



## THE FOUNDATION

"With respect to the two words 'general welfare,' I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators." --James Madison

## UPRIGHT

"If you compare the vision of our nation's founders to the behavior of today's Congress, White House and U.S. Supreme Court, you would have to conclude that there is no longer rule of law where there is a set of general rules applicable to all persons. Today, we are commanded by legislative thugs who, with Supreme Court sanction, issue orders commanding particular people to do particular things. Most Americans neither understand nor appreciate the spirit and letter of the Constitution and accept Congress' arbitrary orders and privileges based upon status." --economist Walter E. Williams

"Barely two months into his Presidency, Obama is wreaking havoc, crippling the nation, oblivious to consequences and monumentally arrogant, believing the timbre of his voice and the manipulation of the media will win public confidence until the socialist utopia he believes in comes to fruition. Who knows how bad it will be in a year, let alone four?" --columnist Lance Fairchok

"Wall Street -- including the banking sector -- is burning itself down. The fire is fueled by panic -- the final stage in a decline of confidence -- and can only be put out by measures that restore confidence. ... But President Obama -- having first claimed that only government can solve the economic problems -- is failing to provide any solutions Wall Street can believe in." --Human Events editor Jed Babbin

"Obama is a great pretender. He repeatedly says he's doing things that he isn't, trusting his powerful rhetoric to obscure the difference." --Washington Post editor Robert Samuelson

"You can't expect people to unite behind you if you're trying to jam a whole bunch of things down their throat" --investor and Obama supporter Warren Buffett

## INSIGHT

"The great advances of civilization, whether in architecture or painting, in science or in literature, in industry or agriculture, have never come from centralized government." --economist Milton Friedman (1912-2006)

"We have rights, as individuals, to give as much of our own money as we please to charity; but as members of Congress we have no right so to appropriate a dollar of public money." --American hunter, frontiersman, soldier and politician Davy Crockett (1786-1836)

"Politics are not the high class, marvelous thing that lots of you picture. Our whole government workings are crammed with 'baloney.'" --humorist Will Rogers (1879-1935)

## EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

"What's a life worth? Apparently not much in Great Britain. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, the government agency that decides which treatments the National Health Service will pay for, has effectively banned Lapatinib, a drug that was shown to slow the progression of breast cancer, and Sutent, which is the only medicine that can prolong the lives of some stomach cancer patients. Banning beneficial drugs due to cost is nothing new in Britain. NICE, which has to be one of history's most ironic acronyms, forbade the use of Tarceva, a lung cancer drug proven to extend patients' lives, and Abatacept, even though it's one of the only drugs that has been shown in clinical testing to improve severe rheumatoid arthritis. Once again, we have to ask: Do we really want to use the British system as the model for a U.S. health care regime? Promises of an effective, cost-effective health care system operated by the federal government are cruel fabrications. The British system shows that the state makes a mess of health care. So

does the Canadian plan, which is plagued with unhealthy and often deadly waiting times for treatment. The Swedish government system is no better. It also refuses to provide some expensive medication and, inhumanely, refuses to let patients buy the drugs themselves. Why? According to a Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons article, bureaucrats believe doing so 'would set a bad precedent and lead to unequal access to medicine.' Like Canadians, Swedes are subjected to long waits. They also have denial-of-care problems that sometimes lead to death. A reasonable person would see the record of repeated failures in government-run medicine as evidence that such a system is not sustainable. Yet every central planner thinks he or she -- or his or her immediate group -- is smart enough to correct the flaws of socialist programs and therefore has the moral authority to force others to participate in his experiments. It is the same thinking that will move a person to say we are the ones we've been waiting for." --Investor's Business Daily

### DEZINFORMATSIA

Get the shovel ready: "It's the government that's going to have to pull us out of this recession." --CBS reporter Anthony Mason

Spinning for the White House: "The recession has now cost nearly four-and-a-half million Americans their jobs. We'll show you the new jobs his stimulus plan is creating. ... Some of the \$787 billion in stimulus money designed to create new jobs is already flowing through the pipeline. At the other end of it, millions of people are waiting hopefully for work." --CBS anchor Katie Couric

A liberal wakes up to liberalism: "President Obama's team, unlike Bush's team, demonstrates a thinness of skin that shocks me. When I somewhat obviously and empirically judged that the populist Obama administration is exacerbating the crisis with its budget and policies, as evidenced by the incredible decline in the [stock market] averages since his inauguration, I was met immediately with condescension and ridicule rather than constructive debate or even just benign dismissal. I said to myself, 'What the heck? Are they really that blind to the Great Wealth Destruction they are causing with their decisions to demonize the bankers, raise taxes for the wealthy, advocate draconian cap-and-trade policies and upend the health care system? Do they really believe that only the rich own stocks? What do they think we have our retirement accounts in,

CDs? Where did they think that the money saved for college went, our mattresses?" --MSNBC's Jim Cramer

Getting the facts wrong: "Reversing course. President Obama lifts the ban on embryonic stem cell research... But is the president going far enough?" --CBS's Julie Chen ++ From the Department of Corrections: "And we should say, this under President Bush was not banned or illegal, except now we're getting federal funding." --CBS's Maggie Rodriguez later in the segment

Politics over science: "President Obama is going to fulfill one of his campaign promises by ending restrictions on federally funded research using embryonic stem cells. This could lead to better treatments and possibly cures for many diseases. But it will not end a visceral debate." --ABC's Lisa Stark *\*\*Name one cure for any disease found through embryonic stem cell research. Just one.*

### Newspulper Headlines:

Free Pizza Delivery and Video Rental?: "Feds Unveil Plan to Help 9 Million Stay in Homes" --Associated Press

We Blame Global Warming: "Pinconning Area High School Will Become Tropical Rain Forest on Monday" --Bay City (MI) Times

'This Trail Really Stinks': "More Than 800 Protest Sewer Hike" --Yuma (AZ) Sun

Everything Seemingly Is Spinning Out of Control: "Burping Worms May Contribute to Climate Change" --FoxNews.com

News You Can Use: "Drivers Find Roads Are Slippery After Snow" --Baltimore Sun Web site

Bottom Stories of the Day: "Gas Problem Reported at Local Taco Bell" --Dayton Daily News

(Thanks to The Wall Street Journal's James Taranto)

### THE DEMO-GOGUES

Here he comes to save the day: "There are a lot of people out there who are desperate. There's a lot of desperation out there. Today I want them and the people like them across this country to know that I have not forgotten them." --the Almighty Barack Obama

Troubles with the media: "It was hard for me to believe that you were entirely serious about that socialist question." --Barack Obama to New York Times reporters who dared ask such a thing about his policies

The BIG Lie: "[W]e've actually been operating in a way that has been entirely consistent with free-market principles. ... The fact that we've had to take these extraordinary measures and intervene is not an indication of my ideological preference, but an indication of the degree to which lax regulation and extravagant risk taking has precipitated a crisis." --Barack Obama

Please do leave it alone: "[I]f coming in [to office] the market was doing fine, nobody would be happier than me to stay out of it. You know, I have more than enough to do without having to worry about the financial system." --Barack Obama  
*\*\*We'd be more than happy for you leave the financial system alone, too.*

Quid pro quo: "We're going to make sure that in every policy, every decision, we don't lose sight of the folks that brought us to the dance. And toward that end, we have to make sure that the jobs we're creating come with fair wages and decent benefits." --Vice President Joe Biden to the AFL-CIO Executive Committee

The real agenda: "Never waste a good crisis ... Don't waste it when it can have a very positive impact on climate change and energy security." --Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

Politics over science II: "By lifting the executive ban on federal funding for stem cell research, President Obama has given hope, and potentially health, to millions. ... President Obama has also restored science to its rightful place in our national debates." --House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

The truth about pork: "That there is something inherently evil, wicked or criminal or wrong with ... [political pork earmarks], it's just not the case. Otherwise, what happens? We give the money to the agency downtown and they decide where to spend it. It isn't as if the money won't be spent. Oh, it will be spent. But it may not be spent as effectively or for projects that are as valuable." --Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)

## VILLAGE IDIOTS

Stop debating? But that's what science is: "The scientific community has gone through this chapter and verse. We have long since passed the time when we should pretend this is a 'on the one hand, on the other hand' issue. It's not a matter of theory or conjecture, for goodness sake." --Al Gore

Blame Rush: "President Obama's a good friend of mine, and I'd just like to think about him and, you know, I know -- you know Rush Limbaugh and a lot of jackasses give him a hard time right now. They always trying to divide and conquer the country. They've already ruined the country, and now he's trying to save the country, and I want him to keep his head held high." --former NBA star Charles Barkley

Maybe she actually gets it: "If you are just fed up, at some point, just lean out your window and scream, 'I'm mad as hell,' 'cause that's what's happening to me. I'm losing my mind, because I don't understand why -- like they -- one of the things that I saw recently, they have this whole thing about taxing 'the wealthy.' Okay. Now, I don't mind that. I don't mind paying a little more tax 'cause I make a good living. But I don't want to get it coming and going. I don't want to get the federal raised and then the state raised and then the phone tax raised and then the television tax raised and then the city tax. Back off me!" --entertainer Whoopi Goldberg

## SHORT CUTS

"[M]any of us are hoping that all those in power fail, because those in power have a grating habit of being annoyingly self-righteous, hopelessly corrupt, resolutely incompetent and completely apathetic about the freedoms that they have sworn to protect. Embrace the failure. It's patriotic." --columnist David Harsanyi

"Obama brags -- albeit dishonestly -- that he's only raising taxes on rich people. Ninety-five percent of the American people will get a tax cut, the president insists. Well, which is it? Do the times demand shared sacrifice from us all, or from just 5 percent of Americans? If I say to 10 co-workers, 'We all need to chip in together to get this done,' and then say, 'So, Todd, open your wallet and give five bucks to everyone else in the room,' it would sound ridiculous. But when Obama says the same thing to 300 million Americans it's called 'leadership.'" --columnist Jonah Goldberg

"President Obama defended his plan for higher taxes on the rich. He is determined to level out the distribution of wealth in America. It wasn't historic enough for him to be our first black president, he also wants to be our first red one." --comedian Argus Hamilton

**Jay Leno:**

There's talk President Barack Obama wants to lift trade restrictions with Cuba, which is great news for anybody here looking to buy a '58 Buick.

Astronomers say they have discovered enormous black holes five billion light years from Earth that is sucking up everything in their path. They name the black holes "AIG-1" and "AIG-2."

Politicians in the state of Iowa have voted to rename their Department of Elder Affairs. They're changing

the name to the Department of Aging. Have they thought this through? I mean, now, elderly people will be calling the DOA.

Well according to National Enquirer, John Edwards has admitted to his wife that he fathered a love child with his mistress. Is it really a love child? Isn't it more like a "hurry up before my wife gets home" child?

Veritas vos Liberabit -- Semper Vigilo, Fortis, Paratus, et Fidelis! Mark Alexander, Publisher, for *The Patriot's* editors and staff.

(Please pray for our Patriot Armed Forces standing in harm's way around the world, and for their families -- especially families of those fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, who granted their lives in defense of American liberty.)