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Tea Party Matches NRA in Number of Americans Who Support Their Views

By Brad O'Leary

It's official. The Tea Party movement is a substantial player on the political scene. According to a recent poll commissioned by *The O'Leary Report* and conducted by Zogby International, 34 percent of voters (45 million Americans) say the Tea Party endorsement is important to their vote this year, and 31 percent (41 million voters) say the same about the National Rifle Association. The Poll was conducted March 2-30 of 10,128 likely voters and has a margin-of-error of one percent.

Breaking down these numbers further, 16 percent of voters are fully committed to the Tea Party message and 18 percent support the message, but with some reservation.

Again, these numbers are strikingly similar to those of the NRA, whose membership has been extremely effective in exacting results at election time. Nearly 13 percent of all voters are completely committed to the NRA message, and 18 percent say they are committed most of the time.

It's important to stress that these 45 million Tea Party supporters are strictly registered voters, and that the movement can add even more to its power and influence by registering like-minded voters between now and November.

With power and influence of this magnitude come tough decisions. The

decision confronting the Tea Party is whether to become a third party, a la Ross Perot, or become a powerful political force, much like the NRA, which has been able to wield significant influence on both sides of the aisle.

Though the Tea Party movement doesn't have NRA's sophisticated infrastructure, it can certainly borrow from NRA's techniques. For example, the Tea Party could conduct massive voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, and possibly create an issues

questionnaire for all political candidates to answer prior to Election Day.

To be sure, the Tea Party can be just as effective in Democratic circles as in Republican, as the Zogby poll shows it isn't just red-meat conservatives who gravitate toward the Tea Party movement. Among the nearly 38 million self-described Independent voters in America, 32 percent will be listening for the voice of the Tea Party before they cast their vote this year.

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Poll Uncovers Few Pockets of Support for Obama, and Many Detractors

By Brad O'Leary and Tim McGinnis

A recent poll commissioned by *The O'Leary Report* and conducted by Zogby International shows only 42 percent of likely voters would choose to re-elect President Obama today and 50 percent would prefer someone new. The poll, which was conducted March 2-30 of 10,128 likely voters, confirms a recent Gallup poll that also finds 50 percent of voters would choose not to re-elect the President. Zogby, however, delved deeper into these numbers to find where some pockets of support for the President still exist, and also where his main detractors reside.

Zogby finds that President Obama has support among three demographic groups: American voters who are not required to pay federal income taxes

(roughly 36 million people); voters in the New England region (7 million people); and voters age 18-29 years old (24 million people).

Among non-taxpayers, 49 percent would re-elect Obama today and 42 percent say it's time for someone new. Voters in the New England region (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT) would choose to re-elect the President 46 to 44 percent. Among young voters age 18-29, 46 percent would re-elect Obama and 42 percent would not.

That's the good news for the President in the poll. Or, at least, what passes as good news for him these days. Now for the bad news.

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Nearly 64 percent of the 31 million Republican voters will follow the Tea Party, and 11 percent of the roughly 52 million Democratic voters will do the same.

Moreover, in congressional districts deemed competitive by the Cook Political Report, which consists of roughly 34 million voters, 35 percent of them will be listening for the Tea Party endorsement this year. *(Districts listed below.)*

The Tea Party's influence holds up well in key geographic regions as well.

Fully one-third (33 percent) of voters in the Pacific region (20 million voters in CA, AK, HI, OR, NV, WA) will be influenced by Tea Party endorsements. In the pivotal Midwest region (27 million voters in OH, MI, MN, WI, IN, IL) 31 percent of voters plan to listen to the Tea Party.

In the Southwest region (9 million voters in AZ, CO, NM, OK, UT) 32 percent of voters consider the Tea Party endorsement important to them, as do 34 percent of voters in the Mid-Atlantic region (27 million voters in DE, MD, VA, WV, NJ, NY, PA, and D.C.). In the South region (34 million voters in GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, AL, AR, LA, MS, FL, and TX) 36 percent of voters will look to the Tea Party this year, as will 35 percent of voters in the Central and North Plains region (8 million voters in ID, MT, WY, SD, IA, KS, MO, NE, ND).

On the issues, the Tea Partiers are very definitive and unwavering in the positions they take. For example, 90 percent of the Tea Party movement strongly disapproves of cap-and-trade global warming legislation, and 84 percent *strongly* disapprove.

On taxes, 61 percent of Tea Party activists support state legislation to stop retroactive tax bills from being passed.

Nearly 75 percent agree that there should be an appeals process for individuals who have been placed on the federal no-fly list, in light of legislation making its way through congress that would prohibit persons on the list from purchasing a firearm. A 64 percent majority of Tea Partiers thing that only the FBI should be able to add names to the no-fly list, given the number of instances where people have been wrongly placed on the list.

Only 8 percent of Tea Party members think that the jobs bill being promoted by the Obama administration will help small businesses, and just 19 percent think the bill will help big and state businesses. However, 82 percent think the White House's jobs bill will help federal employees.

Roughly 89 percent of Tea Partiers believe that the Second Amendment applies to all levels of government – federal, state and local.

And what should be of utmost concern to incumbent congressmen up for re-election this year: 94 percent of the Tea Party movement agree that “the federal government has become so large and powerful that it poses an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens” – and 82 percent *strongly* agree.

Democrats in Congress are afraid of the Tea Parties, alright. Though it's not for reasons of public safety, as their paranoid ramblings would have us all believe. It's because they know that these poll numbers are correct. Their diatribes about civil unrest are calculated tactics designed to delegitimize a movement that has significant ability to give legitimacy to its chosen candidates this November. ###

(Note: This article was originally published on NewsMax.com on April 14.)

Poll Finds that U.S. Chamber of Commerce Could Have Significant Impact on This Year's Elections

By Brad O'Leary and Peyton Knight

President Obama's neglect of America's economy and climbing jobless rate is taking its toll on how business-minded voters view him. A recent poll commissioned by *The O'Leary Report* and conducted by Zogby International, found that 28 percent of voters (37 million Americans) will take the Chamber of Commerce's endorsements into account before they vote in November. These same voters would also choose to elect "someone new" over Obama by a 73 to 22 percent margin. The poll was conducted March 2-30 of 10,128 likely voters and has a margin-of-error of one percent.

Just who are these voters who will be paying attention to the Chamber?

Nearly 26 percent come from our nation's 38 million self-described Independent voters. About 40 percent of registered Republicans consider the Chamber's endorsement to be important to their vote, as do 19 percent of Democrats.

The Poll results also show that the Chamber could wield significant influence in this year's pivotal congressional districts. In districts deemed competitive by the Cook Political Report, which consist of roughly 34 million voters, 30 percent of them will be listening for the Chamber's endorsement. (Districts listed below.)

Somewhat surprisingly, the Chamber also attracts a fair amount of grassroots support, as 52 percent of Tea Party voters (of whom there are roughly 45 million nationwide) say the Chamber's endorsement is important to them.

Nearly 29 percent of voters in both the New England region (7 million voters in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) and the Mid-Atlantic region (27 million voters in DE, MD, VA, WV, NJ, NY, PA, and D.C.) consider the Chamber's endorsement important. As do 30 percent of voters in the Midwest region (27 million voters in OH, MI, MN, WI, IN, IL).

In the Southwest region (9 million voters in AZ, CO, NM, OK, UT) 32 percent of voters consider the Chamber's endorsement important to them, as do 26 percent of voters in the Southern region (34 million voters in GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, AL, AR, LA, MS, FL, and TX).

Nearly one-fourth (24 percent) of voters in Pacific region (20 million

number of key issue fronts.

For example, on the issue of cap-and-trade, 74 percent of Chamber voters disapprove of passing legislation to limit carbon emissions.

A sizeable 82 percent of Chamber voters think that the Obama administration's jobs bill will create jobs for federal and state employees, but only 24 percent think that it will help small businesses.

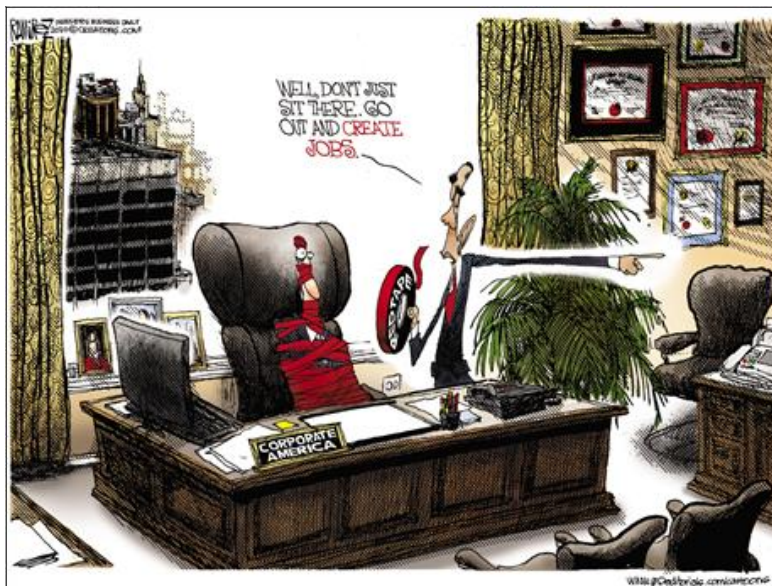
Nearly 62 percent of voters who will be listening to the Chamber this election cycle support legislation that would ban retroactive tax bills from being passed at the state level. Recall that in January of this year, voters in Oregon passed a referendum that allowed the state to retroactively raise

taxes on businesses and high-income residents for the preceding 2009 tax year in order to balance the state's budget.

A strong majority of Chamber voters (77 percent) believe that the Second Amendment applies to federal, state and local jurisdictions – an important matter that will be decided by the Supreme Court in a few months.

A full 80 percent say that the federal government is so large and powerful that it poses an immediate threat to their rights and freedoms.

Of course, these poll numbers only show the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's *potential* to put its stamp on November's elections. The opportunity is clearly there. The group must now seize it by identifying these individual supporters, and motivating and mobilizing them. #####



This cartoon by Michael Ramirez appeared on Townhall.com on April 27, 2010.

voters in CA, AK, HI, OR, NV, WA) will be influenced by the Chamber's endorsements, and the same goes for 26 percent of voters in the Central and North Plains (8 million voters in ID, MT, WY, SD, IA, KS, MO, NE, ND).

The Poll also shows that Chamber voters are fairly unified across a

What You May Have Missed...

Poll Round Up

Senate Races

Burr Leads Marshall in NC Senate Race

Incumbent Republican Senator Richard Burr leads Democrat Elaine Marshall **50 to 32 percent**, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 19 of 500 likely voters in North Carolina (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Ellsworth Trails Republicans Hostettler and Coats in IN Senate Race

Democrat Brad Ellsworth trails Republicans Dan Coats **33 to 54 percent** and John Hostettler **33 to 50 percent**, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 13-14 of 500 likely voters in Indiana (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Reid Continues to Trail Lowden in NV Senate Race

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) trails his Republican rival for re-election Sue Lowden, **37 to 47 percent**, according to a Mason-Dixon poll conducted April 13-14 of 625 likely voters in Nevada (MoE = +/- 4.0%).

Lincoln Trails GOP Congressman Boozman in AR Senate Race

Democratic Senator Blanche Lincoln (**43 percent**) trails Republican Congressman John Boozman (**50 percent**), according to a Daily Kos/R2000 poll conducted April 12-14 of 600 likely voters in Arkansas (MoE = +/- 4.0%).

Meek still Trails Both GOP Rivals in FL Senate Race

Democratic Rep. Kendrick Meek

trails Republican Marco Rubio **38 to 42 percent**, and Republican Charlie Crist **34 to 48 percent**, according to a Quinnipac poll conducted April 8-13 of 1250 registered Florida voters (MoE = +/- 2.8%).

Toomey Leads Specter in PA Senate Race

Republican challenger Pat Toomey leads incumbent Democratic Senator Arlen Specter **50 to 40 percent**, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 12 of 1,000 likely voters in Pennsylvania (MoE = +/- 3.0%).

Ayotte Leads Hodes in NH Senate Race

Republican Kelly Ayotte (**50 percent**) leads Democrat Paul Hodes (**35 percent**) in their race to succeed Senator Judd Gregg (R) in New Hampshire, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 7 of 500 likely voters in New Hampshire (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Vitter Leads Melancon in LA Senate Race

Incumbent Republican Senator David Vitter leads Democratic challenger Charlie Melancon **52 to 36 percent**, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 7 of 500 likely voters in Louisiana (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Mongiardo Trails Paul in KY Senate Race

Democratic Lieutenant Governor Daniel Mongiardo (**37 percent**) still trails Republican Rand Paul (**52 percent**) in the race to succeed retiring Republican Senator Jim Bunning in Kentucky, according to a Daily Kos/R2000 poll conducted March 31 of 500 likely voters in Kentucky (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Portman Increases Lead on Brunner in OH Senate Race

Republican Rep. Rob Portman (**45 percent**) increased his lead against Democrat Jennifer Brunner (**38 percent**), in a hypothetical match-up to succeed retiring Ohio Republican Senator George Voinovich, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted on March 30 of 500 likely voters in Ohio (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Grassley Leads All Challengers in IA Senate Race

Incumbent Republican Senator Charles Grassley leads Democrats Roxanne Conlin **55 to 36 percent**, Bob Krause **57 to 31 percent** and Tom Fiegen **57 to 28 percent**, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted March 17 of 500 likely voters in Iowa (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Blunt Leads Carnahan in MO Senate Race

Republican Rep. Roy Blunt (**47 percent**) leads Democrat Robin Carnahan (**41 percent**) in their race to succeed retiring Missouri Senator Kit Bond (R), according to a Rasmussen poll conducted March 9 of 500 likely voters in Missouri (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Castle Continues to Lead Coons in DE Senate Race

Republican Rep. Mike Castle (**53 percent**) leads Democrat Chris Coons (**35 percent**) in the race to succeed Senator Joe Biden, according to a Daily Kos/R2000 poll conducted February 22-24 of 600 likely voters in Delaware (MoE = +/- 4.0%).

Hoeven Extends Lead Over Heitkamp in ND Senate Race

Republican Governor John Hoeven

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(65 percent) leads Democrat Heidi Heitkamp **(29 percent)**, in a hypothetical race to succeed retiring Democratic Senator Byron Dorgan in North Dakota, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted February 9-10 of 500 likely voters in North Dakota (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Governor Races

White Continues to Trail Perry in TX Governor Race

Democrat challenger Bill White **(44 percent)** trails incumbent Republican Governor Rick Perry **(48 percent)**, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 19 of 500 likely voters in Texas (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Corbett Maintains Lead Over Onorato in PA Governor Race

Republican Attorney General Tom Corbett **(45 percent)** leads Democrat Dan Onorato **(36 percent)** in the race for Pennsylvania Governor, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 15 of 500 likely voters in Pennsylvania (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

McInnis Leads Hickenlooper in CO Governor Race

Republican Congressman Scott McInnis **(48 percent)** leads Democrat John Hickenlooper **(42 percent)** in the race to succeed retiring Democratic Governor Bill Ritter in Colorado, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 14 of 500 likely voters in Colorado (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Quinn Trails Brady in IL Governor Race

Incumbent Democratic Governor Pat Quinn **(38 percent)** trails

Republican Bill Brady **(45 percent)**, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted April 5 of 500 likely voters in Illinois (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Sandoval Leads Reid in NV Governor Race

Republican Brian Sandoval **(55 percent)** leads Democrat challenger Rory Reid **(34 percent)** according to a Rasmussen poll conducted March 31 of 500 likely voters in Nevada (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Hoekstra Leads Dillon in MI Governor Race

Republican Congressman Pete Hoekstra **(40 percent)** leads Democrat Andy Dillon **(33 percent)** in the race for Michigan Governor, according to an EPIC-MRA poll taken March 28-31 of 600 likely voters in Michigan (MoE = +/- 4.0%).

Whitman Leads Brown in CA Governor Race

Republican Meg Whitman **(44 percent)** leads Democrat Jerry Brown **(41 percent)** in the race for California Governor, according to a recent LA Times/USC poll taken March 23-30 of 1,515 registered voters in California (MoE = +/- 2.6%).

Kasich Increases Lead Over Strickland in OH Governor Race

Republican challenger John Kasich **(49 percent)** leads incumbent Ohio Governor Ted Strickland **(38 percent)**, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted March 4 of 500 likely voters in Ohio (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Fallin Extends Lead Over Democratic Rival in OK Governor Race

Republican Congresswoman Mary

Fallin **(51 percent)** leads Democrat Jari Askins **(37 percent)** in the race to succeed outgoing Democratic Governor Brad Henry in Oklahoma, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted February 24 of 500 likely voters in Oklahoma (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Brownback Maintains Large Lead Over Holland in KS Governor Race

Republican Sam Brownback **(55 percent)** leads Democrat Tom Holland **(33 percent)** in the race for Kansas Governor, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted February 24 of 500 likely voters in Kansas (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

Heidepriem Trails Daugaard in SD Governor Race

Democrat Scott Heidepriem **(32 percent)** trails Republican Lieutenant Governor Dennis Daugaard **(49 percent)** in the race for South Dakota's next governor, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted February 23 of 500 likely voters in South Dakota (MoE = +/- 4.5%).

House Races

Sodrel Leads Hill in IN-9

Republican challenger Mike Sodrel **(49 percent)** leads incumbent Democrat Baron Hill **(41 percent)**, according to a Survey USA poll conducted January 17-19 of 600 likely voters in IN-9 (MoE = +/- 4.1%).

Altschuler Catches Bishop in NY-1

Republican challenger Randy Altschuler **(45 percent)** trails incumbent Democratic Rep. Tim

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Poll Highlights Voters' Problems with Obama

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Among voters who are required to pay federal income taxes (some 60 million people), Obama would lose re-election 53 to 40 percent. Among gun owners (80 million people), he would lose 68 to 26 percent. In congressional districts deemed "competitive" by The Cook Political Report (most of them are Democratic districts), he would lose 49 to 44 percent.

President Obama would also lose re-election in the Southwest (9 million voters in the states of AZ, CO, NM, OK, and UT) 52 to 34 percent. In the Mid Atlantic (27 million voters in DE, MD, VA, WV, NJ, NY, PA, and D.C.) he would lose 49 to 43 percent. In the South (34 million voters in GA, KY,

NC, SC, TN, AL, AR, LA, MS, FL, and TX) he would lose 53 to 41 percent. In the Midwest (27 million voters in OH, MI, MN, WI, IN, IL) he would lose 50 to 44 percent. In the Central and North Plains (8 million voters in ID, MT, WY, SD, IA, KS, MO, NE, ND) he would lose 56 to 38 percent. In the Pacific region (20 million voters in CA, AK, HI, OR, NV, WA) he would lose 46 to 45 percent.

Among voters who say the endorsement of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is important to them come voting time (some 37 million people), Obama would lose 73 to 22 percent. Among the roughly 21 million voters age 65 and older, Obama would lose 57 to 38 percent. Among the 31 million voters who listen for the Christian Coalition endorsement, he would lose 84 to 13 percent. Among voters who say the endorsement of the National Rifle Association is important to them, Obama would lose 93 to 5 percent.

Most surprisingly, the President has lost significant ground among the Independent voters who helped sweep him into office in 2008. These 38 million voters would vote against Obama 57 to 38 percent.

And then there are the roughly 45 million voters who say that the Tea Party endorsement is important to them this November. Among these folks, 94 percent would vote against Obama and just 5 percent would re-elect him. The growth of this movement's influence is astonishing, as fully 34 percent of voters plan to take their cue at the ballot box this year from the Tea Party.

This Zogby poll was commissioned by *The O'Leary Report* and has a margin-of-error of one percent. This report is the first one in a series that will examine the results of this recent poll. Later, we'll examine the one demographic group that could save Democratic candidates this November. ###

Young and Old Voters Disagree on Obama Re-election — Agree on Big Issues

By Brad O'Leary and Peyton Knight

Though President Obama has lost some support among young voters age 18-29, they generally tend to support his re-election. A recent poll commissioned by *The O'Leary Report* and conducted by Zogby International, found that 46 percent of young voters would vote for President Obama today, while 42 percent would elect someone new. On the other hand, only 38 percent of older voters age 65+ would re-elect Obama, and 57 percent would prefer someone new. The poll was conducted March 2-30 of 10,128 likely voters and has a margin-of-error of one percent.

While young and older voters disagree on who should be President, they tend to agree on issues concerning taxes, the President's jobs bill, Second Amendment rights, and how the growth of the federal government negatively affects them.

For example, a majority of young voters (64 percent of the total 24 million young voter population) say they would support legislation to ban retroactive tax bills from being passed at the state level. Recall that in January voters in Oregon passed a referendum

to retroactively raise taxes on businesses and higher-income residents for the preceding 2009 tax year. A plurality of older voters (49 percent of the total 21 million older voter population) would also support such legislation.

Strong majorities of both young and older voters (63 and 70 percent respectively) also agree that the jobs bill being pushed by the Obama administration will primarily benefit federal and state employees. Only 36 percent of young voters think the President's jobs bill will help small businesses, as do just 38 percent of older voters.

The Supreme Court will soon decide whether the City of Chicago's handgun ban is constitutional, and whether the Second Amendment applies to all levels of government—federal, state and local. A majority of young voters (65 percent) say that the Second Amendment applies to all levels of government, and just 18 percent think it does not. A similar majority of older voters (63 percent) agree that the Second Amendment applies to federal, state and local

governments, and only 18 percent disagree.

Perhaps most surprisingly, majorities of both young and older voters feel personally threatened by the size and growth of the federal government. A 52 percent majority of young voters think the federal government has become so large and powerful that it poses an immediate threat to their rights and freedoms, and 65 percent of older voters feel the same way.

Overall, these numbers indicate that most young voters, though far fewer than in 2008, are still sticking with their choice of Barack Obama for President. However, their opinions on individual policy issues differ greatly with the President. This erosion of popular support for the President is likely to continue as more young and older voters alike realize that while they may personally like Obama for his charisma and rhetoric, they disagree with him on important issues that matter to them.

(Note: The above article was originally published on AmericanThinker.com on April 20.) ###

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

Americans Don't Buy Global Warming Hype

Gallup recently released its annual update on Americans' attitudes and beliefs toward the environment, and the news is not good if your name is Al Gore.

Today, 48 percent of Americans believe that "the seriousness of global warming is generally exaggerated." That's up 7 points from last year, and 17 points from when Gallup first started asking the question back in 1998.

Only 24 percent think that what they hear in the news about global warming is "generally correct" and 25 percent think it is generally underestimated.

Gallup's numbers only provide more tangible evidence that when Al Gore speaks, the nation collectively rolls its eyes. Alas, all the eye-rolling

in the world isn't enough to get Al to curtail the hot air.

During a March 15 press conference call with his disciples, Gore once again attributed the weather of the hour to man-made global warming.

"[T]he odds have shifted toward much larger downpours," Gore said. "And we have seen that happen in the Northeast, we've seen it happen in the Northwest – in both of those regions are among those that scientists have predicted for a long time would begin to experience much larger downpours."

Perhaps sensing disbelief from even his most devoted minions on the line, Gore poured it on thicker.

"Just look at what has been happening for the last three days," Gore

continued. "The so-called skeptics haven't noted it because it's not snow. But the downpours and heavy winds are consistent with what the scientists have long warned about."

Goodness. These sound like the desperate ramblings of cult leader whose flock is about to discover that there are paths to salvation that don't include dumping buckets of money into any one of Al Gore's green enterprises.

Even Gore's old boss can't help but poke fun at him.

In his speech to the annual Gridiron Dinner in Washington, D.C., Bill Clinton noted that Spring would soon be upon us, "otherwise known to Al Gore as proof of global warming."

No word on whether Al got the joke. ###

Environmental Extremists Target Children for Indoctrination

Unable to recruit adults to join their environmental storm trooper movement, green groups are turning to a much more impressionable audience: children.

This past Earth Day, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Wildlife Federation, and a host of fringe environmental activist groups helped launch "Green My Parents" (GMP), a nationwide effort enlist children to police their parents' shopping, dietary and even hygiene habits.

Green My Parents suggests children monitor their parents' daily behavior, including: how much bottled water they drink; what kind of bags they use at the grocery store; what type of light bulbs they use; and what sort of car they drive. The GMP website even

suggests that kids start timing their parents' showers to get them to use less, and colder, water.

To many of us with children, this sounds creepy. To Allison Arieff at *The New York Times*, this is a "move in the right direction." What direction is that? Creating a future generation of adults that will be champions for heavy-handed environmental regulations, like the disastrous cap-and-trade bill currently being debated in Congress.

Arieff writes on the *Times* blog: "Within the GMP program, it's the parents who have to get on board. The kids are already there. So ultimately what this program does is help raise a generation that no longer needs convincing on climate change."

And there you have it. Should the

GMP program succeed, the next generation of voting adults will be unthinking, green robots who take Al Gore and U.N. global warming scientists at their misleading word, with never a desire to investigate the faulty science behind their claims.

"By reaching out to kids," Arieff writes, "you're reaching out to a population that most likely doesn't need to be persuaded that there's a problem and, significantly, that hasn't had time to develop ingrained habits around daily acts like driving, shopping and showering."

Indeed, Ms. Arieff. If you can't persuade adults with flawed science and logic, you might as well prey on the most innocent and trusting among us. ###

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Bishop by only two percentage points (**47 percent**) in their race for Congress, according to a FDL/Survey USA poll conducted January 16-18 of 600 likely voters in NY-1 (MoE = +/- 4.1%).

Bishop won with 58 percent of the vote in 2008 and 61 percent of the vote in 2006.

Chabot Leads Driehaus in OH-1

Republican challenger Steve Chabot (**56 percent**) leads incumbent Democratic Rep. Steve Driehaus (**39 percent**), according to a FDL/Survey USA poll conducted January 12-14 of 600 likely voters in OH-1 (MoE = +/- 4.1 percent).

Griffin Leads Snyder in AR-2

Republican challenger Tim Griffin (**56 percent**) leads incumbent Democratic Rep. Vic Snyder (**39 percent**), according to a FDL/Survey USA poll conducted January 11-13 of 600 likely voters in AR-2 (MoE = +/- 4.3 percent).

In Case You Missed...

2010 Voters View National Rifle Association More Favorably than Obama and Congress

Democracy Corps, the far-left strategy group co-founded by Clinton pal James Carville, has unearthed some research sure to make anti-gun incumbents in Congress squirm in their chairs.

The group asked 851 likely 2010 voters February 20-24 to rate several institutions on a 0-100 scale, with 100 being "favorable" and 0 being "unfavorable" (50 would be neutral).

"The Democratic Congress" scored a mean rating of 41 percent among voters likely to go to the polls this year. President Obama's mean score was 51 percent. "Republicans in Congress" came in at 43 percent.

The National Rifle Association bested them all with a mean score of 54 percent among likely voters.

Smart politicians should take Carville's research to heart and not run opposite the NRA on any issues. Unless, of course, they're thinking about a career change.

Another Second Amendment Victory on the Horizon?

The U.S. Supreme Court recently heard arguments in the *McDonald v. Chicago* case, which challenges the constitutionality of the city of Chicago's ban on handguns. The Court is expected to render a decision in June.

In 2008, the Supreme Court struck down a similar gun-ban in the District of Columbia and affirmed that the Second Amendment protects an *individual's* right to keep and bear arms.

However, the Court limited its decision to the *federal enclave* in question, Washington, D.C. The Court's decision on the Chicago gun ban will determine whether the Second Amendment protects the individual right to keep and bear arms in the face of unreasonable restrictions and bans imposed by *state and local governments*.

In its D.C. decision, the Court also confirmed that the Second Amendment doesn't actually grant any right to Americans – rather, it protects a natural, pre-existing right.

Even a rudimentary understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its authors' clear intent would suggest the Second Amendment protects Americans' individual rights from rogue governments that would take them away. Unfortunately, judicial activists on the Court have never let that get in the way of exacting their personal desires.

The freedom-loving among us can only hope that the Court's constructionist wing prevails in 2010, as it did in 2008.

Obama's Censorship Czar Suffers a Big Setback

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit unanimously ruled that the Federal Communications Commission lacks the legal authority to foist so-called "Net neutrality" regulations on

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Internet providers. In 2008, the FCC voted to bar Comcast from engaging in certain Internet practices that it claimed ran counter to an "open and free

Internet."

President Obama's FCC Chairman, Julius Genachowski, is a big supporter of Net neutrality regulations, which many consider to be a first step toward a Fairness Doctrine for the Internet.

"Net neutrality" proponents like Genachowski would have government decide what content Internet operators and network owners must provide. Incredibly, they claim this is to keep the Internet free and open to all, when in reality, their goal is to usher the heavy hands of federal regulators into the tent.

True champions of an open and free Internet understand that Net neutrality laws are a solution in search of a

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problem – and when government regulators are given editorial authority over what private operators must provide, First Amendment rights are lost and “unfairness” becomes the name of the game.

In the D.C. court’s opinion, Judge David Tatel wrote that the FCC “has failed to tie its assertion” of regulatory authority to any actual law passed by Congress and signed by the President.

In other words, federal agencies can’t invent and enforce their own laws. One wonders how many more rulings like this need to come down before Obama and his Czars quit circumventing the Constitution.

Obama’s Wall Street Buddies Get What They Paid For

President Obama fancies himself a champion of “Main Street” and a top enforcer on “Wall Street,” as he constantly reminds us in his over-the-top class warfare rhetoric. Shove that rhetoric aside for a moment and consider the following facts.

FACT #1: Mega-investment bank Goldman Sachs contributed nearly \$1 million (\$994,795 to be exact) to Barack Obama’s presidential campaign.

FACT #2: The Securities and Exchange Commission recently charged Goldman Sachs with more than \$1 billion worth of securities fraud for its shenanigans in the subprime mortgage market.

FACT #3: President Obama is pushing hard for legislation (authored by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd) that would potentially reward Goldman Sachs with billions of taxpayer dollars by creating, in essence, a permanent bailout fund for the banking giant.

Looks like the new brand of politics President Obama promised to bring to Washington is strikingly similar to the old brand...or perhaps, worse.



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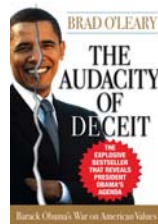
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Nearly 100,000 Federal Employees Don't Pay Their Taxes

It turns out many of the people who “earn” your tax dollars for a living aren’t too keen on paying their own taxes.

In 2008, over 3 percent of the 2.8 million federal civilian employee workforce owed a total of \$962 million in back taxes. Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) has introduced a bill that would identify these delinquent employees and fire them if they fail to make amends with Uncle Sam.

“If you get to the point where the government is putting a lien on their property and they’ve exhausted their appeals, the right

thing to do is fire them as a federal worker,” said Chaffetz.

Currently, only IRS employees can be terminated for failing to pay federal income taxes.

Recall that earlier this year, President Obama ordered federal agencies to stop doing business with private sector companies that don’t pay their taxes.

“It’s simply wrong for companies to take taxpayer dollars and not be taxed themselves,” the President said on January 20.

Following the President’s logic, shouldn’t it be wrong for bureaucrats who subsist entirely on taxpayer dollars not to be taxed themselves? ###



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