



“In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.” --Thomas Jefferson

LIBERTY

“I reread [‘Atlas Shrugged’] recently and was stunned. It was as if [Ayn] Rand had seen the future. Writing half a century ago, she predicted today’s explosion of big government in shockingly accurate detail. The ‘Preservation of Livelihood Law.’ The ‘Equalization of Opportunity Law.’ The ‘Steel Unification Plan.’ Don’t these sound like laws passed by the current Congress? All were creations of Rand’s villain, Wesley Mouch, the evil bureaucrat who regulates business and eventually drives the productive people *out* of business. Who is today’s Wesley Mouch? Barney Frank? Chris Dodd. Tim Geithner? ... ‘Atlas’ is still a big bestseller today. This year, it reached as high as NO. 15 on Amazon’s bestseller list. Pretty amazing. Clearly there’s some magic in ‘Atlas Shrugged.’ The Library of Congress once asked readers which books made the biggest difference in their lives. ‘Atlas’ came in second, after the Bible. ... The embrace of freer markets has lifted more people out of the misery of poverty than any other system -- ever. The World Bank says that in just the last 30 years, half a billion people who once lived on less than \$1.25 a day have moved out of poverty. But now, Wesley Mouch -- I mean, Congress and the bureaucrats -- tell us they are going to ‘fix’ capitalism, as if their previous ‘fixes’ didn’t hamstring the free market and create the problems they propose to solve. Who are they kidding? Rand had it right. She learned it the hard way in Soviet Russia. What makes a country work is leaving people free -- free to take risks, to invent things -- and to keep the rewards of their work. Critics say Ayn Rand promotes selfishness. I call it ‘enlightened self interest.’ When free people act in their own self-interest, society prospers.” --columnist John Stossel

INSIGHT

“The [U.S.] Constitution is a limitation on the government, not on private individuals ... it does not prescribe the conduct of private individuals, only the conduct of the government ... it is not a charter for government power, but a charter of the citizen’s protection against the government.” --author and philosopher Ayn Rand (1905-1982)

BILL OF RIGHTS ANNIVERSARY

Tomorrow, Dec. 15, is the 218th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights, the first 10 Amendments to our Constitution, as ratified in 1791.

The Bill of Rights was inspired by three remarkable documents: John Locke’s 1689 thesis, *Two Treatises of Government*, regarding the protection of “property” (in the Latin context, *proprius*, or one’s own “life, liberty and estate”); in part from the Virginia Declaration of Rights authored by George Mason in 1776 as part of that state’s Constitution; and, of course, in part from our Declaration of Independence authored by Thomas Jefferson.

Read in context, the Bill of Rights is both an affirmation of innate individual rights and a clear delineation on constraints upon the central government. As oft trampled and abused as the Bill of Rights is, Patriots should remain vigilant in the fight for our rights.

CALLING ALL PATRIOTS

As of this morning, we have raised **about 75 percent** of our [2009 Annual Fund](#) budget.

There are only **18 days** left in this critical campaign, and we have only \$156,850 to raise in order to meet budget.

Our mission and operations budget is a small fraction of other influential conservative organization budgets. (View our expense graphic [here](#).) We are able to do this in large part because our dedicated staff members are motivated by mission, not the modest wages they receive.

Please, if you’re able, make a secure online donation today to *The Patriot’s* [2009 Annual Fund](#). If you prefer to support us by mail, please use our [printable donor form](#).

Thank you and God bless!

Nate Jackson
Managing Editor

CULTURE

“The USA has descended from its special position as the principled guardian of Western civilization and joined

the club of sentimentalists who have until now depended on American power. In the administration of President Obama we see the very same totalitarian sentimentality that has been at work in Europe, and which has replaced civil society with the state, the family with the adoption agency, work with welfare, and patriotic duty with universal 'rights.' The lesson of postwar Europe is that it is easy to flaunt compassion, but harder to bear the cost of it. Far preferable to the hard life in which disciplined teaching, costly charity, and responsible attachment are the ruling principles is the life of sentimental display, in which others are encouraged to admire you for virtues you do not possess. This life of phony compassion is a life of transferred costs. Liberals who wax lyrical on the sufferings of the poor do not, on the whole, give their time and money to helping those less fortunate than themselves. On the contrary, they campaign for the state to assume the burden. The inevitable result of their sentimental approach to suffering is the expansion of the state and the increase in its power both to tax us and to control our lives. As the state takes charge of our needs, and relieves people of the burdens that should rightly be theirs -- the burdens that come from charity and neighborliness -- serious feeling retreats. In place of it comes an aggressive sentimentality that seeks to dominate the public square. I call this sentimentality 'totalitarian' since -- like totalitarian government -- it seeks out opposition and carefully extinguishes it, in all the places where opposition might form. Its goal is to 'solve' our social problems, by imposing burdens on responsible citizens, and lifting burdens from the 'victims,' who have a 'right' to state support. The result is to replace old social problems, which might have been relieved by private charity, with the new and intransigent problems fostered by the state...." --columnist Roger Scruton

GOVERNMENT

"One of the ways the country is going in the wrong direction is not simply with huge government spending but with huge government period. Ordinary Americans are uneasy about trusting their fate to huge government. They know that government services are inefficient, expensive, and occasionally repressive and subject to corruption. More than that, huge government is unreliable. The healthcare debate has got to be reminding ordinary Americans of their unease over government promises. Think about it. The same big government Democrats who are promising government-secured healthcare are promising 'healthcare savings' that are clearly the denial of Medicare services to the elderly. That is to say, Medicare services that were once promised to seniors by

Medicare's advocates are being taken from them under the false claim that they are savings. Face the facts: the Democrats' healthcare savings are actually healthcare denials to those who have been counting on those services for years. Government does not keep its promises. Yet government is the Democrats' solution to practically all our current problems. ... Once again government cannot be trusted. What government gives to us, government can take away." --columnist R. Emmett Tyrrell

FOR THE RECORD

"The hacked emails from the global warming center of the universe -- the Climate Research Unit at Britain's East Anglia University -- could be the climatology equivalent of discovering the bones of Jesus. If the veracity of the emails is confirmed and if they contain evidence of data 'trickery,' as some global warming skeptics have suggested, their content could perhaps point to a vast cover-up of scientific evidence that some believe will disprove the 'doctrine' of man-made climate change. So who are the real flat-earthers? Are they the ones who won't listen to any evidence except that which supports their cult-like faith, or are they the growing number who say the science is anything but settled and needs more study? Leonard Weinstein has scientific credentials no reasonable person can deny. Dr. Weinstein is a former senior research scientist who worked more than 30 years at the NASA Langley Research Center. He is now senior research fellow at the National Institute of Aerospace. Last April, he wrote an essay 'Disproving the Anthropogenic Global Warming (AGW) Problem'.... Dr. Weinstein wrote: 'In order to support a theory, specific predictions need to be made that are based on the claims of the theory, and the predictions then need to happen.' He lists six theories on which the AGW model is based and then proceeds to dismantle each of them. ... Dr. Weinstein concludes: 'The final question that arises is what prediction has the AGW made that has been demonstrated, and that strongly supports the theory. It appears that there is NO real supporting evidence and much disagreeing evidence for the AGW theory as proposed. That is not to say there is no effect from Human activity. Clearly human pollution (not greenhouse gases) is a problem. There is also almost surely some contribution to the present temperature from the increase in CO2 and CH4, but it seems to be small and not a driver of future climate. Any reasonable scientific analysis must conclude the basic theory wrong!!'" --columnist Cal Thomas

OPINION IN BRIEF

“On the day Copenhagen opened, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency claimed jurisdiction over the regulation of carbon emissions by declaring them an ‘endangerment’ to human health. Since we operate an overwhelmingly carbon-based economy, the EPA will be regulating practically everything. No institution that emits more than 250 tons of CO2 a year will fall outside EPA control. This means over a million building complexes, hospitals, plants, schools, businesses and similar enterprises. ... Not since the creation of the Internal Revenue Service has a federal agency been given more intrusive power over every aspect of economic life. ... Forget for a moment the economic effects of severe carbon chastity. There’s the matter of constitutional decency. If you want to revolutionize society -- as will drastic carbon regulation and taxation in an energy economy that is 85 percent carbon-based -- you do it through Congress reflecting popular will. Not by administrative fiat of EPA bureaucrats. Congress should not just resist this executive overreaching, but trump it: Amend existing clean air laws and restore their original intent by excluding CO2 from EPA control and reserving that power for Congress and future legislation. Do it now. Do it soon. Because Big Brother isn’t lurking in CIA cloak. He’s knocking on your door, smiling under an EPA cap.” --columnist Charles Krauthammer

POLITICAL FUTURES

“In [last] Tuesday’s primary election, Massachusetts Democrats chose as their Senate nominee a woman who kept a clearly innocent man in prison in order to advance her political career. Martha Coakley isn’t even fit for the late Teddy Kennedy’s old seat. (What is it about this particular Senate seat?) During the daycare/child molestation hysteria of the ‘80s, Gerald Amirault, his mother, Violet, and sister, Cheryl, were accused of raping children at the family’s preschool in Malden, Mass., in what came to be known as the second-most notorious witch trial in Massachusetts history. ... Of all the men and women falsely convicted during the child molestation hysteria of the ‘80s, by 2001, only Gerald Amirault still sat in prison. Even his sister and mother had been released after serving eight years in prison for crimes that never occurred. In July 2001, the notoriously tough Massachusetts parole board voted unanimously to grant Gerald Amirault clemency. Although the parole board is not permitted to consider guilt or innocence, its recommendation said: ‘(I)t is clearly a matter of public knowledge that, at the minimum, real and substantial doubt exists concerning petitioner’s

conviction.’ Immediately after the board’s recommendation, The Boston Globe reported that Gov. Jane Swift was leaning toward accepting the board’s recommendation and freeing Amirault. Enter Martha Coakley, Middlesex district attorney. ... Coakley put on a full court press to keep Amirault in prison simply to further her political ambitions. By then, every sentient person knew that Amirault was innocent. But instead of saying nothing, Coakley frantically lobbied Gov. Jane Swift to keep him in prison to show that she was a take-no-prisoners prosecutor, who stood up for ‘the children.’ As a result of Coakley’s efforts -- and her contagious ambition -- Gov. Swift denied Amirault’s clemency. Thanks to Martha Coakley, Gerald Amirault sat in prison for another three years. Remember all that talk about President Bush shredding constitutional rights? Overzealous liberal prosecutors and feminist dogooders allowed Gerald Amirault to sit in prison for 18 years for crimes that didn’t exist -- except in the imaginations of small children under the influence of incompetent child ‘therapists.’ Martha Coakley allowed her ambition to trump basic human decency as she campaigned to keep a patently innocent man in prison. Anyone with the smallest sense of justice cannot vote to put this woman in any office. If you absolutely cannot vote for a Republican on Jan. 19, 2010, write in the name ‘Gerald Amirault.’” --columnist Ann Coulter

READER COMMENTS

“I just made a small donation to *The Patriot* in honor of a family I have ‘adopted.’ This family has a father unable to work due to disability after toiling in the workplace for over 35 years, a mom who has had more than her share of life’s trials and tribulations, and four sons, the third of which is a corporal in the Marine Corps. He just got back from Afghanistan in time for the birth of his daughter. They represent the true American spirit, which will overcome the current obaminable situation we are currently in. Thank you, Patriot Post, for your diligence, intelligence and honesty. No wonder the ‘Lie’berals fear you.” --Dean

“I am a student of political science so I read a lot. The recent essay in *The Patriot Post* by Mark Alexander is something that we need to put in front of the American reading eye everywhere. I am not a big joiner or contributor but these essays are so good that I will break my rule next payday and send my modest contribution to *The Patriot*. For goodness sake -- keep up the good work!” --Connie

“Dear Fellow *Patriot* Readers, I wish to encourage those who have not donated to *The Patriot* fund to do so. I

realize there are perhaps many of you, like myself, that may have fallen victim to the economic times and find yourself without employment. Despite this fact I made a minor donation due to the importance of this newsletter to motivate our defense of the Constitution. I took an oath over 30 years ago to defend the Constitution. It is my hope that the donation in some way will contribute to that defense by expanding the public knowledge of the attack the Constitution is under.” --Stephen

THE LAST WORD

“I guess we all have our own favorite Christmas memories, for this is the time of year when most of us try to be better than our everyday selves. For the past few years in this great house, I’ve thought of our first real Christmas as a nation. It was the dark and freezing Christmas of 1776, when General Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware. They and Providence gave our nation its first

Christmas gift -- a victory that brought us closer to liberty, the condition in which God meant man to flourish. It always seems to me that Christmas is a time of magic. Each December we celebrate a Prince, the Prince of Peace, born in utter poverty. And the fact of his birth makes hearts turn warmest at the coldest time of the year.” --Ronald Reagan (Dec. 13, 1984)

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

(Please pray for our 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.)