

REFLECTION ON THE 2012 ELECTION



I love to write! And one of the many reasons why I love writing so much is because no matter when you may have written something, inevitably a day comes that you find yourself re-reading what it is that you have written and you are transported back to that moment in time... All those emotions and passion you felt as you typed each word are right there again, but at the same time, you have perspective! There is some distance between then and now and so you can look at the way you felt at that point in time and generally see it with less intensity or with more clarity now that time has passed.

So, upon reviewing the catalogue of my writing stored on my hard drive to determine what I wanted to submit as my initial article here on the Patriot News Organization website, I came across the piece below that I had written last November – only a week after the 2012 Presidential Election in which President Obama retained his seat with a narrow margin win against Mitt Romney.

The thing that struck me almost immediately, is that while reading over these words I had written 8 months ago while at a crucial time for me personally, as well as for the country, I still felt all the intensity of my conflicting emotions just as strongly as I did then – Actually more so even! There was confirmation in it for me and a lot of clarity where there was confusion, outrage where there was worry and even more anger I have to admit. Anger about the senselessness of it all!

Then it hit me, I wrote these words and instead of sharing them as I had intended, I hit “save” and filed it away on my computer because I didn’t want to be a “sore loser”, I didn’t want to seem like I had no hope for this country or frankly, like a “crazy person”. I believe there is nothing that is left to chance – No coincidence! And as I thought about this, I slowly began to realize that I felt so much anger, not because all these months later and still so many don’t get it, they didn’t listen... But because I failed to share my message! I second guessed myself and allowed my insecurities, my fear of appearing in a bad light, to overrule my conviction and ignore my purpose!! I decided right then and there to rectify the situation immediately since too much time had gone by already.

There are no coincidences in life and everything happens for a reason and as it should!



So, now I know – This message was meant for you...

"We the People..."

By: Brenda Herring
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It is just days after the 2012 Presidential election and with people proclaiming Barack Obama to be the "chosen one by a majority of Americans", and yet never have I seen a more outraged and frankly stunned populous as I see today! The valid questions arise asking, "How could this have happened? What's really going on here?" And all those sadly misled (sheeple) Democrats smirking and shaking their heads while chastising us, their counterparts, saying, "Oh come on now, you really need to just get over it - He won fair and square! The people have spoken!" and then go on to try to reassure us that we will now finally see since he now has the opportunity to finish what he started! And all I say is, "Yeah, I know and that's what I am afraid of!" The look on the sheeple's face turns from condescension and smugness to irritation and exasperation and quickly they turn away, mumbling something about brainwashing, FOX News and right wing nut cases...

Here is the thing though and call me a "nut job conspiracy theorist" if you must, but with over 40 states being represented as of today with petitions being signed in an effort to individually secede from the U.S. - A LESS than 350,000 vote difference between Obama's win and Romney's loss - and that is assuming everything was on the up and up on both sides... MAJOR reports coming in all the time (and

have been since before the election as well, suspiciously many accusing Romney's camp, keep in mind) of voter fraud, ballot tampering, etc...

And so it continues...

It makes one really stop and wonder...



Those 1000 ballots found Tuesday in an election warehouse in Florida, the 2.13 MILLION ballots that conveniently NEVER reached our soldiers overseas (and NOBODY asked why or did ANYTHING about it), the race being "called" BEFORE the polls even closed on the west coast, polling places doors locked with people inside with the ballots during voting hours, absentee ballots allowed to be hand delivered (right here in Lodi, CA) rather than strictly mailed in, issues with electronic voting (where Romney was hand selected but the vote translated to Obama exclusively), issues with ID,

duplicate votes and what about Ohio, where Obama got nearly 120,000 votes in one precinct that didn't even have 100,000 voters - not to mention Ohio was called with 3 precincts still out and uncounted!!

I don't know, but that sure is a lot of coincidences...

This is so not about being a "sore loser"! That is simply NOT my style - I am not that petty and do not have a burning need to be "right"! In 2008, I watched as the country elected Barack Obama to be our President and although he was not my choice of candidates, I felt proud that we had finally shown that we could let race not be an issue in such an important part of our process. I sincerely wished the man himself, and my country, God's blessings and went on about my life! I didn't really believe he was a Muslim, a Socialist, a phony or the anti-Christ, although I was suspicious of his affiliations and who was backing (maybe even grooming) him. You don't rise up the political ranks that fast and certainly can't go from ACORN and working as a medical facilities lawyer and community organizer to become U.S. Senator for 2 years and then get elected to the highest office of the land unless you KNOW some very influential and powerful people and have a TON of money backing you!! It is ridiculous to think otherwise!



BUT this is now, 4 years later and SO MUCH has happened - it is time to stop blaming everyone EXCEPT the people who are truly responsible!! This is NOT Congress' or Bush's fault, Clinton, Reagan or Jimmy Carter's fault!!! We are in this position because of failed policies all the way around and a nation of people that refuse to SEE, who want to be LED because it is easier to not have to think for themselves! You see, the lives of Americans are so difficult, so challenging and our media, our government is trustworthy - for the most part anyway. We can get by with listening to the nightly news for a half an hour and be content that we have been given enough information. In fact, any more than that is just too

depressing! HA! Our own naiveté, laziness, self-absorption and ambiguousness have gotten us where we are today! Make no mistake about that! Are we going to continue to let our freedom, our nation, and our principals be hijacked and do nothing to prevent it from happening?

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

"Ignorance is bliss" they say... and so it is! We have blissfully been going about our lives failing to do our JOB, the responsibilities we share as citizens of this great country, the roles we have as Americans!! You see, there IS a price for Freedom! Even beyond the immeasurable cost of the loss of the lives of our military during times of battle or peace... The ongoing price for the Freedom we each enjoy every day is - ENGAGEMENT!! Commitment, Loyalty, Community, Seeking Knowledge and Truth, Being aware of what is going on around us and Holding those who act against us accountable for their actions!! Not allowing for the opportunity for some ideology, mutiny or charlatan to come in and make their home among us and gain a foothold and thereby able to promote divisiveness, shame and ridicule of one another!!! Yet, we behave as if we can't be bothered or like it is not our place to take an active role in our communities and to affect the changes we wish to see in our country, in the world. It is so much easier to sit at home, deny the truth or just complain and play the victim.

When was the last time that ANY of us truly took a stand for what is right in our community? Have you ever written a letter to the editor or to your Congressmen, called a city council member or attended a town hall, school board or a Chamber of Commerce meeting? Are you a member of your city council, a church, veteran's group or the PTA? How many of you have ever even considered serving at a soup kitchen, taking gifts to the children's shelter or warm blankets to the convalescent home down the street? Hell, have any of you even put up a flyer about a child molester that lives nearby or participated in a neighborhood watch program? Seriously, we barely even speak to our neighbors, let alone know their names anymore! We spend our "free time" doing "what we want - cuz damnit we deserve it"! We gripe about property taxes or rising utility costs, but I wonder how many of you have ever picked up trash along the roadside or plowed snow on a county road or to clear a neighbor's driveway!



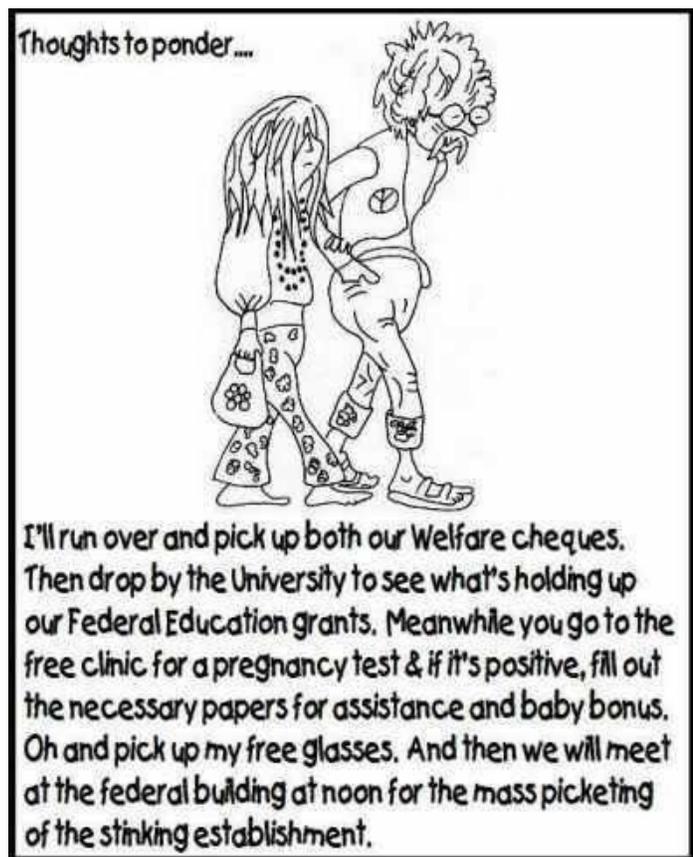
Understandably, we don't pick up hitchhikers, help someone who is broke down on a dark road, we don't open the door without knowing who it is or even assist a woman being abused by her partner! It's none of our business - We just can't take the risk of bringing trouble to our own doorstep. We live in Fear... Fear for our children, the future, and their futures, of failure, inflation, of offending someone, drawing attention to ourselves, fear of reprisal, of loss and dying and especially of being alone!! Even

though we separate ourselves from each other whenever we get the chance and live in an invisible bubble - reaching out only through Facebook, text messaging, or video chat! Insulated, isolated, and separated!

Yes, we have become a society rooted in FEAR! And so we look to our government for the answers, solutions, to do the "right thing", provide us with security and a sense of well being, to help us get by or to help those in need! For most of us, it is a comfort to know that our government is there - a strong and mighty force of protection. And we tend to view it as limitless - in its powers and resources! But it is NOT!! We have become like children in the ways we wait for "it" to do the things for us that will help us to move forward in life. Many of us have failed to take those steps in our lives that might help us to become a success or open the door to opportunities in life, and so it is easy to say, "Well I would have, if I had been able to", "If I had that kind of money I could" or even, "It just isn't fair!" and "Those people need help, it's not their fault they were born into poverty"!! We surely can rest more soundly knowing we have done our good deed for the day and that they will be taken care of - That the government has it all under control! Ever faithful, a "Guardian" to watch over us all! **WAKE UP!!!!** It is selling off our country and our legacy to our children piece by piece and with every step is becoming more and more corruptible. And I firmly believe in fact, that It is about to turn it's power loose on Americans, it's own citizens, for our own best interest

What was it Ronald Reagan always used to say...? "Trust, But VERIFY!!!"? Excellent advice for anybody living in today's world, but do we heed it? No! We believe everything we are told by those "old friends" - the mainstream media. Even in this age of technology, where we have access to unlimited amounts of information at the blink of an eye and at a time when most young to middle aged adults spend a large portion of their time "on-line", we would rather play "Angry Birds", online poker or blog, "stalk our ex" or participate in some other form of mindless activity, rather than checking voting records and sources, researching, reading about our history, studying The Constitution and keeping informed about the world around us in general! And we do NOTHING to hold those in power accountable!

And that is exactly how this has been allowed to get out of control - No; the government definitely does NOT have it under control!! The problem is we aren't willing to accept that the government was NEVER designed to HELP US live our lives by becoming dependent upon it... It is an (electable) body set up to govern according to our will (the

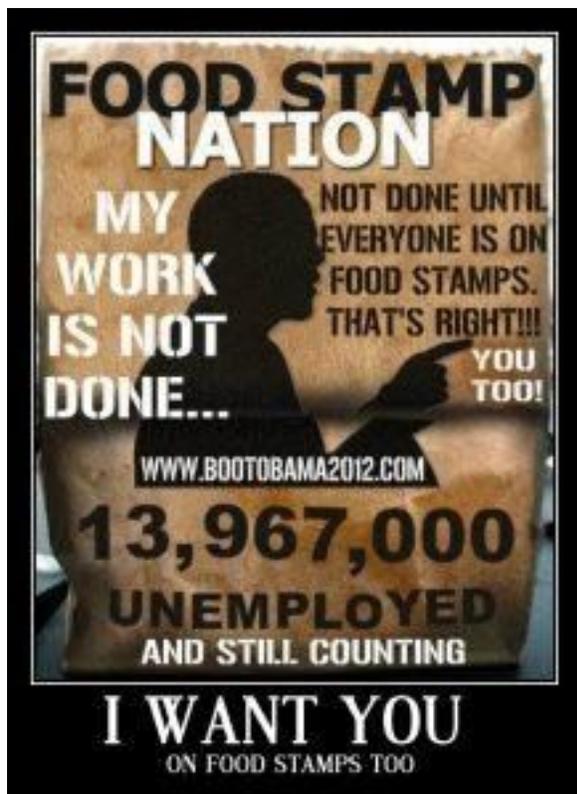


will of the people) and to ensure that the rights granted to us under The Constitution would be upheld! Those laws that WE created, not "it" - Those unalienable rights imprinted upon our DNA at Creation. And those rights are... the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness... To be free from persecution and tyranny, no taxation without representation and to be able to expect to be kept from harm, etc. But that if harm comes to us, the government will appropriately punish the offender. There is nothing in the Bill of Rights (that I am aware of) that guarantees us the right to health care, home, vehicle, a free college education, training for a new career when displaced in our job, or anything else - even food! As a matter of fact, the singular case I recall is in reference to "support of our military".

Now before anyone goes off half-cocked or starts to blow a gasket, please consider that I am NOT, nor are MOST of my fellow "Conservatives" in any way saying that we should cut off social security, Medicare, AFDC or other related social programs. But the notion that it is OWED to us is ludicrous!! Are you saying I owe it to you or you to me? How so?

If you are saying we have paid in to it and should be able to count on it in times of need, then in the case of SSI, unemployment, SDI or Workmen's comp... Sure you have, but those are the programs most at risk of being cut lately and finally we are being told that the money is not even in the coffers to pay for those coming of retirement age that have paid out of their pockets for years! And WHY is that? I will tell you... Because it has been USED - Our government has spent our money however they saw fit, because WE LET THEM!

Last year alone the average amount paid out to each household on "welfare" was a total of \$60,000 for the year! That only included cash aid, food stamps, health care, energy assistance and similar programs for the poverty stricken! That did NOT include the elderly, children, veterans, disabled, mentally ill or social programs. \$60,000 went to the poor, yet many of us don't even earn that much in a year by going to work every day!!



Food stamp enrollment numbers have skyrocketed, we have people who have been receiving unemployment for over 3 years and there is no requirement to even look for work anymore in many cases or requirement to do any kind of community service. Here in the northern central valley of California, I know for a fact, that for men coming out of prison and placed onto parole for the required 3 years, they have converted motels and apartment buildings into "transitional housing" for felons with a 7 p.m. curfew as the only restriction and the bill is paid by the Department of Corrections until the time of release from parole or re-incarceration. They also qualify for the food stamp maximum amount for a single person and get health care thru the MAP program!! These are able-bodied men, many with no dependants who are more than capable of working and are not required to do anything on their part in

order to receive these benefits. Some are even registered sex offenders!!

How is this a "hand up" and not a "hand out"?

I realize there are legitimate people who need help, but the way our government works is those kinds of things are expected to be dealt with by the federal and/or state government, rather than at a community level. People are natural care givers and have throughout human history risen through adversity and helped one another - It is a part of who we are! Yet it seems as time goes by and with more and more involvement by the federal government in our daily lives, the less we as a community stand for those in need. Sure there are food banks, shelters, soup kitchens and other charitable organizations, but generally speaking they are the established ones like the Salvation Army or are the larger churches in the area and are run more like a business than anything. Otherwise, the ones you find are subsidized by the government, like low income housing.

I hear people saying over and over, "Well, I am not any worse off now than before really", but these are all people who have jobs, who are not getting aid from the government, who have been spared the harsh reality of seeing a HUGE number of our population get steadily poorer and poorer. They are aware on a certain level that these are "hard times", but often chalk it up to the "bailout", "TARP" and "Bush's policies" echoing the mainstream media's biased reports and then they justify it with, "But Obama is on the right track. Look at the mess Bush left him! It just takes time!" WAKE UP, AMERICA!!!! IF that were true, we would be seeing JOB CREATION, not company closures, layoffs, steady or increasing unemployment rates. This past quarter the only areas of improvement were in Tourism and Hospitality and somewhat in construction, but not constructing family homes or commercial building - Mostly apartment complexes and units for multi-family dwellings.



Things are NOT improving, my friends and if you want to continue to live in your little fantasy bubble, then by all means, "Go for it"! But it WILL be touching your life and the lives of those you love very quickly, mark my words! I am seriously concerned for a great many of you, because to be honest, at least "we" have been prepared to a point - We starting seeing the signs awhile back and even though we were called "Conspiracy Theorists, Rich Republicans, Tea Partiers, radicals, selfish, ignorant, hate-mongering, racists, fascists, delusional, Bush supporters, Reagan-ites and paranoid" and so much

more, we still kept trying to have an open discussion, to bring things to light, to hopefully avert the hardships of the coming days! Believe it or not, we were thinking also of you and very easily could have cared less either way if your lives were ran into the ground because of your own ignorance, but we are in this together!! Together we can change the world... If we are truly United and Standing for America!

Call it "doomsday prophecies" or being paranoid, even racist and hate speech if it helps you to sleep better at night! I am tough! I can handle it! But America cannot! I refuse to take it personally, no matter how outlandish the accusations. Oh, it can get my blood boiling, I won't deny that. But at the end of the day, I am a true Patriot who believes in all the principals and ideals that this fine country of

ours was founded upon! I believe in the vision our forefathers had when they contemplated, discussed, challenged one another and ultimately wrote and signed The Constitution of The United States of America. I will defend and protect it with my dying breath! As we ALL should!

Instead we elect a president to represent us that apologizes on behalf of the supposed country of his birth. The place where he had the opportunity to get a prestigious education, law degree, senate seat and then the highest of honors, elected President of these United States. How dare anyone be so arrogant!! Why don't you ask yourselves, demand from him an answer to what he could possibly be apologizing for? In what ways is he feeling shameful about his supposed birthplace and the country he has sworn to protect and serve?? And why would he do something so harmful to his position as the leader of the free world? Weakness and pandering is not respected by anyone and he has discredited us and made us even more vulnerable to criticism, disdain and even further threat of attack! Not to mention the fact that he spends so much time preoccupied and seemingly irritated by the duties of his office and the people with whom he works, other than those serving in his appointed posts. The absolutely disgusting ways in which he has treated our allies and those we have sworn our allegiance to (Israel) and yet cater to their (and our) enemies (Syria, Muslim Brotherhood, etc)!?

I could go into ALL the details - but there really is no point. Suffice it to say that this president is not a team player! He is not on "Team America" anyway!! It does not make him a bad person, it does make him a dangerous one though, when he has purposefully sought out and attained the position of Commander In Chief of a country that he holds no true regard for! This election was most assuredly a farce! Romney may not have been your favorite choice for an alternative for whatever reasons, but the things he was vilified for in the press are falsehoods and designed to make you resent him on purpose! Barack Obama, along with his alliances/supporters are systematically breaking down the integrity, strength, innovation and determination of this nation and it's citizens. We are only as strong as our weakest link, remember that. Over the next days and months, you will begin to see all the things he has warned us about for the past 3-4 years come to pass... "Utility costs will necessarily skyrocket", forging alliances with those who hate us or want to control us, bringing our troops home (leaving many indefensible) under the guise of peace, he has been a large part of the unrest in the middle east and has ties with Russia, Iran, Pakistan/Afghanistan, Libya, Turkey, and Syria that go far deeper than we know.



And he has debts to pay - Those who have mentored him throughout his life such as: Frank Davis, Frantz Fanon, Edward Said, Derrick Bell, Robert Magabreira

Unger and Jeremiah Wright, all with their extremist views and politics - These were not just casual friends, but associations cultured over many years and ones he still reveres. Additionally, he has

obligations or loyalties to people like George Soros, Bill Ayers, Saul Alinsky, The Muslim Brotherhood and Putin, among others that he must fulfill, that he will honor!

Things have been happening so fast in just the past week - The days where most of us shook our heads in disbelief while he played yet another round of golf, took another vacation, was absent from one more assembly or while Congress was to render a decision on vital issues in regards to the well being of our population. He is now on the fast track and he will only gain momentum with each passing day and with each step closer to his realized goal. It is important to remember that this is a lifelong ambition, not to become President, but to be in this particular position of power in the world. It is very clearly represented in the books he himself wrote: "Dreams FROM My Father"

But you must keep track of things and realize that the mainstream media (network channels, CNN, MSNBC, NY Times, Washington, L.A. Times, Chicago, Huffington Post, etc) all are mesmerized by him or even in some cases there are financial interests that they have in common which keep them from reporting a lot of things, or putting a definite spin on it when they do!! This is all about diversion people - that is the tool most effectively used in scandalous politics and has always used as a weapon or means to cover up what is really going on!! They will make a big ordeal about something which has no basis in fact or any credibility, or that doesn't even matter in the scheme of things to capture the eye of America - All the while doing exactly what they are denying they are doing right under your nose! And this has, undisputedly been happening since day one of this administration!!



Within about a year, we can expect to see gas prices climb to nearly \$10/gallon, unemployment go upwards towards 50% and possibly even 100% inflation!! The Fed will be "printing" more and more money, calling it "quantative easing" and saying it is meant to help us and without it, "who knows"... The threat of absolute collapse will begin to loom over us and hang their steadily for at least 3 years (if that long) and then somehow, Obama in all his foresight and discernment will have managed to invest wisely or plan ahead and there will be a reprieve. There will be a light at the end of the tunnel... Probably with oil and natural gas resources and we will just make it through the worst depression this country has seen, but do not be surprised if during those hard and dark days, there are significant changes to our Constitution, to the "landscape" of our country overall and it's people and it is quite possible that Obama may even seek a third term. Now THAT is the "best case scenario" I assure you! The other very real possibility is utter economic collapse, starvation and rioting and then totals martial law being used against Americans!

This is of course, conjecture and supposition, I admit - But my point is that anything could happen and will, if we do not remained focused and remember what we are about - We MUST stop the bickering, hatefulness and ever expanding distance that is separating us! "United we Stand - Divided we Fall!!!!" As a unit, we can rise up to anyone and make sure we hold their feet to the fire for their wrongs, but

separate, we can little to nothing!! We are basically ineffective! This they know. This is what they count on!!

So, be suspect of dire predictions, laws being passed hastily out of fear, self-inflated solutions and anything that requires giving any more power at all to the federal government!! Do not jump on board with higher taxes for the "rich" or anyone for that matter! Remember this country operated just fine without federal income tax withholding all the way up until President Taft was in office from 1908 - 1912, during which time he signed into law the 16th Amendment to the Constitution. Keep in mind that the notion of "fairness" is ridiculous and only opens the door to Socialism or even worse. The "class warfare" raging in this country is destructive and intended to weaken us as a people and a nation and it has been working! We will have most definitely another civil war if it continues like this!



This is not news to any of you! You have heard it all before and many chose to ignore it, so why would I think that you might listen now? I guess because I have more faith in the American spirit than some and because I know myself well enough to know that I may have strong opinions, but they are only as strong as they are because I have done the footwork. I have done my research, paid attention, and admitted when I was mistaken, misinformed or just plain wrong. It is not an issue of pride for me - I have no problem with being wrong, and often wish I was more often!

Unfortunately, I am not... especially about this! I only pray that there might be some of you who at least are responsible enough to do some independent research!! What will it hurt? If I got it wrong after all, you will have a great big "I told ya so" to slap me in the face with! LOL Now that might be worth it right there -- I sincerely PRAY that will be the case actually, but if I am not wrong and you have discovered for yourself that even half of what I and others have said is what it is, at least you have the chance to make a difference too! And I hope that you will!

**All tyranny needs to gain a foothold
is for people of good conscience
to remain silent.
~ Thomas Jefferson**

I wish I was a great scholar and could in a very organized and simplified manner present to you all the facts and details that would make it impossible for you to deny the truth any longer... But I am not! I write, I speak from my heart in the sincere HOPE that something will speak to your heart as well and maybe "click" and you might begin to think "Hey now what a minute, what's that all about?" or "I remember that, but nothing came of it - Why?" Something, anything that will inspire you to look further, dig deeper and not allow yourself to be used as a tool to accomplish things that are not right - things that if examined in the light we would never knowingly align ourselves with - Things that will inevitably call for and cause the collapse of The United States of America as we know it!!

It is my fervent prayer that each of us will hold our lanterns high and let them shine brightly into the darkness that is covering the face of our country, of our planet! Illuminating the truth and making visible our true path through the darkest of these coming days.

God speed, America!

~Bren

Some people have the vocabulary to sum up things in a way that you can quickly understand them. This quote came from the Czech Republic. Someone over there has it figured out. It was translated into English from an article in the Prague newspaper.

~ Prager Zeitungon

"The danger to America is not Barack Obama, but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the Presidency. It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the

necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president. The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails America. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince. The Republic can survive a Barack Obama, who is, after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools, such as those who made him their president."

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