

“Is It Murder Or Suicide?” and “Education, Politics & Racism”

There are times when I suspect that people like Obama, Reid, Pelosi, Schumer, Boxer and Durbin, should have their photos on the wall of the post office as suspects in the killing of America. Other times, I remember that all of these people, along with the likes of Elijah Cummings, Brad Sherman, Henry Waxman, Sheila Jackson Lee and Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, have all been elected numerous times, so perhaps it's America that's chosen to commit suicide.

As many of you recall, a doctor named Jack Kevorkian was generally reviled for assisting the terminally ill achieve a painless death. Some people called him a vulture. I was not one of them. It seems to me that if a person chooses to end his pain and suffering by ending his life, he shouldn't be denied that which we bestow, ironically, on both our beloved pets and the vilest serial killers.

But some of us aren't yet ready to go, and we certainly aren't complacent about the homicidal impulses of the so-called Progressives. Everywhere we turn, we see them actively attempting to destroy America. We see them weakening our military, alienating our traditional allies, destroying the economy and erasing our borders. And none of these things are happening accidentally or as the result of unfortunate circumstances.

A friend of mine, Dr. Harry Maller, suggested that because Obama attended Columbia, perhaps he got his agenda from Cloward and Piven, two Columbia professors, rather than from Chicago's Saul Alinsky. My own guess is that all three of them influenced young Obama.

Those of you who only know the names of Richard Cloward (1926-2001) and his wife, Frances Fox Piven, born in 1932 but still alive, from Glenn Beck might not know that their claim to fame was an article written in 1966, titled "The Weight of the Poor: A Strategy to End Poverty," that appeared in The Nation. At the time they were both professors at the Columbia University School of Social Work.

Basically, the plan they proposed called for overloading the U.S. welfare system in order to precipitate a crisis that they believed would inevitably lead to replacing it with a guaranteed annual income. As they saw it, the bonus is that it would shore up support for the Democratic Party.

In recent years, we've seen signs of this strategy all around us. It is no accident, after all, that there are 48 million Americans now receiving free food through SNAP, that millions more are receiving extended unemployment benefits, that Medicaid is ballooning to the bursting point thanks to the Affordable Care Act, and that disability checks are being mailed out every month to a legion of shameless liars and cheats.

To see the strategy at work before your very eyes, you need only look to the southern border, where every day hundreds of illegal aliens, many of them children, are throwing themselves on the mercy of our welfare system. And the reason they keep coming is because this administration keeps inviting them, and because, like every other previous administration, it refuses to build a wall.

But it's not the politicians alone who are guilty of this outrage to our sovereignty. They are aided and abetted by the Catholic and Evangelical churches. Priests and ministers collude in claiming they are merely following Christ's teachings when they collect the illegal aliens, feed them, clean them, and then bus them to outlying cities and even other states.

Funny, but I don't recall reading where Jesus told anyone to over-run America by destroying our schools, undermining our economy and over-taxing our social services. They can put all the lipstick, mascara and rouge, they like on this particular pig, but their main purpose in flouting the law and common sense is to fill their respective pews.

As for the liberal politicians who condone this scandalous behavior, I find it peculiar that at the same time they promote diversity – at least when it comes to pigmentation and sexual proclivities – they're encouraging one specific group, Hispanics, to invade this nation.

For this reason, and so many more, I would like to see Barack Obama impeached. But not now, when it would only serve to draw attention away from all the scandals bedeviling the Democrats. But once the midterm elections are over and the Republicans have taken control of the Senate, I want to see Obama tried for high crimes and misdemeanors. It's bad enough that this bum has managed to conceal all of his essential documents. But it would be criminal if he didn't face prosecution for turning the IRS, the FBI and even the U.S. Patent Office, into his own personal attack dogs, and for violating both the letter and the spirit of the U.S. Constitution.

Finally, a friend suggested that I poll my readers. It makes sense. After all, we are always being asked to pay attention to polls conducted by the likes of Fox News, the NY Times, Gallup, Frank Luntz, Zogby and Pew. So while I understand that my readers don't actually represent a cross-section of the American public because they tend to be both conservative and literate, I would be very interested in hearing from you.

The poll consists of four and a half questions: (1) Which of the TV commentators do you trust the most? (2) What do you consider to be the biggest problem facing America today? (Please limit it to a single issue, and not just say the creep in the Oval Office. That's a given.) (3) Do you agree that

Obama should face impeachment in 2015? (4) Who would you most like to see the Republicans nominate in 2016? (4a) Who would you least like to see at the top of the GOP ticket?

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At least now you'll have to quit bad-mouthing polls simply because no pollster has ever asked for your opinion.

"Education, Politics & Racism"

I never want people to assume that just because I have questions about colleges and universities, I oppose education. It's just that the current system makes no sense. For one thing, the cost of a college education has increased by 1,200% over the past three decades. That is twice the rate at which the cost of health care has soared. But at least until Obama tossed the monkey wrench known as the Affordable Care Act into the works, health care just kept getting better. Is there anyone who would suggest that's been true about education, which has come to be better known as indoctrination?

That is why I keep suggesting that universities be turned into parks, and that higher education be turned over to trade schools, where not only carpentry, plumbing and auto mechanics are taught, but medicine, law and architecture.

The lie that's usually brought forth by the status quo crowd is that students need all those pricey undergrad classes in order to be well-rounded. But the fact is that it's only the bank accounts of professors, administrators and football coaches, that have become fatter and the endowments that are bloated to the breaking point.

Republicans have become somewhat accustomed to being called racists whenever they object to affirmative action, increased welfare or to any of Obama's unconstitutional edicts. At the same time, they are labeled racists if they merely call for photo I.D.s at polling places.

The obvious fact is that it's liberals who are the true bigots. They're the ones who keep insisting that even 50 years after the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment that blacks can't be expected to compete in schools or in the workplace. It is also liberals who lump the members of all minorities together, whereas conservatives have no trouble at all making the distinction between the bottom feeders who keep electing the likes of Barack Obama, Maxine Waters, Charles Rangel and Sheila Jackson Lee and people like Dr. Ben Carson, Thomas Sowell, Condoleezza Rice and Clarence Thomas.

For most Americans, the tragedy of slavery is two-fold. One, the enslavement of blacks left an indelible stain on the nation. Two, the endless guilt has left tens of millions of black Americans with a sense of victimhood and entitlement that has resulted in the economic enslavement of hundreds of millions of white people.

As I see it, the only good that can possibly come from the swapping of five Islamic terrorists for one Army deserter is that even some Democrats are getting fed up with Obama's arrogance and lack of patriotism and commonsense. It can only make it easier for Republicans in 2014 to take back the Senate and send Harry ("I'm glad we got rid of those terrorists") Reid out to pasture.

The reason that's so important is that it may be the only way to prevent Barack Obama from replacing one of the elderly justices on the Supreme Court with another Sonia Sotomayor or Elena Kagan, thus reversing the 5-4 majority that conservatives currently have.

Too many Republicans seem to lose sight of the fact that the Supreme Court is the legacy that presidents leave behind so that they can continue screwing the country decades after they've left the White House. That is why I find it so vexing when Republicans stay home during presidential elections for no better reason than that their personal favorite didn't

garner the nomination. I mean, how stupid and irresponsible did someone have to be in 2012 to allow Obama to win a second term simply because Rick Santorum, Rand Paul or Newt Gingrich, wasn't on the ticket?

At this time, my biggest problem with the Court is that Americans who merely wish to protect the letter and the spirit of the Constitution lack the standing to bring a case before the Supremes. Unless an individual can prove that he personally – and not just the nation at large – has been harmed by a law or by a president who sees no reason to abide by the specific limitations on his authority, he's powerless to state his case, even if he or she is a member of Congress.

The midterm elections, though, are only a prelude to the all-important presidential election two years down the road. Possibly I'm being too optimistic, but it seems to me that if the Democrats can't come up with a better candidate than Hillary ("What difference does it make?") Clinton to succeed Barack ("America leaves no deserters behind, no matter the price") Obama, it's time for the Party to file bankruptcy.

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Coulter, Krauthammer & Me

As many of you know, I spent a good part of 2012 trying to get the Mitt Romney campaign to give me a shot at writing, co-writing or re-writing his speeches. Alas, I never managed to scale the castle wall. So it wasn't my fault that the only things he said that anyone ever remembered were that 47% of

the people would never vote for him and that 20 million illegal immigrants should self-deport.

Over the past 12 or 13 years, I have written over 1,300 articles and six books from a conservative perspective, but every time I turn around, it's Ann Coulter or George Will or some shmoe from the NY Times who is being quoted on talk radio or over at Fox News.

Charles Krauthammer writes a book that is basically old columns with a smidgen of autobiography mixed in, and it immediately goes to number one at Amazon. However, my last book, "67 Conservatives You Should Meet Before You Die" includes an interview with Krauthammer in which he discusses his own story at length. But in addition, I got him to talk about the book that has had the greatest influence on him; his favorite movies; his favorite columnists; the eight people, living or dead, he would invite to a dinner party and the role that religion plays in his life.

What's more, the book also includes equally fascinating interviews with the likes of Rick Santorum, Gary Sinise, Phyllis Schlafly, Hugh Hewitt, Newt Gingrich, Walter Williams, Rick Perry, Andrew Breitbart, David Limbaugh, Pat Boone, Ralph Peters, Paul Ryan, Pat Robertson, Bernard Goldberg, Michele Bachmann, Pat Sajak, Mike Gallagher, Joe Wambaugh, myself and 47 others. Still, after a year, and even after it became available on Kindle, fewer than 500 copies have been bought.

Why am I complaining? Well, for one thing, I can use the money. But for another, the Republican Party needs as much help as it can get, just as Mitt Romney did. And the help it gets shouldn't be totally dependent on who gets to show up on Fox and whom Rush Limbaugh deigns to mention.

There is a war on in the United States, and I feel like one of those guys during WWII who couldn't enlist because he had flat feet. Only I don't have flat feet. And just as there were

those left on the sidelines who wanted more than anything to kill Nazis, I want the largest possible podium from which to ridicule Obama and his Marxist toadies. I want to make the whole bunch of them the laughingstocks they deserve to be.

Speaking of which, some dopes have actually tried to put a good face on the fact that Obama hasn't fired Kathleen Sebelius. They want to pretend it's because he has so much loyalty to his friends and colleagues. They insist that's the same reason he didn't fire Eric Holder over Operation Fast & Furious or any of Hillary Clinton's State Department flunkies who had anything to do with the massacre at Benghazi.

It isn't loyalty with Obama. It's the psychological failing of a narcissist who simply can't bring himself to acknowledge he made a mistake in the first place, giving authority to people even less competent than himself.

What makes liberals so despicable isn't simply that they're wrong on all the major issues; it's that they are such insufferable hypocrites. For instance, they will always voice their support for higher taxes. But only, you may have noticed, for other people. Why do you think so many movies are shot outside California, either in Canada or southern right-to-work states? Verisimilitude? Not likely, unless you're one of those people who believe that Toronto looks more like Philadelphia and New York City than Philadelphia and New York City do. The movies leave California for the same rational reason other businesses do: exorbitant taxes!

Finally, it is the height of irony that thanks to all the smart electronic gizmos on the market, never have so many dunderheads had the opportunity to let the entire world know how stupid they are, 140 characters at a time.

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It's Time to Focus on the Main Event

After you finish this article, please enjoy the bonus article, Peeling the Onion Known as Trayvon Martin.

The media would like to drag the GOP primaries out as long as possible. For one thing, they relish Republicans trashing other Republicans. For another, they enjoy seeing the GOP squandering tens of millions of dollars that, as a result, they won't have available when the general election rolls around.

I've made no secret of the fact that I believe that Mitt Romney is the candidate with the best chance of defeating Obama, whom I regard as the gravest menace, foreign or domestic, that this country has ever faced. When I think of the permanent damage he could do to America if given another four years and the opportunity to possibly replace the likes of Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court, my blood runs cold.

If either Santorum or Gingrich had built up a commanding lead in the primaries, I would have urged the others to drop out of the race because either of them would make a far better president than the Occupy Wall Streeter who currently occupies the Oval Office.

I would even support Ron Paul, the man who has never won a single primary even though this is his third run for the presidency. Although I regard his foreign policy as dangerously delusional, I believe Rep. Paul, unlike Obama, is a genuine patriot who sincerely wants what's best for America.

There are those who insist that Mitt Romney would be no different from Obama. I regard such people as either being saps for believing that a so-called "Massachusetts moderate" is the same thing as a left-wing zealot or, as is far more likely, liars, who are trying to disguise their religious bigotry as nothing more than political differences. To me, the scary thing is that there are so many Republicans who see a moral equivalence between a Marxist and a Mormon.

Gingrich remains in the race for the same reason I always said he entered in the first place. He wanted to enhance his brand, thus ensuring that even years after leaving Congress, he would continue to sell books and videos and collect huge speaking fees. If he had been a serious candidate, he would not have spent the early weeks of the primary sailing around the Greek islands, leading his entire campaign team to resign. Also, if he had been serious, an old veteran of the political wars would not have found himself in the embarrassing position of not being on the ballot in his home state of Virginia.

I sincerely believe the only reason Newt is still hanging around is his hatred of Romney. After all, Romney is everything Gingrich wishes he were: tall, handsome, an exemplary father and husband and extraordinarily wealthy. In addition to jealousy, there is political animus because through an odd set of circumstances, Gingrich actually found himself perched atop the polls until Romney's Super Pac buried him in Iowa.

Santorum is still sticking around because, unlike Gingrich, he has actually won more than two primaries, although the fact that he, too, was off the ballot in Virginia and in several Ohio counties, doesn't speak well of his organizational skills. Still, the fact remains that as we approach the mid-point of the primary season, Romney has collected more delegates than Gingrich, Paul and Santorum, combined, and that the big ones coming up after the swing through the South – namely California, New Jersey and Illinois – all favor Romney,

would suggest that for the sake of the Party, it is time to coalesce. The problem is that neither Santorum nor Gingrich holds elective office, and, so, there is no way the Party leaders can force the issue.

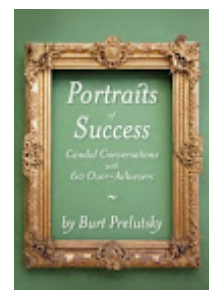
A good deal of the opposition to Romney comes from those who see him as the choice of the GOP establishment. The irony is that if Santorum and Gingrich somehow prevent Romney from garnering the 1,144 delegates he needs to clinch the nomination, it will lead to a brokered convention. And just who do you think will control that?

The good thing about being the standard bearer for the GOP in 2012 is that, unlike any presidential campaign in the past, the candidate won't have to make a slew of promises he might not be able to deliver on; instead, he can earn his place on Mt. Rushmore by merely undoing what Obama has done.

As for Obama, the unfortunate thing is that he received the Nobel Peace Prize a month after he took office. In a just world, he would have received it next February, a month after he leaves.

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A Goofy Question, Racial Provocation, and Hollywood Jubilation

☒ A few thoughts on some news stories that popped up within the past week...

Rick Santorum Crying Foul

While Rick Santorum has a habit of publicly displaying hypersensitivity that makes some of us conservatives uncomfortable, I think it was completely appropriate for him to go off on New York Times reporter, Jeff Zeleny the other day. The exchange between the two took place after a campaign rally where Santorum told attendees that Mitt Romney was “the worst Republican in the country to put up against Barack Obama”, because Romney can’t sufficiently debate the dangers of Obamacare with it too closely resembling Romneycare.

In a highly publicized moment caught on camera, Santorum took animated exception to the following question from Zeleny: “You said that Mitt Romney is the worst Republican in the country. Is that true?”

“What speech did you listen to?” Santorum angrily rebuked. “Stop lying.” He then told Zeleny that his question was “bullsh*t”.

Now, Santorum certainly didn’t come across as *presidential*, but I have to admit that I liked his calling out of what was indeed a bullsh*t question. Zeleny annoyingly feigned ignorance of the clear context of Santorum’s actual remark. He did this for the sole purpose of trying to make Santorum squirm under the scrutiny of a claim that he never made. It wasn’t all that different than when lefty attack-groups like Media Matters create false narratives based on partial

statements from the people they choose to slander. Even for an outlet as agenda-driven as the New York Times, this was strikingly immature.

Interestingly, this isn't the first time that Jeff Zeleny has received a lot of media attention for a question he has posed. He's the guy who, in 2009, fawningly presented President Obama with this hardball: "During these first 100 days, what has surprised you the most about this office, enchanted you the most about serving in this office, humbled you the most and troubled you the most?"

Clearly, Zeleny wasn't as *enchanted* with Santorum as he was with Obama.

Trayvon Martin and the Media

I originally intended on writing a full column this week on the media's handling of the Trayvon Martin story, but after reading Bernie's excellent column on the topic, I felt that he echoed my thoughts so precisely that it I didn't have much more to add. I will just say that the knee-jerk presumption of racism in this country is extremely harmful to reasonable and rational thinking. Racism absolutely exists in America. It probably always will to some degree. But the media does a great disservice to our society with their over-eagerness to leap to conclusions of racism whenever tragedy befalls a minority at the hands of a white person (in this case a *white Hispanic*, as the New York Times so interestingly phrased it).

James Cameron Back in the News

The last time James Cameron made national headlines, it was back in early 2010 when he partook in a heated rant against conservative talk radio host, Glenn Beck and those who he considers to be *global warming deniers*. A self-proclaimed environmentalist, the uber-successful film director has long been an outspoken voice on the danger of man-made global warming. He even admitted in 2009 that his science fiction

movie, *Avatar* was created to bring attention to man's destruction of the environment on our own planet.

This past week, he made headlines again when he completed a submarine dive down to the deepest point of the ocean. In a privately funded, one-man sub that he helped design, Cameron descended nearly seven miles down to the floor of the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench where he observed what he described as an "alien world".

I've always admired people who are passionate about their personal interests, especially in the realm of exploration. Cameron is unique from many in that he has the means at his disposal to pursue such extravagant, grandiose dreams. It's a true testament to the power of capitalism – a system that rewards successes (for which he has had many) and gives individuals endless opportunities to achieve truly amazing things.

How interesting it is, then, that Cameron has on numerous occasions blasted greed and wealth, and once told Newsweek that the "evils of the world" can be attributed to the "concentration of wealth and power with a few."

Personally, I'm all for people doing whatever they want with the money they've earned, and I think it's great that Cameron is living large.

But if I were a member of the outspoken, leftist elite, I might find myself questioning how many children could have been fed or sheltered with the *concentrated wealth* that was spent on the four year project. After all, deep sea exploration is incredibly expensive. So expensive that it's usually funded by governments or oil companies. And speaking of oil companies... If I were a self-proclaimed environmentalist, I might find myself questioning what kind of carbon footprint the admittedly self-indulgent project left behind.

Fortunately, I'm neither of those people.

Will a Republican Ever Be Portrayed By Someone Who Doesn't Hate Republicans?

It's no secret that actors in Hollywood overwhelmingly lean left in their political views. That being said, not all of them are chronically angry, attention-seeking provocateurs who take every opportunity to bash *everything conservative*. They may not be any less liberal than the bigmouths... They're just less sanctimonious about it.

Wouldn't it be a nice change if one of *those* people portrayed important Republican figures in film? I ask this question because I find it absolutely remarkable that anytime the role of a well-known Republican leader is cast in a movie, the actor or actress chosen to play the part consistently ends up being one of the hardest left and most self-righteous of the bunch.

This week, it was announced that Hanoi Jane Fonda will be portraying Nancy Reagan in an upcoming movie entitled "The Butler". Playing Richard Nixon in the same film will be John Cusack. This is the same John Cusack who has starred in Republican smear commercials for far left website MoveOn.org, has called for "the satanic death" of GOP leaders, and has compared the notion of repealing minimum wage laws to slavery.

These two are merely the latest additions in a line of participants in this long held tradition that includes James Brolin as Ronald Reagan, Josh Brolin as George W. Bush, Richard Dreyfus as Dick Cheney, and the entire cast of HBO's *Game Change* taking up John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign team.

For these actors, they must relish the opportunity to propagandize to an international audience by demonstrating just how inherently *evil* or *stupid* the objects of their loathing are. Either that, or maybe they're just happy to be

getting any kind of work at this point in their careers.

Time to Go, Rick

✘ It's time for Rick Santorum to go. He's getting more whiny than usual and it's getting tiresome.

Like Newt Gingrich, he's not going to win the nomination, and I suspect he knows it. But I get the impression that he doesn't really care who wins in November – unless it's him.

Where did I get an idea like that? From Rick Santorum himself.

On the campaign trail in San Antonio, he said: “You win by giving people a choice,” You win by giving people the opportunity to see a different vision for our country, not someone who's just going to be a little different than the person in there.”

He's got every right to take a shot at Mitt Romney. And he's got every right to believe he's stands a better chance of defeating President Obama than does Romney, even if he's wrong. But what he said next was just plain petulant.

“If they're going to be a little different,” he said, “we might as well stay with what we have instead of taking a risk of what may be the Etch A Sketch candidate for the future.” That was a reference to a Romney adviser's comment that “everything changes” when the campaign begins in earnest in the fall. “It's almost like an Etch A Sketch,” the adviser Eric Fehrstrom said. “You can kind of shake it up and we start all over again.”

Usually the politically dumb statements come from Romney

himself. Does this gaffe feed into the image that Romney is a waffler who will say anything that serves his political purposes at the moment? Yes. It's Romney's biggest weakness and for good reason: he is a waffler. But Santorum went way too far in saying Romney is no better than President Obama, prompting this entirely accurate headline in the Washington Post: **Santorum says voters might as well re-elect Obama because Romney offers little difference**

(Hit with a barrage of criticism from Republicans for his comment, Santorum now says the "we" in "we might as well stay with what we have ..." refers to "we, the American people" – the American electorate – who he says would figure, why not stay with President Obama if Romney is the GOP nominee. "I would never vote for Barack Obama over any Republican and to suggest otherwise is preposterous," Santorum explained. This is how politicians walk back their mistakes. I suspect no one will buy it.)

I could never picture Rick Santorum in the Oval Office. He always struck me as the annoying goody two shoes kid in high school who you wanted to slap around simply on principle. Then when he began sharing his religious beliefs with the American people I started believing that if this guy could snap his fingers or wave his magic wand, he'd turn the United States into a theocracy. That may not be a fair characterization, of course, but that's the impression he gave me – and I suspect it's the impression he gave a lot of others who will decide if Mr. Obama stays or goes.

Those of us who want Barack Obama to go should now also want Mr. Santorum to go.