

# ~ Official Newsletter of the Putnam County Republican Party ~



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## *From The Chairman*

We are now deep into the 2010 election cycle. We need to take this opportunity to make the most of our efforts to make this year a good year for the Putnam County Republican Party. We need to emphasize the conservative principles that have made our nation great, and stress the harm that will ensue if we continue with the liberal policies of the Obama, Biden, Pelosi, and Reid administration. We have seen what they have done with our health care, and that's just the beginning folks.

In 2010 we have the mission to elect a Republican Governor and to build our majorities in the Tennessee Legislature, and on the national level we have to elect someone to fill the spot in 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district. I think we have some good candidates that are running for these vacancies.

On the local level we have some excellent candidates running for those offices, but we have to get out and back them. To be successful here in Putnam County, it will take all of us standing together and backing our candidates and the local party.

When I was elected Chairman of the PCP, my goals were to strengthen our party, to set some goals, and to see that those goals were being met. At the beginning of the year I put out a time-line to give us some direction, and in it I proposed that we start news line. The first issue will be coming out the second week in May. It will be e-mailed and a hard copy prepared for the office to be given to people who stop in. The first Annual PCP golf outing was held May 1<sup>st</sup> at White Plains Golf Course, a Congressional candidates night is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Drama Center, a picnic at Dogwood Park is planned for June 26<sup>th</sup>, and we will have a Gubernatorial candidates forum at the Drama Center on July 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition, a Reagan Day Dinner is planned for August and in December we will finish the year with our Christmas Gala. Please make your plans to be a part of some or all of these activities.

Working together we will make 2010 a great year for the PCRP and further establish our position in the community. I want to thank our executive committee for all the work they do.

Thank You

Curtis Shinsky



2010: A GREAT YEAR TO BE A REPUBLICAN

Theodore Roosevelt said a vote is like a rifle; its usefulness depends upon the character of the user. The primary is the best opportunity we have to get the government we want. It is our civic responsibility to research and choose the best candidate. After all, we get the government we deserve.

In the August 5<sup>th</sup> Primary we are proud to have an all star slate of republican candidates to choose from. It is vitally important that we get behind the winner of the Republican Primary and combine our efforts to defeat the Democrats in the General Elections. In our area we have contested primaries for Governor, 6<sup>th</sup> District U.S. Congress, House District 25 and House District 42.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District is Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Pickett, Putnam and White Counties. For State Senate, Republican Gary Steakley is running against Democrat Charlotte Burkes and Democrat Joe Willmoth running as an Independent; For House District 42 we have Bill Cody and Ryan Williams.

After the 2010 census, the State of Tennessee will be able to redistrict. We need to keep our legislative majority with the addition of more seats for the Senate and House. We also need a solid republican majority in the House to guarantee a Republican Speaker so that we can get republican control of all the committees for the first time in Tennessee history.

Two years ago we only had one republican candidate for the U.S. congress in our district. Now we have six fantastic candidates to choose from. House District 25 has Cameron Sexton and Eric Swafford; District 38 has Kelly Keisling; and District 41 has Patrick McCurdy running for the State House.

Alan Rader and Mike Callaghan are running for State Executive Committeeman. I, Ronda Rader, am running for State Executive Committeewoman against Angie Duncan.

Scott Ebersole is running for District 1 County Commission and Michael D. Lane is running for Trustee. We need to support our Republican Candidates. Let's get out there and tell our friends, family, church members, and co-workers about our Republican beliefs and candidates.

We need a positive attitude and hard work to get our candidates elected. May 4<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, and November 2<sup>nd</sup> are going to be days in Tennessee history we will always remember.

We can help our candidates with donations, going door to door, phone calls, Putnam County Party headquarters worker, Precinct Captains, and much more. I know this will not be without personal sacrifice. Our candidates sacrifice their time, their money and families to defend our freedoms. We want to celebrate November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I now we can do it. The time is right for victory!

Ronda Rader

Executive Committeewoman, 15th Senatorial District



#### WHAT IS A NATION

A nation is defined by several characteristics. A nation is more than just a collection of villages who agree to a united rule.

The first and most important trait of a nation is borders which are defined and protected. A nation should control the flow of both goods and people in both directions (into and out of the country) with the ability and the will to decide what passes over that border. There are those who cry that we cannot control our borders. Other nations have shown that if the will to do so is present it is possible to have absolute control of what crosses their border.

The Second trait of a nation is a common language. The people who live within the borders of a nation must have an understandable means of verbal communication. If this is not so, a country or union will break into parts based on the differing languages which are used. The "Tower of Babel" is both a story and an illustration of truth. Language was the issue our congress debated.

A common culture is the third trait which a true nation must have in order to function. The United States was formed by people from several countries who at first spoke different languages but who all had a western European

culture. This common culture allowed a common basic architecture, food, sense of right and wrong, social interaction, work ethic, system of trade and social customs. A common culture allows new cultural influences to be gradually incorporated in a way as to not have a traumatic social dislocation.

A common respect for laws is the fourth trait of a nation. As a nation we adopted the system of English Common law modified by legislation and precedent. Included in the respect for laws which is prevalent in this country (and other English countries) is the willingness to obey the law. Without this voluntary obedience, a nation could not field enough policemen to force the letter of the law. Mexico is an example of a country which has no custom of respect and obedience of civil laws thus all laws are commonly broken.

The fifth trait of a nation is having a common set of ethical beliefs. Our country (among other) is based on the Judeo Christian set of ethical beliefs which follow expansions of the Ten Commandments. This code controls our attitudes towards basic questions of conduct such as marriage, causing harm to others, lying vs truth, care of the helpless, sexual behavior, etc. Cultures based on an Oriental, African or Islamic set of ethical standards would have a different set of conduct.

The most important trait of a nation is the privileges and benefits awarded to those who are citizens. All nations have residents which include both citizens and non-citizens. In most nations, citizens are given more benefits and privileges than those offered non-citizens. The Apostle Paul was very protective of his Roman citizenship. This can only be explained because being Roman offered him rights not available to non-citizens. Having these privileges causes citizens to be fiercely loyal and protective of their citizenship.

The reason I wrote this essay is to express my frustration with the condition of my nation, the United States of America. Leaders of both major political parties have allowed these six traits to weaken to the point what soon we may not be able to have a nation.

1. Our borders are not controlled.
2. We do not require a common language.
3. We are mixing an overwhelming number of immigrants who do not share our culture and will not be assimilated.
4. We are bringing in people who do not share our respect for law and order.
5. We have allowed a statement in our constitution which prevents the establishment of a state religion to be perverted into a movement trying to destroy Christianity to the benefit of atheist, satanists and muslims.
6. We now allow non-citizens the same rights, privileges and benefits that you and I have.

I question how and why this happened.

Mike Callahan

Executive Committeeman, 15th Senatorial District



### MOORE TO THE POINT - AMERICA'S RAGE IS REAL!

Joe Stack who flew his airplane into the IRS building in Austin, Texas represents just the proverbial tip of the iceberg with regard to the level of anger directed to overall government and the Obama administration and the liberals who control Congress. While we're at it, we should consider Terry Hoskins of Moscow, Ohio who bulldozed his soon-to-be-foreclosed \$350K home. People are fed up with a government or its allies who have become unresponsive to them. The government is overrun with bureaucrats who insulate themselves from the subjects they think they rule.

Government ceased being of the people, by the people, and for the people a long time ago. People don't like being painted into a corner. When put into a corner, lower animals will come out fighting. Since humans occupy a higher order, especially the American people, it has taken them longer to come out fighting. Messrs. Stack and Hoskins are not heroes, but folks are at the end of their ropes. The government is about to see what will happen when a lighted match is flicked into a pool of gas. Riots and strikes in Greece are indicative of what will happen here.

Never before, at least in my lifetime, have I seen such a level of rage that is being exhibited by the American people. I'm talking about the producers, the God-fearing, Bible toters who go to work everyday, who are law-abiding, and who pony up daily, monthly, and yearly to pay their ever-increasing taxes. They are the ones who see their grocery bills increasing on a weekly basis. They are the ones who see it taking an extra ten bucks per week to fill their gas tanks. They are the ones who witness a Washington mega bureaucracy and Congress spending their country into bankruptcy.

They hear Harry Reid demeaning men who can't find a job as abusers. I could go on; but, believe me, there is a level of rage in America that will be seen this November. We better pray that change is coming via the ballot box. We should realize that America is not a third world banana republic that exacts change, not by the ballot but by violence. Here, the ballot box rules, and we must forever see to it that it stays that way. God help America if this tenet ever changes. But rage will do that to a republic. Government is ruling us, its subjects.

Steve Moore

Headquarters Coordinator



#### A REPUBLICANS DUTY

Paula Tyler  
Tuesday, March 23, 2010

The passage of the Healthscare bill (not misspelled) is what gave me my lead-in for this first article. I ask the question, what did you do to stop this bill?

We have a duty in this country as citizens, as neighbors, and as Republicans to monitor the elected officials sent to Washington. Our Constitution was written and our country formed based on Citizens being the center of the Government. By the People, For the People and Of the People gives us our duty that does not end with pulling a lever on the ballot box. You have not only a right to monitor our Government; you have a duty to do so.

If you ask, what can I do; the simple answer is get involved! This can become a regular routine, just like brushing your teeth everyday and taking no more than 5 minutes a day. 5 minutes does not sound like a lot, but it is enough time to make a phone call to your representative in Washington or in Nashville. Take 5 minutes to talk to a neighbor about getting involved, 5 minutes to send an email.

You can become informed, know what the issues are and how your representative votes on the issues, this information is readily available, on the internet or from the official website. Do you agree with your representative's position? Call and let them know; make sure your position on an issue is known every time, every day.

Teach, once you are informed on an issue, then teach your family (even children) your neighbors and the person in front of you at Wal-mart. Teaching is not forcing your position; it is knowing the issue and speaking with others to let them know how a bill, a vote or proposed legislation will affect them, make it personal.

*"We established however some, although not all its [self-government] important principles. The constitutions of most of our States assert, that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves, in all cases to which they think themselves competent, (as in electing their functionaries executive and legislative, and deciding by a jury of themselves, in all judiciary cases in which any fact is involved,) or they may act by representatives, freely and equally chosen; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed." --Thomas Jefferson, letter to John Cartwright, 1824*

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## SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

By Lance Persson

The internet is a wonderful tool for sharing information. Unfortunately there seems to me as much misinformation spread on the internet as there is information which is true. Thus we are constantly challenged to know what is the truth and what are down right lies.

A case in point is the frequent e-mails saying that Congress does not pay social security tax. I too thought it this true until I checked into it. I learned that those in congress do in fact pay social security taxes.

I learned this from the web site TRUTHorFICTION.com. I have used this web site to check out the credibility of e-mails for a few years and have found it to be thorough, accurate and unbiased in their web postings. (Note: Snoops.com is similar but they lean strongly to the left in what they report.)

HURMOROUS license plate:



Billboard humor



Billboard in beautiful, Grand Junction, CO.



### THE PROPOSED 28<sup>TH</sup> AMMENDMENT: ANOTHER TERRIBLE IDEA

By [Publius Huldah](#)

The proposed 28th Amendment reads:

Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators and/or Representatives; and, Congress shall make no law that applies to the Senators and/or Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States.

1. Should we support its ratification? Let's think it through: Ours is a Constitution of "[enumerated powers](#)" only. [The Federalist Papers](#) make this clear.
2. But Congress, the President, and the federal Judges *ignore* the constitutional limits on their powers.

3. How would an Amendment fix this? How could *any* Amendment MAKE them obey the Constitution, when they don't obey it now?

4. They disobey the Constitution because they want to, and WE agreed with it. Social security, Medicare, subsidies, price supports, earmarks, etc., are all unconstitutional as outside the enumerated powers of Congress. But WE wanted the loot. So WE didn't care that what they were doing was unconstitutional.

5. Now, listen carefully: The proposed 28th Amendment would have the effect of creating a "general" legislative power in Congress. A "general" legislative power is the opposite of enumerated powers. With the "general" legislative power created by the proposed 28th Amendment, Congress could make *any law on any object* as long as it applied to them as well as to us.

So, while you might think that the 28th Amendment will "show them" that they can't pass laws for us and exempt themselves, the actual result of the Amendment would be to destroy the concept of "enumerated powers". And they would continue to ignore the Constitution.

6. Amendments to the Constitution are, in general, a *bad idea*. In [Federalist No. 84](#) (10th para), Alexander Hamilton warned against "bills of rights":

I go further, and affirm that bills of rights...are not only unnecessary in the proposed Constitution, but would even be dangerous. They would contain various exceptions to powers not granted; and, on this very account, would afford a colorable pretext to claim more than were granted. For why declare that things shall not be done which there is no power to do? Why ... should it be said that the liberty of the press shall not be restrained, when no power is given by which restrictions may be imposed? I will not contend that such a provision would confer a regulating power; but it is evident that it would furnish, to men disposed to usurp, a plausible pretense for claiming that power. They might urge...that the Constitution ought not to be charged with the absurdity of providing against the abuse of an authority which was not given, and that the provision against restraining the liberty of the press afforded a clear implication, that a power to prescribe proper regulations concerning it was intended to be vested in the national government....

Hamilton was right. The U.S. Supreme Court has since used the 1st Amendment, which was supposed to guarantee free exercise of religion & free speech, to [BAN Christian speech](#) in public! See [Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission \(2009\)](#) for a history of the Supreme Court's 1st Amendment opinions respecting political speech: They have long approved congressional restrictions on political speech! Reconcile *that* with the text of the 1st Amendment! You can't.

The point is: Federal judges will construe any new Amendment ***however they want!***

7. Our Constitution doesn't need amending except to repeal previous ill-considered Amendments such as the 16th & 17th. Let's not blame-shift and say our problems are due to defects in the Constitution. The defects are in our own plunder-loving hearts.

8. We fix our political problems by: (a) Learning the Constitution; (b) Supporting it and stop clamoring for unconstitutional programs; (c) Electing people who will be faithful to the Constitution; (d) Demanding that our representatives impeach, try, convict & remove from office all who don't; and (e) Returning to ***personal responsibility***. PH



## WHY CONSERVATIVES LOST THE MORAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE HEALTHCARE BILL

By Danny Newton

About thirty years ago, social critics began to notice a trend away from reliance on traditional moral arguments to form public policy in favor of a more rigorous reliance on policies that promoted feelings of psychic security or personal well-being. Reliance on intuition rather than reason is on the rise. This phenomenon is due to the displacement of religion in the American community to analyze public policy for its conformity to basic moral

precepts found in the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule. Even common sense views about debt, thrift and self-reliance that were popularized by Ben Franklin are no longer common.

The earliest observers of this phenomenon rang alarm bells about this cultural shift and even named it as the Therapeutic Culture but, it was a slow moving glacier of an evolving world view. There is nothing wrong with psychic security or personal well-being. No one is against it, if it is real and affordable but, too many are for it even when it is an illusion. People with a therapeutic mind set are not as interested in personal salvation as much as they are interested in personal comfort. Their faith is in like-minded people with high station in life. They have traded traditional demons for more modern fears of global warming, aging and sprawl. They want to perfect humanity, not through individual spiritual perfection, but by the perfection of the state. Moral absolutes create paradoxes in the Therapeutic Culture that are cured with semantics. An inconvenient baby can be redefined as a disease or intruder. For them, the ends really do justify the means.

To the Judeo-Christian, the idea that imperfect or flawed people can somehow create a perfect state is absurd. No group of people can ever eliminate the need for members to be good. Rampant Relativism degrades their schemes to approach Utopia because of squishy definitions of good and bad contaminate that which is supposedly perfect. The narcissistic Therapeutic Culture is easily herded toward complicated technological changes that promise more and more comfort and are constantly building and rebuilding shields against any warnings based on traditional moral arguments. This problem has gone beyond moral arguments because there is an observable resistance to reality when it comes to security. It is simply too painful to think that Muslims want to kill non-believers or pose any clear and present danger.

The Robin Hood nature of the healthcare bill is not disturbing to its supporters because their comfort is more important than the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Commandments. They are easily manipulated into frustration and fury against anyone who does not want to help them build the perfect society based on psychic comfort. Subtracting the property rights lost from the healthcare rights gained is too complicated for them. Demanding liberty is mistaken for anti-social behavior when the opposite is true. They are immune to the arguments against debt and see no problem with writing a hot check for healthcare.



## FINCHER FAILS IN TRANSPORTATION REFORM

By Danny Newton

Representative Henry Fincher is not a true conservative because of his hyper Progressive support of failed and deteriorating transportation policy. While preventing any new money from coming into the system via tolls, he ignores the fact that failed transportation policy is slowly utilizing more and more sales and property taxes of local urban governments.

The average “toll” on all roads in Tennessee is about 2.3 cents per vehicle mile traveled. When the gas tax was passed, it functioned somewhat like a toll that fell heaviest on the heaviest users. The user-pays system continued popularity even through the Depression. In West Virginia, the targeted and properly managed gas tax eliminated all toll roads but a combination of tolls and “free” roads was again reinstalled as the user-pays system was destroyed by Liberal good intentions.

Both federal and state legislatures began redistributing the income from state transportation taxes in a way that ignored objective transportation need. The typical state revenue sharing formula that allows a small fraction of money to be sent back to local governments is based on a formula that involves population and a political boundary. It sounds fair but it creates an unbalanced flow from urban to rural areas. The Clinton Administration made things even worse by supporting Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations. This system divorced the voting citizen from the project selection process by nearly eliminating the ability of voters to ratify or reject those who made transportation project selections.

Rich roads that produce more taxes than they cost are financing poor roads that have no hope of ever breaking even. Worst yet, the poor roads are being multiplied while congestion abounds in urban areas. Progressive transportation finance assures that there will never be enough taxes, from any source for real transportation need.



## THE GREAT STATE OF TENNESSEE AND ITS GREAT PEOPLE

By Curtis Shinsky

The week-end of May 1<sup>st</sup> we had the most rain in our history, and flooding was all over the Nashville area and surrounding communities. The local networks had 24 - 7 coverage. You noticed that we didn't get much national news coverage. The reasons for that -- we didn't have our people standing around yelling for help and asking what shall we do, where is the help that our government should be giving us, bring in the buses not school buses but we want the big comfortable ones, or what are we going to do? You never saw any of that. Instead the people of Tennessee saw what was happening and got down to work. They did what was needed. They weren't standing around waiting for some one to help them. You also didn't see the leaders of this state blaming others for the situation. I'm so proud of the people of this State, it just shows you the character of our people. What a great place to live.



### THE NEXT BUBBLE WILL BE GREEN

By Danny Newton

In the past, economic bubbles have been limited in severity by the small fraction of people who would or could engage in the behavior required to produce a bubble. The housing bubble and the tech bubble had limited numbers of people that could or would invest in them but, government monetary policy magnifies the problem. The mother of all economic bubbles is forming right now and it can be detected the same way that the housing bubble was detected years before it began to burst.

To create an economic bubble, something must be valued at several times the value of a realistic competitor for a time long enough that it creates a great deal of wealth. When the bubble breaks, most of that wealth will be lost. The housing bubble was detected when analyst observed that the value of housing greatly exceeded the value of the same or similar rental properties. The housing bubble was driven by psychological factors, greed and tax policy.

Economic bubbles are always associated with excessive credit and the allocation of resources on activities that have low or no positive rate of return. A splinter group of New Keynesians at the Federal Reserve is sounding alarm bells over excessive and subpar use of credit by predicting that classic Keynesian economic theory will not lead to recovery when the interest rates approach zero. Furthermore, they predict an exaggerated period of unemployment as people try to work their way out of the disaster.

Green energy subsidies are producing legions of projects that have no hope of producing energy or security at the same cost per kilowatt hour as traditional alternatives. Transportation spending is also producing economic losers. Like the housing bubble, there is a psychological component driving the decisions, not sound economics.



### HELP HELP HELP

This is a plea for our membership to help us keep our headquarters; as you know it takes a considerable amount of money to maintain what we have. We have managed so far but your executive committee gets really anxious when it comes time to pay bills. I'm really pleading with all to help us keep our building. If everyone who attends our monthly meeting were to give \$25, we would be able to maintain our offices along with the fund raising. I think we will be just fine, but you know this is joint effort and we really need your help. Please consider and be a part of our activities to support us.

Thank you so much.

Curtis Shinsky

