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BRIEF

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THE FOUNDATION

“Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.” --George Washington

POLITICAL FUTURES

“The Republican candidates’ circular firing squad now seems to be using machine guns. Whoever the eventual ‘last man standing’ turns out to be, he may not be standing very tall or very steadily on his feet -- and he may be a pushover for Barack Obama in the general election, thanks to fellow Republicans. Whether you are a Democrat, a Republican or an independent, this is a very serious and historically crucial time for the United States of America. ... ‘The politics of personal destruction’ -- as Bill Clinton called it, and as he himself practiced it -- is not the way to solve the nation’s problems. It has already poisoned the well of political discourse this season and claimed Herman Cain as its first victim, on the basis of unsubstantiated accusations by women with checkered pasts of their own. Whether Herman Cain was good, bad or indifferent as a candidate, and whether his chances of winning the Republican nomination were substantial or non-existent is not the issue. Nor is this the issue as regards Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney or any other candidate. Poisoning the well of political discourse may be one of the reasons why we see such unsatisfactory sets of candidates for political office in both parties, not only this year but in previous election years as well. ... The time is long overdue to get serious.” --economist Thomas Sowell

FOR THE RECORD

“What it appears we are seeing is a new iteration of the age-old split between the grassroots and a perceived GOP establishment. It is like the split between the Goldwater forces and the Rockefeller wing of the party in the 1960s. It is an update of the split between the Buchanan brigades and the establishment in 1992. It is the old True Conservative versus Ambivalent Accommodationist split. Actually it’s more a wound than a split, and the only one who healed it in our time was Ronald Reagan. He did it in three ways. He did it by being definitive: We believe in *this* and *this*, not *that*. He healed it by winning: Two landslides told everyone in the party who’d resisted him what time it was. And he healed it by governing well: By 1989, everyone who’d fought him within the party had to

look at the results of what he’d done -- the comeback of the U.S. economy, the fall of the Berlin Wall -- and admit that it worked. The healing lasted roughly a quarter-century, until the second Bush administration, when everything began to come apart again. The GOP was now a party split on spending, immigration, a dozen other issues. It was rocked even more than it knew by the crash of 2008, and further sundered. The question now is whether the old split, the old wound, is tearing open in a deeper and more definitive way, in the first real presidential contest since the great healing went fully by the boards.” --columnist Peggy Noonan

OPINION IN BRIEF

“Newt [Gingrich] has committed himself to a lunar colony by the end of his second term, and, while pandering to an audience on Florida’s ‘Space Coast,’ added that, as soon as there were 13,000 American settlers on the moon, they could apply for statehood. ... There are times for dreaming big dreams, and there are times to wake up. This country will not be going to the moon, any more than the British or French do. Because, in decline, the horizons shrivel. The only thing that’s going to be on the moon is the debt ceiling. Before we can make any more giant leaps for mankind, we have to make one small, dull, prosaic, earthbound step here at home -- and stop. Stop the massive expansion of micro-regulatory government, and then reverse it. Obama has vowed to press on. If Romney and Gingrich can’t get serious about it, he’ll get his way.” --columnist Mark Steyn

ESSENTIAL LIBERTY

“The president began [his State of the Union address] with a moving tribute to the armed forces and their accomplishments. But as he has done many times now, he celebrated martial virtues not to rally support for the military, but to cover himself in glory -- he killed Osama bin Laden! -- and to convince the American people that they should fall in line and march in lockstep. ... What Obama is saying, quite plainly, is that America would be better off if it wasn’t America any longer. He’s making the case not for American exceptionalism, but Spartan exceptionalism. ... Indeed, Obama is upending the very point of a military in a free society. We have a military to keep our society free. We do not have a military to teach us the best way to give up our freedom. ... The promise of

American life for Obama is that if we all try our best and work our hardest, we can be like a military unit striving for a single goal. I've seen pictures of that from North Korea. No thank you, Mr. President. ... This nation isn't great because we work as a team with the president as our captain. America is great because America is free. It is great not because we put our self-interest aside, but because we have the right to pursue happiness." --columnist Jonah Goldberg

THE GIPPER

"How can we not believe in the greatness of America? How can we not do what is right and needed to preserve this last best hope of man on Earth? After all our struggles to restore America, to revive confidence in our country, hope for our future, after all our hard-won victories earned through the patience and courage of every citizen, we cannot, must not, and will not turn back." --Ronald Reagan

RE: THE LEFT

"As the country's first African-American president, Barack Obama had the chance to lead poor African-Americans out of poverty by encouraging them to embrace the principles that would allow them to become self-reliant instead of stoking envy of the successful. He had that responsibility. He has failed to live up to it. That is a tragedy, not only for him, but for those he left behind. Envy has never created a single job, put a family back together, encouraged a man to provide for his children or endowed young women with the kind of self-regard that would encourage them not to create children they too often neglect. The state of many poor African-Americans remains how it has been for years -- too many fatherless children, too many uneducated, hopeless women and too many men in prison. President Obama might have done something about that beyond more government programs and handouts. ... Addicting more and more people to government and the view that others owe them a living is the worst form of covetousness. In case the president missed it in Jeremiah Wright's church, there's a commandment against coveting your neighbor's property." --columnist Cal Thomas

INSIGHT

"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself." --Roman statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 BC)

FAITH & FAMILY

"The official Republican response to the President's State of the Union Address was fine -- as far as it went. But Gov. Mitch Daniels missed a golden opportunity to put before the American people a better vision of family, faith, and freedom. ... [G]ov. Daniels could have noted that the policies of the Obama administration are the most antagonistic to the family of any administration in history. This is a fact. With 42% of American children born out-of-wedlock, a tragedy of fatherlessness is being visited on millions of homes. Bill Bennett rightly calls this 'the broken hearth.' And broken hearths lead to broken hearts. Does the president address this in his budget? No. Instead, he gives hundreds of millions to Planned Parenthood, the world's leading trafficker in abortion. ... Yet, President Obama has told Speaker Boehner that any cut in federal funds for Planned Parenthood is 'a non-starter.' President Obama has relentlessly pushed abortion at home and abroad. Obamacare is the most massive expansion of abortion since Roe v. Wade. Under Obamacare, health care coverage will include abortion. Thus, we will all be forced to pay for the killing of unborn children. ... To the fires of social discord this administration is adding fuel. To those on the lower rungs of life's ladder, asserting their God-given right to rise, this administration is breaking the first rungs." --columnist Ken Blackwell

READER COMMENTS

"Thank you for putting up with (enduring) the president's SOTU address (propaganda and blame game tirade) to produce Obama's State of Disunion. I could not bring myself to listen to his lies, propaganda and spin-doctoring to hoodwink the people (those sheeple that will listen anyway). Either he is incompetent or he is decidedly trying to destroy America and freedom and capitalism. You cannot have it both ways: It is one or the other. Either way, he *must go* this year and should have been impeached already." --Rod

Editor's Reply: Suffice it to say, it is very difficult to tolerate just seconds of Obama's rhetoric, but somebody had to do it!

"I left Cuba in 1961 because an undercover leftist communist lied to very smart people and duped them into getting him to power. As with all revolutions, once in control it ate its children. Now I listen to Obama and when I talk to 'very smart' people that voted for him and ask them if they still believe that he is 'THE ONE,' they are too ambivalent to admit that they made a mistake. If we do not

get rid of him and his cronies in November the damage to this our beloved country may be irreversible.” --Juan

Editor’s Reply: Viva la revolución 1776!

“I am amazed that this publication would bash the president. I am for people paying their fair share of taxes. I am the middle class that gets burned every time a Republican gets into office so you misguided people need to read up on the issues and see just what policies were in place before Obama got elected that the Republicans are blaming him for I will sit down and debate any American on Republican views and how out of touch you really are.” --Judy

“Judy you need to lighten up on the Kool-Aid!” --R.K.

“The only ‘fair tax’ rate is a flat tax rate. Any other ‘progressive’ tax scale is a violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. Why should anyone pay a higher or lower rate than anyone else? Aren’t we constantly being lectured on everyone being treated equally?” --Major Stu

“Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas is now among my heroes. If only more people would let this president know how unpopular he truly is ... well, I guess it would make no difference to the narcissist.” --Walt

THE LAST WORD

“[I] suppose most of you have heard about the policy recently introduced in Washington, D.C., mandating that exterminators treat rats as if they were an endangered species, and transport them painlessly to a different location. When I first heard the news, I threw my hat in the air and hollered ‘Hurrah!’ The letdown came a few minutes later when I found out they were talking about actual four-legged rodents and not Harry Reid and his cronies in Congress. Although it is difficult to understand why D.C. politicians would create such a goofy program, I suspect the answer lies in the old joke about the reason that sharks never attack lawyers swimming in the ocean; namely, professional courtesy.” --columnist Burt Prelutsky

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