



Hysterics Over the Debt Ceiling, Medicare

I can't remember when the big spenders in Washington have conspired to tell a bigger pack of lies than they have about the dire consequences that will take place if Uncle Sam isn't allowed to borrow more money. I wrote an entire column about Barack Obama's Lying Liars in January; click [here](#) if you missed that one.



Among the deliberate misstatements are the threat that "we won't be able to pay our troops who are fighting in Afghanistan." That, of course, is a total fabrication. Our military personnel are considered "essential personal." They would be paid every penny they are due even if the debt ceiling isn't raised. So, unfortunately, would our Senators and Representatives. Yes, even the despicable Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi are considered "essential personnel." Who on Earth drafted such a law? Oh, right. Congress.

Remember, even if the debt ceiling isn't raised, money will continue to pour into Washington by the bucketful. Do you think your withholding taxes are going to go away? That they won't continue to collect every penny due for Medicare, Social Security and the million-and-one taxes that are imposed on businesses? Dream on, brother.

Here's the shocking truth — shocking to anyone who believes the mainstream media, that is: The federal government will continue to take in plenty of money to pay our troops, pay the interest on the national debt and pay almost everything else you and I would consider necessary.

What it won't be able to do is to pay for all the socialistic boondoggles Barack Obama and his buddies want. Boo hoo. Too bad. What the guys and gals in Washington need to do is what every responsible family in America has already done. That is, reduce expenditures to match income. Live within your means. Don't borrow money to finance a bunch of stuff you can't afford.

Funny thing is, a lot of our leaders used to say the same thing. Let me call to the witness stand an obscure but ambitious senator from Illinois. Here's what Obama said five years ago, during a similar debate over raising the debt: "The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure.... Leadership means that 'the buck stops here.' Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better. I, therefore, intend to oppose the effort to increase America's debt limit."

Today, of course, Obama is willing to pile a ton more debt on "our children and grandchildren." I hope



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you won't let him get away with it.

Another Vicious Lie

Did you see the Democratic [commercial](#) that's been credited for defeating a Republican in what was supposed to be a "safe" district in upstate New York? It's part of the Left's "Medi-scare" campaign. In it, a conservatively dressed white businessman pushes a wheelchair holding an agitated grandma to the edge of a cliff — then promptly dumps her over the edge.

The video suggests that this is what Republicans want to do to every senior citizen — and will do if the budget plan devised by Representative Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) is allowed to pass.

If you believe the mainstream media, the fear campaign was so successful that the Republicans lost a special election for Congress that "everyone" expected them to win. But here's what the lying media didn't tell you.

It's true that Kathy Hochul, the Democratic candidate, got 47 percent of the vote and was declared the winner. The Republican candidate, Jane Corwin, received 43 percent of the vote and lost.

What few accounts bothered to mention is that there was a spoiler in the race. A political opportunist named Jack Davis ran as a self-proclaimed "Tea Party" candidate. He spent a reported \$3 million of his own money on the race and received 9 percent of the vote — enough to prevent a victory for the Republican.

Here's the kicker: Davis had previously run for the same seat three times — as a Democrat. Moreover, he was actively opposed by the real Tea Party leadership. I don't know what sort of reward he will receive for his actions, but don't be surprised if it makes his \$3 million "investment" seem worth it.

Will the "Medi-scare" smear work next year? You can bet your bottom dollar that the Democratic leadership hopes so.

When Is A War Not A War?

The answer, I guess, is whenever the Democrats say so.

Under the terms of the War Powers Resolution, whenever the President commits American troops to battle anywhere in the world, he then has 60 days to tell Congress what he is doing and win approval for the engagement, and then 30 days after that to recall the troops if approval is not given.

But now, that 90-day deadline has come and gone. Is anyone interested in upholding the law here? Not in Barack Obama's Administration. In fact, the No. 1 law enforcement officer in the country — Attorney General Eric Holder — has argued that the War Powers Resolution doesn't apply here... because what's happening in Libya is so inconsequential, it doesn't amount to a "war."

In the Alice-in-Wonderland world that our leaders inhabit, it doesn't matter how many air strikes we've ordered or how many combatants have been killed — or innocent civilians, for that matter. If they say it's not a war, then the rules of war — and the laws of Congress — don't apply.

I could go on and on with other examples of the deliberate obfuscation our President and his cronies have been practicing. How about the whopper that "if you like your health insurance, you can keep it?" The latest estimates are that under Obamacare, some 80 to 120 million Americans will lose the independent health insurance they and their employers have been paying for.

Unless you're a friend of the Administration, that is. In that case, you will probably be granted a waiver



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that exempts you from the law. It seems that just about everyone in Nancy Pelosi's district has gotten one; how about you?

Yes, the rules are definitely different now. And they're getting more different every day. That's what happens when liars and lawbreakers are put in charge.

Hopefully, all of this will change dramatically 17 months from now.

Until next time, keep some powder dry.

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