



## THE FOUNDATION

"[J]udges, therefore, should be always men of learning and experience in the laws, of exemplary morals, great patience, calmness, coolness, and attention. Their minds should not be distracted with jarring interests; they should not be dependent upon any man, or body of men." --Johns Adams

## THE DEMO-GOGUES

Rule of men: "Now, the process of selecting someone to replace Justice (David) Souter is among my most serious responsibilities as president, so I will seek somebody with a sharp and independent mind and a record of excellence and integrity. I will seek someone who understands that justice isn't about some abstract legal theory or footnote in a case-book; it is also about how our laws affect the daily realities of people's lives, whether they can make a living and care for their families, whether they feel safe in their homes and welcome in their own nation. I view that quality of empathy, of understanding and identifying with people's hopes and struggles, as an essential ingredient for arriving at just decisions and outcomes." --President Barack Obama

From the gun grabbers: "[T]he Supreme Court has ruled in a direction that gives more opportunity for people to have guns. We never denied that right. We don't want to take their guns away. We want them registered ... and we have to rid the debate of the misconceptions that people have about what gun safety means." --Nancy Pelosi

Non Compos Mentis: "Welcome to Cinco de Cuatro -- Cinco de Mayo at the White House." --Barack Obama (click here for video)

Quite taken with himself: "Everywhere I go, crowds spontaneously assemble. They start to cheer, whether I go to a play on Broadway or I'm going home to Wilmington, Delaware. I walk on the train. People stand up and clap." --Vice President Joe Biden

Tacky: "If we had pursued what President Nixon declared in 1970 as the war on cancer, we would have cured many strains. I think Jack Kemp would be alive today. And that research has saved or prolonged many lives, including mine." --Sen. Arlen Specter (D-PA), who fits in just fine with his new

party *\*\*"Specter's use of Kemp's death is not only tasteless but nonsensical. If Republicans killed Kemp by blocking cancer research, how is it that the research they blocked prolonged Specter's life?"*  
--James Taranto

## UPRIGHT

"That President Obama has made 'empathy' with certain groups one of his criteria for choosing a Supreme Court nominee is a dangerous sign of how much further the Supreme Court may be pushed away from the rule of law and toward even more arbitrary judicial edicts to advance the agenda of the left and set it in legal concrete, immune from the democratic process. Would you want to go into court to appear before a judge with 'empathy' for groups A, B and C, if you were a member of groups X, Y or Z? Nothing could be further from the rule of law." --Hoover Institution economist Thomas Sowell

"Mr. Obama will make Supreme Court history, all right. He will become the first president in American history to make lawlessness an explicit standard for Supreme Court justices. ... He has boldly proclaimed that he intends to make sure his nominees to the Supreme Court don't harbor any crusty fealty to the written Constitution, or the millenniums of Western law that undergird its principles, or to the timeless truths that underlie our Declaration of Independence." --Judicial Confirmation Network counsel Wendy E. Long

"There is a reason that Lady Justice wears a blindfold. Justice is supposed to be blind to the race, gender, finances, politics -- and every other 'empathy'-eliciting -- characteristic of those who seek it in good faith." --columnist Carol Platt Liebau

"It is dangerous in this day and age to use the word 'fascism' lightly. Liberals sling around the term 'fas-

cism' without regard to its meaning -- for the Left, 'fascism' applies to everything from religious social perspectives to conservative tax cut prescriptions. But economic fascism has a precise, defined meaning. And Barack Obama's economic policy fulfills that meaning in every conceivable way." --radio talk-show host Jerry Doyle

"Liberals do not win elections for Republicans. Conservatives win elections. Whenever conservatives try to placate liberals and show how sensitive and caring and in touch with the feelings and concerns of the other party they are, they lose. But when Republicans stand on principles and demonstrate conviction and give evidence that their ideas work, they win." --columnist Cal Thomas

"The killer virus for Republicans hasn't been intolerance inside the party for moderates. What cost Republicans control of the White House and Congress was alleged conservatives behaving too much like Democrats, especially on spending." --columnist Brendan Miniter

### INSIGHT

All quotes by former Congressman Jack Kemp (1935-2009)

"As the GOP stumbles around Washington trying to be the party of Herbert Hoover, it's sad to see so many Republicans drifting so far and so fast from the Reagan model that helped pave the way for the great, non-inflationary economic and jobs expansion of the past 25 years."

"Democrats are quick to draw parallels with the stock-market crash of 1929. The irony is that it's mostly the Democrats who want to repeat the mistakes that turned the Crash of '29 into the Great Depression."

"The first order of business must be debunking the Democrats' notion that higher taxes will lead to a more prosperous America."

"When you tax something you get less of it, and when you reward something you get more of it."

"Our friends in the other party say the economy is moving forward, and it is. But it is moving like a ship dragging an anchor, the anchor of high taxes, excessive regulation and big government."

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 7 MAY 2009

On 6 May 1982, Ronald Reagan offered these words: "Today, prayer is still a powerful force in America, and our faith in God is a mighty source of strength. Our Pledge of Allegiance states that we are 'one nation under God,' and our currency bears the motto, 'In God We Trust.' The morality and values such faith implies are deeply embedded in our national character. Our country embraces those principles by design, and we abandon them at our peril. Yet in recent years, well-meaning Americans in the name of freedom have taken freedom away. For the sake of religious tolerance, they've forbidden religious practice in the classrooms. The law of this land has effectively removed prayer from our classrooms. How can we hope to retain our freedom through the generations if we fail to teach our young that our liberty springs from an abiding faith in our Creator?"

History of the National Day of Prayer

1775 The First Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer.

1863 Abraham Lincoln called for such a day.

1952 Congress established NDP as an annual event by a joint resolution, signed into law by President Truman.

1988 The law was amended and signed by President Reagan, to be the first Thursday in May.

*The Patriot Post's* National Advisory Board and staff invite you to join us, and millions of Americans in prayer for our nation this Thursday at 1200. [Link to the National Day of Prayer Web site for more information.](#)

### DEZINFORMATSIA

Nothing to see here, move along: "The fact that Obama is essentially replacing -- and I'm going to use these terms loosely -- but a more liberal judge with what will eventually probably be a liberal judge doesn't really change things a lot, but if John McCain were the president of the United States today, this court would be changing in extreme ways, wouldn't it?" --CNN anchor Rick Sanchez

Misdiagnosis: "They're very comfortable, the core of the Republican Party, with their message of skepticism about government. ... Cut taxes, shrink government. ... But it doesn't sell with, with people outside of their base demographic which are white

males. There's something about that message that turns off families, that turns off women, that turns off people who think that caring matters about other -- I know that this sounds silly, but caring about other people." --Newsweek's Howard Fineman ++ "Can they get past the cacophony of Rush Limbaugh, Dick Cheney, Newt Gingrich? These are sort of trollish figures. These aren't the caring people, are they?" --MSNBC's Chris Matthews in response

Stranger than fiction: "Barack Obama is a truly flabbergasting President. And in a good way -- not the way some of his predecessors were. He's not flabberghastly.... His verbiage is a melting pot that's always bubbling." --Washington Post TV critic Tom Shales

From the sycophants: "Let me just say, I thought that in terms of mastery of the issues, we have rarely had a president who is as well briefed and speaks in as articulate a way as this president does." --CNN political analyst David Gergen

Uh, no: "Everybody, including Republicans, would have to say that his first 100 days have been great." --CBS News executive producer Rick Kaplan

Reporting the important stuff: "The first couple took full advantage of the cool spring night. After a date night out on Saturday evening, President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama decided to take a stroll when their motorcade arrived back at the White House." --Associated Press writer Christine Simmons

### **Newspulper Headlines:**

He Was Hoping to Remake the Whole Universe!: "Obama, on 100th Day, Says He Is 'Remaking' America" --Bloomberg ++ "President Obama 'Humbled' by Limits of Job" --USA Today

We All Have to Make Sacrifices: "First Lady Michelle Obama Steps Out in Lanvin Sneakers and They're Only \$540!" --Daily News (New York)

Everything Seemingly Is Spinning Out of Control: "Woman Steals Ambulance, Tears Up Grass Doing 'Donuts' in Millennium Park" --Chicago Sun-Times

News of the Tautological: "Flushing Government Stimulus Cash Down the Toilet?" --Associated Press

News You Can Use: "Airline Seats to Mexico Easy to Come By" --Associated Press

Bottom Stories of the Day: "Two Men Ordered to Stay Away From Britney Spears" --Reuters

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

### **VILLAGE IDIOTS**

Another misdiagnosis: "The Republican Party is in deep trouble. Americans do want to pay taxes for services. Americans are looking for more government in their life, not less." --former secretary of state Colin Powell

From the Clintonistas: "It's their best issue that these tea baggers, they turned everybody off. There were a bunch of, like, 75-year-old cranky white guys mad at everything. It just couldn't have been a better event for the Democratic Party. I hope they come back and tea bag some more. ... I think that the Democrats are going to be smart enough to- when this recession is over and it will be over, to jump back on top of the spending issue like President Clinton did back in the '90s. ... Republicans shouldn't be worried. They should be in agony. They should be throwing up. Republicans had better get a better policy on prescription drugs and quickly they're going to need a lot more Prozac." --CNN analyst James Carville

Europeanness envy: "I really hope that every citizen of the United States would imitate the rest of the world because they're all for Obama. Every other country adores what happened, in our great country, to have him as president. ... I love everything he's done and everything he's doing. I think we should give him all-out support for anything he wants to do. We should all help. He's giving our country back to us." --singer Tony Bennett

### **SHORT CUTS**

"Under Obama's reasoning, the judge's job isn't to interpret the law: the judge should walk a mile in the appellant's Birkenstocks." --Human Events editor Jed Babbin

"It seems the Hog Producers have squealed a bit about their product getting a bad name so, according to the NY Times, it will no longer be called the Swine Flu. Henceforth it will be called Influenza A(H1N1). ... I have a better idea for a new name. How about Montezuma's Revenge?" --political analyst Rich Galen

"President Obama's strongest talent is not his speechifying, which is frankly a bit of a snoozeroo.

In Europe, he left 'em wanting less pretty much every time (headline from Britain's Daily Telegraph: 'Barack Obama Really Does Go On A Bit'). That uptilted chin combined with the left-right teleprompter neck swivel you can set your watch by makes him look like an emaciated Mussolini umpiring an endless rally of high lobs on Centre Court at Wimbledon. Each to his own, but I don't think those who routinely hail him as the greatest orator since Socrates actually sit through many of his speeches."  
--columnist Mark Steyn

"Segway's inventor revealed plans to make a hybrid electric car powered by an engine which uses cow manure for fuel, and then use that engine to light Third World homes. Imagine generators that run on manure. Every time President Obama says he doesn't want to run private industry a third of the planet could be electrocuted by the power surge."  
--comedian Argus Hamilton

**Jay Leno:**

Sixty-nine-year-old Supreme Court Justice David Souter said he's going to retire next month. Why's

he retiring? I mean, he's a senior citizen. What's he going to do? He's going to sit around the house all day in his robe being judgmental, right? He might as well just stay on the job.

As a replacement for Judge Souter, they say President Obama is looking for a woman, and the rumor is Hillary Clinton is on the short list. Yeah. That's got to be Bill's worst nightmare, huh? A woman who can rule on the death penalty.

Well, as you know, Supreme Court judge is a job for life. There's only one other job in Washington that's a job for life. That's on the Joe Biden Clarification and Apology Unit. And that's 24/7. That's very hectic.

In fact, just a day after saying he wouldn't go anywhere in confined places like an aircraft or a subway because of the swine flu, Vice President Biden rode a train from Washington to Delaware. You know what that means? Not even Joe Biden listens to Joe Biden.