



Surge of Asylum-Seekers is Flooding Immigration System



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

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According to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a sudden influx of illegal immigrants from Mexico requesting asylum has overwhelmed the system. In fact, documents recently obtained by Fox News reveal that Immigration and Customs Enforcement has been paying for hotel rooms for illegal immigrants and their families owing to overcrowded processing centers in San Ysidro and Otay Mesa, California. Some now believe that the increase is actually an orchestrated effort.

In just one day last week, 200 Mexicans crossed the border through the Otay Mesa Port of Entry asking for asylum, while 550 people already overflowed the processing center.

"People were sleeping on floors — they had nowhere to put them," said one source, a long-time border agent and supervisor. "This shouldn't be happening. Unless there is an immediate and well-publicized policy change, this situation will become another debacle."

ICE employees are being asked to work overtime and requests have been made for others to volunteer to work weekend shifts, notes a memo obtained by Fox News. "Duties include intake, placements, transports and release of family groups and unaccompanied minors," the memo reads.

Because the processing centers are unable to house the overwhelming numbers, nearby hotels are being utilized by ICE. One hotel near San Diego witnessed the arrival of ICE vans several times throughout the weekend with immigrant families, who were escorted by two armed, uniformed agents. Two others were used to secure the entrance and side door.

Fox News notes that other hotels have been overwhelmed by the surge of illegal immigrants at the expense of the taxpayers:

Documents obtained by Fox News show that recently on a single day, dozens of illegal immigrants were being transferred to an area hotel where rooms cost \$99 a night. Others were released to addresses in Texas, Florida and even Brooklyn, N.Y.

ICE sources report that the addresses provided by the illegal immigrants are typically false, and when the immigrant does not report for court, they are removed by an immigration judge in absentia.

While the majority of immigrants are from Mexico, some are also from Haiti, Iraq, Guatemala, and Romania.

Those who are entering illegally have learned that they can receive asylum by using some key words, including asserting that they have a "credible fear" of drug cartels. This has some suspicious that there is an effort behind the surge. "This clearly has to have been orchestrated by somebody," said former U.S. Attorney for Southern California Peter Nunez. "It's beyond belief that dozens or hundreds or thousands of people would simultaneously decide that they should go to the U.S. and make this claim."

The Department of Homeland Security issued a statement on the increase of "credible fear" asylum requests.

Credible fear determinations are dictated by long standing statute, not an issuance of discretion. The USCIS officer must find that a "significant possibility" exists that the individual may be found eligible for asylum or withholding or removal.

If the credible fear threshold is met, the individual is placed into removal proceedings in Immigration Court. The final decision on asylum eligibility rests with an immigration judge.

Fox News reports that 91 percent of asylum claims from Mexico are denied. Asylum requests from Mexico are very unusual, leading critics to call the increase in requests an orchestrated charade because it provides the

immigrants an opportunity into the United States, allows them to overwhelm the system, and secure a court date for which they never show up. According to ICE sources, anywhere from 600,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants a year do not show up for their court date.

"Hundreds of thousands of people have never returned and the list of people for whom warrants are outstanding is phenomenal," said Nunez. "We have a long history of people absconding from immigration hearings of one sort or another; they just blend back into the community."

The Senate Gang of Eight bill will likely provoke a further spike in those seeking asylum. Currently, those who come to the United States seeking asylum face a one year deadline to apply for a visa, but as noted by the *Washington Post* in April, the Senate Gang of Eight's bill would lift that deadline. Those supporting this provision contend that the deadline shuts out those who legitimately seek asylum, but supporters of the deadline assert it prevents fraud.

Human Events opined that the new surge of asylum-seekers "looks like a deliberate Cloward-Piven strategy to overwhelm the system, taking advantage of the weaknesses deliberately inserted into U.S. immigration policy."

Even without asylum, illegal immigrants are finding it easier to stay in the United States. "The orders from Washington are to simply turn these people loose," said Ira Mehlman, a spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform. "All you have to say is you qualify for the Dream Act and/or you intend to apply, and they're instructed by their higher-ups to simply turn these people loose, to set them free and let them pursue any path they want."

E-mails Show Collusion between IRS and FEC to

Target Conservatives

By Tim Brown,
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Emails unearthed by the House Ways and Means Committee seem to show collusion between a Federal Election Commission attorney and the Lois Lerner of the Internal Revenue Service on two separate occasions to influence the record prior to the FEC's vote in the case of a conservative non-profit organization. Not only does the correspondence suggest discrimination of conservative groups by the FEC and the IRS, but it also alludes to the fact that discrimination may have gone beyond the bounds of the IRS and into the FEC.

The American Future Fund (AFF) is the conservative group in question and the correspondence in the emails obtained indicates that an attorney from the FEC sought and received tax information about AFF prior to recommending that AFF be prosecuted for violations of campaign-finance law.

National Review reports:

"Several months ago . . . I spoke with you about the American Future Fund, a 501(c)(4) organization that had submitted an exemption application the IRS [sic]," the FEC attorney wrote Lerner in February 2009. The FEC, which polices violations of campaign-finance laws, is not exempted under [Rule 6103](#), which prohibits the IRS from sharing confidential taxpayer information, but the e-mail indicates Lerner may have provided that information nonetheless: "When we spoke last July, you had told us that the American Future Fund had not received an exemption letter from the IRS," the FEC attorney wrote.

The timing of the correspondence between Lerner and the FEC suggests the FEC attorney sought information from the IRS in order to influence an upcoming vote by the six FEC commissioners. The FEC received a complaint in March 2008 from the Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party alleging that the American Future Fund had violated campaign-finance

law by engaging in political advocacy without registering as a political-action committee. The American Future Fund responded to that complaint in June 2008, telling the commission that it had applied for tax exemption in March of that year and was a "501(c)(4) social-welfare organization that was organized to provide Americans with a conservative and free-market viewpoint and mechanism to communicate and advocate on the issues that most interest and concern them." According to the e-mail correspondence, a month after receiving the American Future Fund's response, the FEC general counsel's office — which is prohibited under law from conducting an investigation into an organization before the FEC's six commissioners have voted to do so — contacted Lerner to investigate the agency's tax-exempt status.

The FEC general counsel's office, in its recommendation on the case, apparently didn't tell the agency's commissioners about how it had obtained the information about the group's tax-exempt status. Recommending that the commissioners prosecute the American Future Fund, the general counsel's office wrote, "According to its response, AFF submitted an application for tax-exempt status to the Internal Revenue Service . . . on March 18, 2008." The footnote to that sentence reads, "The IRS has not yet issued a determination letter regarding AFF's application for exempt status. Based on the information from the response and the IRS website, it is likely that the application is still under review." In fact, an FEC lawyer knew that the organization had yet to obtain tax-exempt status because Lerner provided the confidential information.

A report on American Future Fund was then submitted in September 2008, but would not be voted on until late February 2009. Normally this time would take about a month, not over five.

However, on February 3, 2009, the FEC attorney contacted Lerner for an update about AFF's application. "Could you please tell me whether the IRS has since issued an exemption letter to the American Future Fund?" he asked. "Also if the IRS has granted American Future Fund's exemption, would it be possible for you to send me the publicly available information and documents related to American Future Fund?" Eventually, the FEC voted 6-0 to close American Future Fund's case.

Calls are now coming from House Ways and Means Committee chairman Dave Camp and oversight-subcommittee chairman Charles Boustany for the IRS to provide all communications between the agency and the FEC between 2008 and 2012.

In a letter sent to acting IRS administrator Danny Werfel on Wednesday, Camp and Boustany wrote, "The American public is entitled to know whether the IRS is inappropriately sharing their confidential tax information with other agencies."

Emails indicate there may have been since the FED attorney also inquired about the American Issues Project in an email to the IRS. Lerner's history of being aggressive towards conservatives is long and villainous.

Jim Hoft Points out, "Under the direction of Lois Lerner, the Federal Election Commission sued the Christian Coalition in the 1990s. She harassed the Christian Coalition for three election cycles. Eventually, she lost her case. At one point Lerner even asked a targeted conservative if Pat Robertson prayed over him."

"In 1996, while at the FEC, Lois Lerner harassed Republican Senate candidate Al Salvi and made him this outrageous offer, **"Promise me you will never run for office again, and we'll drop this case."** One of Lerner's minions even asked Salvi to fork over \$200,000 with his promise not to run again."

Lerner pleaded the Fifth Amendment before Congress back in June, even though she took time to say she had done nothing wrong and then blamed others for the targeting. She has been on paid leave since May

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On Obamacare, Tea Party is on Right Track

By Star Parker, August 12, 2013



Vitriol has gone beyond partisan give-and-take in the nation's politics. It is now seeping into and poisoning the ranks of the Republican Party.

Mainstream Republican politicians

are cringing at the proposal by senators in the Tea Party movement -- Ted Cruz of Texas, Mike Lee of Utah and Marco Rubio of Florida -- that upcoming legislation to appropriate funds to operate the federal government be held hostage on condition that Obamacare funding is withheld.

Republicans opposing this strategy see it as lose-lose. They don't believe this tactic can defund or deliver a deathblow to Obamacare. At the same time, they see it producing more antipathy toward Republicans and branding them as zealots and obstructionists.

I think the Tea Partiers are on the right track, and I think the "mainstream" opposition is missing key, important points. Republicans should be thinking about two objectives. First, fight public resignation that Obamacare will become an inevitable part of our national landscape and continue building public understanding of how bad and dangerous this law is for our health care and our economy.

Second, continue the ongoing work to build public awareness that Republicans are not the party of "no" but the party of "yes" to a conservative agenda, which is really the only viable path to national recovery.

On the first point, the Tea Party strategy is already working.

If Republicans sit politely on the sidelines and allow business as usual to continue in Washington, the American public can only conclude that everything is basically OK. But everything is not basically OK.

We don't even have to look to Republicans to show what a disaster Obamacare is.

The Obama administration itself initiated a one-year delay in implementing one of the most central features of the law -- the mandate on employers to provide government-defined health insurance. No clearer statement could be made of the unworkability of this bureaucratic nightmare.

Now Howard Dean -- former Democratic presidential candidate, Democratic National Committee chairman, Vermont governor and still a physician -- calls for scrapping another central feature of Obamacare: the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

This is the unelected committee of 15 Washington bureaucrats who will play the central role of pricing medical services under Medicare.

Pricing of medical services by bureaucrats is the pure socialism of Obamacare that those opposed to the law said from Day One would not work. Now Dean confirms this.

On the second point, Republicans must wake up to the public relations battle they have lost over recent years. Radical left-wing Democrats have been accepted in the public eye as moderate and reasonable, and conservative Republicans are portrayed as the nutty extremists.

When President Barack Obama took office, the nation was headed toward the bottom of a terrible recession.

His priority then should have been economic recovery.

It was not. He used the honeymoon of his first year in office to enact his socialist dream of government-funded health care.

Obamacare -- The Affordable Care Act -- was passed in March 2010 through legislative sleight of hand and without a single Republican vote. It brings socialism to almost one-fifth of the American economy. Its core features are regulation and the government printing press.

Where is the money going to come from to pay for all the subsidized purchases of government insurance? Where is the money going to come from to pay for the 20 million or so dumped into Medicaid on top of the 60 million already there?

And somehow those who brought us this nightmare are the moderates?

No, the Tea Partiers are right. The future of our country is at stake.

America's Future is in Our Hands

By Karen Schoen



During one of the many lightning storms I shut off my computer, which I now do

for protection from the surges. I wondered what the Human Capital (Common Cores name for our children) will do if there is a prolonged storm, or brown out or electricity prices necessarily skyrocket?

How will human capital think if they cannot press an APP? Our human capital cannot function without electricity and an APP to guide them. They cannot communicate without a devise. Look what we have done to our children. We are providing a future for them that will be totally dependent on machines. Communication skills and relationships will be a thing of the past. Teachers, Parents, Family, America and God will become obsolete as we allow machines to take their place. This will be our doing, on our watch. The damage done to this country by progressive, still angry baby boomers of the 60s, is insurmountable unless we stop all political correctness and tell the truth.

Americans are trained in school to never talk about politics and religion and become part of the silent majority. We were trained in school that people over 30 were old school, dumb, didn't get it in the new modern world of fast things and instant gratification. We were taught: to envy our neighbors because we had to have the same or better; never make waves or someone's feeling will get hurt; turn the other cheek no matter what the offense; accept mediocrity as we must all be common and the same; always blame someone else; never take responsibility for anything; actions have no consequences; we must be gratified instantly; patience is not a virtue; retire at 62 and live the good life; don't pay attention to hard unpleasant stuff; don't talk about politics and religion; your elected official will do everything for you.

We learned well, too well. We abrogated raising our family and our responsibility to the school. We watched and joined as angry American hating, God hating flower children of the 60s infiltrated our schools by promoting peace and love. Our problem being, we never asked peace and love of what? Now we are finding that peace means acceptance of every perversion imaginable and love is love of government.

And so we have come full circle. We have become the silent majority, afraid to make waves, because of our job, healthcare, and pension. We paid attention to our jobs so we can retire early and live the good life. Is Bernake's plan to print money propping up the stock market a ruse to silence seniors? If not, it certainly has become exactly that. The 5% of seniors paying America's bills now feel guilty about our fortune so we are happy to pay more of our fair share to help those less fortunate. Stocks that are doing good give us enough money to keep us insulated, so our attention is diverted to play things like vacation, golf, shop, tennis, cars, beach houses etc. After all we worked hard, we deserve it. We will just give more money to the government thinking they will fix everything. It is not our responsibility, we pay our share.

So of what have we to be proud? Americans created some of the most innovative, creative successes for humankind. Instead of treasuring our success and teaching others how to achieve their success, we gave it all away as we left the responsibility of our children (human capital) to a government that we always knew was corrupt. We think, after all, I pay my taxes, I donate to charities. What else can I do?

Are we now part of the low information voter pool who knows something is wrong, but will continue to elect the same people who lie and cheat because it is easier than investigating or participating? We think we did our job, we voted. Is that our only job, just to vote?

Will you look in the mirror and say, I am responsible for letting America become just another great country that allowed truth, freedom, liberty and private property slip away by letting common sense run amok? Or will I be the one who will stand up, be heard, use my voice to scream, "America cannot die."

- They came for my children and I did nothing because I did not have young children.
- They came for my privacy and I did nothing because, it doesn't affect me, I did nothing wrong.
- They came for my money and I did nothing and gave because I have plenty.
- They came for my God, morality and values and I did nothing because I didn't want to offend anyone. I must be PC.
- They came for America and I did nothing because truth is no longer important.

- They came for me and I got on the re-education bus, after all I must fit in this new world order.

Or must I fit? American individuals never wanted to fit into any box. That is the formula that makes America great and different. The strength of America is Americans, who realized that the American spirit means being different, outspoken, and unafraid. America is suffering from an ideological war that is no different than the same war continued for decades. Can we make a difference? We sure can, but only by doing things differently.

Once again, Americans are being asked to step up, step out, connect with neighbors and tell the truth. Can you give up a golf game to go to a community meeting, email, make calls or tutor?

Can you remember that the things we have which make America great did not come to us without hard work and devotion? We did not get liberty and freedom by delegating our responsibility to others. We have liberty and freedom because Americans recognize freedom is not free. What part of history will carry your name? Will you step up for serfdom by doing nothing or will you step up for freedom and participate? Once again America's future is in our hands. Victory is our only option.

Obamacare Provision: "Forced" Home Inspections

August 14, 2013 by Joshua Cook

<http://freedomoutpost.com/2013/08/obamacare-provision-forced-home-inspections/>

"Clearly, any family may be visited by federally paid agents for almost any reason."

According to an Obamacare provision millions of Americans will be targeted.

The Health and Human Services' website states that your family will be targeted if you fall under the "high-risk" categories below:

Families where mom is not yet 21.

Families where someone is a tobacco user.

Families where children have low student achievement, developmental delays, or disabilities.

Families with individuals who are serving or formerly served in the armed forces, including such families that have members of the armed forces who have had multiple deployments outside the United States.

There is no reference to Medicaid being the determinant for a family to be "eligible."

In 2011, the HHS announced \$224 million will be given to support evidence-based home visiting programs to "help parents and children." Individuals from the state will implement these leveraging strategies to "enhance program sustainability."

Constitutional attorney and author Kent Masterson Brown states,

"This is not a "voluntary" program. The eligible entity receiving the grant for performing the home visits is to identify the individuals to be visited and intervene so as to meet the improvement benchmarks. A homeschooling family, for instance, may be subject to "intervention" in "school readiness" and "social-emotional developmental indicators." A farm family may be subject to "intervention" in order to "prevent child injuries." The sky is the limit.

Although the Obama administration would claim the provision applies only to Medicaid families, the new statute, by its own definition, has no such limitation. Intervention may be with any family for any reason. It may also result in the child or children being required to go to certain schools or taking certain medications and vaccines and even having more limited -- or no -- interaction with parents. The federal government will now set the standards for raising children and will enforce them by home visits."

Part of the program will require massive data collecting of private information including all sources of income and the amount gathered from each source.

A manual called Child Neglect: A Guide for Prevention, Assessment, and Intervention includes firearms as potential safety hazard and will require inspectors to verify safety compliance and record each inspection into a database.

Last session South Carolina Rep. Bill Chumley introduced a bill, H.3101 that would nullify certain provisions of Obamacare. The bill would give the state attorney general the authority to authorize law enforcement to arrest federal agents for trespassing. It would make forced home inspections under Obamacare illegal in South Carolina. It passed in the House but died in the senate.



Two Mayors and Two Lobbyists Charged in Separate Corruption Investigations



By U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, August 6, 2013

Mayor of Sweetwater Received More Than \$40,000 in Bribes; Mayor of Miami Lakes Received \$6,750 in Bribes

Wifredo A. Ferrer, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and Michael B. Steinbach, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami Field Office, announce that four individuals have been charged in two separate complaints involving public corruption allegations. The first complaint charges Manuel L. Maroño, 41, the mayor of Sweetwater, and two lobbyists, Jorge L. Forte, 41, and Richard F. Candia, 49, all of Miami, for their alleged participation in a kickback and bribery scheme (the Maroño complaint) in connection with purported federal grants for the city of Sweetwater. The second complaint charges Michael A. Pizzi, 51, the mayor of Miami Lakes and town attorney for the town of Medley, and Richard F. Candia, in a separate kickback and bribery scheme in connection with purported federal grants for both Miami Lakes and Medley (the Pizzi complaint). Both complaints charge the defendants with conspiracy to commit extortion under color of official right, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

U.S. Attorney Wifredo A. Ferrer stated, "Our democracy suffers when, as in these cases, elected officials use their power and political influence for personal gain instead of for the public good. Public corruption, at any level of government, corrodes and undermines the public's confidence in our system of government. We are committed to stopping this corrosion and to help restore transparency to local government."

"For the public to have confidence in their government, they must be certain that their elected officials will not use their position for personal gain," said Michael B. Steinbach, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Miami. "We encourage anyone who may have information about corruption to come forward and report it. This information is critical to our work. The South Florida community can be assured that public corruption will remain a top priority for the FBI."

The defendants made their initial appearances in federal court today at 1:30 p.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrea Simonton. If convicted, the defendants face a maximum statutory penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

Investigation Background

The investigation began in approximately June 2011, when Candia began dealing with an FBI confidential source and two undercover FBI agents posing as the owners of a Chicago-based grant administration business. During meetings, the undercover agents represented to Candia that, with the aid of corrupt local public officials, they could obtain federal grant moneys, which they would then keep and distribute among themselves. After listening to the undercover agents' proposal, Candia identified Maroño and Pizzi as potential participants in the scheme.

The Sweetwater Deal—Manuel Maroño

According to the Maroño complaint affidavit, after identifying Maroño as a potential participant in the proposed scheme, Candia introduced Maroño to the undercover agents. Maroño caused the passage of a resolution in Sweetwater that authorized the undercover agents' company to apply for federal grant moneys on behalf of the city of Sweetwater. After the resolution was passed, Maroño and Forte personally met and negotiated with the undercover agents and accepted a

series of cash payments in exchange for Maroño's official action in support of the grant scheme. During these negotiations and meetings, Forte acted as the front man for Maroño.

To further the scheme and avoid detection, Maroño also participated in what he believed to be audit telephone calls from a federal grant auditor to confirm the grantee's performance on the grant. During two separate audit calls, both of which were recorded, Maroño lied to and misled the auditor, who was in fact an undercover FBI agent, about the actual use of the grant money and the grantee's performance. For their actions, Maroño and Forte received \$40,000 and Candia received at least \$5,000 in kickbacks in connection with the Sweetwater deal.

Lastly, Maroño, Forte, and Candia received additional payments for their assistance in identifying other public officials whom they claimed might also be interested in participating in similar grant schemes in their cities. To this end, Maroño, Forte, and Candia used Maroño's position as President of the Florida League of Cities to introduce the scheme to other officials. Maroño and Forte received an additional \$20,000 in cash for these introductions, but no other public officials ultimately participated in the scheme.

The Miami Lakes/Medley Deals—Michael Pizzi

The second complaint charges Michael Pizzi and Candia with engaging in a similar grant scheme in Miami Lakes and Medley. As more fully explained in the affidavit filed in support of the Pizzi complaint, Candia introduced Pizzi to the undercover FBI agents to help implement the grant scheme in Medley, where Pizzi was the town attorney. After a series of meetings with Candia and the undercover agents, Pizzi initially agreed to participate in the scheme in exchange for \$750 in campaign contributions, which he received in three separate checks delivered to his office by the FBI confidential source.

Thereafter, to aid in the grant scheme's success, Pizzi backdated a document that endorsed the undercover agents' company. Pizzi also handled what he believed to be an audit telephone call from a federal grant auditor to confirm the grantee's performance on the grant. During that call, which was recorded, Pizzi lied to and misled the auditor, who was in fact an undercover FBI agent, about the actual use of the grant money and the grantee's performance. In return for Pizzi's help in Medley, Pizzi received a \$1,000 cash kickback and other things of value.

Later, with the intent of expanding the grant scheme to Miami Lakes, Pizzi worked to get a resolution passed in Miami Lakes that would authorize the undercover FBI agents' company to seek additional grant funds for the city of Miami Lakes. In exchange for his work in Miami Lakes, Pizzi received additional \$2,000 and \$3,000 cash pay-offs.

These cases were investigated by the FBI Miami Area Public Corruption Task Force with assistance from the City of Miami Police Department, Hialeah Police Department, Miami Beach Police Department, Miami Dade Police Department, and Customs and Border Protection-Internal Affairs. The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jared E. Dwyer.

A complaint is only an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

America's grassroots conservative activists are asked to rise up and organize against Washington DC establishment to defund Obamacare.

By cowboybtye.com Aug 5, 2013

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) on Monday called on America's grassroots conservative activists to rise up and organize an effort against the Washington, D.C. establishment to defund Obamacare in the upcoming Continuing Resolution (CR) that funds the government and must be voted on by the end of September.

In his "Freedom Minute" segment he distributes regularly to various media and radio outlets, Cruz said he needs a "grassroots army" to help him fight.

He walked through how a year ago last week was the anniversary of him winning the GOP primary in Texas for U.S. Senate against all odds because of the grassroots support he received.

"Today I work for 26 million Texans, and your support is why I'm serving in office helping lead the fight to protect the Second Amendment, to secure the border, and to unshackle the free market economy," Cruz said.

"Now we need to activate another grassroots army--this time on a national scale. In September, Congress will have the opportunity to defund Obamacare--the disastrous health care law, which is killing jobs and hurting the health care system. The only way we can win this debate is if the American people rise up and demand it. Please join us and let your representatives know where you stand."

Court ruling doesn't affect Oklahoma ALAC

By Act for America

August 20, 2013

Last week a federal court issued a permanent injunction against Oklahoma constitutional amendment SB 755, which was approved by Oklahoma voters in 2010.

The court did so because SB 755 singled out sharia law.

But for all practical purposes the amendment had already been struck down by a previous court ruling. This latest ruling just made the injunction permanent, and it was expected.

We've gotten numerous emails asking if this court ruling affected American Laws for American Courts legislation (ALAC) that Oklahoma passed in the spring.

The answer is "no."

ALAC does not single out sharia law but instead prohibits judges from applying any foreign law if doing so conflicts with the Constitution or constitutional rights.

ALAC has not been challenged in court in any of the states where it has been passed. In fact, last September a judge in Kansas ruled he could not apply sharia law in a case because of the ALAC legislation Kansas passed earlier in the year.

ACT! for America played a key role in getting the Kansas legislation passed, as we generated over 30,000 phone calls and emails to Kansas legislators. We were also instrumental in getting the Oklahoma legislation passed.

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Hold Their Feet to the Fire!

THE GOOD

The PSC is requesting a re-hearing over the Federal Government insistence on Compliance for Regionalism of power in the State of Florida.

FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is pushing for the PSC to issue the order all power companies get ready to hook up to a Regional Transmission Power Grid, a top-down controlled system. The Power Grid is a Centrally Controlled Power Operation where by the Federal Government is in control.

The attorney for the Public Service Commission PSC has issued a statement to FERC that the Florida Statutes protects Florida by not giving control of power transmissions to Regional control and that the PSC has the authority of control over the FERC because Florida is unique in that it is a peninsula, each power company is separate and there are 4 of them.

The Florida attorney has stated that the FERC requirements would be duplicative and costly to consumers and that FERC is not abiding by the rules it had established in its order.

PSC is finally fighting for us and our independence from Federal intrusion.

THE BAD

Rick Scott, "JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!"

by D.M.

According to BIZ Journals, Fl. Governor Rick Scott gives \$195 million contract with the Florida Department of Transportation for Bombardier Transportation, a German Company, to provide services for the state's \$1.3 billion SunRail train system. Services to include dispatching work, fleet maintenance, track maintenance, customer service, station platform and facility maintenance, and material supply, the Orlando Business Journal said.

What ever happened to jobs for American companies? This is the same company has the maintenance contract for the people mover systems at the Tampa International Airport .giving more and more money and jobs to foreign countries.

A sorry excuse for a governor.

THE UGLY

Pinellas County *taxpayers beware*... Trim Notices have been sent out, be aware of the non-ad valorem assessments. This is the surface water assessment fee, aka the "Rainwater Tax". Look at the units that you are being assessed for. You might notice they do not match the impervious surfaces you actually have. Single family 1500 to 4700 sq.ft are rated at 1 unit. Many notices are being sent out assessing at multiple units incorrectly.

Report on PINELLAS BCC Meeting 8- 20-13

by Jude, 4-10, NIV

Jude

"4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about[b] long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

5 Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord[c] at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7 In a similar way,

Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion.

They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

8 In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. 9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"[d] 10 Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them."

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Vote 6-1 in favor of the new human rights ordinance.

HART Did Not Reject Diversity, It Followed The Rule Of Law

By Laura Rambeau Lee
<http://right-reason.com/2013/08/08>

August 8, 2013

Earlier this year the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) in Tampa attempted to place advertising on the city's Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) buses. These ads were an attempt to redefine the meaning of the Islamic word "jihad" with quotes such as:

"My jihad is to stay fit despite my busy schedule" or "My jihad is to build bridges through friendship."

These ads can currently be seen on public buses in San Francisco and Chicago, and in D.C. Metro stations, as shown here.



The HART board voted against running the ads due to the policy of the agency, which states in Section 810.10 (4) Prohibitions: The following types of advertising are prohibited in and on all vehicles and/or property: (d) advertisements that primarily promote a religious faith or religious organization.

Not to be content with the decision and respectful of the law, CAIR representatives attempted to work with HART management and submitted a revised ad that makes no mention of the word jihad and which shows a group of Muslims next to the CAIR name and logo along with the phrase: "Embracing diversity at work. Defending Civil Rights in the Community."

Upon discovering that CAIR was attempting to convince the HART board to run their ads, this reporter decided to attend the meeting and personally speak to the board. I was not aware of how their ads were going to be changed, so I researched the current use of the word "jihad" by speaking with an Egyptian acquaintance living in Cairo. I asked if the word is used today the way they wanted to use it in their advertising. He said absolutely not, that it is an old word and it means "struggle," but it is not used this way in modern Muslim society.

Only I and one other member of the public addressed the board. I related the fact that the word jihad is not used the way they want to use it on the ads, and that it was a disingenuous attempt to redefine the word and make it less controversial.

I also stated that the policy of the board is not to accept any advertising of a religious nature or that promotes a particular faith or organization. The way the law is stated, they cannot accept this advertising.

HART board member John Melendez also stated he believed that the Florida State statutes prohibit them from accepting advertising from religious groups or organizations.

I also requested they look at their policy and perhaps rewrite it to align more with how the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Agency (PSTA) has written their advertising policy, which clearly states: "The subject matter of all on-bus advertising shall be limited to speech which proposed solely a commercial transaction."

HART's attorney David Smith explained that whatever they decided needed to be consistent, non-arbitrary, and non-capricious. He also said whether they voted to approve or not approve the ads, there could still be a First Amendment legal challenge from CAIR.

Commissioner Mark Sharpe stated there is a place for this message, but the language of HART's policy is clear and this ad would violate the policy.

Commissioner Murman questioned how riders and operators might feel with this ad on their buses and their policy must be rational and consistent.

In the vote the ads were rejected, with only Commissioner Beckner and Chair Fran Davin dissenting. Commissioner Kevin Beckner expressed his disgust with the vote, saying there is a small group in this community that seeks to diminish the Muslim community and once again we have rejected diversity.

No Mr. Beckner, we did not reject diversity. We followed the rule of law.

LIVING OUT THERE

By: Rube B.

With Hurricane Season upon us, I hope you have all your preparations in place and ready to go at a moment's notice. Should we find ourselves in the path of a Category 3 or 4 hurricane, we should be making plans to evacuate as quickly and safely as possible. That means some advanced planning. You should know in advance, where your safe destination will be and have an alternate, in case the first location will also be affected. Make sure you have an out-of-state contact so others will know that you are safe and where you will be, till you can return home. I would like to note, if your family panics over a Category 1 or 2, get out, just one panicked person can have an effect on others! And if you are a retired person or have special-needs, please leave early to avoid traffic jams.

Do you know where the shut-offs for all your utilities are? Find them, mark them and make sure all shut-offs are working properly, if not call that utility company for servicing. Do not leave anything on, if you are closing up your house!

Are your vehicles topped off with gas at all times? This is a must during Hurricane Season, we don't want to be sitting in a long line waiting to fill-up. When waiting till the last minute, you will find yourself amongst a group of panicked citizens and most times panic turns to anger. Another thought to keep in mind is the fact that the gas pumps could run dry before the next scheduled fuel delivery. Safely stow away a few gas cans, for chainsaws and generators. Be sure to add fuel stabilizer to your stored gas cans, this will extend the life of your fuel, just be sure to use the stored gas every few months and refill with fresh gasoline and stabilizer. Don't forget to store some mix-oil for all your two cycle equipment.

Be sure to have a supply of your prescriptions on hand. Doctors will be busy treating those with storm related medical injuries. Keep in mind most injuries occur prior to the storm, and after, during clean-up stage! Think before you make any needed preparations to your home and necessary repairs and clean-up after the storm.

Grab any important documents you need and include a few different utility bills, so you have proof that you are a resident of your neighborhood. Generally no proof is needed to reenter, but if your area was hit hard, authorities will not allow you back in, unless you have proof!

Be sure to store away a 14 to 30 day supply of food and water for each member of your family. I know we have been told differently, but you should not rely on the capability of others to provide for your family. Our modern way of life relies on electricity and delivers, all that will be out the window during any kind of disaster. Remember there will be no ice, plan accordingly. Get your daily dose of sunshine and

Keep It Simple Sweetie!



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Upcoming Events in Pinellas County

Street Rally invites All Americans to peacefully Protest the recent scandalous actions of this government. BENGHAZI, IRS, NSA, False Flag Operations, Fast & Furious, Funding AL QAEDA
Saturday, Aug 31 10:00 AM
Gulf to Bay and Belcher
525 S Belcher Rd, Clearwater, FL

Mark your Calendar Sept. 17, 2013
Educator, Roger Gangitano, Chapter Leader of **ACT! FOR AMERICA** Presents:
A National Security Briefing and the Islamic influence in our educational system.
The Rise of Islam, Anti-Christianity and Anti-Semitism in our children's schoolbooks has come to light.
When: Tuesday, Sept 17.
Time: 6:30 PM
Where: CAC (Curlw Rd. side of shopping center, behind Eves Restaurant)
3150 Tampa Rd., Suite 16, Oldsmar, Florida 34677
Reserve your seat please: debracaso@hotmail.com
A donation at the door of \$5.00 is requested.
All welcome. Beverage and snacks included.