

We Are The Enemy

These days, you can hardly look at our institutions or the electorate and not wonder how or if America will survive. Even our so-called houses of worship are not above suspicion. Whether it's mosques, where far too often our vilest enemies meet to plot our deaths and America's downfall; black churches, where hatred of whites is often passed off as gospel by reverends cut in the style of Jeremiah Wright; or Presbyterian churches, where its ministers are so preoccupied with attacking Israel, they often ignore Christ altogether and overlook the fact that he was a Jew.

Our schools also serve as incubators of ignoramuses who are likely to regard global warming and second-hand smoke as greater dangers than Islam and the Democratic Party, and far more likely to regard Barack Obama as a finer president and a greater man than George Washington.

Or as mathematician Martin Gardner writes, "Biographical history, as taught in our public schools, is still largely a history of boneheads, ridiculous kings and queens, paranoid political leaders, compulsive voyagers, ignorant generals, the flotsam and jetsam of historical events. The men who radically altered history, the great creative scientists and mathematicians, are seldom mentioned, if at all."

He might have mentioned the painters, sculptors, writers and composers, whose work manages to survive in spite of all the mischief inflicted by the others on his list. Proof of his contention is that year after year, when Americans are asked to name the ten people they most admire, the list contains nine people holding elective office and a tenth, some pinhead like Hillary Clinton, who hopes to in the near-future.

Speaking of harridans, I just recently discovered that a foundation subsidized by John Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz

Kerry, helps support a Pittsburgh restaurant named Conflict Kitchen. The eatery boasts that it only serves food native to countries that oppose the U.S. Further proof that their hearts are in the wrong place is that they serve their sandwiches in propaganda wrappers denouncing Israel.

The foundation has also funneled millions of dollars to radical left-wing environmental groups.

I think we can all agree that however we may have felt about George Bush's eight years in office, we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for keeping Al Gore and the Kerrys out of the White House.

The homage to the late Ben Bradlee continues unabated. Much has been made about his objectivity as managing editor of the Washington Post, his insistence that truth is the only thing that matters when you're running a newspaper. And yet the man behind the Pentagon Papers and the Watergate scandal, allowed himself to be seduced by John Kennedy. Although Bradlee ran more than 200 stories about Watergate, he never ran even one about Kennedy's non-stop womanizing, not even when Kennedy was sharing the sexual favors of a Mafia don's moll.

The same people would have us believe that in spite of going sailing with Kennedy every chance he had, Walter Cronkite was also a great objective newsman. Although his defenders referred to him as avuncular, he was really just pompous and boring. But his fans called him Uncle Walter. Well, it so happens that Uncle Walter's nightly lies about Vietnam eventually led to our defeat in a war which, as we later learned, the North Vietnamese were certain they'd lost.

The blood of the millions of Cambodians murdered by the Communists belongs on Cronkite's hands every bit as much as it does on Jane Fonda's.

Obama's current Press Secretary, Josh Earnest, is certainly easier to stomach than his predecessor, the smug Jay Carney,

but he is equally fatuous. Recently, he responded to a question from Fox's Ed Henry regarding the New York doctor who returned from West Africa and, instead of self-quarantining himself, went gallivanting all over the place, thusly: "He was tested before he got on a plane over there and again after he landed at JFK, and he was okay."

Was he totally unaware of the fact that he had just proven that Obama's refusal to ban flights from the Ebola hot zone was insane?

Something about the disease that has me puzzled, though, is that we are told that Ebola can only be transmitted by someone displaying the symptoms. But, surely, one's temperature doesn't instantly go from 98.6 to 101.5. So are we really supposed to believe that everything is hunky dory when it's 101.3 or 101.4?

Speaking of which, my friend Merrill Heatter summed up the incident with a fictitious headline: "Ebola-Infected Doctor without Borders Returns to Country without Borders."

With every new election, I hear from many of my fellow Republicans, fearful that the Democrats will win as a result of cheating. I think that is a legitimate concern and certainly explains why those on the Left are so vehemently opposed to the use of Photo IDS. After all, the only reason that Al Franken won his Senate race in 2008 was because boxes of Minnesota ballots kept showing up in car trunks, attics, cellars, bank vaults and Franken's sock drawer.

Wouldn't you think that if the Democrats actually believed that requiring Photo IDS in order to vote was nothing more than a way to disenfranchise blacks and poor people, Obama would occasionally run one of his \$35,000-a-plate fundraisers as a means to provide them?

But there are other ways for Republicans to lose elections they would otherwise win. One of which is for conservative

purists to stay home on Election Day if their favorites didn't win the primary, insisting there's no difference between Republicans and Democrats. Really? No difference between George W. Bush and Barack H. Obama? Is America really the same place in 2014 that it was in 2008?

Another way that the GOP can lose is when the Libertarian loons manage to get one of their own on a ballot, someone who has no chance of winning an election, and whose sole purpose, it seems, is to suck votes away from the Republican. I'm almost convinced the party was invented by James Carville and financed by Teresa Heinz Kerry.

Finally, it's time for another Prelutsky Poll. The question is a simple one: Do you regard yourself as a Republican or a Tea Partier? In other words, is the (R) after the candidate's name enough to get your vote or does he or she also have to have been vetted by someone such as Sarah Palin or Rush Limbaugh?

Please keep your response as pithy as possible. Remember, I'm very old and my time is therefore limited.

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“The Attack Of The Cuckoos” and “Ebola & Other Epidemics”

How it is that so many cuckoos escaped from their clocks and have wound up in positions of authority, I will never know. But there's no getting around the fact that the American

symbol is no longer a bald eagle or even Ben Franklin's preferred turkey, but has been replaced by the Swiss-made cuckoo bird.

For instance, the University of California, San Francisco, has just launched an online abortion course that will delve into "clinical aspects of medication abortion, aspiration abortion, post-abortion contraception, and pain management for abortion." According to Prof. Jody Steinauer: "I think if we can inspire even a small portion of the people who take the course to take steps in their communities to increase access to safe abortion and decrease stigma about abortion, then we will have been totally successful."

So far, 3,000 people have signed up for the course. I'm sure that ghouls everywhere are taking heart from the fact that abortion continues to be a growth industry. As for me, I think America is suffering from a dangerous lack of stigma.

As you may have heard, Nidal Hasan, who killed or maimed over 40 innocent people at Fort Hood, has written a letter to Pope Francis, complaining that Barack Obama keeps claiming that his butchery was workplace violence. Apparently he wants Francis to intercede on his behalf and point out to Obama that he is one of Allah's proud soldiers and not just another creep who went postal because he got fired or didn't get a raise. I can see his point. I mean, imagine how Hitler would have felt if his invasion of Poland had been dismissed as trespassing.

I do get a chuckle when young poorly educated malcontents who are often subsidized by wealthy old hypocritical reprobates like George Soros periodically take to the streets and demonstrate against Wall Street or the International Monetary Fund, blindly obeying the marching orders of wealthy old hypocritical reprobates like George Soros.

In addition to hosting an Obama fund-raiser at her home, Gwyneth Paltrow also introduced the guest of honor by batting

her eyes and gushing: "You're so handsome, I can't speak properly." If she considers Mr. Bat Ears so good-looking it makes her tongue-tied, one has to wonder how she ever managed to deliver a single line of dialogue when she worked with Hollywood heartthrobs Daniel Craig, Viggo Mortensen, Michael Douglas, Jude Law and Robert Downey, Jr. Perhaps the 42-year-old Valley Girl had all her dialogue dubbed by a grown-up.

Obama, who also tends to swoon in his own presence, managed to say, "I'm taking her to my next event."

I'd love to have been a fly on the wall when Obama got home. Recalling how angry Michelle got when Obama took a selfie of himself with the leggy blonde Prime Minister of Denmark, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, at Nelson Mandela's memorial, I couldn't help picturing Barack trying to sneak into the White House only to find Michelle in the hallway holding a rolling pin and giving him the fish eye, just the way Maggie used to greet Jiggs in the Sunday funny papers.

The Army, which has become just as corrupt as the IRS, the Secret Service and the FBI, under the current administration has announced that it won't go public about its investigation into Bowe Bergdahl's desertion. At this point, don't be too surprised if Bergdahl winds up receiving the Medal of Honor for merely pretending to be a traitor so he could go undercover and spy on the Taliban.

When the late Thomas Duncan first visited the Dallas hospital, he had a 103 degree fever and he admitted he'd just been to Liberia, but he was sent home with nothing more than a few pain killers. Once he died of Ebola, it figures there would be those who claimed that racism was the reason he was treated in such cavalier fashion. Nonsense! So far as I can tell, it was simply ObamaCare in action.

Although I dislike being at odds with my readers, I must confess I was shocked by the results of my latest poll. When I

asked if people thought the Republicans would take control of the Senate and, if they did, if it would make a difference, I was obviously asking people to make an educated guess or, rather, two educated guesses. That meant that “maybe” or “perhaps” was a given, but it wasn’t a suitable response to either question. Fortunately, I managed to get 211 people to play by the rules.

It seems that 159 people thought the GOP would gain control, while 52 thought Harry Reid would manage to retain his stranglehold. However, only 61 people thought it would make a difference, 150 were just as sure it wouldn’t.

Frankly, I don’t know how those 150 could be so misguided. It’s true that a Republican Senate and Republican House wouldn’t be able to stop Obama entirely in his tracks. He’d still have his phone and his pen, but at least House bills would finally be voted on in the Senate, and Obama would be forced to veto them, showing everyone once and for all who the real obstructionist is. In addition, it is no small thing that Obama wouldn’t be able to appoint judges to the federal bench or place any more Kagans and Sotomayors on the Supreme Court, which is the legacy whereby ex-presidents are able to continue poisoning the atmosphere for decades long after they’ve left the scene of the crime.

Finally, by now I suspect everyone knows that 10 Secret Service agents lost their jobs for consorting, as they say, with Colombian prostitutes while a White House insider who happened to be the son of a major Obama donor wound up with a promotion to the State Department after he consorted with his own Colombian prostitute that very same evening.

In other news, Bill Clinton has announced that he’s heading down to Colombia on a fact-finding mission.

Ebola & Other Epidemics

I hope that the Republicans gain control of the Senate, but I don't expect any miracles. I just want to wrench the reins away from Harry Reid, and force Obama to veto all those bills that the House has been sending along since 2010 that Reid has killed, thus sparing the Senate Democrats from ever having to cast an embarrassing vote. After all these years, the public would finally have a chance to see a real obstructionist in action.

Some of my readers have likened Obama to the serpent in the Garden of Eden, but that's hardly fair. For one thing, the snake didn't keep running off to play golf and attend fundraisers. For another thing, the snake didn't require the services of a Teleprompter in order to utter a coherent sentence. And for yet another, the snake only lied once.

I keep wondering why Sarah Palin keeps sticking her shnoz into every election in the nation – sometimes to the detriment of the Republican Party – but shied away from running for the Senate, leaving it up to a relative unknown, Dan Sullivan, to oppose Alaskan incumbent Mark Bigich (D).

Another question that keeps popping up in my head is why we don't enlist Israel to help us defeat ISIS. The Arab and Muslim nations wouldn't approve? So what else is new? At least we can trust the Israelis, which is far more than we can say about our alleged allies in Iraq, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirate or Turkey. And once we mop up the beheaders, we should team up and take out Iran's centrifuges.

Speaking of our only real ally in the Middle East, it seems that an Israeli cargo ship, the Zim Shanghai, was prevented from unloading in Oakland, thanks to pro-Islamic demonstrators. Members of the International Longshore and

Warehouse Union claimed they were physically threatened and feared for their lives.

Did I forget to mention that there were eight demonstrators? Apparently longshoremen aren't quite as tough as they used to be, or perhaps, like the majority of pinheads in the Bay area, they're just more anti-Semitic than they used to be.

Israel has managed in a little over 60 years to become one of the most indispensable nations on the face of the earth, and not just because of their medical and scientific innovations. For the various despots in the Middle East, Israel serves as a very handy scapegoat. For the likes of college professors, show business celebrities and, apparently, California's longshoremen, it allows them to be as anti-Semitic as Hitler and Stalin, without having to admit to anything worse than being opposed to Israel's policies.

It is nearly impossible for civilians to compete with politicians when it comes to telling lies, but feminists Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem came close with their relentless propaganda telling women that they could have it all. Nobody has it all. Aspirations are important, even essential, but these chowderheads spent decades not only telling impressionable young women that, no matter what their own limitations were, everything was possible, and if they didn't wind up achieving all of their wackier fantasies, they'd been cheated. And by whom, you ask? Well, by the entire male gender, of course.

Women have even been convinced that they are paid 70 cents on the dollar for doing the exact same job as a man, even though that requires believing that every employer is engaged in a huge conspiracy to pay men 43% more than women, the bottom line be damned!

Other big lies involve the minimum wage and corporate taxes. The way the liberals tell it, if employers are forced to pay

unskilled workers far more than they're worth and if corporations are forced to pay higher taxes in order to finance an ever-expanding, increasingly corrupt, state or federal government, it serves them right. What the liberals never mention to their sheep-like followers is that any such increases are immediately passed on to the rest of us in added costs for goods and services. As Sherlock Holmes was wont to say, it's elementary.

Unfortunately, millions of our fellow citizens never learned anything about basic economics in school. The only things drilled into their empty little noggins was that nicotine, capitalism and conservatives were bad; the Constitution was inconsequential because it was the work of old white men; and that those like Obama, Castro, Guevara, Chavez, Allende and Mao, were the sort of leaders America needs, but too rarely gets.

That's not to say we don't have more than our share of nincompoops in positions of authority. Take Dallas Judge Clay Jenkins. He got himself a trove of publicity by accompanying Thomas Duncan's relatives out of their Ebola-contaminated apartment in his civilian duds, all part of the carefully programmed narrative being spoon fed to us that Ebola can't be transmitted through the air.

I assume that Judge Jenkins measured the risk and decided that it would be worth a ton of votes in future elections. After all, if the disease can only be passed along through direct contact and bodily fluids, why is everybody whose job calls for being in the vicinity of Ebola victims, but doesn't require conning voters, walking around looking like an astronaut?

Finally, a few readers have taken me to task for referring to Bob Packwood in a recent piece dealing with sexual predators as a Democrat when, in fact, he was a Republican. The short answer is that I forgot that for political reasons, the very

liberal Packwood pretended to be a Republican. The longer answer is that just because some people lie about their political affiliation is no reason the rest of us should encourage that sort of thing.

For instance, in the Senate, both Angus King and Bernie Sanders call themselves Independents, even though they caucus and vote with the Democrats, and take their marching orders from Harry Reid.

Worse yet, we have Charlie Crist, he of the white hair and the used car salesman's smirk, running for governor in Florida. In a matter of just eight short years, the former ambulance chasing buzzard has run and lost as a Republican and as an Independent, and now that he's running against Rick Scott, he's calling himself a Democrat. He even lies about his own name, which happens to be Joseph.

When it comes to camouflage, chameleons could take lessons from this phony.

Finally, I'm betting that if Crist loses this time, in 2016, he'll be running as a Whig.

CALIFORNIA READERS: At the Wednesday, October 15th, 11:30 meeting of Reseda-Tarzana Republican Women Federated, I will be giving a talk, followed by a Q&A session, starting at 1:30. Address: Braemar Country Club, 4001 Reseda Blvd.

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Justice Requires No Modifiers

It's been a while now since I addressed a Rotary Club here in L.A., but I still recall taking exception to a Jewish doctor in the audience when, during the Q & A session, he spoke up on behalf of social justice. I told him that once you start using adjectives to describe justice, you are in fact removing that all important blindfold from Lady Justice's eyes. You're making a case for a judicial system that's weighted in favor of, say, blacks or Hispanics, women or gays. In other words, you're arguing for a system that is the polar opposite of justice.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what Obama, Holder and the various race-hustlers who descended upon Ferguson, Missouri, were doing when they demanded "fair and impartial justice" for Michael Brown and his family, ignoring the irony involved in calling for Officer Darren Wilson's head even before a grand jury had heard one minute of testimony in the matter.

In the Middle East, Israel has once again shown itself to be the world's biggest stooge. Whether it's settling in at the negotiating table, going through the motions of seeking a peaceful resolution with those whose sole purpose in life is to wipe Israel off the face of the earth; or waging war in hopes of a ceasefire, which constitutes nothing more than a temporary interruption of a permanent problem; they insist on making themselves look foolish to those of us who support Israel, while doing nothing to diminish the hatred of the world's anti-Semites.

Speaking of anti-Semites, I'm reminded that in a recent poll, it was discovered that even after the beheading of American journalist James Foley, 16% of the French supported ISIS. And when those polled were limited to youngsters between the ages of 18 and 25, that number soared to 27%. And while it's true that France is home to the largest percentage of Muslims in

Europe, they only account for 7.5% of the population.

Here in the United States, for all the bowing and scraping that our politicians do when it comes to the followers of Islam, the Muslims constitute less than one percent of the population, I'm happy to report.

As my readers know, while I acknowledge that Ben Carson seems like a decent fellow, I see no good reason to promote a retired surgeon as a presidential candidate when we have the likes of Scott Walker, Mike Pence, Bobby Jindal, Ted Cruz, Paul Ryan and even Mitt Romney, warming up in the bullpen.

After his recent appearances with Chris Wallace and Bill O'Reilly, I have even stronger objections to his candidacy. I knew that some conservatives were cool to Dr. Carson because of his lukewarm defense of the Second Amendment, but I was willing to cut him some slack on that issue because I assumed he had been witness to a great many unintentional shootings during his years in the operating room. However, when he goes on TV to debate events in Ferguson with Jesse Jackson and winds up effusively praising him as a great civil rights leader when Jackson has shown himself over the past half century to be a race-baiter, a corporate extortionist and an adulterer, I'm no longer giving Doc Carson the benefit of the doubt.

Praising Jackson as a great civil rights leader would be tantamount to the travel industry giving Adolf Hitler a shout-out for being instrumental in getting millions of Americans to visit Europe during World War II.

Obama's trained seals at the IRS now admit, thanks to Judicial Watch, that they can retrieve Lois Lerner's emails, but that to do so would be onerous. I think we can all agree on that if by "onerous," they mean terribly embarrassing to the Obama administration.

When Burger King decides to move its headquarters from the

U.S. to Canada in order to lower its corporate tax rate from 35% to 15%, Obama berates the company for being unpatriotic. But perhaps, as with onerous, liberals don't quite grasp the meaning of patriotism. It doesn't mean, as Obama's insult would imply, being stupid. Would he also label as unpatriotic those businesses and individuals leaving California, with its 10.5% tax rate, for saner sanctuaries in Arizona and Texas?

By the way, Burger King isn't even an American enterprise. It's owned by a Brazilian equity company. So the "Home of the Whopper" is actually Rio de Janeiro, although I'd say the White House could justifiably lay claim to the title.

In January, Obama dismissed ISIS as the junior varsity. He compared them to kids who don L.A. Laker jerseys and think that makes them Kobe Bryant. But, lo and behold, a few months later, they're the ones gobbling up Syria and Iraq, crucifying Christians and beheading Americans. And in the meantime, without even running it by the U.S., Egypt and the United Arab Republic bombed Libya. So who's the schmuck with the big 0 on the back of his jersey warming the bench today?

Finally, because it's getting harder and harder to find something to laugh about so long as Barack Obama is running the country, Harry Reid is running the Senate and Mr. Ed is running the State Department, I'll share an email I received the other day. It was a photo of Obama speaking at a podium, announcing: "It is finally time for me to talk about the beheading. So, my fellow Americans, I now be heading to the golf course."

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The Extremely Uncivil War

When I see that even now a great many Americans feel it's their duty to parrot the lie that most Muslims are peace-loving people, I find myself wondering how many times these yokels have purchased the Brooklyn Bridge.

Nobody, after all, would suggest that every single Muslim in the world dances a jig each time jihadists tunnel into Israel with the aim of kidnapping and killing women and children or that they all celebrated the recent beheading of James Foley. But what proof do we have that they don't? When you realize that Muslims in the west have never stopped donating to Islamic terrorist groups or stopped joining their ranks, why shouldn't we suspect the worst of them?

I have been writing for years that people who claim to see an iota of difference between Nazism and Islam are fooling themselves, and the basis for their delusion is that they have been raised to regard one as a nationalist movement (profane) and the other as a religion (sacred). But in each case, they were a vile concoction of both, and both have sought world domination. Each boasted a bible ("Mein Kampf" in one case, the Koran in the other), and each was inspired by a loathsome degenerate (Hitler in one case, Mohammad in the other).

Speaking of Islam, I think it's worth noting that the American-born Douglas McCain, who was killed while fighting on the side of ISIS, and the British-born Abdel-Majed Abdel Bary, who apparently beheaded journalist James Foley, had both been rappers in their home country. Being a rap artist is not generally on the resume of those devoted to a cause that frowns on music, but I suppose you'd have to stretch the definition of music to its breaking point in order to include

rap.

I knew that the difference between rap and crap is just one tiny letter, and that only illiterates would regard its lyrics as poetry. I also knew that it had the power to rot minds and destroy brain cells by the millions, but until Bary and McCain came along, I hadn't realized that it could also lay waste to human souls.

What does it say about Islam that people born and raised in the nations that could boast of heritages that included Washington, Madison, Jefferson, Shakespeare, Dickens and Churchill, could produce such monsters? The silver lining is that McCain is dead and Bary very likely will soon join him. Then they can rap to their heart's content for all eternity, competing to come up with new rhymes for "burning," "fire," "brimstone" and "Hades."

Closer to home, we have our own problems. One of them is that we have an administration that saw fit to send three White House representatives to the memorial service for street thug Michael Brown, but not one person to the memorial for James Foley. But why would they? After all, they not only banished the bust of Winston Churchill from the Oval Office, but snubbed the funeral service for Margaret Thatcher.

I was recently reminded that Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize even before he had time to move into the White House and unpack his autographed copy of Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals." So far as the goofballs in Oslo were concerned, it was enough that he was a man of color and a left-winger who had defeated a Republican in a presidential election.

Some people were shocked that a man whose most memorable accomplishments as a state senator and a member of the U.S. Senate was setting records for voting "Present," but not I. I felt he was every bit as deserving as such earlier recipients

as Jimmy Carter, Al Gore and Yasser Arafat. The fact is the easiest way in the world to tell if someone is a jerk is to find that he's picked up a Nobel Peace Prize along the way. One can pretty much tell what Swedes think of Norwegians when you realize that the Peace Prize is the one they farmed out to them, while retaining Literature, Chemistry, Economics, Medicine and Physics, for themselves.

The sad truth is that the Norwegians always hand the Peace Prize to left-wing presidents, prime ministers, diplomats and high-sounding organizations, but the ingrates never gave it to the RAF or the U.S. military or to anyone, for that matter, who risked life and limb to rescue them from Nazi domination.

Even though Rand Paul is eager to cast himself as a clear-eyed realist and Hillary Clinton as a war hawk, my own take on the matter is that he's a pinheaded isolationist who would have America remove itself from the world stage and allow the likes of Iran, Russia, ISIS, China and North Korea, to vie for world supremacy.

As for Mrs. Clinton, why would anyone believe anything she says about national defense? After all, not only is her contempt for the military legendary, but she now confesses that the only reason she supported the surge in Afghanistan was because her primary opponent in 2008 was opposed to it, and so, for purely political reasons, she felt it imperative to differentiate herself from Barack Obama.

Finally, I recently saw a 1994 movie on TV. It was "Corrina, Corrina," and it starred Ray Liotta as the father of a young daughter who has just lost his wife, and Whoopi Goldberg as a housekeeper who fortuitously enters their lives.

The only reason the movie is worth mentioning is because at one point, Goldberg tells the seven-year-old girl that an angel took her mother to heaven. This enrages Liotta, who is a proud atheist. When his daughter asks him why he became angry,

he tells her that talk about heaven and angels is the stuff that people tell each other to make them feel better. When she then says, "What's wrong with that?" he has no answer.

Whenever I would hear professional atheists such as the late Christopher Hitchens debating such matters, my response was a big yawn. I mean, if a belief system gives people comfort at the very worst times in their lives and, oh by the way, helps to keep them morally centered, what is the downside?

Besides, it's not something that Hitchens was in any position to debunk. In fact, once you got past the English accent and the polysyllabically-infested put-downs of Christians, it all came down to a way to pay for his booze and cigars.

In the final analysis, when it comes to deciding between doubters and believers, it can simply be a matter of aligning oneself with one group or the other. In other words, would you prefer to march into battle shoulder-to-shoulder with C.S. Lewis, Shakespeare, Bach, Voltaire, Descartes, Thomas Aquinas and G.K. Chesterton or join forces with such notable atheists as Brad Pitt, Mick Jagger, Jodie Foster, Jesse Ventura, Lance Armstrong, Howard Stern and Bill Maher?

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“Planet of the Apes” and “I’m From The Government...”

Every so often the Palestinians pick a fight with Israel for

the sole purpose of provoking the Israelis to retaliate. Once, thanks to the terrorists sticking women and children in target zones, the civilian casualties pile up, the world, led by the U.S., can be counted upon to condemn the Israelis for over-reacting and to then bestow billions of dollars on the provocateurs. That in turn provides the scumbags with the money with which to purchase more missiles and more concrete with which to construct tunnels into Israel.

You never notice anyone pointing out that Germany suffered far more casualties during WWII than America did because it would be so obviously pointless. For one thing, Germany started it. For another thing, if the numbers had been reversed, it would have meant the Nazis had won the war.

Whenever these conflicts between the Jews and the Muslims break out, you can bank on the fact that the media will claim that Israel is out to commit genocide. It is widely accepted that European and, to a lesser extent, American journalists and entertainment figures are anti-Semitic. In some quarters, it's nearly a prerequisite. As bad as that is, they also feel it essential to leave their powers of logic and reason out in the cold. I mean, when Israel is accused of committing genocide against the Palestinians, wouldn't you think someone at NBC, ABC or the NY Times might pipe up to say: "Israel is a nuclear power with a modern military equipped with jets and tanks. If they were really out to eliminate those people whose own charter calls for the extermination of Israel, don't you think that after three weeks, they would have killed more than a thousand Palestinians?"

Here in America, you have a Congress filled with Jewish Democrats, and yet not one of them confronts Obama over his tying funds for Central American immigrants to a bill that calls for us to help Israel purchase replacements for the Iron Dome defense system. It's the system, by the way, that has prevented most of the 20,000 Palestinian missiles from landing, missiles that, had they landed, would have resulted

in civilian fatalities that would have dwarfed what the Palestinians have experienced.

The sharp-eyed among you would have noticed that I haven't mentioned Hamas. That is because I no longer differentiate between the terrorist organization and those who elected and continue to support them.

One so often hears about the Israeli occupation of Gaza, especially on college campuses and in newsrooms, but does anyone really believe that if such an occupation actually existed, the Palestinians could continue to fire all those rockets and dig all those damn tunnels with such impunity?

A friend of mine wrote to say he couldn't figure out why Jewish supporters of Israel such as Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz and Howard Schultz, founder of Starbucks, continue to support the current administration. After all, on their best days, Obama and John Kerry claim to see a moral equivalence between Israel and its Arab and Muslim enemies, and, on their more candid days, clearly side with the riffraff who continue referring to America as the Big Satan.

The fact remains that so far as most Jewish liberals are concerned, the continued existence of Israel has a lower priority than same-sex marriages, open borders, abortions on demand, legalized drugs, gun control, unions, climate change and an ever-expanding federal government.

Another area where this administration is clearly out of sync with the majority of Americans is illegal immigration. Obama constantly refers to something called "comprehensive immigration reform." But inasmuch as neither he nor congressional Democrats ever propose legislation that calls for an extension of the wall, along with armed border agents patrolling the Rio Grande, it makes about as much sense as trying to contain water in a sieve. It's reminiscent of the days when Obama used to describe his energy policy as "all of

the above," while excluding oil, coal and nuclear power, from the list.

When it comes to promoting what amounts to open borders, the liberals are constantly telling us that we need all those unskilled, illiterate, Hispanics to do the work Americans won't do. It's as if they're pretending that every American is carting around a Ph.D in advanced calculus and can't possibly be expected to do manual labor. I contend that this country is rife with unskilled native-born illiterates who just happen to prefer collecting welfare to working.

I'm willing to predict that if you boot all those able-bodied loafers off the dole, they will suddenly discover that they're only too happy to bus tables, flip burgers and put up drywall.

With the November elections less than 90 days away, it's not too soon to remind people that whether you favor the Tea Party, the GOP establishment or the Libertarian wing of the party, you have a lot more in common with each other than you have with Obama, Reid, Pelosi and their congressional enablers. If you don't get out and vote for whichever candidates have an R after their name, I say you forfeit your right to gripe about the awful direction in which America is headed.

"I'm From The Government"

Ronald Reagan once observed that "I'm from the government and I'm here to help" were the nine scariest words an American could hear. But he said that about 30 years ago. With all that has transpired since then, particularly over the past six years, what an American hears when confronted by a federal bureaucrat, whether representing the IRS, the EPA, the NSA or

the FBI is "I'm from the government and I'm here to (snoop), (take your money), (take your land), (take your cattle), (take your liberty), (take your religion) and/or (take your birthright)."

Speaking of the IRS, the Heritage Foundation recently came up with a graph proving that along with all their other lies, one of the biggest concocted by the Democrats is the one about the rich not paying their fair share when it comes to income taxes. It seems that the top one percent of income earners suck up 17% of the money, but pay a whopping 37% of the taxes!

The top 2-5% rake in 15% of the dough, but pay 22% of the total taxes. It's only when you get to the top 5-10% that things begin to even out; those folks take in 11% and pay out 12%. The top 10-25% earn 23% and pay out 17%. Those who fall into the top 25-50% earn 21%, but pay only 10% of the tax. Finally, the bottom 50% earn 12%, but kick in a measly two percent. These numbers must be a real eye-opener to those naïve souls who don't believe that socialism is alive and well in America.

Democratic politicians don't have a monopoly when it comes to hypocrisy, but sometimes it sure seems that way. For instance the governor of Maryland, Democrat Martin O'Malley, has been one of the loudest voices in the left-wing chorus calling for the U.S. to provide a home to the thousands of Central American youngsters flooding across our border. A show of hands, please – is anyone really surprised that when O'Malley pleads for America to roll out the welcome mat, it turns out he means anywhere but Maryland?

Thanks to Obama's dithering over Iran, Syria, Gaza, Iraq and Ukraine, the world has rarely been such a dangerous place. And yet he claims it is as tranquil as the Garden of Eden. On the home front, he and his criminal cohort, Eric Holder, continue to ignore scandals involving the IRS, the VA, the EPA and Benghazi, all the while trying to fend off those seeking

answers and looking to punish the guilty, by referring to ongoing investigations. Apparently, when these two schmucks refer to “ongoing,” they really mean “endless” and “phony.”

Another popular lie that’s been circulating ever since a bisexual freak named Alfred Kinsey, who conducted the most unscientific survey since Margaret Mead bid adieu to Samoa, insisted that about 10% of Americans were homosexual.

Recently, a government survey that, unlike Kinsey, did not overly rely on responses from prostitutes, prisoners and pedophiles, found that 96.6% of Americans are straight, 1.6% are gay or lesbian and 0.7% are bisexual. Apparently 1.1% decided it was nobody’s damn business.

Predictably, a spokesperson for the Lesbian Gay Bi and Transgender group (LGBT) cried foul! He, she or it, insisted that the numbers were much higher, but that lots of people simply refuse to be honest. Oh, really? When every movie, TV show and magazine, conveys the message that being lesbian, gay, bi, a tranny or having sexual relations with farm animals is cool, I suspect that some of the straight respondents – especially those in Hollywood and the media – lied in order to further their careers.

Some years ago, conservatives were being called the Silent Majority. These days, I think those whose sexual practices so titillated Dr. Kinsey should be referred to as the Noisy Minority.

Finally, during his last State of the Union address, Barack Obama said he would legislate with his pen and his phone. Led by Nancy Pelosi, House Democrats immediately rose to give Obama, the man who had just vowed to castrate Congress, a rousing ovation. That having been the case, how dare any House Democrat run for re-election? Why should anyone go to the bother of voting for them? Why should anyone pay them a salary or a pension? For that matter, why should anyone pay good

money to provide them with office space and a staff?

After all, a rubberstamp only costs a couple of bucks, it doesn't require a staff and it fits very comfortably into one of Obama's desk drawers.

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