



On Immigration Reform, Lawmakers Shouldn't Trust Obama



By Derrick Morgan, January 30, 2014, blogheritage.org

In his State of the Union Remarks, President Obama asked Congress to advance immigration reform and he has made clear he wants Congress to grant legal status to those in the United States unlawfully. This weekend during their retreat, Republicans in Congress are considering what they should do. Congress should not trust the President as a partner to push an unpopular amnesty.

The President and Congress did not pass comprehensive immigration reform during his first two years in office when liberals controlled both Houses of Congress. He now wants conservatives to join him in this unpopular policy, apparently asking them to trust that he will enforce the law in return.

Because amnesty by itself is extremely unpopular, sometimes policy makers include other, more popular measures alongside it. For example, in 1986, Congress passed, and the President signed, a "one time" amnesty of some 3 million unlawful immigrants and promised border security and workplace enforcement. Unfortunately, the promises of border security and workplace enforcement were not kept. Today more than 10 million unlawful immigrants reside in the United States.

In the same speech in which he was asking Congress and the American people for trust, the President vowed to use his pen and his phone to advance his agenda on his own, without the peoples' representatives in Congress. Alas, Congress has plenty of evidence to conclude that this is not an idle threat.

President Obama's administration has changed his signature health care law again and again. In the immigration area, The Department of Homeland Security announced that it will not enforce our nation's immigration law against so-called "dreamers" by issuing a memorandum, after Congress has repeatedly refused to pass the DREAM Act. Our federal drug laws will also go unenforced by the President in states that legalize them under state law. Now the President has decided to use executive power to impose carbon dioxide limits even though Congress rejected that policy during the cap-and-trade debate.

Given the President's disregard for enforcing the law and changing the law without going back to Congress, policymakers have no real reason to trust the President to uphold any new immigration laws. According to the Daily Caller, Rep. Paul Ryan [R-WI], who has said he would like to pass immigration reform and even grant legal status to unlawful immigrants, said to an audience recently, "we have a hard time trusting this president in enforcing the laws." He continued, "Look what he's doing on health care and all these extra-legal things he's doing with executive orders and executive actions that we don't believe he has the authority to do."

Lack of trust is only one reason amnesty is the wrong policy for Congress. As pointed out elsewhere, amnesty is unfair, costly, and won't work to stop unlawful immigration. Not only is amnesty bad policy, but the American people are not clamoring for amnesty or even immigration reform this year. Only 3 percent of the American people think immigration is a top priority. Most have a healthy skepticism of promises to control the border: only 5 percent think it is very likely that a new immigration law will actually seal the border.

Policymakers in the House would be unwise to push an unpopular and controversial amnesty while trusting President Obama to uphold our nation's immigration laws (current or new).

Charles Schumer...The IRS Isn't Doing Enough to Destroy the Tea Party



By Herman Cain, January 28, 2014

"... there are many things that can be done administratively by the IRS and other government agencies - we must redouble those efforts immediately."

Give Charles Schumer this. He is nothing if not shameless. The Tea Party bothers him because it causes people to question the wonderfulness of big government. He can use government agencies to harass them and I have to say, the Tea Party that exists in his alternate universe sounds pretty confused. They shout at him about things they actually like. They listen to "plutocrats" who actually oppose their interests. They complain about trial lawyers and they don't even know any trial lawyers!

But when you really listen to Schumer, you realize he holds Tea Party members in contempt. He thinks they're stupid. He thinks they "mouth Rush Limbaugh and Fox News talking points" and don't really know anything about the issues they're talking about. They're just "government haters."

So in Schumer's world, these Tea Party people represent such a problem, it behooves Democrats to use the power of government to do something about it. That whole First Amendment thing? Well! Democrats never thought it would be used by people like this!

Check out this passage from the text of Schumer's prepared remarks at *The Post-Standard*.

One of the great advantages the Tea Party has is the huge holes in our campaign finance laws created this ill-advised decision. Obviously, the Tea Party elites gained extraordinary influence by being able to funnel millions of dollars into campaigns with ads that distort the truth and attack government.

This is not the place for a broad discussion of this issue, and it is clear that we will not pass anything legislatively as long as the House of Representatives is in Republican control, but there are many things that can be done administratively by the IRS and other government agencies - we must redouble those efforts immediately.

Tea Party members realize the importance of this issue. In the recent budget negotiations House Republicans nearly blew up the entire agreement because we would not put in the bill a provision that would prevent the IRS from moving forward and administratively closing some of the Citizens United loopholes.

This is extraordinary. A sitting United States senator is openly discussing how the federal government can use its power to destroy a movement of citizens participating in the political process. And his problem with them? They criticize government.

Even if Schumer's characterization of Tea Party members was correct, which of course it is not, how is it not still just as serious an outrage that he proposes to use the harassing power of government agencies to silence them?

I realize the lamestream media agree with Schumer's politics and disagree with the Tea Party's, but do they find nothing troubling about an elected official proposing to use the power of the federal government in this way? Really? Nothing at all?

Florida School Board meeting in Orlando, Fl
February 16th. See Page 3 for details.

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Democrat Lawmaker Admits Obamacare Won't Work



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By Tom Tillson, January 27, 2014, bizpacreview.com

Now that he has announced his retirement from Congress, top ranked U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., has suddenly lost faith in Obamacare, saying he doesn't think "we're going to get enough young people signing up to make this bill work."

Moran, who announced earlier this month that he will not seek reelection, criticized Obamacare in an interview with American University Radio, according to The Daily Caller.

"I'm afraid that the millennials, if you will, are less likely to sign up," Moran said last week. "I think they feel more independent, I think they feel a little more invulnerable than prior generations. But I don't think we're going to get enough young people signing up to make this bill work as it was intended to financially."

"And, frankly, there's some legitimacy to their concern because the government spends about \$7 for the elderly for every \$1 it spends on the young," he would add.

The 12-term Democrat who sits on the Appropriations Committee voted for the Affordable Care Act. And while he doesn't believe enough young people will be participating, Moran had little advice to offer President Obama.

"I just don't know how we're going to do it frankly," he said. "If we had a solution I'd be telling the president right now."

A comment that brings to mind the image of rats jumping from a sinking ship.

'Patriots for America' Responds to 2014 State of the Union Address



Washington DC - January 29, 2014: RESPONSE TO OUTRIGHT LIES AND DECEPTIONS CONTAINED in the 2014 State of the Union address, 'Patriots for America' announces OPERATION AMERICAN SPRING. Despite the President's obvious delusion, Patriots for America would like to inform Americans, and our falsely elected president, that we no longer have a union. We now have a collection of states divided by labels and ideology: red or blue, liberal or conservative, constitutional or socialist.

Whether these states are considered to be Democratic, or Republican, the truth is that our nation's collective leadership, of both predominant political parties, and especially the current presidential administration, have sold this God-given nation into the tyranny of Communism, Globalism, and Corporatism. A Socialist state cannot co-exist with a Constitutional Republic, much less flourish or

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prosper; the only possible outcome is a population of slaves, of all races, controlled by political elites in association with their corporate monopolies hiding behind their deceptive facades of global crises.

Our once courageous and prosperous nation of United States is now fragmented as never before, and in decline. Current and past administrations, as well as Congress, have all advanced this agenda of destruction. The national leadership of our former Constitutional Republic must be held accountable for their treason and we must return to God's word in our culture, and in our governments; local, state, and national. This nation was founded upon Christian principles, and Communist governments do not tolerate God, or Christians. Without God there is no morality, and with no morality, there is only tyranny. This is the reality of the inconvenient truth now facing our once honorable Christian nation. This is the inconvenient truth regarding the status of our divided states of America.

Operation American Spring will be a massive/gigantic patriot "movement to action" from across America. Our mission is to Restore our Constitutional government, rule of law, freedom, liberty "of the people, by the people, for the people" from the current despotic and tyrannical federal leadership. In doing this we will unite our now divided states of America.

Therefore, "We the People" intend to assemble as a 10 million or more Town Hall body of patriots in Washington, D.C., beginning May 16, 2014, ending date undetermined. We will submit demands and grievances for the removal of key criminal and despotic leadership beginning with Barack Obama through senior leadership in the United States Congress.

We encourage all freedom-loving Americans to visit our Patriots for America website at patriotsforamerica.ning.com and join us in our mission to restore our Constitutional Republic.

Harry Riley, COL, USA, Ret.

MSNBC.com's Zachary Roth Continues to Scare Readers Surrounding Voter ID Laws



By Jeffrey Meyer, January 28, 2014, newsbusters.org

Ever since MSNBC launched its sister website MSNBC.com, writer Zachary Roth has

been obsessed with new voting laws, and has consistently demonized GOP-sponsored legislation as a form of voter suppression. Roth's latest piece, published on January 28th, continued MSNBC's scare tactics surrounding popular voter ID laws.

The title of Roth's article fretted that the "GOP wants to change Missouri constitution for voter ID" and the MSNBC author made it clear once again where he stood on the issue of requiring voters to show a photo ID to vote.

Roth said that in Missouri:

The GOP-controlled legislature held a hearing Monday on two voter ID bills. One would place a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot this November, which, if approved by voters, would allow for a voter ID law. The second bill, to go into effect only if the amendment passes, would impose voter ID.

The two-pronged approach is needed because of a 2006 state Supreme Court ruling which found that voter ID laws violate the state constitution's guarantee of a right to vote. A Pennsylvania judge this month struck down that state's ID law on similar grounds.

While Roth is correct that in 2006 the Missouri Supreme Court struck down a previous photo ID law, he ignored the fact that in 2008 the United States Supreme Court ruled that an Indiana law which required voters to produce a photo ID to vote was constitutional because the state had a "valid interest" in protecting the integrity of the vote. Rather than point this out, Roth tried to assert that the GOP was instituting voter ID laws as "a sign of the tactic's growing importance to the party's long-term strategy amid adverse demographic trends."

Is Roth saying that the GOP supports voter ID because there are increasing numbers of minority voters entering the

electorate, most of whom vote Democratic? While not directly stating that voter ID laws are racially motivated, Roth's statement seemed to suggest that voter ID laws are meant to suppress minority voting. Roth claimed that the Republican sponsor of the new voter ID measures declined to speak to MSNBC, so the MSNBC reporter instead decided to quote four liberals who opposed the legislation, including two Missouri Democrats and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In fact, the entire article featured not one quote from a conservative or supporter of the Missouri bill.

Roth hyped ACLU complaints that **"although the bill would require the state to provide free voter IDs, like other voter ID laws, it doesn't foot the cost of obtaining the documents many people need to obtain that ID. Nor does it do much to make getting an ID convenient."** Roth did admit that **"Voters without the right ID could still potentially have their ballot counted if they sign an affidavit saying they're too poor to afford the documents needed to get an ID, or that they have a disability or a religious objection to ID."**

Roth's decision to quote the hysterical ACLU's objection over theoretical discrimination from voter ID laws demonstrates his bias against such laws. Roth concluded his anti-voter ID piece by hyping complaints by the ACLU of Missouri regarding the exemptions made to the photo ID to people who cannot obtain the documents needed for an ID, or if they have a disability or religious objection to a photo ID. The ACLU argued that the affidavit requirement:

May deter people with lower income and educational attainment from voting. Courts in voting rights cases have warned against the use of confusing or threatening affidavits that may deter voting or activities related to voting.

Such fear mongering by Roth is a common theme at MSNBC. Rather than provide actual evidence of disenfranchisement from new voter ID laws, Roth quoted liberal groups hyperventilating at theoretical problems that haven't occurred to defend his opposition to new voting laws.

Gen. Jerry Boykin Submits Statement to House Armed Services Hearing on Religious Liberty



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Family Research Council (FRC) Executive Vice President Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Jerry Boykin submitted a written statement to the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee today. His comments were related to a hearing held by the Military Personnel subcommittee regarding "Religious Accommodations in the Armed Services."

The hearing was the first opportunity Members of Congress had to question the Department of Defense (DOD) publicly about the issue. During the hearing, Subcommittee Chairman Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) recognized the need for additional hearings in coming months to assess DOD policies and to ensure that service members can exercise and express their faith.

In his statement, Gen. Boykin made the following comments:

"A growing trend in the military reveals a remarkable disregard for what have been assumed as basic religious liberties of service members in the past. The Family Research Council (FRC), as a non-profit organization dedicated to the defense of the family, faith, and freedom, has grown increasingly concerned as military chaplains and service members share their stories of career reprisals, discriminatory and retaliatory actions, and muzzling of speech all occurring because of particular religious beliefs that others have decided to no longer respect or tolerate."

Gen. Boykin said of the new DOD instruction on religious liberties:

"Though cautiously optimistic that DOD has taken an initial step to comply with the law, FRC remains concerned with the need for further implementing regulations and further interpretation from the military departments."

He concluded:

"Continued instances of discrimination and retaliation against members of the military for speaking about, sharing, or explaining their faith cannot be tolerated in a free

society. Careful phrasing in regulations, while necessary, only goes so far. Unless the new policies required by [recent defense authorization bills] are backed by action that is faithful to Congress' legislative intent, those policies will remain empty words on a piece of paper."

Gen. Boykin was one of the original members and former commander of the U.S. Army's Delta Force. During his 36 years in the Army, Gen. Boykin commanded the Army's Green Berets and the Special Warfare Center and School, and served as the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence.

A Bump in the Road

The poem was written by a Marine Corps Officer (unknown).

THE BATTLING BOYS OF BENGHAZI

We're the battling boys of Benghazi
No fame, no glory, no paparazzi.
Just a fiery death in a blazing hell
Defending our country we loved so well.

It wasn't our job, but we answered the call,
fought to the Consulate and scaled the wall.
We pulled twenty Countrymen from the jaws of fate
Led them to safety, and stood at the gate.

Just the two of us, and foes by the score,
But we stood fast to bar the door.
Three calls for reinforcement, but all were denied,
So we fought, and we fought, and we fought 'til we died.

We gave our all for our Uncle Sam,
But Barack Obama didn't give a damn.
Just two dead seals who carried the load
No thanks to us.....we were just "Bumps In The Road".

Chick-fil-A Feeds Stranded Drivers for Free After Snowstorm Shuts Down Birmingham



By Eric Corpus, January 29, 2014, christianpost.com

On one stretch of Highway 280, some stranded motorists found warm food and shelter thanks to a nearby Chick-fil-A.

When the snowfall began, restaurant owner Mark Meadows sent employees home, but they didn't make it far. The roads were already iced and gridlocked, and many returned to the workplace. Manager Audrey Pitt walked back, joining other disgruntled drivers.

"It was a parking lot as far as I could see," she told Todd Starnes of FOX News. "At one point there were more people walking than driving."

Back at the restaurant, Meadows and the staff decided to help the marooned drivers on 280, some of whom had been stuck without food or water for nearly seven hours.

"We cooked several hundred sandwiches and stood out on both sides of 280 and handed out the sandwiches to anyone we could get to – as long as we had food to give out," Pitt said.

In addition to handing out sandwiches, the restaurant served as a makeshift bed and breakfast, allowing drivers to spend the night and cooking up chicken biscuits this morning.

As many are thanking the staff at one Chick-fil-A, Pitt noted that the benefit is mutual.

"It's a blessing to us to be able to help people," she said. "It really is."

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Rep. Trey Radel, Congressman in Cocaine Arrest, Reportedly Resigning

By Joe Saunders, January 27, 2014, bizpacreview.com

The Florida congressman arrested during an undercover drug operation in October is resigning his seat, news outlets reported Monday.

U.S. Rep. Trey Radel, a Republican, is sending a letter to House Speaker John Boehner today, according to Politico.



Photo: Politico U.S. Rep. Trey Radel

The report was confirmed by Radel's chief of staff, USA Today reported.

Republican candidates have already started exploring a run for Radel's seat in the 19th District, including former state Rep. Paige

Kreegel, who ran against Radel in the 2012 GOP primary, according to Politico.

Other likely candidates are state Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, R-Fort Myers, and former U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV.

Radel was convicted of cocaine possession in November and sentenced to a year probation and fined \$250.

After his conviction the Republican Party of Florida called for his resignation, as did Gov. Rick Scott.

The Republican executive committees of Collier and Lee counties issued statements saying they would not support Radel if he chose to run for a second term.

In January, the House Ethics Committee voted to begin an investigation of Radel, but that would be moot if he stepped down from the seat.

Editors note: Trey Radel submitted his letter of resignation January 27th effective 6:30 PM.

Water and Land Conservation 2014 Ballot Amendment

By APN Staff, January 28, 2014

In a survey recently emailed to me by the state legislature, a question about this amendment was:

Below is the ballot summary for the amendment titled "Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands."

BALLOT SUMMARY: Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.

If the election were held today would you be voting:

- Definitely yes
- Probably yes
- Probably no
- **Definitely no**

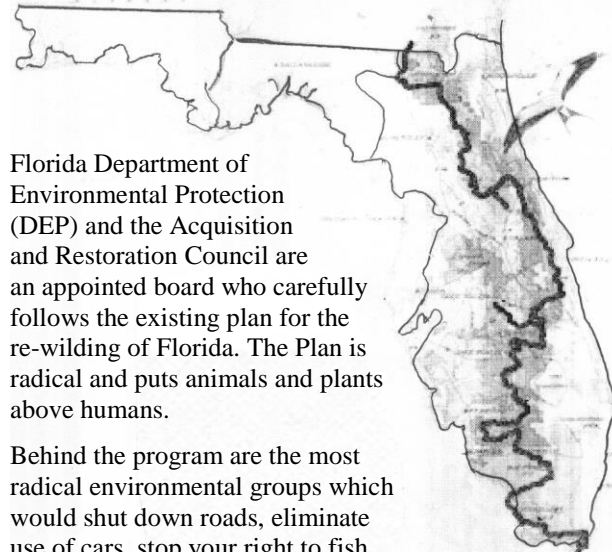
Our Liberty, freedom to travel freely and live off the land is at stake.

FLORIDA FOREVER, not mentioned by name on this ballot initiative IS the trust fund the money will fund.

The state wants to purchase more land and lock it up!

Apathy is my Biggest
Problem, but I'm too lazy
to care

Shown on map: Corridor dedicated for the Florida Wildlife. All light and dark areas are Conservation.



Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Acquisition and Restoration Council are an appointed board who carefully follows the existing plan for the re-wilding of Florida. The Plan is radical and puts animals and plants above humans.

Behind the program are the most radical environmental groups which would shut down roads, eliminate use of cars, stop your right to fish in the gulf, lakes, prohibit farming and the use of fertilizers, they would declare land a wetland if a puddle remained for more than 2 days in your yard, declaring your property a wetland and possibly forcing you off the land through acquisition using the Clean Water Act.

There are numerous restrictions and regulations by the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act, as well as a myriad of other laws and regulations governing plants, animals, air, water, land and sea, and use by humans. These restrictions and regulations achieve a number of programs established in the Florida Forever 5 year plan if the referendum is approved; Blueways program, Greenways, Trails and Rails corridors.

Each year the council selects priority land for acquisitions to fulfill its goal of locking up 80% of the land and water in the state.

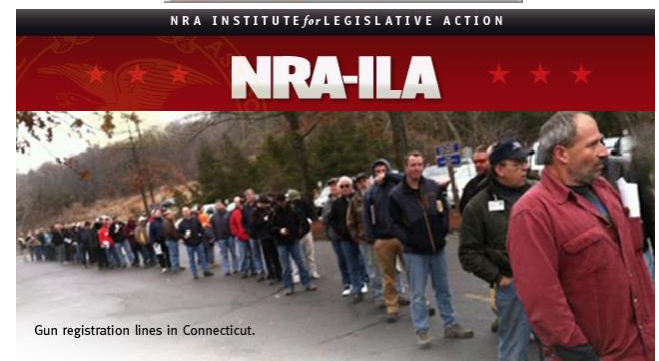
The Florida Forever trust fund manages 9,900,000 acres as of 2012, 2.5 million acres owned by the state. Much of the restricted land and water is in private hands of people who have given or willed land and water to the state for conservation. Water districts also are buying land. Lobby Organizations and NGOs are partners with the state and counties which help identify projects to achieve Florida Forever such as : WWF (World Wildlife Foundation) Nature Conservancy, Audubon, Sierra Club which finds and helps buyers fund land purchases for conservation and permanent conservation easements .

Florida state and county parks are plentiful. Lumber farms on private and state land are plentiful. Animals and plant life are protected. Our tax money would be better spent to maintain what exists *without further acquisitions*, such as parks, trails, beach front, storm damage and lands already in conservation rather than furthering the funding which would jeopardize private property across the state through acquisition.

Conservation easements are forever. Once land is locked up, whether it is on your private property or surrounding your community golf course, it is forever under the control of the (DEP) Dept of Environmental Protection regulation, restricting use and the use of future owners of the land in perpetuity.

This slow, incremental taking of land and water will eventually destroy the people's right to property ownership. Private property owners have always been the best land stewards using private funds to maintain land, waters and conservation without government intervention. The FF plan, this "Water and Land Conservation amendment" will fund a radical taking of private property through acquisition by the state, in the counties for purposes that are against our rights to use our land and water as free people with rights to property ownership. Thousands of Floridians have been either forced to sell their homes due to regulatory fines or unknowingly sold or agreed to tax breaks agreeing to conservation easements on their land, giving up their rights to use to their land without a clue about the Florida Forever radical goal of control of land and water. It is not about clean water, *it is about who controls the land.*

Taylor County Commission Meeting
February 3, 2014, Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
February 18, 2014, Board Workshop, 5:30 PM
Perry City Council Meeting
February 11, 2014, 5:30 PM
Taylor County School Board
February 4, 2014, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
February 18, 2014, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM



We have to stop this NOW.

My Chris W. Cox, Executive Director, NRA-ILA, January 17, 2014

The scene above isn't from a foreign country. It's happening right here in America.

Law-abiding citizens in Connecticut are being forced to line-up and register their firearms with the government.

How long do you think it will be before anti-gun politicians turn these REGISTERED firearms into BANNED and CONFISCATED firearms?

If this can happen anywhere in America, it can happen EVERYWHERE.

And right now, Barack Obama and his gun control allies are plotting new ways to bring Connecticut's freedom-crushing horror show to every corner of America.

Barack Obama is bearing down hard on our senators and congressmen. Talking heads in the anti-gun media are on a constant campaign for more gun bans, restrictions, and yes, mandatory national gun registration.

NRA-ILA is working around the clock to protect YOUR freedom on Capitol Hill, in your state legislature, and in courtrooms across America.

But this year's fight is already shaping up to be tougher than any other year on record.

And I need your help today so we can make sure that Connecticut's anti-freedom nightmare doesn't spread to every corner of America.

Fighting together, we can stop this madness and save our freedom.

State Board of Education to Meet in Orlando, February 18th

By APN Staff,
January 31, 2014

The State Board of Education will meet in Orlando on February 18, 2014, at the Ronald Blocker Educational

Leadership Center, 445 Amelia Street (1st Floor). Private, Charter school parents and concerned taxpayers are encouraged to attend. Persons that wish to speak at the meeting may contact the Florida Department of Education at 850-245-0505.

Florida's state board of Education has adopted the Common Core standards in 2010. Opposition has grown in every state to the standards because of federal intrusion in public education. Laws prohibit the Federal Department of Education from involvement in educational standards. To get around the law, the DEO in Washington had private organizations write the standards which were then adopted by 45 states using federal grants as an incentive.

Because of the strong criticism, Governor Rick Scott told Pam Stewart to consider changes to the standards. Stewart recommended minor changes to appease parents. Now she uses the term Florida Standards in an attempt to cover the objectionable Common Core name.

The school board proposes to adopt the changes at the meeting in Orlando.





Chairman Curry Response to Rick Scott's Historic Budget Announcement



Photo credit publiccitizen.org

By Diane Kepus, January 29, 2014

STATEMENT FROM RPOF CHAIRMAN LENNY CURRY:

"Today I congratulate Governor Scott for his record investment in

education, which puts total K-12 funding at \$18.8 billion, the highest total ever in Florida history. It's because of smart fiscal policies and responsible governing that Florida is in a position to invest in education in such an historic way. Not surprisingly, Florida Democratic Chairwoman Allison Tant is attacking Rick Scott for doing the hard work to clean up Charlie Crist's mess and improve education. It makes us wonder if she will be urging her colleagues in the legislature to vote against this budget and the record education funding contained in it."

educationviews.org/states-taxpayers-left-pay-common-core



\$18.8 Billion – WOW! Is this going to go to Administrative level of Education as usual and the Corporations that are involved in the public-private partnerships? It never goes to raise the amount used per

child! There should be a mandate or something that district Superintendents and School Boards can only get a pay raise equivalent to what is given to each child in the state.

Maybe the readers would like to read the UNESCO Non-State Providers and Public-Private Community Partnerships In Education.

Considering where you take your marching orders from, you should sit back and be quiet. Where and on what is the money going to be used? Are the teachers going to get their small \$2500 straight across the board as Scott originally promised to get their support and that of the Florida Teachers Unions to support the Common Core Standards and to keep quiet? "Don't tell the parents if you don't like Common Core." Mums the word!

Or are we still on the track that it will be based on the new formula "assessment" measure when Scott, his commissioner and the State School Board cannot even make up their minds on how to grade our students.

This is the most do nothing geared representation this state has ever seen. You wonder and ask why the grades bounce around and why Florida has slowly slid to the bottom of the charts? It's simple! Because we have an abundance of non-educators acting like they know what they are doing messing with our children's education and taking orders from the wind.

The cronyism and lack of respect coming from the Republican Party toward their members is disgusting. How does it feel to have so many leaving your party and your coffer scale sliding down? It's not just Tea Party members who are turning their backs on you, but American Patriotic Conservatives something you and the Florida legislature along with the governor have no idea what that represents.

However, I guess you have plans to rid yourselves of the Tea Party folks. Millions of donations are rolling in to make sure no one bothers you or looks into all the cronyism going on in Tallahassee between you and the large corporations to hack out children's futures.

The governor continues to claim he wants to "calm nerves over Common Core" when he and the legislators have no idea what our children need when it comes to education. You are all lying to us, giving out false facts, agreed to something before it was written without legislative authority, and now he wants to "calm nerves"?

Don't worry Mr. Curry you are but a speck of dust on our suits. We know who and what you and your fellow party friends are. It is because we are so much smarter than any of you thought that you are out to openly ruin the Tea Party groups.

We have seen how you have ruined the Republican Party and are bent on ruining America too. I wouldn't nudge too hard since some of the Executive committee members within the state are actually Tea Party leaders/members and they are beginning to rethink those oaths they had to take. Let's face it, you and I both know most good people do not vote for a "bad guy" just because he wears the "party" label.

Never forget America, it was Condoleezza Rice, former Secretary of State under Bush of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Jeb Bush Foundation, who a little over a year ago stated that the Council on Foreign Relations should take over the Education of our children.

I don't know which is scarier – the CFR or our bungling, inefficient governor and legislature.

What do you think?

Black America: Stop The Insanity!



By Lloyd Marcus, January 30, 2014. Deltona Beach, FL

Remember that spiky-haired blonde fitness guru all over TV years ago? Her famous line was "Stop the insanity!" As a

commonsense-thinking black conservative, I offer the same clarion call to fellow black Americans: "Stop the insanity!"

Why do you continue sleeping with the enemy, voting for liberal Democrats whose policies imply that you are inferior, stupid, and culturally immoral? When the NAACP and Democrats claim that requiring a photo ID disenfranchises blacks, such implies we are stupid. For the life of me, I do not understand why millions of blacks are not highly insulted by this absurd claim. Do blacks fly? Do blacks drive cars? Do blacks cash checks?

When Democrats and liberals accept over 70% out-of-wedlock births and fatherless households as a cultural norm in the black community, I am offended. And yet, I am called a sellout.

Liberal Democrats' policies and programs have destroyed the black family and continue to devastate the black community. Meanwhile, blacks vote monolithically for Democrats and politically beat up anyone, black or white, who offers commonsense solutions. For crying out loud, stop the insanity!

God forbid that a black person dare to think outside the liberals' we-be-simpleminded-blacks-in-need-of gov'ment-intervention-to-survive box. Blacks becoming successful the old-fashioned way -- by earning it -- does not cut it with Democrats and liberals. Liberal media and Democrats grab such uppity blacks by their afros and politically drag their black derrière's kicking and screaming back to the liberal Democrat plantation.

There, such blacks are strung up in the public square with their naked backs exposed, made an example for any other conservative-leaning blacks contemplating their escape. Beaten, battered, and broken black conservatives are flogged within an inch of their political lives with countless articles and operative pundits calling them a stupid n*****, Uncle Tom, and traitor to their race.

A prime example of a black overlord of the Democrat liberal plantation attempting to rein in a black escapee is North Carolina NAACP Chapter President Rev. William Barber. Black race-baiters typically use Black History Month and Martin Luther King Day to trash America for purposes of extortion.

In celebration of MLK Day, Rev. Barber called black conservative and Tea Party American Senator Tim Scott a puppet, saying, "A ventriloquist can always find a good dummy."

Senator Scott is about applying commonsense solutions to issues plaguing our country. Thus, once again, any black who does not view him- or herself as a victim of an eternally racist white America, entitled and in need of lowered standards and expectations, is a dummy, a tool of white Republicans -- a stupid self-loathing n*****. This is not an exaggeration.

I have been called these names and worse by Democrats and liberals for many years every time I suggest that

blacks stop having babies out of wedlock, stop dropping out of schools, stopping killing each other, stop blaming whitey, and assume personal responsibility for their lives. To me, this is true black empowerment.

I do not know what it is going to take for black America to see the light -- to understand the betrayal of a majority of the modern civil rights coalition. If these so-called advocates truly gave a hoot about blacks, they would celebrate extraordinary black conservative achievers such as former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, and businessman extraordinaire Herman Cain. These blacks should be held high for black youths to see what can be achieved in the greatest land of opportunity on the planet via education, hard work, and good choices.

And yet, these blacks are despised by the white liberals and black civil rights leaders. Why? In a nutshell, these blacks nuke the Democrats' and liberals' entitlement and big-government narratives.

So while black America believes that white conservative Republicans are burning the midnight oil plotting ways to keep blacks down, Democrats and liberals are the ones keeping blacks enslaved.

With the liberal mainstream media in the Democrats' back pocket as complicit liberal plantation gatekeepers, I will continue praying for divine intervention while pounding on the plantation masters' doors. Let my people go! My fellow black Americans, it truly is time to stop the insanity.



Rep. Mayfield (R-Vero Beach, FL) Files Bill to Stop Common Core

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Rep. Debbie Mayfield opposes the Common Core Standard because she's concerned that the Federal Government will play a major role in local education.

The Vero Beach Republican legislator filed a bill (HB 25) to stop Florida's participation in the Common Core because, in a nutshell, she's not convinced that they're truly Florida's educational standards...and that doesn't sit well with her. **HB 25** would prevent implementation of Common Core and mandate that Florida withdraw from the **Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)**, one of the test designed for the Core.

"A lot of my constituents have concerns about the Common Core process," Mayfield told the Gradebook. "Their concern is taking some part of states' rights away. I am adamantly against us signing on with a group of 48 states on coming up with our curriculum."

Mayfield, who also is seeking to have Florida step away from the PARCC consortium for Common Core testing, said she believes the Sunshine State Standards are better and easier to navigate than the Common Core. She pointed to a 2010 Fordham Institute report that compared the SSS positively to the Common Core.

Many teachers have expressed concern for yet another testing convention after the all of the *sturm and drang* with FCAT. Teachers are particularly concerned that they will be held accountable for the PARCC tests that have proven problematic.

"I'm not against us looking at other peoples' curriculum and standards and being better than them," Mayfield said, stressing her support for improving students' learning and for higher standards.

But as for just going along, she wanted no part of it. "Any time you're part of a group, you're going to have to compromise on something," she said. "It's our state's right to do what we want to do."

Mayfield's bill gives voice to a growing anti-Common Core movement in the state that was given a seat, but whose representative expressed disgust at feeling outmanned, at Gov. Rick Scott's recent public education summit. Another state lawmaker, Rep. Ray Pilon of Sarasota (whose county GOP has launched an anti-CCSS petition), also has publicly said he will fight to kill the Core. The Senate president and House speaker, meanwhile, have said they back the Common Core but want out of PARCC, favoring instead a "Florida plan" on testing.

The ground seems to shifting away from Common Core. Local Republican clubs and Republican Executive Committees have passed resolutions opposing Common Core. Elected officials who continue to support Common Core may find themselves vulnerable in the next election.