



THE FOUNDATION

“It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself.” --Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

“Professional global warming alarmists better think about looking for new jobs. It looks like they’re in for a long, cold winter -- and a frigid spring and summer as well. Those who’ve been spreading global-warming fears must be waking up each morning anxiously asking themselves: What’s going to happen today? A new revelation about the corruption of climate science has become almost a daily event. On Thursday, the U.K.’s Telegraph reported that India was pulling out of the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and forming its own agency to study global warming. Why? Because the Indian government feels it can’t depend on the IPCC’s work. And why should it? The concerns about the IPCC’s accuracy are justified. ... Compounding the headaches for warm-mongers is a probe being launched by the British Parliament into the Climate Research Unit e-mail scandal. The inquiry is intended ‘to determine whether there is any evidence of the manipulation or suppression of data which is at odds with acceptable scientific practice and may therefore call into question any of the research outcomes.’ This isn’t terribly fresh news, having been announced on Jan. 22 by Parliament. But news that casts doubt on global warming tends to move slowly, if at all, in the U.S. media. If not for the foreign press, the inquiry would be virtually unknown in this country. That 2007 report helped the IPCC win a share of the Nobel Prize. But its work is looking less credible by the day. Can any of its claims be trusted? Its authors -- who merely compiled others’ work and did no research of their own -- sure haven’t inspired confidence in their work. In fact, their blunders are quickly pushing the global warming farce toward a grand collapse.” --Investor’s Business Daily

UPRIGHT

“The Left doesn’t want to govern, it wants to rule.... The Left is not about principles. It is about itself. It is about power. Now that President Obama has been politically weakened, look for the mask to come back on. The words of sweet reason, the entreaties to ‘make a deal,’ and feigned affection will now make a surprise reappearance.

When the Left cannot rule, it will try to govern. Until the next time.” --columnist Richard Fernandez

“Republicans’ objection to national health care could be more accurately portrayed as follows: Obama’s plan to nationalize health care was a terrible idea because it would turn over one-sixth of the American economy to Washington bureaucrats, who would run the system as competently as the federal government runs everything else, from airport security to the post office to FEMA.” --columnist Ann Coulter

“The fate of ObamaCare is starting to have something of the feel of a Greek tragedy. We are not superstitious, but [Rep. Jack] Murtha’s death as the result of medical error at a government-run hospital is certainly an eerie coincidence.” --Wall Street Journal columnist James Taranto

“Today’s tax system was shaped by sadists who were trying to be nice: Every wrinkle in the code was put there to benefit this or that interest. Since the 1986 tax simplification, the code has been recomplicated more than 14,000 times -- more than once a day.” --columnist George Will

“Obama’s budget points to a dismal future in which half of the country subsists on welfare while the other half receives a paycheck for processing welfare claims in the federal bureaucracy.” --columnist Jeffrey Folks

“In the first post-primary Rasmussen survey in Illinois for the Senate seat briefly held by President Obama, the Republican Mark Kirk ‘holds a modest 46% to 40% lead over Democrat Alexi Giannoulias.’ How embarrassing, how debilitating, would it be if Democrats were to lose Obama’s U.S. Senate seat?” --political analyst Rich Galen

“Americans rightly believe that we can build anything that needs building and fix anything that is broken. And, that we can do that by living out our nation’s founding principles and values: constitutional government, respect for private property and life, a free market -- and the gumption of hard-working, inventive Americans.” --columnist Tony Blankley

INSIGHT

“We can’t reduce taxes until we reduce government

spending, and I have to point out that government does not tax to get the money it needs; government always needs the money it gets.” --Ronald Reagan (1911-2004)

“[T]here is no more dangerous experiment than that of undertaking to be one thing before a man’s face and another behind his back.” --General Robert E. Lee (1807-1872)

DEZINFORMATSIA

A label to embrace: “President Obama [is] on the offensive. He has challenged Republicans to a kind of political truth or dare, a meeting February 25 broadcast on TV to discuss health care reform so the country can decide whether Republicans want action or are just the ‘Party of No?’” --ABC’s Diane Sawyer (*As if saying “No” to socialism is a bad thing...*)

Pot and kettle? “A Palin campaign would certainly be different: Appearing before friendly crowds, using Facebook and Twitter to control the message, not answering tough questions.” --NBC’s Andrea Mitchell (*Sounds strikingly similar to the Obama campaign.*)

That must be it: “Is Barack Obama just too complex for voters to figure out?” --New York Times columnist Richard Stevenson

World’s smallest violin: “Where are they going to go, the Left? Where, actually, are the Left going to go? They may be disaffected.” --former Vanity Fair and New Yorker editor Tina Brown (*How about communist China?*)

It’s called national security: “President Barack Obama does have a foreign policy. It’s called war. Unfortunately, the president has not defined any real difference between his hawkish approach to international issues and that of his predecessor, former President George W. Bush. Where’s the change we can believe in? Bush left a legacy of two wars, neither of which was ever fully explained or justified. Obama has merely picked up the sword that Bush left behind in Iraq and Afghanistan.” --White House press corpse reporter Helen Thomas

Newspulper Headlines:

It’s a Tough Job, but Someone’s Gotta Do It: “Bill Clinton to Oversee Haiti Aid” --Straits Times (Singapore) ++ “Ohio Strip Club Hosts ‘Lap Dances for Haiti’” --Associated Press

Socialists Have Positive View of Democracy: Now *That*

Would Be News: “Gallup: Majority of Democrats ‘Have a Positive View of Socialism’” --FreeMarketMojo.com

We Blame George W. Bush: “Charlie Sheen’s Car Found at Bottom of Cliff” --People.com

We Blame Global Warming: “Obama Vows to Beat ‘Blizzard’ of Opposition” --Agence France-Presse

Everything Seemingly Is Spinning Out of Control: “Cross Found at Air Force Academy’s Wicca Center” --Los Angeles Times

News of the Tautological: “Climate Change Research Bungle” --Sunday Telegraph (London)

Bottom Stories of the Day: “New Errors in IPCC Climate Change Report” --Sunday Telegraph

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THE DEMO-GOGUES

Darn that financial system: “We’ve got to be non-ideological about our approach to [economic policy]. We’ve gotta make sure that our party understands that, like it or not, we have to have a financial system that is healthy and functioning. So we can’t be demonizing, uh, every bank out there. We’ve got to be the party of business, small business and large business, because they produce jobs.” --Barack Obama (*Like it or not the financial system has to function? That’s reassuring.*)

Needs remedial Civics 101: “This is a democracy. Look, I would have loved nothing better than to simply come up with some very elegant, you know, academically approved approach to health care [that] didn’t have any kinds of legislative fingerprints on it. And just go ahead and have that passed. But that’s not how it works in our democracy. Unfortunately what we end up having to do is to do a lot of negotiations with a lot of different people. Many of whom have their constituents’ best interests at heart.” --Barack Obama, complaining about representative government -- which *isn’t* a democracy, by the way

We will: “[I]t may be that ... if Congress decides we’re not going to do it, even after all the facts are laid out, all the options are clear, then the American people can make a judgment as to whether this Congress has done the right thing for them or not. And that’s how democracy works. There will be elections coming up, and they’ll be able to make a determination and register their concerns.” --the

condescending and arrogant BO

Warning: “Just in case there’s any confusion out there, I’m not going to walk away from health care.” --Barack Obama (*Lest there be confusion in Washington, we don’t want your health care.*)

Warning II: “In a letter to President Obama, Senator Ted Kennedy wrote about the need for health care reform. He said what we face is, above all, a moral issue. At stake are not just the principles, the details of the policy, but the fundamental principles of social justice and the character of our country. With Senator Kennedy as our inspiration, with the leadership of President Barack Obama and with your help, we will pass health insurance reform this year.” --House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

Clear as mud: “I think that the most important thing for the public to understand is we’re not handling any of these [terrorist] cases any different than the Bush administration handled them all through 9/11.” --Barack Obama now trying to use George W. Bush to back himself up

VILLAGE IDIOTS

The battle isn’t over: “[O]ne of the things that Barack Obama said and continues to say is change isn’t easy, and it doesn’t happen overnight. And it certainly doesn’t happen in a year. He’s not done yet. He’s got more time.” --First Lady Michelle Obama

Left-theology: “We have to understand that the notion of a homosexual sexual orientation is a notion that’s only about 125 years old. That is to say, St. Paul was talking about people that he understood to be heterosexual engaging in same-sex acts. It never occurred to anyone in ancient times that a certain minority of us would be born being affectionally oriented to people of the same sex.” --homosexual Episcopal Bishop Vicky Gene Robinson (*In other words, it’s okay as long as you really mean it.*)

Non Compos Mentis: “I am blown away at the celebration of the violence against women in it. That’s what comes across to me even more strongly than the anti-abortion message. I myself am a survivor of domestic violence, and I don’t find it charming. I think CBS should be ashamed of itself.” --NOW president Terry O’Neill on the Super Bowl ad featuring Pam and Tim Tebow

Stay tuned: “The Iranian nation, with its unity and god’s grace, will punch the arrogance [Western powers] on the 22nd of Bahman (February 11) in a way that will leave

them stunned.” --Iran’s Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

SHORT CUTS

“At the National Prayer Breakfast, Barack Obama singled out for praise Navy Corpsman Christian Bouchard. Or, as the president called him, ‘Corpseman Bouchard.’ Twice. Hey, not a big deal. Throughout his life, the commander in chief has had little contact with the military, and less interest. And, when you give as many speeches as this guy does, there’s no time to rehearse or read through: You just gotta fire up the prompter and wing it. But it’s revealing that nobody around him in the so-called smartest administration of all time thought to spell it out phonetically for him when the speech got typed up and loaded into the machine. Which suggests that either his minders don’t know that he doesn’t know that kinda stuff, or they don’t know it, either. To put it in Rumsfeldian terms, they don’t know what they don’t know.” --columnist Mark Steyn

“As bleak as things are, the silver lining is that [Obama] is the man who campaigned on behalf of R. Creigh Deeds, Jon Corzine and, most recently, Martha Coakley. At this point, it’s only a rumor, but I’ve heard that the RNC is negotiating with the president to campaign non-stop for Democratic candidates later this year. ... Based on his record thus far, if Obama was a baseball team, he would be the Chicago Black Sox; if he was a disease, he’d be the bubonic plague; and if he was a ship, he’d be the Titanic.” --columnist Burt Prelutsky

“The president dismisses his lack of success by claiming he has not communicated his message enough. Really? I don’t care how many news conferences you have, how many speeches you give, or how much money you spend on public relations, if the dog food is bad, the dogs won’t eat it.” --former Oklahoma Congressman J. C. Watts

“The Weather Channel reported Thursday that last week’s ice storms in the South knocked out electricity in some areas for a week. Oklahoma has a firewood shortage because the trees are all frozen. People are staying warm by burning Al Gore’s books.” --comedian Argus Hamilton

“It’s going to keep snowing in DC until Al Gore cries ‘uncle.’” --Sen. Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC)

“The Saints won [the Super Bowl] 31-17 over the weekend, and there was a huge snowstorm in Washington with over two feet of snow. So it’s true what people say, that the Saints would win when hell freezes over.” --comedian Jay Leno