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THE FOUNDATION

“[A] wise and frugal government ... shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.”
--Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

“Obamanomics has done more than just keep unemployment high during a modest recovery. It may also be keeping high joblessness permanent by raising the costs to businesses of hiring new workers. July’s 9.5% unemployment level was bad enough. But the real problem is that the private-sector jobs machine, which is usually going full tilt at this point in a recovery, now seems to be broken. To many, it’s becoming clear that if President Obama’s radical job-killing agenda stays in place, job growth will be nonexistent. One of America’s great advantages has always been its flexible, private-sector labor markets. From 1985 to 2008, U.S. unemployment averaged 5.6%. For the six largest economies in the European Union, the average rate was 34% higher, at about 7.5%. Yet many of those countries now have jobless rates lower than ours. Why? They’ve been dropping Keynesian stimulus as a strategy and moving more toward cutting spending and, in some cases, cutting taxes. Not Obama. He and Congress remain wedded to an outdated economic model that replaces the private sector’s animal spirit and dynamism with the dead hand of government bureaucrats and their unions as the main economic forces in our country. That’s what last week’s \$26.1 billion state ‘bailout’ was all about. We were told it was to keep teachers from being laid off and ‘for the children.’ In reality, it was a cynical taxpayer-funded payback to teachers’ unions, which gave Obama and his party enthusiastic support and millions in donations in the last election. This is Obama’s New America -- a government-run economy, with special benefits for unions and plenty of government jobs, but few private ones.” --Investor’s Business Daily

INSIGHT

“People unfit for freedom -- who cannot do much with it -- are hungry for power. The desire for freedom is an attribute of a ‘have’ type of self. It says: leave me alone and

I shall grow, learn, and realize my capacities. The desire for power is basically an attribute of a ‘have not’ type of self.” --American writer and philosopher Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)

“The welfare of the people in particular has always been the alibi of tyrants, and it provides the further advantage of giving the servants of tyranny a good conscience.”
--French Algerian author Albert Camus (1913-1960)

UPRIGHT

“The obvious fact about the stimulus bill is that the money didn’t go, as the administration claimed it would, towards creating shovel-ready jobs. Obama promised that if the bill were passed, unemployment wouldn’t reach eight percent. So [Nancy] Pelosi and [Harry] Reid did what they do best, which is to give their congressional colleagues the choice of taking a bribe or getting a beating, and managed to get the bill passed. Then, as anyone who’s not a liberal could have told you, two things happened. One, the unemployment rate hit 10%; two, Obama blamed Bush.”
--columnist Burt Prelutsky

“We’re seeing a re-emergence of constitutional principles and federalism across the country. ... Given the overreach of Washington and public disgust with politicians’ disregard for the people’s will, a healthy dose of state sovereignty and a reaffirmation of federalism is a good thing. ... People of all races, ethnicities, religions and creeds are concerned about the direction of the republic. Missouri’s and Arizona’s reassertions of the idea of state sovereignty and of federalist principles may be a sign of a new and long overdue American revolution.” --Gregory L. Schneider, associate professor of history at Emporia State University

“Which is to be master, indeed? That is the question facing the people of the United States of America today. Will they be ruled by a constitution whose words have objective, propositional meaning or will they be ruled by judicial despots who strip the words of their meaning and twist them to accomplish a social agenda never envisioned by the Founding Fathers and not sanctioned by the American people?” --columnist Ken Connor

“It would be hard to think how Obama could have done

a worse job on the Ground Zero mosque controversy. He took a position objectionable to the vast majority of Americans, within 24 hours chickened out, and then sent his press minions forward to assure his base and the Muslim World and its American community (over which he fawns incessantly) that he really does think we must accept a mosque that will produce nothing but pain for his countrymen and a sense of vindication to those who incinerated 3,000 Americans. It's bad policy, bad politics, and bad execution, with a side order of political cowardice." --columnist Jennifer Rubin

"You don't need to have been a lecturer in constitutional law like Obama to know that the mosque's backers have a right to build at Ground Zero. Polls show that Americans overwhelmingly acknowledge that right. But unlike the president, when his fellow Americans think of the construction of a mosque on Ground Zero, their view doesn't begin and end with the First Amendment and local zoning ordinances. ... That Obama, as the leader of the nation, fails to recognize that the situation calls for more than a sophomoric analysis that could be rendered by any first-year law student is disquieting." --columnist Peter Kirsanow

THE DEMO-GOGUES

Keen sense of the obvious: "Let me be clear: As a citizen, and as president, I believe that Muslims have the same right to practice their religion as anyone else in this country. That includes the right to build a place of worship and a community center on private property in lower Manhattan, in accordance with local laws and ordinances. ... This is America and our commitment to religious freedom must be unshakable." --Barack Obama on Friday offering support for the nose-thumbing mosque near Ground Zero that no one is claiming they don't have the right to build

Profiles in courage: "I was not commenting and I will not comment on the wisdom of making a decision to put a mosque there." --BO backtracking on Saturday after his original comments didn't poll well

Bragging rights: "We have been able to deliver the most progressive legislative agenda -- one that helps working families -- not just in one generation, maybe two, maybe three." --Barack Obama

Race bait: "I don't know how anyone of Hispanic heritage could be a Republican, okay? Do I need to say more?" --Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV)

The law doesn't say anything about skin color: "Immigration is nothing new. We are a nation of immigrants. So because the wave of immigrants we have now -- their skin's a tone darker than ours -- doesn't make it any different." --Harry Reid

Belly laugh of the week: "I've always tried to play by the rules." --Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY)

With friends like these... "I think a lot of the House seats we're going to lose are those who have been the toughest for the Democrats to pull into line -- the Democrats that have been the most difficult." --Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), not making any friends on his side of the aisle

DEZINFORMATSIA

Tolerance and diversity! "[T]o say actually we believe sufficiently strongly in diversity, in private property rights for our Muslim citizens, I think that's a great global message." --Chrystia Freeland, global editor-at-large for Reuters, on Obama's support for the mosque near Ground Zero

Shut up, he explained: "Let me tell you something. First of all, we're not talking Ground Zero, we're talking two blocks from Ground Zero, there are apartment buildings there, there's a catholic church there, a pizza parlor there, there are hotels there. There might even be a porn shop there. This is not a sacred site, this is all about religion and the opponents -- there's only one reason to oppose this mosque, and that is to paint Islam as an evil religion and to paint all Muslims and equate them with a 19 terrorist who's flew into that building. It is wrong. It is un-American and the people against it ought to be ashamed of playing a cheap political trick." --radio talk-show host and author Bill Press

Can't we all just get along? "The roughly 70 percent of Americans who oppose the Ground Zero mosque are ignorant." --MSNBC's Cenk Uygur

"You know, politically, [the Obamas' trip to Spain] was not a smart move. But in the grand scheme of things, what real difference does it make? I would guess that Sasha is probably learning some Spanish. Maybe she learned a little more Spanish on her trip. You know, the fact is, Spain could use some help, too. And we need Spain to be stronger economically than it is in the Euro zone. I mean, you can make the case if you really need to." --ABC's Cokie Roberts on Michelle and Sasha Obama's lavish trip to Spain

Newspulper Headlines:

We Blame Global Warming: “The Stunning Decline of Barack Obama: 10 Key Reasons Why the Obama Presidency Is in Meltdown” --Daily Telegraph (London)

We’ll Call It C-Span: “How Wearable Cameras Could Help Diagnose Dementia” --TechnologyReview.com

Too Much Stimulus: “Obama’s Economic Team Exhausted” --TheHill.com

He Really Didn’t Like Her Advice: “Romer Says Need Stronger Employment Growth to Cut Jobless Rate” --Bloomberg ++ “Romer to Resign as Obama Adviser” --The Wall Street Journal

Government Motors Camaros Untouched: “Feds Round Up More Than 100 Mustangs Along California-Nevada Border” --Associated Press

The Check Is in the Mail: “US Postal Service Loses \$3.5 Bln in Third Quarter” --Reuters

Bottom Stories of the Day: “Obamas Plan Fifth Vacation Since July” --U.S. News & World Report website

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VILLAGE IDIOTS

The BIG Lie: “Islam has absolutely no connection to the perpetrators of the crime against our nation on 9/11.” --Zead Ramanda, president of the Council on American Islamic Relations

Clueless: “When it comes to Congress, the voters are tough graders. Almost no Americans give this Congress an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ despite the passage of landmark legislation.” --Democrat pollster Mark Penn (*Maybe Congress doesn’t get and “A” or “B” BECAUSE of the landmark legislation they have passed.*)

Not so much: “The first lady is on a private trip. She is a private citizen and is the mother of a daughter on a private trip. And I think I’d leave it at that.” --White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs on Michelle Obama’s grossly excessive vacation in Spain

Cat fight on the Left: “I hear these people saying [Obama’s] like George Bush. Those people ought to be drug tested. I mean, it’s crazy. ... The professional left ... will be satisfied when we have Canadian health care and

we’ve eliminated the Pentagon. That’s not reality.” --Robert Gibbs, criticizing the White House’s own base

“I will put my urine up against Gibbs’s any day, and in fact, will travel to Washington to give him a fresh and warm sample. I actually think supporters of Obama should be tested for ‘Hopium’ in their urine, myself. Since Gibbs is a liar and a jerk, I will challenge him to a pee-off.” --crazed professional anti-war protester Cindy Sheehan

The meaning of “is”: “I didn’t try to get him out of the race. In fact, I wasn’t even accused of that.” --Bill Clinton on asking Rep. Joe Sestak to bow out of the Democrat senate primary in Pennsylvania on request of the Obama administration

SHORT CUTS

“Democratic candidates from those running for Congress to those running for Governor would rather be caught swimming nude on a beach in the Bahamas than be seen with President Obama by their constituents.” --political analyst Rich Galen

“White House spokesman Robert Gibbs ripped liberal Democrats who compare Barack Obama to George W. Bush Tuesday. He said they should be drug-tested. You know how Democrats are, the first thing they want to know is whether you brought enough for everybody.” --comedian Argus Hamilton

“Obama’s slogan, were he to have been honest during the 2008 presidential campaign: ‘I’ve got what it takes to take what you’ve got.’” --radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh

“The White House is defending President Obama’s sports activities over the past week, saying that everyone needs leisure time. Thanks to these economic policies, 9.5 percent of Americans have all the leisure time they need.” --comedian Jay Leno

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