared that the national GOP would neither fund nor support O’Donnell’s campaign or her candidacy. He also lashed out at South Carolina Republican Senator Jim DeMint, who had backed O’Donnell over

Republican Congressman Mike Castle.

“I hope Senator DeMint is enjoying his short-lived victory tonight because many Republicans look forward to when he has to look his colleagues in the eye post-November 2 and explain why he helped cost them a critical Republican vote,” the GOP aide said. “Clearly, he’s doing a great job achieving his arrogant goal of 30 pure Senate seats instead of a Republican majority. I’m sure Harry Reid and Chuck Schumer appreciate his hard work.”

## DeMint, however, has no apologies

“I want to congratulate,” he said. “She wasn’t afraid to stand up to the establishment and she overcame some pretty nasty attacks.”

The establishment DeMint was referring to was the national Republican hierarchy. DeMint had challenged them to rally behind their party’s new candidate.

But the GOP power brokers would have none of it.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee issued a brief, begrudging statement after the primary, congratulating O’Donnell on her win, but left the impression with several journalists that they would not be spending any money in Delaware. Nor did they. And so, she lost.

Veteran Democratic strategist Paul Begala, eyeing the tumult among his opponents on the right, captured the moment this way: “For the Republican Party, and the establishment hierarchical corporate party, this is the French Revolution.”

Many Democrats, such as Senator Robert Menendez, New Jersey Democrat and chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, were jubilant.

Internet commentator and *DailyKos* founder Markos Moulitsas put it more bluntly. “Thanks teabaggers! Very kind of you,” he declared on the social networking site Twitter.

Others, like Democratic strategist Peter Daou, were more cautious.

“Democrats keep cheering for the so-called ‘crazy Republican’ to win. They’re misreading the mood of the nation,” he wrote on Twitter.

## He was right

“And so it begins,” observed veteran political writer Frank Salvato. “The establishment Republican Party has loaded the gun and is now pointing

the barrel directly at its own foot; a situation all too familiar for those of us who, in the past, have watched the Republican Party snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

“How they are handling the Tea Party movement – or, rather, how they are trying to manhandle the Tea Party movement – is a perfect example. In the end, victory or defeat will hinge on whether or not the establishment GOP party leaders shake off the stench of arrogance and elitism.”

The revolution has begun, says Salvato, “and the establishment GOP had better get behind it. To do anything else is to flirt with relegating the Grand Old Party to third party status.

“The Tea Party is winning big,” writes economist Peter Morici. “Voters are disgusted with a mess instigated by Washington. Leaders of both major parties appear clueless.”

The solution is not to declare the Tea Partiers the enemy.

“The aftermath is being discussed and analyzed by all the pundits,” writes Christian author Bill Wilson. “Headlines say that TEA Party supported candidates scored big. Establishment Republicans are beside themselves as they are seeing their grip on the party slip away to unrefined, unsophisticated TEA Party neophytes.

“Tea Party candidates are relying on the common sense and decency. These are not radical Communists, but rather peaceful Americans trying to take their country back. They are attacking the Republican Party because it is a party fractured by establishment liberals and grassroots conservatives. The Democratic Party is united in liberalism.”

And both parties are doomed if they can’t figure out what the voters want.

“To turn the country away from humanist Socialist policies,” writes Wilson, “the only political hope is found in moving to the right – where the voters are.”

“The Republican establishment has lectured us about being loyal to ‘the cause’ – by which they mean their questionable leadership,” writes Family Research Council President Tony Perkins. The embarrassment of seeing liberal Republicans switch sides whenever it advances their political ambitions “is not new for the Republican Party,” writes Perkins. “It’s something I’ve witnessed first hand. The difference is that this time, conservative voters have had enough.

DeMint notes how the Republican establishment said “Pat Toomey was too conservative when we backed him over Arlen Specter. They were wrong.

“They said the same thing about Marco Rubio and Rand Paul.

“If there is one thing we have learned this year,” said DeMint, “it’s that we cannot count on the leadership in Washington to elect the kind of leaders our nation needs.

“We’re going to have to engage the process.

“And we’re going to have to do it ourselves.”



Another smalltown Tea party in Cairo, Illinois



Barack Obama speaking to reporters

# Obama 'shellacked' but fails to get it

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"The American people sent him a clear message," observes investment advisor Karl Mills. "His response is just a nicely-phrased way to reject their message."

"Barack Obama was right in 2008 when he said 'elections have consequences, and I won,'" writes Matthew P. Clune of the *Kansas City Star* newspaper. "He took that sentiment to heart and consequently used his majorities and super-majorities to cram a boatload of legislation down our throats."

As a result on Election Day 2010, "Obama and the Democrats endured what the president described as a 'shellacking.'"

## What happens next?

"What are the consequences of this shellacking?" asks Clune. "Gridlock is likely because Obama is resolute in his belief that more government is the answer to everything. The new majority will oppose anything that even smells like more government or more spending."

Another consequence of Obama's shellacking is nationwide gains in state legislatures.

"While the Republican gains in the House and Senate are grabbing the most headlines, the most significant results came in state legislatures where Republicans wiped the floor with Democrats," writes Jeremy P. Jacobs, reporting for the *National Journal*.

"Republicans picked up 680 seats in state legislatures, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures—the most in the modern era. To put that number in perspective," explains Jacobs: "In

the 1994 GOP wave, Republicans picked up 472 seats. The previous record was in the post-Watergate election of 1974, when Democrats picked up 628 seats.

"The GOP gained majorities in at least 14 state house chambers. They now have unified control—meaning both chambers—of 26 state legislatures.

"That control is a particularly bad sign for Democrats as they go into the redistricting process," writes Jacobs.

"If the GOP is effective in gerrymandering districts in many of these states, it could eventually lead to the GOP actually expanding its majority in 2012."

In 15 states, Republicans now hold what they call the redistricting "trifecta"—a triple advantage consisting of both chambers of the state legislature plus the governorship in Republican hands.

They also control the Nebraska governorship and its single-house legislature, taking the number up to 16. And in North Carolina—probably the state most gerrymandered to benefit Democrats—Republicans hold both chambers of the state legislature, plus the Democratic governor does not have veto power over redistricting proposals.

The national Republican State Leadership Committee took the lead in pursuing the state legislature elections, according to Chris Jankowski, a spokesman for the committee. He said they were very specific about where they used their financial resources this year.

The news was not entirely bad for Democrats, notes Jacobs. They have their own redistricting "trifectas" in eight states. That number jumps to nine if Democrats hold onto the Colorado state House and 10 if Rhode Island is included.

It just elected former Republican, now left-leaning independent Lincoln Chafee as governor.

## Republican advantage

However, "the GOP holds the redistricting trifecta in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Utah, Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Ohio, Nebraska and North Carolina."

Of those, South Carolina, Utah, Florida, Georgia and Texas are projected to gain seats after the census totals are finished. Ohio and Michigan are also important because they are projected to lose at least one seat, making the redistricting lines all the more important.

"Obama's strategy in the next two years," writes Clune, "will be to blame the Republicans, again describing them as the 'party of no.' This won't work because if nothing happens, the economy will still be in dire straits, and Obama will lose in 2012. The nation's resolve against larger government will have only strengthened.

"If he wants to win in 2012," advises Clune, "Obama has to get something done. He has to be able to point to some improvement and say, 'I did that, so vote for me.' Herein lies Obama's problem, and a decided advantage for conservatives. To the core of his being, his definition of progress is more government and more spending, both of which were rejected by the voters.

"Here also is where conservatives can hope that Obama's idealistic resolve will actually preclude any chance of his re-election in 2012. Obama's genuine belief in larger government will continue to be revealed over the next two years, to the point that if anything of value does come out of this Congress, the Republicans can rightfully claim the credit."

Obama is laboring under some major trust issues as well.

"In 2008, he campaigned to change the partisan tone of Washington and reach across the aisle," notes Istook. However, he did just the opposite. Then, "in 2010, he campaigned as a full-throated partisan against his uncompromising 'enemies,' and it failed miserably. So he went back to talking about finding 'common ground' and restoring civility in Washington.

"Both reactions are quite com-



Kentucky's Senator-Elect Rand Paul

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prehensible, if hardly a model of consistency. So does he mean it, or is it a renewal of the posturing? Basically he said there wasn't anything wrong with his policies."

Indeed, Obama lectured a press conference two days after Election Day 2010 that the public simply doesn't appreciate that it will take more time for his policies to be successful.

"That doesn't sound like someone newly intent on compromise in a more moderate middle ground," notes Istook. "Although he was eloquent as always on the virtues of doing so."

"The idea that Obama has been willing to compromise is true only if he defines compromise in the same way my ex-wife did, which was me agreeing to do things her way without any further discussion," writes Ken Blackwell, former Ohio Secretary of State. "The voters were saying 'Enough.' Remember that just two years ago, *Time* magazine ran a cover story exploring seriously the idea that the GOP was extinct."

At Obama's post-election press conference, "After trying confrontational tactics for weeks, Obama signaled a return to his earlier approach, which seems based on his belief that his personal charm will triumph over substance," writes Mills. "He gave no apology for his big government agenda, continuing to insist that his failure is that his agenda is misunderstood, rather than realizing that it's understood all too well."

## Can he admit failure?

"Barack Obama is in a deep state of denial," writes Christian author Gary L. Bauer. "In his 'post-mortem' interview with *60 Minutes*, Obama was asked whether the Election Day 'shellacking' was due to his 'failing to sell the importance of several legislative milestones.'

Indeed, the president responded: "Over the course of two years we were so busy and so focused on getting a bunch of stuff done that, we stopped paying attention to the fact that leadership isn't just legislation. That it's a matter of persuading people, making an argument that people can understand. I think that we haven't always been successful at that.

"And it's something that I've got to examine carefully as I go forward."

"Poor Obama," marveled Bauer. "He feels he got shellacked because Americans are too dumb to understand what great things the Democrats were doing for us.

"Obama still doesn't get it.

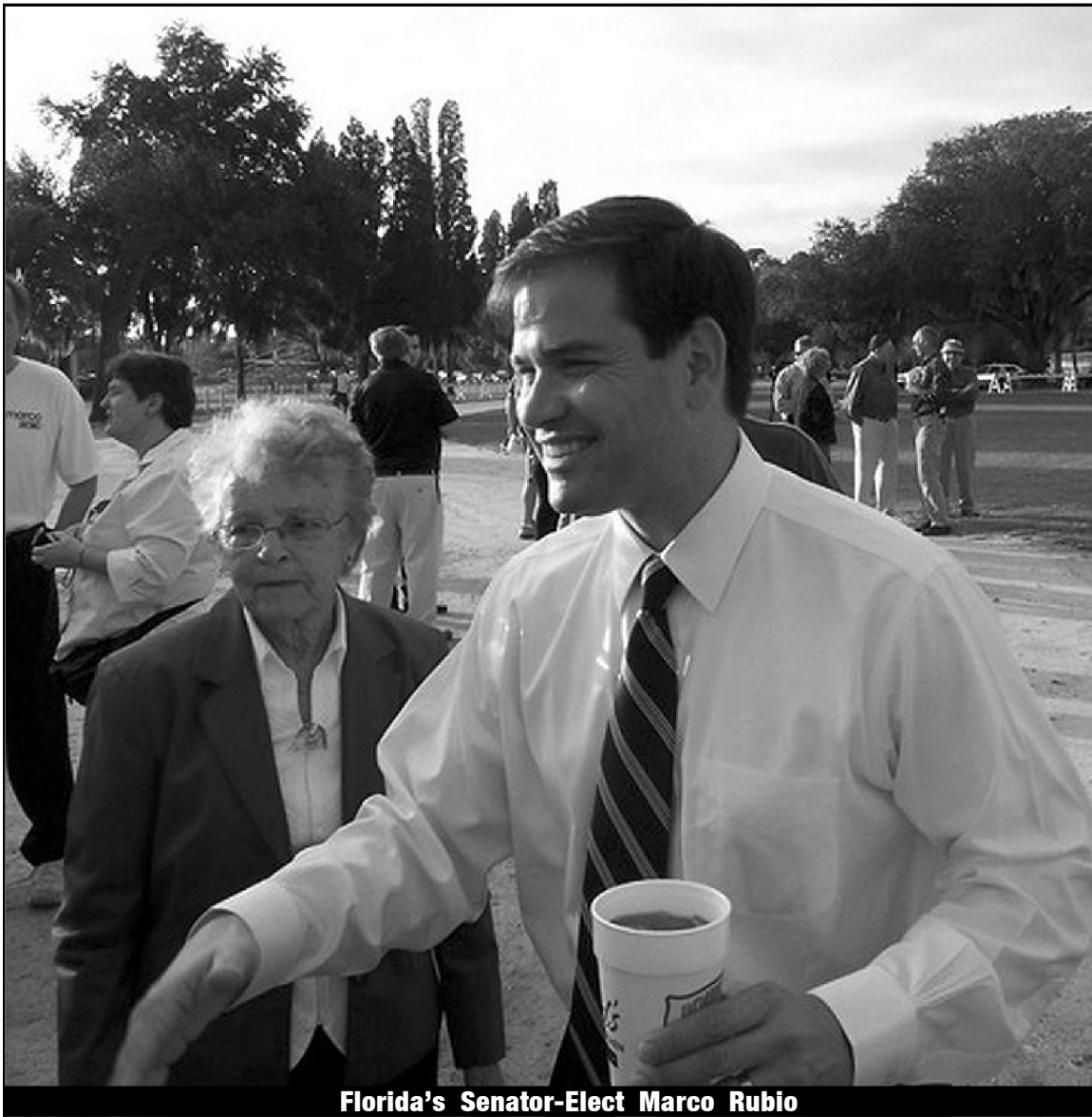
"For the first year of his presidency, Obama was constantly talking at us. He gave 42 news conferences, held 21 town hall meetings, visited 58 cities in 30 states, gave 52 speeches on ObamaCare and sat for 158 interviews."

That was "far more than any of his recent predecessors in their first year," according to CBS News reporter Mark Knoller.

So, "the idea that Democrats lost simply because voters didn't hear from Obama often enough suggests a disturbing disconnect with reality," offers Bauer. "Americans heard enough. They didn't vote Republican because they wanted more of Obama—they voted Republican because they wanted to stop Obama's socialism!

"Obama is bemoaning our inability to comprehend his greatness. I thought Obama's greatest strength was his rhetorical skills! If he's lost them, what's left?"

"The president's press conference showed that he is vulnerable to his own ideals," writes Thune. "His tone was humble and he talked of changing his ways. But the substance of his remarks contradicted this sentiment.



Florida's Senator-Elect Marco Rubio

Time and again he was asked whether he admitted the elections were a rebuke against his policies, and time and again he dismissed these ideas and blamed the slow economy.

"When asked whether he accepted the fact that the Republicans will not allow any more spending bills, he (quite unbelievably, given the circumstances) responded by rattling off several areas in which he thought legislation and 'investment' were needed. The reporter, again offering some reality, stated: 'things that you just called investments they call wasteful spending.'

"At that point Obama officially started the blame game, saying that 'without any Republican support on anything, then it's going to be hard to get things done.' Here again is Obama's reelection conundrum: his idea of 'getting things done' is government stepping in, and the majority of American voters' think it is government stepping out."

## Doesn't he understand?

"The Obamacare disaster was an issue the president repeatedly and stubbornly defended. He refused to acknowledge any threat of repeal, or that it was the wrong thing for this country. He mourned the loss of Democrats who voted with 'courage and conviction' for the bill, and said 'it was the right thing to do.'

"He still doesn't get it. Obama continues to think that he knows better than others what's best for people and that he has a higher calling, no matter what anyone says.

"Let's hope he doesn't change his mind anytime soon because elections have consequences, and we've got one coming up in 2012.

But Obama isn't the only one living in a fantasy world, writes columnist Dr. Laurie Roth

"You can't write this stuff in movies. During the obvious political and American backlash against the Obama and congressional dictatorship, we heard Nancy Pelosi saying the Democrats would keep the House. Health care reform would continue. Obama and the big vision were just fine.

"Wasn't that optimism precious?" asks Dr. Roth. "She should consider becoming a fiction writer.

"Then we have our aloof and ever so confident commander and chief talking rather curiously of the conservatives as 'racists' 'just stressed and angry due to our pressures with the economy'

"Not only has Obama minimized every tanking poll and anger of the American people, Obama was said to have not even watched or paid attention to election

night. I guess Mr. Coolness was above that or had a rock concert to go to."

"The ranks of conservatives," writes Mark Alexander, "in our national Congress, and in our state executive and legislative branches across the nation, were greatly strengthened in the midterm election, but those campaigns were just the beginning of a movement to restore liberty.

"Thomas Jefferson wrote, 'Excessive taxation will carry reason and reflection to every man's door, and particularly in the hour of election.'

"Indeed, taxation was a factor in the seating of House and Senate conservatives, as was the case in December of 1773.

"Of course, Obama and his leftist cadres can't comprehend it either. He insists, 'The reason that our politics seems so tough right now, and facts and science and argument do not seem to be winning the day all the time, is because we're hard-wired not to always think clearly when we're scared. And the country is scared.'

"He says that those who do not support him have an inability to 'think clearly,' and that his detractors' 'basic political strategy

has been to count on you having amnesia.'

"May Obama and his ilk continue to cling to those delusions," writes Alexander.

"Likewise, there are some so-called 'moderate' House and Senate Republicans who are nearly as delusional—those who think they'll be able to return to 'business as usual' with a restored Republican majority.

## Is the mission accomplished?

"If they try to do just that, they'll face the same formidable challenge Democrats now face, because the ranks of conservatives in the House and Senate have been refortified with outspoken constitutional constructionists like Allen West, Rand Paul, Pat Toomey, Marco Rubio and dozens of others. Some of these Patriots unseated Democrats who had held office for decades, and others tossed Republican moderates onto the trash heap of mediocrity.

"Establishment Republicans in the GOP are poised to declare 'Mission Accomplished' and insist that the 'New and Improved GOP' will hold to its stated principles this time around. Patriots won't adopt a 'wait and see' strategy, however. Establishment Republicans had their opportunity when they held both the House and Senate under George W. Bush—and they failed miserably. Instead, we'll insist that they revitalize the Reagan model for restoration now."

## Restoring the cause of liberty

"The re-energized movement for liberty demands that our elected representatives, regardless of their political affiliation, act in accordance with their sacred oaths to 'support and defend' our Constitution, and that they reduce the bloated size, function and cost of the central government to comport with its limited constitutional mandate and limited authority.

"In the 2012 election and those which follow, we will root up and toss out Democrats and Republicans who fail to honor their oaths. There can be no doubt, though, that Obama and his party will do everything in their power to prevent the decentralization of the socialist regime they have created.

"Beyond these entrenched threats posed by the adversaries of liberty, there exist other more subtle dangers.

"We have much more ground to take if we are to restore the cause of liberty."



“Here I am,” Abraham replied.

“Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah,” instructed the Lord in Genesis 22:1-2. “Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

There was no mistake about Who this was or who was speaking to him. Abraham had heard God’s voice many times before. He knew the voice. It is not the voice of an enemy, but a friend. But the message must have brought agony to Abraham’s heart.

Abraham’s son Isaac was probably just a young boy, though the Scripture doesn’t tell us. Abraham’s heart had already been broken when he sent away his firstborn son, Ishmael, born to his concubine, Hagar – banished to the desert because of Sarah’s jealousy.

After losing one son, Abraham had watched Isaac grow into a young boy. In Isaac, all the promises that God had given to Abraham now found their focus, the divine promises of blessing and descendants. Isaac truly was a miracle-son, born to Sarah at 90 and Abraham at 100.

So, how could God ask for Abraham to offer the child as a burnt offering to the Lord?

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age, the Lord blessed Sarah and she gave birth to a son, Isaac. The boy was the apple of Abraham’s eye. But one day, God called out to Abraham, calling his name.



**A French stained-glass masterpiece: Abraham and Isaac travel to Mt. Moriah**

But the dread words could not be more clear: “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love ....”

A “burnt offering” meant the entire sacrifice was burned on the altar. Hundreds of years later, in the Mosaic law, God prescribed other offerings of which only the fat is burned and the rest is eaten by the priests and their families.

Human sacrifice was not unknown in the ancient Near East, although it had never been commanded before in the Bible.

Such murderous practices were performed by pagans and heathens, not God’s chosen people. Prisoners or foreigners were sacrificed in Egypt. Skeletons of infant children have been found buried in the floors of Palestinian houses. In the sanctuary of Tanit at Carthage, archaeologists have discovered urns containing burnt human bones. The sacrifice of Carthage’s finest children was reported in 310 BC. Philo of Byblos says that the Phoenicians had an ancient custom of burning “their dearest children in a way full of mystery” when danger threatened the nation.

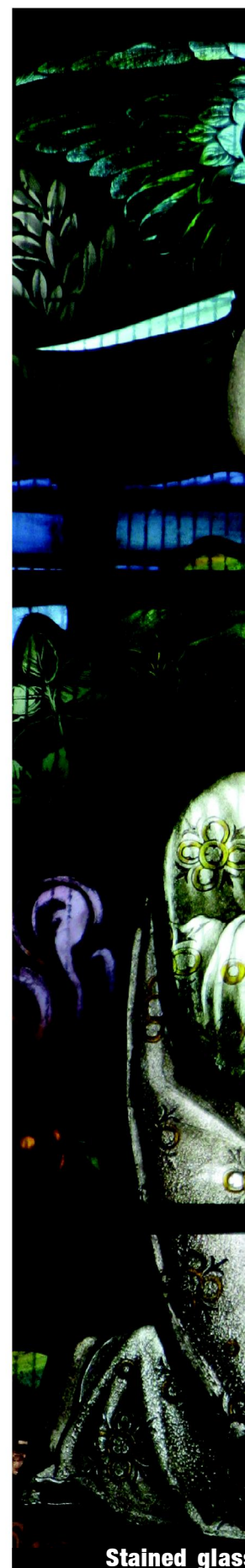
In Bible times, the King of Moab offered his son as a burnt offering when his capital was under siege (2 Kings 3:27).

Apostate Hebrew King Ahaz “made his son pass through the fire” (2 Kings 16:3) as did Manasseh, said to be one of the most wicked kings of Israel (2 Kings 21:6). The custom was condemned in Leviticus 18:21; 20:2-5, Deuteronomy 18:10, 2 Kings 17:17; 21:6, 2 Chronicles 28:3; 23:10, Psalm 106:37-38, Jeremiah 19:4-5 and Jeremiah 32:35.

But Abraham had heard directly from God. He had no option but to believe that the Lord desired that he sacrifice Isaac on a fiery altar.

So Abraham prepared to travel with Isaac to Mount Moriah. To Abraham’s credit, he didn’t put it off. He began his journey the next day.

Genesis 22:3-5 says that early the next



**Stained glass**





s in Sheffield, England: Abraham prepares to plunge the knife

morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and come back to you” (Genesis 22:3-5).

Observe Abraham’s confident promise: “*We* will worship and then *we* will come back to you,” he tells them.

While Abraham was fully prepared to offer Isaac, he also was confident that God would keep the promises that Isaac himself would be heir to the covenant and have descendants (Genesis 17:19, 21; 21:12).

Here is obedient faith in action.

The writer of Hebrews reflects on the quality of Abraham’s faith. Hebrews 11:17-19 tells us that by faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. This man who had received God’s promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”

Do you suppose that Abraham reasoned God could raise the dead?

But this was no play-acting for Abraham. He fully intended to obey God – but at the same time, he had those promises pointing to Isaac. Somehow, he hoped and prayed, God would intervene. Isaac was old enough to sense something amiss.

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on Isaac’s shoulders. Abraham carried the fire and the knife. As the two went up the mountain together, Isaac spoke up: ‘Father?’

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.”

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.

He bound Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son, according to Genesis 22:11-12.

An animal to be sacrificed was generally killed in the swiftest and most painless way possible, by cutting horizontally across the throat in an uninterrupted movement. That was what Abraham expected to do.

As he raised the knife, an angel called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” instructed the angel. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Imagine Abraham’s joy. Imagine his thanksgiving as he clutched Isaac to his chest, praising God for His goodness.

Why would God do this?

James 1:2-3 tells us to consider it pure joy whenever we face trials, because we know that the testing of our faith develops perseverance!

The Apostle Paul advises us in 2 Corinthians 4:17 that our earthly troubles achieve for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

Job doesn’t understand his suffering, but in God’s eyes, his faithfulness is a showpiece of character that Satan’s attacks cannot undermine. Abraham’s faith on Mt. Moriah has inspired countless generations to a faith in God and a commitment to God that goes beyond the ordinary.

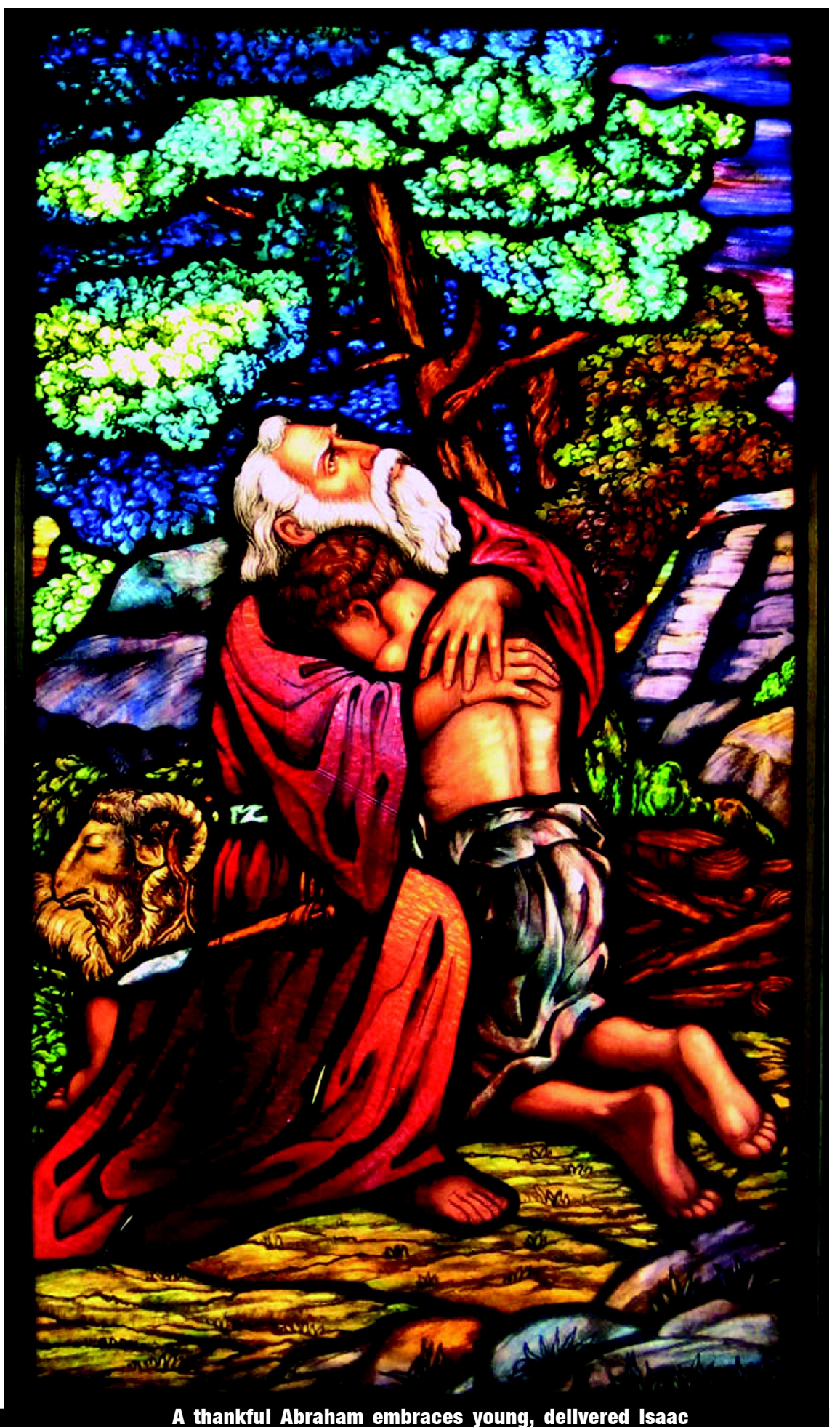
God stops Abraham from sacrificing Isaac on the altar, but not from worship:

In Genesis 22:13-14, Abraham looks up and there in a thicket he sees a ram caught by its horns. He goes over and takes the ram and sacrifices it as a burnt offering – instead of his son.

Abraham then named the place “The Lord Will Provide” (Jehovah Jireh).

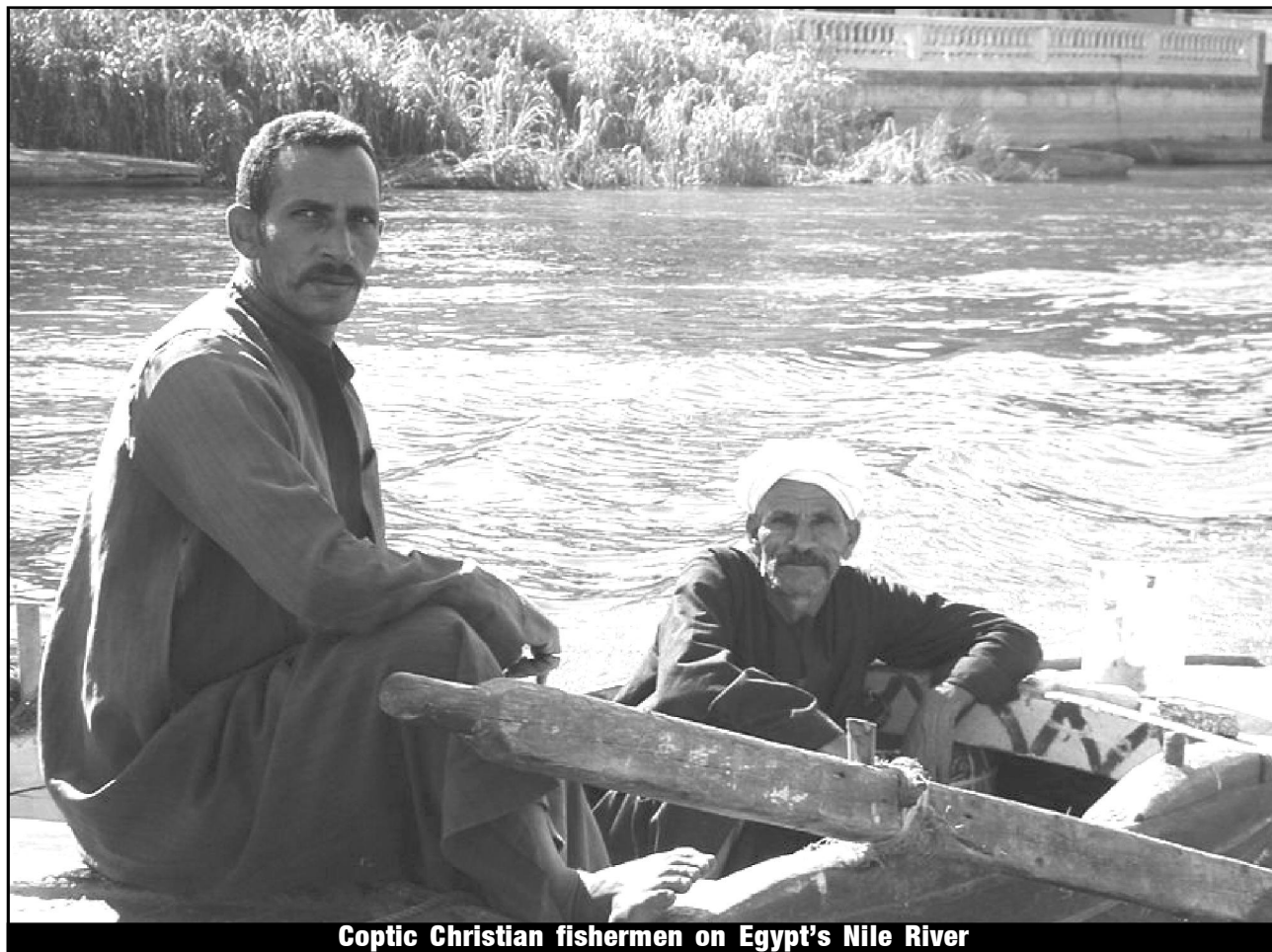
Yes, He will.

Yes, He does.



A thankful Abraham embraces young, delivered Isaac





Coptic Christian fishermen on Egypt's Nile River

# Radicals focusing harsh rhetoric on Egypt's Christians

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

Egyptian Christians are suffering increased persecution – fearing to leave their homes – and human rights say the Obama administration doesn't care.

In late October, Dr. Monir Dawoud, president of the American Coptic Association, led a rally in front of the United Nations' New York headquarters, protesting the "massacre and ethnic cleansing of our people – the Christians of Egypt."

He blamed "jihadist Muslim Brotherhood groups helped by the Egyptian government of Hosni Mubarak."

Dr. Dawoud specifically protested recent attacks against the leadership of the Coptic Church as well as the "bloodshed, murder, abducting and Islamizing of young Christian girls."

Specifically, he cited the murder of six young Christian men leaving Christmas services last January "and the Egyptian court's continued delay in the killers' trial."

"Copts are afraid to venture out of their homes in fear of being attacked," said Dr. Dawoud. "Ten attacks of this type have taken place in the last five weeks, an average of two such attacks a week."

The Copts claim to be the original inhabitants of Egypt, preceding the arrival of Arab Muslims and say that they are one of the oldest Christian communities in the Middle East.

Dr. Dawoud said the recent terror campaign began on September 15, when Muhammad Salim al-Awa of the International Union of Muslim Scholars, appeared on the Muslim cable TV new channel al-Jazeera and accused Egyptian Christians of "stocking arms and ammunition in their churches and monasteries."

A false rumor was also repeated during the interview, then repeated in the pages of the Egyptian newspaper *al-Shurouk*, that Egyptian security agencies had apprehended a cargo ship laden with explosives sent to the Coptic Christians from Israel.

"In an angry tirade," according to Dr. Dawoud, "al-Awa made unfounded charges, including the claim that Coptic leaders had said that Egypt was 'our Christian country' to the exclusion of Muslims."

Al-Awa also accused Coptic Christians of "political activities" and warned that "fire would spread throughout the country." He then surmised that the alleged weapons he alleged the Copts are hoarding "can only have one purpose – to be used against Muslims."

He asserted that Coptic Christians want to "split Egypt into two states," Muslim and Christian.

Al-Awa also said that the Copts are a "fifth column" that is preparing to wage war against Muslims on behalf of Israel. He made the false claim that Egyptian police cannot enter Coptic monasteries to investigate or uncover the weapons.

In reality, the monasteries have no such immunity, instead are regularly victimized by authorities who regularly deny permission to repair churches or build new ones in Egypt.

Dr. Dawoud said that following al-Awa's lead, Muslim leaders began to inflame the Egyptian population by circulating rumors that the church regularly kidnap Coptic women who have willingly converted to Islam, and then trap the women in desert monasteries, all the while torturing them and re-indoctrinating them back into Christianity.

In reality, Dr. Dawoud said that Coptic girls are regularly abducted by Muslims and forced into marriage while being held incommunicado for years from their families. Egyptian police refuse to even question the girls, claiming they have willingly converted to Islam and do not wish to have anything to do with their relatives.

On October 8, Egyptian radicals held a street demonstration in which they charged that Coptic leader Father Bishoy be put on trial for having questioned the authenticity of the Koran in a sermon.

The demonstrators called for searching monasteries and churches for hidden weapons, and issued direct threats to Coptic leaders, "just wait, we will dig your grave with our own hands."

They continued with chants such as "Egypt will remain Islamic" and called for boycotts of Christian businesses. Christian Copts account for about 10 percent of Egypt's 83 million population.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has failed to protect them, according to Coptic leader Raymond Ibrahim,

Ibrahim, who lectures at the U.S. National Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C., said Egypt has transformed into the spearhead of the Muslim Brotherhood and has developed a structure for intimidating the nation's estimated eight million Coptic Christians.

Dr. Dawoud recently organized a protest in front of the White House when President Mubarak visited the U.S.

Dr. Dawoud says the oppressed Copts are an example of what could happen in America if Islam is triumphant.

On October 31, at least 46 Christians were killed and more than 80 others severely injured when Islamic militants stormed the Syriac Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of Salvation in Baghdad, Iraq, during services.

The gunmen, armed with automatic weapons and explosives, entered the building and demanded that the Coptic Christians in Egypt release Iranian women. The gunmen claimed the women were raised as Christians, but had voluntarily converted to Islam, but now were being held captive by the Egyptian Christians.

The gunmen then shot a priest and began spraying the crowd with bullets. Hours of terror, confusion and bloodshed followed. One of the gunmen reportedly called a local TV network during the siege. He said he was part of the Islamic State of Iraq, a group linked to al-Qaida, and demanded



Dr. Monir Dawoud



Coptic Christian worship in Alexandria, Egypt

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the release of the Muslim women within 48 hours. After four hours, Iraqi security forces stormed the church and put an end to the hostage situation.

Later that evening, a cryptically worded statement that appeared to claim responsibility for the attack was posted on a website belonging to the Islamic State of Iraq. The statement said that an “angry group of mujahideen from among the supporters of Allah raided one of the filthy dens of idolatry that was used by the Christians of Iraq as a headquarters to fight the religion of Islam.”

The group also stated that it would “exterminate Iraqi Christians,” if the Muslim women in Egypt were not freed.

Dr. Dawoud says he has been unsuccessful in efforts to gain a hearing from the White House or anyone else in the Obama administration.

He noted how Obama had apologized for America’s misdeeds to Muslims, stating that he came “to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world.”

Coptic leaders say that while reaching out to Muslims, the administration has turned a deaf ear to the pleas of Christians in the very country where he delivered his apology to Muslims.

“The Obama administration’s benign neglect of Arab Christians, is putting freedoms and human rights in the whole Middle East at risk,” said the president of the U.S. Copts Association, Michael Meunier. “Friendship with Muslims has been the Obama administration’s opening theme from his first day in office and in that famed Cairo speech in which he extended a hand to all Muslims in partnership.”

Meunier added that that the president’s failure to speak as extensively about the persecution of Arab Christians is a grave error.

“We have no problems with American friendships with Islam and Muslims, but it cannot be accomplished at the expense of our rights as Egyptian Christians. The very lives of our people there are endangered,” Meunier said.

He cited an Egyptian law banning the repair or construction of churches without a “presidential decree.”

The measure, known as the Hamayuni Law, is based on an 1856 Ottoman decree,

but was rarely enforced in Egypt until 1952.

He said that when Gamal Abdel Nasser in power in 1952, Christian communities in Egypt – including Catholics, Protestants, Armenians, Greeks and Italians in addition to the Copts – had enjoyed a climate of moderate Islam as the country westernized itself.

Because Christianity in Egypt is so ancient, preceding Islam by seven centuries, the country is a repository of multiple centuries-old churches, part of its international cultural heritage.

Those churches which are tourist attractions for tourists get a measure of protection by the state. Elsewhere in Egypt, smaller, ordinary churches are regularly targeted.

Because of the Hamayuni Law, churches that are vandalized or burned down are not allowed to be repaired.

Copts say they are down to 2,524 church buildings now, down from more than 3,000 in the early 1950s.

The bigger problem is not only that of systematic destruction of churches but the inability to replace the losses and build more to keep up with the growth of the Christian population.

The situation is so bad that Copts have often have to travel far distances outside of their towns for religious services for baptism, marriages and funerals.

Since 1971 only 37 “presidential decrees” have been issued to build new churches and 34 decrees have been issued for repairs or refurbishments, such



Coptic Christian men worshipping God

as replacing broken windows.

Egypt’s parliament has refused multiple proposals to write off the law or cancel it. Christian landowners need official permits to build a church.

Muslims, by contrast, need no such permission from the state, the presidency, or the government to build mosques anywhere in Egypt.

As a result, thousands of new mosques have been erected over the past 30 years. Most were funded with Saudi money.

With the expansion of Islamic houses of prayer proceeds in Egypt, churches are forbidden to expand or even be repaired.

Imams routinely urge Muslims to boycott Christians in business and social gatherings, cross the street to avoid mingling with them, refrain from shaking hands with them or joining them in business ventures.

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the approval of majorities in both houses of the state legislature.

The day after the election, Muneer Awad, who heads the Oklahoma branch of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said the amendment, which was approved by 70 percent of voters violates the U.S. Constitution. He said he will seek to have federal courts overturn the amendment to the state Constitution that bars judges from considering international or Islamic laws when deciding cases.

In promoting the measure, Republican sponsor Rex Duncan had called the constitutional amendment a “pre-emptive strike” to close the door on activist judges. However, Awad says it reflects anti-Muslim prejudice and would prevent judges from giving due consideration to treaties endorsed by the U.S. Congress.

The amendment was heavily promoted by bestselling author, Brigitte Gabriel, who wrote *They Must Be Stopped: Why We Must Defeat Radical Islam and How We Can Do It*.

“What we are seeing right now,” she said, “not only in Oklahoma, but nationwide is wherever there is a large concentration of Muslim population, there are more demands and more push for *shari’a* law.”

## Could it happen here?

British courts have begun considering *shari’a* in divorce cases.

Gabriel tells of a New Jersey judge who refused to grant a restraining order against an Islamic man accused of beating his wife. When she sought a restraining order, “he didn’t give it to her because he said that her Muslim

husband was within his Islamic right,” explains Gabriel.

Ignoring local, state and even federal law, the New Jersey judge said he did not believe the Muslim should be restrained from abusing his wife, because under *shari’a* a man may beat his wife if he chooses.

“Thankfully,” notes Gabriel, “the judge was overruled a year later.”

“Does *shari’a* law allow a husband to rape his wife, even in America?” asks columnist Cully Stimson. “A New Jersey trial judge thought so. In a recently overturned case, a ‘trial judge found as a fact that defendant committed conduct that constituted a sexual assault’ but did not hold the defendant liable because the defendant believed he was exercising his rights over the victim.

“Fortunately, a New Jersey appellate court reversed the trial judge. But make no mistake about it: this is no isolated incident. We will see more cases here in the United States where others attempt to impose *shari’a* law, under the guise of First Amendment protections, as a defense against crimes and other civil violations.”

In that case, “the plaintiff, a Moroccan Muslim woman, lived with her Moroccan Muslim husband in New Jersey.”

## Rape, beating justified

“She was repeatedly beaten and raped by her husband over the course of several weeks. While the plaintiff was being treated for her injuries at a hospital, a police detective interviewed her and took photographs of her injuries.

“Those photographs depicted injuries to the plaintiff’s breasts, thighs and arm, bruised lips, eyes and right

check. Further investigation established there were blood stains on the pillow and sheets of the plaintiff’s bed.

“The wife sought a permanent restraining order,” writes Stimson, “and a New Jersey trial judge held a hearing in order to decide whether to issue the order. Evidence at trial established, among other things, that the husband told his wife, ‘You must do whatever I tell you to do. I want to hurt your flesh’ and ‘this is according to our religion. You are my wife, I can do anything to you.’ The police detective testified about her findings, and some of the photographs were entered into evidence.

## Muslim women must submit

“The defendant’s imam testified that a wife must comply with her husband’s sexual demands and he refused to answer whether, under Islamic law, a husband must stop his sexual advances on his wife if she says ‘no.’

“The trial judge found that most of the criminal acts were indeed proved, but nonetheless denied the permanent restraining order.

“This judge held that the defendant could not be held responsible for the violent sexual assaults of his wife because he did not have the specific intent to sexually assault his wife, and because his actions were ‘consistent with his religious practices.’ In other words, the judge refused to issue the permanent restraining order because under *shari’a* law, this Muslim husband had a ‘right’ to rape his wife.

“Besides the fact that the ruling is wrong as a legal matter and offensive beyond words, it goes to the heart

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of the controversy about the insidious spread of *shari'a* law – the goal of radical Islamic extremists,” writes Stimson. “Fortunately, the New Jersey appellate court refused to tolerate the trial judge’s ‘mistaken’ and unsustainable decision.

“The appellate court chastised the trial judge’s ruling, holding among other things that he held an ‘unnecessarily dismissive view of defendant’s acts of domestic violence,’ and that his views of the facts in the case ‘may have been colored by his perception that... they were culturally acceptable and thus not actionable – a view we soundly reject.’

“Although appellate courts typically defer to findings of fact by trial judges, under the circumstances, this appellate court correctly refused to do so, and reversed the trial court and ordered the permanent restraining order to be issued.”

## A beheading in Buffalo, New York

“The truth is that imposition of *shari'a* law in the United States, especially when mixed with a perverted sense of political correctness, poses a danger to civil society,” says Stimson. “Just last year, a Muslim man in Buffalo, New York beheaded his wife in what appeared to be an honor killing, again using his faith to justify his actions. It is doubtful that the domestic violence and rape in this recently overturned case will be the last Americans see of *shari'a* being impermissibly used to justify brutal acts on our soil. As former Assistant Secretary of Defense Frank Gaffney wrote recently:

“*Shari'a* is no less toxic when it comes to the sorts of democratic government and civil liberties guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. According to this legal code of Saudi Arabia and Iran, only Allah can make laws, and only a theocrat can properly administer them, ultimately on a global basis.

“The trial opinion in this case shows that, indeed, the global reach of *shari'a* law is expanding,” writes Stimson. “The trial court allowed the testimony of an Imam to be entered so that his account of *shari'a*’s standards could supercede the standards set by the New Jersey legislature.

“This is not just about cultural defenses, which by themselves are not proper under United States law, but about giving up control of the law to a religious code citizens of this country have no control over, a theocratic code world famous for its antidemocratic, sexist nature and its human rights abuses.”

But was this just an isolated case? Did Oklahoma voters over-react? Not at all, says Stimson.

“The U.S. Constitution cannot and should not be used to subvert legislatures and allow brutes such as the husband in this case to harm others simply because their actions are legal under *shari'a* law.

“It was impermissible for the trial court to act as it did in this case, and the appellate judges very correctly overturned the ruling below. This is not the last we will hear of such attempts, however, as *shari'a*-loving extremists are determined to establish an Islamic Caliphate around the world, especially in America.

“As Andy McCarthy has written, ‘Our enemies are those who want *shari'a* to supplant American law and Western culture.’ We cannot allow that to happen.”

## But is such legislation necessary in America?

Absolutely, says Atlanta pastor Michael Youseff, who escaped from Muslim oppression in his native Egypt.

“We are living in one of the most dangerous times in modern history,” he says.

Making it even more dangerous is the reality that the Obama Administration refuses to allow any discussion of the matter. When a Pentagon report was issued on last year’s Fort Hood shootings – in which 12 were

killed and 31 were wounded when witnesses say that U.S. Army psychiatrist Major Nidal Malik Hasan opened fire at an awards ceremony – all mention was deleted that he is a Muslim or that he yelled “Allah is Great” as he fired on the crowd.

Also suppressed have been any mention that the Beltway Snipers, John Allen Muhammed and teenage accomplice Lee Malvo were Muslims and bragged in prison that they were waging “jihad” against Americans. The two terrorized the Washington, D.C., area for three weeks, killing 10 people.

“I have been accused on my mission. Allah knows I’m gonna suffer now,” Malvo wrote in prison.

A Virginia court found Muhammad guilty of murder “while committing terrorism.”

However, the press downplayed any Muslim connections.

## Why is America just looking the other way?

Author Ayaan Hirsi Ali recently took her urgent message of warning to the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. She has been living for several years under a *fatwa*, an order by Islamic officials to kill her for her statements critical of Islam.

Although there are scores of such cases, few get much attention.

Bestselling author Salman Rushdie is one of the best known. His novel, *The Satanic Verses*, drew protests from mobs of Muslims worldwide. The Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Supreme Leader of Iran, on February 24, 1989 declared it was the religious obligation of all Muslims to kill Rushdie.

At the National Press Club, Ali, a Somalnative, said she was “frustrated” with the west’s refusal to take Islam seriously.

Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel also complained recently that Germans have failed to grasp how Muslim immigration has transformed their country and will have to come to terms with more mosques than churches throughout the countryside, according to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* daily newspaper.

“Our country is going to carry on changing, and integration is also a task for the society taking up the task of dealing with immigrants,” Merkel said. “For years we’ve been deceiving ourselves about this. Mosques, for example, are going to be a more prominent part of our cities than they were before.”

Germany, with a population of 4-5 million Muslims, has been divided by a debate over remarks by the Bundesbank official Thilo Sarrazin, who said Turkish and Arab immigrants are failing to integrate and are swamping Germany with a higher birth rate.

Merkel’s remarks were the first official acknowledgment of concerns that Germany, like other European countries, is coming under Islamic influence.

In France, 30 percent of the population age 20 years and younger is Muslim. The ratio in Paris and Marseille has soared to 45 percent. In southern France, there are more mosques than churches.

## The situation within the United Kingdom is not much different

In the last 30 years, the Muslim population there has climbed from 82,000 to 2.5 million. Presently, there are over 1,000 mosques throughout Great Britain – many of which were formerly churches.

In Belgium, 50 percent of the newborns are Muslims and the Islamic population hovers around 25 percent. A similar statistic holds true for the Netherlands. In Russia, one in five inhabitants is a Muslim.

Although the west chooses to look the other way, the Muslim world is fully aware of what is going on. Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi recently stated that “There are signs that Allah will grant victory to Islam in Europe without sword, without gun, without conquest. We

don’t need terrorists; we don’t need homicide bombers. The 50 plus million Muslims in Europe will turn it into the Muslim continent within a few decades.”

In each country, officials are coming under political pressure to institute *shari'a*, Islamic law, which makes it legal for a husband to brutalize his wife or wives, puts the blame in cases of rape on the victim and allows “honor killings” in which someone who converts to Christianity may be murdered by family members.

Under *shari'a*, Muslim men have more rights than Muslim women, who have more rights than Christian or Jewish men. Even lower on the scale are Christian and Jewish women, then Hindus, New Agers and atheists. Muslim men are permitted to own and sell non-Muslims as slaves. They are prohibited from engaging in friendships with non-Muslims. Lying and cheating non-Muslims is permitted if it advances the spread of Islam.

## So, what do we do?

Should states be passing constitutional amendments – such as in Oklahoma? Gabriels says so. Voters agreed with her.

“What do we do about a religion that wants to conquer and dominate us?” asks journalist Alisa Craddock. “The only real remedy is a robust and publicly endorsed Christianity: a code of freedom in Christ, not the slavery of Islam. Our God gave us free will. We must submit to Him voluntarily, or we will eventually submit to Allah forcefully. It’s our choice. Only a return to faith and family values will preserve our country.”

But America wants to pretend there is no problem even though the imposition of *shari'a* worldwide is a stated goal of Islam.

How is that different from the Christian yearning to evangelize the world?

*Shari'a* is significantly different from Christianity’s Great Commission, in which believers are told by Jesus to go unto all the world and preach the Gospel, convincing them of their sin and calling them to repentance and to accept God’s gift of salvation.

*Shari'a* is imposed on an unwilling population whenever Muslims take over a country.

Speaking to the National Press Club, Ali pointed out how Islam’s founder, Muhammad, defined “peace” as that moment when the entire world submits to Islam. She fled from her Muslim family and an arranged marriage in her early 20s and sought asylum in the Netherlands.

Pastor Youssef also fled Islam and like Ali spends his time warning America of the Islamic threat.

He was born in 1948 in Egypt, raised in a Christian home. During the 1967 Six-Day War in which Egypt and Syria attacked Israel, Youssef left Egypt since as a Christian, he could not justify fighting against Israel. He and his wife, Elizabeth came to America in 1977 and he became a U.S. citizen in 1984. In Atlanta, he pastors the 3,000-member Church of the Apostles, which he started in 1987.

## He says America is in no shape to resist Islam

“Spiritually, millions of those who claim to be Christians and church-goers are so confused about the essence of their faith that apostasy abounds inside the church,” he says. “Christian pastors are turning over their pulpits to Muslim imams to inform their congregations about Islam.

“Ignorance of the true Islamic ideology has opened the door for a Muslim takeover. It’s going on in Europe, and it’s on its way here. *Shari'a* courts are springing up all over England, Europe and in some parts of the United States.

“One thing is very clear,” writes Youssef. “Islamists in their very essence believe they must take over the world or else they will be punished by Allah. And that is why everything they do, every business deal they

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conduct, every investment they make, every building they build, every dollar they spend and every ounce of energy they have is dedicated to that end. Some, of course, are more subtle than others. Some are more blunt than others. But it is the same goal.

“If only Christians in America were half as committed as they are.

“My friend, it is not unloving to speak these truths,” he says, “as some would have us believe. In fact, it is a perversion of love to misinterpret Islamic ideology and try to make it what it is not so that people can love Muslims.

“True love knows the truth about their ideology and still loves the people who embrace it. True love speaks the truth about that evil system and still loves the people who are trapped in it. True love understands why they view us as their enemy but still loves them because our Lord commands it. That is true biblical love.

“But we are confused in the church today. We do not recognize true biblical love and do not know how to share it with the world around us. If we did recognize and share true biblical love, the world around us would be a very different place indeed.”

## Instead, U.S. practices denial

A new rash of unsolved sniper shots in Washington, D.C., has resurrected concerns that terrorists may once again be on the loose in the nation’s capital, following al-Qaida guidelines for spreading terror by committing seemingly “random” acts of violence. The FBI is investigating four nighttime shootings during late October and early November, including incidents in which an unknown gunman has taken aim at military buildings, using a high-powered rifle to leave bullet holes in the windows of the Marine recruiting station in Chantilly, Virginia, the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Virginia, and the Pentagon.

FBI spokeswoman Katherine Schweit has suggested the shooter is simply a “struggling” individual.

“This guy hasn’t hurt anybody. We don’t think he wants to,” she says. “We’re hoping that he’ll turn himself in.”

But a *Washington Times* editorial worried the shootings are “reminiscent” of the Beltway Snipers.

Youssef notes how authorities in 2002 consistently denied Muhammad and Malvo’s connections to terrorism, even after Malvo filled nearly 100 pages with sketches obsessed with jihad and shedding American blood for Islam.

The *Times* editorial pointed out that Muhammed and Malvo have been held up by al-Qaida “as an example of the kind of low-tech, low-cost terrorism that gets results.

Only a month before Muhammad and Malvo began their sniper attacks, an al-Qaida training tape captured in Afghanistan revealed terrorists planning drive-by shootings, home break-ins, ambushes of law-enforcement officers and targeted assassinations.

John Holschen of Insights Training Center, produced a report on the 2002 tape for military and law enforcement officials.

“The major take-home lesson here,” Holschen wrote, “is that although the enemy is known to be seeking the ability and opportunity to use weapons of mass destruction and of an unconventional nature, such as hijacked airliners, they are also spending a lot of time training to carry out attacks the old-fashioned way – attacks executed by small groups of dedicated personnel equipped with little more than small arms.”

The training video showed al-Qaida operatives practicing the following kinds of assaults:

- using pickup trucks with shooters concealed in the bed of the trucks;
- using motorcycles as a shooting platform for drive-bys and assassinations;
- execution of prisoners;

- ambushes of law-enforcement officers;
- residential assassinations;
- assassination on a golf course using a rocket-propelled grenade and rifle fire;
- drive-up kidnapping of target walking on a street;
- use of tunnels, storm drains and sewers for infiltration during urban raids;
- rappelling from rooftops of buildings to make entry on upper floors;
- use of motorcycles for grenade attacks; and
- raids on buildings with large numbers of occu-



**Bullet holes at Baghdad’s Catholic Cathedral**



**Infant injured in the attack on Baghdad Catholics**



**The altar in Baghdad – 46 Christians murdered**

pants – perhaps schools or office buildings.

When asked if these techniques are intended for use in the U.S., one military intelligence operative said without hesitation, “Yes.”

In one scenario on the video, terrorists pretend to be stranded on a six-lane highway, their vehicle disabled. When a police officer stops to assist, shooters concealed in the trunk of the car open fire.

When Muhammad and Malvo were finally apprehended, police discovered the duo carried out their sniper fire from the trunk of a car, through a hole drilled near the license plate.

## Just isolated nut cases

However, the growing incidence of “freelance” Islamic terror across America has often been regarded officially as the work of “criminals” or “deranged individuals,” not jihadists and certainly not as an orchestrated attempt to spread terror with small-scale attacks.

For example, the police chief of Bellingham, Washington, where federal agents searched a school that Malvo attended briefly, said the FBI assured him the 2002 D.C. snipers were not acting with any group.

“It appears they have acted on their own,” said the chief.

Following the Ft. Hood shooting, President Obama refused to call the murders an act of “terrorism,” but instead suggested to ABC news that Major Hassan’s act may have merely been an instance “in which an individual cracks” under “severe stress.”

American Civil Rights Union Senior Fellow Ken Blackwell blasted the administration for its official wrap-up of the incident:

“The Obama administration promised us an ‘investigation,’” Blackwell writes. “What they delivered is nothing more than a whitewash of years of bureaucratic coddling of terrorism and winking at treason. It didn’t even mention Islamism or jihad.”

Congressman Pete Hoekstra, R-Michigan, also released a commentary in the wake of the Ft. Hood shooting, concerned that Americans “underestimate the threat” of a web of terrorists at work in the U.S.

“There has been a troubling refusal by Obama officials to acknowledge that the shooting likely was an act of homegrown terrorism,” Hoekstra wrote. “I fear that our nation is returning to the naive security outlook of Sept. 10, 2001, when radical Islamic terrorist attacks were considered law-enforcement and criminal problems and not threats to our national security.”

He continues, “The president said it is inconceivable that this would happen in America. Wrong. It is not inconceivable and is a growing global problem that needs to be addressed.”

During All Saints Day ceremonies on October 31, at least 46 Christians were murdered and more than 80 others severely injured when Islamic militants stormed the Syriac Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of Salvation in Baghdad, Iraq.

Muslim gunmen, armed with automatic weapons and explosives, entered the building, shot a priest and began spraying the crowd with bullets.

It was entirely reminiscent of Ft. Hood.

## Can the attack in Baghdad happen here?

Incredibly, the American news media virtually ignored the attack – and certainly the fact that it was Muslims opening fire on Christians.

They looked away.

Remember how they reacted when a Florida preacher threatened to burn a copy of the Koran?

“I have watched with a great deal of curiosity the feeding frenzy created by the White House regarding the burning of the Koran by a pastor in

Florida,” writes conservative columnist Dave Daubenmire. “I am always leery of where it is the media is trying to take me.

“First of all, they wanted us to know that Pastor Terry Jones shepherds a ‘small congregation’ in Gainesville, Florida, as if behavior is validated by the number of followers that one has.

“Evidently Joel Osteen’s version of the Gospel is

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better than Pastor Jones' because he has such a large following.

"You certainly realize that this whole event was driven by the White House, don't you? Don't you find it troubling that the President, Hillary, Eric Holder, General Petraeus and Robert Gates weighed in on this insignificant Pastor's behavior?"

"Why would they choose to blow oxygen on that small fire? The President ignores appeals for his birth certificate but speaks out on a small-potatoes pastor? Tell me you are not that stupid."

What was their story?

"To show us how intolerant Christianity is: 'You see now don't you? Christians can be radical too,'" writes Daubenmire.

## What would Jesus do?

"Ofcourse, 'moderate' Christians always jump into the media trap. They fall all over each other to let the

world know that 'lunatic' Pastor Terry Jones does not represent 'their' Christianity. Whatever that means!

"Does Jesus respect and tolerate other religions?" asks Daubenmire. "Did Jesus die to merely share the platform with the other religious headliners? Are His followers supposed to put Muhammad, Buddha and the boys on equal footing with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?"

"Standing up for Jesus in the public square has become 'intolerant.' But Acts 4 tells us: 'Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.'"

## No man cometh ... but by Me

"John 14:6 is clear: 'Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.'"

"Indeed, in the Ten Commandments, God pro-

claims: 'I am the Lord thy God which has brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*'"

"No other gods," writes Daubenmire.

"Here is the point. If 'religion' is merely to be used as a set of values by which we live our lives, then I suppose it doesn't matter which one you choose. But if heaven and hell are real, and there really is life beyond this world, then 'religion' takes on a whole new perspective."

Christianity is not a popularity contest

"If the Bible is true, then all other roads lead to hell."

"I think it is time Christians stopped worrying so much about being nice and started being honest."

"Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith but to become dominant," notes reporter Lisa Gardiner.

She noted how Americans have been intimidated into silence.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma voters have stated where they stand.

# Tiananmen Square hero's Nobel Prize infuriates Red Chinese

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from leaving their homes.

"In the week after Liu won the Prize for his decades of promoting democratic change in China," reports Cara Anna for the Associated Press, dozens of Chinese who openly agreed with his views were hit by a massive police crackdown.

"The latest appears to be a woman who Liu has said was more qualified to win the prize, Ding Zilin, who has fought for years for China's government to recognize the hundreds killed in the military's crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in 1989."

The Peace Prize winner is in prison for criticizing the government. Ever since the Prize was announced, his wife, Liu Xia, has been detained incommunicado at her home.

However she did manage to get an email message to a friend in which she asked more than 100 Chinese rights activists to attempt to go to Oslo to collect the prize on her husband's behalf on December 10.

She said it is "unlikely" the Communist government would allow her to leave the country. It is not known how many of the 100 will be able to get to Norway.

Another pro-democracy activist, Zhang Hui, who is not being allowed out of his house, published on the Internet social networking site Twitter, a list of 40 mainland pro-democracy activists who Communist officials have detained or intimidated.

One who has simply dropped out of sight is Liu's friend Ding, who is spokeswoman for the Tiananmen Mothers. Friends say they have been unable to reach her

or her husband by phone or e-mail since Liu's prize was announced.

The New York-based group Human Rights in China said that many Chinese pro-



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democracy figures have been sternly warned by the Communist government not to talk to journalists.

Some say they have been warned by the police or by their employers not to talk about the Nobel Prize.

The repression has spread to Christians as well.

“Ten police officials raided the home of a Christian in Beijing,” reports Voice of the Martyrs, “in an effort to search for Hua Huiqi, a formerly imprisoned pastor. Every room in the house was ransacked, including a bedroom belonging to a child. The officials questioned the homeowner about intentions to meet with foreigners later that evening.”

Voice of the Martyrs, founded by the late anti-Communist Romanian evangelist Richard Wurmbrand, withheld the name of the Chinese Christian, but quoted him saying, “Because the Beijing police have crossed the line, and have blatantly and continually abused the basic rights of my entire family, I hereby announce that today I will begin to continually fast and pray. I will pray to the Lord to bless China and to fill it with righteousness! I also request, brothers and sisters, that you pray for me and my family, and that God may grant us freedom from fear!”

“Pray that this believer will continue to set Christ apart as Lord without giving in to fear, always prepared to share Christ while living a holy life,” requested Voice of the Martyrs. “Pray that other Christians facing opposition in China will also remain confident in Christ and look prayerfully and faithfully to Him. Pray that China will no longer violate the human rights of its citizens.

“Pray also for safety for Pastor Hua Huiqi.”

“An increasing number of Chinese human-rights activists are Christians,” writes Christian author David Aikman. The Oxford graduate earned his Ph.D in Russian and Chinese history in 1979, then served 23 years as a *Time* magazine correspondent and editor, during which he reported on most of the major historical events of the time and interviewed such world figures as Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Mother Teresa, Boris Yeltsin, Mikhail Gorbachev and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

“China’s Christian population is growing larger every month and prominent Christians have taken the lead in speaking up for Liu,” writes Aikman. “In fact, one of Liu’s closest friends, the writer and outspoken Christian writer Yu Jie, was recently smothered with surveillance by government agents after he returned from a visit to the U.S.

“Yu was apparently targeted because he had published a book in Hong Kong called *China’s Best Actor: Wen Jiabao*, which says the Communist leader is no different than his Communist Party boss Hu Jintao.

“Boston-based human-rights activist Chai Ling, who founded All Girls Allowed to combat China’s brutal compulsory abortion policy, first met Liu as a student leader in the Democracy demonstrations in Beijing in 1989.

“She believes strongly that China must have a spiritual transformation of its society before any major political reforms can be effective as part of a total package of reforms,” writes Aikman.

She is also the source of a quotation attributed to Liu, “who is not even known to be a Christian,” writes Aikman.

“‘Without God,’ Liu is claimed to have said, ‘China has no hope.’”

Word of the crackdown and Liu’s win of the Nobel Prize has spread throughout China although the Communist-controlled news media tried to suppress the story.

“It was really weird,” said an American who works in Shanghai. “I had been

watching the announcements of the Nobel Prizes for science, literature and economics, but I realized I hadn’t heard a word about the Peace Prize.”

Although the Communist government attempts to control the flow of information, computer hacking and electronic gadgetry are national pastimes. Devices to subvert the government’s blocking of the Internet are sold freely on the street. As a result, many Chinese sidestep their government’s attempts to censor satellite TV news and such Internet sites as Google, YouTube and Facebook.

After it became obvious that Liu’s win had spread nationwide, the Chinese government then turned to attacking him personally as well as the Nobel committee. Beijing singled out the Norwegian government for not blocking the Nobel Committee’s decision. On Chinese TV, the award was denounced. Government websites erased online mentions of Liu – as if he had never existed.

One well-known pro-democracy blogger, Wen Yunchao, said a Twitter-like service run by the Chinese-owned Sina Corporation was so deluged with messages about Liu that extra employees had to be brought in to help censor them. Anybody mentioning Liu had their computer account cancelled and some were visited by police, who then confiscated their computers.

A pair of official Xinhua News Agency articles, placed prominently on major online services, attacked the prize as a tool the West is using to undermine China.

One alleged that Liu is in cahoots with Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama, who is widely unpopular in China because the government has accused him of wanting to regain Tibetan independence.

“A few people abroad have reacted to the news with joy, frolicking around as though they’ve taken drugs,” reported one government-released article. “One of these people is the Dalai Lama, who won the Peace Prize in 1989. What’s the underlying link? The Dalai Lama and Liu Xiaobo are the political dolls of Western forces.”

However, the government’s main focus was to keep Chinese democracy spokespersons away from TV news cameras.

Chinese legal scholar Teng Biao said some of his friends have been physically prevented by policemen from meeting foreign reporters. Another lawyer, Li Fangping, was told that until further notice he can leave his home only in a police car.

The award was a surprise not only to the Chinese Communists, but to conservatives. After years of giving the Peace Prize to dubious recipients such as Barack Obama and Al Gore, observers expressed astonishment that the Nobel committee would dare to antagonize the Chinese.

“The Norwegian Nobel Committee has suddenly seen the light,” observed Guy Sorman, in *City Journal* magazine. “After a near-death experience last year, when it awarded its coveted Peace Prize to President Obama, the committee has redeemed itself, and the future of the prize, by honoring Liu.

“The Peace Prize has always tilted leftward: remember that recent winners have included not just Obama but Al Gore and Jimmy Carter.

“Selecting Liu Xiaobo, by contrast, is a real game-changer. Instead of bowing to the powers that be, the Nobel Committee is challenging the most oppressive

power of all: the Communist Party of China.

“Liu Xiaobo is only one among many so-called Chinese dissidents,” writes Sorman, “but he happens to be the most articulate and the most unbending. He has been offered many opportunities to leave China and live comfortably on some American campus.



Hong Kong students hold a vigil



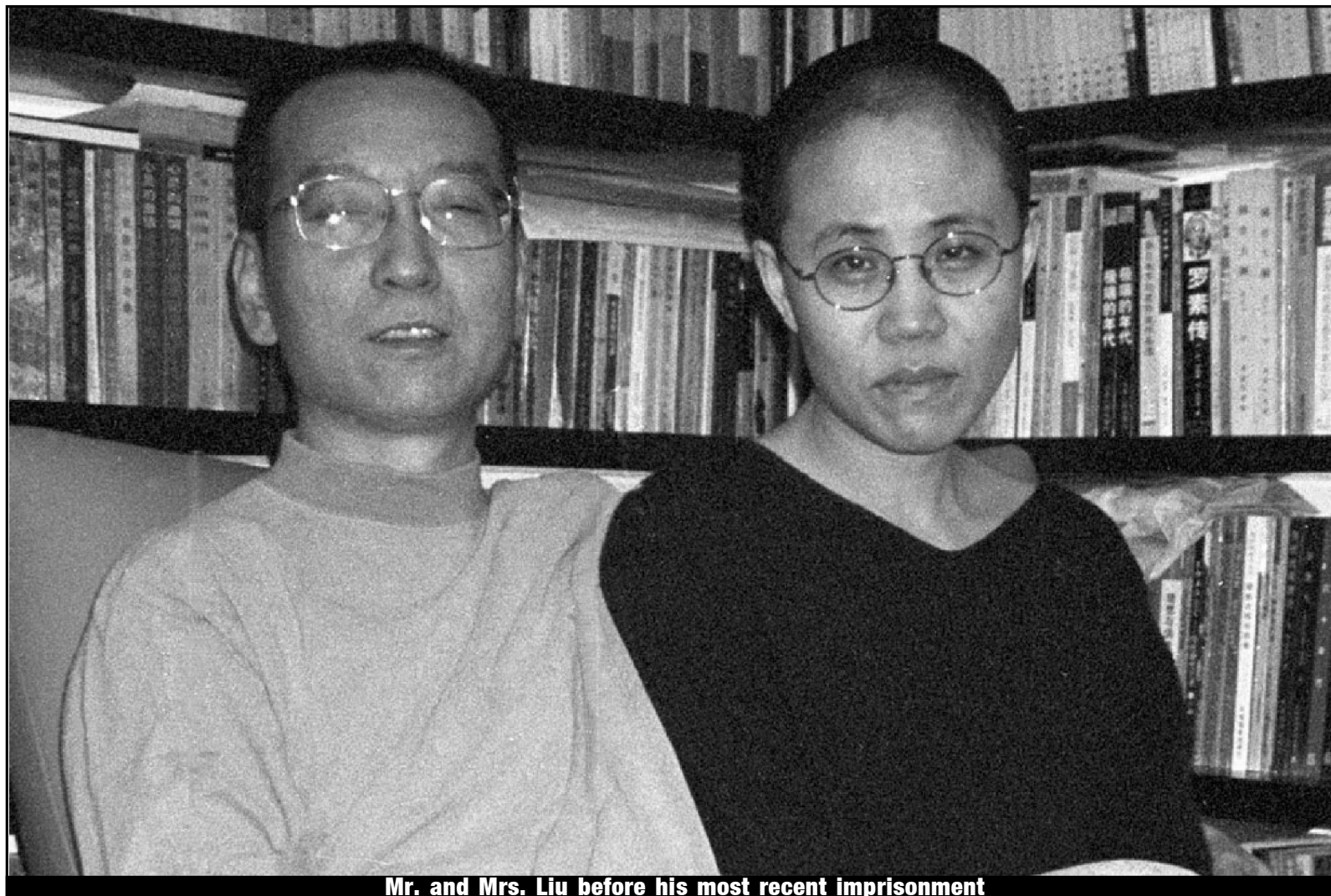
Survivors of the 1989 Tiananmen massacre



Bicycles and bodies crushed by tanks in the 1989 crackdown

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Mr. and Mrs. Liu before his most recent imprisonment

# Tiananmen Square hero's Nobel win irks Communists

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"Liu, however, knows that the good fight must go on, and he has no desire to lose contact with his fellow Chinese citizens or squander his legitimacy by going into exile.

From prison, Liu told his wife he was dedicating the peace prize to the democracy movement's "lost souls" — those who have lost their lives in the fight for freedom.

"Liu has articulated most explicitly what many Chinese want: a normal life in a normal country," writes Sorman. "What Liu calls 'normal' is genuine democracy and free markets, not the corrupt Chinese version of those concepts.

"Many times in the past, the Nobel Committee has bestowed its Peace Prize on obscure characters in a commendable effort to represent the world's diversity.

"In recognizing Liu, however, the committee has rejected any temptation for cultural and moral relativism and elevated a transcendent figure," writes Sorman. "Liu is a global citizen who fights for universal values. He happens to be Chinese, incarcerated in a Chinese jail. If he were from Zimbabwe or Venezuela, he would voice the same passion for liberty."

In another astonishing move, the Nobel Prize for Literature went to Latin American conservative Mario Vargas Llosa.

"Unlike the difficult, distant poets recognized in recent years," noted Sorman. "Vargas Llosa is an indomitable freedom fighter in Latin America. He has always opposed the notion that authoritarianism — whether Cuban or Venezuelan — is essentially rooted in local culture.

"He has stood firmly against political exploitation in Peru, Bolivia and Venezuela. The liberty that both men defend rightfully belongs to everyone and is not dependent on culture, ethnicity, or history.

"Whether it's a coincidence, an effort to preserve the Nobel's legitimacy, or simply a sign of the times, the Nobel Foundation's decision to honor these two remarkable men in the same year is cause for celebration."

Inside China, it sparked a crackdown.

"I'm so sorry. I have a lot to say, but I don't dare to talk. I've been confronted several times by police already since Liu Xiaobo won the prize," said writer Zhao Shiyang, who signed Charter 08, a demand for

that he now must have a police escort everywhere he travels.

The Chinese government responded angrily to the award, saying the West was using it to undermine China.

Some say China's official angry response to the peace prize is being repeated during long police interrogations.

Activist lawyer Pu Zhiqiang said the deputy chief at a Beijing police station told him. "This is Western anti-Chinese forces conspiring to subvert the Chinese government."

Pu was held for three days.

The law firm that represents Liu said they haven't been allowed to talk to his wife. Lawyer Mo Shaoping said when he invited her to the law firm to discuss whether to appeal her husband's sentence, Liu Xia said police wouldn't allow it.

The phone was then cut off.

However, she reported on Twitter that police want to take her "on a tour" out of Beijing, and away from the media attention.

Ding, the activist who founded the group Tiananmen Mothers to fight for the memory of those killed, including her son, had been warned before the peace prize not to give interviews. Her mobile and land phones in Beijing and the city of Wuxi, where she was last heard from, appeared to have been disconnected.

"The last time I talked to her," said Xu Jue, a member of the Tiananmen Mothers, was on the day that they learned about the peace prize. "We were so happy. We're really worried she's been taken away. When she was detained before, she would make contact. What if it's worse this time?"

Police in Wuxi told the Associated Press said they would "look into" Ding's apparent disappearance.

Prize winner Liu is a literary critic, author and university professor. In the 1980s, he called for democratic reforms and the end of one-party rule in China. He has been jailed repeatedly and currently is serving his fourth prison term, this time an 11-year term on charges of "inciting subversion of

democratic reforms. "Anyone who signed the charter" is getting police attention, he said. "I hope you understand this life we lead."

Some received threatening phone calls from police as they prepared to release an open letter calling for Liu's release, said Xu Youyu, a professor with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences who signed and helped prepare the letter. He said more than 120 people, including prominent activists and journalists, had signed.

"We call upon the Chinese authorities to approach Liu Xiaobo's Nobel Prize with realism and reason," the letter says. It also asks police to stop "these illegal actions."

"We thought we had to say something," said Xu, who added that he personally had not been harassed. "The government is still doing the same things."

Beijing-based activist Fan Yafeng told the Associated Press that he has been roughed up by the police who watch him.

Zhou Duo, a friend of Liu who took part in the Tiananmen Square demonstrations, said state security officers have kept him in his home since the night of October 9, when he was to attend a dinner to celebrate the peace prize.

Dissident author Yu Jie said his bags were searched when he returned from a trip to the United States. Police told him



The "Goddess of Liberty" during the 1989 protests

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state power.”

Liu was born in Changchun in 1955 to an intellectual family. In the 1980s, he wrote a series of academic essays, *Critique on Choices – Dialogue with Li Zehou and Aesthetics and Human Freedom*, which earned him fame in the academic field. The first essay criticized the philosophy of a prominent Chinese Communist leader Li Zehou.

Between 1988 and 1989, he was a visiting scholar at several universities outside of China, including Columbia University, the University of Oslo and the University of Hawaii.

During the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests he was in the United States but decided to go back to China to join the movement. There it became obvious the government was not going to give in, he persuading students to leave the square, saving hundreds of lives.

He took refuge in the Australian embassy but could not bear to remain in a safe place while citizens and students who had taken part in the movement were being hunted down, arrested and executed. He was arrested while cycling in Beijing and spent the next 20 months in Qincheng prison.

It was a different Liu who left the prison: “My eyes were opened by the death of the martyrs and now, every time I open my mouth, I ask myself if I am worthy of them.”

He was imprisoned again from May 1995 until January 1996 after calling on the government to admit its wrongdoings in the Tiananmen Square student protest.

Eight months later, he was jailed for three years from October 1996 until October 1999, charged with “disturbing the social order.” When he was released in 1999, the government built a sentry station next to his home and his phone calls and internet connections were tapped.

In 2004 when he started to write a Human Right Report of China at home, his computer, letters and documents were confiscated by the government.

He once said that at his wife’s birthday, “her best friend brought two bottles of wines to my home but was blocked by the police to come. I ordered a cake and the police also rejected the man who delivered the cake to us.

“I quarreled with them and the police said, ‘it is for the sake of your security. We have had many bomb attacks in these days.’”

In 2004, the international group Reporters Without Borders honored Liu’s human rights work, awarding him the Foundation de France Prize as a defender of press freedom.

In December 2009, he was sentenced for 11 years for “spreading a message to subvert the country and authority.” He is currently imprisoned in Jinzhou Prison in Liaoning Province.

“The government does not know how to handle Liu Xiaobo’s award,” says Pu Zhiqiang, a human rights lawyer being subjected to a 24-hour police escort since he was released from the small hotel where he was kept incommunicado. “Government control over society has been tightened up.”

But why did Liu receive the Nobel Peace Prize? And why do Communist authorities fear him and his friends?

Liu is the primary author of “Charter 08,” a document that has shaken Chinese authorities and invigorated the Chinese pro-democracy movement.

“The publication of Charter 08 in China at the end of 2008 was a major event,” writes author Feng Chongyi. “It is widely recognized as the Chinese human rights manifesto and a landmark document in China’s quest for democracy.

“It takes its name from Charter 77 written by intellectuals and activists in the former Czechoslovakia and borrows ideas and language from several international documents on human rights and democracy, including the Constitution of the United States, the French Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen, the Universal Declaration Human Rights of the United Nations, and the reconciliatory approach of South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as well as relevant Chinese documents throughout the modern era, including the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China.”

Such concepts are not freely discussed in China. Just as in revolutionary France, ideas such as freedom and liberty are exciting to the populace. However, they are extremely threatening to the Communists clinging onto power.

“Charter 08 is a wide-ranging and comprehensive political reform program,” writes Feng, “that embraces human rights, constitutional democracy and social policies for distributive justice.”

Feng is a professor in China Studies at the University of Technology, Sydney,

Australia. He is author of numerous books including *Peasant Consciousness and China* and *The Wisdom of Reconciliation: China’s Road to Democracy*.

Part one of Charter 08, he writes, “is a ‘preamble,’ providing an overview of the Chinese democracy movement over the last century, identifying fundamental problems of current Communist rule in China, urging the regime to ‘embrace universal human values, join the mainstream of civilized nations, and build a democratic system’.

“Part two lays down five ‘fundamental concepts’ of freedom, human rights, equality, republicanism, democracy and constitutional rule as fundamental principles and defines these concepts according to the tenets of liberal democracy.

“Part three offers 19 specific recommendations calling for

- amending the constitution,
- separation and balance of powers,
- democratizing the lawmaking process,
- judicial independence,
- nonpartisan control of public institutions,
- protection of human rights,
- election of public officials,
- urban-rural equality,
- freedom of association,
- freedom of assembly,
- freedom of expression,
- freedom of religion,
- citizen education,
- protection of property,
- fiscal reform,
- social security,
- environmental protection and
- a federal republic.”

It also calls for justice and a Truth Investigation Commission investigating the facts and responsibilities of past atrocities and injustices.

“Part four is a short ‘conclusion’ about China’s responsibility to humankind, appealing to all Chinese citizens to participate in the democratic movement and echoing the call in the preamble that human rights and democracy are vital for China as a major country of the world, as one of five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, and as a member of the UN Council on Human Rights.”

Such concepts are heresy in Communist China. The Communist Party clings to power with an iron fist, knowing that it must keep its 1.3 billion people in submission.

“Charter 08 categorically sets constitutional democracy as the goal for Chinese political development and peaceful reform as the means to achieve that goal,” writes Feng.

Expressing such concepts is dangerous. That’s why Liu is in prison and his wife is under house arrest.

“Charter 08 is the most important collective expression of Chinese thought to emerge since the founding of the People’s Republic in 1949,” says Feng.

“It embodies a sincere invitation to both the government and the public for constructive interaction and negotiation to effect and manage a fundamental political change toward constitutional democracy.

“Despite the Communist Party’s official agenda for democratic reform and human

rights, the current leadership lacks the confidence to directly engage the Charter 08 framers and signers in theoretical debate on the issues raised, or to launch all-out war against signatories of the document.

“After hesitating for one year, the Chinese authorities severely punished Liu, but at this writing have left other signatories alone, although most of the 303 original signatories were ‘summoned for interrogations.’

“The authorities have emphasized blocking circulation of the document and ‘punishing one as a warning to others’ to minimize the impact of Charter 08.

“This strategy has not

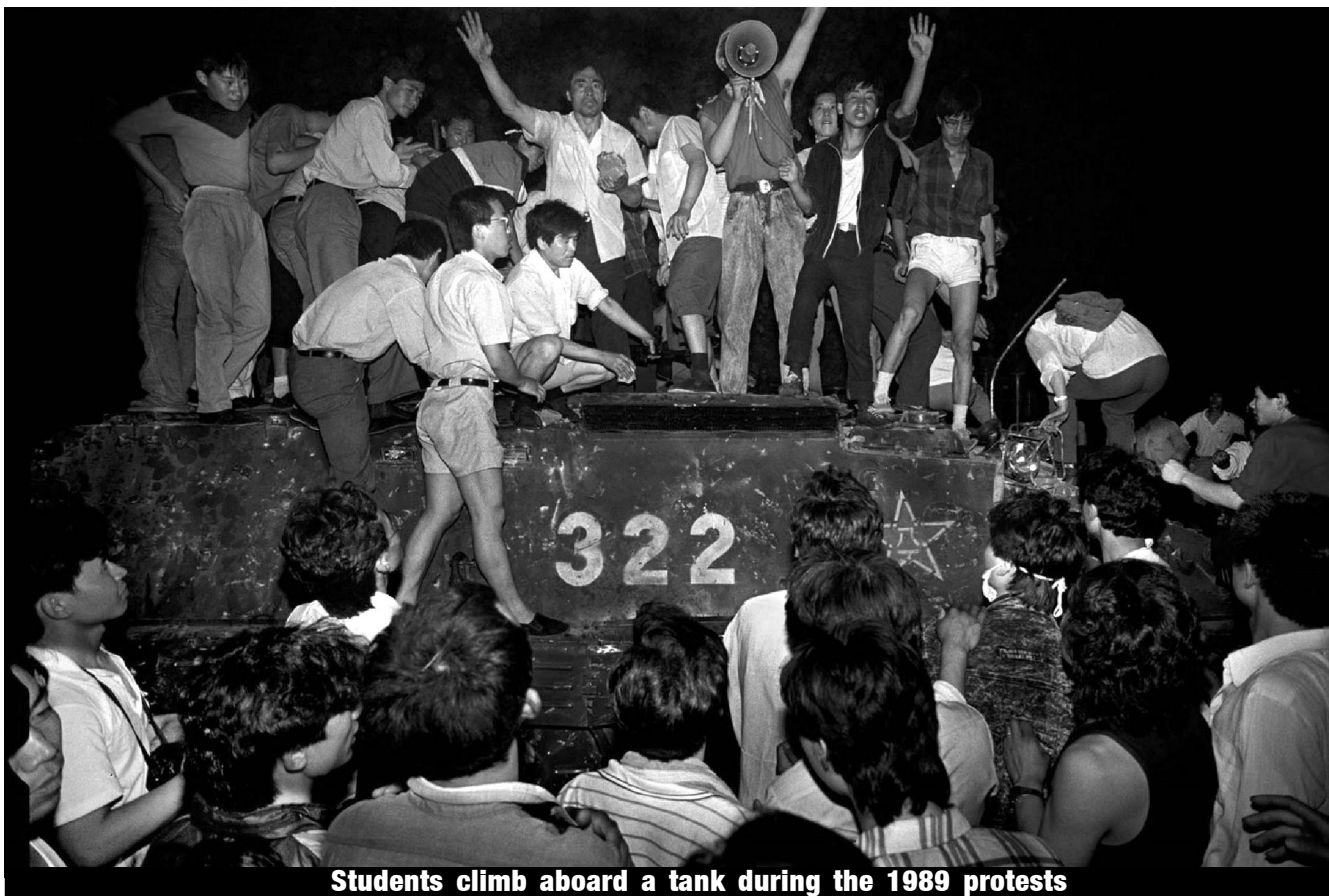
succeeded in forcing one single signatory to withdraw, nor has it prevented more than 10,000 Chinese at home and abroad from adding their names to the document.

“However, the strategy of Chinese authorities has had a certain effect, at least for the time being, in leading many more who share the values and aspirations of Charter 08 to remain silent.

“In the long run, the proposals made in Charter 08 could serve as a guide for the emergence of a genuine Chinese democracy.”

And that’s why Liu has received the Nobel Peace Prize.

He is a freedom fighter who deserves our prayers.

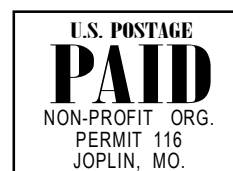


Students climb aboard a tank during the 1989 protests



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### DEAR FRIEND:

Leftist bias in the mainstream news media has been a threat to American democracy for decades, but leading up to this election, the prejudice was even more strident than usual.

The media campaigned for their chosen, radical candidates to win. But the people spoke: *Enough is enough!* It is time for a return of morality to politics! Honesty! Faith! Limited government!

I am so tired of the godless, corrupt media telling us what and who to believe. America is tired of hearing slanted messages and biased news stories pursuing liberal agendas. We are tired of reporters telling stories with thinly veiled agendas.

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As I write this to you, the press is still at it – still trying to manipulate the American people. They are still trying to pass their bias off as objectivity.

How can they do it with a straight face? Did you see MSNBC's Chris Matthews attempt to humiliate Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann? She had just won re-election and all he could do was yell at her, accusing her of being "in a trance." She stared at him in shock – astonished that any professional journalist on live TV would be so rude ... or so hostile.

Matthews was angry that his liberals were being trounced in the election results – and he took it out on the Congresswoman.

As I write this, the media is still at it, still trying to hoodwink us into supporting their liberal party line, principles that Americans like you and me disagree with.

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**Stained glass in Sheffield, England: Abraham prepares to plunge the knife**