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## THE FOUNDATION

“We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.”  
--Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

“A major poll just gave Congress a favorability rating of 11% -- lowest in history. Never, it seems, have our representatives in Washington been so disconnected from the people they purport to serve. The disconnect was most evident in separate comments made by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid at a conference of the far-left group Netroots Nation last weekend in Las Vegas. Both weighed in on vital topics. Both revealed why they’re so out of touch with reality. Pelosi told the audience she adamantly opposes raising the retirement age for Social Security and said the Depression-era program shouldn’t be cut to help reduce the deficit. ‘When you talk about reducing the deficit and Social Security, you’re talking about apples and oranges,’ she said. She has it exactly backward. The No. 1 problem facing this nation is the massive deficit we face over the next 75 years, due almost entirely to the expansion of Social Security and Medicare. The only way to address the deficit is to address entitlements. ... Meanwhile, the speaker had the chutzpah -- or maybe it was twisted humor -- to tell the Netroot folks that Democrats are ‘moving on all fronts to reduce the deficit.’ ... Reid’s comments, made to the same Netroot group, were equally absurd -- and no doubt offensive to voters. After his party insisted during more than a year of debate over the health care overhaul that they did not want a single-payer public option, Reid gloated to the Netroot gathering: ‘We’re going to have a public option. It’s just a question of when.’ ... Nor does Reid, like Pelosi, get that Social Security is in a deep crisis. He called it ‘the most successful social program in the history of the world.’ Successful? A program that socks future generations with trillions in higher taxes and lower standards of living? A program that’s already running in the red and whose unsustainable finances promise to push the U.S. to the verge of bankruptcy? The arrogance of Reid’s and Pelosi’s remarks underscore the problems that the Democrats have with the electorate. They promised moderation and fiscal responsibility. Instead, we got a radical expansion of government power.” --Investor’s Business Daily

## INSIGHT

“Has anyone stopped to consider that we might come closer to balancing the budget if all of us simply tried to live up to the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule?”  
--Ronald Reagan

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” --cultural anthropologist and writer Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

## UPRIGHT

“In case Al Qaeda, its cohorts, and their sponsors lack for summer reading, WikiLeaks ... has just tipped out onto the web a trove of classified U.S. military documents on the war in Afghanistan. As far as there’s an upside to this, some of the concerns described in the documents may help focus attention on the problem of nuclear-armed Pakistan’s double-dealing in fostering Islamist terrorism, while receiving huge handouts from the U.S. in its role as an ally. ... But in the larger picture, such leaks are routinely cherry-picked by the U.S. media, and in turn by the world media, for anything damning to the U.S. ... Not only will America’s enemies now enjoy a chance to cull the leaked documents for any useful intelligence, but odds are that this huge data dump will become the latest ammo in the hands of the Blame-America-First contingent.”  
--columnist Claudia Rosett

“The next time you hear a liberal scoffing at the idea that the American left has a set of ‘talking points,’ or that they’re ‘reading from the same script,’ tell him to google ‘JournoList.’ Frankly, it is completely unsurprising that 400, invitation-only, members of leftist media, academia, think tanks and political activist associations would be attempting to coordinate their political strategy. When your ideology is bankrupt, the only thing left is strength in numbers. And when you revere the collectivist aspirations of Marxist/socialist all-encompassing government, ‘group-think’ becomes as natural as breathing.” --columnist Arnold Ahlert

“From Karl Marx to today, the Left has always hated people on the Right, not merely differed or been angry with them. The question is: why? Here are three possible

answers. First, the left thinks the right is evil. ... Second, when you don't confront real evil, you hate those who do. ... Third, the left's utopian vision is prevented only by the right. ... Hatred of conservatives is so much part of the left that the day the left stops hating conservatives will mark the beginning of the end of the left as we know it." --columnist Dennis Prager

"The more the president appeals to his base in racial terms, the more his appointees identify themselves as members of a particular tribe, and the more political issues are framed by racial divisions, so all the more such racial obsession creates a backlash among the racially diverse American people. America has largely moved beyond race. Tragically, our president and a host of his supportive special interests have not." --historian Victor Davis Hanson

"Elites may have more brilliance, but those who make decisions for society as a whole cannot possibly have as much experience as the millions of people whose decisions they pre-empt. The education and intellects of the elites may lead them to have more sweeping presumptions, but that just makes them more dangerous to the freedom, as well as the well-being, of the people as a whole." --economist Thomas Sowell

## DEZINFORMATSIA

Slamming Fox: "What is similar about Fox News' extensive coverage of some of the stories that most in the other media didn't give much attention to? And I'll take them to you right now. I'll spell them out for you: Van Jones, the New Black Panther story, ACORN, Shirley Sherrod. What's similar about those stories?" --CNN's Rick Sanchez (*Uh, they all involve racist leftists for starters.*)

The BIG Lie: "You see, I think a lot of Americans think that, well gosh no, we don't want the tax cuts to expire. Ninety-eight percent of you, it doesn't even affect you." --MSNBC's Ed Schultz

Doesn't get it: "[W]hat I don't quite get is a lot of the people who are shouting about letting these tax cuts expire, they don't want it to happen, are the same people who are shouting about the deficit, and how troubling it is that the national debt is skyrocketing. And you can't have it both ways." --MSNBC's economics mastermind Contessa Brewer

Charity government: "Should George Steinbrenner's heirs pony up a voluntary contribution to the government from

their estimated \$500 million windfall because the federal estate tax has temporarily lapsed? 'It's an excellent question,' a smiling Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner said Thursday. At a breakfast with reporters, Geithner also was asked how he felt about The Boss' heirs cleaning up because of Steinbrenner's July 13 death -- an extremely timely demise in the tax sense. Geithner ducked, but did say he's upset Congress hasn't fixed a situation that denies the Treasury billions in unpaid taxes from wealthy Americans who die this year." --New York Daily News columnist Thomas DeFrank (*The tax rate is 0 percent, meaning nobody is leaving taxes "unpaid."*)

Dr. Freud, call your office: "Will the Democrats running for the House re-election, they're all running for re-election under the Constitution, and the Senate candidates, will they run away from President O'Carter? I mean, will they run away." --MSNBC's Chris Matthews, with a Freudian slip

## Newspulper Headlines:

Everyone's a Comedian: "Energy Department Officials Can't Say How Much Greenhouse Gas Is Generated on Capitol Hill" --CNSNews.com

Breaking News From 1865: "Man Charged in Lincoln Death" --Charlotte Observer

Answers to Questions Nobody Is Asking: "Catholic Church: Confessional Cannot Be Used as a Sauna" --Daily Telegraph (London)

Everything Seemingly Is Spinning Out of Control: "19 Dead in Love Parade Stampede" --Daily Telegraph (London)

News You Can Use: "How to Get Boys to Read? Try a Book on Farts" --MSNBC.com

Bottom Stories of the Day: "George McGovern Still Opposed to War" --Detroit Free Press

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

## THE DEMO-GOGUES

Blame Republicans: "I know that sometimes people don't remember how bad it was, and how bad it could have been." --Barack Obama on the stump in Wisconsin

Rose colored glasses: "Now that the heavy lifting is over, we can go out and make our case. ... We stabilized the

financial system. ... We avoided a total economic melt-down. There are 3 million [more] Americans working today than there were before we took office. Barack and I are realists. Government is not the answer. But we also know we can plant seeds. These seeds that have been planted have generated whole new industries.” --Vice President Joe Biden, whose sole purpose in life is to prove that government is the answer

Heaven help us: “[W]e’re trying to build a government that delivers much more bang for the buck than it ever has before.” --Joe Biden

Just a regular guy: “[We’re] not that far removed from what most Americans are going through.” --Barack Obama on how his family is just like the rest of us (*We doubt the White House has had to worry about whether they will make payroll.*)

He’s here to help: “Isn’t it a good thing today in America that we have an automobile manufacturing sector? If it had been up to [Republicans], General Motors would be gone. If it were up to them, Ford Motor Company would probably be gone. Chrysler definitely would be gone.” --Harry Reid (*Memo to Sen. Reid: Ford didn’t take your bailout money.*)

Getting defensive: “Let’s not get silly here. ... We pay enormous taxes to the state of Massachusetts, and there is nothing illegal here.” --Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) when asked about his new \$7 million yacht, Isabel, which is docked in Rhode Island instead of Massachusetts -- the move saves Kerry about \$500,000 a year in taxes

## VILLAGE IDIOTS

Class warfare: “We think [letting the tax cuts on those earning \$250,000 or more a year is] the responsible thing to do because we need to make sure we can show the world that [we’re] willing as a country now to start to make some progress bringing down our long-term deficits. ... Just letting those tax cuts that only go to 2 percent to 3 percent of Americans, the highest-earning Americans in the country, expire -- I do not believe it will have a negative effect on growth.” --Treasury Secretary Timothy “Tax Cheat” Geithner

Race baiting -- what a surprise: “I know I’ve gotten past black versus white. [Conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart is] probably the person who’s never gotten past it and never attempted to get past it. I think he would like to get us stuck back in the times of slavery. That’s where I think he’d like to see all black people end up again.” --the

“post-racial” Shirley Sherrod

All in the family: “We must stop the white man and his Uncle Tom from stealing our elections. We must not be afraid to vote black. We must not be afraid to turn a black out who votes against our interests.” --Charles Sherrod, husband of Shirley

That’s racist! “Fox News did something that was absolutely racist. They took a -- they had an obligation to find out what was really in the clip. They had been pushing a theme of black racism with this phony Black Panther crap and this business and this Sotomayor and all this other stuff. ... We’ve got to stop being afraid of [Fox News host] Glenn Beck and the racist fringe of the Republican Party.” --former DNC Chief Howard “The Scream” Dean

## SHORT CUTS

“The revelation that tax increases could hurt the economy has recently been heard from Senators Evan Bayh of Indiana, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, and, most surprising, even from Kent Conrad of North Dakota. On a scale of unlikely events, this is like the Pope coming out against celibacy.” --The Wall Street Journal

“DISCLOSE is the acronym for: the ‘Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections’ Act. And here you thought Members of Congress and their staffs sat around all day wasting time. That should be the DISBCLOSIE Act, but they didn’t ask for my help.” --political analyst Rich Galen

“According to Sheriff Joe Biden, the Democrats are done ramming through legislation for the year. I don’t know about you, but I’m as relieved as the victim of a union beatdown who just heard somebody yell ‘coffee break!’” --blogger Doug Powers

“Al Gore was accused of sexually assaulting a massage therapist in his Beverly Hills hotel room before the Academy Awards ceremony three years ago. He must be mortified. When Al threw off his towel she gave him the Oscar for Best Animated Short.” --comedian Argus Hamilton

“Even in the gloomiest of times, I like to find something that will lift my spirits and make my soul sing. So it is that between now and November 2nd, no matter how bleak things may look, I know that I’ll get through it by reminding myself that a Portland masseuse got to call Nobel Peace Prize recipient Al Gore ‘a crazed sex poodle.’” --columnist Burt Prelutsky