

Why ban the 'Star-Spangled Banner' at Lincoln Memorial?

by Keith Wilkerson, managing editor

High school students touring Washington, D.C.'s Lincoln Memorial this summer were told to quit singing *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

Police from the National Park Service say they were worried that someone might be offended by America's national anthem being sung by Americans visiting America's capital.



Conservative students sing anyway!

U.S. Park Police cited a policy that requires any singing at the Lincoln Memorial to be "content neutral."

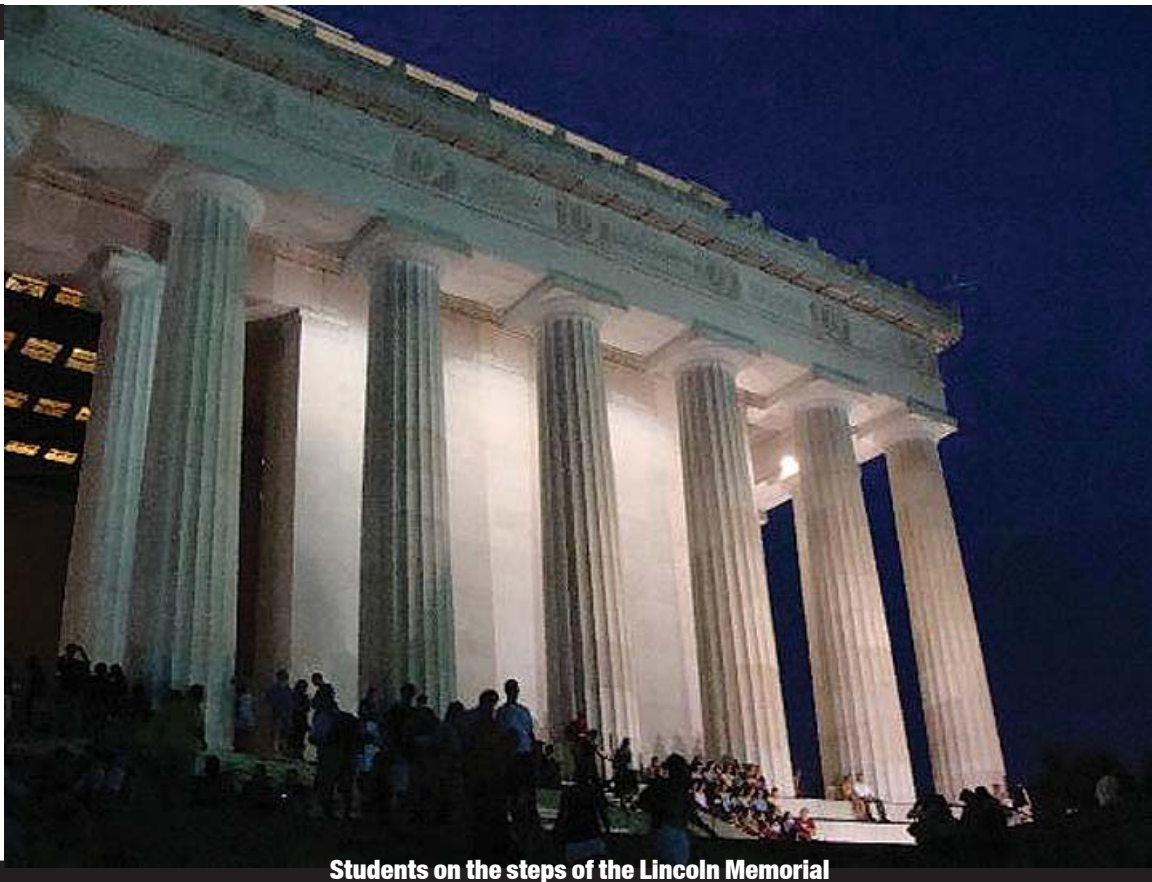
Patriotism isn't neutral. *The Star-Spangled Banner* is blatantly pro-

American. And the park service cannot allow something that could offend tourists who hate this country.

The spontaneous concert was done by a group of high school students attending a conservative leadership conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by Young America's Foundation.

Police interrupted the students – who then defied the order and continued singing louder.

"They told them to stop singing," said Evan Gassman, an adult chaperone for the group. "I was taken aback. You wouldn't expect



Students on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial

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Is Ground Zero Mosque speech Obama's 'point of no return'?

by Billy James Hargis II, publisher

Obama is done. That's what both liberals and conservatives are saying. He will be a one-term president, remembered for being the first African-American in the White House – but also for being a left-wing ideologue who clumsily attempted to force America into socialism against its will.

The pivotal event in his failed presidency will be the recent speech in which he gave his endorsement of the Ground Zero Mosque, writes author J.R. Dunn – and his withdrawal of that endorsement the next day.

"There comes a moment in a failing presidency where the incumbent, through some single gesture, action, or statement, crosses a certain line from beyond which there is no return. Through his own will and behavior, he so underlines his failings, so frames his negative image, that no further action can ever erase it."

Obama's conflicting messages on the mosque have done him in, agrees author Douglas E. Schoen. Voters are gearing up to retaliate against the president's incompetence.

"The problem," write the liberal *Politico* magazine's

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Liberals block military from voting

by the *Christian Crusade* staff

Will America's fighting men and women stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere get to vote in the upcoming November elections?

Fearful that they will lose control of Congress, liberals are taking measures to make sure they won't.

Consistently members of the U.S. military have voted as a block for conservative candidates for the last half-century. Liberals know this.

Nationwide, they do their best to ensure that conser-

vative neighborhoods don't have convenient polling places. They make it as difficult as possible for conservative voters to be able to cast their ballots.

And this November, look for them to do whatever possible to block members of the military from getting to vote.

Sure, it's against federal law. But since when does that matter? Recently the outcome of a special Congressional election in New York's 20th Congressional District depended on whether liberals could illegally

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Jimmy Carter sides with terrorist group vs. Sudan's Christians

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

Former President Jimmy Carter has disgraced himself yet one more time.

He has a history of championing terrorists and certifying preposterous elections – giving his stamp of legitimacy to the election of Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez, corrupt Haitian leader Bertrand Aristide and Taliban leaders in Afghanistan.

However, this time, he has given his blessing to a

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North Korea floods U.S. with fake bills

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Accused of attempting to sabotage the U.S. economy with a flood of fake \$100 bills, then accused of an unprovoked deadly sinking of a South Korean warship, the Communist North Korean regime has threatened to launch nuclear war against its accusers.

Meanwhile, reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong Il apparently took a rare trip out of the country,

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Russia propagandizing on U.S. cable channel

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

Russia does everything possible to disguise its propaganda arm in America, a cable TV channel called "Russia Today."

For example, the channel available on many American cable services was recently renamed "RT."

However it only takes a few minutes of watching the Russian government-financed news service to figure out what it is: *Russian propaganda aimed at American audiences.*

Just as nothing much can be believed on the cable TV channel Al-Jazeera, which is financed by Islamists

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A familiar liberal tactic: mockery

by Keith Wilkerson, managing editor

The left is determined to stifle debate.

They want to silence us.

“One of the cleverest tricks of the left is demonizing perfectly reasonable actions and opinions,” writes conservative author Andrew Klavan.

We’ve seen it so many times – as Republican presidents are painted as stupid, sleepy and lazy.

The mainstream press trumpets any inane comment by conservatives such as Dan Quayle, Gerald Ford or George W. Bush – proclaiming the idle misstatement as proof that right-wingers are idiots. However, when Barack Obama, Al Gore or Joe Biden make similarly absurd comments, the liberal press is silent. Remember the uproar when Quayle misspelled the word “potato,” followed by the respectful silence when Obama said he had visited “all 57 states.”

Sarah Palin can’t write speech notes on her hand without reaping ridicule, however Joe Biden can defile the Oval Office by sarcastically speaking the “f-word” into an open microphone and the media politely looks the other way.

What is going on is nothing new. In the Bible, Psalm 1:1 promises us: “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.” In other words, stay away from bad influences and don’t hang around with mockers.

Mockery is one of the left’s favorite tools. Just look at how one commentator treated Fox News host Glenn Beck’s recent rally at the Lincoln Monument:

“Beck isn’t talking about anything historical, since he is not politically astute or intellectually curious,” sneered an opinion piece in the liberal Internet commentary *The Daily Beast*. Beck on that particular day had attracted somewhere between 85,000 and 500,000 folks to a rally on the Washington, D.C., mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Rather than acknowledge Beck’s accomplishment, the liberal writers took the occasion to mock the Fox News commentator: “Beck is an entertainer, and he does his job with hambone energy. Beck is a fool in the manner of a court jester, a braniac with a pipe in-mouth, a lecturer-in-chief with chalk in hand, a handsome lad mugging to the camera as if he’d just dropped his own birthday cake in his lap.

“I think of him as Quasimodo Lite, a deaf bell-ringer swinging from the Notre Dame of Fox News, a man who is heroically delighted to be our slightly stooped



Time has fun mocking Glenn Beck

‘Pope of Fools,’ in this Festival of Fools.”

Just imagine if any conservative columnist had written the same about Barack Obama. The accusations of “racist” would be ringing on every TV channel!

The Daily Beast, which appears each morning on the Internet, continues: “Beck mutters random famous names like pop brands and offers a deal of extemporaneous sighing about loss, regret, children, monuments. It takes a strong man not to break down laughing as Beck rambles, ‘People say, all the time, that trying to fix Washington, we need a George Washington, or, or, or we need a Thomas Jefferson or a Ben Franklin. Where are they? I haven’t seen them. But then I realize, it’s

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Will the GOP get rid of its conservatives, too?

compiled by the Christian Crusade Newspaper staff

Is the national Republican leadership scared of its conservatives?

Many conservatives within the Democratic Party have found themselves searching for a home. Conservative Democrats are a historic reality. President Richard Nixon depended on southern Democrats or “Dixie-

crats” to get his legislation through Congress.

In the 1980s, southern “Reagan Democrats” were more dependable for helping President Reagan push through conservative causes than were such northern Republicans as U.S. Senators Arlen Specter (R-Pennsylvania) and Olympia Snow (R-Maine).

Conservative Democrats have found themselves increasingly unwelcome in their party. But now, is the national Republican leadership also showing its conservatives the door?

“A Republican Party civil war is raging in the U.S., with conservatives dominating ever more primaries in a fight for the party’s soul,” writes Charles Babington for the Associated Press.

One leader of the GOP

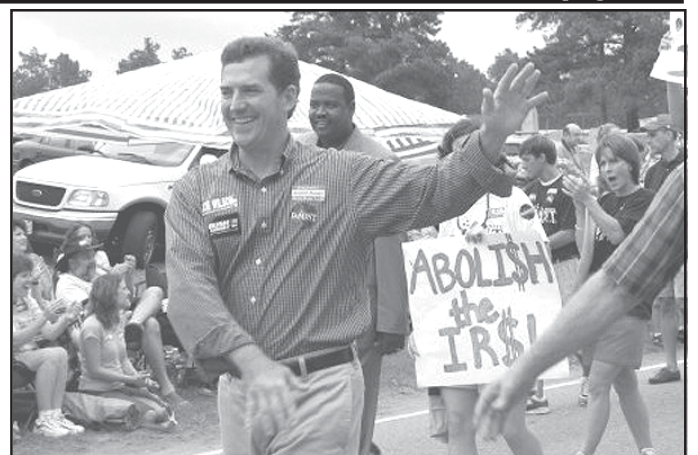
conservatives is South Carolina’s Senator Jim DeMint. He’s been surprised by the national Republican leadership’s seeming discomfort with his support of maverick, conservative candidates. His Senate Conservatives Fund political action committee has spent nearly \$2 million from nearly 50,000 individual contributors nationwide and helped eight underdog conservative candidates win Republican primaries.

“DeMint’s mission is to bring more Jim DeMints to the Senate,” writes Steve Moore in the *Wall Street Journal*, “that is, people with an unfailing antagonism to big government. But his string of victories, often against establishment candidates, has many of his Republican colleagues grumbling.

Moore is the senior economics writer for the *Journal*’s editorial page. He says the Republican establishment is complaining that “DeMint is pushing candidates through the primaries who are too far to the right to take back vulnerable seats from Democrats in November.”

In fact, former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott recently spoke for many national Republican leaders when he said the GOP doesn’t need any more ‘Jim

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Senator Jim DeMint

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Why is the media silent about the JournoList scandal?

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

The liberal media never tires of telling us how impartial they are.

However, a secret discussion group on the Internet has revealed how several hundred key “unbiased” reporters and editors at *Time*, *Politico*, the *Huffington Post*, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Guardian*, *Salon*, the *New Republic* and scores of other media conspired together to promote their favorite liberal politicians during the last presidential campaign.

One what was called “JournoList,” editors and reporters joked about their deep hatred of conservatives and, among other things, conferred about how to best protect their candidate from embarrassing revelations, such as the anti-American comments of Obama’s unabashedly racist pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

So, it should be no surprise that these same “impartial” news reporting agencies have been completely silent about what would have been a banner-headline scandal. Imagine the outcry should this have involved conservative journalists.

Instead without announcement, *Washington Post* political writer David Weigel was forced to resign when his sneering comments about conservatives were leaked. Embarrassed, media executives ordered their staff members to quit being so candid about their biases.

After all, the false facade must be maintained!

So, where is the outcry?

After the discussion list was shut down, “someone continues to leak information from its archives, providing a fascinating glimpse into how some liberal journalists coordinate their story lines to protect their favorite politicians and ideas,” reported columnist John Fund in the *Wall Street Journal*, one of the few newspapers to acknowledge the scandal.

Several times during the 2008 presidential race,

staffers within the mainstream media participated in private outpourings of anger over how Obama had been treated in the media. In fact, notes Fund, they even “in some cases plotted to fix the damage.”

“Spencer Ackerman, then of the *Washington Independent*, now at the Internet newsletter *Wired*, urged fellow journalists to kill the story of Obama’s ties to Wright by going after some of his critics.”

He urged them to attack “Fred Barnes, Karl Rove, who cares – and call them racists,” he urged. “What is necessary is to raise the cost on the right of going after the left. In other words, find a right-winger and smash them through a plate-glass window. Take a snapshot of the bleeding mess and send it out in a Christmas card to let the right know that it needs to live in a state of constant fear. Obviously I mean this rhetorically.”

Accuse them of racism!

What is particularly troubling is that JournoList reveals not just a bias against conservatives, but an active hatred – and a coordinated effort on the part of the mainstream media to elect Obama.

Chris Hayes of the *Nation* magazine urged his fellow journalists to ignore the Rev. Wright story. He insisted the real issue had nothing to do with Obama’s pastor and instead “has everything to do with the attempts of the right to control of the country.”

Many of the mainstream journalists on JournoList demonstrated what the

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public has known for years – that the liberals in the press don’t hesitate to pursue their own propaganda agenda that has little to do with covering the news. In this case, they were on a behind-the-scenes crusade to protect their liberal candidate friends and to try to ensure liberals could take “control of the country.”

Exposed to the light of day, JournoList suddenly shut down. The brief glance at what really goes on behind the scenes has ended.

However, what little has been revealed is shocking

Thinking only that fellow liberal journalists would read the discussion, one radio producer imagined Rush Limbaugh’s death – to the delight of the other list participants. Another wondered why the Federal Communications Commission could not be used to shut down Fox News.

One reporter wanted to smear conservative commentators to destroy their credibility in the public’s eye.

“The point is not these people’s animus or ignorance or wickedness,” writes conservative author Andrew Klavan. “The point is that what they desired was not victory in open debate but *silence* – the silence of censorship, intimidation or the grave.

“When has Rush Limbaugh ever wished a liberal’s mouth closed forever?” asks Klavan. “Really, who can deny that Rush would happily argue a point with absolutely anyone anywhere? When has Fox News ever done anything to its rival cable stations but trounce

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America is being deceived, says son of Hamas founder

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Mosab Hassan Yousef says America is being deceived.

He’s the son of one of the founders of the terrorist group Hamas. Last month, he successfully fought the Obama administration, winning political asylum and permission to stay in the United States.

A Christian convert who became disillusioned with killing innocent civilians, Yousef says that America must wake up to the seriousness of its situation.

The Obama administration’s foreign policy, he says, has “bought the lie of Muslim groups who are trying to make Islam look good in the eyes of Westerners.”

Because of that approach, he said, Muslim leaders such as Feisal Abdul Rauf have developed “the courage to come forward with a very aggressive symbol” of Islamic authority, the proposed Islamic center and mosque near the site of the 2001 World Trade Center attacks. “If it was any other American president, we wouldn’t have this aggressive step,” Yousef contends.

He recently told journalist Art Moore of *WorldNetDaily*, an Internet magazine, that Americans must wake up to the reality that the ultimate goal of the highly influential Islamic Brotherhood is not terrorism, but to establish a global Islamic state over the entire world.

“If they can establish this in a peaceful manner, that’s fine,” Yousef told Moore. “But they are required by the Quran to establish this global Islamic state on the rubble of every civilization, every constitution, every government.”

During the 2008 trial of an extremist Islamist group in Dallas that went by the benign-sounding name of the Holy Land Foundation, prosecutors presented evidence of the Muslim Brotherhood’s ‘100-year plan’ to gradually destroy the U.S. as well as Western civilization from within so that “Allah’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.”

“This is not a doctrine of some freak Muslim,” Yousef told Moore. “It’s the doctrine of the god of Islam himself and his prophet, whom they praise every day.”

Should Obama end the Cuba embargo?

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

Barack Obama is said to be mulling an end to all sanctions against Communist Cubans. In an executive order, he has quietly already lifted many travel restrictions.

“Obama took a big step towards relaxing sanctions on Cuba,” report Edward Luce and Daniel Dombey in the British magazine *Financial Times*, “lifting all travel and remittance restrictions on Cuban-Americans and permitting U.S. telecommunications companies to offer services directly to the island.”

The end of the restrictions, which Obama had promised during his presidential campaign, means Cuban-Americans will be able to travel to the island state when they like, as opposed to once a year, and send as much money as they want to relatives, as opposed to \$75 a month.

Obama also said he would permit Cuban-Americans to pay for U.S.-provided telecommunication services to relatives living in Cuba. And more is planned.

“Clearly, the Obama administration is re-examining U.S. policy towards Cuba,” said Peter DeSchavo, analyst at the Centre for Strategic International Studies.

It will be a mistake to end the trade embargo, says Cuba expert John J. Suarez.

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America is deceived, says son of Hamas founder

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One of the Brotherhood's strategies is to spin off groups that will attempt to give Islam a positive face, he said. Such Islamist groups cast themselves as human rights organizations. However, they are just front groups for terrorists, he says

An FBI letter to lawmakers in April 2009 explained the bureau suspended all formal contacts with such groups because of evidence the groups were founded with the intent of overthrowing the U.S. government.

"At the Holy Land Foundation trial," reports Moore, "the FBI presented a transcript from a wiretap of a 1993 meeting in Philadelphia in which Hamas supporters sought to establish Muslim organizations in the U.S. "whose Islamic hue is not very conspicuous."

Wiretaps revealed that key Islamist leaders argued for using Muslims as an "entry point" to "pressure Congress and the decision makers in America" to change U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East.

One FBI official testified that these front groups differ from al-Qaida only in their methods.

"The only difference between the guys in the suits and the guys with the AK-47s is timing and tactics," the official testified.

The FBI documented that the Holy Land Foundation sent \$12.4 million from the U.S. to Hamas, the terrorist group that has taken over the Gaza Strip between Israel and Egypt.

Based on his 10 years of experience as a spy for the West inside Hamas, Yousef says he believes that many times that amount has been smuggled to Hamas in cash.

As an example, Yousef cited the case of a Palestinian terror operative he met in prison who was arrested transporting \$100,000.

"I guarantee you that there still people who collect money in mosques that go directly to Hamas in cash," Yousef said. "And this is a problem that the government doesn't have control over. Obama doesn't have control over this money."

Hamas itself was formed in 1987 as part of the Muslim Brotherhood's strategy to advance worldwide Islamic domination, Yousef said.

"If they have a confrontation with Israel as the Muslim Brotherhood, they are going to pay a very high price," Yousef told Moore. "So they choose people like my father, from the Muslim Brotherhood originally, and they ask them to establish an independent movement that shares the same exact doctrine."

Yousef worked alongside his father, Sheik Hassan Yousef, in the West Bank city of al-Ghanyia near Ramallah while secretly embracing Christian faith and serving as an informant, tipping off the West when bombings or assassinations were being planned.

Since publicly declaring his Christian faith in August 2008, he has been disowned by his family.

"Hamas is the Muslim Brotherhood," Yousef told Moore. "It's the same organization."

The Muslim Brotherhood was founded in the 1920s amid the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. The Brotherhood considers itself an instrument of the charge Muslims have been given since Islam's founding 1,400 years ago—to make the Quran and Allah's authority supreme over the entire world.

"Before we listen to their lies," Yousef told Moore, "we have to ask ourselves, what is the goal of the Muslim Brotherhood? Ask them, 'What do you want?'"

He says the Muslim Brotherhood "will keep the hope and the ultimate goal very clear in the eyes of every Muslim who belongs to the organization that one day Muslims will establish an Islamic state and establish *shari'a* law."

The West, Yousef said, has fallen for the lie that there are two types of Islam, radical and moderate. While there may be individual Muslims who are radical or moderate, Islam itself cannot be moderate, he says.

"Let's learn what Islam says about itself," Yousef said. "Forget about what the Muslim Brotherhood, what al-Qaida, what Hezbollah—what even Americans or Westerners say about Islam. Let's study and see what Islam says about itself, then we will understand why we have this problem."

American foreign policy, especially under President Obama, he said, has "bought the lie of Muslim groups who are trying to make Islam look good in the eyes of Westerners."

"If it was any other American president, we wouldn't have this aggressive step," Yousef contended. How-

ever, the State Department has designated Rauf an ambassador to the Muslim world despite the his unwillingness to condemn Hamas as a terrorist group.

"Of course, he cannot condemn Hamas, because he knows that Hamas is an organization that is doing the will of Allah," Yousef said. "How can he condemn an organization that serves the same god that he worships every day five times?"

Yousef pointed out Rauf has claimed Obama based his highly publicized Cairo speech to the Muslim world last year on a chapter from the Arabic version of Rauf's book, *A Call to Prayer From the World Trade Center: Islamic Dawa in the Heart of America Post-9/11*.

Obama asserted in that speech that violent extremists have exploited tensions between Muslims and the West. Obama insisted Islam was not part of the problem, but is promoting peace.

Yousef says there is a distinction between Islam and other religions. He says Islam is a subversive system that threatens America's very existence.

"Even if it's a religion, and 1.5 billion people around the world believe in it, this doesn't mean that they are right," Yousef told Moore. "This doesn't mean that we compromise with them. We tell them, 'We don't compromise with your god. We don't compromise with your belief system.'"

Yousef reasoned that American officials certainly would not tolerate anyone who preached that followers should kill everyone who doesn't embrace their beliefs.

"No one in the Middle East has the courage or the power to confront Islam," Yousef told Moore, but America can proclaim the truth.

"Americans can begin," he said, by "understanding the real nature of Islam."

"I am telling you, this is not a matter of politics," Yousef told Moore. "It's a matter of life and death. It's a matter of hundreds of millions who have been killed because of this deadly ideology of Islam that has been here 1,400 years."

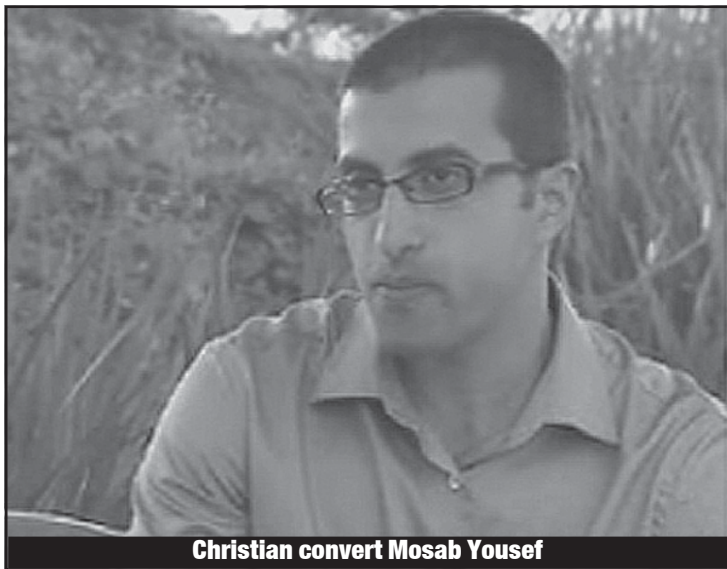
This is the time to speak out, he said, "especially here in America. This is the time to stand firm and strong against this crazy, big system."

Yousef said that while some may want to "scare people about Islam" for personal profit, he is speaking out because of his concern for America and as "a person who loves my people."

"I cannot wait for them to be liberated," he said of his fellow Palestinians and Muslims worldwide. "When I see the example of liberty and freedom in this country, I want this to go to my people."

If America leads the way in confronting Islam, change can come, he said. But if the country of liberty and freedom welcomes a radical and violent belief that wants to destroy everything, we won't be able to defeat them, he said.

"This is why we need to work all together. This is not for America only. This is for the world. This is for the future of humanity."



Christian convert Mosab Yousef

We dare not speak the name of our opponent

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

We live in a nation that will not name its enemy.

"For the first time in its history, the United States is trying to wage and win a war without accurately identifying the enemy or its motivations for seeking to destroy us," warns foreign policy expert Frank Gaffney. "That oversight defies both common sense and past military experience, and it disarms us in what may be the most decisive theater of this conflict: the battle of ideas."

Gaffney is a graduate of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He was an aide to Democratic Senator Henry Jackson in the 1970s. During the Reagan Administration, Gaffney was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Forces and Arms Control Policy.

"Such a breakdown may seem incredible to veterans of past military conflicts," writes Gaffney. "Imagine fighting World War II without clarity about Nazism and fascism, or the Cold War without an appreciation of

Soviet Communism and the threat it posed."

"We now live in a nation that will not name its enemy," writes columnist Alan Caruba. "Homeland Security wants to eliminate terms like Islamic *jihād* or terrorism from its vocabulary lest we offend some of the people trying to kill us."

"Pretending they don't exist is an invitation to attack."

"Yet today," agrees Gaffney, "the civilian leaders of this country and their senior subordinates—responsible for the U.S. military, the intelligence community, homeland security and federal law enforcement—have systematically failed to fully realize that we once again face a totalitarian ideology bent on our destruction."

In 1988, Gaffney founded the Center for Security Policy, a conservative national security and defense policy think tank.

"That failure is the more worrisome since the current

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ideological menace is arguably more dangerous than any we have faced in the past, for two reasons. First, its adherents believe their mission of global conquest is divinely inspired. Second, they are here in the United States in significant numbers, not just a threat elsewhere around the world.”

What, then, is this ideology?

“It has been given many names in recent years, including political Islam, radical Islam, fundamentalist Islam, extremist Islam and Islamofascism. There is, however, a more accurate descriptor – the one its adherents use. They call it ‘*shari’a*.’

“Perhaps the most important thing to understand about *shari’a* is that it is authoritative Islam,” writes Gaffney, “which presents itself as a complete way of life – cultural, political, military, social and religious, all governed by the same doctrine. In other words, this comprehensive program is not simply the agenda of extremists hunkered down in caves in Afghanistan or Pakistan. Neither can its directives be attributed to deviants hijacking Islam.

“Rather, *shari’a* – which translates from Arabic as ‘path to God’ – is actually binding law. It is taught as such by the most revered sacred texts, traditions, institutions, top academic centers, scholars and leaders of the Islamic faith. Fortunately, hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world do not wish to live under a brutally repressive, woman-demeaning, barbaric and totalitarian program. Such Muslims are potentially our allies, just as those who do adhere to *shari’a* are our unalterable foes.

“The immutability of *shari’a*-adherent Muslim hostility toward the rest of us derives directly from the central tenet of *shari’a*,” warns Gaffney. “Muslims are explicitly required to seek the triumph of Islam over all other faiths, peoples and governments.

“The ultimate objective of *shari’a* is the establishment of a global Islamic state—Sunni Muslims call it ‘the caliphate’—governed by *shari’a*. The means by which this political outcome is to be achieved is called ‘*jihad*,’ which is usually translated as ‘holy war.’

The West wants to close its eyes

The Western world has tried to ignore *jihad* for too long, says Caruba. “Bombings in Spain and in England, riots in France, fear throughout the Netherlands are all a portent of worse to come if militant Islam has its way. Even Russia has not been exempt.

The root of the constant unrest in the Middle East, says author Haim Harari, “is that this entire Muslim region is totally dysfunctional by any standard of the world. These 22 countries, with all their oil and natural resources, have a combined Gross Domestic Product smaller than that of Netherlands, plus Belgium and equal to half of that of California alone.”

“There is no such thing as human rights throughout the Middle East,” says Caruba. “The social status of women is negated by Islam to that of mere chattel.”

Harari notes that there are “millions of decent, honest, good people who are either devout Muslims or are not very religious, but grew up in Muslim families.

“The problem is the vast silent majority of these Muslims are not a part of the terror, but they also do not stand up against it.”

“Add to this the ceaseless lies and propaganda to which they are exposed from birth about the world and its events, and it becomes easier to understand why they have little real understanding of the world outside

the Middle East.

Harari says there are four elements of the Islamic war against the West. The first is the use of suicide murder as an instrument of terror. The second is the endless tide of propaganda told inside the Middle East. The third element is the oil money that enables the Muslim militants. But Harari cites the most essential factor as “the total breaking of all laws” in pursuit of *jihad* – world conquest.

“While the present administration seeks to encumber efforts to find these enemies within our borders,” says Caruba, “to provide legal assistance to those sworn to kill us, to threaten the interrogators who secured information about future attacks, and to close down the



President Obama bowing before Saudi Arabia's king

Guantanamo facilities where they are detained, our enemies do not feel bound by any laws, international or domestic.

“The problem is that the civilized world is still having illusions about the role of law in a totally lawless environment,” says Hariri.

Shari’a considers *jihad* to be the personal obligation of every faithful Muslim capable of performing it—man or woman, young or old, notes Gaffney. They can forgo the violent form when it is deemed impracticable.

In such circumstances, the struggle to spread worldwide Islam can be pursued through what author Robert Spencer calls ‘stealth *jihad*.’ Adherents to *shari’a* call it ‘*dawa*.’”

Dawa is being attempted here

Examples of *dawa* abound in today’s Western societies, notably Europe and increasingly in the United States.

“They include the demand for symbolic and substantive accommodations in political, economic and legal areas,” writes Gaffney, “for example, special treatment or rights for Muslims in the workplace, in public spaces and by government, the opportunity to penetrate and influence operations against government at every level and the insinuation of ‘*shari’a*-compliant finance’ into the West’s capital markets.

“If stealth *jihad* seems less threatening than terrorism,” says Gaffney, “the objective is exactly the same as that of violent *jihad*: the subjugation to the *Dar al-Islam* or ‘House of Islam’ of all non-Islamic states that, like the United States, make up the *Dar al-harb* or ‘House of War.’

“Those who seek to impose *shari’a* through non-violent techniques—notably in the West, the organization known as the Muslim Brotherhood – are our enemies every bit as much as those who overtly strive to defeat us by murderous terrorism.

“Many Western elites, including the Obama administration, have been seduced by the seemingly benign quality of the Muslim Brotherhood. In fact, we know from the 2008 prosecution of the Holy Land Founda-

tion—the largest terrorism-financing trial in U.S. history—that the Muslim Brothers’ mission in the United States is ‘a kind of grand *jihad* to destroy Western civilization from within.’”

They know that by masking their ideological agenda as a religious program, they can use Western civil liberties and tolerance as weapons in their stealthy *jihad*. For this strategy to succeed, says Gaffney, they must suppress any discussion or understanding of the true nature of *shari’a*.

“Adherents to *shari’a* insist that their law prohibits any slander against Islam or Muhammad. Under such a catch-all restriction, virtually any kind of conversation about – or critique of – Islam can be considered impermissible if Muslims find it offensive.

“Particularly in Europe, the ever-present prospect of violence, like that which followed the September 2005 publication of Danish cartoons poking fun at Muhammad, is generally sufficient to induce self-censorship.

“In this country, the application of such prohibitions seems unthinkable, given the guarantees of free speech enshrined in the Constitution’s First Amendment.

“Unfortunately, the Obama administration last year co-sponsored with Egypt a relevant and deeply problematic resolution in the U.N. Human Rights Council, promoted for years by the Organization of the Islamic Conference, a group of 57 Muslim-majority nations that stridently embraces *shari’a* and seeks to legitimate and promote its advance around the world.

“The resolution calls on members of the United Nations to prohibit statements that offend Islam. It also calls for criminal penalties to be applied to those who make such statements.”

Such laws would make writing or publishing this article illegal

“To a stunning degree, U.S. leaders have been effectively conforming to *shari’a* slander laws for some time now,” says Gaffney. “For instance, presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama have both repeatedly described Islam as a ‘religion of peace,’ without acknowledging the requirement for *jihad* its authorities demand, pursuant to *shari’a*.

“At the Muslim Brotherhood’s insistence, the Department of Homeland Security and the State Department have barred the use of perfectly accurate terms like ‘Islamic terrorism.’ The U.S. government has also embraced the Muslim Brothers’ disinformation by translating *jihad* as nothing more than ‘striving in the path of God.’

“Under the Bush and Obama administrations,” notes Gaffney, “the favored name for the enemy has been ‘violent extremism’ – a formulation that neither offers clarity about the true nature of our foe nor lends itself to a prescription for a successful countervailing strategy.

“Even when al-Qaeda is identified as the enemy, it is almost always accompanied by an assurance that its operatives and allies have ‘corrupted’ Islam.

“Ignored, or at least earnestly obscured, are two unhappy realities: such enemies are implementing *shari’a*’s dictates to the letter of the law, and they have millions of fellow adherents around the world who view Islam’s requirements the same way.

“One of the most egregious examples of this practice of unilateral disarmament in the battle of ideas is the January report of the independent review of the Fort Hood massacre, co-chaired by former Army Secretary Togo West and former Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Vernon Clark,” writes Gaffney.

“Their 86-page unclassified analysis purported to dissect an event allegedly perpetrated by U.S. Army

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We dare not speak the name of our opponent

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Major Nidal Malik Hasan – a medical officer whose personal business card described him as ‘Soldier of Allah,’ whose briefings justified murder of his comrades in the name of *jihad*, and who shouted the Islamic martyr’s cry ‘*Allahu Akbar!*’ or ‘God is great!’ as he opened fire, killing 13 people at Fort Hood.

“Incredibly, the words ‘Islam,’ ‘Islamic terror,’ ‘*shari’a*,’ ‘*jihad*,’ and ‘Muslim Brotherhood’ were not used even once in the report,” says Gaffney.

It is just too politically incorrect

Such things are not said aloud, particularly under the Obama administration.

“Such political correctness,” writes Gaffney, “or willful blindness up the chain of command, doubtless caused Hasan’s colleagues to keep silent about his alarming beliefs, lest they be punished for expressing concerns about them.

“Now, reportedly, six of them have been designated as the scapegoats for what is manifestly an institutional failure. The painful truth,” says Gaffney, “is that however we rationalize this sort of behavior, our *shari’a*-adherent enemies correctly perceive it as evidence of submission, which is the literal meaning of the word ‘Islam,’ and what *shari’a* demands of everyone, Muslim and non-Muslim alike.

“Indeed, *shari’a* offers non-believers only three choices: conversion to Islam, submission (known as *dhimmitude*) or death. Historically, *dhimmitude* was imposed through Muslim conquests. In more recent years, tolerant Western nations have increasingly succumbed to *dawa*, stealthy *jihadism*, backed by more or less direct threats of violence.

“That trend,” advises Gaffney, “worrying as it is, may be giving way in this country to a new campaign: *jihad* of the sword. The past year saw a fourfold increase in the number of actual or attempted terrorist attacks in the United States.

“Four of the nation’s top intelligence officials have testified before Congress that it is certain new acts of violence will be undertaken in the next three to six

months. Worse yet, a blue-ribbon commission has calculated that the probability of the use of weapons of mass destruction somewhere in the world by 2013 is now over 50 percent,” notes Gaffney.

“Is this dramatic upsurge in violent *jihad* directed at the United States unrelated to our behavior? Or does it reflect a growing calculation on the part of our *shari’a*-adherent enemies that violence against the United States is now, once again, practicable?

“Either way, the time has clearly come to make a far more serious effort to defeat both the violent and stealthy forms of *jihad* being waged against this country. If we are to do so,” says Gaffney, “America will have to start by telling the truth.

“Our enemy is not ‘violent extremism,’ or even al-Qaeda alone,” he says. “Rather, it is the millions of Muslims who – like the Muslim Brotherhood, al-Qaeda and their allies – adhere to *shari’a* and who, therefore, believe they must impose it on the rest of us.

“We are at war with such individuals and organizations. Not because we want to be. Not because of policies toward Israel or the Middle East or anything else we have pursued in recent years. Rather, we are at war with them because they must wage *jihad* against us, pursuant to the dictates of *shari’a*, the same law that has guided many in Islam for some 1,200 years.

“What is at stake in this war?” asks Gaffney. “Look no further than the American Legion’s *Americanism Manual*, which defines Americanism as ‘love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity and happiness; and the willingness to defend our country and flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic.’”

That would not be allowed

“Such values cannot coexist with *shari’a*,” notes Gaffney, “which demands the destruction of democratic nations like the United States, its governing institutions and liberties. *Shari’a* would supplant them with a repressive, transnational, theocratic government abroad and at home.

“The extraordinary reality is that none of this – the authoritative and malevolent nature of *shari’a*, its utter incompatibility with our civilization, and its adherents’ determination to force us to convert, submit or die – is concealed from those willing to learn the truth.

To the contrary, the facts are widely available via books, the Internet, DVDs and mosques, both here and overseas. In 2005, U.S. Army General Peter Pace, then-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called on his troops to expose themselves to precisely this sort of information: ‘I say you need to get out and read what our enemies have said.

“Remember Hitler,” advises Gaffney. “Remember he wrote *Mein Kampf*. He said in writing exactly what his plan was. We collectively ignored that to our great detriment. Now, our enemies have said publicly, on film, in books and pamphlets and on the Internet, that their goal is to destroy our way of life.’”

Major Stephen Coughlin, a lawyer and Army Reserves intelligence specialist recruited by the Joint Chiefs to be their expert on the doctrine and jurisprudence of *jihad*, took Pace’s admonition to heart. He wrote a master’s thesis titled ‘To Our Great Detriment: Ignoring What Extremists Say About *Jihad*.’

Coughlin explicitly and repeatedly warned military leaders of the enemy’s “threat doctrine.”

How did they respond?

He was far too politically incorrect to be tolerated under the Obama administration.

“Engaging in such analysis, let alone acting on it,” writes Gaffney, “was powerfully discouraged in January 2008 when Coughlin was dismissed.”

It seems his writings offended a Muslim Brother then working for Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England.

“We are today confronted by the cumulative effect of a sustained and collective dereliction of duty, one that is putting our country in extreme peril,” warns Gaffney.

“Our armed forces – like their counterparts in the intelligence community, Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement – have a professional duty to know the enemy and develop appropriate responses to the threat. If this dereliction is allowed to persist, it is predictable that more Americans will die, both on foreign battlefields and at home.

“The American people also need to become knowledgeable about the threat of *shari’a* and insist that action be taken at federal, state and local levels to keep our country free,” says Gaffney.

“This toxic ideology, if left unchecked, can destroy the country and institutions that are, indeed, the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity and happiness.”

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John Harris and Jim VandeHei, “is that he and his West Wing turn out to be not especially good at politics or communications – in other words, largely ineffective at the very things on which their campaign reputation was built.”

Whenever Americans are looking for leadership from the president, Obama and his administration have systematically put forth conflicting and ambiguous messages, says arch-liberal Maureen Dowd. Writing in the *New York Times*, she notes “He’s with the banks, he’s against the banks. He’s leaving Afghanistan, he’s staying in Afghanistan. He strains at being a populist, but his head is in the clouds.”

Dunn is consulting editor of the conservative *American Thinker* magazine. “Fate, accident, and circumstance have nothing to do with it,” he writes. “It is the president himself who puts the period at the end of his own sentence. Such moments are obvious in retrospect, though not always at the time. With Richard Nixon, it was the ‘eighteen-minute gap.’ An oval office tape recording turned over to Judge John Sirica, who was overseeing the investigation of the Watergate incident, turned out to have a lengthy period of silence smack-dab in the middle of a conversation between Nixon and chief of staff H.R. Haldeman.”

“The White House claimed Rose Mary Woods, the president’s secretary, had inadvertently hit the wrong button for those eighteen minutes. This might well have been true, but Nixon had been holding his own in the Watergate battle up to that point. The voting public viewed the uproar with bemusement rather than indignation. But the tape gap finished him. In less than a year, he was forced into resignation.

“For Jimmy Carter,” writes Dunn, “it was the ‘malaise speech’ of July 15, 1979,

in which he attempted to shuffle the blame for his tepid performance as president from his own administration onto the shoulders of the American people. Carter claimed that a national ‘crisis of confidence’ made it impossible for him to adequately grapple with the country’s problems.

“It was America’s fault, not Jimmy Carter’s. The public reaction was open disgust and the abject collapse of any support for the Carter presidency.

“With Obama,” writes Dunn, “we have an abundance of riches: the multiple vacations, the legal harassment of the state of Arizona on behalf of illegals, the clownish response to the Gulf oil blowout. But when historians come to select the moment when Obama went over the edge, I think they’ll find the great Iftar mosque speech of August 13, 2010 hard to beat.”

During a White House dinner celebrating the Muslim festival of Ramadan, the president found it appropriate to come out in favor of religious freedom.

“Not in support of Christians being attacked by janjaweed gunmen, or Bahá’ís tormented by Iranian mullahs, or Jews being stalked by assassins, or even Americans being told that they can’t pray in public,” writes Dunn, “but in favor of a shadowy foreign foundation with suspicious financing and disturbing jihadi connections that wishes to build a victory monument congruent to the site of the 9/11 massacre.”

The public considers Obama incompetent. “Not only has President Obama systematically put forward unpopular policies and programs that are not producing real, long-lasting results that reflect the wishes of the American people,” writes Schoen, “he has not generated a sense of competence in the electorate.”

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Schoen is a political strategist and author of the upcoming book *How the Tea Party Movement is Fundamentally Remaking Our Two-Party System* published by Harper.

“Obama’s judgment and instincts have been called into question by a series of bad decisions since he has become president,” writes Schoen. “Put simply, rather than emphasizing results and outcomes, he has opted for rhetorical parsing and political gamesmanship every time. Voters have grown disillusioned with the administration’s reactive and seemingly hypocritical governing style, in which the notion of unity of command and a cohesive strategy have proved alien.

“Obama’s flip-flopping on the ‘Ground Zero Mosque’ issue was no different from his handling of the Gulf oil spill,” writes Schoen, “when he sought both to blame BP and assert federal responsibility.”

“Nixon had suffered a reputation as a conniver,” writes Dunn. However, the Watergate tape gap “fit so perfectly into that narrative, crowding out everything else.

“Carter’s inept performance as president was rendered even harder to bear by his continual sanctimony. The malaise speech merely added the patina of a whiner.

“With Obama, suspicions have involved his status as an American. The foreign parentage, the registration in an Indonesian school noting him as a Muslim, the uproar over the birth certificate aroused misgivings that, despite media scorn heaped upon those noting them, he has never quite been able to put to rest.”

But with the Ground Zero Mosque speech, “his opportunities to do so are ended. Impressions trump arguments, and for most of the country, Obama will, from here on in, be a strange and untrustworthy figure – a man who does not understand what Ground Zero means to America, who utilizes American law and custom to support foreign interests, who speaks to strangers more clearly than to his own.

“Nothing either Nixon or Carter did enabled them to recover from their *faux pas*,” writes Dunn. “Even as the tape gap story broke, Nixon was supervising a massive airlift of supplies and ammunition to Israel, which was involved in a life-or-death struggle against massive Arab attack in the Yom Kippur War. It gained Nixon nothing, scarcely earning a mention amid all the public speculation about Watergate.

“Less than three months after the Carter speech, Iranian ‘students’ sacked the American embassy in Tehran, taking nearly a hundred American hostages. I can attest that I was not alone in thinking, ‘Great – and we’ve got Mr. Malaise in charge.’ The year-and-a-half-long hostage crisis hastened the collapse of the worst presidency of the later 20th century.

“The past two years,” continues Dunn, “are the best Obama will ever see. The real crises of his presidency are still to come, and they are easily visible as they move toward us – Iran, terrorism, the economy, the collapse of the national health care system hastened by his own policies. He will meet them under a cloud of his own making, attempting to overcome them as a president who takes endless vacations, who will not defend his country’s borders, who sat out the Gulf oil crisis, who overlooks the sacrifices of his own countrymen in favor of dubious foreign figures.”

The tide has gone out

“Some lines of Shakespeare occurred to me while Obama was dawdling over a response to the oil blowout. They can also serve to cover the entire morass: *“There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads us to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries.*

“The tide,” says Dunn, “has gone out for Obama.

“By sending such distinctive and frequently incoherent messages,” writes Schoen, “the administration appears adrift and divided. All the while, the public has no clear idea of the administration’s specific goals and intentions, our level of commitment, and the approach we will take on Afghanistan and on other issues.

“These dual messages also ultimately reduce and minimize our country’s standing in the international community, delegitimizes our power, and reduces our influence in the eyes of our adversaries.”

Yes, Obama is done, agrees political commentator Charles Krauthammer: “Liberalism under siege is an ugly sight indeed. Just yesterday it was all hope and change and returning power to the people. But the people have proved so disappointing. Their recalcitrance has, in only 19 months, turned the 40-year liberal ascendancy predicted by James Carville into a full retreat.

“Ah, the people, the little people, the small-town people, the ‘bitter’ people, as Barack Obama in an unguarded moment once memorably called them, clinging ‘to guns or religion or’ – this part is less remembered – ‘antipathy toward people who aren’t like them.’ That’s a polite way of saying: clinging to bigotry.”

And that’s what we will continue to hear more of, says Krauthammer – liberal shouting that the reason voters have turned on Obama is racism.

However, that is completely wrong, says Krauthammer. Even so, that’s how the Obama administration and the liberal media will react.

They will attempt to intimidate us by crying “bigotry!” However, America is growing tired of the false claim.

And the fact is that the liberals just can’t stand it that the voting public persists in

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convictions, claim the liberals! No, it’s nothing but

“racist resentment toward a black president.”

The public’s patience with that constant accusation is growing tired and thin. Likewise, the public’s “disgust and alarm with the federal government’s unwillingness to curb illegal immigration, as crystallized in the Arizona law?” says Krauthammer.

What about the public’s “opposition to the most radical redefinition of marriage in human history, as expressed in Proposition 8 in California?” asks Krauthammer. The liberals can’t accept that the public has morals – and is offended that liberals have attempted to use the courts to force the legalization of family-destroying policies. But, now the liberals cry, that’s “Homophobia.” and what about the public’s opposition to a 15-story Islamic center and mosque near Ground Zero? That’s “Islamophobia.”

“Now we know why the country has become ‘ungovernable,’ last year’s excuse for the Democrats’ failure of governance,” writes Krauthammer. “Who can possibly govern a nation of racist, bigoted, homophobic Islamophobes?”

“Note what connects these issues,” continues Krauthammer. “In every one, liberals have lost the argument in the court of public opinion.”

Indeed, large majorities of voters oppose Obama’s social-democratic agenda, support the Arizona law, oppose gay marriage and reject the Ground Zero Mosque.

So, asks Krauthammer, “What’s a liberal to do?” To defend Obama, there’s nothing else to do but “Pull out the bigotry charge, the trump that pre-empts debate and gives no credit to the seriousness and substance of the contrary argument.”

Indeed, writes Krauthammer, “When the tea party arose – a spontaneous, leaderless and perfectly natural (and traditionally American) reaction to the vast expansion of government intrinsic to the president’s proudly proclaimed transformational agenda – the liberals cast it as a mob of angry white yahoos disguising their antipathy to a black president by cleverly speaking in economic terms.

“Then came Arizona. It seems impossible for the left to believe that people of good will could hold that: illegal immigration should be illegal.”

As for same-sex marriage in California, “is it so hard to see why people might believe that a single judge overturning the will of 7 million voters is an affront to democracy?” asks Krauthammer. And why can’t liberals understand that “seeing merit in retaining the structure of the most ancient and fundamental of all social institutions is something other than an alleged hatred of gays – particularly since the opposite-gender requirement has characterized virtually every society in all the millennia until just a few years ago?”

Smug accusations of prejudice

“And now the Ground Zero Mosque. The intelligentsia is near unanimous that the only possible grounds for opposition is bigotry toward Muslims,” writes Krauthammer. “This smug attribution of bigotry to two-thirds of the population hinges on the insistence on a complete lack of connection between Islam and radical Islam, a proposition that dovetails perfectly with the Obama administration’s pretense that we are at war with nothing more than ‘violent extremists’ of inscrutable motive and indiscernible belief.”

The public just doesn’t swallow any of the whitewash. As a result, “the Democrats are going to get beaten badly in November,” writes Krauthammer. “Not just because the economy is ailing. And not just because Obama overread his mandate in governing too far left.

“But because a comeuppance is due the arrogant elites whose undisguised contempt for the great unwashed prevents them from conceding serious thought to those who dare oppose them.”

“Liberals are frantically trying to explain away Obama’s problems,” writes conservative columnist Jonah Goldberg. “Some want to protect their investment in Obama, and some want to protect their investment in liberalism. So some claim that his mistakes stem from not being progressive enough.

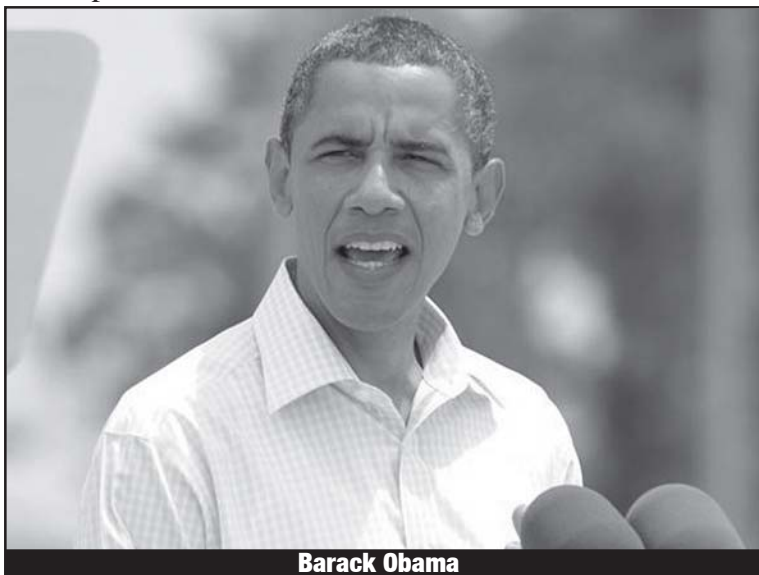
“What’s clear right now is that the president who claimed to be the personification of a world-historical moment is lost.”

“Obama’s ability to connect with voters is what launched him,” writes Mort Zuckerman. “But what has surprised me is how he has failed to connect with the voters since he’s been in office. Now people stop listening to him. He punted on the economy and reversed the fortunes of the Democrats in 365 days.”

Zuckerman is chairman and editor in chief of *U.S. News & World Report* and publisher of the *New York Daily News*. He is a trustee of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Washington Institute for Near East Studies and the International Institute of Strategic Studies.

“I’m very disappointed,” he writes. “We endorsed him. I voted for him. I supported him publicly and privately.” Obama “misjudged the character of the country. He didn’t get it. He was determined somehow or other to adopt a whole new agenda. This health-care plan is going to be a fiscal disaster. Most of the country wanted to deal with costs, not expansion of coverage. This is going to raise costs dramatically.

“In the campaign, he said he would change politics as usual. He did change them. It’s now worse than it was. I’ve now seen the kind of buying off of politicians that



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I've never seen before. It's politically corrupt and it's starting at the top. It's revolting.

"One business leader said to me, 'In the Clinton administration, the policy people were at the center, and the political people were on the sideline. In the Obama administration, the political people are at the center, and the policy people are on the sidelines. I think he's already laid in huge problems for the country. It's very sad. It's really sad. The political leadership of the world is very, very dismayed. He better turn it around.

"The Democrats are going to get killed in this election.

"It's really interesting because he had brilliant, brilliant political instincts during the campaign. I don't know what has happened to them. It's unbelievable. Everybody says so. You can't believe how dismayed people are. That's why he's plunging in the polls. If he continues on the downward spiral he is on, he won't be reelected.

"It's almost as if President Obama's agenda includes provoking anger at himself," says radio host Michael Reagan. "And it's not just Republicans he's provoking. It's

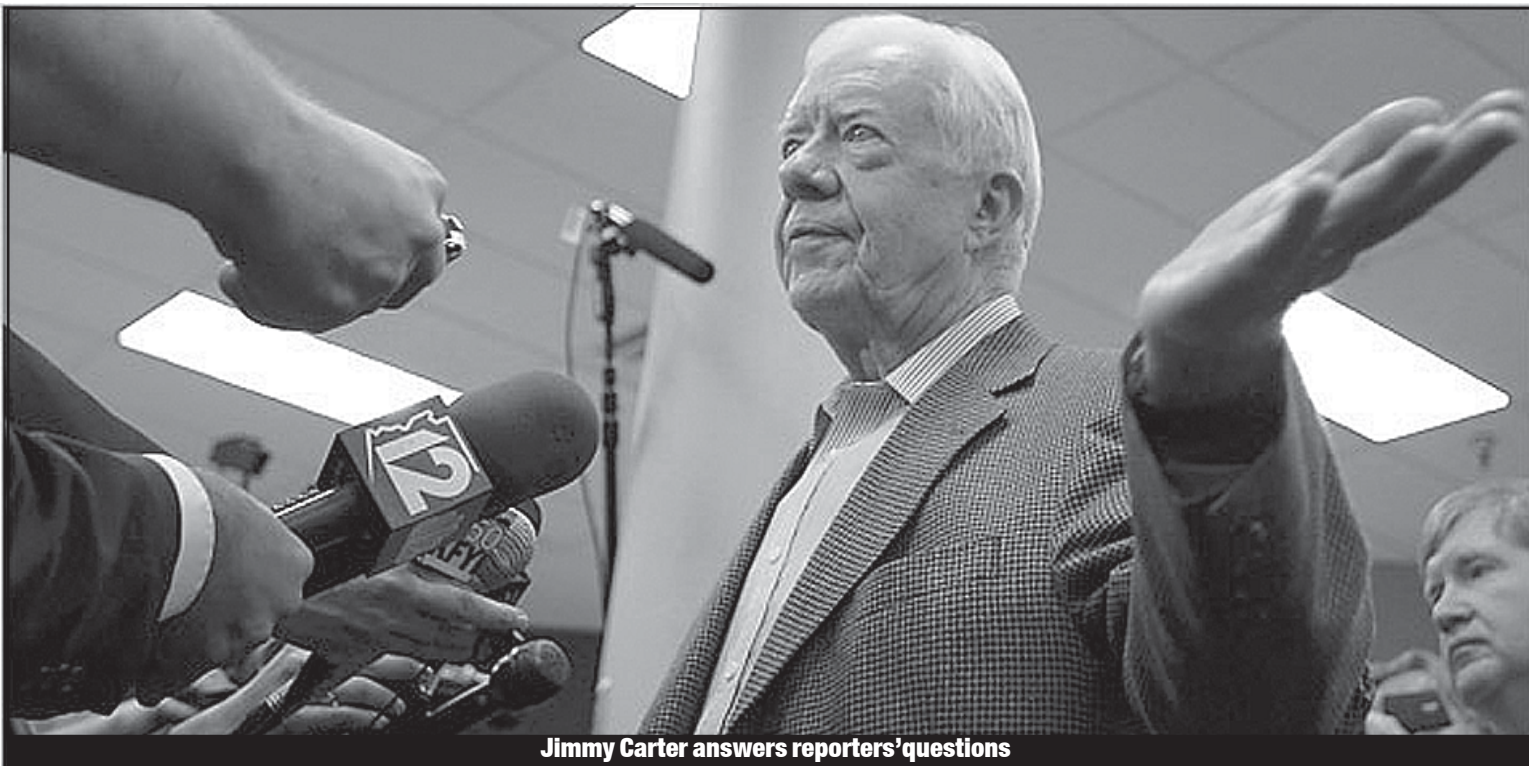
just about anybody who crosses his path. Long-time liberal Democratic Congressman Charles Rangel is a case in point. The veteran Harlem congressman reacted to criticism from the president, who called on him to 'end his career with dignity,' by remarking that Obama hasn't 'been around long enough to determine what my dignity is.' He added sarcastically that it's more likely to be the other way around over the next two years, predicting the time will come when it will be he who will have to protect the president's dignity."

And now, notes Reagan, the American people see Obama "taking opposite sides over a two-day span, Obama first indicated opposition to the building of a mosque on the edge of Manhattan's Ground Zero, and the next day opposed the idea.

"After voicing his support Friday night, he reversed himself after his remarks sparked a firestorm of criticism."

"Having taken both sides on the issue," notes Reagan, "he managed to anger both supporters of the mosque and its opponents."

And in the process, he has lost whatever credibility that he had left.



Jimmy Carter answers reporters' questions

Carter sides with terrorists against Sudanese Christians

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rigged election in Sudan that "handed victory to a genocidal war criminal who granted safe haven to Osama bin Laden in the 1990s," reports the *Daily Caller*, an Internet magazine.

The 84-year-old Carter came out on the side of Sudan's Omar El-Bashir, a Muslim despot who has sanctioned the murder of more than 2.5 million Christians, the selling of surviving Christian children into slavery and gang-rape, in which Christian tribal black women are impregnated with half-Arab children.

Early in the civil war, El-Bashir's army commander, Taib Musba, entered the predominantly Christian provincial capital of Chali and declared to the members of the Uduk tribe: "You are all going to convert from Christianity to Islam today, because here is what's going to happen to you if you don't."

Musba then killed five church leaders in front of the gathered villagers. When they refused to convert, he began killing unarmed men, women and children. Some were herded at gunpoint into a hut then run over by a 50-ton, Soviet-made tank.

He also herded groups of about a

dozen people into a hut, where he asked the first person "Do you renounce Jesus Christ?" Anyone who refused was killed by a three-inch nail driven into the top of the head.

The U.N. high commissioner for refugees granted the Uduks international refugee status in 1992 after investigating the atrocities.



Carter listens to concerns from a Sudanese official

Murder, slavery and oil

Africa's largest country, Sudan, gained its independence in 1956. Civil war broke out in 1983 when oil was discovered in the south and the Christian majority there sought independence from the Islamic north.

Islam has also been forced on Sudanese in the Muslim north.

Security police in Khartoum are currently pursuing a local convert to Christianity who went into hiding three weeks ago to escape arrest and possible death, according to the Compass Direct news service.

Aladin Omer Agabni Mohammed, who left Islam 11 years ago to become a Christian, is subject to the death penalty under Sudanese criminal law for "apostasy." According to a church leader, two other converts face a similar situation.

Dennis Bennett, executive director of Seattle-based Servant's Heart, told the *WorldNetDaily* news service that when women are captured by government forces they are asked: "Are you Christian or Muslim?"

Women who answer "Muslim" are set free, but soldiers gang-rape those who answer "Christian." Sometime, they cut off their breasts and leave them to die as an example for others.

Bennett says these stories are corroborated by witnesses from several tribes in the region. Upon returning to the U.S., he wrote a letter to influential members of Congress and activists.

"After witnessing once again the situation on the ground there," Bennett wrote, "I must ask 'How long will the United States government allow the Government of Sudan to continue its jihad against the Black African Christians of South Sudan?'"

The north has been ruthless in crushing the south, destroying hospitals and schools, burning crops and ravaging villages. Christian children are sold into slavery, which is legal under Sudan's *shari'a* Muslim law.

An estimated 2.5 million Christians have died, many of starvation, while another 4 million have been displaced into refugee camps in neighboring countries.

In one of the latest known incidents, an unidentified armed group attacked the town of Wernyol on August 29, killing many people including Archdeacon Joseph Mabior Garang who was shot at the altar while conducting a service, said the relief group Middle East Concern.

Earlier, three Christians, including an

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Episcopal Church lay leader, were murdered on August 12 in the town of Ezo of the country's Western Equatorial State

"The Muslim government has declared a jihad against the people of the south," reports the *Daily Caller*, "which resulted in church buildings and Christian relief agencies being specifically targeted."

"After repeated attempts at peace talks over the past several years, a formal peace accord was signed on January 9, 2005. An interim constitution was established with the goal to adopt a permanent constitution in the near future."

No one expects election to happen

"The interim constitution states that Islam is the majority religion in the country, but notes the place of Christianity and traditional religions. One of the conditions of the peace accord is that a referendum is to be held after six years to determine whether or not the South should remain a part of Sudan."

However, nobody expects the 2011 election to ever happen.

Evangelism is banned. Facing Christian relief agencies are rarely granted visas for humanitarian work — and are harassed. Christians face intense pressure to convert to Islam. Christian leaders have been jailed and beaten simply for meeting with people interested in coming to Christ.

In April, Sudan held a nationwide election for president and a national legislature, the country's first elections since El-Bashir overthrew the government in 1989. The elections were neither free nor fair, says Bennett.

However, the elderly Carter was used by El-Bashir to whitewash the election.

Carter was one of the international observers of Sudan's elections. On his Carter Center website, the former President had raised several concerns about the election.

No reason for concern, says Carter

Then, he surprised the international press by telling reporters that he saw "no reasons for any concern" about the elections, except for "a few isolated stations way out," that could experience some complications.

"Carter's endorsement is beyond the pale," writes the *Daily Caller*.

"El-Bashir's government has been responsible for death and mayhem for decades. After the 1989 coup, El-Bashir's regime ordered massacres against the Christians in the south by deploying a militia known as the 'Difaa al Shaabi.' By the year 2000, the ethnic cleansing campaigns widened to reach the Black Muslim provinces of Darfur. These attacks, carried out by another militia, the 'Janjaweed,' prompted the international community in 2004 to declare the Darfur massacres a genocide."

"In 2005, the Southern factions and the regime signed a peace treaty to put an end to the violence. Among other things, they agreed to hold a referendum in January 2011 for self-determination in the south."

"However, the treaty wasn't worth much. El-Bashir's regime refused to accept a UN-sponsored intervention in Darfur to protect civilians there."

"The regime continued to dispatch the Janjaweed to attack the black tribes."

Candidates intimidated

Amid ongoing bloodshed, Sudan's political parties had prepared for what they hoped would be a democratic transition. Nearly every one of them was intimidated into withdrawing its candidates as El-Bashir rigged the election to ensure his own victory.

Although the election process began to unravel, El-Bashir attempted to save face through high-profile observers such as Carter.

Sudan is about a quarter of the size of the United States, but is a Third World country in most respects,

lacking basic infrastructure such roads and electricity, which are inconsistent throughout the country.

Incredibly, Sudan's holy war against the south was reaffirmed last October by Sudan's own First Vice President Ali Osman Taha.

"The jihad is our way, and we will not abandon it and will keep its banner high," he told a brigade of mujahedin fighters heading for the war front, according to Sudan's official SUNA news agency. "We will never sell out our faith and will never betray the oath to our martyrs."

In observing the election, Carter did not have to look hard to find irregularities. On the second day of the polls, the problems began. Citizens could not find their names on voter registries. Electoral lists in rural villages exceeded the number of inhabitants, which enabled El-Bashir regime to send in fraudulent voters.

It was never revealed how many ballots the regime actually printed.

"The potential for fraud was everywhere," writes the



Janjaweed militia members

Daily Caller.

Officially, El-Bashir is said to have received 88 to 94 percent of the popular vote.

Carter's endorsement of the election has been touted internationally by El-Bashir — proclaiming that his regime is now legitimate.

"By claiming that the vote was 'an opening' for citizens of Sudan to 'participate and present their views,' the former U.S. president has demonstrated clearly that he is no friend to Sudan's people," noted the *Daily Caller*.

Bennett says that in addition to the more immediate, readily apparent atrocities taking place, there is a slower, less perceptive persecution that is equally

deadly. Forced starvation is one of the primary tools of the Khartoum regime, he says. When government forces attack a Christian village, they kill everyone they catch, but those who flee lose everything necessary for survival.

"The government comes in and burns the crops, burns grain stored if there was any excess, burns houses down," Bennett said. "Now you have only the clothes on your back, no tools, no cooking pots, no buckets for water, and you have to run two days through the bush in 115-degree temperatures in order to escape."

In the arid wilderness, escapees try to survive on tree leaves and stagnant, dysentery-infested water. If a woman is breastfeeding, her milk dries up, Bennett said, and the baby starts dying. Small children, just weaned, also start dying.

"But all the family has to do is change their name to Muhammad or Ramadan, convert to Islam and the government of Sudan will care for them," he said.

Last year, the government of Sudan burned all the crops in the area where Bennett's group works.

"There wasn't anything to harvest," he said. "Literally we saw people eating roots and tree leaves."

This is not the first time that Jimmy Carter has helped legitimize a monster, writes author James Petras.

He says Carter "legitimizes voter fraud, blesses corrupt elections and certifies murderous rulers." Petras is a former professor of Sociology at Binghamton University in New York and is co-author of *Globalization Unmasked*.

In fact, says Petras, Carter's "frequent political interventions have been dedicated to sustaining dictators, legitimizing fraudulent elections and pressuring popular democratic candidates to capitulate."

In 1993, says Petras, Carter monitored elections in the Dominican Republic. One candidate presented Carter "with a wealth

of documents and testimony, witnesses and photos" of opponents subverting the election.

Carter acknowledged the corruption and fraud, according to Petras, but urged the candidate who'd had the election stolen from him, to accept the results "to avoid a civil war." Carter then certified that the country had held a "free election."

In 1994, he did the same thing again in Haiti, says Petras.

"Nowhere and at no time does Jimmy Carter, the kindly-appearing human rights rhetorician, pose a more dangerous threat to democratic freedoms and national independence than he does today in Venezuela," writes Petras.

Liberals plot ways to prevent military vote

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exclude about 1,000 overseas military ballots.

Liberal officials reared that if they were counted, they would have tipped the race in favor of Republican candidate James Tedisco.

Tedesco and Democrat Scott Murphy were in a dead heat, with 77,225 votes each.

Democrats on the state elections board blocked GOP attempts to allow overseas military voting in the special election. Overseas ballots take weeks to reach voters and be returned unless special measures are taken to speed things up.

Elections officials refused to do anything to speed

things up or to mail the ballots out early enough.

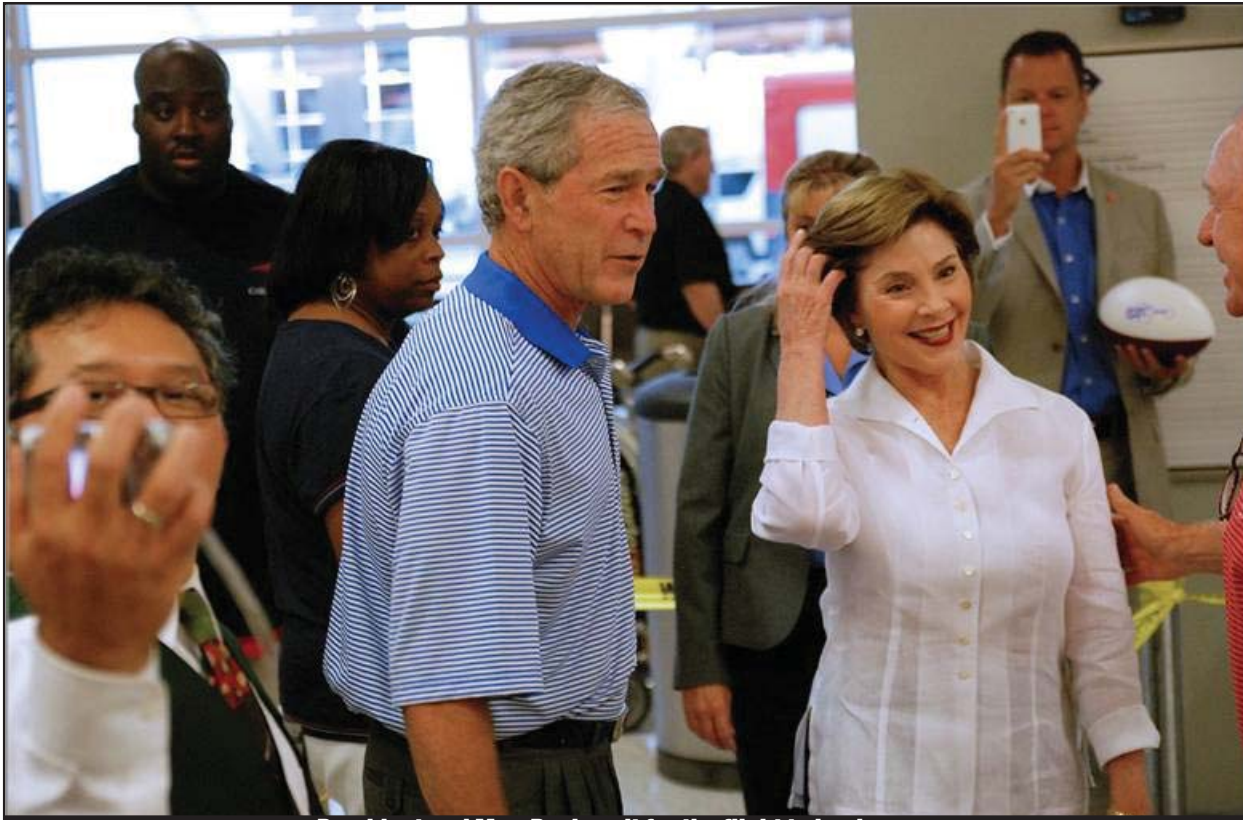
The result was that as many as 90 percent of the ballots were tossed in the trash without ever being counted.

Discarding those ballots violated federal law, but the Obama Administration made sure that the Justice Department filed only a weak lawsuit in response, seeking a brief, cosmetic extension of time for returning the ballots.

That extension could only result in a handful of the wrongfully-excluded military ballots being counted. The Justice Department could easily have sought and

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Returning soldiers get surprise welcome at DFW airport gate



President and Mrs. Bush wait for the flight to land

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

A few weeks ago, former President George W. Bush and Laura Bush surprised 145 soldiers returning home from the war in Afghanistan, greeting them at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The service members had been tipped off that they would be met by the Dallas-based “Welcome Home A Hero” organization. Volunteers from the group regularly greet returning soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines.

But nobody expected the Bushes.

“It was shock and awe when we walked in the double doors,” said Lt. Col. Patrick McAfee.

“President Bush often says that he doesn’t miss much about being the President,” said a member of Bush’s group, David Sherzer, “but he does miss being the Commander in Chief of an incredible group of men and women.”

“It was a remarkable, incredible feeling, seeing them taking time to greet everybody,” Lt. Col. McAfee said. “For the first time in my life, I was star struck.

“It was great.”

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obtained broader, more meaningful relief, just as it did repeatedly during the Bush Administration.

But the Obama Administration didn’t want the military votes, for partisan political reasons.

And so another Obama campaign promise was violated – his pledge to defend “the right of every American to vote.”

The incident is just one case of the continuing politicization of the Justice Department under Obama.

And now according to journalist Jana Winter, military voters from at least six states will be unable to participate fully in a Defense Department pilot program.

That will substantially reduce their opportunity to vote in November.

Why? Because at the behest of the Obama Administration, a private election software company is dragging its feet and demanding exorbitant fees to supply states with their own voting data.

That’s what state officials participating in the program told Fox News.

One state – Nebraska – has backed out of the program entirely.

“The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), the Defense Department agency charged with helping military and overseas civilians vote, in 2009 announced the Electronic Voting Support Wizard pilot program,” reports Winter, “which was supposed to improve and expedite the delivery of absentee ballots to military servicemen and women who have historically had problems with traditional mail delivery or with receiving their ballots due to frequent relocation.

In March, says Winter, the Defense Department asked vendors that specialize in electronic voting systems to propose a plan for developing and delivering online ballots down to the precinct level – meaning that a military member could log on in Afghanistan and be directed to his or her exact local, county, state and federal election ballots to expedite voting.

“Five vendors won the opportunity to work with the states to develop online balloting systems that overseas voters can access through the Internet and either mark on-screen or by hand and then print out,” writes Winter. “For voters from states that allow for e-mail and fax returns, an on-screen marking option provided overseas voters with a way to download, mark and submit ballots quickly and easily without paper and printer.

“On-screen marking especially benefits servicemen and women on the front lines or in remote locations who may not have immediate access to a printer or the postal service. Each vendor then submitted bids to work with individual states on the pilot program.

The final pairings were made on July 9, leaving states a little more than two months to develop, test and roll out the program before the Sept. 18 deadline mandated by federal law, which requires them to have the system in place 45 days before Election Day, Nov. 2.

Several election software systems used by states participating in the pilot program have handed over their ballot data quickly and at no cost, according to



A soldier mugs the camera with the P

documents and interviews with election officials.

But some states haven’t been able to give vendors the information they need to develop the platform – seriously jeopardizing their chance of participating in the pilot program – because ES&S, the nation’s largest election systems company, which manages more than half of all elections in the U.S., is being slow and demanding exorbitant fees to hand over the databases, officials said.

“ES&S is not the vendor of pilots that was tasked with making this online marking tool,” said John Groh, senior vice president of ES&S, which is based in Nebraska. “I am a for-profit business and if I don’t profit, we go out of business.”

Groh told Winter that his company is busy working for paying customers – states and counties for whom ES&S is running primary elections across the country.

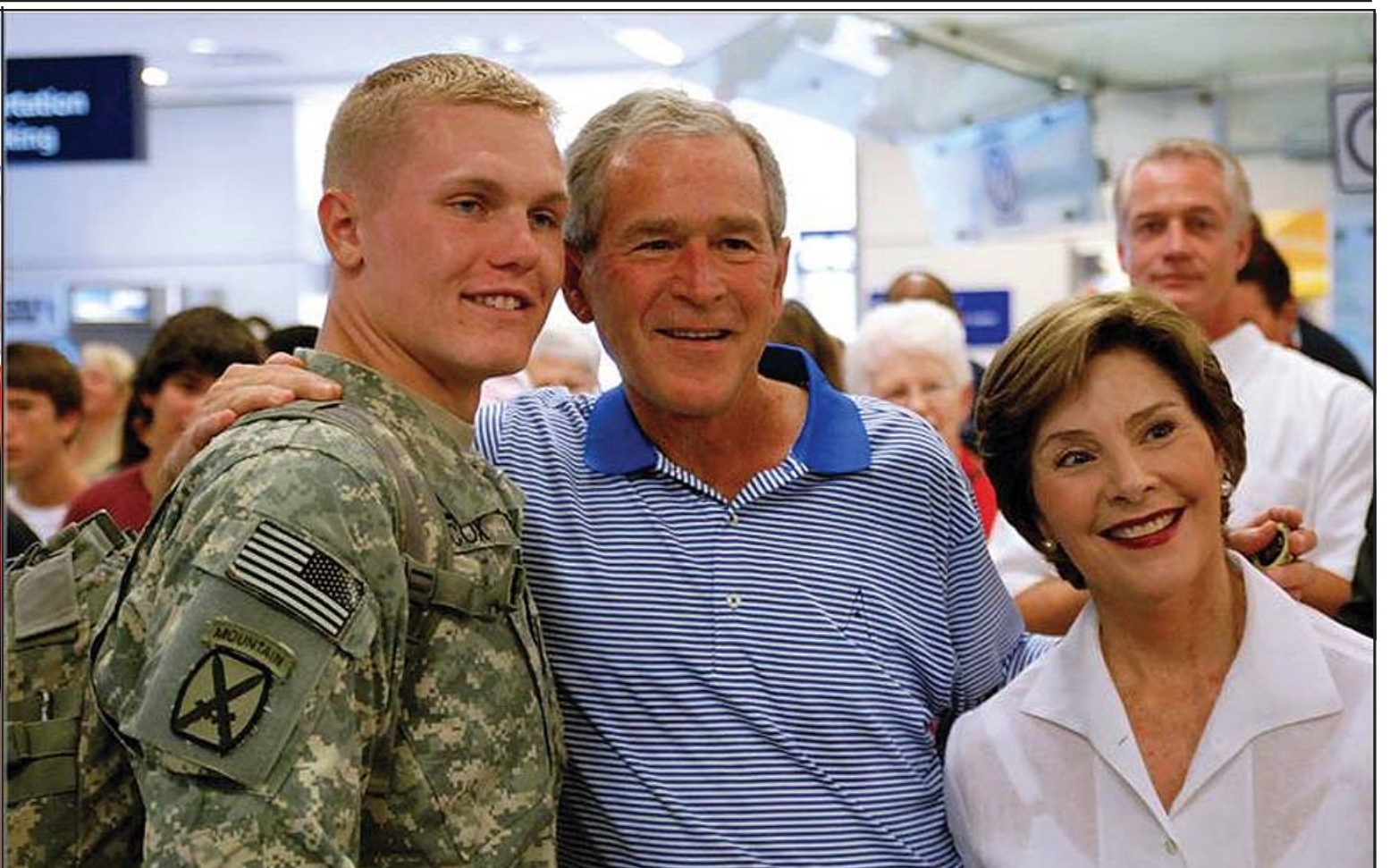
“Members of the military, particularly those involved



Bush greets disembarking soldiers



resident



The President and First Lady pose for photos

in conflict overseas, should be provided with the opportunity to exercise their franchise,” notes an article in Fordham University’s *Urban Law Journal*. “Unfortunately, throughout history military personnel have been prevented from doing so due to both procedural and logistic hurdles, resulting in their franchise being effectively ‘hollow.’

“These difficulties came to the forefront of public awareness during the 2000 presidential election controversy in Florida when the ballots submitted by individuals living overseas—especially military voters—were seen as crucial to the election outcome as the margin of potential victory was so small that the ballots could turn the election from one candidate to the other.

“Headlines at the time included: ‘Odds Against Gore Absentee Gains; Republican-Leaning Counties Appear to Have More Uncounted Overseas Ballots’ and ‘Bush’s Lead Swells with Overseas Votes.’”

“For many Americans, however, the controversy

surrounding the votes of military personnel and overseas voters, despite its importance, may have seemed both bewildering and esoteric,” reports the law journal. “The debate centered not on the rather uncontroversial proposition that military members living overseas should have the right to vote, but on minute details: whether certain overseas absentee ballots were valid, and could therefore be counted, if they lacked postmarks; whether ballots were properly received within statutorily defined time periods; and whether ballots were legitimate if missing a signature or lacking other statutorily defined characteristics.

“Such matters are likely beyond the interest of the typical American.

“Despite the apparent focus on minutia, these legal skirmishes fought within the broader context of the recount battle impacted substantive issues concerning whether military absentee ballots could be counted, the resolution of which swayed the outcome of the 2000

presidential election.”

“This tension is not new and, as it relates to military voting, has centered for years on the laws and procedures that individuals are required to follow before they can vote,” continues the journal. “The often competing federal and state statutory frameworks put in place to govern voting are critically important because they ultimately determine who can vote, in what manner they can vote, and the requirements that such votes must meet in order to be counted.”

But it’s whether or not our fighting men have the right to vote—or have their ballots included.

“In the past, many states used hurdles, such as poll taxes, reading tests, and flat-out intimidation to systematically exclude minorities and the poor from voting,” notes the journal.

And now the Obama Administration wants to make sure that the military will not be heard in the November elections.

Why ban the 'Star-Spangled Banner' at Lincoln Memorial?

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a display of national patriotism to be censored. They really did not provide the students a reason."

The decision to sing the national anthem at the memorial was a spur of the moment event, according to high school senior Shawn Balcomb, of Richmond Hill, Georgia. "We got maybe two lines in and a police officer came over and he was yelling. He quieted us down."

Balcomb, 17, said the officer told the group they were being too loud. "I was dumbfounded," he said. I didn't realize there was something wrong with singing the national anthem."

Balcomb said they didn't intend on creating a ruckus – just wanted to show their patriotism.

"So much for freedom of speech," commented Alveda King in a guest column for the *Wall Street Journal*. Her uncle, the late Martin Luther King Jr. once made his "I Have a Dream" speech from the same spot at the memorial.

She had a similar run-in with over-zealous park police, she says, however it was at her uncle's memorial in Atlanta.

Misplaced authority

There a park policeman, she says, "removed a bullhorn from the hands of Father Frank Pavone, an internationally recognized leader of the pro-life movement. We were a group more than 100 strong, in Atlanta to declare that abortion is the greatest violation of civil rights in our day. We brought a wreath to lay at Uncle Martin's grave while we prayed, but we weren't allowed.

"The National Park Service said that would constitute a demonstration. So much for freedom of assembly."

So, the National Park Service has decided that there can be no demonstration at King's memorial ... even though King made his name leading demonstrations. That's ridiculous, says his niece, who is a conservative politically.

"Americans are hungry to reclaim the symbols of our liberty, hard won by an unlikely group of outnumbered, out-gunned, under-funded patriots determined not to live in servitude to the British Empire," she wrote in the *Journal*. "If we want to sing the national anthem at a memorial to Lincoln, the man who led this nation out of slavery, and made my people free, we should be able to send our voices soaring to the heavens.

No, says the U.S. Park Police. An official has confirmed that the students at the Lincoln Memorial were in violation of federal law. Their impromptu performance constituted a demonstration in an area that must remain "completely content neutral."

"The area they were standing in and singing is an area that is restricted for this type of activity," said Sgt. David Schlosser, who explained that performances, regardless of content, are banned to "maintain a contemplative and reverent area for the Lincoln Memorial, for the other guests and visitors."

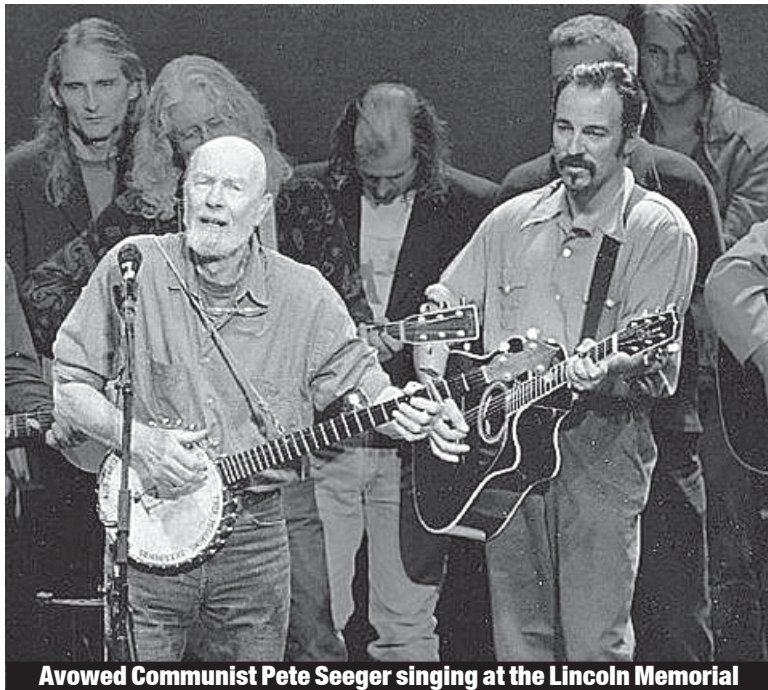
Instead of doing as they were instructed, Gassman said the students resumed the song – an impromptu form of civil disobedience.

They sang louder – and were joined by other tourists.

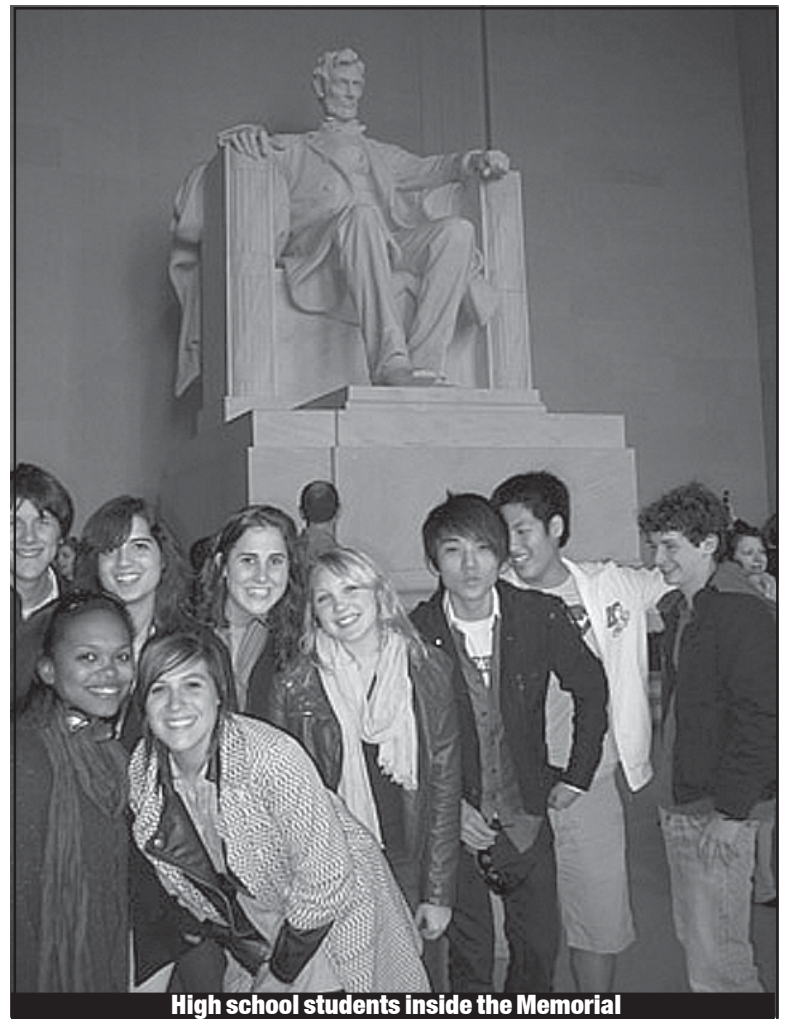
"If their idea of civil disobedience is singing the national anthem, then so be it," Gassman said. "Let them disobey."

A video is now circulating the Internet showing the students loudly singing the anthem despite the police officer's objections.

"That's the most offensive thing out of all this," Gassman said.



Avowed Communist Pete Seeger singing at the Lincoln Memorial



High school students inside the Memorial

"We just wanted to pay respect to our nation – in our capital," said Balcomb.

Schlosser, said the students were not cited and to his knowledge no report was filed.

"We need to make certain that all other visitors that don't want to be a part of that or just choose to be tourists are able to do so in the same light that probably President Lincoln wanted – which is completely content neutral," he said.

Young America's Foundation holds periodic conferences at the nation's capital, inspired by the late William F. Buckley's call

for "major events for conservative students throughout the country."

The 32nd annual National Conservative Student Conference in Washington, D.C. drew more than 450 high schoolers from 38 states, as well as young Americans living in the United Kingdom, France and Canada.

Students heard remarks from Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers about her fight against the leftwing agenda in the House of Representatives.

"We can start anew and make America a greater leader

in this century as it was in the last century," she said.

Other speakers included Christian comedian Rich Lowry, conservative activist Bay Buchanan, retired Washington Redskins Coach George Allen, former Senator Fred Thompson, columnist David Horowitz, Senator Jeff Sessions, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, Senator Jon Kyl, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and other conservative leaders.

The need for Americans to take action

Thompson spoke to the youngsters about the need to change the culture of Washington and the need for Americans to take action. He even talked about his return to acting, joking that "after spending eight years in Washington, I missed the sincerity and realism of Hollywood."

Gingrich talked with the students about the Declaration of Independence.

He noted, "It's a right to pursue happiness, which doesn't mean a right to be happy, doesn't say you are entitled to sue if you are unhappy, doesn't suggest we need a federal department of happiness, it doesn't propose that we need happiness stamps for the under happy, and it doesn't suggest that politicians should take from the too happy to give to the unhappy so that we can have a redistribution of happiness."

Many of the speakers discussed the theme of defending freedom from the left's constant urge for larger government. "Everything government does to increase its power comes at direct expense of your freedom," warned Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli whose speech aired on C-SPAN nationwide.

Young America's Foundation was founded in 1969, with a focus on sharing conservative ideas with students through conferences, campus lectures, seminars, posters, and activism initiatives.



Marian Anderson sings the Star-Spangled Banner at the Memorial



North Korean generals applaud their eccentric leader, Kim Jong Il

North Korea floods U.S. with fake \$100 bills

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traveling in his own special train to Communist China and driving around Beijing in a 30-automobile convoy.

It was his second visit this year to his country's biggest source of diplomatic and financial support.

The trip was not announced by either country, but apparently was meant as a snub against former U.S. President Jimmy Carter who Kim had demanded personally travel to North Korea in order to gain the release of an American who had been teaching English in South Korea and strayed across the border.

While Kim was visiting China and Carter was escorting the American home, the North Korean military warned South Korea and the United States "unprecedented nuclear strikes."

The North routinely issues such warnings

"Those who seek to bring down the system in the North, whether they play a main role or a passive role, will fall victim to the unprecedented nuclear strikes of the invincible army," North Korea's military said in comments carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

The North, believed have enough weaponized plutonium for at least half a dozen atomic bombs, conducted its second atomic test last year.

During July, North Korea also threatened a nuclear attack if the U.S. and South Korea conducted annual military drills. The exercises went ahead on schedule without incident.

In March, a South Korean warship was sunk by what is believed to be a North Korean torpedo, fired without warning.

The *New York Times* reported that Kim ordered the attack, which killed 46 South Korean sailors. An international probe, which included Americans, British experts and Australians, looked into the sinking of the 1,200-ton South Korean corvette, the *Cheonan*. The panel blamed a North Korean CHT-025 torpedo.

"The evidence points overwhelmingly to the conclusion that the torpedo was fired by a North Korean submarine," said Yoon Duk-yong, co-chairman of the joint investigation team. "There is no other plausible

explanation."

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak pledged "stern measures" in response to the ship's sinking. The dispute over the ship's destruction took relations between the two Koreas to their lowest level in years — amid reports that fake U.S. \$100 bills have surfaced in such locations as New Jersey.

North Korean General O Kuk-ryol, who was recently promoted to the country's powerful National Defense Commission, and several of his family members are said to be in charge of producing the fake \$100 bills, which are so carefully crafted that they are difficult to tell apart from real U.S. banknotes.

The strategy is to attack the U.S. economy by flooding markets with the false bills. North Korea allegedly sells the hard-to-detect counterfeits to Russian and Chinese organized crime organizations for pennies on the dollar — generating millions of dollars in revenue for Kim.

The North Korean leader lives in opulent luxury although the vast majority of North Koreans live in abject poverty with widespread malnutrition and a

lack of electricity or clean water. Defectors from North Korea describe that Kim enjoys such excesses as a \$2.5 million underwater mansion, a \$100,000 annual budget for cognac and 32 luxury palaces throughout the country, each staffed with "pleasure women" for his entertainment.

The existence of the latter was revealed to the outside world in the 1980s, when North Korea abducted a number of young women from Hong Kong, Macao and several Middle Eastern countries.

Kidnapping for Kim

The 5th Section of the Party Organization and Guidance Department is responsible for recruiting female students attending North Korea's high schools for Kim. Guidelines for selecting candidates are given in a document that reads in part that "the project designed to help Kim Jong-il enjoy longevity is a holy duty all party members must abide by."

The eccentric dictator suffers from extreme insecurity and insists on being credited with anything positive that comes out of North Korea. When the country's team won its opening match at the World Cup of soccer, the North Korean press announced that Kim had dictated each play to the team's coach by "an invisible cell phone."

Kim is also takes credit for designing the country's nuclear weapon. He wears built-up shoes to hide his 5-foot-2 stature and owns videos of at least 20,000 films.

He claims to be a moviemaker and has taken credit for directing *Pulgasari*, a 1985 Godzilla-type film. To make it, he had North Korean agents abducted South Korean film director Shin Sang-Ok and actress Choe Un-Hee, then forced them to make the movie. They escaped several years later when Kim allowed them to attend a film festival in Vienna.

"Kim Jong Il likes to eat sashimi [Japanese raw fish] carved from a live fish," reports Barbara Demick in the *Los Angeles Times*. "He insists that the grains of his rice be absolutely uniform in size and color. While his countrymen scrounge for food in barren forests, Kim has spent an incalculable chunk of his nation's limited

wealth feeding himself."

While some accounts describe Kim as stark, raving mad, he is believed to be focused on the destruction of the United States. In July, the *International Business Times* magazine reported that U.S. State Department spokesman Philip Crowley confirmed U.S. officials have intercepted millions of dollars in counterfeit U.S. \$100 bills printed in North Korea.

An act of war

"It's an act of aggression," said spokesman Robert Hamer. "We're talking about a foreign country counterfeiting our currency. The notes are manufactured in North Korea. They were being distributed through the Russian Embassy in Beijing to the Chinese organized crime figures."

The ongoing use and spread of the phony money contributed to the State Department decision, announced last month, to initiate a new wave of sanctions against North Korea.

"We have been able to identify sources of revenue, illegal sources of revenue, and we're going to be working with our international partners to try to stem this flow of illegal activity," Crowley said.

The U.S. has acted on the crime before, singling out the China-based Banco Delta Asia as an accused conduit for laundering the counterfeit bills.

"The action led to a freeze of more than \$25 million in North Korean assets at the bank; and in 2007, the White House went further, when the U.S. Treasury ordered American banks and companies to sever all ties with BDA.

Hamer said he's surprised the media hasn't reported more on the financial implications of the phony bills.

"Anytime there's counterfeit money being circulated in our country its going to have an impact on our economy," Hamer said, "especially when we're talking about the dollar amounts that they're talking."

What has been confirmed is that North Korea has passed off such bills in various countries and that the counterfeit bills circulate both within North Korea and around its border with China.

Defectors from North Korea also have provided information on Pyongyang's counterfeiting operation. Trafficking in counterfeit dollars has been one of several illicit activities by North Korea apparently done to generate foreign exchange that is used to purchase imports or finance government activities abroad.

"Although North Korea denies complicity in any counterfeiting operation, at least \$45 million in such fake bills thought to be of North Korean origin have been detected in circulation," reports Dick K. Nanto in a 2009 Congressional Research Service report "North Korean Counterfeiting of U.S. Currency."

"Estimates are that the country has earned from \$15 to \$25 million per year over several years from counterfeiting," says Nanto. "The illegal nature of any counterfeiting activity makes information on the scope and scale of North Korea counterfeiting and distribution operations incomplete.

"South Korean intelligence has corroborated information on North Korean production of forged currency and certain individuals have been indicted in U.S. courts for distributing such forged currency."

A serious matter

"For the United States, the alleged North Korean counterfeiting represents a direct attack on a protected U.S. national asset and may provide a rationale to impose financial sanctions on the North Korea.

"The earnings from counterfeiting and related activities also could be important to Pyongyang's finances. Profits from any counterfeiting also may be laundered through banks or other financial institutions.

"U.S. policy toward the alleged counterfeiting is split between law enforcement efforts and political and diplomatic pressures," adds Nanto. "On the law enforcement side, individuals have been indicted. Following North Korea's second nuclear test and several missile launches in May 2009, the United States reportedly has been considering further financial sanctions on the North Korea based partly on its alleged counterfeiting."



A familiar liberal tactic: mockery

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because, we haven't grown them in an awfully long time.' That he continues to ape revolutionaries and pontificators is not a measure of Beck, who is a hard-working stunt artist. It is easier for us to debate an actor babbling nonsensical metaphors about a highway exit."

The liberals have used similar mockery to try to make Sarah Palin appear to be a bubble-headed bimbo. Why?

Because they are terrified!

They're terrified she could end up in the White House. So, since the first day that she appeared on the national stage, they launched a campaign of scorn unmatched in history. It is as if the liberals launch personal attacks on any conservative that they are worried might become a front-runner.

Then, they give their approval to conservative figures who they know they can beat. Frankly, it should be a warning sign when the press does not mock one of the conservative movement's leaders.

If the press likes John McCain or Mitt Romney, then we had better ask why. Then, we have to ask ourselves why we care whether liberals approve of our candidates.

We have to stop being intimidated—permitting our enemies to tell us which of our potential leaders are OK with them. When they anoint someone, we should begin to have serious doubts about that candidate.

We've got to quit taking seriously their insults—and their false labels. One of their favorite slurs is to proclaim conservatives as "racists" or "homophobes (haters of homosexuals)" or worse. One of the newest charges is that conservatives are "Islamophobic."

"Recently, in defending an imam's proposal to build a Muslim Cultural Center near Manhattan's Ground Zero," writes Andrew Klavan, "the left has outdone itself. Rather than engage in serious debate with the vast majority who oppose the project, the mosque's defenders have simply dubbed the opposing viewpoint 'Islamophobia.'"

"As ever, the left-wing media seem to rally as one. Within the space of a single week, *Time* put the word on its cover, in the *New York Times* Maureen Dowd accused the entire nation of it and CBS News trotted out the charge in reporting on mosque opposition.

"For anyone born with the gift of laughter," writes Klavan, "the term is absurd to the point of hilarity. *Aphobia*, after all, is an irrational fear. Given those aspects of *shari'a* that prohibit democracy, free speech and the fair treatment of the female half

of our species, those who love peace and liberty would, in fact, be irrational not to harbor at least a measure of concern.

"The left has no credibility on the subject of freedom of religion," continues Klavan, "In February 2006, liberalism's flagship paper, the *New York Times*, refused to publish the controversial Danish cartoons of Mohammed in order to 'refrain from gratuitous assaults on religious symbols.'

"The next day, it famously illustrated a story with an offensive image of the Virgin Mary smeared with dung."

Does anybody see any inconsistency here?

Another way that the liberal media stifles debate is to just ignore important news stories. As this edition of *Christian Crusade Newspaper* goes to press, we look at some important news stories that the major TV network news programs and the big city newspaper just ignored:

Federal Judge Royce Lamberth has issued a preliminary injunction that froze President Obama's funding for embryonic stem cell research. Lamberth noted that federal funding for research on tiny persons-human embryos-violates the historic 1996 law signed by President Clinton that, in the judge's word, "unambiguously" prohibits such research.

Did you hear anything about that decision in the mainstream press? Anything on National Public Radio? The Today Show? Of course not.

In recent weeks, the federal Third Circuit Court of Appeals struck down several unconstitutional "speech codes" at major universities, helping ensure that conservative students can speak their minds without censorship. So, why the complete silence in the press? Because they do not want the issue debated!

The Obama Administration released a Department of Health and Human Services study showing that roughly 70 percent of parents and teenagers believe sexual intimacy should await marriage. Did you see a Page 1 story about that in the *New York Times*? Certainly not. However, they always give such treatment to any study that shows Christianity is in decline, homosexuality is "normal" or that the government should quit funding programs promoting sexual abstinence to America's teens.

Also ignored in the press in recent days:

In Arkansas, legislation requiring parental notification of a minor daughter's intention to have an abortion (Measure 2) passed overwhelmingly.

In Nebraska, a measure to prevent abortions after the unborn child is 20 weeks of age because of the pain the child feels will be defended by Nebraska's Attorney General should court challenges arise.

In Virginia, Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli challenged "Craig's List" to remove so-called "adult listings" that often link to child predators and prostitution. Cuccinelli also issued an opinion that the state of Virginia can require abortion clinics to maintain appropriate medical standards.

"What is frightening is the sinister schemes of liberal politicians to silence and criminalize political opposition," writes columnist David Limbaugh. Even more alarming "is the apparent eagerness of rank-and-file liberals to go along with them."

They simply do not want free debate to occur

"I believe this arrogant attitude can largely be traced to the top-down indoctrination in our schools, cultural institutions and media that liberalism is morally superior because it is tolerant, diverse, intellectual and enlightened," writes Limbaugh. "This view holds that conservative expression doesn't deserve constitutional protection because it is inherently evil. As one liberal academic administrator said in justifying his Draconian action in suppressing a Christian viewpoint, 'We cannot tolerate the intolerable.'

"This self-blinding, superior mindset explains how liberals can accuse conservatives of racism for their legitimate political differences with Barack Obama," notes Limbaugh. No such accusations are made when the liberals attack Condoleezza Rice or Clarence Thomas.

"It's how they can mock conservatives for being close-minded while unilaterally declaring the end to the debate on global warming because of a mythical consensus they have decreed," notes Limbaugh.

"It's how they can demand that every vote count—and exclude military ballots.

"It's how they can glamorize Jimmy Carter for gallivanting to foreign countries to supervise 'fair elections' and pooh-pooh ACORN's serial voter fraud in their own country.

"It's how they can threaten the tax-exempt status of evangelical churches for preaching on values, even when the churches don't endorse candidates, but fully support a liberal church's direct electioneering for specific candidates.

"It's how they can ludicrously depict President Bush as a dictator while romanticizing thugs like Hugo Chavez and Fidel Castro.

"It's how they can falsely accuse President Bush of targeting innocent civilians in Iraq when he does everything possible to avoid civilian casualties but demanded our withdrawal from South Vietnam, which resulted in the massacre of millions of innocents.

"It's how they can advocate the banning of DDT in the name of environmental progress, but be unconcerned about the untold millions of malaria deaths that resulted.

"It's how they can oppose the death penalty for the guilty, but protect the death penalty for the innocent unborn.

"It's how they can prevent the teaching of 'intelligent design' in schools in the name of science, but defend the many documented myths of biological evolution in public-school textbooks, also in the name of science.

"If you believe the left is tolerant, open-minded and democratic," writes Limbaugh, "you're in for a rude awakening."

Will the GOP get rid of its conservatives, too?

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DeMint disciples.”

However, it is noteworthy that Lott is a *former* Senator – out of a job, criticizing from the unemployment line. DeMint, on the other hand, is still in the Senate – and the candidates that he is backing are winning Republican primaries.

How can these maverick conservatives win against liberal Democrats in November? Political strategist Dick Morris says conservatives need to keep things simple. “There is no need this year to load up negative ads with adjectives painting your opponents as evil big spenders in the thrall of the Washington establishment. The simple facts of your opponents’ voting records are enough to defeat them.”

Keep it simple

“Republican negative ad writers always delight in describing the stimulus package as ‘bloated, wasteful, government-growing and useless,’” writes Morris in a column co-authored by Eileen McGann. “The adjectives get in the way. The polling we’ve done indicates that the simple words ‘stimulus package’ convey all that and more.

“There is no need to call Obama’s health care legislation ‘a government attempt to take over our health care,’” advise Morris and McGann, “or a bill to ‘slash medical care for the elderly’ or an ‘attempt to force rationing of care.’ The simple word Obamacare conveys the same meanings.

“It is the beauty of the 2010 election year that ads that are prosaic, simple, straightforward and factual will do much better than those that are loaded up with negative adjectives and blood-dripping depictions of big-spenders who believe in big government.

“A simple ad along these lines will be far more effective for a Republican challenger to a Democratic incumbent than any elaborately conceived negative commercial:

“‘Do you support the \$850 billion stimulus package Obama passed last year? Joe Democrat voted yes. Harry Republican says no.

“‘The TARP bailout? Democrat voted in favor. Republican is opposed. Obamacare? Joe Democrat supported it. Harry Republican would have voted no.

“‘Cap and trade? Democrat yes, again. Republican, no. Vote for the one that agrees with you.’

“If you have to run a disclaimer featuring the candidate,” concludes Morris, “just end the ad up with: ‘I’m Harry Republican, and I approve of this ad to bring you the facts. Just the facts.’”

The dramatic swell of the Republican tide is becoming increasingly evident, he says. He is convinced that conservatives are going to win big.

DeMint’s candidates are doing well

“Over the past five years,” observes Moore, “DeMint has established himself as the pre-eminent conservative in Congress – he has a near perfect National Taxpayer Union rating – with Tom Coburn of Oklahoma a close second.”

DeMint’s most recent victory was in Colorado where \$141,000 in radio ads and direct contributions helped Tea Party favorite but political unknown Ken Buck defeat Jane Norton, who was hand-picked by Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman John Cornyn of Texas.

DeMint says that Buck was never even presented to his colleagues as a “viable alternative, which seemed unfair.” He adds, only half-jokingly, according to Moore, that Norton was defeated by the fact that she

was “endorsed by 25 Republican senators, which made her the establishment candidate.”

Other conservatives who DeMint has helped win include Rand Paul of Kentucky, Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania and Mike Lee of Utah.

But do these newcomers have what it takes to beat established liberal Democrats?

“This is a ‘big change’ election,” says Republican strategist John Feehery. “If you are defending the establishment, you are in big trouble this time around.”

“Kentucky Senate nominee Rand Paul defied the Republican Party establishment,” writes Babington. “But many expect him to defeat Democrat Jack Conway in November. The dynamic is similar in Colorado. Senate nominee Ken Buck beat an establishment favorite in the Republican primary.”

Polls show him ahead of Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet.

In Connecticut, the Senate race appears tight between millionaire Republican newcomer Linda McMahon and Democrat Richard Blumenthal, the state’s longtime attorney general.

DeMint says his goal is to raise \$5 million, which is a very small amount in national big-money politics. In Florida’s Democratic primary alone, Senatorial candidate Jeff Greene spent \$25 million. He also lost.

DeMint is more careful. His strategic, targeted spending has won more races than even he thought possible. “I’m not a kingmaker,” he told Moore, who reports “even though that’s precisely what many political professionals are calling him.”

“These guys don’t want to be kings,” says DeMint. “We’ve got too many kings in Washington already.”

Only a year ago, DeMint was demoralized by what was happening in Congress – as Obama shoved through health care reform and seemed intent on forcing ever-bigger government onto America.

He almost gave up

DeMint considered not running for re-election, reports Moore. “Why do I want to beat my head against the wall for another six years?” he recalls thinking. “I called my wife in December and said I’m ready to give it up. I’m not making any headway and most of my own colleagues are against me up here. I don’t even like playing a contentious role. I like to be a strategic policy guy.”

After all, it’s been lonely holding to conservative ideals in the current Congress.

When he launched budget battles, he found himself all by himself except for a very small group of fellow conservatives.

“There’s Coburn, who has got the courage to go out and make a scene on the floor or to stand up in a conference meeting and stand up to the appropriators,” says DeMint. “We don’t have anyone else.”

Recently, Coburn criticized Democrats, Republicans, Newt Gingrich, the military-industrial complex and teachers unions at a town hall meeting in Wagoner, Oklahoma, a small county seat near Tulsa.

“The real problem is that America is asleep,” Coburn said. “I think this election they’ll be more involved than they ever have been, and the reason is they’re scared.”

“The audience generally seemed to find comfort in the potential for a Republican takeover of Congress,” wrote reporter Randy Krehbiel in the *Tulsa World* newspaper, “but Coburn warned that that alone would not necessarily yield the desired results.”

“If the conservatives in Congress gain control and don’t live up to expectations,” Coburn told the crowd, “the Republican Party will be dead.”

Coburn made it clear that he won’t be on Newt Gingrich’s 2012 presidential bandwagon.

Gingrich “is a super-smart man, but he doesn’t know anything about commitment to marriage,” he said of the thrice-married former House speaker. “He’s the last person I’d vote for president of the United States. His life indicates he does not have a commitment to the character traits necessary to be a great president.”

Coburn blasted health-care reform and said schools “are no longer about kids, they are about teachers’ unions.”

His cohort, DeMint, says the same frustrations prompted him to found his political action committee and support maverick candidates.

“When I got to Congress in 1999, instead of working on the reforms that I ran on – wealth-creating personal accounts and individually owned health insurance, the things that I thought all of us believed in – instead we worked on redistricting and getting the vulnerables on the right committees and getting earmarks to the people who needed them.

“Everything was about numbers and electing more Republicans. We’d always promise to get to the principles later.”

As DeMint describes the situation, he shakes his head: “I just thought maybe there’s something I don’t understand. I played along for a while. I asked for earmarks. I thought that following longtime South Carolina Senators Fritz Hollings and Strom Thurmond, part of my job was getting a fair share for South Carolina.

“But we spent most of each year directing appropriations for parochial projects and it undermined our brand as Republicans and our entire anti-big government agenda.”

In 2006 and 2007, while trying to raise funds for the official Republican Senate campaign committee, he realized that something was very wrong.

“I discovered that people were just so frustrated with the Republicans. I was over there at the Senate committee making fund-raising calls and so many people were saying, ‘I’m not giving you guys another dime until you start acting like Republicans.’”

That hurt

“That’s when I got the idea of starting a committee to just help conservative candidates,” says DeMint. He says his frustration boiled over in 2009 when the Republican Senatorial Committee endorsed Arlen Specter and Charlie Crist. Today, both have left the Republican Party.

DeMint was the first major political figure to endorse young conservative Marco Rubio against Crist in Florida. Rubio is embraced now as a rising star of the Republican Party. However, when he was first endorsed by DeMint, nobody thought he had a chance.

“Many of my Senate colleagues weren’t too happy,” remembers DeMint, who also recalls a closed-door meeting with a number of Republican senators who wanted to look over Ron Johnson, a businessman and conservative seeking to run for the Senate from Wisconsin.

“He was asked why he’s running for Senate,” recalls DeMint. “He stood up, and I hadn’t met him yet. He looked straight at me and he said, ‘I just want to quote DeMint here. I’m coming here to join the fight, not the club.’”

DeMint supported firebrand challenger Joe Miller in Alaska’s Republican primary.

“It’s encouraging to me what happened in Alaska with Miller,” DeMint recently told Moore. “It should be a wake-up call to Republicans that politicians who go to Washington to bring home the bacon aren’t wanted – even in a state like Alaska that has gotten so much pork under senators like Ted Stevens. Voters are saying ‘We’re not willing to bankrupt the country to benefit ourselves.’”

That’s where DeMint says the battle line has been drawn within the Republican Party. Can conservatives survive in an environment in which Senators and Congressmen are expected to get as much federal money as possible to be spent back home in their districts.

Washington-based Republican adviser Kevin Madden says conservative voters are energized and will remain so through November, when many Democrats

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Will the GOP get rid of its conservatives, too?

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are likely to be dispirited.

Polls show non-establishment conservative candidates either ahead or in striking distance.

Established Republican leaders are doubtful.

However, DeMint says the survival of the nation depends on somebody saying “enough.” Enough spending. Enough borrowing. Enough deficit.

What should conservatives’ top priority be should they manage to wrestle control of Congress away from the liberals in November?

“You need to start by putting a cap on spending,” says DeMint. “We may not be able to repeal ObamaCare, but we can cut off the funding.”

Will the Republicans really dare?

Would they do such a thing? Defund Obamacare?

“Yes,” says DeMint, “if you have a wave of new people coming in—they’ve all campaigned on it.” Then, he says, sell Chrysler and GM. “It doesn’t matter how much money we lose; let’s get out of it.”

“He also wants to privatize Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac,” writes Moore, “so we can ‘get out of running the housing industry.’ He also wants to see a low-rate flat income or consumption tax.

“His other personal crusade is to end earmarks – pork-barrel spending.

“Mainstream America knows we need to stop,” says

DeMint. “I had a group of 400 pastors stand up and applaud when I said we’ve got to stop earmarks.”

“They understand there is something immoral and corrupting about wasting taxpayer money,” writes Moore.

DeMint says that Republican overspending and corruption is what that got them tossed out of power in the 2006 and 2008 Congressional elections.

“In the House, John Boehner and the Republicans get it,” DeMint says.

He’s not so sure about the Senate. “I think we’re in danger of doing the same thing we did before, where a lot of young conservatives come in who have been out there campaigning on the right issues, but then all the senior guys take control of the committees and it’s business as usual.”

That is dangerous, says DeMint

“This may be our last chance with voters, because if we’re given the majority . . . and don’t reform Washington, everybody is going to say, ‘What’s wrong with these guys? We need a third party.’”

He says he has more faith in American voters than in the politicians they send to Washington.

“I’m getting optimistic. I think, as I talk to people around the country – they seem to get it. They want a return to those things that made America different and

great. They understand that what the government has done is so harmful, in terms of spending and takeovers, the debt, it has made people who are not normally political and not generally interested in it alarmed.

“What makes the difference for me is feeling like I’m really giving a voice to people who care about what happens to our country.” That is why DeMint, for better or worse, has suddenly become a major political force.

A big conservative victory is almost certain, says Morris. “Right before Election Day, the numbers will get even better and presage an even larger Republican victory,” he predicts. “Party trend usually indicates itself in the 10 days before an election when voters who do not typically follow politics closely tune in and decide for whom to vote.

“Until this window, they usually describe themselves to pollsters as ‘undecided.’ There will be a huge Republican party trend this year, but it hasn’t happened yet. The huge Republican poll numbers these days do not reflect the last-minute switches typical of less involved voters,” he writes.

The numbers mirror the nation’s deep disappointment with Barack Obama, says Morris.

The ranks of these disaffected voters who are now turning against Obama and the Democrats will soon be joined by the less-involved voters who will come around in the week or 10 days before the election,” writes Morris. “2010 is a year like no other in the magnitude of the partisan shift going on.

“It dwarfs 1994 and even 1974 in its order of magnitude.

“But we haven’t yet seen the full impact of the last-minute party shift that will take place. Plenty of voters who are now undecided are yet to be heard from, and when they are, they will impact the results decisively.

“Most likely they will transform a massive Republican win into an even more massive victory.”

However, the big question is whether the veteran Republicans running things will be bold enough to be conservative – and hang onto their victory.

Should Obama end the Cuba embargo?

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“There is a tragic sham that harms Americans, but it is not the trade embargo on Communist Cuba. Rather, it is the cliché that ‘to pull down barriers,’ by ending trade sanctions on a ruthless Communist dictatorship and provide it with subsidies would bring political reforms.”

It simply doesn’t work, says Suarez

“The sham seen today in China is proof that such a policy would also be a disaster in Cuba, and only serve multinational interests and Cuba’s Communist regime. America normalized relations with Beijing in 1979. The belief then was that normal relations would lead to more human rights and a peaceful transition to democracy.

“The opposite has been the case.”

On the other hand, the evil Soviet empire was brought down by economic means.

“In the Soviet Union,” notes Suarez, “confrontation and economic isolation led to a relatively peaceful implosion of the regime.

“In China, the policy of trade and political engagement has led to a thriving economic system under Communist control, and modernization and expansion of the military and state security apparatus.”

So, we should not repeat the Chinese mistake in Cuba, says Suarez. He is the coordinator of the Free Cuba Foundation based at Florida International University in Miami.

“In Cuba today, political opposition is growing, and human-rights abuses although systematic and pervasive have in practice declined in numbers. This is not due to the good will of Fidel Castro’s regime, but a lack of resources.

“The 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre revealed the failure of engagement. Still, economic engagement was not suspended but intensified afterward.

“Amnesty International said in 2001 that, ‘thousands of people in China were arbitrarily detained for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression, association or religion. Torture and ill treatment of prisoners continued to be widespread. The limited and incomplete records available showed that at least 1,511 people were sentenced to death and 1,000 executed; the true figures were believed to be far higher.’”

In fact, Chinese pro-democracy leader Wei Jingsheng describes the result of current U.S. policy in China: “There is active cooperation with the Chinese oppressors, extending aid to the tune of tens of millions of dollars; on the other hand, assistance to the democracy movement in China is very limited. It does seem to be fashionable now to assist the henchmen who are engaged in butchering the people.”

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, describes how American taxpayers subsidize China’s dictatorship: “China receives the largest amount of money from the Export-Import Bank. There is \$5.9 billion that has been granted to the Chinese.”

According to Paul, China has used export-import funds to build nuclear power plants, expand its airline and build steel factories.

U.S. taxpayer money is being used to modernize the Chinese military and its apparatus of repression.

“Castro is broke,” writes Suarez. “Subsidized trade is what the majority of the anti-embargo lobby is after. Chinese human rights activist Harry Wu announced his support for the Cuban embargo Dec. 10, 2002 at Florida International University, while denouncing the lack of such a policy toward China.”

According to Wu, the majority of the profits have been funneled directly to “dying Communist institutions,” thus prolonging the agony suffered by the Chinese public..

“Increasing trade with China has not and will not improve human rights,” says Suarez. “Cuba is no different.”

Furthermore, notes Humberto Fontova in *FrontPage* magazine, “The U.S. has appeased Fidel Castro for decades.”

What has been the reward?

“Recently, reports have surfaced indicating that the Obama administration plans to revive efforts to further ease the ban on travel to the Communist dictatorship of Cuba.

“This is in keeping with the conventional leftist wisdom on Cuba, which holds that engagement is key to softening the attitude of the country’s despot, Fidel Castro.”

That same courtesy was not extended to Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista seven years, who Castro overthrew in 1959. Batista had, in fact, been punished by a U.S. arms embargo and had heavy diplomatic pressure placed on him for a year to resign. Batista was subsequently denied exile in the U.S. and was forbidden to set foot in the country.

But, notes Fontova, “During Castro’s first 16 months in power, the U.S. State Department made over ten back-channel diplomatic attempts to ascertain the cause of Castro’s tantrums and further ‘engage’ him. Argentine President Arturo Frondizi was the conduit for many of these trials and recounts their utter futility in his memoirs.

“In July 1960, Castro’s KGB-trained security forces stormed into 5,911 U.S.-owned businesses in Cuba and appropriated them at Soviet gunpoint – \$2 billion were heisted from outraged U.S. businessmen and stockholders.

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“Of course, not all Americans surrendered their legal and hard-earned property peacefully. Among those who resisted was farmer Bobby Fuller and Howard Anderson, whose profitable Jeep dealership was coveted by Castro’s henchmen. Both U.S. citizens were murdered by Castro and Che Guevara’s firing squads.

“In July 1961, John F. Kennedy’s special counsel, Richard Goodwin, met with Che in Uruguay and reported back to Kennedy:

“Che says that Cuba wants an understanding with the U.S., the Cubans have no intention of making an alliance with the Soviets. So we should make it clear to Castro that we want to help Cuba.

“The result? Soviet nuclear missiles, locked and loaded in Cuba a year later – pointed at Goodwin and Kennedy’s very homes.

“In 1975, President Gerald Ford allowed foreign branches and subsidiaries of U.S. companies to trade freely with Cuba and persuaded the Organization of American States to lift its sanctions.

“Castro’s response was to start his African invasion and try to assassinate Ford. On March 19 of that year, the *Los Angeles Times* ran the headline ‘Cuban Link to Death Plot Probed.’ Both Republican candidates of the day, President Ford and Ronald Reagan, were to be taken out during the Republican National Convention. The Emiliano Zapata Unit, a Bay Area radical group linked to the Weather Underground, would make the hits.

“Jimmy Carter, in a goodwill gesture, lifted U.S. travel sanctions against Cuba and was poised to open full diplomatic relations with Castro,” writes Fontova.

“This was met with thousands of Cuban troops spreading Soviet terror and poison gas in Africa as well as more internal repression. Hundreds of psychopaths, killers and perverts were shoved onto the Mariel Boatlift and sent to Miami.”

In the Mariel Boatlift, Castro emptied his prisons and asylums by sending his nation’s criminals and psychopaths to the United States.

“Ronald Reagan,” notes Fontova, “sent Alexander Haig to meet personally in Mexico City with Cuba’s Vice President Carlos Raphael Rodriguez. Then he sent diplomatic whiz General Vernon Walters to Havana for a meeting with Castro himself.

“This was followed by Cubans practically taking over Grenada, El Salvador and Nicaragua. And how could we forget President Clinton’s attempt at playing nice during the 90s?

“During his tenure, three U.S. citizens and one resident flew humanitarian flights over the Florida Straits and were murdered in cold blood by Castro MIGS. In

addition, Castro agent Ana Belen Montes slithered her way to head of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency’s Cuba division, resulting in the deepest and most damaging penetration of the U.S. Defense Department by an enemy agent in modern history.

“Now it looks like we’re back to square one,” comments Fontova.

“One might suggest that our longstanding trade embargo against would have taught Cuba a lesson. But according to figures from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. transacted \$710 million worth of business with Cuba in 2008, and has transacted more than \$2 billion worth of business with Cuba in the last decade.

“Currently, the U.S. is Cuba’s biggest food supplier and fifth biggest import partner. Furthermore, the U.S. has been Cuba’s biggest donor of humanitarian aid, including medicine and medical supplies for decades.

“All this together with the almost \$2 billion a year in remittances sent from the U.S. ranks our nation right between Red China, which did \$1.5 billion in business with Castro last year, and Hugo Chavez’s Venezuela.

“Not likely to force the Cuban dictator to see it our way any time soon,” writes Fontova, “but such is the example of history.”

“Cuban dissidents don’t want sanctions lifted,” writes Cuba expert Jackson Diehl. “Those who argue that Western democracies should lift sanctions on Cuba often claim that even the island’s dissidents favor the move.”

So, writes Kiehl, it was interesting to see a statement issued recently by 10 of 11 political prisoners who had been deported to Spain by the Cuban government. The dissidents said the Cuban government has not taken needed steps toward bringing true democracy to the country.

“Our departure for Spain,” their statement added, “must not be considered a goodwill gesture but a desperate action on the regime’s

part in its urgent request for credits of every type.”

“That declaration took some courage on the Cubans’ part,” notes Diehl, “since their host, the left-wing Spanish government of Jose Luis Zapatero, is the leading advocate of a relaxation of E.U. sanctions.”

After meeting with Raul Castro in Havana, Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos had proclaimed “a new phase in Cuba” and insisted there was no need to continue the embargo.”

The ex-prisoners disagreed. They reminded their hosts in Spain that better relations have to be linked to steps toward democratization, and not the mere deportation of political prisoners.

They advised that the best hope for a free Cuba isn’t to court the tyrant who doesn’t want change, but to encourage those on the island who do.



Che Guevara and Fidel Castro in the 1960s

Russia spreading propaganda on U.S. cable TV

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sympathetic to al-Qaide and the Taliban, nothing much on RT can be accepted at face value.

RT cost the Russian government about \$30 million in 2005 to set up and \$60 million for its first year of operation. It started broadcasting on Dec. 10, 2005, with nearly 100 English-speaking journalists reporting for it worldwide.

Today RT is still financed by the Russian state budget.

According to a variety of sources such as the German magazine *Der Spiegel* and the watchdog group Reporters Without Borders, the channel presents nothing but pro-Kremlin party-line propaganda.

Of course, the Russian government denies that. And, unsurprisingly, the *New York Times* is willing to parrot their defense that it’s just one more 24-hour news channel.

“No longer viewing America through the lens of Communist ideology, the Russians’ new take on the United States is more subtle,” reports the *New York Times*. “The station offers a blend of social critique, debates on international issues and, new this year, a dip into conspiracy theories that is helping ratings.

“The station’s motto?” writes the *Times*. “No, it is not ‘We will bury you,’ as Khrushchev might have had it. In the new voice of Russia, the station asks viewers to ‘Question More.’”

“The Russian government owned Russia Today cable channel has hit the U.S. airwaves and is hoping to make a big splash,” warns the conservative watchdog group Accuracy in Media. .

Russia Today has been broadcasting worldwide, in English, since 2005. Until a year ago, however, the focus fell exclusively on Russia. Coverage was not as obvious as during Soviet days. It might not heap lavish praise on Russia’s fine grain harvest, but still it always shows Russia in the most positive light possible.

What is new is the channel’s recent efforts to report news about the United States.

Garry Kasparov, the former chess champion who is now an opposition activist in Russia, says the channel remains the “principal organ of external propaganda for the

current Russian government.”

Its intent is to influence Americans.

“There are certain rules of any dictatorship: never save money on police or propaganda,” says Kasparov. “They made many cuts on social programs, but they spend money on propaganda.”

The goal is to win acceptance in American foreign policy circles for Russian government policies and actions.

The channel’s news producers say their new focus on reporting American news is no cold-war-style propaganda effort, but rather an effort to improve ratings for the channel.

One recent report focused on a summit meeting in Washington by Christians United for Israel, in which Russia Today raised questions about the influence of religion on American foreign policy.

Another report featured an interview with Malik Zulu Shabazz, the national chairman of the New Black Panther Party.

A Russia Today spokesman said that the Russian-paid journalists are not specifically looking for negative qualities of American life and politics to highlight.

Instead, the spokesman characterized the station’s editors as applying to the United States the same yardsticks that Western correspondents use in their coverage of Russia.

One recent headline on the station’s Website proclaimed: “Welcome to the Gulag, American style.”

With the change to this format and with rebranding as “RT,” ratings in the United States have risen.

China also has a cable channel, the Xinhua News Network Corporation, which on July 1 began 24-hour English broadcasts sponsored by the Chinese government.

In the United States, the British Broadcasting Corporation is the most-watched foreign news company that receives government financing.

Why is the media silent about the JournoList scandal?

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them in a free competition for ratings?”

Discussions on the list also revealed mainstream journalists’ annoyance with conservative journalist Andrew Breitbart for breaking the ACORN story – in which ACORN staffers were caught on tape advising a supposed brothel owner on how to defraud the government.

Breitbart has irritated the mainstream media by routinely breaking important stories that the liberals won’t touch.

“I don’t even know about it,” chuckled ABC News’s Charlie Gibson well after Breitbart revealed corruption at ACORN.

“I just didn’t know about it,” said Bob Schieffer of CBS after Breitbart and others in the conservative press revealed possible wrongdoing at the Justice Department in dropping charges against Black Panther thugs who intimidated voters.

The networks also looked the other way when Breitbart decisively disproved allegations that Tea Partiers had hurled racist insults at lawmakers – because they continued to spread the discredited smear.

Former ABC anchor Ted Koppel lamented the “good old days,” when three government-licensed networks served as gatekeepers to what the public could and couldn’t know.

JournoList was started by the *Washington Post*’s reporter Ezra Klein.

His idea was to provide an e-mail list-server for like-minded liberals to hash out and develop ideas. At least 300 and possibly as many as 400 journalists joined the by-invitation-only group.

Most were in the media

Some hailed from liberal academia, think tanks and liberal activist groups. Thinking their comments would remain private, they spoke freely about their hatred of Fox News, conservative commentators, and of their utter loyalty to liberal and Democratic success at the polls.

“What’s inside JournoList may stink, but it’s no surprise that it does,” writes conservative reporter Jonah Goldberg. “JournoList is a symptom, not the disease.

“The disease is not a secret conspiracy but something more like the ‘Open Conspiracy’ that science-fiction writer H.G. Wells fantasized about, where the smartest, best people at every institution make their progressive vision for the world their top priority.

“For a liberal activist that’s forgivable, I guess,” commented Goldberg. “But reporters? Editors? Even liberal opinion writers aren’t supposed to ‘coordinate’ their messages.”

“The real problem with JournoList,” says James

DeLong of the American Enterprise Institute, “is that much of it consisted of exchanges among people who worked for institutions about how to best hijack their employers for the cause of Progressivism.

“Thus, the discussion was about how the group could get their media organizations to play down the Rev. Wright affair and help elect Barack Obama. Were I an editor of one of these institutions,” writes DeLong, “I would instantly fire any employee who participated in this gross violation of his or her duty.

“For example, JournoList included *Washington Post* reporters, and the idea that the paper has been turned into a propaganda organ is a big reason it is bleeding readers and influence.

“Of course, it is possible that the *Post*’s editors were on the list, since the complete membership is not known, in which case the corporate executives should fire the editors, or the board should fire the executives, or the stockholders should fire the board.”

“So here, JournoList is composed not of reporters who happen to be ‘Progressives,’ but of Progressives who boast about

how to perfect and use their capture of their employers.

“This is in itself institutional rot, but the more serious rot is the failure of the managers of those institutions to react to the problem.”

“Sadly, for those of us who have followed the coverage of Obama’s campaign and his subsequent acts as president, the only surprise is the explicitness of the evidence and how it came to light,” writes DeLong.

JournoList members wrote about being peeved when ABC’s Charlie Gibson and George Stephanopoulos had the nerve to ask Sen. Obama “tough questions” during one of his debates with Hillary Clinton.

NPR reporter, *New Republic* editor

In another discussion, National Public Radio producer Sara Spitz talked about how she would enjoy watching Rush Limbaugh die of a heart attack.

Jonathan Zasloff, a law professor at UCLA, and John Judis, a senior editor at the *New Republic*, talked about whether the federal government should try to shut down Fox News.

“Is anyone starting to see parallels here between the tea baggers and their tactics and the rise of the Brownshirts?” asked Bloomberg’s Ryan Donmoyer – in a reference to the street thugs who propelled Adolf Hitler into power. “Reminds me of the Beer Hall fracas of the 1920s.”

Richard Yeselson, a researcher for an organized labor group, agreed. “They want a deficit-driven militarist-heterosexual state. This is the core of the Bush-Cheney base transmogrified into an even more explicitly racialized, anti-cosmopolitan constituency. Why? It’s all the same old nuts in the same old bins with some new labels: the gun nuts, the anti-tax nuts, the religious



Former *Washington Post* political writer David Weigel

nuts, the homophobes, the anti-feminists, the anti-abortion lunatics, the racist-confederate crackpots, the anti-immigration whackos, the pathological government haters.”

This is not just bias against conservatives. This is vitriol toward anybody who dares to resist the liberal party line.

“I’m not saying these guys are capital F-fascists,” added liberal writer Lindsay Beyerstein, “but they don’t want limited government. Their desired end looks more like a corporate state than a rugged individualist paradise. The rank and file wants a state that will reach into the intimate of citizens when it comes to sex, reproductive freedom, censorship, and rampant incarceration in the name of law and order.”

But that’s not what the public wants at all! She’s merely rattled off the goals of liberal propagandists!

All conservatives evil

On JournoList, there was rarely such thing as an honorable political disagreement between the left and right, although there were many disagreements on the left. Conservatives weren’t simply wrong, they were evil – and needed to be destroyed. JournoList members tended to assume that conservatives were acting out of the darkest and most dishonorable motives.

When conservative writer Victor Davis Hanson wrote an anti-immigration piece for *National Review*, for example, JournoList member and liberal commentator Ed Kilgore didn’t address Hanson’s arguments.

Instead Kilgore dismissed Hanson’s article as “the kind of Old White Guy cultural reaction at the heart of the Tea Party. It’s very close in spirit to the classic 1970s racist tome, *The Camp of the Saints*, where white guys struggle to make up their minds whether to go out and murder brown people or just give up.”

“I am genuinely scared” of Fox News, wrote *Guardian* columnist Daniel Davies, because it “shows you a genuinely shameless and unethical media organization cannot be controlled by any form of peer pressure.”

Peer pressure? Did you catch that? Davies can’t understand why Fox News reporters can’t be intimidated by fellow journalists into conforming – why conservative journalists can’t be blackmailed by threats of the loss of friendships and reputation!

Welcome to junior high school!

That gives an insight into the journalistic world today. They are like self-conscious adolescent school students, all worrying their popularity and whether everybody likes them. Davies was irked that the Fox News staff did not cave into such pressure.

“In order to have even a semblance of control,” continued Davies, “you need a tough legal framework.”

Do you understand that? If peer pressure doesn’t work, then change the laws so that it is illegal to express conservative viewpoints!

“I agree,” answered JournoList member Michael

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Scherer of *Time* magazine. “You can’t hurt Fox by saying it gets it wrong.”

John Judis, a senior editor at the *New Republic*, responded that the problem of Fox was “only tactical.” In other words – how to shut them down just needed

to be more carefully strategized.

So, how much coverage of this embarrassing scandal did you see on the ABC, NBC or CBS news shows? Can you imagine the hour-long specials that would have been aired if these comments had been by conservative journalists conspiring to silence the liberals?

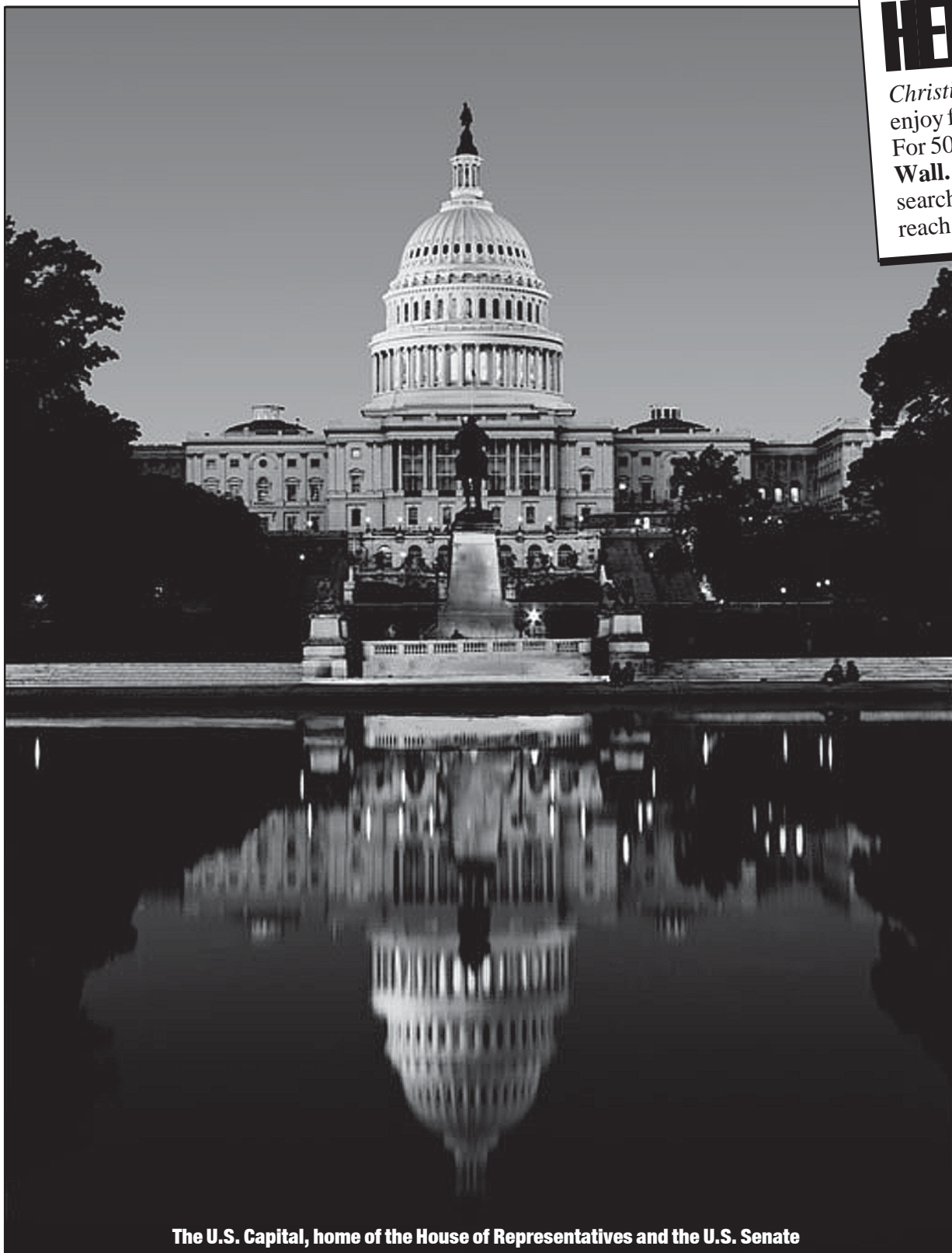
The scandal would have dominated the airwaves and filled the front pages of the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post* and the *Chicago Tribune*.

But these were liberal journalists.

So, instead, we got only silence.

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The U.S. Capital, home of the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate

545 politicians versus 300 million Americans

by Charlie Reese, special to *Christian Crusade Newspaper*

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them. Have you ever wondered, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, why do we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, why do we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don’t propose a federal budget. You and I don’t have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. You and I don’t write the tax code. You and I don’t set fiscal policy. You and I don’t control monetary policy.

Who does? Politicians

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court justices total 545 human beings out of 300 million Americans. These 545 are directly, legally, morally and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty

to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a president to do one cotton-picking thing.

I don’t care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator’s responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits. The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? Nancy Pelosi. She is the leader of the majority party. She and fellow House members, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million can not replace Five hundred forty five people who stand convicted of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can’t think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it’s because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it’s because they want it in the red.

If the Army & Marines are in Iraq, it’s because they want them in IRAQ. If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it’s because they want it that way.

There are no insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power. Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like “the economy,” “inflation,” or “politics” that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible.

They, and they alone, have the power

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, & our nation was the most prosperous in the world.

We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

Consider these taxes: Sales taxes, School taxes, Liquor taxes, Luxury taxes, Excise taxes, Accounts Receivable taxes, Building Permit taxes, CDL license taxes, Cigarette taxes, Corporate Income taxes, Dog License taxes, Federal Unemployment taxes (FUTA), Fishing License taxes, Food License taxes, Fuel Permit taxes, Gasoline taxes (currently 44.75 cents per gallon), Gross Receipts taxes, Hunting License taxes, Inheritance taxes, Inventory taxes, IRS Interest Charges, IRS Penalties (taxes on top of taxes), Marriage License taxes, Medicare taxes, Federal Income taxes, Telephone State and Local taxes, Telephone Usage Charge taxes, Utility taxes, Vehicle License Registration taxes, Vehicle Sales taxes, Watercraft Registration taxes, Well Permit taxes and Workers Compensation taxes.

What happened? Can you spell “politicians?” They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses.

Provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees..

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

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An Open Letter from our publisher

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DEAR FRIEND:

What tumultuous times we live in! This month, I hope you will pay special attention to an article that starts on page 3. It brings a special message from the son of the founder of one of the worst terrorist organizations in the world.

Last month, we told you how he became a Christian and barely escaped being deported by the Obama Administration. Now, we bring you his word of warning. He says America is being deceived!

Also starting on page 3 is an incredible story that has been completely ignored by the “impartial” and “unbiased” mainstream media.

It seems that as many as 400 liberal journalists enjoyed comparing notes on an Internet social networking site called “JournoList.” There, they mocked conservatives and plotted on how to help Barack Obama win the White House. So much for the empty claims of objective journalism.

My friend, we live in such dangerous times. Yet, here at Christian Crusade, we are receiving such a warm response from you and your loved ones as we have expand out onto the Internet. We must shout warning! And here’s a new and very effective way for you to be a Watchman on the Wall. When you read an article in our pages that you believe others need to see – go to our website and forward that article by email to everyone on your mailing list!

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You know, for more than five decades, spreading warning has been the role of this newspaper! You and I have pro-

claimed truth and warning to this nation that we love!

So, let us not grow weary! Keep up the good work!

As always, after you read this newsprint version of *Christian Crusade Newspaper*, can you make sure that it gets into the hands of someone who needs to know the truth? In these difficult times, we cannot be good stewards and just throw away our copies! *Please pass yours on!*

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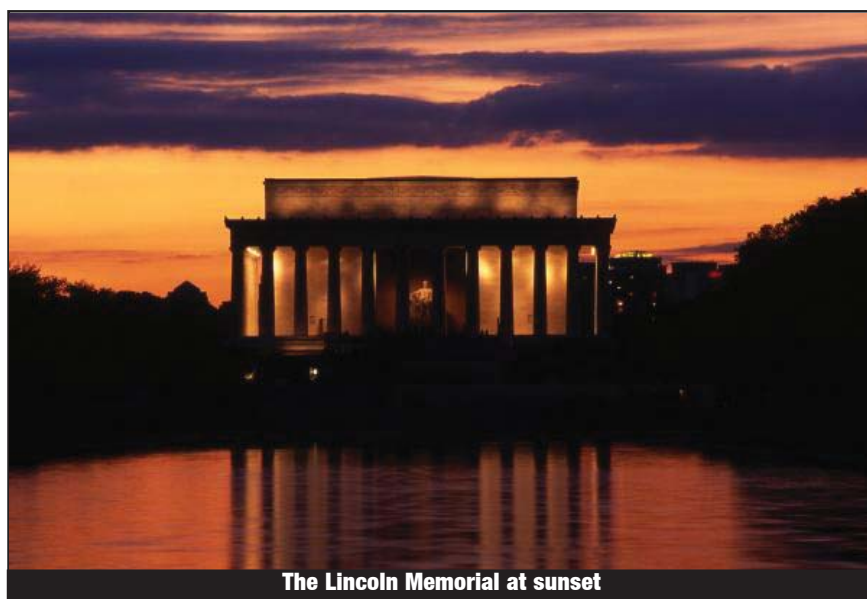
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The Lincoln Memorial at sunset