

## **Geithner and the 'privilege' of Being American**

The Founders argued that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were rights that preceded government—not things to be granted by it.

by *Lawrence B. Lindsey*, 29 Feb 2012

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204653604577247800370322294.html>

## **A Guide to the Liberal Mind**

If you believe that your choice of a car affects the planet's climate while sunspot activity doesn't, you are a liberal.

by *Victor Volsky*, 29 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/a\\_guide\\_to\\_the\\_liberal\\_mind.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/a_guide_to_the_liberal_mind.html)

## **Obama's union speech a "load of you-know-what"**

by *David Harsanyi*, 29 Feb 2012

False choices. Populist bromides. A lecture on values. President Barack Obama treated us to some of his greatest hits this week.

<http://www.creators.com/conservative/david-harsanyi/obama-s-union-speech-a-load-of-you-know-what.html>

## **The other GM bailout**

The \$18 billion tax gift Obama didn't mention.

*Wall Street Journal* editorial, 29 Feb 2012

...Mr. Obama crowed yesterday about GM's "highest profits in its 100-year history." We'd be interested to hear how its effective tax rate compares with Warren Buffett's secretary's.

**More:** [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204653604577251461989702208.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_AboveLEFTTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204653604577251461989702208.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_AboveLEFTTop)

## **Climate deniers are giving us skeptics a bad name**

On the one side are the "warmistas," with fixed views about apocalyptic man-made global warming; at the other extreme are the "deniers." Somewhere in the middle are climate skeptics.

by *Fred Singer*, 29 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/climate\\_deniers\\_are\\_giving\\_us\\_skeptics\\_a\\_bad\\_name.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/climate_deniers_are_giving_us_skeptics_a_bad_name.html)

## **Not a parody: Peace Now shocked to discover Arabs don't want peace**

by *Jonathan S. Tobin*, 28 Feb 2012

<http://www.commentarymagazine.com/2012/02/28/peace-now-shocked-arab-league-jerusalem/>

## **To the Great Ideological Battleground**

by *Michael J. Totten*, 29 Feb 2012

<http://pjmedia.com/michaeltotten/2012/02/28/to-the-great-ideological-battleground/>

## **Culture Wars: conservative freedom vs. liberal liberation**

We should thank President Obama for forcing us to choose between freedom and liberation. Usually liberal politicians try to muddy the waters.

by *Christopher Chantrill*, 29 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/culture\\_wars\\_conservative\\_freedom\\_vs\\_liberal\\_liberation.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/culture_wars_conservative_freedom_vs_liberal_liberation.html)

Some major Democrats—including Barney Frank and Joe Biden—have come out against key provisions of the monstrous law.

### **ObamaCare's bipartisan critics**

by *Deroy Murdock*, 28 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/292094/obamacare-s-bipartisan-critics-deroy-murdock>

### **Obama's theology**

Santorum channels Thatcher: the shambles in the United Church of Christ—and America.

by *Jeffrey Lord*, 28 Feb 2012

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/28/obamas-theology>

### **The State of the Anglosphere**

The decline of the English-speaking world has been greatly exaggerated.

by *Joel Kotkin & Shashi Parulekar*, Winter 2012 issue

[http://www.city-journal.org/2012/22\\_1\\_anglosphere.html](http://www.city-journal.org/2012/22_1_anglosphere.html)

### **Exclusive interview: Infidel victim of Pennsylvania sharia judge reveals inside details of case**

It's begun. Sharia trumped the First Amendment in an American court. The victim is not giving up. Coming next: billboards.

by *Pamela Geller*, 28 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/exclusive\\_interview\\_infidel\\_victim\\_of\\_pennsylvania\\_sharia\\_judge\\_reveals\\_inside\\_details\\_of\\_case.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/exclusive_interview_infidel_victim_of_pennsylvania_sharia_judge_reveals_inside_details_of_case.html)

### **In defense of bailout inconsistency**

Unlike Santorum, Romney understands the difference between bailing out Detroit and bailing out "Wall Street."

by *Brandon Crocker*, 27 Feb 2012

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/27/in-defense-of-bailout-inconsis>

### **What kids now learn in college**

by *Dennis Prager*, 28 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/292108/what-kids-now-learn-college-dennis-prager>

### **Catholics need not apply?**

Are serious Catholics in effect barred from presidential consideration?

by *Andrew Sumereau*, 28 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/catholics\\_need\\_not\\_apply.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/catholics_need_not_apply.html)

### **Rep. Nunes turns on California spigot**

Is sanity finally coming to California's Central Valley?

*Investor's Business Daily* editorial, 28 Feb 2012

<http://news.investors.com/article/602480/201202271921/rep-nunes-visalia-brings-water-to-california-.htm>

## **The Work Ethic and U.S. Unemployment**

The problem that dare not speak its name.

by Robert Weissberg, 28 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the\\_work\\_ethic\\_and\\_us\\_unemployment.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the_work_ethic_and_us_unemployment.html)

## **USA Today/Gallup Poll: Swing-state voters want ObamaCare to be repealed**

And, by a margin of 4 to 1, they think it's unconstitutional.

by Jeffrey H. Anderson, 27 Feb 2012

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/usa-todaygallup-poll-swing-state-voters-want-obamacare-be-repealed\\_631987.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/usa-todaygallup-poll-swing-state-voters-want-obamacare-be-repealed_631987.html)

## **The odious 'Israel first' libel**

Attacks against AIPAC are a disgrace.

by Alan Dershowitz, 27 Feb 2012

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/odious-israel-libel-article-1.1028212?print>

## **Want more "fairness?" Look to Europe's basket cases**

by Paul Roderick Gregory, 26 Feb 2012

... The European countries that have become "fairer" over the past two decades are now basket cases of debt, social unrest, and an unaffordable welfare state. Those European countries that have had the discipline to become "less fair," are, in the words of a sympathetic liberal columnist "doing well economically, both in absolute terms and in contrast to us." ...

**More:** <http://www.forbes.com/sites/paulroderickgregory/2012/02/26/want-more-fairness-look-to-europes-basket-cases/>

## **David Brock: Self-Styled Martyr of the Radical Totalitarian Left**

by Andrew Breitbart, 14 Feb 2012

<http://biggovernment.com/abreitbart/2012/02/24/david-brock-self-styled-martyr-of-the-radical-totalitarian-left/>

**Two examples of the Nanny-State-on-Steroids that the Obamunists want to bring to America:**

## **Child's Play: Cops arrest father for child's gun drawing**

Ezra Levant, 24 Feb 2012

**Watch:** <http://www.mrctv.org/embed/110431>

## **A mother on a visit to the UK loses three children to social workers**

A particularly disturbing case emerges, as the media wake up to the soaring numbers of children being taken into care.

by Christopher Booker, 11 Feb 2012

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/christopherbooker/9075866/A-mother-on-a-visit-to-the-UK-loses-three-children-to-social-workers.html>

Some interesting predictions about U.S. Middle East policy.

## **Here comes Obama's 3 AM phone call**

by James Lewis, 27 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/here\\_comes\\_obamas\\_3\\_am\\_phone\\_call.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/here_comes_obamas_3_am_phone_call.html)

## Never met a tax he didn't like

The defining trait of Obama's presidency.

by Fred Barnes, 26 Feb 2012 (March 5 issue)

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/never-met-tax-he-didn-t\\_631913.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/never-met-tax-he-didn-t_631913.html)

## An unequal and opposite reaction

by Baron Bodissey, 24 Feb 2012

This is one of the largest cases of its kind ever to come to trial. The total number of defendants in the case is said to be 47, eleven of whom are currently on trial. The behavior of the alleged perpetrators was so heinous and brutal, and the victims of rape and trafficking so young, that the trial looks to be a national sensation in Britain over the next few weeks or months.

What may transform the case from a sensation into the cause of mass unrest is **the fact that the perpetrators were all Muslims of Pakistani descent, and their victims were all white girls, some of them as young as thirteen. To avoid inflaming the sentiments of "persons of British background", the police had originally requested that the news media refrain from covering the trial. The blackout held for about two weeks, until reports from the courtroom finally broke into the MSM this past Monday...**

Read the rest: <http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/unequal-and-opposite-reaction.html>

## Can you really afford four more years?

by Joseph Curl, 26 Feb 2012

In January 2009, when President Obama was sworn in, a gallon of regular gasoline cost \$1.68...

**So like, what happened to my gas, dude?**

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/26/curl-can-you-really-afford-four-more-years/print/>

The U.S. government doesn't blame insane, ignorant, hypersensitive Muslims for the uproar about the recent accidental burning of Korans in Afghanistan. Oh, no. The Obamunists who write for *Stars and Stripes*, the official news outlet of the U.S. military, blame U.S. troops—some of whom have been murdered by said Muslims (adherents of the Religion of Peace).

## Are they right? Is it time to leave?

by Baron Bodissey, 26 Feb 2012

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/are-they-right-is-it-time-to-leave.html#more>

## Someone's confused about Santorum

by Mollie Ziegler, 25 Feb 2012

<http://www.getreligion.org/2012/02/someones-confused-about-santorum/>

## Spreading the Wealth Around gets personal

by Warren Beatty, 27 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/spreading\\_the\\_wealth\\_around\\_gets\\_personal.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/spreading_the_wealth_around_gets_personal.html)

## Let's condemn reports of Sharia

by Baron Bodissey, 26 Feb 2012

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/lets-condemn-reports-of-sharia.html>

## **The Paucity of Opportunity**

by Reed Galen, 26 Feb 2012

...President Kennedy, employing a bromide that he described as an old Cape Cod expression, once noted that “a rising tide lifts all boats.” A Democrat who uttered that sentiment today would be sent to a re-education camp...

**More:** [http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/02/26/the\\_paucity\\_of\\_opportunity\\_113214.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/02/26/the_paucity_of_opportunity_113214.html)

## **Why is Obama in bed with the Muslim Brotherhood?**

by Ted Belman, 26 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/why\\_is\\_obama\\_in\\_bed\\_with\\_the\\_muslim\\_brotherhood.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/why_is_obama_in_bed_with_the_muslim_brotherhood.html)

## **Halftime in Detroit**

Taxpayers will be paying for the auto bailouts for decades to come.

*Wall Street Journal editorial, 25 Feb 2012*

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204909104577235241393891490.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_LEADTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204909104577235241393891490.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop)

## **Gary Sinise: an American hero**

by Matthew S. Harrison, 26 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/gary\\_sinise\\_an\\_american\\_hero.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/gary_sinise_an_american_hero.html)

## **GOP forgets: It's the economy**

by Nolan Finley, 26 Feb 2012

It's still the economy, stupid. But until Friday, you'd have no clue of that if you were following the Michigan Republican presidential primary campaign...

**More:** <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120226/OPINION03/202260308/Column-GOP-forgets-s-economy?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

## **The Jihad against Bengali**

by Janet Levy, 26 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the\\_jihad\\_against\\_bengali.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the_jihad_against_bengali.html)

## **President Obama's theology: is it phony?**

by Adam G. Mersereau, 26 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/president\\_obamas\\_theology\\_is\\_it\\_phony.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/president_obamas_theology_is_it_phony.html)

## **Obama skins the cat**

How White House ideology circumvents the Congress and impoverishes American households by making energy prices "skyrocket."

by S. Fred Singer, 5 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/obama\\_skins\\_the\\_cat.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/obama_skins_the_cat.html)

## **The totalitarian ethics of California's public sector unions**

The latest scam to keep pension reform off of the ballot.

by Steven Greenhut, 24 Feb 2012

<http://reason.com/archives/2012/02/24/the-totalitarian-ethics-of-californias-p>

## **The poison in our polity**

by Mark W. Hendrickson, 25 Feb 2012

Forgive me as I borrow that insipidly unoriginal question that journalists ask athletes after a championship game—"How do you feel?"—as I ask you: how would you feel if you knew that your neighbors were going to enter your house while you had been out and take some of your valuables? ...

**Read on:** [http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the\\_poison\\_in\\_our\\_polity.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the_poison_in_our_polity.html)

## **I tried to open a lemonade stand**

by John Stossel, 24 Feb 2012

<http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=49722>

## **Obama's anti-American energy policies invite the next crisis**

by Sarah Palin, 24 Feb 2012

President Obama doesn't have an energy plan. He has an energy speech that he continues to give regardless of the facts or his obvious failures. He likes to take credit for actions initiated by the last administration (without telling you that he's reversed or stymied many of those successes)...

...So what are Obama's solutions? As luck would have it, they coincide with subsidizing his friends and campaign donors. What a fortuitous coincidence in an election year! While you're paying \$5-a-gallon for gas, President Obama has been picking "winners" and "losers" in the free market. He's decided that conventional resource development that produces the fuel we use to drive our cars and power our economy are "losers." His "winners" are the bankrupt green energy companies that his campaign donors invest in. Unfortunately his real "losers" are the American public...

**More:** [https://www.facebook.com/note.php?note\\_id=10150581060688435](https://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=10150581060688435)

A brilliant and important essay, if ever there was one!

## **The Perversion of Rights**

by Mark Steyn, 25 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291919/perversion-rights-mark-steyn>

## **Burke's words should hearten dismayed conservatives**

by Peter Berkowitz, 25 Feb 2012

[http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/02/25/burkes\\_words\\_should\\_hearten\\_dismayed\\_conservatives\\_113248.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/02/25/burkes_words_should_hearten_dismayed_conservatives_113248.html)

## **Why the climate skeptics are winning**

Too many of their opponents are intellectual thugs.

Steven F. Hayward, 25 Feb 2012 (March 5 issue)

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/why-climate-skeptics-are-winning\\_631915.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/why-climate-skeptics-are-winning_631915.html)

## **Two Americas indeed**

by Michael Graham, 24 Feb 2012

I am the 50.5 percent. I am, according to the Heritage Foundation, part of the lucky half of Americans who pay federal income taxes, so that the other half (technically the remaining 49.5 percent) can pay nothing. Half of us are

paying the whole bill. Somehow that doesn't seem fair. Folks like Elizabeth Warren and President Barack Obama agree. They think we should pay *more*...

**Continue:** [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/opinion/op\\_ed/view.bg?articleid=1405838&format=text](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/opinion/op_ed/view.bg?articleid=1405838&format=text)

The great new film *Act of Valor*.

## **I am a Navy Seal**

by Phyllis Chesler, 24 Feb 2012

**Includes two movie trailers:** <http://pjmedia.com/lifestyle/2012/02/24/i-am-a-navy-seal/>

## **Wanderlust: The rise of the counter-countercultural comedy**

by John Boot, 24 Feb 2012

You don't generally go to bawdy R-rated comedies stuffed with drug abuse, profanity and nudity for political messages, especially conservative ones. So when such a movie comes along and it unashamedly makes the case for monogamy, stability and private property over collectivist ideals, you should pay attention...

**More:** <http://pjmedia.com/lifestyle/2012/02/24/wanderlust-the-rise-of-the-counter-countercultural-comedy/>

## **'Stupid' and oil prices**

Obama's Forrest Gump analysis of rising gas prices.

*Wall Street Journal* editorial, 24 Feb 2012

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203918304577241623995642182.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_LEADTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203918304577241623995642182.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop)

## **A killer 'stimulus'**

by Steven Malanga, 24 Feb 2012

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/killer\\_stimulus\\_ScvgdRPBbq77Mr7Ej1p5qO](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/killer_stimulus_ScvgdRPBbq77Mr7Ej1p5qO)

Relative to the value of an ounce of gold, today's oil price is only 82% of the average over the past 41 years. How can that be? Mr. Woodhill presents a very clear explanation of some crucial facts.

## **Gasoline prices are not rising, the dollar is falling**

by Louis Woodhill, 22 Feb 2012

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/louiswoodhill/2012/02/22/gasoline-prices-are-not-rising-the-dollar-is-falling/>

## **Kagan must recuse herself from ObamaCare case**

by Senator Jeff Sessions, 23 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/bench-memos/291832/kagan-must-recuse-herself-obamacare-case-sen-jeff-sessions>

## **British Freedom is under attack**

Baron Bodissey, 23 Feb 2012

The British Freedom Party is under attack again. This time it's a DDOS attack on the party's website, presumably mounted by Islamic zealots and their dhimmi collaborators in an attempt to shut down an increasingly popular information source. Below is a statement from the British Freedom Press Office about the attack...

**Read it:** <http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/british-freedom-is-under-attack.html#more>

Peter Gleick's pathetic attempt to discredit the Heartland Institute.

## **Fakegate: global warmists try to hide their decline**

by Robert Tracinski, 23 Feb 2012

[http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/02/23/fakegate\\_global\\_warmists\\_try\\_to\\_hide\\_their\\_decline\\_113225.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/02/23/fakegate_global_warmists_try_to_hide_their_decline_113225.html)

## **Gleick's 'integrity'**

by Judith Curry, 21 Feb 2012

<http://judithcurry.com/2012/02/21/gleicks-integrity/>

## **Concerned scientists reply on global warming**

The authors of the Jan. 27 Wall Street Journal op-ed, 'No Need to Panic about Global Warming,' respond to their critics.  
21 Feb 2012

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203646004577213244084429540.html>

## **Obama's Law of Contraception**

by Peter Ferrara, 22 Feb 2012

...President Obama, the Democrats, and their party-controlled press are play-acting as if the Republicans are campaigning to ban contraception. That is their interpretation of Republican opposition to President Obama's mandate forcing Catholic institutions to provide for their employees free contraceptives, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilization. It is not just the Catholic Church. We will all now be forced to pay for free contraceptives for everybody—and abortion, sterilization, and anything else Il Duce decides we must pay for—through the individual and employer mandates of Obamacare. Prepare to dig into your pocket to pay for partial-birth abortions in a second Obama term. This fascist authoritarianism is what the Democrat party has given us in the Obamacare legislation they undemocratically crammed down our throats...

**More:** <http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/22/obamas-law-of-contraception>

## **Satan and Santorum**

Perspective from Reagan's Evil Empire speech.

by Paul Kengor, 22 Feb 2012

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/22/satan-and-santorum>

## **Who are you trying to seduce?**

21 Feb 2012

Stacey Dooley investigates what is going on in her hometown of Luton and finds out why it is known as The Extremist Capital of Britain.

**Watch:** <http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/who-are-you-trying-to-seduc.html>

## **Sharon Jasper: Obama's vision for America**

by Lloyd Marcus, 22 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/sharon\\_jasper\\_obamas\\_vision\\_for\\_america.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/sharon_jasper_obamas_vision_for_america.html)

## **Armor chinks, niggardly sums and retarded growth...Political Correctness controls the dictionary**

by Tommy De Seno, 21 Feb 2012

<http://ricochet.com/main-feed/Armor-Chinks-Niggardly-Sums-and-Retarded-Growth-Political-Correctness-Controls-The-Dictionary>



## The high priests of eco-destruction

by Michelle Malkin, 22 Feb 2012

...In every corner of the Obama administration, the radical green machinery is hard at work — destroying jobs, shredding truth, and sacrificing our economic well-being at the altar of environmentalism...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291632/high-priests-eco-destruction-michelle-malkin>

**Just a few examples of what the Obamunists have done *recently*:** bullied a small oyster farm; falsified their own panel's findings on offshore drilling; slanted their testimony and suppressed documents about the delta smelt in order to deceive a U.S. District Court; and planned the wanton destruction of four private hydroelectric dams, at great cost to the public *and the environment*.

## 'Voter satisfaction' number in Carter territory

by Rick Moran, 22 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2012/02/voter\\_satisfaction\\_number\\_in\\_carter\\_territory.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2012/02/voter_satisfaction_number_in_carter_territory.html)

## Obama vilifies fossil fuels

by Robert Bryce, 22 Feb 2012

...The “clean energy” subsidies championed by Obama resulted in a run on the Treasury but precious few jobs. Terra-Gen is building the Alta Wind project in California, which will create only about **50 permanent jobs**. Based on the grants that Terra-Gen obtained for the Alta project, that works out to about \$9 million per job. And we’ve already seen plenty of government-funded wreckage: Solyndra, Beacon Power, Range Fuels, Ener1.

Let’s compare the taxpayer largesse for wind energy with the “unwarranted tax breaks for oil companies” that Obama wants to stop. In 2010, according to the Energy Information Administration, the total of all “energy specific subsidies and support” provided to the oil-and-gas sector totaled \$2.84 billion. That’s a lot of money. But it’s not spread among four companies, it’s divided among the 14,000 oil and gas companies that are now operating in the U.S....

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291639/obama-vilifies-fossil-fuels-robert-bryce>

## The 'Fairness' Fraud

by Thomas Sowell, 22 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291610/fairness-fraud-thomas-sowell>

## EuroKonferenz II: The euro before the crash

by Henrik Raeder Clausen, 19 Feb 2012

Organized by the German **Compact-Magazin**, EuroKonferenz II **was held** in the Berlin suburb Adlershof on February 18th, 2012. A series of speakers lectured on the weakness of the euro system, the dismantling of democracy taking place through the European Union, and how to deal with the pending currency crisis on a practical level. One of the aims of the conference was to gain support and momentum for the "Adlershofer Erklärung," a petition that Germany hold a referendum on leaving the euro...

**More:** <http://europenews.dk/en/node/52323>

## George Washington (February 22, 1732-December 14, 1799)

**Farewell Address to the Army** 2 Nov 1783

... and to bid a final adieu to the Armies he has so long had the honor to Command—he can only again offer in their behalf his recommendations to their grateful Country, and his prayers to the God of Armies. May ample justice be done them here, and may the choicest of Heaven's favors both here and hereafter attend those, who under the divine auspices have secured innumerable blessings for others...

### **First Inaugural Address** 30 April 1789

...Such being the impressions under which I have, in obedience to the public summons, repaired to the present station, it would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes, and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success the functions allotted to his charge. In tendering this homage to the Great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own, nor those of my fellow-citizens at large less than either...

### **Farewell Address** 17 Sept 1796

...The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles. You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together; the Independence and Liberty you possess are the work of joint counsels, and joint efforts, of common dangers, sufferings, and successes...

**Mark Twain on George Washington** Three stories.

## **Greek ruins, American-style**

by Jeffrey T. Kuhner, 20 Feb 2012

...Mr. Obama has buried America under a mountain of debt. For fiscal 2012, the budget estimates that spending will rise by \$193 billion to \$3.8 trillion. Think about this: The U.S. budget now stands at nearly \$4 trillion - the highest level in our history. The deficit for 2012 will be \$1.3 trillion, an increase from 2011. This means that for four consecutive years, Mr. Obama has racked up deficits of more than \$1.2 trillion. In one term, Mr. Obama has accumulated \$5 trillion in debt. Mr. Obama has achieved a historic record. He has created the most indebted nation in history. If one includes the nearly \$100 trillion in unfunded liabilities to entitlements, such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the United States is on the verge of insolvency. Never mind the massive costs of Obamacare, which is another multitrillion-dollar entitlement...

**More:** <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/20/greek-ruins-american-style/>

## **If you're ever murdered . . .**

by Dennis Prager, 21 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291507/if-you-re-ever-murdered-dennis-prager>

## **Reports of the Tea Party's death are greatly exaggerated**

by Sally Zelikovsky, 21 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/reports\\_of\\_the\\_tea\\_partys\\_death\\_are\\_greatly\\_exaggerated.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/reports_of_the_tea_partys_death_are_greatly_exaggerated.html)

Even a noted global warming hysteric has to admit that **Gleick** is a liar.

## **Peter Gleick admits to deception in obtaining Heartland climate files**

by Andrew C. Revkin, 21 Feb 2012

<http://dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/02/20/peter-gleick-admits-to-deception-in-obtaining-heartland-climate-files/>

## **Global warming—the great delusion**

by Matt Patterson, 17 Feb 2012

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/02/17/global-warming-great-delusion/>

## **Academic hypocrisy**

by Thomas Sowell, 21 Feb 2012

It is fascinating to see people accusing others of things that they themselves are doing, especially when their own sins are worse...

**Read on:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291509/academic-hypocrisy-thomas-sowell>

With some remarkably prescient quotes from Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* (1835).

## **Reversing Obama's 'soft despotism'**

by Michael Barone, 20 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291391/reversing-obama-s-soft-despotism-michael-barone>

## **The Catholic betrayal of religious freedom**

by George Weigel, 20 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291455/catholic-betrayal-religious-freedom-george-weigel>

## **Why Multiculturalism Is Racism**

A review of Dr. Salim Mansur's new book *Delectable Lie: A Liberal Repudiation of Multiculturalism*

by Phyllis Chesler, 17 Feb 2012

<http://pjmedia.com/blog/why-multiculturalism-is-racism/?singlepage=true>

## **Golden State on road to Greece, by way of Detroit**

*Orange County Register* editorial, 20 Feb 2012

...Progressives, as they like to call themselves, seem oblivious to Big Government's damage. We have a glimpse of where this leads. It's called Detroit. Detroit is where "all the major economic planks of the statist or 'progressive' platform have been enacted" ... Detroit in 1950 was America's wealthiest city on a per capita income basis. Today it's the second-poorest major city...

**More:** <http://www.ocregister.com/opinion/tax-340676-detroit-government.html>

## **The super PAC confusion**

by Robert J. Samuelson, 19 Feb 2012

The emergence of super PACs shows once again that "campaign finance reform" has failed abysmally. After nearly four decades, it has achieved none of its goals. It has not purged politics of big donations, nor cured public cynicism about the influence of the rich, nor made elected leaders more trusted. What it has done is compromise basic First Amendment rights, clutter politics with baffling laws and regulations, and actually deepen cynicism....

**More:** [http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-super-pac-confusion/2012/02/17/gIQApb1FOR\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-super-pac-confusion/2012/02/17/gIQApb1FOR_story.html)

Correcting the lies of the New York Times on global (gullible) warming.

## **The Heartland Institute flap**

by S. Fred Singer, 20 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the\\_heartland\\_institute\\_flap.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the_heartland_institute_flap.html)

## **A budget rear-view mirror**

by Christopher Chantrell, 20 Feb 2012

Now that Obama's last budget—we hope—is out, a mere week after the statutory deadline, the nation's budget experts are out in judgment. But few of them look in the rear-view mirror. How did the federal government's budget estimates compare with actual outcomes?...

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/a\\_budget\\_rear-view\\_mirror.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/a_budget_rear-view_mirror.html)

## **Olbermann defends convicted rapist's right to Occupy 14-year-old girl**

Worst Person in the World.

by *Jenn Taylor*, 20 Feb 2012

In October, reports surfaced of a sexual assault in a tent at the Occupy Dallas camp. The victim was a 14-year-old runaway and the alleged assailant, a 23-year-old man. This case is one of 17 on a list of Occupy-related sexual crimes...

**Read on:** <http://pjmedia.com/blog/olbermann-defends-convicted-rapists-right-to-occupy-14-year-old-girl/>

These two pieces by Lee Stranahan provide myriad additional details:

**Al Gore, Keith Olbermann & Markos Moulitsas must retract, apologize for Occupy rape cover-up**

**A point by point commentary on Keith Olbermann's "debunking" of the Occupy rape**

MMFA's lies, sloppy thinking, and insuperable ignorance.

## **Media Matters For America vs. an ordinary American**

by *Jack Cashill*, 20 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/media\\_matters\\_for\\_america\\_vs\\_an\\_ordinary\\_american.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/media_matters_for_america_vs_an_ordinary_american.html)

## **Project Gunrunner wasn't Fast and Furious by any means**

by *Russ Vaughn*, 18 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/project\\_gunrunner\\_wasnt\\_fast\\_and\\_furious\\_by\\_any\\_means.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/project_gunrunner_wasnt_fast_and_furious_by_any_means.html)

## **Don't blame the rats**

by *Swedish Ex-Socialist*, 18 Feb 2012

...I am not in favor of Socialism or Multiculturalism any longer, but I was not long ago. This article is about my experience of that transition...

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/dont-blame-rats.html#more>

## **Taxing medical progress to death**

by *Michelle Malkin*, 17 Feb 2012

...One of the nation's top stent manufacturers, Boston Scientific, warned at the time that Obamacare's punitive medical-device tax would lead to worker losses and research cuts. The 2.3 percent excise tax, the company said, "would be very damaging to Boston Scientific, and the medical device industry as a whole. In a nutshell, it would raise costs and lead to significant job losses. It does not address the quality of care but the political scorecard of savings..."

...Many medical-device manufacturers are suffering, and many more are preparing for the worst as the White House gears up to collect an estimated \$20 billion from the life-saving industry. In typical Obama-transparent fashion, the Internal Revenue Service quietly released a complex thicket of medical-device tax implementation rules in a Friday document dump earlier this month. Barring congressional intervention, the medical-device tax will go into full effect in 2013...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291298/taxing-medical-progress-death-michelle-malkin>

## **Unequal protection under the health care law**

by *Dr. Hal Scherz*, 15 Feb 2012

...On October 11, 2011, the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) declared that PSA screening for prostate cancer in healthy men was no longer recommended. No urologists—the acknowledged experts in the treatment of prostate cancer—were involved in this decision. During the time that PSA screening has been available, prostate cancer deaths have steadily declined. Then why have these recommendations been issued? Because in a top-down,

government-controlled health care system, dollars need to be trimmed and patients cannot get everything that they want, even when it means screening for cancer...

**More:** [http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/unequal\\_protection\\_under\\_the\\_healthcare\\_law.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/unequal_protection_under_the_healthcare_law.html)

## Whose Enemy? Whose Friend?

Extreme Left in Germany "confused that they are not attacked by Nazis, but by immigrants."

by Nicolai Sennels, 17 Feb 2012

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/whose-enemy-whose-friend.html#more>

## IslamoNauseating! Wikipedia deletes 'IslamoNausea' entry

by Velvethammer, 9 Feb 2012

<http://ironicsurrealism.com/2012/02/09/islamonauseating-wikipedia-deletes-islamonausea-entry/>

## How can benefits be mandatory?

by Quin Hillyer, 17 Feb 2012

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/17/how-can-benefits-be-mandatory>

## Contraception Misdirection

by Mark Steyn, 18 Feb 2012

...Glenn Reynolds, the Instapundit, distills the current hysteria thus: "It's as if we passed a law requiring mosques to sell bacon and then, when people objected, responded by saying 'What's wrong with bacon? *You're trying to ban bacon!!!!*'"

Americans foolish enough to fall for the Democrats' crude bit of misdirection can hardly complain about their rendezvous with the sharp end of that page-58 budget graph. People are free to buy bacon, and free to buy condoms. But the state has no compelling interest to force either down your throat....

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291383/contraception-misdirection-mark-steyn>

## Social issues and the Santorum surge

Jeff Bell, an 'early supply-sider,' on the roots of American social conservatism—and why the movement is crucial to building a Republican majority.

by James Taranto, 18 Feb 2012

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204880404577227694132901090.html>

## High real unemployment data reflect poorly on Obama

*Investor's Business Daily* editorial, 18 Feb 2012

...Even worse for an administration straining to make the case that it deserves to be around for another four years is the real unemployment rate. It's not 8.3%, but closer to 15%, a figure that reflects those who "would like to work but have not searched for a job in the past four weeks as well as those who are working part time but would prefer full-time work," says the CBO... The CBO data aren't isolated. Gallup reports that its unemployment rate based on weekly surveys stands at 9%, while underemployment is at a hefty 19%...

**More:** <http://news.investors.com/article/601660/201202171842/obama-jobless-rate-threatens-re-election.htm>

## Are Conservatives with Ginsburg or the Founders on the Constitution?

by Selwyn Duke, 18 Feb 2012

## **Goodnight Sunshine**

Germany is cutting solar-power subsidies because they are expensive and inefficient.

by Bjørn Lomborg, 18 Feb 2012

...Despite the massive investment, solar power accounts for only about 0.3 percent of Germany's total energy. This is one of the key reasons why Germans now pay the second-highest price for electricity in the developed world (exceeded only by Denmark, which aims to be the "world wind-energy champion"). Germans pay three times more than their American counterparts. Moreover, this sizeable investment does remarkably little to counter global warming...

**More:** [http://www.slate.com/articles/news\\_and\\_politics/project\\_syndicate/2012/02/why\\_germany\\_is\\_phasing\\_out\\_its\\_solar\\_power\\_subsidies\\_.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/project_syndicate/2012/02/why_germany_is_phasing_out_its_solar_power_subsidies_.html)

## **Voodoo environomics**

Fantasy replaces reality in Obama's green economy.

by H. Leighton Steward, 17 Feb 2012

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/17/voodoo-environomics/>

## **American Catholicism's pact with the Devil**

by Paul A. Rahe, 11 Feb 2012

<http://ricochet.com/main-feed/American-Catholicism-s-Pact-With-the-Devil>

## **The profound lies of Deep Throat**

by Glenn Garvin, 14 Feb 2012

...Even more damning to the romantic image of Deep Throat as the guy in the white hat standing up to the Nixon Gang at high noon is what he didn't leak...

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/02/14/v-fullstory/2639954/the-profound-lies-of-deep-throat.html>

## **American politics in one easy lesson**

by Michael Bargo Jr., 17 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/american\\_politics\\_in\\_one\\_easy\\_lesson.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/american_politics_in_one_easy_lesson.html)

## **Obama's cynicism for Me, not for Thee**

by Jonah Goldberg, 17 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291284/obama-s-cynicism-me-not-thee-jonah-goldberg>

## **Rationing our rights**

by Ken Blackwell and Bob Morrison, 17 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/rationing\\_our\\_rights.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/rationing_our_rights.html)

## **Admin stops pretending it has long-term debt plan**

by Philip Klein, 16 Feb 2012

President Obama spent much of last year pretending that he had a plan to tackle the nation's long-term debt crisis. He never released an actual plan, but he gave a bunch of speeches pretending that he had.

<http://campaign2012.washingtonexaminer.com/blogs/beltway-confidential/admin-stops-pretending-it-has-long-term-debt-plan/379326>

## **School lunches and tyranny**

by *Lee A. Heilig*, 16 Feb 2012

...It is no business of the State to inspect children's lunches, brought from home, under the pretense of nutritional improvement. The State is *not* the arbiter of what children may or may not eat. If a parent wants to send her child to school with a squirrel sandwich, that's none of the State's concern whatsoever. The exasperatingly tired old rant of the Left for decades has been, "We want government out of our bedrooms!" Fine. The intent of their war-cry has been narrowed to pertain to protection of homosexuality and abortion rights. But, where is their concern in other areas of government interference? ... What the Left refuses to understand is that the coercive power of government over one area of activity means the de facto loss of liberty in all others...

**More:** [http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2012/02/school\\_lunches\\_and\\_tyranney.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2012/02/school_lunches_and_tyranney.html)

**And the story behind this essay:**

<http://www.nccivitas.org/2012/state-inspectors-searching-childrens-lunch-boxes-this-isnt-china-is-it/>

## **Never trust government numbers**

by *John Stossel*, 15 Feb 2012

<http://www.creators.com/opinion/john-stossel/never-trust-government-numbers.html>

## **Supreme Court should take on New York City's rent control laws**

by *George F. Will*, 15 Feb 2012

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/rent-control-laws-foolish-and-unconstitutional/2012/02/14/gIQAcZvbGR\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/rent-control-laws-foolish-and-unconstitutional/2012/02/14/gIQAcZvbGR_story.html)

## **Overreach: Obamacare vs. the Constitution**

by *Charles Krauthammer*, 16 Feb 2012

...The president of the United States has just ordered private companies to give away for free a service that his own health and human services secretary has repeatedly called a major financial burden. On what authority? Where does it say that the president can unilaterally order a private company to provide an allegedly free-standing service at no cost to certain select beneficiaries? This is government by presidential fiat. In Venezuela, that's done all the time. Perhaps we should call Obama's "accommodation" Presidential Decree No. 1. Consider the constitutional wreckage left by Obamacare...

**Read it all:** [http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/charles-krauthammer-overreach--obamacare-vs-the-constitution/2012/02/16/gIQAmupc1R\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/charles-krauthammer-overreach--obamacare-vs-the-constitution/2012/02/16/gIQAmupc1R_story.html)

## **Contraception, churches, and the Left's phony argument**

If liberals are all fired up about majority rule, why shouldn't they apply that principle to ObamaCare?

by *J. Robert Smith*, 16 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/contraception\\_churches\\_and\\_the\\_lefts\\_phony\\_argument.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/contraception_churches_and_the_lefts_phony_argument.html)

## **Warren Buffett: Baptist and Bootlegger**

How America's favorite billionaire plays politics to make money.

by *Peter Schweizer*, 9 Feb 2012 (*March issue*)

<http://reason.com/archives/2012/02/09/warren-buffett-baptist-and-bootlegger>

Obama's boyhood mentor, Frank Marshall Davis, was a rabid anti-Catholic Communist.

Davis is the chief progenitor of Obamunism.

## **Obama's Catholic Church gambit: lessons from American Communists**

by *Paul Kengor*, 16 Feb 2012

## Multicultural consensus through bullying

*Baron Bodissey, 15 Feb 2012*

Hanne Nabintu Herland, the Norwegian historian of religion and author of the 2010 bestseller *Alarm! Tanker om en kultur i krise* (“Alarm! Reflections on a culture in crisis”), has guest-posted at Gates of Vienna in the past. The article below, which quotes from Ms. Herland’s new book, was published today in *Aftenposten*. It has been kindly translated by our Norwegian correspondent The Observer...

**Read it:** <http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/multicultural-consensus-through.html#more>

## Obama wrecks the Mars Program

*by Dr. Robert Zubrin, 15 Feb 2012*

... What is truly remarkable about the Obama administration’s NASA management is that it has managed to wreck both the human-spaceflight program and the robotic planetary-exploration effort without saving any money...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291099/obama-wrecks-mars-program-robert-zubrin>

## Here’s what happens when you wander off the reservation

*Baron Bodissey, 16 Feb 2012*

Filmmaker Eric Allan Bell is a former liberal who used to make the correct kind of movies and work for correct-minded people. Unfortunately for him, when he was assigned to make a documentary about fundamentalist Christians confronting Islam, he decided to do the job properly and investigate both sides of the story he was covering...

**Watch:** <http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/heres-what-happens-when-you-wander-off.html>

## OMB director undercuts legal case for ObamaCare

*by Philip Klein, 15 Feb 2012*

... Testifying before Congress this morning, President Obama’s acting budget director Jeffrey Zients directly undercut one of the administration’s key legal defenses of its national health care law as it nears a hearing before the Supreme Court...

**Includes video:** <http://campaign2012.washingtonexaminer.com/blogs/beltway-confidential/omb-director-undercuts-legal-case-obamacare/376561>

## Obama’s busted budget

*by Michael Tanner, 15 Feb 2012*

In a town where bipartisan budget chicanery has been raised to an art form, President Obama’s latest budget proposal should be hailed as the da Vinci of fiscal obfuscation. The president claims that his budget proposal reduces debt by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years, combining \$2.4 trillion in spending cuts with \$1.6 trillion in tax hikes. Almost none of that is true...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/291090/obama-s-busted-budget-michael-tanner>

## Should a high school choir sing a prayer to Allah?

*Baron Bodissey, 15 Feb 2012*

It’s a debate worth having. This kid has a lot of guts to stand up on the issue, given the PC firestorm that must surely be enveloping him about now. From Grand Junction, Colorado...

**Video:** <http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/should-high-school-choir-sing-prayer-to.html>



## **Birth-control mandate: unconstitutional and illegal**

It violates the First Amendment and the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

by David B. Rivkin Jr. and Edward Whelan, 15 Feb 2012

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204795304577223003824714664.html>

## **Obama's budget shell game**

by Michael Goodwin, 15 Feb 2012

A British politician\* once noted, "A lie can be halfway round the world before the truth has got its boots on." He could have been talking about President Obama's latest whopper. Unlike so many others, this presidential prevarication isn't limited to a single anecdote or speech. This one runs to more than 2,000 pages and weighs a reported 10 pounds...

**More:** [http://www.nypost.com/p/news/national/obama\\_budget\\_shell\\_game\\_9qhKQw7k6R76w6AqpeoZRK](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/national/obama_budget_shell_game_9qhKQw7k6R76w6AqpeoZRK)

\*1970s PM James Callaghan; but similar quotes are attributed to James Watt (1736-1819) and Mark Twain (1835-1910).

## **Obama winning his War on Coal**

*The Intelligencer / Wheeling News-Register editorial, 12 Feb 2012*

Time may already have run out for Americans to defeat President Barack Obama in his war against the coal industry. Many utility companies already have run up the white flag...

**More:** <http://www.news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/565679/Obama-Winning-His-War-on-Coal.html>

## **Renewable green nuclear energy: here, now**

by Alan Aszkler with Stephen Tauriello, 15 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/renewable\\_green\\_nuclear\\_energy\\_here\\_now.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/renewable_green_nuclear_energy_here_now.html)

## **The Amazing Obama Budget**

He's proposing higher spending and deficits this year.

*Wall Street Journal editorial, 15 Feb 2012*

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204883304577221342883636060.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_LEADTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204883304577221342883636060.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop)

Mr. Milbank is a liberal—and even *he* thinks Obama is being evasive and unserious.

## **Obama's budget games**

by Dana Milbank, 13 Feb 2012

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/obamas-budget-games/2012/02/13/g1QA3JVxBR\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/obamas-budget-games/2012/02/13/g1QA3JVxBR_story.html)

## **An economy drowning in Obama's 'fairness'**

by Ralph Reiland, 13 Feb 2012

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/opinion/s\\_781061.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/opinion/s_781061.html)

## **Blowing away the windmill lies**

*Windfall* exposes a huckster's cure.

by John Boot, 12 Feb 2012

<http://pjmedia.com/blog/blowing-away-the-windmill-lies/>

## **It's not personal: why we resist Obama's power grabs**

Americans don't want a king — which was as true in 1776 as it is today.

by Scott Ott, 13 Feb 2012

<http://pjmedia.com/blog/its-not-personal-why-we-resist-obamas-power-grabs/>

## **Why we need words like ‘Islamist’**

Without such words, meaningful talk becomes next to impossible.

by *Raymond Ibrahim*, 13 Feb 2012

<http://pjmedia.com/blog/why-we-need-words-like-%E2%80%98Islamist%E2%80%99/>

## **The Audacity of Power: President Obama vs. the Catholic Church**

by *Charles Kadlec*, 13 Feb 2012

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/charleskadlec/2012/02/13/the-audacity-of-power-president-obama-vs-the-catholic-church/>

## **Birth control Yes, government control No**

Intolerance is at the heart of the ObamaCare mandate.

by *James Taranto*, 13 Feb 2012

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204795304577221250667890244.html?mod=djemBestOfTheWeb\\_h](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204795304577221250667890244.html?mod=djemBestOfTheWeb_h)

## **Are libs smarter?**

by *Jeffrey Folks*, 14 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/are\\_libs\\_smarter.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/are_libs_smarter.html)

## **Great Scott**

by *Stephen F. Hayes*, 14 Feb 2012 (Feb. 20 issue)

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/great-scott\\_626645.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/great-scott_626645.html)

## **Meanwhile, the UN is planning your future — all of it**

by *Claudia Rosett*, 13 Feb 2012

<http://pjmedia.com/claudiarosett/meanwhile-the-un-is-planning-your-future-all-of-it/>

## **Inside Media Matters: Sources, memos reveal erratic behavior, close coordination with White House and news organizations**

by *Tucker Carlson, Vince Coglianese, Alex Pappas and Will Rahn*, 13 Feb 2012

**The first in a series on Media Matters for America:**

<http://dailycaller.com/2012/02/12/inside-media-matters-sources-memos-reveal-erratic-behavior-close-coordination-with-white-house-and-news-organizations/>

This essay is what people years ago (I am told) used to call "heavy."

## **The Bee and the Lamb, Part 4**

by *Takuan Seiyo*, 13 Feb 2012

**6,100 words:** <http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/bee-and-lamb-part-4.html#more>

## **The libertine police state**

by *George Weigel*, 13 Feb 2012

...a somewhat scruffy Dutch activist got up and announced to all and sundry, “Let’s stop fooling around here. What

we're talking about is our right to f\*\*\* whoever we want, however we want, whenever we want."...

... There is irony in the fire here, of course. What began as a movement to liberate sexuality from the constraints of moral reason, custom, and law has become a movement determined to use the instruments of law to impose its deconstruction of human sexuality and its moral relativism on all of society...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290842/libertine-police-state-george-weigel>

## Here comes Obama's magic budget

by Joseph Curl, 12 Feb 2012

... Still, Mr. Obama's got all kinds of great ideas on whom to tax: For instance, he wants to hit airlines with a "\$100-per-takeoff fee" — hmm, think that will get passed on to fliers? On top of that, the budget will call for a 10-year, \$60 billion "financial crisis responsibility fee" on the nation's biggest banks. No way that new cost gets passed on to customers, right? Oh, and Mr. Obama wants to add tens of billions of dollars in fees to oil and gas companies. Those never trickle down, do they?

In the end, the president's "new" budget isn't new at all... And all the Obama proposals will lead to a White House-predicted unemployment rate in 2012 of — wait, 8.9 percent. Even higher than what it is today? Sounds about right...

**Read it all:** <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/12/curl-here-comes-obamas-magic-budget/>

## Wherefore art thou ACLU?

by Charles C. W. Cooke, 13 Feb 2012

... If, to paraphrase an old saying, 90 percent of defending the Constitution is just showing up, then the ACLU is an incorrigible part-timer...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290893/wherefore-art-thou-aclu-charles-c-w-cooke>

According to standards laid down by liberal "ethicists" like Peter Singer and the *New York Times*, people like former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords should be euthanized.

## Viability for Me, but Not for Thee

by Keith Riler, 12 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/viability\\_for\\_me\\_but\\_not\\_for\\_thee.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/viability_for_me_but_not_for_thee.html)

## Video: Mia Love, the next conservative superstar?

Tina Korbe, 10 Jan 2012

She's been compared with Marco Rubio and called "the next big thing in conservative politics." Meet Mia Love, a wife, mother, mayor and runner who is, er, running for Congress in Utah's newly-created fourth congressional district. Here, she introduces herself in a video that makes it easy to see why she's attracted such positive attention among conservatives and why elaborate praise of her does not appear to be overblown:

**Watch:** <http://hotair.com/archives/2012/01/09/video-mia-love-the-next-conservative-superstar/>

*Hat tip: Jim D.*

## Austrian justice denigrates itself

*A letter (28 Jan 2012) from Dr. Maria Stückler to the appeals court judge who handed down the verdict against Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff last December for supposedly denigrating Muhammad and Islam.*

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/austrian-justice-denigrates-itself.html#more>

## Greek lawmakers approve austerity bill as Athens burns

by Harry Papachristou and Yannis Behrakis, 12 Feb 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/02/12/us-greece-idUSTRE8120HI20120212>

And be sure to read the later **comments**, like these:

**michaellovesnyc** wrote: Socialism in all its glory ! America is next ! Feb 12, 2012 7:43pm EST

**SirGareth** wrote: I don't understand all these young Greeks who are rioting have been trained in government universities for government careers – this is the Obama plan; it cant fail, can it? Feb 12, 2012 8:11pm EST

## Whom the gods would destroy

by *J.R. Dunn*, 12 Feb 2012

It seems that Obama, in a classic act of hubris, has created the means of his own destruction...

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/whom\\_the\\_gods\\_would\\_destroy.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/whom_the_gods_would_destroy.html)

## Obama's contraceptive 'compromise' doesn't pass the smell test

by *Mary Kate Cary*, 10 Feb 2012

<http://www.usnews.com/opinion/blogs/mary-kate-cary/2012/02/10/obamas-contraceptive-compromise-doesnt-pass-the-smell-test>

## Stop the bleeping presses!

Samuel L. Jackson: "I voted for Obama because he's black."

11 Feb 2012

<http://www.tnz.com/2012/02/11/barack-obama-samuel-l-jackson/?adid=hero2#.TzgDbIGINEI>



## **Abraham Lincoln** (February 12, 1809—April 15, 1865)

**A House Divided** speech to Illinois Republican Convention, 16 June 1858

**Speech at Chicago, Illinois** *contra* Stephen Douglas, 10 July 1858

**The Last Best Hope of Earth** annual message to Congress, 1 Dec 1862

**Proclamation of Thanksgiving** 3 Oct 1863

**Gettysburg Address** 19 Nov 1863

**Second Inaugural Address** 4 March 1865

Poems: *My Childhood's Home I See Again*, *The Bear Hunt*, *The Suicide's Soliloquy*

## **Breitbart tells CPAC: I have videos of Obama in college and they'll come out during the election**

*Allahpundit, 10 Feb 2012*

**Includes 16-minute video of his speech:**

<http://hotair.com/archives/2012/02/10/breitbart-tells-cpac-i-have-videos-of-obama-in-college-and-theyll-come-out-during-the-election/>

He also rips the hell out of all the hard Left wankers, and calls the CPAC faithful to action.

*Hat tip: Jim D.*

## **Obama goes Henry VIII on the Church**

*by Mark Steyn, 11 Feb 2012*

...In my latest book, I cite my personal favorite among the epic sweep of Commissar Sebelius' jurisdictional authority: "The Secretary shall develop oral healthcare components that shall include tooth-level surveillance." Before Obama's Act of Supremacy did the English language ever have need for such a phrase? "Tooth-level surveillance": From the Declaration of Independence to dentured servitude in a mere quarter-millennium...

**Read the rest:** <http://www.oeregister.com/opinion/church-339789-one-catholic.html>

## **Speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC)**

*by Governor Scott Walker, 10 Feb 2012*

...We kept our promises. One of those promises was to limit the size of government and to have the government serve the people—and not the other way around. I promised to empower the taxpayer—instead of a handful of big government union bosses. Liberals find that hard to understand, which is why the President went after me on this issue last year.

So I responded to the President during my daily 5:00 pm press conference. My comments were simple, I said: "I'm sure that the President of the United States must know that most federal government employees do not have collective bargaining for wages and benefits. I'm sure he must know that. And I'm sure that the President must know that the average federal government employee is paying about 28% of their health insurance premium (which is double what I am asking state and local employees to pay in Wisconsin.). Because I'm sure that the President of the United States is not getting his talking points from the big government union bosses in Washington." That was the last we heard from the President on this matter—because the facts are on our side...

**More:** <http://campaign2012.washingtonexaminer.com/blogs/beltway-confidential/full-text-gov-scott-walkers-remarks-cpac/370011>

This succinctly covers the medical, religious, and economic issues involved.

## **Immaculate Conception**

An 'accommodation' that makes the birth-control mandate worse.

*Wall Street Journal editorial, 11 Feb 2012*

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203646004577215150068215494.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_LEADTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203646004577215150068215494.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop)

## **When the sun was his smile**

*by Rick Richman, 11 Feb 2012*

*In Darkness*—one of this year's nominees for Best Foreign Language Film—opens February 10. It is a remarkable film, and an extraordinary accomplishment...

**Read on:** [http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/when\\_the\\_sun\\_was\\_his\\_smile.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/when_the_sun_was_his_smile.html)

## **Obama budget again skips making hard choices**

*by Sen. John Barrasso, 11 Feb 2012*

...When a new forecast predicted Wyoming would get less revenue in the future because of lower natural gas prices, the governor did not look for ways to raise taxes. He did not ignore the forecast and hope for the best. He looked for ways to rein in the spending to fit the new revenue prediction. Then he worked out a backup plan in case things get worse. Our prudent budgeting, along with low taxes and reasonable regulations, has earned Wyoming a reputation as one of the best states for business. It is rooted in the simple truth understood by responsible states and families everywhere — you don't spend money you don't have. This philosophy should be a model for Washington...

**More:** <http://news.investors.com/Article.aspx?id=600809&ibdbot=1&p=2>

## **The Galileo of global warming**

*by Robert Tracinski, 10 Feb 2012*

[http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/02/10/the\\_galileo\\_of\\_global\\_warming\\_113090.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/02/10/the_galileo_of_global_warming_113090.html)

## **Bishops ‘concerned’ over reworded mandate; other Catholic leaders slam as ‘insult to injury’**

*by Kathleen Gilbert, 10 Feb 2012*

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/bishops-concerned-over-reworded-mandate-other-catholic-leaders-slam-as-insu>

## **Southern Baptist leader: Obama gave Christians ‘the dismissive back’ of his hand**

*by Ben Johnson, 10 Feb 2012*

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/southern-baptist-leader-obama-gave-christians-the-dismissive-back-of-his-ha>

## **Bigoted Barack, red in tooth and clause**

The deformed heart of monstrous Obamacare is sick and secularist social engineering.

*by George Neumayr, 10 Feb 2012*

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/10/bigoted-barack-red-in-tooth-an>

## **The Obamacare decree isn't merely an affront to religious liberty**

*by Jeffrey H. Anderson, 10 Feb 2012*

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/obamacare-decree-isn-t-merely-affront-religious-liberty\\_626553.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/obamacare-decree-isn-t-merely-affront-religious-liberty_626553.html)

## **Access This**

In the end, Obama's mandates come down to someone getting something for free at taxpayer expense.

*by Ross Kaminsky, 10 Feb 2012*

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/10/access-this>

## **America deserves a choice**

*Rep. Paul Ryan's speech at CPAC, 9 Feb 2012*

It's getting late, so I'll get right to the point: We only have nine months to defeat Barack Obama – nine months to reject his agenda of debt, doubt, and decline. And while defeating this President is necessary to getting America back on track, it is hardly sufficient...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/290721/text-paul-ryans-cpac-speech-nr-staff>

## **Losing our religion**

*by Baron Bodissey, 9 Feb 2012*

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/losing-our-religion.html#more>

## **America desperately needs a hero...but who?**

by Lloyd Marcus, 10 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/america\\_desperately\\_needs\\_a\\_herobut\\_who.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/america_desperately_needs_a_herobut_who.html)

## The 'Negro Project' and Voter ID

by J. Christian Adams, 8 Feb 2012

It seems photo voter ID and Planned Parenthood have been in the news quite a bit lately. On Tuesday I gave a presentation at Duke University School of Law on voter ID. I discussed both topics. How are they related?...

**More:** <http://pjmedia.com/jchristianadams/2012/02/07/the-negro-project-and-voter-id/>

Dig this: the Obamunists are planning to crow that *Mormonism* is weird. Let's just resurrect Jeremiah Wright, William Ayers, Rashid Khalidi, Tony Rezko—and this time fully expose the president's relationships with them. We should also ask repeatedly for Chairman Maobama's college transcripts, and perhaps a list of all the erudite pieces he published as head of the *Harvard Law Review*..

## Frank Rich's Mormon Problem — and Mitt's

by Michael Walsh, 6 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/290198/frank-richs-mormon-problem-and-mitts-michael-walsh>

## Like your freedom? Thank a church.

by Andrew Klavan, 5 Feb 2012

...The idea that churches stand to a great degree apart from the power of the state has its beginning — in my reading of history — in an incident that involved Pontius Pilate before he entered the Gospel stories...

**More:** <http://pjmedia.com/andrewklavan/2012/02/05/like-your-freedom-thank-a-church/?singlepage=true>

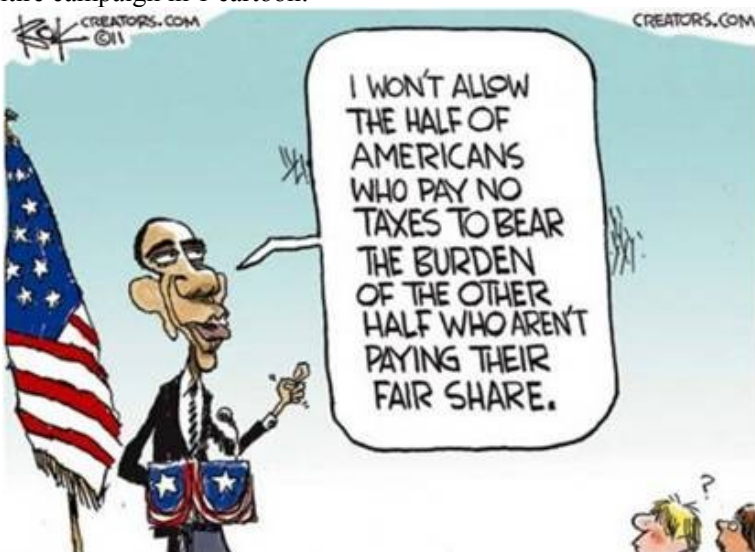
## Non-intervention as foreign policy

A beautiful ideal, but not terribly practical for the messy world in which we live.

by Clayton Kramer, 5 Feb 2012

<http://pjmedia.com/blog/non-intervention-as-foreign-policy/>

The entire campaign in 1 cartoon:



"The problems we face today exist because the people who **work** for a living are outnumbered by those who **vote** for a living."

*Hat tip: Garry E.*

## **Unconscionable**

*National Review editorial, 9 Feb 2012*

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290603/unconscionable-editors>

## **Obama is incapable of gaffes, or so the liberal media believes**

*by Russ Smith, 8 Feb 2012*

<http://www.splicetoday.com/politics-and-media/obama-is-incapable-of-gaffes-or-so-the-liberal-media-believes>

## **Clint Eastwood gets Chrysler story backwards**

Fictional ad makes Democrats' day.

*by Amity Shlaes, 9 Feb 2012*

...What's wrong with the auto industry isn't that it failed to create jobs. What's wrong is that it emphasizes jobs over general growth itself...

**Read it all:**

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-09/eastwood-s-fictional-ad-makes-democrats-day-commentary-by-amity-shlaes.html>

## **Tempting contempt of Congress**

White House risks charges in probes of Fast and Furious, Solyndra.

*Washington Times editorial, 7 Feb 2012*

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/7/tempting-contempt-of-congress/>

## **ObamaCare's Great Awakening**

HHS tells religious believers to go to hell. The public notices.

*Wall Street Journal editorial, 8 Feb 2012*

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204369404577209112780407698.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_LEADTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204369404577209112780407698.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop)

## **The President's War on Religious Freedom**

*by Sen. Rand Paul, 8 Feb 2012*

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290464/president-s-war-religious-freedom-sen-rand-paul>

## **Liberals and the Constitution**

*by Steven F. Hayward, 7 Feb 2012*

Liberals typically erupt in outrage if you suggest they don't respect or understand the Constitution, let alone defend it. But then they let slip that in fact they really don't respect or understand the Constitution...

**More:** <http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2012/02/liberals-and-the-constitution.php>

## **Obama's halftime hypocrisy**

*by David Harsanyi, 8 Feb 2012*

[http://townhall.com/columnists/davidharsanyi/2012/02/08/obamas\\_halftime\\_hypocrisy](http://townhall.com/columnists/davidharsanyi/2012/02/08/obamas_halftime_hypocrisy)



## **A House divided on marriage**

*National Review editorial, 7 Feb 2012*

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290474/house-divided-marriage-editors>

## **Shaky grounds for Prop. 8 Ruling**

*by Debra Saunders, 8 Feb 2012*

<https://www.creators.com/opinion/debra-saunders/shaky-grounds-for-prop-8-ruling.html>

## **How to win the marriage debate**

*by Selwyn Duke, 8 Feb 2012*

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/how\\_to\\_win\\_the\\_marriage\\_debate.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/how_to_win_the_marriage_debate.html)

## **Understanding unemployment statistics**

*by Chris W. Bell, 8 Feb 2012*

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/understanding\\_unemployment\\_statistics.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/understanding_unemployment_statistics.html)

## **More ‘cracker’ journalism at Politico:**

### **Washing the mainstream media’s race-baiting hands**

*by John Nolte, 6 Feb 2011*

<http://bigjournalism.com/jjmnolte/2012/02/06/more-cracker-journalism-at-politico-washing-the-mainstream-medias-race-baiting-hands/>

## **Indiana leads the Right-to-Work charge**

The Hoosier State's historic vote may be a tipping point in the battle against Big Labor.

*by Shikha Dalmia, 7 Feb 2012*

<http://reason.com/archives/2012/02/07/indiana-leads-the-right-to-work-charge>

## **Government can't make us happy**

*by John Stossel, 8 Feb 2012*

<http://www.wnd.com/2012/02/government-cant-make-us-happy/>

## **Three things everyone should know about the HHS mandate**

*by Nikolas T. Nikas & Dorinda Bordlee, 7 Feb 2012*

It is a remarkable time in current events when we witness a major media outlet calling out a liberal president for disregarding the moral tenets of the Catholic Church. But that’s exactly what happened when the *USA Today* editorial board concluded that the Obama administration’s so-called contraceptive mandate “not only crossed the line. It galloped over it.”...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/290366/three-things-everyone-should-know-about-hhs-mandate-nikolas-t-nikas>

## **The Heartland Tax Rebellion**

More states want to repeal their income taxes.

*Wall Street Journal, 8 Feb 2012*

...The tax burden isn't the only factor that determines investment flows and growth. But it is a major signal about how a state treats business, investment and risk-taking. States like New York, California, Illinois and Maryland that have high and rising tax rates also tend to be those that have growing welfare states, heavy regulation, dominant public unions, and budgets that are subject to boom and bust because they rely so heavily on a relatively few rich taxpayers.

The tax competition in America's heartland is an encouraging sign that at least some U.S. politicians understand that

they can't take prosperity for granted. It must be nurtured with good policy, as they compete for jobs and investment with other states and the rest of the world...

**More:** [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203889904577200872159113492.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_AboveLEFTTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203889904577200872159113492.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_AboveLEFTTop)

## **Kastelorizo: Mediterranean flashpoint?**

by *Daniel Pipes*, 7 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290295/kastelorizo-mediterranean-flashpoint-daniel-pipes>

## **Wanna buy a revolution?**

by *Michael Goodwin*, 1 Feb 2012

Margaret Thatcher once said, "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." During my week in Cuba, I saw firsthand the truth of her case...

**More:** [http://www.nypost.com/p/news/national/wanna\\_buy\\_revolution\\_AOQI2ZbtBdLH900FVaze4J](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/national/wanna_buy_revolution_AOQI2ZbtBdLH900FVaze4J)

## **Why does President Obama dislike freedom of conscience?**

by *Doug Bandow*, 6 Feb 2012

Authoritarian liberalism has taken over Obama administration policy. People must be forced to accept anything and everything in the name of tolerance. The only valid belief is no belief. Acting on one's faith must be punished...

**More:** <http://www.forbes.com/sites/dougbandow/2012/02/06/why-does-president-obama-dislike-freedom-of-conscience/>

## **Who's progressive in Wisconsin**

by *Charles Lane*, 6 Feb 2012

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/scott-walker-fighting-a-good-fight-in-wisconsin/2012/02/06/gIQAtLL5uQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/scott-walker-fighting-a-good-fight-in-wisconsin/2012/02/06/gIQAtLL5uQ_story.html)

## **A Fairness Quiz for the President**

Is it fair that some of Mr. Obama's largest campaign contributors received federal loan guarantees?

by *Stephen Moore*, 7 Feb 2012

President Obama has frequently justified his policies—and judged their outcomes—in terms of equity, justice and fairness. That raises an obvious question: How does our existing system—and his own policy record—stack up according to those criteria? ...

**More:** [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204369404577206980068367936.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_LEADTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204369404577206980068367936.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop)

## **Again, why not Santorum?**

by *Quin Hillyer*, 6 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290132/again-why-not-santorum-quin-hillyer>

## **The global war on Christians in the Muslim world**

From one end of the Muslim world to the other, Christians are being murdered for their faith.

by *Ayaan Hirsi Ali*, 6 Feb 2012

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2012/02/05/ayaan-hirsi-ali-the-global-war-on-christians-in-the-muslim-world.html>

## **Obama's made-up jobless numbers**

by Joseph Curl, 5 Feb 2012

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/5/curl-obamas-made-up-jobless-numbers/>

## **The fallout from *Christian Legal Society***

by Robert Shibley, 6 Feb 2012

...Yes, you just heard the vice chancellor of Vanderbilt University tell students that they shouldn't let their religious views intrude on their decisionmaking. That their religious beliefs should not guide their day-to-day actions. That people who reject faith in Jesus Christ should be given a chance as leaders of a Christian group (he later adds that Muslim groups must retain leaders who have lost faith in Allah). And to top it off, he uses the fact that as a Catholic, he has no problem with the abortions performed in Vanderbilt's hospital as an example of what is expected...

**Outrageous:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290199/fallout-ichristian-legal-societyi-robort-shibley?pg=1>

## **Ayatollah: Kill all Jews, annihilate Israel**

Iran lays out legal case for genocidal attack against 'cancerous tumor.'

by Reza Kahlili, 6 Feb 2012

**Includes a 28-minute Iranian video:**

<http://www.wnd.com/2012/02/ayatollah-kill-all-jews-annihilate-israel/>

## **Freeing workers from union bosses**

The Employee Rights Act.

by Fred Barnes, 6 Feb 2012

...What the ERA would do is entirely sensible. The most striking of its seven reforms would force unions to face a "recertification" election every three years, allowing workers to decide if they want to stick with their current union. Hatch says that "less than 10 percent" of union members today have ever voted on whether to have or keep a union...

**More:** [http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/freeing-workers-union-bosses\\_618796.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/freeing-workers-union-bosses_618796.html)

## **Obamacare vs. the Catholics**

by Jonathan Last, 6 Feb 2012

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/obamacare-vs-catholics\\_620946.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/obamacare-vs-catholics_620946.html)

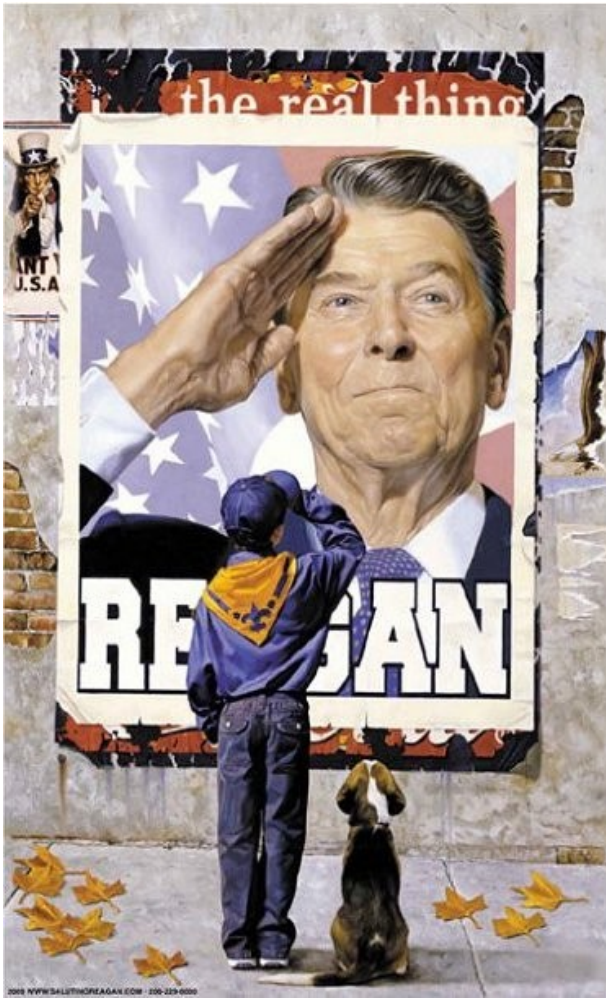
A lesson in the folly of excessive governmental interference—and judicial overreach.

## **The court that Broke Jersey**

The state's activist judiciary has forced taxpayers to finance unprecedented educational and housing regimes.

by Steven Malanga, 1 Jan 2012 (*Winter issue*)

[http://www.city-journal.org/2012/22\\_1\\_nj-supreme-court.html](http://www.city-journal.org/2012/22_1_nj-supreme-court.html)



**Ronald Reagan** (February 6, 1911—June 5, 2004)

- A Time for Choosing (aka "The Speech")** *Ronald Reagan, 27 Oct 1964* **Video**
- City Upon a Hill** *Ronald Reagan, 25 Jan 1974*
- The Ash Heap of History** (speech to the House of Commons) *Ronald Reagan, 8 June 1982*
- Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation** *Ronald Reagan, April 1983*
- At the Brandenburg Gate ("Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!")** *Ronald Reagan, 12 June 1987*
- Reagan's Leadership, America's Recovery** *Margaret Thatcher, 30 Dec 1988*
- Our Revolution: farewell address** *Ronald Reagan, 11 Jan 1989* (includes **Video**)
- Eulogy for Ronald Reagan** *Margaret Thatcher, 11 June 2004* **Video**
- Ronald Reagan at 100: A true believer who caught destiny's eye** *M.Barone, 27 Jan 2011*
- The Media, Reagan and Obama** *Ed Lasky, 31 Jan 2011*
- Reagan Reclaimed** *Steven F. Hayward, 24 Jan 2011*
- The Gipper's lesson** *Washington Times editorial, 4 Feb 2011*
- Reaganomics: What We Learned** *Arthur B. Laffer, 10 Feb 2011*

Actually, the title should be **Wind Energy = Noise Pollution**

**Wind Energy, Noise Pollution**

*by Robert Bryce, 2 Feb 2012*

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/289920/wind-energy-noise-pollution-robert-bryce>

**The lessons of the fall of communism have still not been learnt**

The events of 1989 are crucial to any understanding of the present world.

by Janet Daley, 5 Feb 2012

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/9061328/The-lessons-of-the-fall-of-communism-have-still-not-been-learnt.html>

The eugenicist, racist background of Planned Parenthood and its founders.

## **The Left's genocide of minorities**

by Mary Nicholas, 5 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the\\_lefts\\_genocide\\_of\\_minorities.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the_lefts_genocide_of_minorities.html)

What's going in Europe's economy, well told and in layman's terms.

## **Über Alles after all**

Europe's German future.

by Christopher Caldwell, 5 Feb 2012

**4954 words:** [http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/ber-alles-after-all\\_620949.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/ber-alles-after-all_620949.html)

How do you like your Arab Spring now?

## **Gaddafi-era Libyan diplomat tortured to death after detainment**

by Oliver Holmes, 3 Feb 2012

<http://news.nationalpost.com/2012/02/03/gaddafi-era-libyan-diplomat-tortured-to-death-after-detainment-rights-group/>

Ibn Warraq knows what's best.

## **A Muslim apostate sings the West's praises**

by Pamela Geller, 5 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/a\\_muslim\\_apostate\\_sings\\_the\\_wests\\_praises.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/a_muslim_apostate_sings_the_wests_praises.html)

## **Documenting Palestinian criminality**

PA texts glorifying terror beg question of whether genuine peace process was ever intended.

by Isi Leibler, 31 Jan 2012

<http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Columnists/Article.aspx?id=255938>

## **Fool me twice**

by Caroline Glick, 3 Feb 2012

<http://www.carolineglick.com/e/2012/02/fool-me-twice.php>

## **Praise the Lord and pass the taxes**

President calls on a Higher Authority while pushing tax policy.

by John Kass, 5 Feb 2012

... Who else but a true holy man would ever dare use the Son of God as a rhetorical device to leverage his political opponents?

"I wake up each morning, and I say a brief prayer, and I spend a little time in Scripture and devotion," Obama told the annual gathering of the clergy at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, noting that pastors often stop by or phone him or send him messages so they can pray together. Right then, if I'd been there, I would have backed away and looked up for darkening clouds and wondered about lightning and ark-building. But they were in a hotel ballroom, and the president was really feeling the spirit...

**More:** <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/ct-met-kass-0205-20120205,0,2383349.column>

And this, on the Gray Lady's own pages!

## **The Media's Abortion Blinders**

by *Ross Douthat*, 4 Feb 2012

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/05/opinion/sunday/douthat-the-medias-blinders-on-abortion.html>

## **House Dems disgraceful at Holder hearing**

They showed up to protect the president, and showed no interest in justice for the dead.

by *Bob Owens*, 2 Feb 2012

**More:** <http://pjmedia.com/blog/house-dems-disgraceful-at-holder-hearing/?singlepage=true>

## **We're ripe for a great disruption in higher education**

by *Margaret Wentz*, 4 Feb 2012

How would you like to go to MIT – for free? You can now. Starting this spring, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be offering free online courses to anyone, anywhere in the world, through its new digital arm, MITx.

**Read on:** <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/opinions/margaret-wentz/were-ripe-for-a-great-disruption-in-higher-education/article2325979/>

## **Waking up to reality in Gellerupparken**

*Baron Bodissey (and Charlotte Nielsen)*, 3 Feb 2012

Gellerupparken, a culturally-enriched suburb of Aarhus in Jutland, has featured prominently in several previous articles about immigrant violence in Denmark. Our Danish correspondent TB sends his translation of an article about a former apologist for Islam who woke up to the reality of the Religion of Peace while living in Gellerupparken.

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/waking-up-to-reality-in-gellerupparken.html#more>

From the esteemed author of *The President, the Pope, and the Prime Minister*.

## **America's uncertain prospects**

by *John O'Sullivan*, Jan 2012 issue

...Most Americans proved very patriotic according to these tests. Differences between the groups existed, of course, but there was a strong patriotic majority in almost every group. What caught the eye, though, was that self-described liberals were the anti-patriotic outlier in almost every answer...

**Read it all:** <http://www.newcriterion.com/articles.cfm/America-s-uncertain-prospects-7253>

## **Lessons about Iran from Hitler**

by *David P. Goldman*, 3 Feb 2012

...An important insight into the character of the Iranian leadership can be gained from Adolf Hitler's speech to the German army's top commanders at Obersalzberg on Aug. 22, 1939, a week before the invasion of Poland...

**More:** <http://pjmedia.com/spengler/2012/02/03/lessons-about-iran-from-hitler/?singlepage=true>

## **What do you get when you rub two climatologists together?**

by *Patrick J. Michaels*, 2 Feb 2012

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/02/02/what-do-you-get-when-you-rub-two-climatologists-together/>

## **What day is the 20th of February?**

I was eating breakfast with my 13-year-old granddaughter and I asked her,

"What day is the 20th of February?"

She said "It's President's Day!"

She is a smart kid.

I asked "What does President's Day mean?"

I was waiting for something about Washington or Lincoln .... etc.

She replied, "President's Day is when President Obama steps out of the White House, and if he sees his shadow we have one more year of unemployment."

(Hat tip: Danny L.)

## **Obamacare is worth getting angry about**

Did Mitt Romney miss the entire 2010 election?

by Milton R. Wolf, 3 Feb 2012

In November, Republicans will face an incumbent whose failed presidency makes Jimmy Carter look worthy of Mount Rushmore. And they will lose unless they focus like a laser on the two intertwined strands of disastrous DNA that define the Obama era: Obamanomics and Obamacare. It is mystifying, then, that the GOP would risk surrendering either of these issues...

**More:** <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/3/obamacare-is-worth-getting-angry-about/>

## **The Liberal Enforcers**

by Mark Steyn, 4 Feb 2012

...Modern "liberalism" is strikingly illiberal; the high priests of "tolerance" are increasingly intolerant of even the mildest dissent; and those who profess to "celebrate diversity" coerce ever more ruthlessly a narrow homogeneity...

...The average salary of the top eight executives is \$270,000, which makes them officially part of what the Obama administration calls "the 1 percent." In America today, few activities are as profitable as a "non-profit." Planned Parenthood receives almost half a billion dollars — or about 50 percent of its revenues — in taxpayer funding...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290134/liberal-enforcers-mark-steyn>

## **Culture War and the Global Church**

Liberal Protestant denominations are increasingly no match for their conservative brethren worldwide.

by Mark Tooley, 31 Jan 2012

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/01/31/culture-war-and-the-global-chu>

Life and death in last summer's Chicago-to-Mackinac race.

## **Public Safety: voluntary industry standards vs. government regulation**

by Bruce Thompson, 4 Feb 2012

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/public\\_safety\\_voluntary\\_industry\\_standards\\_vs\\_government\\_regulation.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/public_safety_voluntary_industry_standards_vs_government_regulation.html)

## **Armageddon at the strip mall**

by Kevin D. Williamson, 4 Feb 2012

...This is a textbook case for the Austrian business-cycle theory: Artificially low interest rates and loose money produce overinvestment, by both bankers and builders, in a bubble — this time, offices, apartment buildings, and retail space — that can't be sustained once the artificial stimulation comes to an end, as it must...

...There's going to be a lot of dark storefronts out there, with serious long-term consequences for nearby neighbors and for local real-estate markets: Foreclosures will put more property onto the market, driving down rents and subsequently making existing loans less tenable as the cashflow of commercial properties is diminished. They called the Depression-era tent cities "Hooverilles." The next time you see a mile of half-abandoned strip malls, think "Obamaville."...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/exchequer/290140/armageddon-strip-mall>

A grateful *salaam* to El Rushbo for these two devastating pieces:

## **Record 1.2 million people fall out of labor force in one month, labor force participation rate tumbles to fresh 30 year low**

by Tyler Durden, 3 Feb 2012

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/record-12-million-people-fall-out-labor-force-one-month-labor-force-participation-rate-tumbles->

## **If the economy is improving....**

by David, 26 Jan 2012

...Barack Obama is endlessly touting the "improvement" in the economy, the mainstream media is constantly talking about "the economic recovery" and an increasing number of Americans seem to be buying into this line of thinking... If the economy is getting better, then why did new home sales in the United States hit a brand new **all-time record low** during 2011?... then why are there **6 million** less jobs in America today than there were before the recession started?... then why is the average duration of unemployment in this country **close to an all-time record high**?... then why has the number of Americans on food stamps increased by **3 million** since this time last year and by more than 14 million since Barack Obama entered the White House? ... then why has the number of children living in poverty in America risen for **four years in a row**? ... then why is the percentage of Americans living in "extreme poverty" **at an all-time high**? ... then why did an **all-time record low** percentage of U.S. teens have a job last summer? ... then why does median household income keep declining? Overall, median household income in the United States has declined by a total of **6.8%** since December 2007 once you account for inflation ... then why has the number of Americans living below the poverty line increased by **10 million** since 2006? ... then why does the number of "long-term unemployed workers" stay so high? When Barack Obama first took office, the number of "long-term unemployed workers" in the United States was approximately 2.6 million. Today, that number **is sitting at 5.6 million**...

**Read it all:** <http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/if-the-economy-is-improving>

Any president who (a) was rational, and (b) cared about America, would **vaporize the entire country of Iran right now**. Compared to the threat of any *inconvenience* to America, much less the threat of 200 million American deaths, the lives of 75 million Iranians mean less than nothing. I'd rather they all die than allow their mullahs to even interrupt our cell-phone service for an hour. Uckfallah! —*Don John*

## **Is Iran trying to develop a missile that could reach America?**

by Howard LaFranchi, 2 Feb 2012

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Foreign-Policy/2012/0202/Is-Iran-trying-to-develop-a-missile-that-could-reach-America>

## **Iran warns world of coming great event**

Says 'evil hegemony' soon will be defeated by power of Allah.

by Reza Kahlili, 2 Feb 2012

<http://www.wnd.com/2012/02/iran-warns-world-of-coming-great-event/>

## **Charles Murray's book of virtues**

by Heather Wilhelm, 2 Feb 2012

[http://www.realclearbooks.com/articles/2012/02/02/mitt\\_romney\\_meet\\_charles\\_murray\\_8.html](http://www.realclearbooks.com/articles/2012/02/02/mitt_romney_meet_charles_murray_8.html)

The New Republic is **hardly** the most **credible** of mags, but some of Mr. Noah's counter-points to Ann Coulter's pro-Romney column have value.

## **Coulter, Romneycare, and the GOP crackup**

by Timothy Noah, 2 Feb 2012

<http://www.tnr.com/blog/timothy-noah/100339/coulter-tries-square-the-romneycare-circle>



## **The Case for Romney**

by Jonah Goldberg, 3 Feb 2012

...Even if Romney is a Potemkin conservative (a claim I think has merit but is also exaggerated), there is an instrumental case to be made for him: It is better to have a president who owes you than to have one who claims to own you. A President Romney would be on a very short leash. A President Gingrich would probably chew through his leash in the first ten minutes of his presidency and wander off into trouble. If elected, Romney must follow through for conservatives and honor his vows to repeal Obamacare, implement Representative Paul Ryan's agenda, and stay true to his pro-life commitments.

Moreover, Romney is not a man of vision. He is a man of duty and purpose. He was told to "fix" health care in ways Massachusetts would like. He was told to fix the 2002 Olympics. He was told to create Bain Capital. He did it all. The man does his assignments. In this light, voting for Romney isn't a betrayal, it's a transaction...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/290033/case-romney-jonah-goldberg>

In any case, THIS is the real issue, and we must strive to keep it that way.

## **His abominations accelerate**

Obama's the man leading the Occupy the Oval Office movement.

by Quin Hillyer, 3 Feb 2012

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/03/his-abominations-accelerate>

## **Racist Attorney General insults Latino congressman**

Holder should walk the plank on 'Fast and Furious.'

Washington Examiner editorial, 3 Feb 2012

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/editorials/2012/02/holder-should-walk-plank-fast-and-furious/2164191>

## **ACLU fights sunshine in Wisconsin recall**

by Robert Knight, 3 Feb 2012

When should names on public rolls be kept secret? Judging by the ACLU's double standard, secrecy is warranted if exposure might reveal voter fraud. On the other hand, if exposure puts marriage supporters at risk for harassment by radical activists...well, then, that's okay....

**Read on:** [http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/aclu\\_fights\\_sunshine\\_in\\_wisconsin\\_recall.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/aclu_fights_sunshine_in_wisconsin_recall.html)

## **Durance not so vile in Norway**

by Dymphna, 2 Feb 2012

... The person who uploaded this video is puzzled: "This is just beyond parody. I mean the idiot running the place literally says "We had a chainsaw murderer here on the island. Eventually he was allowed to work in the forest with a chainsaw.' What is wrong with the people of Norway?"...

**More:** <http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/durance-not-so-vile-in-norway.html#more>

Yet there is some hope for Norway, and for all of Europe. Read this great essay:

## **Political correctness; when dogmatism replaces reality**

by "The Observer," 26 Jan 2012

<http://someofmyessays.blogspot.com/2012/01/political-correctness-when-dogmatism.html>

And this very good one:

## **Socialists on ice**

The rise and fall of socialism.

by G.o.V.'s "newest Swedish correspondent," 2 Feb 2012

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/02/socialists-on-ice.html#more>

## Mitt Romney's conservative problem

What the 'Massachusetts moderate' must do to win over the right

by *Andrea Tantaros*, 2 Feb 2012

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/mitt-romney-conservative-problem-article-1.1015612>

Necessarily a bit wonky—but worth reading carefully, because it explains how bad federal laws (since long before ObamaCare) have made it impossible for states to enact health care reform that has a snowball's chance of working.

## Romney vs. Obamacare

by *Yuval Levin & Ramesh Ponnuru*, 2 Feb 2012

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/289907/romney-vs-obamacare-yuval-levin>

## Fiscal skills: Romney vs. Obama

by *Chad Stafko*, 2 Feb 2012

...With Obama becoming the president when he did, he had a role quite similar to that of Mitt Romney in the business world...

**Read on:** [http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/fiscal\\_skills\\_romney\\_vs\\_obama.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/fiscal_skills_romney_vs_obama.html)

## A failed 'Fast and Furious' whitewash

by *Michael A. Walsh*, 2 Feb 2012

..By turns whiny, petulant and deceitful, Holder would rather accuse his critics of racism than substantively address the scandal. But with each "withdrawn" letter, Friday-night document dump and sudden resignation, it becomes ever more clear that the man who facilitated the outrageous Marc Rich pardon for President Bill Clinton is incapable of shame. So the ludicrous Democratic report, "Fatally Flawed: Five Years of Gunwalking in Arizona" needs to be seen for what it is: a last-ditch attempt to cast blame on already fired subordinates and past administrations...

**More:** [http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/failed\\_fast\\_and\\_furious\\_whitewash\\_A8qiL0QMYT9wTsSHSNIBIK](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/failed_fast_and_furious_whitewash_A8qiL0QMYT9wTsSHSNIBIK)

And, sure enough, Holder kept lying and evading in his testimony before a House committee on February 2:

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/02/02/holder-says-no-one-punished-yet-during-testimony-on-controversial-fast-and/>

## Inoculating against religious freedom

by *Steve Chapman*, 2 Feb 2012

...The idea that Americans could legally be forbidden to buy condoms or birth control pills struck most people as a gross violation of personal liberty. They are right, of course. But many of those who think it's wrong to *forbid* Americans to buy contraceptives think it's just fine to *require* them to buy contraceptives. In this group, unfortunately, are President Barack Obama and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, who are hell-bent on enforcing that mandate on nearly everyone...

**More:** [http://townhall.com/columnists/stevechapman/2012/02/02/inoculating\\_against\\_religious\\_freedom/page/full/](http://townhall.com/columnists/stevechapman/2012/02/02/inoculating_against_religious_freedom/page/full/)

## Three cheers for Romneycare!

by *Ann Coulter*, 1 Feb 2012

...But because both Obamacare and Romneycare concern the same general topic area—health care—and can be nicknamed (politician's name plus "care"), Romney's health care bill is suddenly perceived as virtually the same thing as the widely detested Obamacare... The hyperventilating over government-mandated health insurance confuses a legal argument with a policy objection. If Obamacare were a one-page bill that did nothing but mandate that every American buy health insurance, it would still be unconstitutional, but it wouldn't be the godawful train wreck that it is...

...It would not be a 2,000-page, trillion-dollar federal program micromanaging every aspect of health care in America with enormous, unresponsive federal bureaucracies manned by no-show public-sector union members enforcing

a mountain of regulations that will bankrupt the country and destroy medical care, as liberals scratch their heads and wonder why Obamacare is costing 20 times more than they expected and doctors are leaving the profession in droves for more lucrative careers, such as video store clerk...

**Read it all:** <http://www.anncoulter.com/columns/2012-02-01.html>

## **Saint Warren's dark side**

*by Charles Gasparino 1 Feb 2012*

Imagine a Republican president regularly invoking the wisdom of a multibillionaire businessman who had profited off companies with questionable business practices, and who law-enforcement officials had recently asked to provide information about his own company's questionable practices. No question about it: Democrats and the media would be having a field day. So why do we hear so little about the dark side of Warren Buffett?...

**More:** [http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/saint\\_warren\\_dark\\_side\\_mhMyAHUqp3nn0jR0xdtGml](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/saint_warren_dark_side_mhMyAHUqp3nn0jR0xdtGml)

Another devastating masterpiece.

## **The coming of the new Ice Age: end of the Global Warming era?**

*by Zombie, 31 Jan 2012*

<http://pjmedia.com/zombie/2012/01/31/the-coming-of-the-new-ice-age-end-of-the-global-warming-era/?singlepage=true>

## **Dems release false report on Fast and Furious**

Senator Charles Grassley says report doesn't "pass the laugh test."

*by Bob Owens, 31 Jan 2012*

<http://pjmedia.com/blog/dems-release-false-report-on-fast-and-furious/>

## **What is Wrong With This Guy?**

*by Jonah Goldberg, 1 Feb 2012*

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/289833/what-wrong-guy-jonah-goldberg>

## **Mitt Romney: "I'm not concerned about the very poor."**

Coming soon to a campaign ad near you.

*by John McCormack, 1 Feb 2012*

[http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/mitt-romney-im-not-concerned-very-poor\\_620825.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/mitt-romney-im-not-concerned-very-poor_620825.html)

## **Romney on the safety net; anti-Romney media still unhinged**

*by Jennifer Rubin, 1 Feb 2012*

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/post/romney-on-the-safety-net-anti-romney-media-still-unhinged/2012/02/01/gIQAHMwchQ\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/post/romney-on-the-safety-net-anti-romney-media-still-unhinged/2012/02/01/gIQAHMwchQ_blog.html)

## **Another Black History Month: the Left's favorite time of the year**

*by Lloyd Marcus, 1 Feb 2012*

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/another\\_black\\_history\\_month\\_the\\_lefts\\_favorite\\_time\\_of\\_the\\_year.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/another_black_history_month_the_lefts_favorite_time_of_the_year.html)

## **Political finger-pointing**

Why the Left would rather talk about race.

*Jonah Goldberg, 1 Feb 2012*

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/289786/political-finger-pointing-jonah-goldberg>

## **\$5 Trillion and Change**

Obama's four years have seen the four highest deficits since 1946.

*Wall Street Journal editorial, 1 Feb 2012*

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204740904577195352148844134.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_LEADTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204740904577195352148844134.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop)

## **Mitt Romney and the real wealth gap**

*by Michael Medved, 31 Jan 2012*

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/forum/story/2012-01-31/mitt-romney-wealth-taxes-charity/52905738/1>

## **The State ruling the Church**

*by Fay Voshell, 1 Feb 2012*

... No, the real issue is not birth control or the provision of it. The central issue is government intimidation of and control over religious institutions. It is government's overriding of the consciences of Catholics and members of other denominations who oppose abortifacients and sterilization...

**More:** [http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the\\_state\\_ruling\\_the\\_church.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/the_state_ruling_the_church.html)

## **First, they came for the Catholics**

*by Michelle Malkin, 31 Jan 2012*

President Obama and his radical feminist enforcers have had it in for Catholic medical providers from the get-go. It's about time all people of faith fought back against this unprecedented encroachment on religious liberty. First, they came for the Catholics. Who's next?...

**Read on:** <http://michellemalkin.com/2012/01/31/first-they-came-for-the-catholics/>

## **Are Big Media covering up Fast and Furious?**

*by M. Catharine Evans, 1 Feb 2012*

Where was the public outcry for justice when Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry bled to death at the hands of a drug cartel in cahoots with the U.S. government?..It's been one year and two months since agent Terry died. Within weeks of his demise, his shocking murder would illuminate a bizarre and murderous government plot to run guns, lots of guns—over 2,000 guns—into the hands of the Sinaloa drug cartel...

**More:** [http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/are\\_big\\_media\\_covering\\_up\\_fast\\_and\\_furious.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/are_big_media_covering_up_fast_and_furious.html)

## **No Christians wanted in Vollsmose**

*by Baron Bodissey, 31 Jan 2012*

Here's another story about what life is like for infidels in Vollsmose, a culturally enriched neighborhood of Odense on the Island of Funen in Denmark:

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/01/no-christians-wanted-in-vollsmose.html#more>

## **Wanna buy a revolution?**

*by Michael Goodwin, 1 Feb 2012*

Margaret Thatcher once said, "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." During my week in Cuba, I saw firsthand the truth of her case. Havana, a once-glorious architectural gem, is falling down — literally...

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/national/wanna\\_buy\\_revolution\\_AOQI2ZbtBdLH900FVaze4J](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/national/wanna_buy_revolution_AOQI2ZbtBdLH900FVaze4J)

## **Is Michelle Obama America's agent provocateur?**

*by Jeannie DeAngelis, 1 Feb 2012*

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/is\\_michelle\\_obama\\_americas\\_agent\\_provocateur.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/02/is_michelle_obama_americas_agent_provocateur.html)

## **Ezra Levant on the Shafia Verdict**

30 Jan 2012

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/01/ezra-levant-on-shafia-verdict.html>

## **Getting nowhere, very fast**

High-speed boondoggle.

by *Thomas Sowell*, 1 Feb 2012

...While the Spanish government has been subsidizing the passengers on its high-speed rail system, the European Union has been subsidizing the Spanish government. Someone once said that government is the illusion that we can all live off somebody else. Spain's high-speed rail system is not even covering its operating costs, never mind the enormous costs of setting up the system in the first place. One reason is that half the seats are empty. That is what happens when you don't have the population density required for passengers to cover the operating costs. You would need the hordes of Genghis Khan riding the high-speed rail system to cover the additional costs of the rails and the trains...

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/289686/getting-nowhere-very-fast-thomas-sowell>

## **Diana West: The C-SPAN Interview**

23 Jan 2012

<http://gatesofvienna.blogspot.com/2012/01/diana-west-c-span-interview.html>

## **No More Bipartisan Bailouts**

by *Michael Tanner*, 1 Feb 2012

...If Republicans want to counter this, they will need to take a firm stand in favor of free markets, rather than special-interest corporatism. They should stop talking about how "pro-business" they are, and talk about the virtues of free-market capitalism — emphasis on the "free market." Will they do so? Last week, both Romney and Gingrich came out in favor of sugar subsidies. That isn't encouraging.

**More:** <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/289778/no-more-bipartisan-bailouts-michael-tanner>