

“The High Cost Of Cheap Labor” and “Talking Turkey About Turkey”

The only reason that Ronald Reagan signed the first amnesty bill back in 1986 wasn't really because the Democratic Congress promised to build a fence at the border. After all, he'd been around when the Democrats reneged on the promise made to Nixon that if he agreed to pull the troops out of Vietnam, they would continue to arm and fund the South Vietnamese. He did, and naturally they didn't.

The real reason Reagan signed the amnesty bill is because American business always wants the cheapest labor it can get its hands on. In the short term, it probably looks like a good deal all around. After all, the price of labor is always passed along to the consumer. However, in the long run it's a bad deal because most of those people are low wage earners, and the American citizen is eventually going to be stuck with the tab for their housing, health care, food stamps, schooling and, far too often, incarceration. In the end, we're all a lot better off paying an extra few cents for a head of lettuce or a few extra bucks for a meal.

But as bad as low-cost labor has been for America, I dare say it's even worse in Europe, where the interlopers tend to be Muslims, a group of people notorious for their refusal to acclimate, to accept the laws, let alone the culture and traditions of the nations they contaminate. They are the reason that virtually every capital city on the Continent has been turned into a pig sty. In London, rarely a week goes by when the Muslims aren't demonstrating in the streets, displaying their contempt for their host nation and everything she has come to represent, including freedom, the arts and religious tolerance.

America, which used to be the land of the free and the home of the brave, has morphed into a place where political correctness has turned most people into whimpering cowards. In spite of the First Amendment, most TV pundits were afraid to even mention that Trayvon Martin was a drug-dealing six-footer or that 300-pound Michael Brown was a thief and a bully who just happened to be high on marijuana when he confronted Officer Darren Wilson.

These days, we aren't even supposed to hold the mothers and occasional fathers of criminals even partially responsible for the end result. On the contrary, we're expected to treat the parents of teenage thugs with the same respect and deference that we bestow on the parents of military warriors who forfeit their lives for their country.

But, then, for the past 13 years, we have had two presidents, Dumb and Dumber, insisting that Islam is a religion of peace. As hard as it was to swallow that swill from George W. Bush, it has gotten far worse under his successor. It was Obama, after all, who not only announced with a straight face that Muslims played a major role in the creation of the United States, but that they were an essential part of our space exploration program. I suppose that last point has some merit. After all, if I were a NASA scientist, I'd have a real incentive to break the bounds of gravity, knowing that I and millions of others hoped and prayed that other planets could support human life. The reason being that it would provide an opportunity to leave the one that's home to 1.2 billion Muslims.

In the meantime, Barack Obama tries in vain to defuse public anger over his despotic decision to legislate from the Oval Office. His latest attempt took place in Chicago, where he announced yet again that our immigration policy has to be overhauled. The difference was that this time he said it wasn't merely to accommodate multi-millions of illegal Hispanics, but because there are plenty of people from Poland

and Ireland who are in this country illegally.

I used to gag every time Obama opened his mouth. Lately, though, I've been doing a lot more head scratching. Poland and Ireland are the basis of the problem? Was it possible that the sly puss was trying to woo members of those two major ethnic groups? Instead of demanding that the President abide by his constitutional limitations, were Irish and Polish Americans supposed to say to themselves, "Hey, if the son of a gun can prevent five million Latinos from being deported, maybe he'll keep my uncle from being sent back to (Warsaw) (Dublin) after he gets out of jail"?

Finally, I don't know what you call it when Barack Obama pardons a Thanksgiving turkey, but I call it professional courtesy.

Talking Turkey About Turkey

By what right is Turkey allowed to be a member of NATO? Under its current leader, Recep Erdogan, it has become more and more of a despotic Islamic nation. In recent months, it has not only denied the U.S. the use of its air force bases, but welcomed ISIS inside its borders so the terrorists could surround the Kurds and attack them from all sides. And does anyone seriously believe that Turkey would ever rush to defend any of its alleged NATO allies?

Speaking of turkeys, according to a PEW Poll, over 70% of blacks insist they are treated less fairly than whites by the police. My reaction was to wonder how the hell they know how whites are treated. I suspect that when it comes to criminals, you'd be hard pressed to find, to use Obama's favorite word, a smidgen of difference in the way those in either group are approached and arrested.

When it comes to law-abiding people, I suspect the behavior of

most cops is determined by the way people relate to them, which, I dare say, is a fairly typical human response. Like any white driver in America, I have been stopped on many occasions. Once in a while, I believed that I was entirely in the right and had not committed any vehicular sins, but I never insulted the officer, displayed contempt and, so far as I recall, never once tried to take his gun away.

Instead of devoting so much time and attention to a single incident in Ferguson, MO, wouldn't you think that Barack Obama and Eric Holder would concentrate on black thugs who commit, on a per capita basis, eight times as many murders as whites, especially when the majority of their victims also happen to be black?

Also, why is it front page news when a white cop shoots a black person, but when it's blacks killing, torturing and raping whites or, for that matter, other blacks, there is a news – you should excuse the expression – blackout?

Getting back to Ferguson, when you realize that there was every expectation that, one, the Grand Jury would not indict Darren Wilson; that, two, the local cops were told to back off and that the National Guard was not deployed on the streets; and that, three, everyone expected a riot to occur; why did County Prosecutor Robert McCulloch decide to release the Grand Jury's decision after nightfall? If the governor, the local police chief and Mr. McCulloch had sat down and choreographed the arson and vandalism, they couldn't have done more to ensure that the TV cameras would have every opportunity to record a race riot.

For years now, the Muslim world has been at war with America and the European democracies, but nobody in the civilized world will even acknowledge it. Instead, we try to cherry-pick the bad guys. We refer to Al Qaeda, the Taliban, ISIS, Hamas or Hezbollah, as if there is a speck of difference between them, other than what they call themselves. Partly it's

because George Bush insisted that Islam is a religion of peace, partly because Obama won't even refer to the violence consuming the globe as having its source in the evil cult, and because the major media is dedicated to the childish belief that the only truly evil people in the world are American conservatives.

As a result, there is a religious war taking place in the world, but, with the exception of Israel, only one side is waging it or will even acknowledge it's taking place.

In similar fashion, a race war is currently underway in America, but it is only being conducted by blacks. Only blacks are encouraged to ignore the facts about what took place in Ferguson and to pretend that a 300-pound thug was a cherubic altar boy. Only they get to insist that forensic evidence is a white plot. Only they get to pass off a scumbag like Al Sharpton as a civil rights leader with moral authority. Why is he given the key to the White House, but not, say, his white counterpart, the Grand Kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan?

It's not enough to blame the black thugs, including Eric Holder, who descended on Ferguson with no other purpose but to inflame a bad situation and to make it worse. One must also hold the feet of the media to the flames. I'm not referring to the TV cameras that at times out-numbered the barbarians in the streets, but to a media that patronizes blacks, at least so long as they're not Ben Carson, Condoleezza Rice, Allen West, Thomas Sowell, Jason Riley or Tim Scott, in which case they're dismissed as Uncle Toms, Aunt Jemimas and traitors to their race.

The media likes to label conservatives as racists, but that's clearly a case of the pot smokers calling the kettle black. What else but racist would you call it when journalists not only find endless excuses for soaring rates of black crime and illegitimate births, but blame white society for the millions of black men who refuse to marry the mothers of their children

or to help raise and provide for their sons and daughters?

How is it not racist to ignore the fact that in spite of billions of tax dollars having been spent in the hope of providing a ladder through education by which slum dwellers can climb out of poverty, half of young blacks fail to even bother graduating from high school?

There is no denying that racism exists in America, but nearly all of it resides in two groups: black bigots and white liberals.

On top of everything else, we are cursed with a president who any time there's a news item about a black person who has behaved inappropriately, automatically springs to their defense, always assuming the worst about white people in general and white police officers in particular.

When I saw the tawdry assemblage that Obama invited to the White House to discuss racial issues, a gathering that included notorious race hustler Al Sharpton and Obama's own version of Rasputin, Valerie Jarrett, it occurred to me that as groups go, even Amos 'n' Andy's Mystic Knights of the Sea and Ralph Kramden's Friendly Sons of the Raccoons had higher standards for inclusion.

Finally, just in case you don't think I've mentioned enough birdbrains to achieve my daily quota, let me hasten to add Robert Redford, who believes that our great outdoors should forever remain in the pristine state in which God created it, unless of course he decides to host a film festival for his Hollywood cronies in the midst of the Rockies. Last year, 46,000 of his nearest and dearest descended on Sundance, Utah, mainly in their fossil fuel-burning private jets, to watch movies.

In one of his typically self-serving, hypocritical, pronouncements, Redford recently declared, "I think the environment should be put in the category of our national

security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise, what is there to defend?"

A few things that occurred to me, but apparently not to Mr. Redford, include our borders, freedom, liberty, loved ones and the Constitution.

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“America Is Tied To The Train Tracks” and “Anti-Semites & Other Ignoramuses”

During the silent movie era, every villain eventually tied every heroine to the railroad tracks. Just in the nick of time, the hero would gallop up on horseback and free her just before the 4:20 out of Joplin came barreling through. Once in a while, it would be Rin Tin Tin who untied the knots with his teeth, a trick not even Tom Mix ever mastered.

These days, the progressives have hogtied America and it grows increasingly unlikely that either man or beast would be able to rescue her.

Judging by an article titled “Readin’, Writin’ and Social Justice Agitatin’,” written by Michelle Malkin, it appears that our schools are even in worse shape than most of us imagined. In cities across the nation, magnet schools whose curriculum is geared to promoting “social justice” have begun springing up. Their mission statements read like something out

of the Saul Alinsky playbook, mired with such brain-numbing verbiage as “helping students to develop the necessary skills to analyze and synthesize information and to generate empathy by looking to multiple sides of important issues facing the world, be that hunger, water quality, racial barriers, child labor or imbalance of power.”

In other words, these schools are looking to make certain that America never lacks for clones of Barack Obama. Imagine a generation of youngsters coming of age with a belief that America and capitalism are evil, collectivism is good. The only good thing about these schools is that the kids will be somewhat handicapped in life by the fact that they won't be able to read, write or do math.

There are so many things that are rotten about liberals, running the gamut from their arrogance to the foolishness of their ideas, from their love of chanting while marching around in circles carrying placards bearing simple-minded slogans to their lack of historical knowledge, that it's hard to decide which of their failings is worst. But if forced to pick just one, I'd probably go with hypocrisy.

After all, it shouldn't be too much to ask for a little consistency between their words and their actions. I mean, really, shouldn't a professor who spends his class time railing against capitalism have his salary slashed to the bone? Shouldn't a Caucasian journalist who constantly harps on the disadvantages faced by minorities have to surrender his job to a black or a Hispanic? Shouldn't women who claim men should have no say when it comes to female reproductive rights insist that Roe v. Wade, which was made the law of the land by an all-male Supreme Court, be reversed? And shouldn't liberal pinheads who label cops bigoted goons be denied the right to call them in an emergency?

In case you're one of those people who wonder why it is that so many Hollywood actors and actresses seem so loony, a

partial answer may be found in the fact that Michelle Pfeiffer, Tom Cruise, Rose McGowan, River and Joaquin Phoenix, Glenn Close and John Travolta, were all raised or have spent years in very peculiar cults. And in this instance, I'm not referring to the Democratic Party.

As a Jew, it is a source of great shame that there are about 35 Jews in Congress and now that Eric Cantor is gone, every single one of them is a left-wing moron. And when you realize how much power and seniority people like Dianne Feinstein, Brad Sherman, Chuck Schumer, Barbara Boxer, Henry Waxman, Richard Blumenthal, Carl Levin, Bernie Sanders, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and Al Franken, have, you can't help thinking how much good they could have done if they'd all been brought up as Republicans. So I blame the parents.

In case you missed the news, Obama picked Ron Klain to be the Ebola Response Coordinator. When you realize this is the same bumpkin who appointed the likes of Hillary Clinton, Chuck Hagel, John Kerry, Rahm Emanuel, Kathleen Sebelius, Eric Shenseki, Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor, Valerie Jarrett and Eric Holder, to positions of authority, it's not too surprising that Obama chose a guy with no medical experience to be the Ebola czar.

However, when you know something about Mr. Klain's background, you'll better understand how he got the job. Twenty years ago, Klain was Janet Reno's chief of staff. He's also the political hack who greased the rails so that the extremely partisan Ruth Bader Ginsburg had no trouble at all moving from her controversial job as chief counsel for the ACLU straight to the Supreme Court.

Finally, Mr. Klain has served as an advisor to Vice President Al Gore and was Vice President Joe Biden's chief of staff.

Actually when you think about it, a political operative who has spent most of his adult life in close proximity to the

likes of Janet Reno, the Clintons, Al Gore and Joe Biden, may be just the person to be point man when it comes to dealing with toxic organisms.

Finally, a reader, Robert Thomason, sent me an email in which he opined that whether it's at the top of the GOP ticket or in second position, there's a strong possibility that Jeb Bush, whom neither of us favor, would be on it in 2016.

When Thomason explained that since 1928, the GOP had not won a single presidential election that didn't have either Nixon or someone named Bush on board, my first response was that he was nuts. But after running the past 23 elections through my head, I realized that the only ones the Republicans had won were in '52 and '56 (Eisenhower & Nixon), '68 and '72 (Nixon & Agnew), '80 and '84 (Reagan & Bush), '88 (Bush & Quayle), '00 and '04 (Bush & Cheney).

The oddest thing of all is that most of us are unaware of the fact that royalty is apparently alive and well in America.

ANTI-SEMITES & OTHER IGNORAMUSES

As is usually the case, the mainstream media ignored what in a different time would have been a major news story. It seems that in Valenton, a city on the outskirts of Paris, the French once again took the opportunity to display its legendary hatred of Jews by naming a street in honor of Marwan Barghouti, a Palestinian terrorist serving time for murdering five Israelis.

They weren't even dissuaded by the fact that a couple of his victims had been born in France. But, then, like the Nazis with whom so many Frenchmen collaborated during WWII, the prevailing attitude is that you can be either French or

Jewish, but you can't be both.

It seems that Mr. Barghouti had already been granted honorary French citizenship by a large number of French towns and cities. So far as the French are concerned, Barghouti is a liberator, which is exactly how millions of their fathers and grandfathers regarded Hitler.

In somewhat related news, a Palestinian recently murdered a Jewish baby in Jerusalem. Naturally, I blame the killer, but I also blame the Israeli government. It seems that the killer had already served time for terrorist activity, but had been released. So long as Israel doesn't make terrorist activity a capital offense, the politicians should be held accountable for all such acts of recidivism.

In Canada, a few days after one Muslim crashed his car into two Canadian soldiers, killing one, another shot and killed a second Canadian soldier and then attempted to shoot up Parliament. Fortunately, the sergeant-at-arms, a former police officer, shot and killed him before he could add to his Islamic resume.

The facts are these: one, the shooter had changed his name from Michael Joseph Hall to Michael Zehaf-Bibeau; two, he had converted to Islam, and three, ISIL had recently transmitted orders to the Islamic faithful to murder as many soldiers in Canada and the U.S. as possible. And yet, the politicians and their craven allies in the media once again pretended that a jihadist's motives were unknown.

Closer to home, we have been bombarded with tributes to newspaper editor Ben Bradlee, who had just died at the age of 93. Most of the gushing involved his time at the Washington Post when he oversaw the work by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein during their endless coverage of the Watergate scandal.

Having been in my 30s at the time, I felt it was a molehill of

a story that would have stayed that size if Richard Nixon hadn't allowed his ego and paranoia to turn it into a Mt. Everest-sized scandal.

It seems that a few political operatives decided to burgle the office of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate complex. Why anyone was curious what a party on the verge of losing a presidential election by 18 million votes, and an Electoral College margin of 520-17, was up to is a mystery for the ages. If Nixon had been half as smart as people claimed he was, all he needed to do was insist he knew nothing about what the Five Stooges had been up to, and that would have been the end of it. But, of course, being a politician, his instinct was to deny, lie and cover up.

But even back then, I couldn't figure out why Bradley, Woodward and Bernstein, were being hailed for their courage. As an editor and reporters, they risked nothing and stood to gain fame, fortune and the ability to brag that they'd brought down a president. The one person at the Post who risked anything was the publisher, Katharine Graham. She was the only one of the four who stood to lose friends and social standing because in her circle, unlike theirs, Richard Nixon was a popular president and not the sewer rat that editorial cartoonist Herblock had been portraying him as for the previous quarter century.

Usually when people quote Santayana's line about those who fail to learn from history being doomed to repeat it, they're referring to ancient history. But it seems that some of us have memories that are so short they could dance under a table wearing a top hat. I refer to the scary fact that in just the past two years, eight different states have made it possible for people with terrible credit scores to buy homes with minimum down payments.

I'm sure that those of you old enough to remember all the way back to the 2008 bursting of the real estate bubble are

scratching your heads. But the explanation is quite predictable. It seems that the consumer loan industry has gone on a bribing binge. As I said, so far it has worked in eight states. If your state isn't one of them, it's safe to assume it soon will be. State legislators really hate being left out in the cold when the slop is being tossed to the other pigs.

Speaking of swine, it seems that, according to Barack Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi and Hillary Clinton, the greatest threat facing us isn't Ebola, ISIL, Vladimir Putin, the Iranian mullahs or even Jim Carrey movies; it's income inequality.

As silly as that sounds, what's even sillier is that those sounding the alarm, namely, Obama, Reid, Pelosi and Clinton, are all multimillionaires, all very comfortably –even luxuriously – ensconced within the 1%, the very group that Democrats never tire of demonizing.

Of course it also happens to be the only group in America that can afford those endless \$35,000-a-plate dinners Obama spends his non-golfing days attending.

It's no surprise that Democratic big wigs are hypocrites and that they lie, sometimes it seems, just to stay in practice. But what I don't understand is why all the Democratic little wigs pretend not to notice.

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“Where, Oh Where, Is Barry Goldwater?”

I realize that the late Sen. Goldwater is anathema to liberals, even to those who only know him as the unfortunate victim of a famous TV spot in which a little girl picking a flower appears to be vaporized by a nuclear bomb. The vile message in 1964 was that Goldwater was a nutburger who was anxious to get us involved in a nuclear showdown with the Soviet Union. Because most voters 50 years ago were just as dumb as they are today, 61% of them voted for LBJ, who took that as a signal to sink us even deeper into the quagmire of Vietnam.

What more people should remember about Goldwater is based on fact, not a slander perpetuated by a cynical political operative; namely, that he was the man, the Republican senator, who went to Richard Nixon and told him to his face that it was time to resign, that he was an embarrassment not only to the nation, but to the political party to which they both belonged.

Isn't it a shame that there is no Democrat of equal stature who will go to Obama and point out that what he is doing by ignoring the Constitutional limits on the executive branch, by racking up one scandal after another and by unleashing the dogs at the IRS and the EPA on innocent Americans, is not only bad for the nation, but will be a disaster for every Democrat seeking election this coming November?

Instead, such influential senators as Reid, Durbin, Schumer, Boxer, Sanders and Levin, like parents who choose to subsidize their son's heroin addiction, clap Obama on the back and tell him he's doing a swell job.

To better judge just how great a job Obama is doing, the son

of a friend of mine drew up a comparison between 2008 and today. Six years ago, we had 118 million fulltime workers, today there are a million fewer. Because we now have more people, that means that workplace participation back then was 65%; today it's down to 62.8%. Home ownership has dipped from 67.5% to 65%. Median income has gone from \$53,644 to \$51,017. The poverty level has risen from 13.2% to 15%. Obama has increased the number of people receiving food stamps from 28.2 million to a ridiculous 47.6 million. And, finally, and perhaps most disastrous of all, the debt to GDP ratio has soared from 64.8% to 101.6%.

With the midterm elections now less than four months away, it bears my repeating myself that a vote for any Democrat is a vote for more of the same from Obama and his acolytes. And if you happen to have been one of those Republican brats who stayed home in 2012 because Rick Santorum, Ron Paul or Newt Gingrich, wasn't the nominee, or because Romney was a Mormon, you have no right to blame a biased media or voter fraud for saddling us with four additional years of the worst president, and the most corrupt administration in American history. The fault is entirely yours. We had enough registered voters to win, but far too many of you ignoramuses were at home, sulking.

In defending his loony foreign policy as it pertained to Iraq, Obama said, "Just because something was stable two years or four years ago doesn't mean it's stable today." True. After all, even America was pretty stable as recently as five years ago.

The one statement that annoys me nearly as much as the lie about Islam being a religion of peace is the one that insists Saudi Arabia is an ally. Everyone knows that Saudi royals subsidize Islamic terrorists as a way of paying protection money in the hope that they'll be the last item on the alligator's menu.

Another thing that irks me no end is when our politicians carry on about how they overcame the poverty they were born into or when Hillary Clinton wipes away the tears when she looks back 14 years and \$150 million ago to the sad day when she and Bill had to temporarily borrow millions from their pal Terry McAuliffe in order to buy a couple of mansions, while waiting for her bank to clear the \$8 million check from her publisher.

Of course it's not just Democrats who play up the born-in-a-log-cabin saga. I seem to recall Rick Santorum referring to his own underprivileged background. My question is why we should care how poor someone's folks happened to be. It seems to me that unless you worked in the private sector the way Mitt Romney did, the only way that people like Joe Biden, John Edwards, Harry Reid, John Kerry or Dianne Feinstein, ever get to be kazillionaires is by being ambulance-chasing shysters, taking graft or marrying rich people. It's certainly not, as they invariably insist, the result of good, honest, labor.

For a while, I couldn't even imagine anyone being more obnoxiously arrogant than Barack Obama, but that's only because I had never laid eyes on IRS Commissioner John Kiskinen. After watching him testify before Congress and turn his icy gaze on Paul Ryan for daring to doubt his veracity, I fully expected Rep. Ryan to be turned into a block of salt. In fact, I would warn anyone who even considered shaking Kiskinen's hand that he stood a good chance of losing one or more fingers in the process, either through theft or frostbite.

Speaking of the IRS, any Democrat who dares spring to its defense needs to be reminded that when she was called to testify before a congressional committee, former IRS Commissioner Lois Lerner decided to plead the 5th Amendment. That was her right. But inasmuch as the whole purpose of the 5th is to protect oneself against self-incrimination, and thus face possible criminal charges, nobody can be blamed for

assuming the worst, whether the person is a Mafia don or a federal bureaucrat.

It recently came to light that not only was this administration not caught by surprise when tens of thousands of unaccompanied Central American kids showed up at our southern border, but they had advertised back in January for contractors who would be willing to transport 65,000 of them to other parts of the country.

Naturally, Obama hasn't seen fit to comment on this exploding humanitarian crisis. But, then, as you may have noticed, whenever the going gets tough, Obama goes golfing.

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At Sea In A Leaky Rowboat

Every day in just about every way, the world keeps getting spookier. Not necessarily in a Stephen King/Dean Koontz kind of spooky way, but more in a Three Stooges nonsensical sort of way.

For instance, we had to replace a dishwasher recently. We went to Sear's, got a Kenmore, and a couple of days later a guy delivered and installed it. That's certainly the way the system is supposed to work. But a few days later, I received a notice from the L.A. Department of Building and Safety, informing me that I had to make an appointment so that a city inspector could come out and make certain the job was done correctly. That entailed my making a call and dealing with a

couple of electronic voices before reaching an actual person, who let me know that I had to allow for a six-hour window, but would be receiving a call the following morning that would narrow it down to a two-hour time frame.

As promised, I received the call. The inspector would be showing up between 11 and 1. And, so, he did, at 12:56. I led him to the kitchen. He took one look at the exterior of the dishwasher, said it looked okay to him and turned to leave.

“Hold on,” I said. “That’s it? You only needed to see that we had it?”

“There’s really nothing to check. It’s like plugging in a toaster.”

Funny how some people insist they don’t get anything for their tax dollars. How about peace of mind? Don’t try telling me or my wife that we won’t be sleeping better tonight knowing that it wasn’t a figment of our imagination; we’ve now had it confirmed by a city inspector that we actually have a brand new dishwasher!

Speaking of kitchen appliances, in 1957, the U.S. and the Soviet Union agreed to host cultural exhibitions in each other’s country in order to foster greater understanding. In 1958, the Russians held theirs in New York City. In 1959, we held ours in Moscow. The main attraction was an entire house filled with labor-saving appliances, all of it supposedly affordable to the average American family. The highlight of the event, however, was the meeting between the Soviet premier, Nikita Khrushchev, and Vice-President Richard Nixon.

Khrushchev allegedly told Nixon that the Soviet Union would eventually bury the U.S., with some Americans thinking he meant it in an existential way, but apparently he only meant that America would succumb to the glory of socialism. Nixon allegedly countered, insisting that the Soviet Union would inevitably adopt capitalism. Who would have ever guessed

they'd both be right?

Speaking of which, under Obama, the richest 7% of Americans have seen their wealth increase by 28% since 2008, while the other 93% have seen their net wealth decrease by 4%. Is it any wonder that the seven percenters donated so generously to his re-election campaign and why Hollywood's pampered poodles all go gaga over him?

In order to pave the pathway to the latest round of idiotic peace talks with the Arabs, the Israelis are prepared to release 100 terrorists. Someday, someone will have to explain why Israel or the U.S., for that matter, even bothers taking prisoners. When the enemy refuses to wear uniforms or fight under a flag, no nation is obliged to treating them like actual POWs. All that ever happens is that the Israelis wind up swapping those they capture for the mutilated corpse of a Jewish soldier or as a peace offering to schmucks who yearn and strive for Israel's extermination.

For our part, we see these creeps busted out of jail in places like Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan or released from Gitmo, so they can be free to burn down our embassies, murder our diplomats and wage war on our civilian population.

More and more often I see teenagers and twenty-somethings huddled in small groups, ignoring one another even at a lunch table, as they focus all their attention on their electronic toys. For a long time, it had me befuddled. Then, as with all epiphanies, the answer hit me square between the eyes. All I needed to do was take a good look at these young creeps with their tattoos, dyed green hair and pierced lips, and try to imagine the conversations the young louts would be having if they weren't preoccupied with their texting and twitting. By comparison, Tarzan, I hazard, would sound downright Churchillian.

Finally, although I generally like to give myself the last

word, Steve Hayes of the Daily Standard earned it when, after Barack Obama pooh-poohed the Keystone Pipeline by claiming it would only create 20 permanent jobs, Hayes pointed out that was 20 more than Solyndra.

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Implausible Deniability & (Bonus) Translating Obamaspeak

Generally, when it comes to White House scandals such as Watergate and Iran-Contra, the relevant questions are what the president knew and when he knew it. However, when it comes to Obama and Benghazi; the monitoring of the AP reporters; the targeting of Fox's James Rosen; and the IRS's intimidation of conservative groups; the questions appear to be what did Obama not know and when did he not know it?

Again, most presidents want to at least appear to be on top of things; Obama wants us to believe he's merely a bystander just waiting for Jay Carney, dressed up as a cop, to come along and say, "Let's just move along. Nothing to see here."

Whenever an administration is caught, as it were, with its hand in the cookie jar, the chief executive wants to have plausible deniability. That's why he doesn't make it a habit to write a memo that reads: "Dear IRS: I'm in the middle of a re-election campaign. Please do everything in your power to shut down the ability of conservative groups to raise money...at least until November 7th. Much appreciated. Regards from Michelle and the kids. See you at the Easter egg hunt."

Sincerely, President Barack H. Obama.”

Instead, what these guys do is have a trusted lieutenant like Valerie Jarrett or David Axelrod let it be known in the appropriate circles that the boss would like to see certain things take place, and then, with the cooperation of stooges like Attorney General Eric Holder or IRS attack dogs Doug Shulman and Lois Lerner, those things just miraculously happen. And not even the FBI can find an Obama fingerprint anywhere, not that they're likely to look too hard.

When I finally got a peek at some of those emails regarding Benghazi released by the White House, so much was redacted – a \$10 word meaning blacked out – that I was reminded of those 18 minutes of tape recording that went missing during the Watergate investigation. It does seem as though all those comparisons of Obama to Lincoln and FDR were a bit wide of the mark. Clearly, it was Richard Nixon who was this schmuck's role model.

Speaking of schmucks, a Fox poll asked people which of the recent scandals concerned them the most. IRS topped the list with 32%; followed by Benghazi with 27%; the monitoring of AP reporters scored 21%; and 10% went for none of the above, claiming that all of them were of grave concern. I might have preferred to see a higher score for Benghazi, which saw four Americans slaughtered and an eight-month full court cover-up by Obama, Clinton and Carney, but that's an honest difference of opinion. However, the truly shocking number was 8%. That represented the percentage of Americans who were not the least bit concerned about any of these matters. And I will remind you that these ignoramuses are allowed, even encouraged, to go out and vote every Election Day.

Chris Matthews, who says almost as many stupid things as Joe Biden, and for added comedy effect says them with a lisp, recently labeled Obama “The Perfect American.” Apparently he based his conclusion in large part on his belief that Obama

has never broken a law, which strikes me personally as a very low standard for perfection. But in addition, Matthews has apparently chosen to ignore the fact that Obama boasted in his autobiography that he regularly used illegal drugs as a young man.

In the meantime, we know Obama lied about what happened in Benghazi for no other reason than to be able to campaign as the super hero who killed bin Laden with his bare hands and went on to personally decimate Al Qaeda. One can only conclude that Matthews is as easy a grader as Obama, who, as I recall, gave himself a B+ near the end of his first term.

Back in the 1940s, President Harry Truman had a little sign on his desk in the Oval Office that stated: The Buck Stops Here.

If Barack Obama had a sign on his desk, it would read: The Buck Stops Here... Just Long Enough to Catch Its Breath.

TRANSLATING OBAMASPEAK

I have never been good with foreign languages, so it's little wonder that I have had so much trouble figuring out what Barack Obama is talking about. Still, it didn't take me too long to realize that "fees" and "revenues" are what the rest of us call taxes.

I'm ashamed to admit that the first time I heard him say, "I can't comment because there's an ongoing investigation," I assumed he couldn't comment because there was an ongoing investigation. By the second time, it dawned on me that what he was really saying was "There's no way I'm going to talk about (Operation Fast & Furious) (voter intimidation by the New Black Panthers) (the monitoring of the AP) (the national security leaks to the NY Times that made me look like I knew what I was doing when it came to foreign affairs) (Syria) (Benghazi) (the targeting of conservatives by the IRS) while an ongoing investigation is taking place."

And if you asked when any of those investigations was likely to be concluded, the honest answer, which you'd never get, is sometime after January 20, 2017.

Does Obama actually think anyone believes him when he says that he had no idea that Internal Revenue was targeting right-wing groups and individuals? In order to swallow that, we would also have to believe he'd have been equally in the dark if the IRS had been targeting liberals for the past two or three years.

He's not alone when it comes to speaking in code. For instance, when you ask Hillary Clinton why it makes no difference who killed Ambassador Stevens and his three colleagues in Benghazi, the honest answer would be that neither she nor Chelsea was one of the four victims, so it was no big deal.

And when Bill O'Reilly tells guests on The Factor "You're dodging my question," it really means they're not agreeing with his latest pontification.

A reader sent me a question he wished somebody would ask Obama: "Why is it that Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood get free F-16s, but law-abiding Americans can't be trusted with hunting rifles?" On behalf of Obama, let me assure you that there is an ongoing investigation.

Another reader pointed out that if you cross the North Korean border illegally, you'll be sentenced to 12 years hard labor. If you sneak across the Afghan border, you'll be shot. If, on the other hand, you enter the U.S. illegally, you get a job, food stamps, a driver's license, a place to live, health care and an education. Some would suggest that proves we are better than North Korea and Afghanistan. Others would suggest that what we are is a nation of suckers and screwballs.

On a somewhat related matter, although I love the game of baseball, I despise the World Baseball Classic, which is not

to be confused with the World Series. For one thing, the competition begins when the winter baseball season south of the border concludes. Thus, Latin players are ready to go at a time, early March, when our own players are supposed to be getting into shape with their teams at spring training camps.

But worse than that basic unfairness is that players being paid millions to play for the Yankees, Cardinals, Red Sox and Mariners, are expected to play for their native countries. Even those who have resettled with their families in the U.S. are encouraged to compete under a foreign flag against their native-born teammates.

I know I shouldn't be too surprised. Major League Baseball, an organization so corrupt that it knowingly turned a blind eye to players juiced up on steroids erasing the records of Ruth, Maris and Aaron, just so they could sell a few more tickets, cares about the Game about as much as Obama cares about America.

Radio talk show host Dennis Prager has pointed out that when it comes to religion, there are three self-identified groups: Believers, Agnostics and Atheists, and of the three only the Agnostics are hypocrites. As Prager argues, if a person really can't decide whether or not God exists, doesn't it behoove him to attend a church or synagogue every other week? Instead, Agnostics behave exactly like Atheists, who at least have the courage of their convictions.

But I would suggest that Liberals, including the Atheists in their ranks, have their own religion. It's called Big Government. They don't question it. Instead, like Muslims, they prostrate themselves to it.

Their faith is so great that it doesn't even occur to them that at some point, Satan, otherwise known as a Republican, will inevitably gain control of it, and whatever powers have been granted or gobbled up by the executive branch will be in

the hands of their archenemies.

But, then, nobody ever said that the followers of Liberalism were smart. Well, at least not with a straight face.

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