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## Fire Boehner: We Only Need 16 Votes to Depose Boehner

If conservatives want to keep the House and win the Senate, we need to fire John Boehner as speaker of the House. We only need 16 House votes to do it.

As most conservatives know, Boehner and the House GOP Steering Committee decided to purge four conservative House members from their committee. Congressmen Justin Amash and Tim Huelskamp were removed from the House Budget Committee, and Congressmen David Schweikert and Walter Jones were cut from the Financial Services Committee.

Amash, Huelskamp, and Schweikert were targeted because they were too fiscally conservative—all three have voted against Boehner's debt ceiling hikes. Amash and Huelskamp were the only two GOP votes against House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan's budget.

Amash explained that vote at yesterday's Bloggers' Briefing at the Heritage Foundation, "It's unacceptable to have unbalanced budgets until 2040."

For anyone outside of DC, this statement seems obvious. Only in Washington is balancing the budget radical.

Many conservatives voted for the Ryan budget because they didn't want to "let the perfect be the enemy of the good." I understand that, but we shouldn't criticize those who actually understand the depth of our debt problem and plan to propose real answers.

If Speaker Boehner wants to purge independent, bold conservatives—I think it's time he gets fired as Speaker. Not only for the purge. He has failed to effectively win negotiations with President Obama and appointed moderate committee chairs. To the public, Boehner may appear radical but in reality he proposes milquetoast policies, like the tax-hikes he proposed this week.

While the caucus has already voted in support of John Boehner as speaker of the 113th Congress, the final floor vote doesn't happen until early January.

Everyone thinks it's a fairytale, but the Conservative Movement is capable of firing Boehner with just 16 votes.

The House rules demand that a Speaker receive a majority—218 votes—to be elected speaker. If no nominee for speaker receives 218, the House remains speakerless—as it did during parts of the Civil War.

If 16 House Republicans were to abstain from voting for Speaker, Boehner would only receive 217 votes.

Once we depose Boehner and cause a firestorm, the Republican caucus will get the memo: Pick someone else! These 16 Republicans only need to hold out until the caucus chooses a new leader.

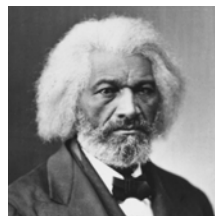
For Speaker, I suggest members who are anti-establishment, but still have broad support. Congressmen Jim Jordan of Ohio would be my pick. He just finished leading the Republican Study Committee and proposed the best budget we've seen come out of Congress.



Republicans and conservatives deserve a more articulate, more conservative leader. In fact, we need one if we want to keep the House majority and take the Senate. Boehner has been Obama's punching bag and has lost every public battle with the President. Now, he's waging an internal war on conservatives.

Remember, we lost seats in the House under his leadership. He has failed as spokesman for the movement. Boehner has been in Congress for 22 years, and he looks like and embodies the typical DC politician. Can't we find someone fresher to lead the party forward?

## Frederick Douglass: Patriot



By Frank McCaughey, July 12, 2011

"....he is a lover of his country who rebukes and does not excuse its sins."

Frederick Douglass was many things during his life: runaway slave, famed orator, adviser to presidents but it was after visiting his house today that I learned that Frederick Douglass was a great patriot and one of our greatest Americans.

It's generally accepted that a patriot is someone who loves their country and (in our case) sees the world through red, white and blue colored glasses. In post 9/11 America, we consistently hear that there are people in this world who not only hate America, but also the lives we lead as Americans. The result of this shift in our culture is the development of a bravado that dictates that if you speak out against or criticize America in anyway, you are not a patriot.

Today, I learned the true definition of patriotism and it doesn't look much like the patriotism defined above.

Today, Frederick Douglass taught me that a patriot is not just someone who loves his or her country but someone who can look at what their country is and what their country does and know that it can be better. Douglass lived in a country that celebrated freedom and liberty while keeping slaves in bondage and denying rights to many different types of citizen. He not only recognized this hypocrisy but he also let people know about it through his writings and speeches, specifically the beautiful, scathing and ultimately truthful "rebuke" of our Independence Day in his 1852 speech, What to an American Slave is the Fourth of July? This doesn't mean that he hated America, it just means that he cared about the country and its people. This idea of "tough love" translates to many relationships in life including parent to child and teacher to student. Multiple times during my three years in the classroom I have pushed

students to be better because I've seen the potential in them; their response is usually questioning why it is that I hate them. Much like Douglass and 19th century America, I just want them to live up to the high standards that have been set for them.

Sadly Douglass was not alive for Jim Crow in the 20th century but while he was here, he gave America exactly what the country needed and what each of us needs at different times in our lives: someone to get in our ear, tell us we're acting like fools and to cut the crap. Whether it was the abolition of slavery, or the rights of women and free blacks, Frederick Douglass pushed America to live up to the lofty standards set by our founding fathers and by doing so he helped America become a better place.

Thank you Mr. Douglass, for not only changing America but also for teaching me how to truly love my country.



'T'was the month before Christmas  
When all through our land,  
Not a Christian was praying  
Nor taking a stand.  
Why the PC Police had taken away  
The reason for Christmas-no one could say.

The children were told by their schools not to sing  
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.  
It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say  
December 25<sup>th</sup> is just a 'Holiday.'

Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks, and credit  
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!  
CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-Pod  
Something was changing, something quite odd!

Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa  
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.  
As Targets were hanging their trees upside down  
At Lowe's the word Christmas-was no where to be found.

At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears  
You won't hear the word Christmas, it won't touch your ears.  
Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty  
Are words that were used to intimidate me.

Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen  
On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton!  
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter  
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.

And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith  
Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace.  
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded  
The reason for the season stopped before it started.

So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'  
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.  
Choose your words carefully, choose what you say  
Shout  
**Jesus is Lord** not Happy Holiday!  
*Anonymous*





By: Sheriff Richard Mack, *Photo by Dawn Mack*

## Former AZ Sheriff Directs Traffic in NYC

Ten years after one of the worst and most horrific attacks in American history, I found myself in the middle of New York City directing traffic. Yes, a former small-town Arizona sheriff stood in the middle of one of the largest and busiest intersections in all Manhattan, telling a bunch of New Yorkers how to drive. (That in and of itself is a life and death proposition.) But in this moment of personal frustration I could not help it. I had to do something. I could not sit one moment longer in that stuffy old taxi.

You see, this was New York City in rush hour traffic on Friday afternoon, where a trip from JFK Airport normally takes 30-40 minutes to Times Square. On September 9, 2011, it took three hours (no exaggeration). So after tolerating moving barely ten feet in 30 minutes I had had enough. I got out and slammed the door of the cab, and with my wife's approval, headed into the concrete jungle of New York determined to do something about this ridiculous traffic jam. If nothing else, at least I had the opportunity to stretch my legs for a minute.

I walked about four blocks and found the intersection causing all the congestion. Southbound traffic was a four or five lane one way street, and Westbound traffic was three lanes. Cars from both directions were all crowded into the intersection and nobody was in the mood to allow the other guy a single inch. All the motorists were just as frustrated as I was. I walked nervously into the intersection and stood in front of all the cars heading South and raising both my hands high above my head I shouted out orders for everyone to stay put. They all obeyed and seemed relieved someone was actually doing something, even if it was an obvious tourist wearing a bright Hawaiian shirt. What I needed was a whistle, but sorry, my briefcase contained no such emergency equipment. So my shouting and hand gestures had to suffice.

As I continued to clear the intersection, I have to say I was amazed and gratified with the amount of cooperation I was receiving, even from the Taxi drivers. I had to watch my back though, as it was difficult for all Southbound motorists to see me at the same time.

As I continued my impromptu traffic control I was pleasantly surprised by all the shouts of *Taken with my wife's cell phone* thanks and congratulations from passing New Yorkers. I was called a "good Samaritan" several times and even "hero" from a bunch of "Cholos" driving through in their low rider. Then my wife called on my cell phone. "Hey, it's working, we're moving. Be ready to get back in the cab; we're just a half block from the intersection," she informed me excitedly. I thanked her for the tip and hung up quickly as some pedestrians patted me on the back.

Then right when things were settling down and traffic was moving smoothly a young woman came up to me in the crosswalk and announced rather emotionally, "I just called New York PD and told them what you're doing." My heart sunk, "Oh man, here it goes, they're going to arrest me for getting in the street or for impersonating an officer," I thought to myself. Then the lady finished, "I told the cops to get out here and do their job instead of leaving it to a tourist!"

This supportive local thanked me and I her and sure enough, from my left I noticed two uniformed cops heading right towards me. I waved and headed back to my cab. My wife had the door open acting all worried that I would not make it in time to jump aboard. I sat down and took a deep breath, "whew, I did it!" "Yes, you did," she replied enthusiastically. We looked at each other momentarily and busted out laughing. She finished this scene with one final conclusion, "You're a nut," she said with a chuckle. I couldn't argue with her on that one.

I thought as we moved along through somewhat lighter traffic how amazing this entire moment really was. I had actually stood in the middle of a huge intersection in one of the largest and most amazing cities in the world, ten

years nearly to the very day of the 9-11 attack, working together with a bunch of strangers to solve a problem. Maybe there's a parallel here; do you think perhaps this is how we could heal America?

I do have to add, the Liberty Fest I spoke at on Saturday was a great event. The 800 people there were fantastic. The people of NYC were fantastic, friendly and caring. There were thousands of visitors for the 9-11 ceremonies and there was a spirit of reflection and mourning and togetherness. Maybe my brief moment of standing in the intersection taught me that perhaps all it takes to clean things up and get things moving again; is somebody taking a stand and getting the people stuck in a mess to work together. I can think of no better way to commemorate the anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy, directing traffic in NYC at 63rd Street and Queensboro.



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## Florida Senate President Calls for Hangings

Monday December 3, 2012, I met the Republican leader of the Florida Senate Don Gaetz after speaking to the Senate Committee on Healthcare Exchanges. I explained to him that I wanted to teach on nullification and why the Healthcare Act is unconstitutional. He mocked the Founders of this nation to my face, implying they are irrelevant to the interpretation of the Constitution. He laughed at my support of Constitutional principles. He then shouted out to me as he left the room that he would read anything that I sent him. This morning I sent him an email explaining the Founders' position on State Sovereignty and nullification.

After sending Senator Don Gaetz my letter explaining the positions of James Madison, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton on State Sovereignty, Mr. Gaetz says that citizens who agree with the writer of the Declaration of Independence should be summarily shot and hanged. Does that mean Don Gaetz is in favor of shooting the many Catholic Bishops and other religious leaders who have said that they will not comply with this mandate? Notice the double-speak in his email below. He affirms his support for the Constitution and then demonstrates his utter ignorance of its meaning and purpose.

Here is a copy of his email:

*Thank you for your email and for your passionate views. Like you, I believe Obamacare is unconstitutional and wrong-headed policy. I have consistently voted in the Florida Legislature for legislation that affirms our state's options, obligations and sovereignty under the United States Constitution. I am working every day to ensure the election of national candidates who will repeal and replace this extraordinarily bad policy.*

*As to nullification, I tend to favor the approach used by Florida's first Governor, Andrew Jackson:*

*It is said that one evening, while he was president, General Jackson was interrupted in his reading in his bedroom by an alarmed military aide who breathlessly reported, "Mr. President, the "nullifiers" are in front of the Executive Mansion with torches and guns. They are screaming that each state has the right to decide for itself which federal laws to follow. They threaten to burn us down if you will not agree with them."*

*Without lifting his head from his reading, Andrew Jackson said, "Shoot the first nullifier who touches the Flag. And hang the rest."*

*Chaplain, I have sworn an oath on my father's Bible before Almighty God to preserve, protect and defend the constitution and government of the United States. And that's exactly what I intend to do. Count me with Andrew Jackson.*

*Senator Don Gaetz*

I can only assume since this overbearing blowhard is used to getting his way, he thinks such intimidation will make us shut up and go away. Well, Mr. Gaetz is sadly mistaken.

While Mr. Gaetz may only give lip-service to the Constitution so that he can continue his political reign, there are those of us who actually believe in the Constitution and plan to support and defend it, no matter what! If it means being threatened or shot at by tyrannical

oligarchs, so be it. Just know that this path was not our choice Mr. Gaetz. You fired the first shot!

Mr. Gaetz, stand all you like with Andrew Jackson, we will be the ones across the way standing with Patrick Henry!



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## Florida AG Bondi fights against gun rights

The Florida Supreme Court is currently reviewing the case of Mackey v. State of Florida to determine whether an investigatory stop, and a search and seizure of a person suspected to be carrying a concealed firearm, is lawful.

Conflicting case law lands this matter at the highest court in the State. By statute 190.01(2), the Florida legislature has deemed carrying a concealed firearm a felony crime in the third degree. Statute 190.01(3) says, however, carrying a concealed firearm is permissible with a valid permit. The petitioner asserts that a police officer conducted an illegal investigatory stop and a search of his person without consent and without probable cause because there was no indication that he did not have a valid permit, and no other evidence of criminal activity.

Atty. Gen. Pamela Jo "Pam" Bondi and the State of Florida argue that any person is vulnerable to an investigatory stop and a search and seizure because carrying a concealed firearm, in and of itself, is illegal. In addition, having a permit is an affirmative defense, or excuse for a crime, so the stop and search is reasonable.

Yet, as clear as the sky is blue, the law says "This section [carrying concealed weapons] does not apply to a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon." If the language is directly written in the statute, it seems that it is more than just an exception, but the rule.

Although Florida's State Constitution and the U.S. Constitution prohibits unreasonable search and seizure, the State, in its heavy handed Brief on the Merits, uses flawed logic to assume that at the rate of 95 percent, persons who are carrying a concealed weapon ought to be presumed guilty of committing a felony.

"Given the small percentage of the population that is licensed to carry a concealed firearm, the overwhelming majority of firearms, or 95 percent, are not licensed to be concealed. Thus, an officer's suspicion that a firearm is not licensed would be reasonable because, in any given case, there would be, statistically speaking, a 95 percent likelihood of illegality."

As succinctly pointed out by [ammoland.com](http://ammoland.com), "In order for the State's argument to be valid, one would first have to ignore all visitors to our state from the 35 states with reciprocity. One would also have to ignore all of the circumstances where no license is required to possess a firearm, and it also assumes that every man, woman and minor child is carrying a firearm at all times."

Assuming that any individual carrying a concealed weapon is committing a felony, gives the State unfettered and unreasonable access to search and seizure of anyone who is presumably carrying a concealed firearm. This violates the 2nd, 4th, 9th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution, no? No, not if you believe Florida Atty. Gen. Pamela Jo "Pam" Bondi.

Pam Bondi is the same individual who boasted at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, "It is time to stop those who ignore the Constitution when it's expedient!" It appears Ms. Bondi is happy to pick and choose which liberties the Constitution protects as long as it suits her fancy, but what about the rest of us little people who believe in liberty across the board?

Since Bondi wants a win for the State in the case of Mackey v. State of Florida, she will misconstrue facts, ignore state laws, and negate the Constitution if she has to, in order to receive a favorable result. Bondi pretends to be supportive of the Constitution, when in fact she is the epitome of ignoring the Constitution when it's expedient! Remember folks: Forceful words and flowery commentary mean zilch compared to the truth.

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