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Illegal Aliens Will Gain Congressional Representation in 2010

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Illegal aliens are prohibited from voting in U.S. elections, at least, they are prohibited by the letter of the law. However, they will have a significant influence on the makeup of Congress and the Electoral College as a result of next year's census.

The 2010 census will count all persons who physically reside in the United States and will make no distinction between legal and illegal residents. According to Louisiana State University constitutional law professor John Baker and demographic analyst Elliott Stonecipher, this will unconstitutionally give some states greater representation in Congress than they should have, and also deprive other states of the representation they deserve.

This means states like Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New York and Texas stand to gain clout in Congress because they have experienced a significant gain in residents who are not U.S. citizens, according to the Census Bureau's 2007 American Community Survey data.

States that are "certain to lose seats" in Congress, according to Baker and Stonecipher, are: Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Other states that will likely lose a seat are Minnesota and Missouri.

Since 1980, the census has not distinguished between legal and illegal

residents in its count, thereby skewing the apportionment of congressional seats. However, there are estimated to be nearly four times as many illegal immigrants in the U.S. than there were in 1990.

Baker and Stonecipher explain just how monumental the illegal alien advantage will be in 2010:

According to the latest American Community Survey, California has 5,622,422 noncitizens in its population of 36,264,467. Based on our round-number projection of a decade-end population in that state of 37,000,000 (including 5,750,000 noncitizens), California would have 57 members in the newly reapportioned U.S. House of Representatives.

However, with noncitizens not included for purposes of reapportionment, California would have 48 House seats (based on an estimated 308 million total population in 2010 with 283 million citizens, or 650,000 citizens per House seat). Using a similar projection, Texas would have 38 House members with noncitizens included. With only citizens counted, it would be entitled to 34 members.

This is sure to make House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) very happy. Perhaps

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someday their districts will be comprised of 70 percent illegal immigrants and 30 percent American voters – thus deadening the impact of future town hall meetings.

As it stands, states that crack down on illegal immigration and generally try to enforce U.S. immigration law will be punished with a smaller voice in Congress and a smaller voice in U.S. presidential elections. Conversely, states that cater to illegal immigrants and generally provide sanctuary for unlawful inhabitants will be rewarded with a bigger voice in Congress and a bigger say in presidential elections.

In addition, ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) is sure to make certain that every illegal alien, real or imagined, is counted in the 2010 census. That is because ACORN has signed on as an official partner with the U.S. Census Bureau, and will assist the Bureau in recruiting 1.4 million temporary workers to go door-to-door to count every person in the United States.

While illegal aliens will be counted in 2010, it is likely that some six million Americans living and working abroad, including religious missionaries, will not be counted, according to the Census Bureau. This is already upsetting many Mormon missionaries from the state of Utah who are serving overseas, as the Bureau has specifically told them they will not be counted.

“The bottom line should still be fairness and accuracy,” said Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT). “If we are currently counting some people abroad and not others, there is just no logic to that whatsoever.”

Of course, Obama has proclaimed that America is “not a Christian nation” so why bother counting some Christians? ###

Majority of Voters Believe McCain-Feingold Infringes on First Amendment Rights

Majority of Americans Reject Obama Stimulus Spending and Prefer Reducing Deficit to Aid the Economy

Washington, D.C. — A strong majority of American voters believe the First Amendment protects the right of organizations to purchase political advertising that targets candidates running for political office, according to a recent Zogby International/O'Leary Report Poll. The Supreme Court will take on this issue in September.

On the economic front, a majority of American voters do not agree with President Obama's strategy of growing the federal deficit in an attempt to stimulate the economy. The Zogby/O'Leary Poll was conducted July 21-24, surveyed 4,470 voters, and has a margin-of-error of plus-or-minus 1.5 percentage points.

Campaign Finance Law

On September 9, the U.S. Supreme Court will convene for a special session to decide whether to uphold a ban on corporate spending in federal elections. At issue is a documentary about Hillary Clinton that was produced by the conservative group Citizens United and released in January 2008 when Clinton was running for president. Citing restrictions in the “McCain-Feingold” campaign finance law, a district court barred the group from advertising the documentary on television and distributing it through video-on-demand. Now the Supreme Court will decide if such a ban infringes on Americans' First Amendment rights.

Zogby/O'Leary asked voters:

“Do you agree or disagree that the First Amendment protects the right of organizations to buy political advertisements, in support of or opposition to, candidates for political office?”

Sixty-six percent of voters agree that the First Amendment protects organizations' political speech during an election, while only 19 percent disagree. A majority of Republicans (82 percent), Democrats (54 percent)

and Independents (64 percent) all agree as well. A large majority of young voters age 18-29 (70 percent) agree, while only 15 percent disagree. Among those who voted for President Obama, 53 percent agree and only 28 percent disagree.

Deficit Spending to Stimulate Economy

The Obama administration's \$800 billion economic stimulus package is a substantial reason that the federal budget deficit is projected to nearly quadruple to \$1.75 trillion this year. As Vice President Joe Biden describes the President's plan, “We have to go spend money to keep from going bankrupt.” A majority of American voters, however, disagree with this strategy.

Zogby/O'Leary asked voters:

“With which statement do you agree? Statement A: Attempt to stimulate the economy by spending money in an effort to save jobs, even if it creates a deficit. Statement B: Try to reduce spending to bring down the deficit as a way to create economic growth.”

A majority of voters (53 percent) agree with Statement B and believe that the government should reduce spending and the deficit as a way to create economic growth. Only 34 percent of American voters agree with Statement A – that the government should spend money it does not have as a way to help the economy.

A majority of Independent voters (55 percent) agree with Statement B, while just 25 percent agree with Statement A. Forty-three percent of young voters age 18-29 also agree with Statement B, and 38 percent agree with Statement A. A strong majority of Hispanic voters (58 percent) agree with Statement B, while only 23 percent side with Statement A. Likewise, 58 percent of small business owners agree with Statement B, and only 31 percent agree with Statement A. ###

Democratic Voters Flee the Obama-Pelosi Bandwagon

As President Obama's approval rating continues to nosedive toward that of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, one has to wonder: Who are these naysayers abandoning the dynamic duo of government-run everything? While it's true that a majority of the discontented comes from the ranks of Republican and Independent voters, it is also true that many Democratic voters are parting ways with the Obama-Pelosi agenda on several fronts.

Healthcare

According to a recent Zogby International/*O'Leary Report* Poll (which surveyed 4,470 voters July 21-24 and has a margin-of-error of plus-or-minus 1.5 percentage points), only 36 percent of Democratic voters support the Obama-Pelosi government administered health insurance plan that would put government in charge of determining what medical procedures Americans can have and when they can have them. Fifty-nine percent of Democratic voters prefer to either keep the current system in place, or want something different altogether.

When Obama and Pelosi ask their more moderate colleagues to come onboard with Obamacare, what they're really asking them to do is ignore the will of their constituents, voters within their own Party, and the broader American electorate. That's a tough sell.

First Amendment Rights

On September 9, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in a case that could turn a key provision of the "McCain-Feingold" campaign finance law on its head. At issue is a documentary about Hillary Clinton that was produced by the conservative group Citizens United and released in January 2008 when Clinton was running for president. Citing "McCain-Feingold" restrictions, a district court barred the group from advertising the

documentary on television and distributing it through video-on-demand. Now the Supreme Court will decide if such a ban infringes on Americans' First Amendment rights.

Both Obama and Pelosi support McCain-Feingold, however, the same can't be said for a majority of voters in their Party. The same Zogby/*O'Leary* poll found that 54 percent of Democratic voters believe that the First Amendment protects the right of organizations to buy political advertising that either supports or opposes a candidate for political office. Only 27 percent of Democratic voters believe otherwise.

Try as they might, Obama and Pelosi should eventually find these numbers hard to ignore. In the meantime, they seem content to not only buck mainstream America, but also buck the mainstream within their own Party.

Second Amendment

Recently, an amendment that would have permitted law-abiding gun owners with concealed-carry permits to carry their firearms across state lines fell short in the Senate. Although the amendment received a majority of votes (58-39), a filibuster-proof 60 votes were required for passage. Thirty-seven of the "no" votes came from Democratic Senators.

The Zogby/*O'Leary Report* Poll found that an overwhelming 79 percent of Democratic voters support laws that allow law-abiding Americans to carry guns. Yet over 60 percent of Democratic Senators voted to disallow Americans this right. A majority of Senate Democrats voted against the wishes of a majority of Democratic voters.

President Obama and Nancy Pelosi have never met a gun-ban they didn't like – both of their records are abundantly clear on this. But is this a reflection of the Democratic electorate at large? Or is it just a reflection of their native enclaves – Southside Chicago (where Obama cut his political teeth) and San Francisco? Signs point to the latter.

Fifty-six percent of Democratic voters believe the Second Amendment "right to keep and bear arms" is a right that should apply to every law-abiding citizen living in this country." A slight majority of Democratic voters (52 percent) disagree with any law that would ban the possession of handguns, and the same percentage agree that "self-defense with a firearm is a fundamental right." And finally, 73 percent of Democratic voters believe in the *individual right* to own and use firearms.

Conclusion

President Obama and Speaker Pelosi may find it convenient, not to mention politically expedient, to blame Republicans every time they fail to get one of their Big Government agenda items through the Democrat-led House and the Democrat-led Senate. However, the inconvenient truth is that majorities of Democratic voters are opposed to the Obama-Pelosi agenda on many issues. According to a recent Gallup poll, 40 percent of all Americans consider themselves "conservative," and only 21 percent call themselves "liberal" (35 percent say "moderate"). The same poll found that 62 percent of self-identified Democrats consider themselves either conservative or moderate.

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What You May Have Missed...

Obama: Government-run Health Care Like 'the Post Office'

Stumping for his health care overhaul earlier this month, President Obama made an analogy sure to send any remaining Obamacare supporters running for the hills.

In an effort to convince Americans that a government-run "public option" is necessary, and would merely compete with private insurers on a level playing field (as opposed to crushing them), the President made this analogy: "UPS and FedEx are doing just fine. It's the Post Office that's always having problems."

Got that? According to Obama, government-run health care would operate with the same breathtaking competence and efficiency as the U.S. Postal Service. Yes, the same Postal Service that despite billions in federal subsidies and a government-mandated monopoly on First Class mail, still managed to lose \$2.4 billion in the second quarter of this year and is projecting a net loss of \$7 billion in FY 2009. The same Postal Service that has an outstanding debt of more than \$10 billion and a cash shortfall of \$1 billion.

If the Postal Service can't compete with the private sector despite its substantial government welfare advantage, why would President Obama, in his own words, want to subject Americans to a government-run health care system that is equally incompetent?

It's worth noting that the President's comments were made sans teleprompter. Now you know why he gives his reading machine such a workout.

Regardless, Americans should take the President at his unscripted word. If you like dealing with the Post Office for your mail and shipping needs, you'll love dealing with its government-run equivalent for your

health care needs.

Harry Reid in Trouble

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid trails Republican challenger Sue Lowden 44-38 percent in a head-to-head match up. Most troubling for Reid, according to pollster Todd Vitale, is only 39 percent of Nevadans view Reid favorably and just 34 percent would vote to re-elect him.

(Source: Vitale and Associates poll of 510 likely voters conducted July 29-30 with a margin of error of plus-or-minus 4.4 percent).

Taxpayers Still Getting Soaked by Stimulus

A \$40 billion government plan to buy toxic securities from banks is certain to benefit Wall Street traders at taxpayers' expense, according to Neal Barofsky, the special inspector general for the banking rescue program.

"It is a conflict by design," said Barofsky. "The Treasury cannot possibly match wits with the innovation and aggressiveness of Wall Street."

The "Public Private Investment Partnership" will allow nine investment firms, chosen by the government, to use \$30 billion in taxpayer money, plus an additional \$10 billion in private funds, to purchase the toxic assets. Barofsky says that traders will have little problem gaming the system by using the taxpayer money to manipulate prices and then exploit those price swings in other trades.

Though Barofsky doesn't blame the traders for seeking profit.

"If you give [traders] a set of rules and there are technicalities and legal loopholes and things we haven't thought of, they are going to find that out, not because they are bad, but because that is what they are supposed to do," said Barofsky.

Obama's 'Animal Rights' Regulatory Czar Too Controversial

Cass Sunstein, President Obama's controversial choice to head the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, remains unconfirmed by the Senate thanks to a temporary hold on his appointment placed by Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX). Sunstein is an extreme animal rights activist who has suggested banning hunting and even allowing animals to acquire human legal representation to sue people.

The website StopSunstein.com contains numerous Sunstein quotes and allows visitors to petition their Senators against Sunstein's nomination. Recently, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance joined the mounting opposition to Sunstein's appointment. As "Regulatory Czar," all major regulations, including those dealing with hunting and Second Amendment rights, would pass Sunstein's desk for judgment.

Canada's Gun Registry a Failure

In 2001, Canada began requiring citizens to register their long-guns with the government. Eight years later, many in Canada are realizing that the registry isn't making them any safer.

According to Gary Mauser, Professor Emeritus at Simon Fraser University, "The best measures to use in evaluating the gun registry are murder and suicide rates. The statistics are unequivocal: the gun registry has not had a meaningful impact on either. The homicide rate had fallen impressively before 2001, but has remained relatively stable since."

In fact, Canada's homicide rate rose slightly between 2001 and 2005.

Mauser has sound advice for Canada's ruling elite: "It is time we

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stopped wasting money on harassing hunters and target shooters. We should focus on jailing violent criminals and repeat offenders.”

Obama’s Approval Rating Still in Negative Territory

According to Rasmussen’s Daily Presidential Tracking Poll, more Americans strongly disapprove of the job Obama is doing than strongly approve.

As of August 19, Obama’s Presidential Approval Index rating is -6. Thirty-two percent of American voters strongly approve of President Obama’s job performance, but 38 percent strongly disapprove.

The latest CNN/Opinion Research Poll finds that between February and August of this year, the percentage of Americans who approve of President Obama has dropped 20 points, from 76 percent on February 8 to 56 percent on August 3.

Sources: Rasmussen Daily tracking results are collected via telephone surveys of 500 likely voters per night and reported on a three-day rolling average basis. The margin of sampling error for the full sample of 1,500 likely voters is plus-or-minus 3 percentage points.

CNN/Opinion Research surveyed 1,136 adult Americans, including an oversample of African-Americans, on July 31-August 3, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Gallup: Conservatives Outnumber Liberals in Every State

A recent Gallup Poll finds that more Americans consider themselves conservative than liberal in every state. Only in the District of Columbia do liberals outnumber conservatives. The poll was conducted January 2-June 30, 2009, and surveyed 160,236 adults.

The poll’s margin of error is plus-or-minus one percentage point. Here are the state-by-state results (the remaining percentages are self-identified “moderates”):

State	Conservative	Liberal
AK	40%	20%
AL	49%	15%
AR	43%	16%
AZ	41%	19%
CA	33%	26%
CO	37%	21%
CT	31%	24%
DC	23%	37%
DE	42%	20%
FL	39%	20%
GA	42%	19%
HI	29%	24%
IA	41%	18%
ID	44%	15%
IL	35%	23%
IN	39%	18%
KS	40%	19%
KY	40%	18%
LA	47%	14%
MA	30%	29%
MD	34%	24%
ME	36%	24%
MI	37%	22%
MN	36%	23%
MO	39%	20%
MS	48%	15%
MT	41%	21%
NC	40%	19%
ND	45%	17%
NE	39%	19%
NH	34%	23%
NJ	32%	26%
NM	42%	21%
NV	37%	22%
NY	32%	26%
OH	39%	19%
OK	47%	16%
OR	33%	27%
PA	38%	21%
RI	31%	23%
SC	46%	17%
SD	44%	18%
TN	43%	17%
TX	43%	16%
UT	47%	17%
VA	37%	20%
VT	29%	28%
WA	33%	26%
WI	38%	21%
WV	39%	18%
WY	44%	16%

Majority of Americans Doubt the Success of Stimulus – Want Their Money Back

A recent *USA Today*/Gallup Poll finds that 57 percent of Americans say the Obama-Pelosi stimulus is having no effect on the economy, or is making the economy worse. Sixty percent say that the stimulus will not even help the economy in the years ahead.

Source: USA TODAY/Gallup Poll of 1,010 adults conducted August 6-9. Margin of error is plus-or-minus 4 percentage points.

And according to a recent Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll, 72 percent of registered voters want the remaining unused portion of the Obama-Pelosi \$787 billion stimulus (about \$600 billion) returned to taxpayers.

Source: Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll of 900 registered voters conducted August 11-12. Margin of error is plus-or-minus 3 percentage points.

On the Economy, Voters Trust Themselves – Not President Obama

Sixty percent of American voters now say they trust their own judgment on economic issues more than the judgment of President Obama. Only 27 percent trust Obama more than they trust themselves. This is a big change from February of this year, when only 49 percent of voters trusted their own judgment on the economy more than that of Obama.

Source: Rasmussen survey of 1,000 likely voters conducted August 15-16. The margin of error is plus-or-minus 3 percentage points.

Public Approval of Democrat Party Drops Below 50%

For the first time since President Barack Obama’s inauguration, the

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Big Brother Watch: The Obama Administration Wants to Expand Its Spying on Americans Through the Use of 'Spy Cookies'

Washington, D.C. — The Obama administration has announced that it wants to track people who visit government websites, and potentially, collect their personal data through the use of imbedded "spy cookies." A ban on such spying by the federal government on Internet users has been in place since 2000, however, the White House Office of Management and Budget now wants to lift the ban citing a vague "compelling need."

In fact, according to the Electronic Privacy and Information Center (EPIC), federal agencies have already negotiated agreements and contracts with social networking sites like Google, YouTube, SlideShare, Facebook, AddThis, Blist, Flickr and VIMEO to collect information on visitors for federal web sites. All of these groups are known to have agreements with federal agencies, but the public has never seen them.

In public comments submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, EPIC notes it has obtained documents that show federal agencies have negotiated these contracts with the private sector in violation of "existing statutory privacy rights." Those agencies include: Department of Defense, Department of the Treasury, and the National Security Agency.

And now we learn the White House may be involved as well.

When White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs was recently asked by Fox News reporter Major Garrett why Americans who had not signed up to receive any emails from the White House, were now receiving emails from White House adviser David Axelrod promoting President Obama's health care plan, Gibbs refused to answer the question.

"The Obama administration's favorite book seems to be *1984* by George Orwell," said Brad O'Leary, author and publisher of *The O'Leary Report* monthly newsletter (www.olearyreport.com). "Only they don't see *1984* as a warning, but rather a blueprint for spying on every American who visits a government website – something that has been banned for nearly a decade."

According to President Obama's Technology Czar, Vivek Kundra, the "compelling need" driving this major

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policy reversal is the Obama administration's desire to create "more open" government and to "enhance citizen participation in government."

O'Leary finds serious fault with Kundra's rationale.

"According to the new Technology Czar, there is a 'compelling need' to do this," said O'Leary. "The only 'compelling need' I can think of is for a failing Obama administration to compile an enemy list of gun owners, pro-lifers, tea-party participants, those opposed to illegal immigration, and anyone opposed to the Obama-Pelosi agenda of government control over Americans' lives."

Spy cookies can do more than merely recall the user names and passwords of visitors who return to their favorite web sites. They can also track, retrieve and report selected movements someone makes on the Internet. Through the use of cookies,

the federal government could have the power to create an individual profile of anyone who visits a government web site – right down to a person's recent online purchases, or even race, gender and income level.

"No matter what the Obama administration says, a 'cookie' is a spy device," said O'Leary. "No matter how inoffensive the administration says their spy devices will be, once you open the door to the federal government spying on every American who visits a government web site, it can't be closed – it can only be expanded."

According to O'Leary, if the Obama administration is successful in lifting this ban on federal privacy invasion, the lives of many Americans could become open books for bureaucrats.

"What if a harmless trip to the State Department's travel website, the White House's health care site, or the Census Bureau's web site results in the Obama administration's discovery that you are someone who recently visited Cabela's, Smith and Wesson, or a tea party or pro-life web site?" asked O'Leary. "Is this all mundane information that political animals in government don't care about? Of course not. You might sooner expect a visit from Obama's IRS or Homeland Security than a pat on the back for 'participating' in government."

O'Leary says that it is time for Congress to step in and pass legislation to protect the privacy rights of Americans who could fall victim to White House spy cookies.

"Because of the lack of transparency from the Obama White House, we are filing FOIA requests to determine exactly how these agencies are using spy cookies," said O'Leary. ####

New FCC 'Chief Diversity Officer' Wants Conservative Radio Stations Fined \$250 Million

Zogby/O'Leary Poll shows most American voters disagree with Mark Lloyd's Call for Fairness Doctrine-style censorship

Washington, D.C. — Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski recently appointed Mark Lloyd, a former senior fellow at the George Soros-funded Center for American Progress (CAP), to be the FCC's "Chief Diversity Officer." Lloyd is a proponent of the Fairness Doctrine and recently wrote that the Doctrine, and other regulatory tools such as localism and diversity mandates, should be employed by the FCC to limit the number of conservative voices on the air and supplant them with liberal voices. He also suggests fining conservative radio stations up to \$250 million and giving the proceeds to national public radio. According to polling conducted by Zogby International and *The O'Leary Report*, most American voters disagree with what Lloyd prescribes.

The Zogby/O'Leary Poll shows that 66 percent of American voters oppose efforts by the FCC to force localism and diversity mandates on broadcasters. A large majority of Independent voters (75 percent) oppose the mandates, as do 67 percent of young voters age 18 to 29. Even a plurality of those who voted for President Obama (41 percent) oppose the localism and diversity rules, while 39 percent of Obama voters support them. (The poll surveyed 3,937 voters April 24-27 and has a margin-of-error of plus-or-minus 1.6 percentage points.)

Lloyd co-authored a paper in 2007 for CAP that strongly urges the FCC to balance the airwaves through shortened broadcast license terms, diversity mandates and strict localism rules. "But," Lloyd writes, "we do not call for a return to the Fairness Doctrine." However, the report itself reveals this is likely because Lloyd doesn't think the Fairness Doctrine ever left, and

therefore, it can still be enforced.

According to Lloyd and his colleagues:

"First, from a regulatory perspective, the Fairness Doctrine was never repealed... The Supreme Court... has never overruled the cases that authorized the FCC's enforcement of the Fairness Doctrine. Many legal experts argue that the FCC has the authority to

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enforce it again – thus it technically would not be considered repealed... Thus, the public obligations inherent in the Fairness Doctrine are still in existence and operative, at least on paper."

Lloyd goes on to say that the Fairness Doctrine was never an effective tool by itself, but rather, was effective as a part of a larger "regulatory structure that limited license terms to three years, subjected broadcasters to license challenges through comparative hearings, required notice to the local community that licenses were going to expire, and empowered the local community through a process of interviewing a variety of local leaders."

FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski recently testified to the Senate during his confirmation hearing that he did not support reimposing the Fairness Doctrine. However, his appointment of

Mark Lloyd, one of the Doctrine's biggest supporters, seems to make a mockery of that testimony.

Many top conservative radio show hosts have formed a coalition called "Don't Touch My Dial" (www.donttouchmydial.com) to counter censorship efforts by the FCC. The coalition is chaired by nationally syndicated radio host Roger Hedgcock.

According to Lloyd, the success of conservative talk radio, and failure of liberal talk radio, is not because conservative talk radio is more popular with radio listeners, but rather, it is indicative of a market failure in need of a regulatory fix.

To limit the number of conservative voices on the air, Lloyd prescribes shortening broadcast license terms from eight to three years, and allowing "local community leaders" and activists to weigh-in on whether or not a station's license should be renewed. He also proposes creating regulations to increase broadcast ownership diversity "both in terms of the race/ethnicity and gender of the owners."

Lloyd's proposal for enforcing these strict rules is likely to draw even more controversy. According to Lloyd, commercial broadcast owners who do not comply with these regulations would be forced to pay a fine, the proceeds of which would "directly support local, regional, and national public broadcasting." Lloyd estimates that the fines "would net between \$100 million and \$250 million" for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which in turn would, according to Lloyd and his colleagues, "cover controversial and political issues in a fair and balanced manner." ###

Strong Majority of Obama Voters Support the Right to Carry a Firearm

Washington, D.C. — A recent Zogby/*O'Leary Report* Poll shows that a strong majority of Americans support the right to carry a firearm, and a majority of American voters would vote against any Senator who votes to confirm a Supreme Court nominee who is hostile to gun rights. (The poll was conducted July 21-24, surveyed 4,470 voters, and has a margin-of-error of plus-or-minus 1.5 percentage points.)

The Right to Carry a Firearm

An amendment that would have permitted law-abiding gun owners with concealed-carry permits to carry their firearms across state lines recently fell short in the Senate. Although the amendment received a majority of votes (58-39), a filibuster-proof 60 votes were required for passage.

Zogby/O'Leary asked voters:

“Currently, 39 states have laws that allow residents to carry firearms to

protect themselves, only if they pass a background check and pay a fee to cover administrative costs. Most of those states also require applicants to have firearms safety training. Do you support or oppose this law?”

An overwhelming majority of Americans (83 percent) support concealed-carry laws, while only 11 percent oppose them. A majority of Independent voters (86 percent), Democrats (80 percent), young voters age 18-29 (83 percent), Hispanic voters (80 percent), and those who voted for President Obama (80 percent) support the right to carry a firearm.

SCOTUS Nominees and Second Amendment

Zogby/O'Leary asked voters:

“Would you support or oppose a U.S. Senator who voted to confirm a Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court who does not believe in the right to

keep and bear arms and the right to self-defense?”

Fifty-two percent of American voters would oppose the re-election of any Senator who votes to confirm a Supreme Court nominee who does not believe in the right to keep and bear arms. Only 26 percent of voters would support such a Senator.

Among Independent voters, 57 percent would oppose such a Senator, and only 17 percent would support. Forty-nine percent of young voters (age 18-29) would oppose a Senator who votes to confirm a nominee who does not believe Second Amendment rights apply to all Americans, and just 31 percent would support such a Senator. A plurality of Hispanic voters (42 percent) would oppose such a Senator, and only 28 percent would support. A large percentage of Hispanics (30 percent) are not sure. A majority of union members (54 percent) would also oppose, and 29 percent would support. ###



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The cold, hard truth about global warming and energy policy...

Americans Increasingly Skeptical About Global Warming

The multi-billion dollar environmental special interest community has spent considerable money and time trying to convince Americans that imminent, planetary doom is certain – unless we drastically curb our energy use and implement an economy-crushing cap on carbon dioxide emissions.

But according to a recent Gallup Poll, the louder the green lobbyists yell, the more Americans don't trust them.

Gallup found that the number of Americans who say that the media have exaggerated global warming has jumped to a record 41 percent, which is up six percent from just a year ago. The biggest increase among the growing number of skeptics comes from political Independents, among whom 44 percent doubt the seriousness of global warming – an 11 percent increase from a year ago. Republican skeptics now stand at 66 percent (up seven percent from a year ago, and Democrat skeptics have remained stable at around 20 percent.

A July Rasmussen poll also found that 56 percent of Americans don't want to pay higher taxes or energy bills to fight global warming.

This does not bode well for President Obama and Speaker Pelosi's cap-and-trade bill, which was narrowly rammed through the U.S. House in June. The 1,200 page bill, which was voted on and passed before it was made available for lawmakers to read, would cost the American economy dearly.

According to an analysis by The Heritage Foundation, the cap-and-trade bill will reduce U.S. gross domestic product by an average of \$393 billion per year through 2035. "In 2035, the lost GDP works out to \$6,790 per family of four and that is before they pay their \$4,600 share of the carbon taxes," reports Heritage, noting that these costs are adjusted for inflation to

reflect 2009 prices.

That adds up to a lot of belt-tightening for the majority of Americans who recognize the folly of cap-and-trade.

Zogby International and *The O'Leary Report* conducted a poll on the cap-and-trade issue in April and found similar opposition to the legislation.

Zogby/O'Leary asked American voters:

President Obama wants to impose cap-and-trade laws that would limit the total carbon dioxide emissions allowed to be released into the environment. These laws would turn carbon dioxide into a commodity allowing those that pollute less to sell credits to those that pollute more. These credits would be traded on commodities markets. According to congressional testimony given by the Director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, decreasing emissions would also impose costs on the economy - much of those costs will be passed along to consumers in the form of higher prices for energy and energy intensive goods. Some have estimated these costs to be \$800 to \$1300 more per household by 2015. Knowing this, do you support or oppose cap-and-trade laws?

Fifty-seven percent of American voters oppose cap-and-trade, while only 30 percent support it. Among Independent voters, 63 percent oppose cap-and-trade and just 23 percent support it. The poll also found that a plurality of young voters age 18-29 (48 percent) oppose cap-and-trade and 42 percent support the legislation.

The Zogby/O'Leary Poll surveyed 3,937 voters and has a margin of error of plus-or-minus 1.6 percentage points. The poll was also weighted to reflect the exact outcome of the 2008 presidential race (53 percent Obama voters and 47 percent McCain voters).

Farmer Could Use a Little Global Warming

Don't talk to farmer Orlan Dreyer about global warming.

"I think Al Gore and his group should be out here and tell us about this global warming stuff. I think he might have a change of mind. We've had a cool July," the farmer from Willow City, North Dakota, told his local NBC affiliate.

The abnormally cool, wet summer is proving a challenge for Dreyer, who fears that it could have a negative impact on his wheat crop.

"This is a little extreme. You have to push the crop a little too to get it to mature. We're running late and we could run into problems."

Cap-and-Trade Inventor Doubts Cap-and-Trade Will Work

One of the two economists who first conceived of the cap-and-trade scheme to limit greenhouse gas emissions, Thomas Crocker, recently expressed doubts that such a system would be effective.

"I'm skeptical that cap-and-trade is the most effective way to go about regulating carbon," Crocker told the *Wall Street Journal* recently.

Crocker suggests that an outright tax on carbon emissions would be the better way to go because a tax would be easier to enforce, and would also allow more flexibility to deal with the issue.

Both a carbon tax and a cap-and-trade system would have similar devastating effects on America's economy and provide negligible environmental benefit. The main difference between the two plans is the carbon tax is clearly visible and quantifiable, whereas the cap-and-trade scheme amounts to a hidden tax on energy consumption, as it would make energy more scarce and more expensive for consumers.

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Obamacare Town Hall Protests Having an Impact on Blue Dogs

Rep. Gene Taylor (D-MS): "I would hope that everyone in this room knows by now that I am not going to vote for the health care plan." (*Associated Press, August 19, 2009*)

Christopher Carney (D-PA): "Carney says he does not want the bill to give government access to control the health care system." (*WBNG 12 Action News, August 17, 2009*)

Rep. Jim Marshall (D-GA): "As the bill stands right now, I would have to vote 'no' until we get a better handle on the costs. I am adamantly opposed to throwing more money at the current system." (*Gwinnett Daily Post, August 19, 2009*)

Jason Altmire (D-PA): "So this idea of taxing the wealthy to pay for health care I don't think makes any sense... I voted against it [this bill] in committee. I want to do health care reform. Everybody here understands the importance of bringing down the cost of health care in this country for everyone – for the government, for businesses and for families but raising taxes on people to pay for it on the other end is not the way to go about it... I think you have to stop the House bill if it includes a tax on the wealthy." (*CNBC Reports, July 22, 2009*)

Ben Chandler (D-KY): "Chandler told ABC 36 News that he will not vote for the main health care reform bill in the House unless it changes dramatically. 'Because of the cost and because I'm not convinced that people are going to continue to get the health care service that they get today,' said Chandler." (*WTVQ-TV, August 14, 2009*)

Rep. Charlie Melancon (D-LA): "I am still concerned about how the bill, in its current form, will affect individuals and small businesses in south Louisiana. Patient choice comes from competition in the marketplace, and I am concerned that the public option, as designed, would unfairly undercut anything the private sector could offer." (*Houma Today, August 14, 2009*)

John Barrow (D-GA): "We can't pay for health care reform on the backs of middle-class taxpayers who are already paying for their own coverage, and we can't make small businesses foot the bill, either. That's not fair to small businesses, and it's incredibly unwise during a recession. We should help small businesses provide benefits to their employees as much as we can, but avoid any unfunded mandates as much as possible." (*Savannah Morning News, August 18, 2009*)

Rep. Walt Minnick (D-ID): "The government should set the rules of the road and then let private business do the work." (*Idaho Mountain Express, August 14, 2009*)

Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC): "I do not support HR3200 at the present time." (*Citizen-Times, August 14, 2009*)

Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK): "I am a no vote." (*News OK, August 19, 2009*)

Rep. Bobby Bright (D-AL): "Bright said he still plans to vote against any of the five versions of the health care reform bill circulating through the House and Senate unless significant changes are made." (*Dothan Eagle, August 5, 2009*)

Rep. Parker Griffith (D-AL): Griffith opposes the government-run public health care option, and says he needs more details before he can sign off on the co-op plan being floated by the Senate. "It depends on how it's worded and how it's structured," Griffith said. (*The Huntsville Times, August 18, 2009*)

Rep. Allen Boyd (D-FL): "I cannot support this bill in the version it is in now. We can do better. We can make it better." (*CNNPolitics.com, August 17, 2009*) ###

Some Democrats Refuse to Listen to Their Constituents on Health Care

Barney Frank (D-MA): "Trying to have a conversation with you would be like trying to argue with a dining room table. I have no interest in doing it," Frank told one of his constituents. (*Washington Post, August 20, 2009*)

Harry Reid (D-NV): "Such 'evil-mongers' are using 'lies, innuendo and rumor' to drown out rational debate," Reid said." (*Politics Daily, August 13, 2009*)

Nancy Pelosi (D-CA): "I think they're AstroTurf. You be the judge. They're carrying swastikas and symbols like that to a town meeting on health care." (*Wall Street Journal, Aug. 5, 2009*)

Rep. Baron Hill (D-IN), Blue Dog Co-Chair for Policy: "The AMA (American Medical Association) has endorsed this plan," Hill said. "You'll

have choices, regardless of what the detractors tell you. They are lying. That's a strong word, but it's true."– (*Corydon Democrat, August 20, 2009*)

Joe Baca (D-CA): "Any assertions that we will 'socialize medicine' or create government run 'death panels' are simply not true," Baca, D-San Bernardino, said in a statement.

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What You May Have Missed

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American public's approval of the Democratic Party has dropped below 50 percent. According to the latest Pew Research Center Poll, only 49 percent of Americans have a positive opinion about the Democratic Party. This represents a 10-point drop since April for the Democrats.

Source: *The Pew poll surveyed 2,010 adults August 11-17 and has a margin of error of plus-or-minus 2.5 percentage points.*

McCollum Overtakes Sink in FL Governor Race

A recent Quinnipiac Survey (conducted August 12-17 of 1,136 Florida voters with a margin of error of plus-or-minus 2.9 percentage points) shows Republican Bill McCollum now leading Democrat Alex Sink in the race for Florida governor, 38 to 34 percent.

Quinnipiac's last poll on June 9 showed Sink with a four point lead (38-34 percent) over McCollum.

McDonnell Holds Clear Lead in VA Governor Race

Republican Bob McDonnell has a 47-40 percent lead over Democrat Creigh Deeds in the race for Virginia governor, according to a Washington Post/ABC News Poll conducted August 11-14 of 1,002 Virginians.

The poll has a margin of error of plus-or-minus 3 percentage points.

Christie Opens Up Wide Lead in NJ Governor Race

Republican Chris Christie now leads incumbent New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine 50 percent to 36 percent, according to a Monmouth University/Gannett New Jersey Poll of 723 New Jersey voters.

The poll was conducted July 29-August 2, and has a margin of error of plus-or-minus 3.7 percentage points. ###



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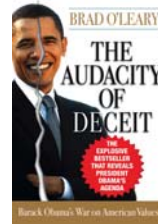
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Some Democrats Refuse to Listen

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"These are nothing more than fear tactics proposed by the special interests who continue to make billions in profit from the waste, fraud, and abuse in our broken system." (*San Bernardino Sun, August 14, 2009*)

Kathy Dahlkemper (D-PA):

"The myth is that we will make decisions ... on whether you live or die...I'm tired of people kicking this problem down the road." (*Erie Times-News, August 17, 2009*)

Jane Harman (D-CA): "While I am a Blue Dog, I am an Un-Blue Dog for healthcare. We need to preserve a robust public option and we will have that when we are done. And some cuts that are going to be proposed will come from pharmaceutical companies." (*The Hill, July 31, 2009*)

Mike Michaud (D-ME): "On key issues, Michaud has said he supports a public option as long as it is 'affordable and properly structured to address the needs of rural states like Maine.'" (*Bangor Daily News, August 20, 2009*)
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