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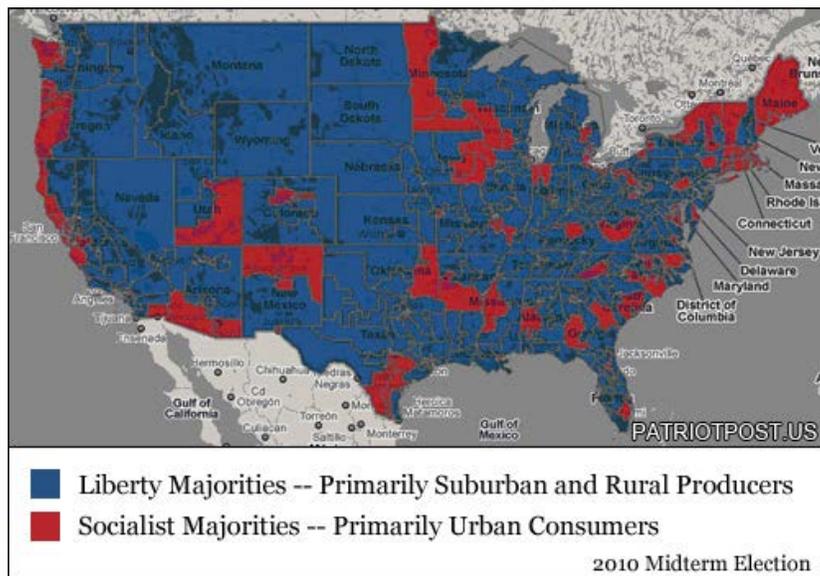
By Mark Alexander · Thursday, August 25, 2011

Ballot Box Barriers to Restoring Constitutional Integrity

"We should be unfaithful to ourselves if we should ever lose sight of the danger to our Liberties if anything partial or extraneous should infect the purity of our free, fair, virtuous, and independent elections. If an election is to be determined by a majority of a single vote, and that can be procured by a party through artifice or corruption, the Government may be the choice of a party for its own ends, not of the nation for the national good." --John Adams, Inaugural Address, 1797

All around us, there are imminent and ominous threats to the future of American Liberty. None, however, is more grave than the [demolition of free enterprise](#) by those who would replace it with the authoritarian rule of [Democratic Socialism](#) envisioned by Barack Hussein Obama and his [leftist comrades](#).

Rancorous political debate is currently focused on competing solutions for our [failing domestic economy](#) and the [collapse of our esteemed standing](#) among the nations of the world.



Conservatives, particularly those resolute constitutional constructionists who identify with the much-maligned [Tea Party Movement](#), rightly understand, as did [Ronald Reagan](#), that "government is not the solution to our problem; government *is* the problem." That is why we are advocating for the [restoration of constitutional limits](#) on the central government.

Conversely, the growing ranks of [leftists in Congress](#), some 80 of whom are openly members of the Socialist Party of America's Congressional Progressive Caucus, led by Reps. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) and Keith Ellison (D-MN), subscribe to the notion that government is both the engine and the drive train

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of our nation's economy.

But if [Essential Liberty](#) and Rule of Law as enshrined in our Constitution are to survive, then free enterprise must be their economic engine. At present, however, that engine is attempting to pull an ever more bloated government trailer -- a trailer so overloaded as to bring the economy to a dead stop.

How bloated?

Obama's government programs will amass a \$1.3 *trillion* deficit in fiscal year 2011 alone, some \$400 billion more than the paltry \$917 billion in savings to which Congress agreed over the next *decade* under the recent [budget deal](#) and corresponding debt-ceiling increase.

This oppressive bloat -- and our elected leaders' utterly inadequate response to it -- will serve as fodder for much of the political debate ahead of the 2012 election. Indeed, the future of Liberty depends on the successful defeat of enough congressional leftists to provide strong conservative majorities in both the House and Senate. Moreover, Liberty hangs in the balance of the upcoming presidential election. While conservatives recaptured the House of Representatives in 2010, the first effective step to restrain Obama's agenda, only a conservative president can begin to undo the damage done to our nation by the Obama regime.

However, do we still have the luxury of political solutions, via elections, to salvage what is left of our Republic? Is the ballot box still a viable method to restore [constitutional integrity](#)?

As John Adams once warned, we must be vigilantly on guard against all contagions that would "infect the purity of our free, fair, virtuous, and independent elections."

These contagions, these obstacles, are as follows, roughly in order of threat magnitude: an ignorant electorate; candidates who are unable to articulate the difference between [Rule of Law](#) and rule of men; institutionalized dependency on the state, including the fact that 40 percent of Americans pay no federal income tax; forced redistribution of wealth; comfort, complacency and indifference; Leftmedia dezinformatsia; opposition by the leftist elite; and, finally, the conferring of legal status upon illegal immigrants in order to fortify Democrat voter constituencies illegitimately.

The most significant obstacle to restoring liberty by way of the electoral process is the fact that so many Americans know so little about civics or civic responsibility. When it comes to getting government right, [ignorance is not bliss](#).

It follows, then, that there is a dearth of qualified candidates who are able to articulate the difference between [Rule of Law](#) and rule of men, who instead get lost in the high weeds of lesser political issues.

A majority of Americans are beneficiaries of some combination of thousands of government schemes to redistribute wealth. The resulting institutionalized dependency on the state is insidious, as it results in reliable votes for whichever party (read: the Democrat Party) can take the most from one group and redistribute it to another. It's no wonder that the most recent [Index of Dependence on Government](#) (2010) reports the greatest single-year percentage rise in dependence since 1976.

As Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) recently noted, Obama's "intent is to create dependency because it worked so well for him."

Additionally, 40 percent of Americans pay no federal income taxes. This huge voting bloc thus has no (apparent) stake in our nation's fiscal health, and its voters are thereby motivated to use their ballots to keep the government largess spewing.

As 19th-century political economist Frederic Bastiat noted, "Government is the great fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else."

The forced redistribution of wealth pushed the [Cost of Government Day](#) to 12 August this year, which means that the average American tax payer must now work 224 days to fund all taxes, and hidden regulatory taxes, imposed by the central government. That date is 27 days later than in 2008, and it now consumes more than 60 percent of national earned income. There are endless regulatory costs on the horizon, such as Obama's new fuel economy standards which according to a study conducted

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Of course, comfort, complacency and indifference, particularly among wealthy "Republicans" who contribute little to sustain our legacy of Liberty for our posterity, undermine the potential for sustaining Liberty by way of the ballot box.

In response to such indifference, Samuel Adams advised, "If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animating contest of freedom, go from us in peace. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen!"

Meanwhile, [Leftmedia](#) indoctrination and thriving financial support for wealthy [left-elite](#) socialist causes continue to twist public opinion and ensure the success of leftist candidates and policies.

While these are certainly formidable obstacles to the rejection of socialism and successful restoration of constitutional integrity, they are not insurmountable. Still, when generations of Americans have been inculcated with the belief that they are entitled to so much from the state, it may take a generation or more to re-educate them, and to stave off the violence that often erupts when the state fails to meet their expectations as witnessed recently in Greece and England.

The question remains: Are we irrevocably locked into the Cycle of Democracy? Recall that this evolves from bondage to spiritual faith; spiritual faith to great courage; courage to Liberty (Rule of Law); Liberty to abundance; abundance to complacency; complacency to apathy; apathy to dependence; and from dependence back into bondage (rule of men).

At the close of the first American Revolution, George Washington wrote, "No country upon earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings [of Liberty] than United America. Wondrously strange, then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means and to depart from the road which Providence has pointed us to so plainly; I cannot believe it will ever come to pass."

We have already veered from that road. Is there time to use the ballot box to attain a [new dawn for Liberty](#), or are we destined to dependence and bondage, which will require another renewal of [faith and courage](#)?

Publisher's Note: The young daughter of a long-time Christian brother, and a member of our National Advisory Committee, was killed Monday morning. Her name was Hannah. Please be in prayer for her family, particularly her father, Phil; mother, Lisa; sister, Teal; and brothers David and Ryan.



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[Marcus](#)

it is quite evident that both sides of the dispute between the makers and the takers have drawn battle lines. voting is no longer relevant. this website has gone to great lengths to demonstrate that as have the governments of this country.

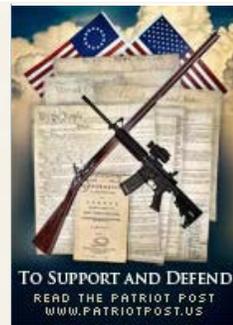
so, what's next?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:17:50 PM

[One VA Patriot](#)

As to the issue: We Americans have but one more opportunity to use the ballot box and if the outcome is not

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successful we will be in despair.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:18:29 PM

Phil

We can not degrade to a third world, and use bullets, the US is to great to not overcome this man,

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:22:00 PM

Gonzalo Pena

So long as the right to vote means it is ok to grab a homeless person off the street, give them a sandwich, resgister them as a democrat, walk them to the voting booth, instruct them to pull the democratic lever, then we no longer have the ballot box as an effective tool to control government.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:22:03 PM

Enough-is-enough

Due to political corruption, the essentially bought elections that continually keep socialist demogogues in office along with their wealthy RINO counterparts, essential liberty is held hostage in this country.

I think it is high time to let some tyrants' blood spill to water the tree of freedom.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:24:16 PM

Al

Thugs don't go easily. They will "win" the "election" by hook or by crook, and mostly by crook, or stage a "crisis" to defer the election (indefinitely) for the "good of the people".

Zimbabwe has had elections for over 30 years, and amazingly Mugabe "wins" every time.

America will be NO DIFFERENT.

Obama is here to stay.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:25:18 PM

Bruce Hubble

Can you enlighten the patriots on the National Popular Vote push? It seems to be the last straw on electing a solid string of 'urban' Democrats as prez, who in turn will appoint liberal judges to the Supreme Court. I will pronounce that to mean the Constitution will be 'voted out' next.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:25:48 PM

One VA Patriot

@Gonzalo Pena,

Sir, what would you have us do? If we abandon the ballot box because it does not work to our advantage, then we have already ceded the field to the opposition.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:25:55 PM

Jolynn

I am 72 years old and still work 40 to 50 hours a week. I am so afraid for this country! I know that I do not have that many more years to have to put up with the nonsense that we are having for a president now. BUT, I am so afraid of the mess that we are leaving for my grandchildren. What will they have if things keep on the way they are going now??

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:27:30 PM

James K. Hamilton

No representation without taxation.

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Liberty is half lost and liberty regained may require revolution. Not until individuals regain their own destiny will the republic be back on the path to freedom.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:28:11 PM

Dan

The USA is done, obama's plan is working fine.

Americans have become losers and like it.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:29:37 PM

James Wagner

The ballot box is always the way to express our choices as long as we are a free democratic republic. However, it is an uphill battle with the mainstream media generally on the liberal side and a combination of apathy and lack of accurate information and good understanding among the people at large. Unfortunately, extreme right wing advocates often get the most publicity and give the wrong impression, making a common-sense approach to solving problems more difficult.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:30:11 PM

Dan

The USA is done, obama's plan is working fine.

Americans have become losers and like it.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:31:06 PM

One VA Patriot

@Jolynn;

Madam, I am hopeful that there are enough patriots who read this column and talk it amongst their friends that the fires of liberty will be kindled within the breasts of all Americans. Once lit, the burning embers of freedom will provide a better world for our children and their children's children.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:31:12 PM

Old. not stupid

If not the ballot box, what then...the ammo box?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:31:22 PM

AI

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Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:31:27 PM

JED

Producers are outnumbered by consumers. If enough consumers vote, the ballot box will not be a viable option for the preservation of liberty.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:31:39 PM

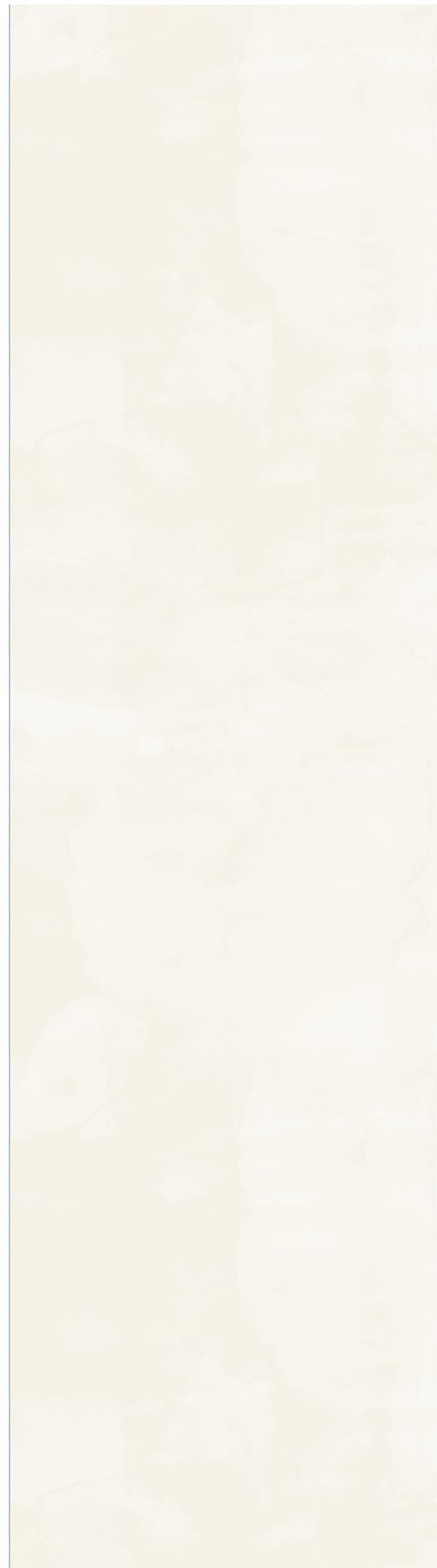
Tom Dooley

Given the number of people directly dependent on the government (at all levels) for their livelihood, it is doubtful that the socialist tack of the country can be curtailed at the ballot box.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:32:09 PM

Jerry Morton

From where did the idea originate that (almost) everyone in America should be allowed to vote? We don't let



children vote because it is presumed that they have neither the knowledge base nor the decision making ability to choose wisely. The same could be said about many Americans who have learned that they can vote themselves an easier life by opting for politicians whose grasp on their office is predicated upon making promises that are impossible to keep.

Do you want to fix the problems facing our nation in less than 8 years? Limit the vote to only those Americans not on any social/entitlement programs (with the exception of Social Security and Medicare...those folks have already contributed a lifetime of service). It would also have the unintended consequence of eliminating the Democrat Party in one election cycle.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:32:46 PM

[David Aune](#)

My thoughts and prayers are with Hannah's family. May they find the peace which Jesus offers abundantly to them.

Pastor Dave Aune

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:32:58 PM

Editor's Reply:

Dave, My brother Phil is the most remarkable example of grace I have witnessed in years. Where I would be seeking justice, he seeks peace. Jesus is manifest in the spirit in which Phil has approached the loss of his sweet child.

[Gary Smrtic](#)

There MIGHT be time left for the ballot box. If not however, bullets work fine. During any course of events such as this, (and the American Revolution), 1/3 of the people are left (loyalists), one third are right (our founders), and one third couldn't tell you what color shirt they are wearing (independants). The winners are those who commit to their cause and follow it until it is theirs.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:33:44 PM

[Frank](#)

My deepest condolences to Phil, Lisa and family. I pray that the Lord will use Hannah's passing to reach others for Christ. God bless.....

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:35:00 PM

[One VA Patriot](#)

Dan, I trust those chains are resting nicely on you?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:36:17 PM

[Scott Hoversten](#)

Of course the ballot box still works. But most Americans do not see socialism as a major threat. If you resort to the ammo box, that WILL get the electorate's attention, and you will lose big time.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:36:44 PM

[Paul Lohr](#)

Rarely is evidence provided in making the case for or against a violent restoration of the Constitution. I do not have that much evidence either way but I will provide what I have. The Declaration of Independence probably intends to allow the room necessary for an overthrowing of a government. The Founding Fathers raised up the sword against England - was that justified or not? Is the level of abhorrence higher with the current government than it was with England when the American Revolution began?

If the moochers and looters know that we will never support or participate in an overthrow, the pressure on them to act in the interest of liberty is very little.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:37:08 PM

Bob

I (almost) agree with Dan, and we surely all agree by now that Obama's plan is to destroy the U. S., for he is an enemy of our country, but we will be rid of him come November, for I don't think he has a chance.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:37:25 PM

Bud in Colo

Mark, once again you are so right, as in correct.

But I would submit that there is another factor at work. The water in D.C. There can be no other explanation. I have seen too many intelligent, reasonable people go to Congress or the Cabinet or whatever and become corrupted and start giving out money to anyone, even if they don't have their hand out. Then, upon completion of their "service", they stay in Washington as lobbyists, ect., or go to an Ivy League school to "teach". Got to be the water.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:37:50 PM

Editor's Reply:

Bud, its called "Potomac Fever"

One VA Patriot

@Scott Hoversten; provided of course that socialist do not aim as well as patriots.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:38:26 PM

Wayne. Las Vegas

The ballot box is the only option to rid Washington of the group that is taking this country down hill fast. One of the first things Obama did was to cut out all COLA increases for seniors on Social Security , But now hey just had big raises for all of his staff. 20% to 60% raises for all of them . I don't care what anyone says that is not right in this time of hardship for our country.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:38:49 PM

Christopher

The ballot box and all its attendant activities seem to be diminishing in stature and efficacy as time passes. Government, no matter its flavor, is without question far removed from the very constituency it claims to represent. While there are some distinctions between Republican and Democrat representatives, the overriding similarities reflect a malevolent undercurrent of corruption and deceit. Conservatives will forever battle liberals over pure ideology. More extreme dogma will arise. No longer will liberty, rule of law, Constitutional legality or even common sense have an association with Beltway politics. The game being played is lethal in nature with potential to tear our once strong nation asunder. The ballot box will have some influence on the azimuth of the greatest country ever. Will the United States of America be restored to sanity, courage, morality, grace, preeminence and unity through the continued employment of its antiquation? I fear not.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:39:21 PM

David Michael Myers

It may be too late. Republicans,RINOsM and conservatives are too nice and let the Scamocrats get away with almost anything.

Man up, GOP. Scream and yell; "tie them down with the chains of the Constitution." [First you have to read and understand it.]

99% of the statutes in the Federal Register are UNCONSTITUTIONAL. REPEAL THEM !

DON'T GIVE IN !

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:39:54 PM

One VA Patriot

@Scott Hoversten; provided of course that socialist do not aim as well as patriots.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:40:03 PM

Robert

I don't believe we can go back to our constitutional roots. Why? We do not vote for Supreme Court Justices. They are the ones who have allowed the vast expansion of federal powers way beyond the original intent of the framers. The conservatives on the court are reluctant to reverse the bad decisions, why the liberals will continue to expand the powers whenever they have the chance.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:40:52 PM

MasterGunner01

I truly believe that Barack Obama is purposely stoking the fires for a second Civil War in America. [And, I have heard similar thoughts from increasing numbers of correspondents.]

Why? Because he thinks he holds the government force and the thugs in the SEIU and ACORN and flash mobs and drug gangs and assorted America haters.

By definition, civil wars aren't civil affairs. If Mr. Obama is stupid enough to uncork this bottle to let the genie inside escape, he will not be able to get it back in the bottle. Events will spiral out of anyone's control and will assume a life and dynamic of their own.

The the time for choosing sides is fast approaching and there's no middle ground. Will it be to side with the Constitution and the Rule of Law or Obama and his thug army of Big Government socialists and the Rule of Men?

If Mr. Obama uncorks the genie, he may yet discover what Gen. Custer did at the Little Big Horn: "Gee, where'd all the Indians come from?" Never attribute to incompetence that which can be explained by stupidity.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:42:11 PM

Larry

While the ballot box has long been held as the cure to federal government failure, it is no longer the answer to the problems that we face in this nation today. Voter corruption is rampant and the courts side with those who are the worst offenders. The current 'motto' of the left seems to be, 'Vote early and often' when it comes to elections. A minor study of the past elections have found some who proudly assert that they have voted as much as eight times on the same election cycle. We are not talking about voting for different initiatives, these were people voting numerous times for the president or their elected representatives.

To make matters worse, the current administration has circumvented the law by appointing an ever growing number of 'Czars' to oversee departments in the federal government. These Czars are neither vetted nor are they answerable to anyone other than the current occupier of the Whitehouse. And the courts have already sided with the antics of this administration.

Although I served a full career in the military (or perhaps because of such) I fear that the ballot box is no longer the answer - and our nation is in severe jeopardy. I strongly fear that it may be time for votes to be cast with bullets instead of conventional means. At the current rate that this administration is usurping the Constitution and the will of the people, this nation cannot last more than five years more at best.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:42:38 PM

Hugh Akston

No man can free a slave, he must free himself--Booker. T. Washington

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:42:50 PM

Tim Ogle

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Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:43:06 PM

Bay0Wulf

My concern with voting is that we have reached a point very close to critical mass where the majority of the constituency is no longer productive. The non-productive portion of our society has come to realize that they



can vote themselves any sort of goodie they want. The reaction of Our Government to our problems with Illegal Aliens is a chilling indication of their understanding of how this is undermining our Social and Governmental control. Repeated "Amnesties" have done nothing but allow a greater percentage "liberal" or "socialistic" voters into this country. one might think that this would not be in the best interest of Our Government BUT it IS in the best interest of THE Government ... that is, BIG Government. All the "freebies" the masses want are only attainable through the graces of BIG Government. People's memories are short and they forget the consequences.

As much as I hate to say this, something has to be done to restrict voting to those who actually have some stake, however tenuous, in Our Country's Future Well Being

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:43:56 PM

Kathie

As to ballots/bullets-let prayer and conscience and our Constitution and Bill of Rights guide us all.

For this family who has lost their daughter I pray:

Heavenly and Gracious Father, in Jesus' beautiful and mighty name I come to You and ask that You in Your infinite love would comfort and encourage this precious family. Please be nearer to them than You ever have been. Remind them gently Lord that You are for them and Your plans for them are to give them a hope and a future. That they will, according to Your word and their beliefs be once again with their beloved daughter once again and that this painful separation is not forever. By Your everlasting arms enfold them Lord and carry them through this most difficult time. Restore peace and joy to their lives Lord as only You can do. I ask this Father God and trust You to do it. I thank You Lord with all my heart for Your answer. In our wonderful Lord Jesus' name. Amen.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:44:41 PM

Charles Rosenthal

It is likely that voting should be restricted to those who are employed, yet that still does not guarantee an educated electorate.

Nevertheless violent overthrow of the government does not produce predictable results and can actually result in opposing armed factions warring with each other in an effort to determine the future of the nation. The possibility then exists of the U.S. breaking up into territories.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:45:09 PM

Drew

Two wolves and a sheep vote on what's for dinner- and there are NO LIMITS on the menu. That is when voting doesn't work. We are there now.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:45:32 PM

radical rabbi

Sadly, the answer is, "No." It has gone on far too long, starting with Wilson in the early part of the 20th Century.

As the Founder's knew and spoke, "The tree of liberty will have to be watered from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants..." or words to that effect. We have open tyranny in the halls of Congress as well as the executive branch. I fear it is going to take a military coup in order to restore our liberties and freedoms as given by the Founding Fathers.

God help us all!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:46:43 PM

Andy Bell

Starnge that we all say "the media is biased" yet we the people continue to listen to them. And the media DOES shape an election. Even in the face of the accusations where it is very true of their bias, the media will merely say..."we report facts". And the lemmings of society buy it. This society as we know it will continue to degrade, continue to erode, continue to be apathetic and nothing short of a revolution will change that. Yes, we all love peace and comfort but society is now controlled by those who want you in need of and compliant to the Government. I hate even pondering it but....elections, the ballot box has become a tool to be used by those who WANT society to be just what we are becoming. Apathetic and in need of Government

supervision.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:46:53 PM

[Sassygirl](#)

The ballot box is not enough. The man swore to uphold the constitution and has NOT. IMPEACH HIM!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:47:19 PM

[Gary in the Ozarks](#)

I HOPE the ballot box is still a viable option to stopping the creeping socialism that Obama has accelerated. Unfortunately I am afraid the obstacles may be approaching insurmountability. One obstacle not mentioned in the article, that being the absolute strength and resolve of those we elect. Besides strong leaders, we all need to be willing to embrace delayed gratification. It will take some degree of deprivation on everyone's part to get our country back on the right track.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:47:38 PM

[mary](#)

I fear that our nation may be getting to the point beyond which the ballot can be a pivot back to liberty. Even a few years ago, a revolution/revolt would have been unthinkable. Now it is not such a foreign idea and may indeed be a necessity to return our beloved county back to freedom.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:48:03 PM

[RADDAD](#)

Only the votes of legitimate registered voters, whose identity can be verified should be counted. Then the peoples' will can be determined.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:48:58 PM

[Jack](#)

The ballot box has been irrelevant for over 100 years.

As long as you have a judiciary that can overrule the people you lose.

The time is not yet clear but the only way to regain our rights is violent revolution.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:50:01 PM

[Don C Donohoe](#)

Mr.Alexander, You are dead on. The problem is we have no leaders with the intestinal fortitude to stand up for The Rule Of Law. Way too many perks, cloud their vision. Thank you, and keep up the great works. Don

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:51:25 PM

[Bob Mullins](#)

I'd rather be dead then RED.....But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:51:38 PM

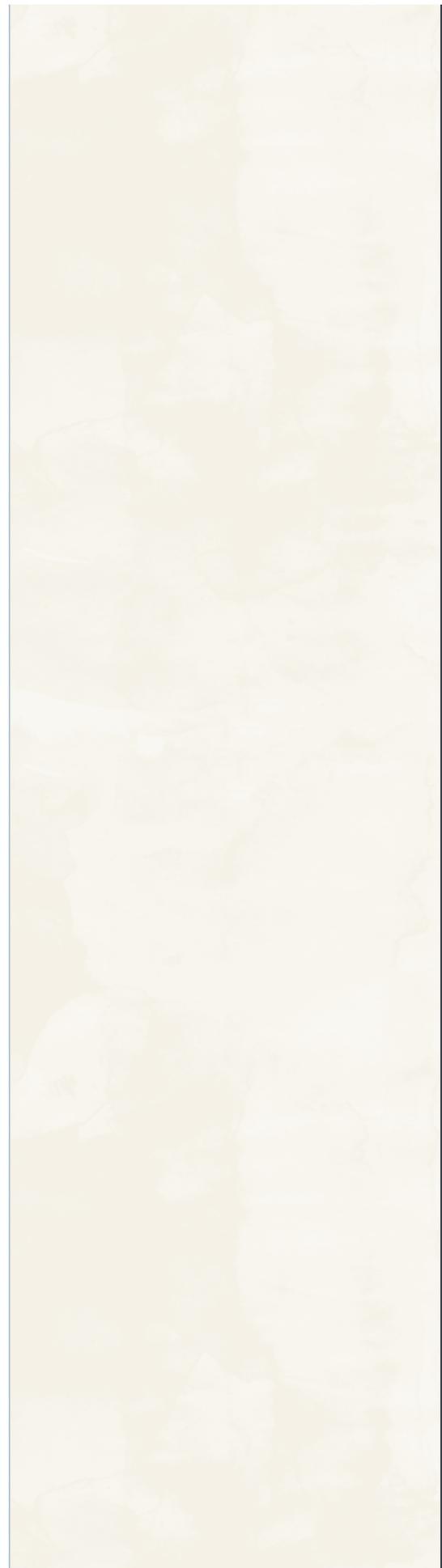
[John Lounsbury](#)

YES, I think the ballot BOX is there. What goes into it is another matter. How much fraud do we have in our voting system. I am just remembering the ACORN situation in 2008 elections.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:52:00 PM

[Jeff](#)

Odd that this article does not even mention the utter failure to prevent the left from stealing elections through fraud. Education of the electorate and the ability of politicians to articulate the issues are both



irrelevant when our legal system is not up to the task of enforcing election laws.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:53:18 PM

Grandson of Liberty

Patriots, we must first turn towards God - with Him, all things are possible. Good always triumphs over evil and God always triumphs over Satan. He has a plan and we need to be instruments of it.

Second - we must remain true to the founding principles of our nation and remember what made us great in the first place. The purity of freedom will always draw true men and women to its breast. We have a lot to overcome, but we will prevail - one way or another!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:54:00 PM

Bob Mullins

.....whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:54:11 PM

Vernon Clayson

On "free, fair, virtuous and independent elections", I live in Nevada and from all appearances our senator Harry Reid does not subscribe to that. There is no way anyone outside his immediate circle can explain how he pulls off his wins but it seems there is an attention to detail beyond anything free and fair; I wouldn't be at all surprised that he and his enablers know exactly how many votes he needs and they produce them. He doesn't win with large majorities, he wins with just enough. The political machinations alleged in Chicago are almost innocent in comparison.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:54:58 PM

Terry Siebert

Most people familiar with The Declaration of Independence know the part about Life Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness but it is the very next sentence that I believe is most appropriate today. "That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,-That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

We have certainly reached the point where the implementation of this sentence would be prudent.

Terry Siebert

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:55:00 PM

Martha Heinrichs

I think the ballot box is the way to stand for what we want. The fraud needs to be addressed. In reality if a person doesn't like us the way we are or the way the Founding Fathers created our nation then leave and reside in a country that they like.

People who want the system different don't know how the system really works or the effect the changes will have on our society.

Example: President Obama-vote for change. Oh yeah we received change but what a pain the change.

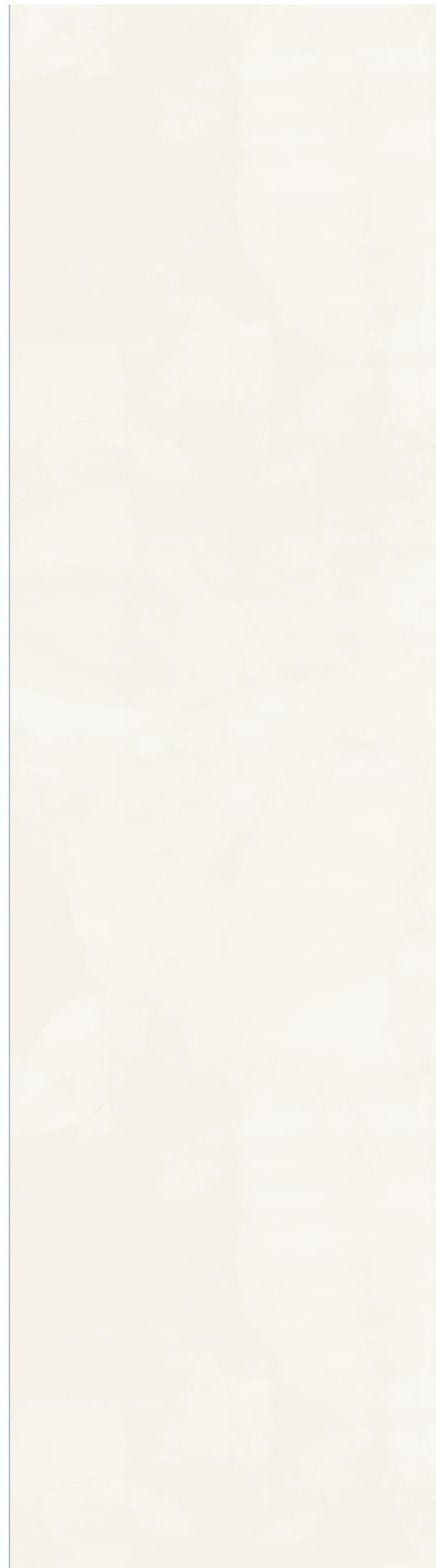
Start thinking and quit have your hand out for a free ride. There are no free rides.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:56:48 PM

David Willis

Citizens of the United States need to make our elected officials need to get away from the the two political party type of government situation and look to unification of one unified type of elected officials. This seems to work well in smaller communities of the US. So let us try it on a national level.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:57:51 PM



[jkendal](#)

The ballot box is crucial at the state and local level. It is there that we have any hope of fighting the increasingly encroaching tyranny of the federal government. The states, through the Tenth Amendment, have to power to nullify unconstitutional federal acts (I don't use the term 'unconstitutional law' - that's an oxymoron). It's happening right now across the country (marijuana and Real ID) but the msm doesn't want you to know about it. Remember that the federal government is only a compact between the states and the Constitution is the piece of paper it was written on. WE hold the power - NOT the federal government. If they step outside the bounds WE originally put on them, then it's up to us to put a stop to it.....

<http://www.tenthamentcenter.com/>

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:58:09 PM

[JGray](#)

The takers are already rioting on a small scale. If we manage to stop the handouts with a conservative government in 2012, you can bet the riots will go large scale and spread throughout the country. Either way, keep your powder dry.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:58:51 PM

[Ray Bruinius](#)

With two generations of a publicly educated electorate showing up at the polls fixing what is wrong with America is becoming less and less likely via the ballot box. More and more we have people who have been convinced that it is all about them, everybody gets a trophy, someone else should sacrifice if somebody will have to do with less because they've been told all their life they're special. Common good is a foreign concept. Also, we have far too many people who have come to expect that the government will take care of all of their needs and they will be asked to do nothing.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 12:59:54 PM

[Kelly Jarboe](#)

The Ballot box is one hope of peacefully bringing about change to reverse the totally unconstitutional programs and the agenda of the current administration. Should this fail and we find ourselves under yet another 4 Years of the Current President and his Socialist ideas and his administration totally ignoring the Constitution except where they think it will help their movement. My fear is that if the current President is re-elected we will see unrest and upheaval to the likes we have never witnessed in this Country before, He stated on the Campaign trail that "We are but 5 days away from fundamentally changing the United States of America" and the masses cheered, Are they still as excited about this situation now that the have had a taste of what he really meant?

It is a total shame that the Citizens of this Country allowed the Media Generated Hatred for GW Bush and their open love affair with this nobody from nowhere to become our President under the guise of Hope and Change, thinking he was some sort of savior, well how is the Hope and Change working so far for you?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:00:19 PM

[One VA Patriot](#)

If the ballot box were no longer valid, how is it that Wisconsin was able to overthrow the oppression of the teacher's union?

The Wisconsin Supreme Court only validated the will of the Wisconsin voters.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:02:08 PM

[B Kennedy](#)

From hanging chads to the deceased voting, and the outright dismissal (failure to count) absentee ballots (the standard way all military people vote, It is incomprehensible to imagine a fair vote. Especially with ACORN still in operation, and Black Panther voter intimidation approved of by the US Justice Department (The Obama legal junta), how can any real American at heart and in spirit reason it out, concluding "we have fair and honest elections"?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:02:30 PM

[Geoff](#)

I would hope that we have one more election in us, if we can't change anything with the next election, I'm afraid we will have to decide whether to take a chance on losing the Republic or whether we have already lost the Republic

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:04:09 PM

ron

For those readers of Patriot Post who have not done so, you should read Neal Boortz' commencement speech at the Texas A&M graduation in May. It is something I never expected to hear coming from a speech on a USA college campus. Hopefully, this will just be the start of more such speeches on college campuses and awaken our gullible youth to the brainwashing they are enduring in the guise of enlightenment (liberalism).

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:04:24 PM

One VA Patriot

@Mr. Willis:

Right. Then, sir we can have the type of government England and every other parliamentary democracy has. How charming.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:04:59 PM

Tom Treat

So very sorry for their loss. GOD bless Hannah and her family in this time of grief.

Sincerely,

Tom Treat

Fellow Patriot and Christian

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:05:31 PM

Michael W. Reece

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I do not consider negativism a virtue. However, in the environment currently existant, I find it difficult to be other than negative.

I read quite a bit and, from what I have garnered, nearly half the population depends on lucre from the federal government (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, AFDC, Welfare, Food Stamps, the Earned Income Tax Credit, two years worth of Unemployment Benefits, mortgage foreclosure delays ad nauseam) and it will become much worse over the next couple of decades as the "Boomers" retire. It is inconceivable to me that with so many extending their hands for money from those who provide it, that those "on the dole" can do anything other than vote (with high motivation) for representatives which promise them, at the very least, the status quo, or more. Greece, Egypt, Italy, Portugal, England, France, Iceland, Spain and, no doubt, soon the United States, have all learned this lesson and yet many are reluctant to even attempt to alter it.

How can it be done? Arguing Conisitutional principles with those who don't know about, or don't care about, what the Founders wished for us will prove fruitless, I am certain, so long as the checks still arrive. One would hope it were otherwise, but I for one can see no way out except for revolution (intellectual, Tea Party, ballot box, political, whatever). The "revolutionaries" are in the minority and there does not appear to be a Ronald Reagan on the horizon.

I admire your efforts!

Michael W. Reece

Simpsonville, South Carolina

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:06:39 PM

Tom Cummings

I do appreciate your map outlining our socialist hot spots, but living in Minnesota I must inform you that the map needs a little adjustment. The socialist areas of our state are the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, the heaviest concentration being in Hennepin County. The rest of the state is rural conservative folks who love their country and do not want it transformed into a Socialist state.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:07:03 PM



Eddie

The ballot box is still an option, but I can't help feeling that bullets might be gaining--at least by the indications of more acquiring of weapons and ammunition.

I feel that the only real hope for the ballot box lies down the road, in the voters who are children today. Let's hope we can educate them, factually, morally and spiritually toward that purpose.

I am skeptical that those "spoiled" by the largesse of the government can be turned and rehabilitated. Note that in the bible, the Lord chose to have millions of ex-Egypt Israelite slaves die in the wilderness, because they couldn't forget the way they were brought up. Only the children were taken into the promised land.

Do you suppose that is a lesson for today?

Eddie

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:07:05 PM

Bill

If Obama is reelected, he will push hard to finish the destruction of our economy by Executive Order and Regulation which has always been his plan. There will be violence and the government will attempt to disarm all Americans by regulation. I'm not sure at this point Obama is even willing to risk an election and will stop at nothing to dismantle our Constitution. I think we must be prepared to defend our loved ones and ourselves against this tyranny. If you aren't prepared now, you are already in peril, as I'm quite sure that the other side has a well thought out plan to deal with dissention. A United States without Liberty is not the United States. Give me Liberty, or give me death.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:07:16 PM

Ralph

A Citizens Volunteer Army can 'guard' the polls, 'strongly encouraging' those intending to vote to show their credentials.

Articles of encouragement include official symbols of U.S. Immigration and Border Patrol agencies.

There are enough retired folks to man every polling place in the U.S.

Let's do it!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:08:58 PM

Steve Dover

YES Vote everyone that in in office now out of office in the next election for which they are scheduled to run in, and get rid of "professional politicians", who are looking for ways to get re-elected, and not for ways to help the country.

lets put common everyday people, with commonsense, in off and place limited terms on them.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:09:02 PM

CTLangis

I believe the map incorrectly labels the State of Maine. We have the most conservative governor in the country and a Republican house and senate and two republican senators.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:10:24 PM

Kathie

I am, sadly, in agreement with the statement made by 'Radical Rabbi'. I too ask that God help us. We must remember it has been said that "...the only thing needed for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing..." This is a truth well worth remembering.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:10:32 PM

Fred L Fox

Of course it is, and it will be so long as there is a Second Amendment...

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:10:34 PM

Dan McGill

Hi Mark,

Missing from your list of contagions, perhaps with the greatest order of threat magnitude, is the integrity of our voting process.

I am very concerned that we might be getting bogus election results.

In my neck of the woods, there has been a history of ballot boxes found floating in the San Francisco Bay.

<http://www.baycitizen.org/elections-2010/story/missing-san-francisco-ballots-recovered/>

<http://articles.latimes.com/2001/nov/30/local/me-9855>

In leftist speak, the ends justify the means. The same leftists are the ones that do not want IDs to be required in order to vote and to allow convicted felons and illegal immigrants to vote.

How do we know each ballot is valid?

How do we know people do not vote more than once?

How do we know dead people and cartoon characters are not having their votes counted?

These are desperate times, in if we can't count on the ballot box, we're sunk, or at least floating in the bay.

Dan McGill

San Jose, CA

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:10:42 PM

Lt Col James T. Collins (Retired)

Voting for a living instead of working for a living has been a growth industry sponsored by the Democratic Party. Evidence exist that where the votes didn't exist, fraud would suffice. Note the recent ACORN convictions for voter fraud. Now we have the effort to flood the country with Hispanic illegals who are expected to be good Democratic voters. In other words, wards of the state, dependent on politicians for an existence. If we are not at the tipping point between bullet and ballot, we are near the tipping point.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:10:58 PM

Richard H. Mayer

Well said. Thank you. Four of us had dinner last evening with one of our conservative elected officials. We urged impeachment as a means to get at the truth. He did not think it feasible.

Perhaps not, but we need to expose the danger we are in. He was flying to Dallas to meet with Rick Perry. Perry seems like a viable candidate, but how about Rubio and Allan West? RH Mayer richard@divitiae.org

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:11:35 PM

Junkyard Dog

Michelle Obama, sincerely ashamed of her native homeland, says we must, "change our history." That speaks volumes. I thought only communists said stuff like that....What was I thinking? Here's on for ya....

"The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

- Thomas Jefferson

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:13:30 PM

American Patriot

It seems the welfare, wanting class is dictating the direction of our country.

All the more reason I suppose that Obama and the liberals want to grant amnesty to a few million more to expand their voting base to broaden voting areas and further dumb up our society as needy government wards.

One day, if we are not careful, the blue and the red areas will switch, and we will be so outnumbered, that there will be no hope. Or is it already too late?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:14:11 PM

"Kid Richie"

If Conservatives do not capture the the necessary vote for the Presidency AND the Senate in 2012, they must challenge and challenge any close and questionable 'victories'. Too many times the Left has used ACORN and other means to 'steal' elections. If the UDA is not 'RIGHTED' in 2012, then the Rule of the Ballot Box will be no more! The bought votes by handouts will decide the negative fate of and the downfall of America as it was intended to be. The USA will be totally controlled and run by socialist hooligans and hypocrites; and, we will be changed from "We the People" to "we the sheeple".

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:14:56 PM

[Fred L Fox](#)

People with no skin in the game (or dog in the fight) will vote for the hand/party that feeds them (government). Since half the voting population pays no tax, there goes half the population, over to the liberals. Conservatives have to figure out how to reclaim those votes.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:16:44 PM

[One VA Patriot](#)

@Kid Richie

It will be Red Dawn.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:16:59 PM

[Frank Wilde](#)

I believe there is still a small window in the 2012 elections to start turning the ship of state. We must all do our utmost in this season to see that the course is changed. I fear that if we fail we will be forced to live in a socialist society where the only possibility of getting our liberty back is the one none of us want to contemplate, but many of us are prepared for.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:18:09 PM

[Fred L Fox](#)

Time for the Tea Party to smarten up...

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:18:16 PM

[One VA Patriot](#)

Mr. Fox,

Remember some of those receiving federal assistance are doing so because they have been put out of work by this administration.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:19:06 PM

[Geo. M.](#)

"Bad politicians are elected by good citizens that don't vote..."

or... "Bad politicians are re-elected ...etc."

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:19:39 PM

[G Grudem](#)

Only if voter ID's are the norm.Only UUA citizens are entitled and should have to prove it.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:21:18 PM

[Tim](#)

With the proven election fraud of ACORN and others the ballot is no longer a viable option. The bullet box is the only remedy for tyranny in this or any country. The founders prescribed the 2nd for just such a condition. Sadly this nation has deteriorated to that point.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:21:50 PM

[captaincook](#)

As long as the right to vote is granted to those who

take from the Treasury without contributing to it, we are doomed. Early baby boomers are the last generation to have some semblance of conservatism....after us, the schools and universities have been so full of socialist indoctrination that there is no chance for the nation except ultimate socialist failure.....which will be disastrous.....and we're well on our way. The franchise needs to be limited only to those contributing to the Treasury, and the central gov't. needs to be removed from education.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:22:13 PM

[L. Orchard](#)

We live within 60 miles of Chicago and we have seen more and more home invasions, murder, and assault, in our county in the last 2 years then we had in the previous 10. The "takers" seem to think they are entitled to whatever they can put their hands on. 20 of the largest dairy farms in the nation are within a 30 mile radius of our town and the majority of workers are undocumented aliens. The gang warfare of urban black and Hispanic groups on the south side of Chicago are taking lives, property, and sanity, throughout this area but... you seldom hear of it in the news. I've used my ballot time and again...as have many others in this county...and I'm buying more ammo than ever before simply trying to be prepared. I'm an Independent who believes in the rule of law and the constitution. Neither one is being adhered to in our country. I will continue to exercise my right to vote...my right to bear arms...and my choice to pray. God help us if this ever goes to "civil" war.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:23:54 PM

[jerome Boyce](#)

We today are facing the same choices our Forefathers faced in 1776. I question if today's Patriot is made of the same metal.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:24:42 PM

[One VA Patriot](#)

@Fred L Fox

Do not forget that some of those who receive federal assistance do so because of the actions of this administration: unemployment is over 9.1%

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:25:49 PM

[Sue](#)

In the last Presidential election thousands of military votes were not counted. Obama's crew registered untold numbers of unqualified people and people that did not exist. Obama is also counting on millions of illegals to be legal by Nov. 2012 however, he can get make this happen so he can have a thousands to millions more votes. He has already started that process by changing the former policy of deportation and not allowing the deportation of any illegals that do not have a criminal record. Also we have 50 percent of people voting now that pay no federal taxes and they will vote for whoever promises to keep taxpayers money coming to them. Add to that the 98 percent of black voters that vote for Obama because of the color of his skin. Plus a left media that hates conservatives and reports nothing bad about this administration at all. So "No", the ballot box is totally flawed in our country and may have gone the way of the other countries who cannot have a real election. Our leader should be elected based on qualifications, character, and his or her dedication to the true principles this country was founded on. Obama had no experience in the military and no experience in business. Would any private corporation hire an individual who has no experience in what they are to be overseeing.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:26:03 PM

[John Rhoads](#)

Mark,

Complacency and indifference unfortunately is encouraged by our government of both parties. I live in a small town and see abuses of the system i.e social security disability fraud, under the table payments for labor for those collecting welfare, cash businesses that do not collect or pay sales taxes, and more yet there is nowhere I can go to report these abuses or do anything about them to stop them. If I can see a dozen such abuses in my small town of 5,000 how many additional ones exist out there in the entire population? Until

these abuses can be reported and corrected our country will continue on a downward spiral yet if corrected would lead us in the right direction to correct our ever growing deficit and debt.

John

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:26:54 PM

Fred Rosenbaum

We veterans have created our bumper sticker that says "Veterans, we have to fight this next war with Ballots instead of Bullets."

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:27:22 PM

James

Mark, I greatly appreciate your work. I would recommend that you and every Patriot Post reader read the late Francis Schaeffer's "Christian Manifesto" and "How Shall We Then Live". You will not regret it. Thank you for your work. And as a former Army Chaplain, thank you for your support of the military.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:27:50 PM

Robert

I am 75yo, a veteran and believed one would become wiser and more understanding as they aged. Alas, as Arthur Godfrey frequently said "we grow too soon old and too late smart".

I am dreadfully fearful that we are too late smart and instead of growing older, wiser and understanding I find I am more confused than I have ever been by decisions made by our elected politicians and the appointed Justices. I am totally clueless.

I fear the only way the process will be reversed is found in the statement by Jefferson. "the tree of freedom must occasionally be fertilized with the blood of patriots" (quote is not exact)

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:28:26 PM

Junkyard Dog

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Oath Keeper

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There are enough retired folks to man every polling place in the U.S.

Lawful & Peaceful

Let's take our Country back!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:31:53 PM

Robert the Bruce

I have said it before and I will say it again: Obama scared me when he was running for office (buying the election?) and he scares me even more today.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:33:06 PM

Frank Campbell

The great threat to the ballot box is voter fraud commented by the Democratic party. Months after the 2010 election, there were states that checked their voter registers. Not suprising, all of those states found voter fraud numbering in the thousands. And not suprising, 90+% of the votes went to the democrats. This

happened in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, New Mexico, North Carolina, Nevada, and others. Had these votes not been counted or been rejected, The republicans would have won more races. What is going on to stop voter fraud? Nothing. The GOP is sleeping right through it.

George Soros is investing millions of dollars to get Democrats elected Secretary of State in all of the states. The reason is very clear. The Secretary of State in all States have charge of voter register and investigation. In Democrat controlled States in 2008 and 2010, there were no investigations.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:34:58 PM

[DAN III, Leftist Erie County, PA](#)

My freshman congressman, Mike Kelly, R-PA 3, ousting leftist Kathy Dahlkemper-D as representative.

Kelly has been a great disappointment after he signed a campaign pledge to NOT vote for the Patriot Act. Instead he voted for it twice. He outright lied.

Mike Kelly then voted appropriately, denouncing obama's unconstitutional accent into a fifth field of military conflict in the Middle East, Libya. However, only days later, when a House bill was offered to strip obama of the money to support the unconstitutional Libyan military operations, Kelly voted "NO", allowing the funding to continue.

In essence what Kelly and the other "NO" vote socialists in the House did was to outright approve of obama's military intervention in a sovereign nation's affairs. Kelly voted to support obama and the continuing destruction of our once great nation's sovereignty.

Regardless of what one believes regarding Ghaddafi's regime, Libya is none of the USA's business. RINO Kelly voted to denounce obama's military venture but on the other hand refused to strip obama of the funding to continue military operations. Simply put....Republican socialist Mike Kelley voted to support Marxist obama's regime.

Personally, I've experienced circumstances at the hands of government that have only ingrained my belief that those in government are not public servants, they are self-serving. Our country is being destroyed while the citizens of this nation continue to allow America haters to occupy both the White House and the halls of Congress.

In the leftist enclave of Erie County, Pennsylvania the patriots here voted to put Mike Kelly in office to fight against the obama regime. Instead we got another scoundrel who marches to obama's tune and supports the ruling elite rather than the well-being of his constituents.

What more does it take than to look at Mike Kelly, R-PA 3, and see that it doesn't matter who we put in to office to protect our unalienable rights and freedoms ?

The ballot box is not the answer.

DAN

III

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:35:26 PM

[Lowell Higley](#)

In the State of Wqhington, in the Gov Race, there were three ballot counts in King County. The 3rd count made her the winner. Democrat.

In the State of Oregon, the Vote is by mail. The Illegals get drivers licenses. You need a drivers license to register to vote. The Ballot Box is no longer safe.

Which is it to be? Ballots or Bullets. There will be another Civil War in this country. A revolution? The Current President has written an Executive order to allow the Armed Services to quell civil disobedience. Does BO know something the rest of us do not know?

Lowell Higley

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:35:31 PM

[Larry Petersime](#)

I wish the ballot boxes still worked, however the electronic systems are easily rigged making all legitimate votes a waste of time. I know of this deceit first hand in a rigged Berkeley County Administrator election in Berkely County, SC. It was never contested to protect the whistleblower, but the falsification was documented. I've heard of this in other places across the country and with the actual problems related to the folks who make these voting machines, I firmly believe voting fraud is running rampant.

That leaves the bullet box. I can definitely see it coming to that, and sooner rather than later. I understand that gun fire goes both ways so it's not something I get excited about, but when it finally comes to that, hopefully I can help make it better for those who follow, even if I don't make the trip myself.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:35:35 PM

Duke Mecartney

Find me someone to vote FOR, I have been voting against the poorest candidate for many years. Professional politicians will not return to the Constitutional Model put forth by the Founding Fathers, Regan was an anomaly. Non-professional politicians don't have the backing to be viable. I would serve in almost any capacity but do not have a chance of being elected or appointed.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:36:41 PM

George H. Schryer

The ballot box must, must be the way to restore America to a Constitutional government. To think of the alternative is heartbreaking. Unfortunately this can only be done if the electorate is educated. We have let our schools teach our children that socialism is the answer and to overcome this we must first take back our schools then we can take back our government. Also unfortunately it took 100 years to get us to this point, we can't erase all of that at the next election. We must take a page from the progressives playbook and chip away at that edifice every chance we get.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:37:32 PM

GGeorge

Only CONGRESS can make rules and regulations,ordinary people like the CZARS can not. CONGRESS SHOULD TAKE BACK ITS POWER BY BRINGING THE CZARS BEFORE A COGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. TELL THEM TO BRING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THEY HAVE PROMULGATED SINCE THEIR APPOINTMENT AND EXPLAIN THEM TO CONGRESS. IF CONGRESS NEVER APPROVED THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THEN THE COMMITTEE SHOULD DECLARE THEM NULL AND VOID UNTILL APPROVED BY CONGRESS. NO ONE NOT EVEN THE PRESIDENT CAN OVERRULE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RESONSIBILITY OF CONGRESS. SEE ARTICLE 1 SECTION 8 ITEM 14. CONGRESS IS TO --MAKE RULES AND REGULATIOS FOR THE GOVERNMENT --ALSO ARTICLE 4 SECTION 3 PARAGRAPH 2 CONGRESS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO DISPOSE OF AND MAKE ALL NEEDED RULES AND REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE TERRITORY ETC.CONGRESS ONLY NEEDS THE BACKBONE TO JUST DO IT.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:39:05 PM

Deerhorn

In order to restore our government to the people and to constitutional integrity we have to "clean up the house." When trash begins to build up you can't just raise the ceiling, you need to get out your broom and shovel and move the mess.

It's time to replace all of these life long government employees with folks who believe in the constitution and in serving the public.

Get rid of them all, put term limits in place, do away with lifetime pensions and benefits,(talk about entitlements!!!!)and let's get on the road back to the the brightness of the greatest country in the world.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:41:40 PM

Ramon 51

Our best defense is a Constitutional Convention - superintended by the Tea Party - to restore our Constitution to it's former glory. I would suggest the 'Bill of Federalism' as a basis for the effort. Amend to defend is my motto. We should seek restoration, not revolution. To those who fear that 'the left' would hijack the proceeding I say, don't let the establishment elites (from both sides of the aisle)make you believe that nonsense! If the left could have won by amendment, they would have done so. Who dares wins!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:43:36 PM

Norma Chambers

May God's Blessings comfort all of you.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:44:20 PM

al

I am fully convinced that the ballot is of no value in turning our country around. We, as a people- country will not survive until or unless we turn the GOD of the BIBLE our creator.

Other than this we are done as a Nation.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:44:35 PM

Ken

Bean, gold, and bullets are what awaited us now. We will have to rise up and take back our country.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:44:40 PM

Steve S.

I believe the ballot box must be the way to remedy this. And a key to that is Patriotic organizations and people getting out into their communities to educate both those that have much to lose as well as those who what to gain and leave dependency behind. Then we must work to get 100% of those people to the voting booth and be unambiguous as to how they should vote. Conservatives skit the issue, avoid rhetorical conflict and cave to pressure all to easily. We must shed those tendencies so we can counter the 80+ years of progressive poisoning this country has endured.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:44:46 PM

Kevin Billings

I cannot begin to imagine the pain of loosing a child and I hope I never do. Hopefully there is some solace in knowing Hannah is now with our Creator and Savior.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:47:23 PM

Maj. Trouble

As much as I believe in the power of the concerned people's vote, I find that the honored system is rotten to the core with fraud. Votes from dead people, non-citizens, duplicate votes, and bought votes, trying to elect another fox to guard the hen house is a disgusting consideration. We don't need another lawyer to be elected, but rather a businessman from the ranks of the successful corporate world. This would lend some degree of an accounting/business admin focus, that could limit the liberal's abstract spending policies.

We need to consider that without the second amendment to protect us from government, it will instead degrade to conflict among the citizens trying to survive the ridiculous policies backed by martial law. That is something we do not need to leave our next generations with. If we have defeated enemies foreign, we must focus the same dedication to the elimination of enemies domestic.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:47:49 PM

Jim Orcutt

I pray that the ballot box will be a sufficient tool to restore liberty, but I fear that it will not. Those that choose liberty may enter government service for a time to right certain wrongs, but they inevitably return to private life to enjoy their liberty. Those that choose government enter government service, stay in government, and patiently ratchet up government intrusions in our lives. Time is on their side, especially if they are allowed to ignore the rules of the game, our foundational documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:48:00 PM

Murray Bass

I think the ability of people to corrupt the system is too great. Even to the point where in large urban centers, the registrars refuse to validate the eligibility of individuals to vote. Perhaps vigilantes overseeing the election processes in those centers would keep cheterr away.

A bigger problem is the complacency of eligible voters. In some districts in the last electin as few as 20% of registre voters turned out. With lefties being elected by less than 11% of registered voters. I hink te Ballot box still has a chance if we get up off our butts, police the polling places challenge corrupt votng officials and



make face to face contact with voters who dont want to be bothered. A charismatic candidate would help in all elections. .

If we don't do that and work at it , even bulets wou't work . Complacency rules. . I'm for doing whatever it takes.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:50:11 PM

MKBUC

I think the ballot box is still a viable solution. However, I think it is eroding quickly due to the ignorance and laziness of the electorate. The TV is not the best place to receive information for any election. The debates are a joke, in my opinion. A spontaneous debate would by a truly unbiased moderator would be a welcome change.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:50:15 PM

kevin crowther

THE Ballot box has got to be the way or else this country is no longer the country all those who went before us stood up for.If we resort to any other means then we no longer can claim the right to be a republic.Sometimes the easy way is appealing,but its not the right way.WE have to not be afraid to get the word out and work together to teach any and every body who will listen.Now if any thing we need to disregard whats going on in our schools and start teaching our children that they need to think for themselves,and teach them what liberty really takes,The guts to do the right thing even when it seems harder than to just go with the flow.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:50:56 PM

Pat

Oddly, in your list of impediments against solving the current situation via the ballot box, you left out "outright fraud, voter intimidation, and ballot tampering" in the flavor of The Black Panthers, SEIU, ACORN, Chicago-style (read: dead) voters, etc.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:52:44 PM

Kane, Charles W.

#1: How was that lady (Hannah) killed?

#2: Conversations with "dyed-in-the-wool" Democrats, in this area, haave revealed to me that they want (mainly) the same things we do. There is a lot of common ground. If we, as citizens, can get together for the good of the Country, why can't our Politicians??? Because they don't want to. It serves their purpose (re-election) to keep a chasm open between the two parties.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:53:07 PM

Harr

The ballot box does not work any longer when it is seized by those who thwart the honest workings of a democratic republic and deny honest citizens their rights and privileges.

America may again have to shed blood to preserve the nation. The right to reclaim the God given right to life liberty and happiness is inscribed in following statement from the Declaration of Independence...

"That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety"

I hope we can make the change without bloodshed by using the ballot box. America will not be silent forever.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:53:58 PM

JIM LIMERICK

FEEL IT IS TOO LATE FOR PEACEFUL MEANS TO TAKE OUR
COUNTRY BACK. PRAY FOR A LEADER TO EMERGE WITH THE
GUMPTION TO SAY "JOHNNY GET UR GUN."

JL

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:54:25 PM

Traci Jenkins

One major obstacle is getting good, God-fearing conservatives involved in the political process. Just like Peter Schweizer describes in his book "Makers and Takers", the conservatives are so overburdened by our government's heavy taxation that we are having to work harder than ever to keep our heads above water AND provide entitlements and carry the load for the other greedy half of the country who pay NO federal income taxes. Because of our furious efforts to support our businesses and families, many just can't find the time to fight the good fight. We have to wake up the uninvolved conservatives. I also second the sentiments of the previous writer that apart from trusting in and submitting to the Lord, we will not defeat the enemy.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:55:47 PM

Margaret Leonard

I just watched Fox News talking to two political pollsters (both Democrats) who were talking about the real possibility of a Third Party candidate and how it would be "good for the country." My red flags went up because that is exactly what Obama's people want - to divide and destroy the Republican Party. They seem especially excited about this "third party" since Governor Perry's numbers went up! I just hope people don't fall for their propaganda!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:56:03 PM

Lee

Will the ballot box still work? No. It will not.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:57:31 PM

Terry Jeffries

While the ballot box is the preferred method, it is not the only method to restore freedom.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:57:55 PM

Bob Lee

The Democrats want to make illegal Mexican's citizens strictly because they want their vote to retain thier power.

As far as I understand the law entering this country is a felony. If that is the case then they need to be treated like any other felon in this country and that means you can never vote!!

What is fair for the citizens of this country should also apply to those that are here illegally.

Bob Lee

Posted August 25, 2011 at 1:59:19 PM

Ez Ed

I would love a copy of the map so I can expand it and hang on it on the wall.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:00:29 PM

PatriotM1A

Addressing the issue of voter identification, why is

it that we are not required to show proof of citizenship or residence when we go to the polls to vote. We are required to give our S.S. number for various reasons which violates the original intent

of the Social Security Act, and also to present our issued driver's license when requested by the police. Each time I vote at my polling location I automatically show my driver's license with photo. The poll workers tell me it's not necessary, and I disagree with them. The electorate should demand that their Reps. and Senators enact this law to eliminate much of the voter fraud that has occurred in the past, especially the last election!

This is the only way the ballot box will allow the true intent of the voter to be validated.

Only U.S. citizens are provided the right to vote,
by the U.S. Constitution, no others dead or alive!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:01:09 PM

[One VA Patriot](#)

The ballot-box examples proffered so far to advance the cause of bullets, were close elections where local or state board of elections had to recount votes to decide the outcome.

If, and that may be the big IF, conservative were to bring conservative friends, or took stay-at-home conservatives to the polls to vote, maybe we would have no controversy. There were no allegations of fraud where a conservative won by a clear majority, only in districts where the vote yeilded a plurality was the left able to demand a recount-ad-nauseum until the liberal candidate won.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:05:40 PM

[Will](#)

Either way the 2012 election goes we might be in for a rough time. If Obama loses the "welfare" state may march. We've seen what is happening in Europe. Be prepared.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:06:28 PM

[Bob Hawes](#)

We the people can have fair and legitimate elections only when LEGAL citizens vote. A LEGAL Voter I.D. requires that this happens.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:08:33 PM

[Snarky McGurk](#)

Let's try ballots one more time, but have our bullets ready.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:11:41 PM

[William Brooks](#)

Hi Mark, I don't believe we will save our remaining liberty with the ballot box. I have seen too many times when the results of the ballot box has been corrupted by those who control the election process.

Keep the Faith

Bill

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:11:45 PM

[PatriotM1A](#)

So much for moderation... posted a comment at 2:01

P.M. and was not shown. Please explain!!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:12:52 PM

[Centermass](#)

I look at it this way...the farther we get from being able to fix it at the ballot box the closer we get to armed restoration. Right now my weapons are locked up nice and tight but I've got plenty of mags loaded. I believe, especially as a veteran, that it is my duty through the oath I took, to stand ready and be prepared to implement the rights enshrined in the second amendment. The closer we come to tyranny the more my second amendment rights are infringed. So, in short, by ballot OR bullet restoration is coming.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:13:00 PM

[Marian Colborn](#)

Hi

Yes the Ballot Box would work fine or the older pull lever ones. They were Cool. Best Maybe the Ballot Box as long as the Counters are Honest. Always comes to that dosent it. Being Honest.

Definitely not the Computer Voting. Terrible way to do things. Have More Voting Places for the High Volume Cities, for the Boxes might go faster. & be sure none get lost. Seems lots disappear to at times Hmmm & We all know why.

I will never Understand the mind set of some so Called Americans, how they can be bought off or just plain cheat. Oh well it will all work out keep the faith.. Gotta hang in there & keep trying.

But No American should feel Intimidated at the Poles. Stand up & let them know "No More" Thanks

Marian

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:14:17 PM

Esteban Cafe

Interestingly, your map showing all of Southern and Easter Utah is marked Red as "Socialist Majorities." Really? I have visited this land and they are neither Republican nor Democrat; they are solidly Conservative. Surely you know that Utah was the most conservative of all voting populations in the US? Hopefully your map did not tar others with the same brush.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:15:36 PM

One VA Patriot

Were discussion such as this one prevalent at State Houses in 1860?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:16:12 PM

Jeremy

I agree with your comments, Mark. But I think the greater issue is continually missed. All of our liberties are being eroded because the very foundation of them have been decimated - the Word of God. Our rights are unalienable from our Creator. Our government is only for a moral and religious people. We are neither because the Church has lost the Word of God - the creator of those liberties. It is here we must return. For if He is not our foundation, then man is. The end result is what we are watching all around us. So much more can and should be said but I will leave it with this: If we do not revere the Word of God, why should we revere the Constitution?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:16:14 PM

Jackie

I am a Clerk that administrates elections in a state that requires photo ID. I am confident our county elections are free of fraud. However when talking to a State Senator about absentee ballots he stated we could not make the process easier because of voter fraud in some of our larger cities. It is evidently commonplace.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:17:47 PM

RLee

No

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:19:07 PM

Mike Fontes

I sincerely hope that the ballot box is still viable, but there is a growing frustration with the state of affairs within our country that has the potential to become explosive.

Since the President is still here on vacation, I wrote a very brief open letter to him, and it can be viewed in the Martha's Vineyard Times Online.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:19:23 PM

GrannyRob

One third of Americans are true conservatives (fiscal AND social). Another third is in the middle not sure what the heck they want and not considerate of America as a whole. The final third are socialists, communists, fascists, every "ist" except capitalist. That last one third is lawless and on a determined mission to kill this country. God help the U.S.A.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:21:32 PM

[Lt. Alan Briley, RN](#)

Hanna's family is in my prayers, as is the staff at The Patriot Post.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:22:12 PM

[One VA Patriot](#)

@RLee

Too bad. This is getting animated.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:23:39 PM

[Bill DeFelice](#)

When the commie,puke/al-Qeada loving slugs,in this regime,send out there bretheran,to block/disrupt polling stations,like the black panthers did in Philly.,it is time to refer back to that saying:The tree of liberty,must sometimes be fed,with the blood of tyrants,and Patriots,alike.

This is why silly Hilly,is pushing for a U.N.mandated gun control.She forgets!No one in America,voted for anyone,in the U.N.

Don't forget bamer's Fast+Furious! Bamer/Holder lied,people died!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:24:34 PM

[Dean S.](#)

I read your articles every week and agree with you that we are in a battle with socialists who are very aggressive. In recent essays, you seem to be escalating the alert that we need to be prepared to take up arms in our cause. This mystifies me somewhat. Against whom are we to take military action? Liberals? Politicians with whom we disagree? The president? The military or local police? The IRS? Labor Unions? The education establishment? I think that you are off base implying that we should take up arms.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:24:49 PM

Editor's Reply:

Actually, if you have read my recent essays on the subject of revolution (The Next Revolution, Sunset or Sunrise on Liberty? and Restoration or Revolution?), you will note the common theme in these essays is that I believe the Ballot Box option is still viable, and to the extent it fails, then we step up to measures of "civil disobedience" as our Founders did when dumping Tea into Boston Harbor. Beyond that, I will cross that bridge when we get there, remembering also that the "Shot heard 'round the world" was fired at at Concord's Old North Bridge, when oppressors of that era were in route to confiscate the arms of Patriots. As for the "need to be prepared to take up arms in the cause of Liberty," every Patriot should be so prepared in the best of times.

[William Bailey](#)

The United States all taht it stands for can still be salvaged at the ballot box, but it must be soon and it must be decisive. The fundamental question: Is the individual pursuit of happiness possible only because of government or despite government? I believe government should "get out of the way" and watch the economy and the American spirit thrive.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:25:08 PM

[Jim Anderson](#)

Every election we hear of abuse at the polls. Dead people and illegal immigrants always seem to show up to vote Democrat candidates. Unregistered voters are somehow made legal at the last minute by Democrat activists who manage to get these people registered, even though the registrations closed weeks before. All of these are illegal and outrageous abuses of our electoral system. And, they are almost entirely attributed to the Democrat party. Whatever happened to requiring a voter registration card with photo ID and proof of residence at the polls? We absolutely must get control over this travesty of our elections, or else we will always be condemned to the Democrat cheats in government. They need to be identified and put in prison

for their crimes. Period!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:25:17 PM

Don Griffith

no!!!! it will take a revolt~~~

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:25:35 PM

Angela T.

Dear Mark,

The Ballot SHOULD be the means by which we move forward again toward Freedom and Liberty. However, I fear it is too late. We are up against very strong-minded, evil people. We need prayer and courage. I think we will be FORCED to protect ourselves (literally) & will have to endure some very hard times. But, if we keep to the principals of our Founding Fathers we WILL be able to bring back our Nation UNDER GOD. There will be much to do, such as restructuring our school system, to make sure our children are once again truly educated

. It will be a long, hard journey, but, worth it!

God Bless You, Mark for all you do.

Sincerely,

Angela Tambini

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:27:34 PM

Robin Haney

To Hanna's family and friends...May God speed your sorrow. Though one never knows God's timing, it IS God's timing. May He guide your family through this difficult time as His purpose for her continues.

Amen

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:28:40 PM

Randall R

It seems plain to me that we are already at the stage of "dependence". Sinful human nature ALWAYS eventually corrupts ANY form of government. I fear that we will go the way of the Roman republic--we already have the hordes literally at the door.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:29:03 PM

RK Sprau

I've read all of the above comments. You'll have the answer so drive on.

I say bring back the voting box. This is why. The last election I help count paper ballots and tallied them against the electronic marvel. The electronic marvel made it a clean sweep for one political side, almost opposite of the paper ballots.

Nice for you'll to be back.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:30:17 PM

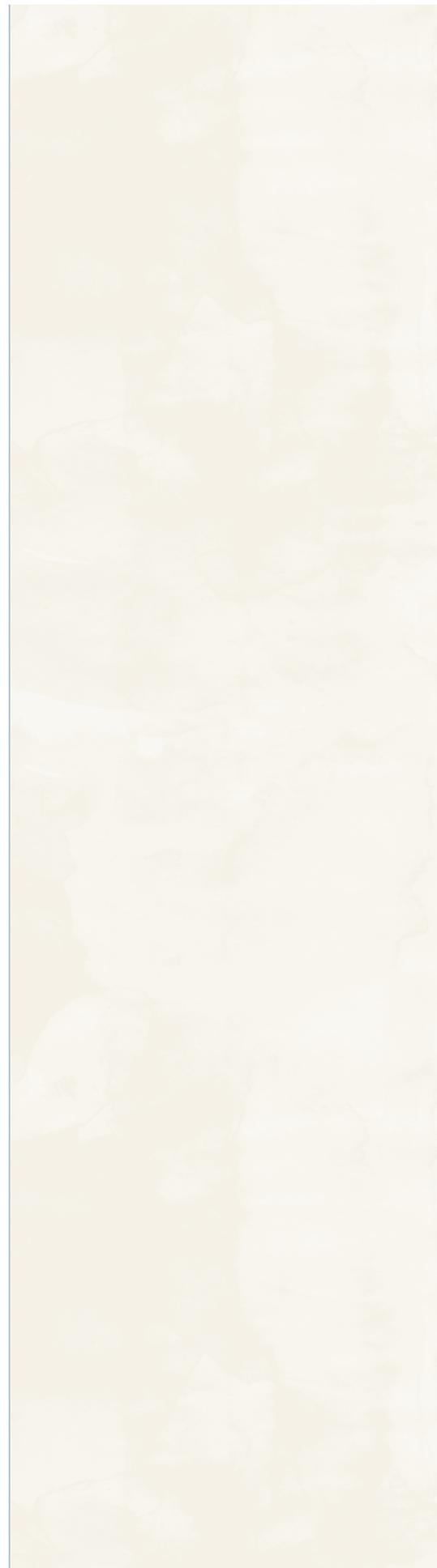
Gary Grimm

I think we are coming to a tipping point. Most people that I talk to do not even know the difference between the rule of law and the rule of men and why they should care about it. Since the Progressive Movement which was greatly expanded on by FDR, we have come as a nation to expect (if not just to accept) that govt is the solution. I have suggested that those that are receiving govt handouts be excused from being able to vote themselves more benefits...but now the era has come where if this was enacted there would not be a quorum left to vote. Therefore I say that the ballot box is not an option, any more than it would have been in 1774.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:31:39 PM

Richard Lauterbach

I am hopeful we can still save The Republic at the ballot box. History says we cannot. No Republic has



survived the slip into democracy. The one unique thing we have? The Second Amendment. How long we can keep it and what effect it will have on the outcome if we do keep it, has never been historically tested with the exception of The Battle of the Rebellion.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:31:50 PM

driver

No, the ballot box no longer works. Obama uses billions in so-called stimulus money to buy votes from blacks, unions, illegal aliens, Muslims, welfare and food stamp recipients, free cell phone takers and the half of the country who pay no taxes yet get a tax return.

AND Obama regularly ignores the law, the Constitution and Congress to rule by executive order.

It's time for rebellion.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:32:56 PM

Jim

Guess we will find out in 2012.... But i figure that is our last chance. In some places in our country it is already too late for the Ballot box...The bullets fly every day in LA.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:33:00 PM

William D. Cannady, Sr.

After 4 years of deep study, I honestly do not believe the ballot box is still an option. Only God and a 2nd Revolution can change the corrupt system that now is controlling OUR government. 95% of our so called "Leaders" are bought and paid for by special interest and the "Globalists".

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:33:20 PM

Frederick B. Ashplant

I believe that the ballot box is still an option in defeating the socialist malaise that is overtaking our country but that option is rapidly disappearing. If we do not return America to a constitutional republic governed by a much smaller responsible conservative administration in November of 2012 we may never have another chance. Wake up America.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:38:03 PM

LGCarrero

The ballot box is an essential part of liberty, and freedom in this country. Obama has overused his authority to circumvent Congress, so I think Congress should circumvent him. Like on a ship, if the next in command feels that the Captain is incompetent, and endangers the ship and crew, then he is removed. It is quite evident that this so-called President has indeed endangered this ship and it's crew, and it is time to remove him from office. A push for impeachment is needed.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:38:09 PM

Capt Tom Burton

I hope the ballot box works, but here is what scares me.

1. If Obama wins, there'll be riots, 2. If he loses, there'll be riots, 3. If he is killed, there will be riots, 4. If he orders it, and he WILL, there will be riots. All of these add up to Marshall Law, his ultimate goal.

Keep your powder dry.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:38:22 PM

gail

I will be praying for Hannah's family.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:38:32 PM

mdp

We ceased to be a free country a long time ago. The ballot box will do nothing to remedy this. The only

remedy for this will be in the cartridge box. The gov knows this and they are preparing for it. The rest of you are way behind.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:38:42 PM

Laurie Lovell

May a Gracious God comfort Hannah's family and welcome Hannah's soul into the Everafter.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:39:46 PM

Jack Grigsby

What the BHO Regime cannot legislate they WILL regulate. Under this Regime the actions by ALL departments in the Federal Government exceeds what is allowed by our Constitution. Therefore it is an illegal government! However, we have an Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch and a Military who all take an oath to uphold our Nation's Constitution... yet no one will stand up and stop this abuse!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:41:44 PM

Pale Rider

Votes can and are being bought.

Schools no longer teach of children the history of this country. Schools are more interested in making sure kids are briefed on things like homosexuality.

Until we get our educational system focused on what is important, the ballot box will continue to reflect the "mud" that's been planted in our children's minds.

Our goal now should be to "clean up" our schools.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:43:59 PM

Richard O. Miller

I have absolutely no faith in the Executive and Legislative branches of our government as presently constituted. The Socialists will use every dirty trick in the book to steal the 2012 election. Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups. I am 86 years old, a veteran of three wars and a patriot in every sense of the word and I will join in any effort to save this country. We are going to have to take this country back through any means available including armed insurrection if that is what it takes. May God Bless and save us all.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:44:05 PM

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No voting will not fix this.

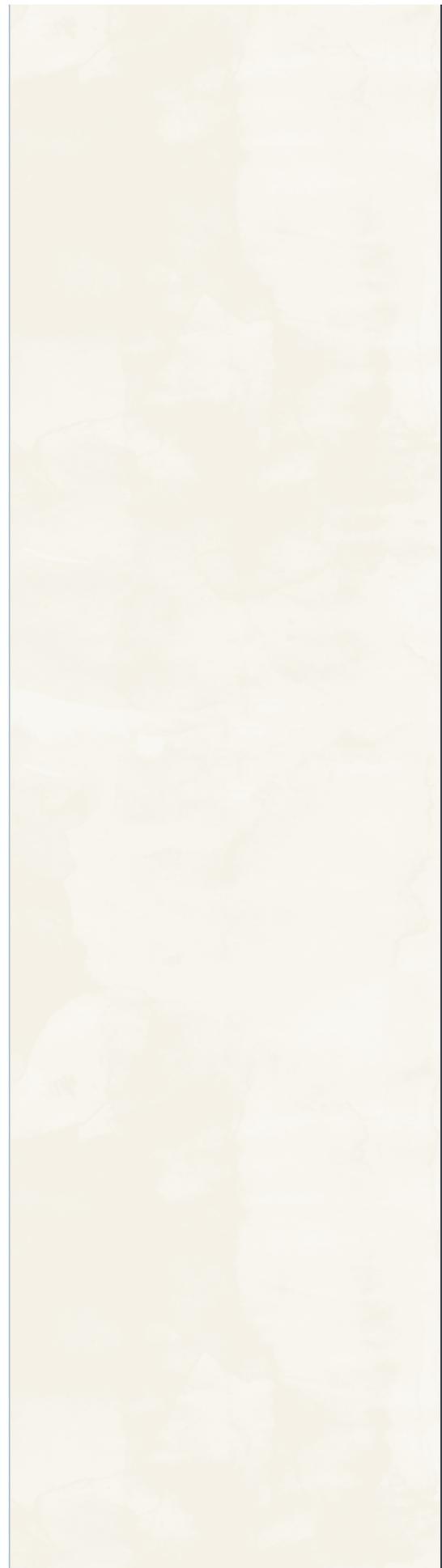
However we must realize that BHO or the political parties are not the disease only the symptom, The Voters who put the commie bastards in office are the real disease and until they are dealt with we will suffer though this type of crap every 4 -8 years.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:44:31 PM

Laurie Lovell

Just thought I'd mention that I am doing an independent audit of the Fed. My objective is to see where services overlap and the amount of SS and agencies that could be cut. The obfuscations and format are a challenge. It is formatted in a 2-column venue, necessitating scrolling up and down to read. The Estimated Budget for 2012 is a 'mere' 1325+ pages. The Legislative Branch alone is 32 pages. I think I have my work cut out for me.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:44:57 PM



Dick Griffiths

The ballot box is the very foundation of our constitutional form of government. It must be preserved. However, effort should be made to increase and insure the integrity of the process and violators should be punished not merely slapped on the wrist!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:45:45 PM

Robert L Anderson

The ballot box is still an option, one more time. If this president is not removed from office by the power of the vote, then the only option left is the bullet box. Will it come to that?

I hope not. But as another poster stated, keep your powder dry.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:46:18 PM

bpp

There are three boxes which protect us from tyranny whether of outside forces or of our own making/government. They are:

Ballot Box -- Jury Box -- Cartridge Box

One may only speculate that because of the great 'gun grab' by our socialist leaders, they have an idea where we are, or are getting to, on this continuum.

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SSgt Johnson

I was quite impressed by your map showing red vs blue. I would like to suggest using the term Patriot Majorities versus Liberty Majorities. Liberty is a bit too close to Liberal for me!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:55:59 PM

Ralph C. Wallace

Question: Why are so many comments, including mine, being censored (128 out of 287)?

I tried twice, different name & e-mail.

Can you give a more definitive guideline for your requirements of an acceptable comment?

I'd appreciate your response.

Best regards,

Ralph C. Wallace, Supporter & Donor

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:58:16 PM

John Mashler

It seems that we've not been successful enough in reminding the statist that they can congregate into states and run them as they please, and the rest of us can watch and laugh, as their socialist fantasies come crashing down around them. If we can just outvote them when it comes to our federal government, we can live in states that remain republics. I pray we can defeat them with ballots, so that we don't need bullets.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 2:58:35 PM

Jim Ridens

Most of what Obama (I will never call him President) has done is grounds for impeachment. He has never defended or supported our Constitution as

he was sworn to do. Why doesn't someone start impeachment proceedings against him? Are all of our



legislators so afraid of this illegal alien?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:00:13 PM

Bud Espereth

When term limits are instituted, then, and only, then will we have men, and women, of courage and conviction to what the people demand and want. Re-election should not be the motivating source for a vote. Example: the Presidential coin mess. There are many other worthless agencies and departments that should be eliminated new. More later!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:00:38 PM

Bull Dogg

I was starting to wonder if it was possible to turn things around with the election process but the 2010 election gave me hope it was possible. We need to stay the course and elect more conservatives like the ones elected in 2010. If we keep at it and keep voting in conservatives in a couple election cycles things will get better.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:00:47 PM

John Hinsvark

I have said before to the Patriot Post. I say it again. Our founders did put term limits in place in the Constitution: Article 1, Sections 2 and 3, having to do with qualifications for Congress and the Senate: "Once elected, the individual is no longer a member of his State." But to be eligible a person has to be a member of his State. This sounds to me as 'Term Limits'.

Why don't we get back to the Constitution!

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Ralph C. Wallace

A Citizens Volunteer Army can 'guard' the polls, 'strongly encouraging' those intending to vote to show their credentials.

Articles of encouragement include official symbols of U.S. Immigration and Border Patrol agencies.

There are enough retired folks to man every polling place in the U.S.

Lawful & Peaceful

Let's take our Country back!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:04:33 PM

Alan Travis

Forty-seven percent of families filing federal tax returns pay no income taxes. Why would they care how much the producers pay, so long as the takers keep punishing the producers.

As long as unions and the welfare class and the uneducated keep supporting the Democrat Party, America will continue its spiral downward, dumbed down by hard left-wingers who dominate education.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:04:55 PM

Dax Baxter

Armed revolution is but a leader and organizer away. The Republicans used to offer hope but they are letting BHO run this country by executive order and fiat. They seem to be as feckless as ever in dealing with this despot. The status quo is no longer an option. I fought for the country once, I'd just as soon do it again, sooner rather than later. It will happen.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:09:17 PM

Fred

I am part of the %40 who pay little or no fed taxes and would vote for smaller govt to keep it that way. Try this for a fair tax though: everyone 18-65yrs pays \$2000/yr regardless unless declared incompetent(temporarily or permanent). Unable to pay? You just joined a civil work crew for 4wks (kind of like jury duty but you have to use your vacation time). Armed services folks would be exempt while serving. Put fees on govt services(paperwork, toll roads, courts, etc.) so those who use them the most pay that as an additional tax but allow for private competition with those services.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:15:22 PM

Mirwalk

Unfortunately I do not think the ballot box will work. Too many people voting for the easy way out or for the party to continue. Too few willing to make the painful choices needed to change course.

It always comes down to who is left holding the bag? Who gets stuck with no help from government and all the payments to government. Do you take from the old who may need the cash? Do you tax the young who had no say in any decisions leading up till now and wreck their ability to build a life and future?

The bullet box is most likely what it will come down to but God help us if it does, since we may not turn to liberty but instead into tyranny.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:15:23 PM

Robert A. Holloway-WW2Vet

Obama spoke of "fundamentally changing the U.S." if he were elected. One of his first acts was to stop the cost-of-living adjustment for social security recipients. That way he had more money to blow on his screwball ideas. The vote will always prove to be beneficial to those who back such tyranny. But vote we must so it proves to be "The People's Choice." Is that a laugh, or what?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:15:45 PM

Herb Campbell

The ballot box ceased to be effective many years ago. Obama simply caused more people to open their eyes and see that sad truth. Unfortunately we are still a minority, and are shrinking fast.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:16:48 PM

Larry Hooper

Day by day, our choices are being eliminated. As soon as the integrity of the ballot box is questionable, our options will be gone.

The frustration of the American citizen, voter, taxpayer become greater with every dawning day.

At some point, a straw will break the camel's back, and once it starts there can be no turning back.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:17:25 PM

Gary Gunsher

Elections are a joke.Nothing changes. The 2 major parties should just merge and change their name to The Communist Party because thats what they are. I beleive at this point civilian uprising is the only way left to defend our Constitution.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:17:38 PM

ConservativeMarine

While universal sufferage is a laudable goal, when 47% of the voters are not adding to the funding pool, it is time to modify that sufferage. The quickest way, not that any of the knotheads in DC would do it, would be

to require copies of the last Tax Return showing a net annual payment to the government.

Other alternatives include:

Property Ownership

Honorable discharge from some type of government service (military service would be good).

Baring one of the above, the people who are actually paying the bills for this country are either going to throw their hands up and go on the doll themselves, or they are going to take the decision away from our political representatives.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:18:27 PM

Clarkaroo

This map of Liberty Blue and Socialist Red displays both the problem areas we face to restore constitutional integrity and a method for working toward a solution via the ballot box. It is important for the 2012 map to demonstrate to the Socialist Reds that they have been completely pushed out of the vast interior of the United States.

Looking at the map we can see obvious areas of red and we believe our nation will be healthier and happier if we can turn them blue. These multi-state areas should be grouped for advertising, education and persuasion campaigns now. The campaigns will be for ideas, not political candidates.

Rather than the Republican National Committee assigning five sector leaders to the project, I believe it will be more effective for one conservative organization to take responsibility for one geographical area. One approach does not fit everyone.

Please look at the map again. These are the areas where one education/persuasion campaign can be custom tailored to be accepted through the viewpoints of the people who live there.

First is the Left Coast of Washington, Oregon and California. Next is Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and south Texas. Then Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and northern Illinois and Indiana. Rather shaped like a smile is the easiest area to recover: east Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida. Included also is West Virginia, south Virginia, Kentucky, southern Illinois and Missouri. The northeast corridor will contain New England to Delaware, Maryland and D.C. Winnable now is the industrial midwest of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

We see six populations in America to be addressed with ideas of liberty in a language and tone that they can accept. There are three sectors that can be won completely in the 2012 elections, and the psychological impact of this will be powerful and long-lasting.

First is the land we call The South. Half of the people still voting Democrat can be changed to Republican, if the ideas are explained to them. Just ask them to come home, where folks care about family, freedom and country. Also gathered into Blue is the Southwest from Texas to Utah. The Hispanic voters don't want statism, they are religious and conservative and productive workers, and need to be addressed and welcome in America's realm of responsible freedom and liberty. Likewise the farmers and workforce in the plains of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa can be persuaded to leave the socialist politicians and union masters and give favor to ideas of fairness in economic competition.

It is true that there are many electoral votes outside of these sections, with many Representatives and Senators. But these areas can be won to Liberty Blue and should be. It will be great pain to the Socialist Reds to see they lost the Southern Democrats, the Hispanic Southwest, and the white North-central Plains. Equally as important is the object lesson and invitation to the working voters of the Industrial Midwest. They can be won to Liberty Blue also.

Each of these areas needs to be addressed in its own language for its own concerns and worldview. Not national campaigns, but regional ones based on ideas, not on candidates or parties.

Is there anyone, or any conservative organization existing or to be formed, who will take on a region to win it fully to Liberty Blue?

Thank You,

Luther Clark Morter

Oklahoma

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:18:31 PM

BILL COLEMAN

THIS BATTLE WILL BE WON BY CONSERVATIVES TALKING IN AN "INCLUSIVE" MANNER TO FRIENDS AND STRANGERS ABOUT POLITICS IN A MANNER THAT LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN FOR FUTURE CONVERSATION. THERE IS A RIGHT WAY AND A WRONG WAY TO DO IT. IS THERE A

SPECIFIC WEBSITE ON THE INTERNET TO HELP CONSERVATIVES LEARN FROM EACH OTHER ABOUT VERBAL TECHNIQUES (TALKING POINTS ?) AND AN INDEX OF RESOURCES WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL TO PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE (CONSTITUTIONAL)CONSERVATIVE AGENDA CAN BE HELPED BY ONE ON ONE CONVERSATION? vin5ron@yahoo.com

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:19:28 PM

Crow Man

With the amnesty for illegals, especially Mexicans, a virtual certainty and the well-known control of voting processes in many states, to wit: the "Election" of Stuart Smiley, aka Al Franken; the voter intimidation in Penn., voting multiple times as well from the nation's graveyards, ala Chicago, etc., the Democrat Party is posed to be a threat to ANY fair election.

With no decent surveillance from the "Justice Department," any and all corrupt practices are not only possible, but are likely to occur.

IF The One is allowed a second term, his Left-Wing will dominate his back side and the gloves of Marxism will be exposed forever. It will become the most radical lame duck presidency in American History.

We can only hope for a decisive rout of the most dangerous liar to ever occupy the WH.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:19:50 PM

Bill B.

I really believe that Joe Sobran hit the heart of our problem:

"Can the real Constitution be restored? Probably not.

Too many Americans depend on government money under programs the Constitution doesn't authorize, and money talks with an eloquence Shakespeare could only envy.

Ignorant people don't understand The Federalist Papers, but they understand government checks with their names on them." __ Joseph Sobran

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:21:45 PM

Dr. John E. Russell

On a federal level,

1. The Administrative Branch is entirely corrupt.
2. Congress is mostly corrupt.
3. The Supreme Court is about 50 percent corrupt.

Facts:

1. We are a sovereign nation. We are not "America." We are the "United States of America!" We are not a flyspeck on the "New World Order" map!
2. We have borders. They must be defended and illegals must be deported.
3. Obama and the other Marxists are ruining the USA. They are our enemy and communists should be brought to trial.
4. Homosexuals are a threat to the life, family and health of United States. Sodomy should be a felony on the federal level, as it is/was in some states.

Generally,

1. The Ballot box is untrustworthy.
2. The government school system has failed to teach basic academic skills and has failed in character training.
3. The mainstream media is corrupt morally and is a propaganda mill for Obama. It is anti-Christian.
4. We must return to constitutional law. Those in government who have violated the constitution must have a fair and speedy trial and sentenced.
5. We must have a strong military for deterrence.
6. We must move quickly in a bloodless revolution. 2012 may be too late.

Dr. John E. Russell

Chaplain (COL) AUS Retired

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:22:19 PM

Maxine Kutcher

I fear that our elections are not entirely representative of the people's desires. I believe that when voter ID is not required then those not entitled to vote will cast their vote and may go against the wishes of what could have been a majority vote. Also, I believe that granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants and allowing them to vote will be a vote for entitlements which the majority of Americans are against. I also believe that redistricting also robs the citizens of a fair vote. I fear we have lost our freedom to fair representation through the voting booth.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:22:44 PM

Kevin

What often happens is that when one side cheats and the other wins, the winners don't complain, they just sigh in relief. But when one side cheats and wins, it is a crisis for the other side.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:24:36 PM

Ralph C. Wallace

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Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:24:38 PM

Peter James

First and foremost, by my experience, education and advocacy, the critically important destruction of the internal revenue "service", its decades-long pathological mendacity as it concerns the statutory and regulatory truths, the evisceration of the one founding document that was intended to stand between us and a ruling, federal government and the Supreme Court decisions that confirm my premise that the 20 thousand + page "Code" is the most leviathan monetary, political, legal and morally dissolute hoax ever propagated. Start here, with the broken taxation system, the very core of Founders' Revolution, and you will propagate the severely needed national changes to restore America, the Beautiful.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:27:17 PM

Vin

I believe that the window for a ballot box solution is closing. The 2012 elections will determine the next state of that window. If the Liberal Left/Socialists maintain a majority in Congress and the current President is re-elected the window will be closed on a ballot box solution. If, and that is a big if, the balance of power in Congress and the White House we can slow or stop the closing of that window.

Unfortunately, we will lose either way. If the Liberals are victorious our Liberty and freedom will be forever lost. If the the side of Essential Liberty and Constitutionalists wins we will likely see a civil war that will rival that of the North v South. There is no way that we will be able to peaceably rip the give away programs from the taker without a fight.

A mighty fine corner this nation is facing. I will pray for the 2012 Elections and be ready and able to do what we need to do if it does not go well.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:27:33 PM

Michael Strikmiller

The ballot box has been polluted by Marxist and will continue to be so. We have the Communist Democrats or the Fascist Republicans to vote for and there is very little difference in their approach to the liberty of the people of the United States.

It's time for the spirit of 1776.



Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:27:56 PM

Arnold Oliver

David Willis is on to something. Our primary problems are political parties. If we read George Washington's farewell address, he hits the nail on the head: "And of fatal tendency---to put in the place of the delegated will of the Nation, the will of a party;---often a small but artful and enterprising minority---they are likely, in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be able to subvert the Power of the People and to usurp for themselves the reins of Government; destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion---But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism---The disorders and miseries, which result, gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an Individual---[who] turns this disposition to the purpose of his own elevation, on the ruins of Public Liberty---. The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments (branches of government, emphasis mine) in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism---by unnecessarily parting with what ought to have been retained, and by exciting jealousy, ill-will, and a disposition to retaliate---it gives to ambitious, corrupted or deluded citizens---facility to betray, or sacrifice the interests of their own country without odium, sometimes even with popularity:---gilding with the appearances of a virtuous sense of obligation, a commendable deference for public opinion, or a laudable zeal for public good, the base or foolish compliance of ambition, corruption or infatuation.---ill founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment occasionally riot and insurrection---It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which find a facilitated access to the Government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus the policy and the will of one country, are subjected to the policy and will of another."

Does you senator or representative represent your views or does he vote the party instructions.

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Lawful & Peaceful

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Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:31:37 PM

Edwin (Scott) Howe

Since the 2008 election my faith in the ballot box process for this country has been on a down hill slide. Yes, the Tea Party influence has given me some glimmer of hope...but for now I would not get you a 50% positive chance of the ballot box solving the issues that are standing before us.

I firmly believe that this country is facing another civil war, Civil War 2, the sequel, and it is not going to end well.

Since 2008 and really before it is every man, woman, and child for themselves.

The best advice is to follow the editor of the online investment advisory that I subscribe to.

50% Gold bullion in your possession

50% cash, with most of that in an offshore account and in an offshore currency, Canadian, Japan.

Buckle your pew belt...its gonna get ugly.

The only way I see America surviving is to go back on the gold standard and the the issuance of a new currency with Gold Certificate on it like it used to say Silver Certificate. This may very well happen when gold is in the range of \$5,000 to \$7,000 per ounce. A time frame for this could be 3 to 5 years...or sooner.

Keep up the good work...I have notice the tone of this e journal change in the last 2 plus years...interesting, very interesting.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:32:29 PM

Ghostwalker

We have 3,000 useless agencies that gave jobs to friends and relatives of presidents that also have little to

zero oversight. We have FIAT money. We have mob rule unions vying to control every piece of work done. We have a hundred unconstitutional entities that regulate freedom out of existence like; IRS, EPA, BATFE, FBI and the NSA. We belong to a socialist organization called the UN who wants us under their control.

Our people are NO LONGER sovereign and our government is living in fantasy land while NONE of them speak of returning the USA to a Constitutional Republic.

Tell me. Who can you possibly "vote in" that will actually do something to fix ALL of our problems?

Well, I'm NOT running for president and I know exactly how to fix it all.

www.firstchoice2012.com

Unfortunately, I cannot get to a microphone that reaches 55% of America to teach Americans EXACTLY what power a POTUS has.

I suggest you buy yourself some guns and ammunition as it won't be too long before you need them both...along with the guts to take a life.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:33:47 PM

D. Andrew

As a long time student of history with an earned Masters Degree in the subject, I have spent many hours of study in how dictatorships emerge and then consolidate their power over a populace. The Obama administration has all of the hallmarks of that process which remarkably parallels the rise of the Leninist/Stalinist State in Russia, the Nazi regime in Germany, or more recently the Dictatorship of Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. Among those parallels are the following:

1. Engage in sustained class warfare pitting elements of the populace against anyone defined as 'rich' or 'privileged' and vilify them. This is a hallmark of the Obama regime.
2. Define the enemy as an internal rather than an external foe. Hence the Russian communist withdrawal from WWI to fight against the 'real' enemy, the white Russians, capitalists or any reactionary elements in society. It is also clear this is Obama's position as he re-tasks Janet Napolitano and the DHS to deploy against the real enemy, us.
3. Consolidate power by controlling every apparatus of private capital such as banking, trade/commerce, and industry. This is currently happening now in the USA beginning with the control of banking, the unilateral decision to sell General Motors and Chrysler, the actions of the NLRB against Boeing, etc., etc..
4. Control the Press and spew disinformation regarding the true intent of the dictatorship to seize and maintain power at all costs. Virtually all of the mainline media (except for perhaps Fox News) is currently under the control of the socialist Democratic party in America today with no letup in sight as to any loosening of that control.
5. Take advantage of and attack the financial instability of the nation to create dependence on the regime by using that economic instability to consolidate power. This was most clearly seen in Germany prior to the rise of Adolph Hitler when rampant printing of money and resultant inflation led to the collapse of the Deutsche Mark and the Nazi rise to power.
6. Weaken or eliminate the ability of the general populace to defend itself against the regime by confiscation of all privately owned firearms. This is currently the 'under the radar' approach the Obama regime is pursuing with the Justice Department's "Project Gun Runner" and the UN Small Arms Treaty which will essentially nullify our 2nd amendment rights.
7. Come to power, often by legitimate elections, and then re-define the extent of the legitimate power far in excess of what had previously been the norm. Hitler came to power legally in Germany and immediately began to expand his powers to encompass all aspects of national life. The same is happening in Venezuela today, and Obama, and self professed admirer of the the Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez, is proceeding along the same lines.
8. Ensure that the Dictators presence and image fills the nation on a constant basis through the previously mentioned control of the media propaganda apparatus. This was a hallmark of the Soviet Communist dictators from Lenin onwards and the Fascist dictators as well. And today in America you cannot turn on a news broadcast without the name and image of Barack Obama prominently displayed along with positive commentary, except for, as noted previously, Fox News.

I am sure that much more can be added to the list above; but the over reach of executive power by Obama further illustrated in his disregard for Congressional oversight and subpoenas, the unilateral decision to stop the deportation of illegal immigrants or to pursue the 2008 New Black Panther voter intimidation case in Philadelphia, or to uphold the law of the land with respect to the Defense of Marriage Act, all add up to one thing only, America is on the verge of becoming a Dictatorship under the Rule of Man rather than under the Rule of Law as embodied in our Constitution. If this process is not brought to a complete halt and turned

back in the next National election cycle in 2012, such sustained damage will be done to the Republic which will not be reversible by the ballot box alone.

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Jim

The current administration is wholly committed to a fundamental transformation of America. When people say Obama is a failure, they have failed to define his agenda correctly. Obama has been extremely successful in achieving his goal of converting the USA to a socialist and ultimately communist country. Considering that half of the electorate is supportive of this agenda, be it through ignorance or outright stupidity motivated by an out-of-control entitlement mentality and the likelihood that Obama and his minions have ALREADY secured his reelection via fraud, those of us who hold the Constitution and our freedom dear will have NO CHOICE but to take up arms against the evil that pervades this once great nation. Never-mind the all-too-probable social and economic collapse we are facing due to Obama's policies. I wish it were not true, but all things considered, I am convinced that civilian war is imminent. I am heavily invested in precious metals - copper, brass and lead. Food, water and ammo - and not necessarily in that order. God help us.

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Maj. Trouble

As much as I believe in the power of the concerned people's vote, I find that the honored system is rotten to the core with fraud. Votes from dead people, non-citizens, duplicate votes, and bought votes, trying to elect another fox to guard the hen house is a disgusting consideration. We don't need another lawyer to be elected, but rather a businessman from the ranks of the successful corporate world. This would lend some degree of an accounting/business admin focus, that could limit the liberal's abstract spending policies.

We need to consider that without the second amendment to protect us from government, it will instead degrade to conflict among the citizens trying to survive the ridiculous policies backed by martial law. That is something we do not need to leave our next generations with. If we have defeated enemies foreign, we must focus the same dedication to the elimination of enemies domestic.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:43:10 PM

Mutantone

It is "We the people" not you the government as they seem to think it is. They are out to ban weapons under false issues caused by them. They have a secret army already let loose in the nation their whereabouts unknown. Flash mobs carrying out robberies and attacks on people all lacking police intervention, grounds setting for a suspension of elections under a martial law? I do not trust the current administration and it's failure to follow the Constitution and their oath of office, makes it evident that the government is all about it self and not the people any more.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:49:47 PM

[Bruce A. Hooper](#)

True Patriots of this Nation must recognize themselves at this juncture, consolidate, be counted, and be proactive. For almost 200 years, freedom was a priority, and the masses were proud to be Americans. The Value of Liberty has been hidden in the catacombs of a truly magnificent mansion with an impossible mortgage, and a foundation rife with neglect.

The majority of people have been fooled, and lethargically trust that the Government is their salvation, and that it is controlled by representatives who care about them. Nothing could be further from the truth. The incentive for politicians today is a career choice for power and longevity in the American political system. They trample the constitution at every turn, and set horrific examples and standards in embarrassingly narcissistic fashion.

Currently, the social landscape bodes ominous, as citizens registered to vote, by and large have sold out to the party offering the largest personal payback. Neither major party holds personal freedoms or constitutional protection as a priority for our future. At this juncture, the left has control and the right fights a fake battle, and has been since the "Contract with America"

Our challenge for peaceful revolution is to expose the truths and inform the mass of citizens who until now have washed their hands of the entire catastrophe. Over 50% of adult Americans are not even registered to vote. They are misinformed, and the only hope for a complete transformation. We must shine the light of Truth and Liberty into the grayness of Socialism. A formidable task while the masses are molded by the elite, and control of the media. Grassroots contagion can be our only method. Our last tool for reform is the internet.

Revolution of any form is the only answer. The status quo will continue as long as we allow it, that is a guarantee. A new organization of Patriots must stand together, perhaps in a different party. I am naturally a Libertarian, and I feel the pull of my own instincts as I read and support the planks of the Libertarian platform, which affirm the right to honest and equal opportunities for all to pursue happiness, while being responsible for yourself. Somehow this ideal has been misconstrued and fed to the public as anarchy, which I certainly do not condone.

I want my children and grandchildren to realize a life without paranoia and central government control. Whether it may be accomplished without bloodshed is practically impossible at this point, however a lack of honest effort would only provide fodder for the propaganda of the enemy.

Make no mistake that I consider the Washington elite and their lobbyists the enemies of the United States of America. Respect for a proper and proud lifestyle must return to the American Public. The rest of the world will start to respect us when we respect ourselves.

If I do not stand up now and be counted and considered a true American Patriot, willing to fight for the right to be so titled, then I am but another pawn in evil's greedy play for power and control over my thoughts and ideals. My honor is at stake, and I draw the line at that. I would rather die with my honor than bow to the negative energy consuming the greatest social experiment of all time.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:51:48 PM

[Zenger](#)

What we are witnessing is theft on the grandest scale. Theft of our hard-earned assets. Theft of our American culture. Theft of our elections. Theft of brighter tomorrows. Theft of precious freedom. Who steals these things? The weakest among us. The stupid and the ignorant. And above all, the sinister smart tyrants who want it all. A time of reckoning is upon us. May we muster the courage and the will to save our nation. God help us all.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 3:59:05 PM

[Judy Welker](#)

I agree. In addition Obama has shown what a hypocrite he is by advocating another SS tax holiday resulting in cuts to the money going into SS. He then has his party say that the Republicans are ruining social security.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:05:35 PM

[Sprinklerman](#)

As always Mark your comments are right on track. Our freedoms, our Country is in great peril since so many have neglected their parental duties of raising our children in loving homes with two responsible

heterosexual adults who understand the importance of a religious and faithful life with and to each other.

It is not the job of the State to take care of us and our responsibilities. It is not the job of the State to educate our youth. It is our job as parents and the role models of our children to take responsibility for ourselves and our families.

I fear that if the present administration attempts to outlaw the right to keep and bear arms, there will be violence. But even this too is our responsibility to protect and show our children that we mean to provide a free Country for them and their children even if it means we must give up our lives to do so.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:11:07 PM

Ron

If, God forbid, it comes to bullets rather than ballots Americans who would defend the country might not be able to do so after Obama confiscates their weapons, which he intends to do!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:15:19 PM

Larry

Thank you for reminding us that we have so much to be thankful to GOD for, as is evidenced by the riots all over Europe and England. Watching the protests at the Bart stations is a harbinger of whats ahead for America, if we don't wake up soon.

The socialist agenda is no longer hidden and discounted as before. The wealthy(from George Soros to Hollywood eliets) give the illusion of credence to their "causes", but thankfully the truth is being revealed and the populace is being informed. The real question is, how much do we value our Freedom? If we relinquish this priceless gift for the illusion of security from a government which cannot secure our freedom or security, we deserve neither. This is our country, and we can take it back for our posterity.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:16:26 PM

ken

for now the ballot is the way to go but if things get worse especially after the 2012 elections then the ballot will be useless and revolt as given us in the declaration of independence will be our only option.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:19:30 PM

Bill Redman

One last try at the Ballot Box before the other Box.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:22:18 PM

Larry Tidrick

there are no Liberty or Socialist Majorities in this Republic. This is a leftist Country. Everyone believes in the Entitlement Programs, for everyone. "Free". This is not per the Constitution. The Tea Party talks about fiscal responsibility, but, 90% of them would holler if they lost their redistribution of income from the federal government.

Signed,

Someone who knows our Constitution and is a Libertarian

There is a 9th,10th,and 14th Amendment, and there is an Article 1, Section 8.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:24:17 PM



Gary Blunt

The ballot box is our recourse; but ONLY if we become informed and cast our votes for only constitutionally informed and dedicated candidates.

If most of our fellow citizens refuse to cast responsible again on on Nov. 2012, all bets are off. I don't think our country can withstand 4 more years of Marxist policies.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:26:59 PM

George H Klassen

It is very evident that elections are won by the individual that has the most money and not by the individuals capability to resolve problems. During the last presidential election numerous incidents were uncovered of election fraud. It seems that there must be a method that can be found that would eliminate election fraud.

With all the computer technology that is available today it would seem that a foolproof system could be established but it also apparant that there are people in our government that don't want a system that is foolproof. Until a system is established that it is foolproof, elections will still be bought and sold

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:30:09 PM

James M. Allison

Complacency and dependency are already upon us. We have but a single opportunity remaining to save this country at the ballot box, that being the election of 2012. If Obama and the Dems win again, this nation and all of our individual freedoms will be finished unless other means are then pursued. The decision will then be to submit or to resist.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:35:01 PM

Don S.

I agree with you 100%. The question is how can we stop this. As an individual I feel helpless. I talk to people. I attend conservative meetings and the ideas are talked about but I see nothing of substance coming out of Washington. Those who have great ideas are marginalized by the media. It's been proven that "Facts" don't matter only what feels right counts. What can each person do to stem the socialist tide?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:35:02 PM

Larry

Government has one and only one duty - the restraint of evil. This is both protection of the evil from without and from within. It is merely the brake that slows our progress down the road to debauchery. It is incapable of moving us back up toward morality and decency. Only a restoration of our relationship with God that can move us in that direction. And it is only through faith in the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we can have a restoration of our relationship with God that moves us in that direction. So what we must have is a new Great Awakening that brings the faithless to faith in Christ and a revival among the faithful. This will give us a foundation necessary to the restoration of morality through which we will once again be able to govern our individual passions (Self government). From this we will be able to restore our Constitutional government and govern ourselves rather than have a tyrant or group of tyrants governing us and our children. Therefore, pray. By all means work (peacefully) for good election results, and if necessary organize to fight for our Constitution, but above all pray.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:39:28 PM

Dan

2012 will be the most corrupt election process ever. I fully expect fraud in the voting process and that the marxist liberals will also run a supposed conservative candidate ie Ron Paul, to steal votes from any Republican candidate. If Obama is relected I foresee a civil war in this country.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:39:58 PM

TPaine

I honestly believe that this country is past the opportunity to settle things at the ballot box. I don't think we can have a fair election, and already the left is preparing to take the 2012 election by any means possible. We

are seeing the vitriolic character assassination of anyone and everyone on the right, and the preparation of a complete loss of our rights and Constitution under a police state.

If Obama manages to get re-elected, I predict blood in the streets and a complete break-down in civility, brought upon by the left. I'll be prepared for another civil war, and I am already marked as a terrorist because of my preparations. We have tried to be civil and to follow the Constitution that our current regime is trashing in our faces. Our backs are against the wall, and there is only one way out.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:41:47 PM

[Roger Boatwright, MD, JD](#)

First, please convey to Hannah's family my sympathies for their horrible loss. I pray that "the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort" will comfort them in their affliction, and help them rejoice, though their grief is great, that they will see her again. Thanks be to God for his unfathomable gift of salvation!

Now, on to the Second Revolution. I agree that the ballot box is the place to start, but I also agree with many others above, that the effort might well prove futile. Unless Gov. Christie, Allen West, Marco Rubio, or other Reagan-like leader steps up to the plate, November 2012 does not look bright.

If we conservatives do indeed lose the upcoming election, the next step is another lawful means of change, impeachment of Obama (see ATF, Fast and Furious for starters). I realize we must first keep the majority in the House and, hopefully, regain the Senate for that to become a reality.

I am a veteran and native Texan, so I well know how to shoot a rifle, and am prepared, along with my family if the situation deteriorates to that point.

However, a second armed Revolution poses some logistic problems not present in the first. For example, what form does "civil disobedience" take? After all, there are no ships full of tea now docked in Boston harbor. Do we refuse to pay taxes? (I'm all for that, BTW!). Do we refuse to register our firearms? (I'm down with that, too). What if that doesn't work

Suppose I grant you a militia of 10,000 well-armed (and properly trained) men. Where and whom do you attack? And after the attack, then what?

My point is that we simply cannot "cross the bridge when we come to it". We must have a plan, and if any of you Patriots out there would like to offer yours I'm sure the rest of us would listen, offer suggestions, etc. We have gone too far down the path of Socialism, and the tide must be turned. The time is now, so in the words of another more recent Patriot, "Let's roll"! Thank you, Mr. Alexander, and please keep up the good work.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:45:14 PM

[Fred](#)

Dan's take is about right. I would only add if Ron Paul, or anyone else, is stupid enough to run a third party campaign then the ballot box becomes moot and that person should be branded a traitor to the Constitution and liberty.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:47:06 PM

[Old Pastor Oz](#)

It would be nice if the ballot, alone, were the answer. However, we voters continue to return the same old gang to the Federal City, election after election. As well as to our state and local offices.

The only true term limit is the ballot.

If things continue as they currently are, it may come to a point where the choice is submission to a dictatorial central government, or revolution.

Neither is going to be a good situation.

The best thing to do is throw every elected official out of office at the next election, and continue to do so at every election for at least 12 years. Then set true term limits of six years for any office, elected or appointed, and not be able to be elected to any federal, state or local office from then on, or to be appointed to any government position, no matter how small. At the same time, cut back the bureaucracy to the minimum numbers needed to operate, with no bloat.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:47:13 PM

[The Observer](#)

I'd really hope this can be done at the ballot box else the second option may become the only option.

The problem is very accurately depicted in the map at <http://patriotpost.us/alexander/2011/08/25/ballots-or-bullets/>. The socialists in the urban areas will vote to keep their handouts regardless. Keep in mind that a parasite will kill the host eventually to it's own detriment.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:51:29 PM

Jim

Let's be clear - if Obama is not defeated in 2012, there will most certainly be civilian war. Those of you who still believe there is hope to "inform and educate" those who are currently lost to the democrats are being idealistic. The time to "win over" these people has long since passed. There may still be some hope in that those freedom loving conservative/libertarian minded folks that would normally not vote or not speak up, may well do so in 2012. Hopefully, there are enough of those people to tip the election in favor of freedom. Those who have voted for Obama or who currently live off the government dole are not realistic targets for revelation or epiphany. The entitlement mentality is too deeply rooted in America today to be undone by "one on one conversation". The only hope we have is that enough people have decided that they value freedom and prosperity over oppression and dependence and that Obama is defeated so convincingly at the polls that no amount of fraud could overcome the obvious outcome. That, however, is not a foregone conclusion. It is HIGHLY probable that Obama WILL steal the election through fraud. Then what? "Inform and educate" with "one-on-one conversation"? No. This country will not survive another four years of Obama's concentrated and willful effort to destroy it from the inside out. The ONLY avenue of remedy will be an armed, violent, bloody, disruptive civilian uprising. If you think there is any other way, you are sadly delusional. This is what we are facing. Yes, we still have about a year left to speak to every single person we encounter about the importance of this election and how critical it is to get the usurper out of office. Hopefully by 11/12, enough damage will have been done that even the most obtuse among us will see it and turn away from the evil that currently occupies the White House - but in the event that Obama is re-elected, you had better be prepared! I'm not talking about "buying gold" or "non-hybrid seeds" or some other such ridiculous notion. Purchase those things if you want, but being prepared really means owning and knowing how to use firearms and having the willingness to KILL another human being. This is the reality we are facing! If you think it is any less serious than that, you are sadly mistaken. Those of you who do not believe it could ever happen only have to look around the world for proof that it certainly can - and unfortunately, probably will. Put your faith in Christ, as ultimately, this is all we have - but in the meantime, be ready for the fight of your life. Obama certainly is. The socialists that wish to steal this country certainly are. The only question that remains is - are YOU?

Sic Semper Tyrannis!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:52:31 PM

donh42

We can still save our country if we get out the vote in 2012 and support the most conservative candidates that run. The Tea Party has been maligned but I believe we can succeed despite the liberal media's attacks.

We must have a two party race in 2012 but if the GOP doesn't recognise the value of the conservative positions, i.e. constitutional based legislation, then there may be three parties and Obama wins.

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Posted August 25, 2011 at 4:57:35 PM

Norman Purdue

YES! All legally established means of turning the course of our future should be exhausted.... first. Our election process works. It is the distinct lack of individual education on candidates before the vote coupled with the large (and growing) dependency vote that is swaying the elections to date. I HAVE to believe in the general goodness of the average American to wake up to these facts and realities and tear the control of our government state away from the socialist, corporate lobbyists and growing number of bureaucrats and return to a limited government. I will add that our american 'media' composed of 'journalists' and talking faces contribute little to nothing to informing citizens who are wanting facts on our candidates. I give your the election of Barrack Hussein Obama as the most recent and dangerous example of both their complacency and cooperation in masking his past to build his future. Borderline treasonal behavior in my opinion!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:00:20 PM

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Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:06:14 PM

Dean

I have unsubscribed from every news media reports from Newsmax to Vision for America to US Chamber as I'm tired of being afraid. All the reports are very disturbing and I am set to vote for anyone other than BO. But will this return America to what she once was? Absolutely not, all the politicians including our so called Conservatives are either greedy before they serve or are corrupted once they enter service. Until they pay the same taxes, contribute to SS and are regulated themselves, we have no hope. Money is a strong "GOD".

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:08:55 PM

Dave Thomson

There is so much riding on the outcome of the next general election, I hope that millions of conservatives will open their wallets and contribute their efforts to a successful outcome. More is required than simply casting a vote. We need to devote our resources to turning the country from its disastrous trajectory in the same manner that the Founding Fathers devoted their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:13:14 PM

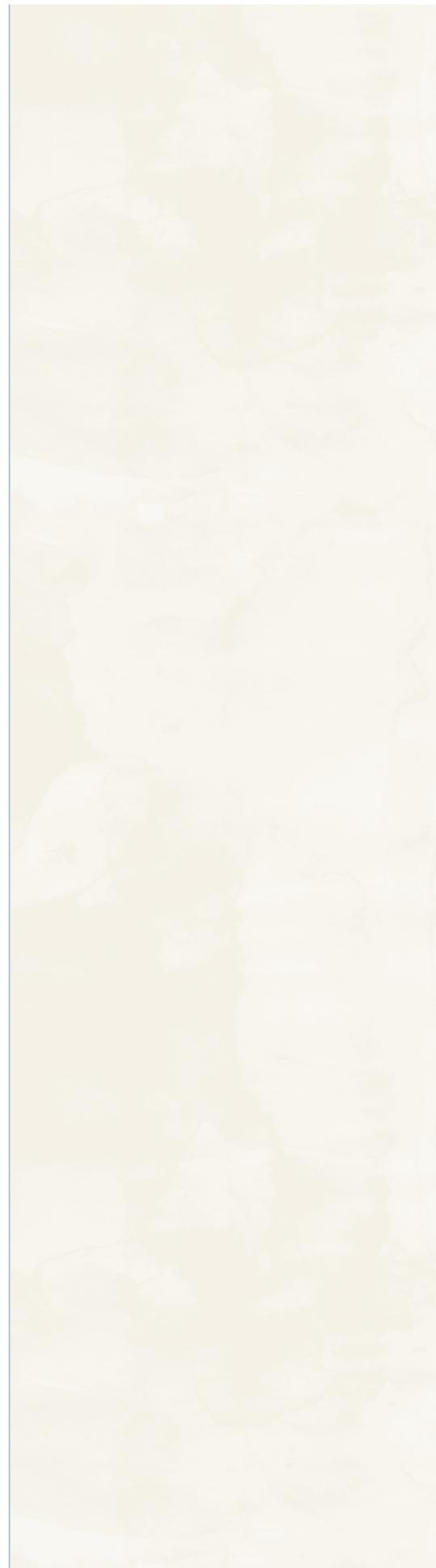
Thomas Ray

Well, we must try the ballot box at least once more. However our electorate has been so corrupted and the general populace so ill informed I aint holding my breath that it will work.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:14:09 PM

Jeff

This sums it up far better than I can.



<http://www.fff.org/toc/EL&Ctoc.asp>

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:16:32 PM

Norman Purdue

Paste this link into your computer, download the .pdf of his book and do some reading. He isn't a communist, socialist or anarchist. I think he was more of an American patriot than many of the elected leaders of that time.

This book was written in the 1930s by Albert Jay Nock. At least take the time to read the first 2 chapters. I'm betting you will be hooked and will continue to read. I particularly agree with his assessment at the end of Chapter 2. There may well now be too many Americans (and voting illegals) on government dependency now to overcome their collective vote for America. We'll see in 14 months.

IF Nock didn't accurately NAIL what he saw happening in America (in the 1930s) and IF you think he didn't accurately NAIL what would happen in the future (now) if what he was observing did not change, write and let me know. Why wasn't/isn't this book a part of American studies in every high school and college curriculum? Never mind... I know the answer to that one.

Our Enemy, the State

<http://mises.org/etexts/ourenemy.pdf>

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:21:32 PM

Dave

I think you have identified the most significant barrier to putting our Republic back on track towards liberty: the ignorance of the electorate. One can envision changing that over time, but I fear it will take too long. So, while I would prefer the ballot box, I fear we will need to resort to the bullet box.

To paraphrase the words of the great patriot Thomas Paine: If there must be trouble, let it be in my time that our children may live in freedom.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:24:25 PM

Bob

The ballot could be a powerful weapon. But was it Adlai Stevenson who said, "every intelligent, thinking American voted for me. I lost in a landslide."

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:26:14 PM

Jack

IF we can keep fraudulent practices out of our voting process, it can succeed. We know what lengths the Obama campaign went to during the 08 election. I'm sure they will pull out all the stops this time around. All of us need to band together and try to eliminate this as much as possible.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:32:00 PM

jim

Particularly in the past 50 years education has been in the hands of the academics who know nothing about creating or performing a good or service. Our youth don't have to learn a subject to pass the course. This is often true in college as well.

The rest of us seem to accept this "looser" mentality. Our kids should be fighting for the opportunity to actively seek knowledge (learn) whether they are "taught" or not. That requires leadership with teachers, school boards and school finances. We must get the local schools off the federal government teat, and, the state's as well if we the people are to an educational system that will serve the needs of the Republic.

j

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:33:21 PM

Michael Paul

If the day comes that Americans resort to bullets instead of the ballot then the next President will be a dictator... and then that would be the end of our Republic as we know it.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:34:54 PM

Malcolm Powell

Obama can be removed from office by vote of a disaffected electorate in 2012. Earlier removal can be by impeachment. Grounds for impeachment might be ineligibility to hold office, failure to observe his oath of office by endangering the financial status and safety of the nation with his outrageous spending, or his multiple unconstitutional acts to govern extra-legislatively by rule and regulation making. To impeach, Congressional motivation is needed. I believe the only non-violent way to achieve this is TEA Party lobbying of each Republican member of Congress. The RINO moderates need to be convinced the matter is too urgent to await the next election. If Obama is indeed ineligible, all his Presidential appointments and especially his executive actions should be nullified. Legislation he signed should be invalidated. Politicians to follow would be taught a lesson valuable to the future health of the Nation. The Nation could be saved from further exposure to his excesses and put on to a corrective economic path back to our heritage and away from Obama/ Democrat socialism.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:35:59 PM

Warren Knoeppel

The ballot box should be the solution but it has been raped, by parties who cheat and flagrantly propositue the vote, that I am not sure it has any influence any longer.

What we need, even if the cheaters don't want it, is a voter ID (I suspect they will find a way to cheat on that too but at least it will make them work harder to cheat.)

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:36:51 PM

mary dean

WHY ARE WE WAITING SO THEY CAN MAKE THE DEBT HIGHER? IS THERE NO WAY TO GET THEM OUT?? IT IS OUR MONEY. THEY WILL CHEAT IN THE NEXT ELECTION LIKE THEY DID IN THE LAST SO WHY WAIT? THE OVERSEAS BALLOTS WERE NOT COUNTED = THE VERY PEOPLE WHO ARE DEFENDING THEM, THE ANNOINTED ONE, IS RUINING THE COUNTRY THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO COME BACK TO THEY ARE CUTTING EVERYTHING MILITARY NO MORE SPACE PROGRAM??? NO MORE KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS?? THE ELECTION IS TOO SLOW IN THIS CASE THEY ARE BULLYS ARROGANT LIARS DECEITFUL CROUPT JUDGES ETC & THE LONGER THEY GET AWAY WITH IT THE HARDER IT WILL BE TO TAKE OUR COUNTRY BACK!!!!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:38:13 PM

Jerry Null

The risk of collapse of our ballot box system and the "rule of law" has NEVER been greater! The DOJ has opted to look the other way while thugs and political action committees (ACORN, MOVE ON AMERICA(Soros)) have subverted the process of selecting our representatives!

The majority of Americans are being denied their constitutional rights by the greed and partisanship of unions, ethnic groups, and avowed Socialists!

Stand Up, Conservative America! Vote minority and party-firsters out of office now!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:41:35 PM

my5wmd

I find myself a bit confused. I agree with the article and many sentiments expressed in the comments. My confusion with this article is with the map. The legend indicates that Red = Socialist Majorities -- Primarily Urban Consumers. I live in rural southern Utah. The entire area of Utah depicted in red has not a single urban area in it. How is it filled with "primarily urban consumers"? And the entire LA area is blue. LA is filled with "Suburban and Rural Producers"? I, for one, would be interested to know the basis for the map and what exactly the delineations signify (Does it, for example, depict a percentage of the population receiving government assistance? Or does it represent how the population voted in the last election? Or does it represent a given population's annual contribution to the GDP?) Looking for a little clarity.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:41:54 PM

william

Yes, As civil people, we are supposed to utilize the ballot box, to keep this as a upstanding nation and not a

nation of ignorant and uninformed peoples.

I think that should be the first step in restoring

our country to the rule of law and back to our basic tenets of Government by way of never forgetting why we instituted those laws and rights in our constitution and Declaration of Independence.

So many people don't bother to research and try to

understand where we are now as opposed to where we should be as a nation. We have strayed so radically and it's time to restore our liberties and give the Federal Government a mandate, and a short mandate on what they can and can't do or take their abuse of power away. Right now, they are intoxicated on their own power. Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely and that is what we have now that prevails in the peoples White House in the Capitol. If the ballot box doesn't prevail in our quest to take our country back from people who are deliberately trying to dismantle and destroy any semblance of our Government, our people, our way of life and our livelihood, then other measures must be instituted as so stated in our original Constitution and Declaration of Independence which has the first power of doing what is right as stated in that Great Document, Declaration, which also means that is what we intend to do and will do.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:42:32 PM

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Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:43:13 PM

Marie Powers

The ballot box has been hijacked by the socialist Democratic party so that the non citizens can vote. between poorly educated people on the welfare system and illegals, the Democrats have stuffed and bought the ballot. We are really doomed if this keeps up.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:45:33 PM

Harold (Wyatt)

Ballot box will be no good because there are too many people getting from the government and I don't mean seniors. As long as he continues making ignorant people dependent we have no chance of changing it. There way toomany uneducated people who will vote for him.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:46:04 PM

Jacl

Election Fraud. We are going to experience election fraud in the 2012 elections like we have never seen before. That is the only way Obama can win and he is not about to give up the power and the luxury lifestyle that goes with the presidency. They are living and vacationing lavishly on our dime and they rub our noses in it at every opportunity.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:47:23 PM

Ibin Misled

If the 2012 ballot box doesn't turn the country away from the socialist democratic party I fear that bullets will be our only recourse. It's a sad commentary on a once great country that our so called leader is attempting to destroy the constitution he is sworn to uphold. If "real" conservatives win the 2012 election retain the house, capture the Senate and the White House I expect that the freeloaders will riot in the streets and attempt to loot everything they can much like what happened in New Orleans after Katrina and what is happening in England now. But the one gigantic differences in this part of the USA is that folks like me will not sit idly on the sidelines and watch because we are armed and capable. Me and many like me will consider such an uprising anarchy and will use deadly force to defend our homes, businesses and families... If the socialists win all I can say is "you can't fix stupid but you sure as heck can exterminate it"... trust me on this we will clean house and thin the herd.

IBM

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:48:12 PM

Ken

Yes, the ballot box is the way to make changes. However, the counting of the ballots must be LEGALLY counted. Along with the voting process is to do our best to inform ALL of our people of the FACTS going into any election. Most younger people are themselves not informed. They for the most part do not care.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:48:42 PM

Edward M

The capability of and corrupted use of current technology has already rendered the true and fair elective process virtually impossible.

Additionally, as long as "non citizens" and illegal people are allowed to vote it can only end in another way. It's always simply about the numbers.

As for the presidency the people do not elect a president anyway. (A simple fact that a proper education and not a continued biased indoctrination would fix), but you can't fix stupid)

As I have told many "Think, it could be a brand new experience"

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:51:37 PM

Tom Steffen

Thank you for the correctly colored map!

When the whole red state/blue state event happened during Bush/Gore I created a correctly colored map but I could never get my fellow RED blooded patriots to realize we would be better served by BLUE the color of faith, fidelity and states' rights than by the color of communism.

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Maybe we will embrace the idea now that the patriotpost team has corrected the image.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:52:36 PM

Emcee

Obama and the Democrats in Congress who support him, must be stopped. I fear that the next election will be the last one for this country if they are not stopped. When Bill Clinton was about to leave office, there were many democrats wanting to proclaim him President for Life (dictator.) The same is going to be true for Obama if he is not defeated in the next election. Bill Clinton did not have the gall to accept it, but Obama will certainly do so.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:54:34 PM

Timothy Reed

Mark, We as a nation have but one more chance to save our republic by the ballot box. The damage that has been done by the obama regime and his predecessors can be undone by winning back a strong conservative majority in the next election cycle.

What we must have however is "essential liberty" minded individuals (extreme conservatives) running for office, but as of right now with the current selection of candidates, our chances aren't looking real good. We need a strong principled leader who will NOT pollute, water down, or dilute his/her beliefs by compromise with the democratic socialists.

We need someone with cast iron resolve who will battle the entrenched progressives to their ideological deaths and win back this republic! Could we get someone to convince Senator Jim DeMint to run for president? ... PLEASE?

Regards,

Timothy C. Reed

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:55:04 PM

Ricker

PLEASE champion H.R. 25 -- The Fair Tax Act. It is brilliant; the single solution to our economy. Read

Boortz's book.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 5:55:55 PM

Brian Lord

Hannah family is in my prayers.

When you say killed Monday morn leaves me with too many unanswered questions. was it by a disgrundeled anti gun freak or a liberal drunk from celebrating yet another attack on the tea party. Do not print this if you believe it will cause gref to her family. A few more words as to how she was killed is in order.

Thank You,

Brian Lord

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:01:11 PM

Gary

In 1887 Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor spoke about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse over loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship."

So the question is: do we have enough people of common sense who understand we can't all have everything we want when we want it or do we have people with concern for the country, future generations, anyone or anything. That will show whether the ballot of the bullet will be needed.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:02:43 PM

blairbalster3

Mark,

as usual, excellent discourse. I'm ready either way. I don't believe it's too late, but we need super majority in both houses of congress come next election. RINO's have to go. I'm hoping to banish all demonrats (correct spelling) to the hinterlands forever. Unlikely to happen, but a man has a right to dream. Thanks for fighting the good fight. In JESUS' name, may GOD Bless you and yours.

Leon N. Blair III

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:04:56 PM

Hank

I honestly believe it is going to take armed revolt to reverse our downward spiral. Between the people who milk the system, and those who either don't understand the peril or just don't care, we who DO want rule of law are way outnumbered. I've stood up for our country in Nam and got shot for my effort. Yet, I am willing to stand up again when the revolt comes.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:05:40 PM

Frank

Bullets - it's time.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:06:49 PM

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Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:08:24 PM

Phillip

The Black Panthers tried thwarting the election process and got away with it so they'll come out in force now. Besides the Republican Party will not put in a candidate that could defeat the Dems. I don't trust the Republican party anymore. They actually work behind the scenes to help the Dems get their way. Besides why does our government allow all the illegals? So the minorities including blacks, the homosexuals, abortionists, and the list goes on will vote Democrats. The majority's voice is still silent. I heard it said in 25 years whites will be the minority besides all the stupid whites still voting Democrat.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:12:49 PM

J J O'Neill

The only alternative is the ballot box. The Tea Party movement is leading the way. The left has done an excellent job moving the "center" gradually to the left so that today the Tea Party is considered radicals! Who would have thought constitutionalists would be considered radicals?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:16:08 PM

Gerry Harrison

Bullets or the ballot box? It has to be the ballot box. We conservatives need to show up at an election day and prove the ballot is more effective than the bullet. The liberals and socialists, beginning with Obama, need to know we are all tired of "change" and will elect those who truly support and defend the Constitution, against all enemies, foreign AND DOMESTIC.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:21:58 PM

Michael Hight

I believe that will be answered in the 2012 election. I have very serious doubts if it is still possible to take back control of our country at the ballot box. That leaves NO OPTION but to take it back in a different manner. I expect it to be bloody.

We see it all over the world now, why should we expect it to be any different here? I am preparing for this.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:22:07 PM

Pops

ONE more time.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:31:59 PM

PJ

Bullets are an absolute last resort. At this time the sins of the progressives are political and the cure is political. We must reverse a century of progressive experimentation and exploitation of basic freedoms at the ballot box. However, without a plan to restore constitutional government any victory at the polls is Pyrrhic at best.

Sloganeering is not a plan. We need a commitment from every candidate to restore rights and dismantle the corrupting machinery of progressive governance. That commitment must consist of a signed pledge to pass the necessary laws to repeal not only Obamacare but the previous century's legislative infringement of individual rights. Stopping progressivism at its current high water mark is not the cure for the disease. Progressivism and the bloated overreaching bureaucracy it spawned must be dismantled and every trace of it excised from the body politic. The progressive tax code must be repealed immediately and replaced with an indirect tax such as the fair tax or a similar tax on economic activity and the constitution amended to restore the strictures against direct (income) taxation. If ballots work, bullets are unnecessary. Our founders understood the corrupting influence of democracy and entrusted us with the tools to prevent that corruption or remove it if it became necessary. Trust the founders' wisdom, preach the truth with religious zeal, vote wisely and we will see the rebirth of our great nation.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:32:15 PM

Randy

I am not sure that the ballot box will do any good I think it might be too late for that..So what will help then is to clean up the USA by our self not counting on them in the white house...I have some major health problems but I will go to my grave fighting to save this country....I just don't understand how some many

people are blind to what is going on...I think if obumer would have got into the white house years ago they would have kicked his butt out so fast.,but to many blind and spineless people in office and in this country...God help us...

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:37:22 PM

Mary Ann Ludwig

Until photo identification is a requirement to cast a vote, anyone can come to the desk, give a name and if it matches, they cast a vote even if they are not the person they have named. Registering and voting on the same day is a problem. How do we know how often that person has registered and voted that day? I personally think that no one should vote who cannot demonstrate at least some knowledge of the issues and candidates, but that's just my thought. All ballots should be in English only and each voter should have to demonstrate an ability to read and understand English.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:39:03 PM

Barbara Olsen

I will be 75 years of age on Monday, and it breaks my heart to see my country in the state it is in today. It seems that the majority of people have no idea of what is actually happening I am so afraid that Obama will be re-elected next year, because of this. Keep up the good work. We must be bold and reclaim our country.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:45:16 PM

Jane

This may likely be the last time the ballot box will be effective if Americans are not able to rein in overspending government politicians. There should absolutely be an ID check to be able to vote and perhaps some connection to show whether you pay taxes or not. Those that only take from society should not determine the direction of the country over those that actually provide for the country.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:47:43 PM

ANTICRIME

Sadly, there is NO PLACE in past history that has shown that once the Marxist-Commies (who prefer being called "Progressives) have gained CONTROL of a country that the VOTE of the people removed them! Joseph Stalin's words are quite clear: "Those that vote control nothing, it is those that count the votes that control everything"! Our national elections system has been computerized and the results are gathered and broadcast to our nation by a "Progressive" controlled media who paints Conservatives RED and Liberals BLUE! ~ Those of us old enough remember that RED was the color for Communists..as was their flag! ~ We also remember WI Senator Joseph McCarthy trying to warn us of Communist infiltration back in 1950-51 and how the RED Edward R. Murrow led the American people to believe he was a "witch-hunter"! ~ Stupid is as stupid does...NOW we are paying the Piper for our ignorance! ~ Whenever a cancer is allowed to metastasize then it becomes harder to cure...or is even TERMINAL! ~ Hosea 4:6 "My people perish for their lack of knowledge"!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:49:57 PM

Dave B.

Mark, Your essay is excellent and raises to the fore the question of what is the correct and moral course for the patriots to the Constitution of our nation. I am despondent as a result of decades of creeping and now racing socialism and the apparent indifference or acquiescence of too many of us citizens to the government corruption, abuse, malfeasance and ever expanding and tyrannical exercise of illegitimate coercive power, in contempt or violation of our Constitution. Like many of your PP appreciative followers and supporters, I am a retired Army combat arms (Special Forces) officer with combat tours in Vietnam in support of our foreign policies that our government pursued. Like my fellow service members of that VN war era, I believed in and gave my best to attain those policy objectives, but which were systematically and relentlessly undermined by political (Democrat Party) opposition and sabotage, resulting in our national and shameful abandonment of an ally with whom we had made common cause. In a way, our abandonment of our VN ally is similar to our political abandonment of our Constitution by the same political party.

The comments of the vast majority of those responding to your essay are much of what I would say in redundancy. The problems you and they present are indisputable.

I see three possible election developments:

1) We succeed in electing conservative constitutionalists to Congress and the Executive in 2012 and they set about efforts to deconstruct the socialist policies and programs and to restore constitutional legitimacy to government, the probable domestic outcome of which will be the parasitic dependent segment of our people rebelling against reductions or eliminations of entitlements.

2) We fail to elect by ballot those conservative candidates in sufficient strength to overcome the control of the socialists in our government, or even if we do, they are unwilling or unable to reverse the ruinous socialist policies and programs. In this case, the non productive segments will likely remain passive; but, the productive conservative constitutionalists will not and may likely (probably) resort to violent opposition.

3) No matter which way the elections go, the "sheeple" remain passive. This seems highly improbable. We are near a climatic point for resolution of what our national future shall be.

I believe that our only, but possibly forlorn, hope in avoiding civil conflict/war is in the outcome of the 2012 general election in which a sufficient majority of constitutional (economic, fiscal, social, cultural inclusive)conservatives attain power and set about a determined course of government reforms and restoration of constitutional legitimacy.

All the above said, I fear that it will be bullets rather than ballots that will determine our future as a nation. I hope that my anxieties are misplaced, but regardless, I will stand by my sworn oath to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic (and I don't need federal courts to tell me who is the enemy).

Let's hope and pray for the best for our endangered Republic; but, let's plan, organize and prepare for the worst in her defense and her Constitution. Stock up in essentials and arms and ammunition! Our Second Amendment may well be the key to our national salvation as a legitimate constitutional republic. De Oppresso Liber!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:53:07 PM

Dave

I think you have identified the most significant barrier to putting our Republic back on track towards liberty: the ignorance of the electorate. One can envision changing that over time, but I fear it will take too long. So, while I would prefer the ballot box, I fear we will need to resort to the bullet box.

To paraphrase the words of the great patriot Thomas Paine: If there must be trouble, let it be in my time that our children may live in freedom.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 6:55:19 PM

Roger B

I fear that we are fast approaching the time when the ballot box will not serve liberty in this country. The Democratic Party seems to have subverted the constitutionality of free elections by working in recent years to dilute the electorate with the ignorant, the easily influenced (dare I say bribed) by flase or misleading promises, and at times those not even qualified (even under extremely lax rules) to vote.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:06:00 PM

George Carmona

When the Attorney General of the USA, refuses to prosecute a group of what can only described as "thugs, or "Storm Troopers", deliberately intimidating citizens at the polling place in Philadelphia, something is drastically wrong. If the Justice Department is so far off course as to allow that kind of intimidation to take place, what is next?

To answer directly, no, the ballot box is no longer sacred to too many. It is viewed as a place where political agenda is to be achieved. Back in the 1930s a certain person used the threat of intimidation to quickly achieve his goal of absolute rule. What is in place to prevent such events from happening here? If Justice cannot be relied upon to enforce the scared right to a secret ballot ,then I fear all is lost.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:08:26 PM

Craig Kinard

The ballot box is the ONLY option for concerned Americans who value hard work, independence, and liberty to reverse the disastrous course we're on. If we elect the right people, we can 1) Lower all marginal income tax rates and abolish the estate tax, 2) Discover untold stores of domestic energy by reducing environmental regulations, 3) Restore fiscal sanity by reforming social security and medicare, 3) Remove ALL stifling regulation of our health care industry by treating it as we treat all other economic sectors, etc., etc.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:18:01 PM

James Frisbie

There is time but it is running short. The changes we need (control of the Legislative branch, the Executive branch which will ultimately lead to the appointment of constitutional judges and the Judicial branch) must happen with the next election. If not, I believe there will be a revolution, be it bloody or not, preferably not.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:19:11 PM

Hank

I honestly believe it is going to take armed revolt to reverse our downward spiral. Between the people who milk the system, and those who either don't understand the peril or just don't care, we who DO want rule of law are way outnumbered. I've stood up for our country in Nam and got shot for my effort. Yet, I am willing to stand up again when the revolt comes.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:20:55 PM

Frank Evans

I am, more and more, coming to the rueful opinion that it will take more than the ballot box to set this country aright. The Congress doesn't have the backbone to do much to turn things around. What a bunch of pusillanimous bottom feeders they are! They, R's and D's, are as much at the trough as the career welfare crowd. "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery. Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, GIVE ME LIBERTY, OR GIVE ME DEATH! I really mean this. God, help us. I'm a combat veteran Marine. I know what war is, so I don't take this lightly. I don't think we have much time if we're going to avoid it.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:20:57 PM

BILL COLEMAN

WE MEET MANY PEOPLE EVERY DAY WHO SHOULD BE VOTING AND DON'T VOTE BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE POLITICS IS DIRTY, THEIR VOTE WON'T COUNT OR BECAUSE THEY ARE LAZY, UNEDUCATED OR UNMOTIVATED. I AM 62 YEARS OLD. NO ONE TALKED POLITICS WITH ME UNTIL I WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD. THE "POLITICALY UNAWARE" REPRESENT FERTILE GROUND FOR CONSERVATIVE VOTES. AT A MINIMUM, THE RIGHT CONVERSATION MAY CAUSE A LIBERAL NOT TO VOTE. FOR THE PAST THIRTY YEARS, POLITICS HAS BEEN KIND OF LIKE A HOBBY TO ME. CONSERVATIVES WILL NOT WIN UNTIL THEY CAMPAIGN HARDER AND SMARTER THAN THE LIBERALS. THIS WILL INVOLVE CONSERVATIVES TALKING TO STRANGERS ABOUT POLITICS. IT WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL UNLESS THERE IS AN ORGANIZED EFFORT BY THE TEA PARTIES OR SOME NATIONAL ORGANIZATION. I HAVE SEEN NEITHER "HEAT NOR LIGHT" SINCE I MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT HERE ABOUT 3 1/2 HOURS AGO: "THIS BATTLE WILL BE WON BY CONSERVATIVES TALKING IN AN "INCLUSIVE" MANNER TO FRIENDS AND STRANGERS ABOUT POLITICS IN A MANNER THAT LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN FOR FUTURE CONVERSATION. THERE IS A RIGHT WAY AND A WRONG WAY TO DO IT. IS THERE A SPECIFIC WEBSITE ON THE INTERNET TO HELP CONSERVATIVES LEARN FROM EACH OTHER ABOUT VERBAL TECHNIQUES (TALKING POINTS ?) AND AN INDEX OF RESOURCES WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL TO PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE (CONSTITUTIONAL)CONSERVATIVE AGENDA CAN BE HELPED BY ONE ON ONE CONVERSATION? vin5ron@yahoo.com"

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:23:45 PM

Alan

The ballot box is both the right of all law-abiding patriotic citizens, and the gift of those who gave their lives for us to have it. The Obama administration, in the person of the Attorney General, who refuses to prosecute the Phillie thugs who kept people from voting in the last election, and the President himself who ignores Congress' clear direction on illegal immigrants and makes laws by fiat. The best solution is to get conservatives out in such numbers that we can reverse the trends.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:25:58 PM

Bernd

I would like to respond to all the good, patriotic people arguing what can be done to reestablish our Constitutional form of government. Based on the rise of Hitler in Germany and the takeover of the democratic government in Venezuela in 1998, both of which had a democratic government turned into a dictatorship, no one turned to violence to prevent what happened. I do not believe it is possible for the American law abiding citizens to take up arms against their government, no matter what the provocation. Many other examples could be cited.

The Greeks discovered more than 2500 years ago that democracy does not work for very long. This has been confirmed many times throughout history. Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:29:49 PM

Convet

It has been said that every country that has failed has failed from within from corruption. When the majority is more willing to trade liberty for security it obtains neither. No amount of bullets can prevent tyranny if the majority of people are lulled into submission. This country is fat, dumb and pathetic! We, who cherish our liberties, most protect ourselves by doing what is right. Using the enemy's tactics only brings us down to THEIR LEVEL.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:38:51 PM

BILL COLEMAN

THE TEA PARTIES HAVE HAD A FAIR AMOUNT OF SUCCESS THRU RELATIVELY UNORGANIZED GRASS ROOTS ACTION. THE "LOW HANGING FRUIT" HAS BEEN MOSTLY HARVESTED. IT WILL TAKE MORE WORKING TOGETHER AND ORGANIZED EFFORT BY CONSERVATIVES OF DIFFERENT LEANINGS TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. IF STARTED SOON, THERE CAN BE A YEAR OF MASSIVE ORGANIZED CAMPAIGNING BEFORE NOVEMBER 2012. I WAS DISAPOINTED THAT A NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATION DID NOT GROW OUT OF THE ANTI-AMESTY MOVEMENT IN 2009. IF THAT HAD OCCURRED THEN INSTEAD OF LATER WITH THE TEA PARTIES THEN MAYBE A "SOCIALIST" WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ELECTED. ANOTHER PROBLEM WHICH I LEARNED OF TODAY IS THAT CONSERVATIVES IN THE US HOUSE DO NOT HAVE AN "UMBRELLA" CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS. PLEASE ENLIGHTEN ME IF I AM MISTAKEN. vin5ron@yahoo.com

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:49:14 PM

hank

I would suggest all above , if they have not already done so, read the "Rise and Fall of the Third Reich". It is a blue print of how Germany was taken over by an alleged Socialist reformer by the name of Hitler. It was handed over willingly by people who believed his promises of "Reform".

Impeachment of Obama will not work. Read the Constitution !

Charges must be brought by the House of Representatives, trial is by the Senate and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presides. What are the chances of a sussessful impeachment with such a mockery lined up ?

Posted August 25, 2011 at 7:55:15 PM

Fred Jodder

Looking back on history, the same issue has popped up over & over again, all with the same result--- no action/result. Thus it is time for revolution in order to return to the Constitution as written not liberally interpreted. Revolution does not necessarily mean armed insurrection, political action would be best. The end of the two party system appears to be the only way to avoid violent revolution; we need a STRONG 3rd party.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:08:29 PM

Dean

As a nation, we have some 60 years of Progressive meddling to undo the core of our constitution. They have done the mass of their undermining through the schools. We now have 20 and 30 year olds that don't vote, don't pay attention, and don't care. They "just" want to live and be left alone. Most of them respond to civic issues as "something the government" says we have to do. I see this trend continuing. I also see it being almost impossible to change America back to it's founding principles if these people VOTE. At some point they will be the largest number of voters. When we hit that point, America is gone! We already have a huge statist mindset in America. It will become evolutionary for us to be Socialist if we don't make a profound

effort,now, to change back.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:35:49 PM

Mike

We must continue to adhere to the rules as they are today. Personally I doubt that the United States of America can survive with four more years of Socialism via Obama.

I am not a Tea Party member...yet. However, there is an undercurrent from without the confines and membership of that worthy congregation. It is a rumbling of discontent that I fear will result in something that we haven't seen since the Civil War. I hope and pray that it doesn't come to that.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:41:57 PM

Robert W. Horr

Its not who votes Its who does the counting

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:43:18 PM

R.E. ROECK

THE ONES THAT WANT TO STAY IN OFFICE THAT ARE CAUSING THE PROBLEMS THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS, WILL BE SURE THAT THEY MAKE ALL ILLEGAL ALIENS LEGAL JUST FOR THEIR VOTES. THIS IS JUST HOW CORRUPT OUR COUNTRY HAS BECOME. I DON'T THINK WE A HOPE IN HELL TO GET OUR COUNTRY BACK ON TRACK WITHOUT CIVIL UPRISING AND OR FORCE. LORD HELP THE USA. YOURS TRULY, "ROCK"

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:46:56 PM

Tom

2012 will prove if the ballot box is still an option. I hope that it is, but if it doesn't make the changes needed in 2012 to bring the U.S. back to the Constitution, Bill of Rights & the Ten Commandments, then a different kind of actions will have to be instituted. I hate to see another so called 'civil' war in this country, but I'm afraid one is coming.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:49:48 PM

Old Sarge

The mathematics of power. In these days of hamstring state sovereignty, three branches of the federal government overlord 310 million people. As majority rules, this boils down to some 276 fallible human beings who collectively call most of the shots.

If the U.S. federal government were a fraction of its immense size and the preponderance of those 276 were morally upright, wise and uncompromised, we could rest easier. However, taken as a whole, the greater percentage of them are career jackals – unscrupulous, full of themselves and for sale to the highest bidder. Were they magically transported to the South Pole, how many Americans would shed a tear compared to those millions who would rejoice with relief?

Withdraw consent from petty tyrants!

Peacefully resist and protest!

Boycott!

The mathematics of power should not allow fewer than 300 misguided individuals to steamroll the lives and liberties of 300 million Americans.

"We will have a good government as long as those that govern are effected by those laws that they pass. When those that are passing the laws are no longer effected by those laws then they will no longer pass good laws."

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:50:00 PM

Old Sarge

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a LAST resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

-- Thomas Jefferson

"If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin." -- Samuel Adams, 1776

"Democracy will soon degenerate into an anarchy, such an anarchy that every man will do what is right in his own eyes and no man's life or property or reputation or liberty will be secure, and every one of these will soon mould itself into a system of subordination of all the moral virtues and intellectual abilities, all the powers of wealth, beauty, wit and science, to the wanton pleasures, the capricious will, and the execrable cruelty of one or a very few." -- John Adams 1763

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:53:05 PM

Barry Harmon

Ballot box. Interesting.

First, you should take a look at the mathematics of voting and let me know what you think of the ballot box.

Then, take a look at US Congressional districts and state government districts. These things make Mr. Gerry's work look tame and rational. Some of these things are a foot wide and fifty miles long, all in the name of making sure that the person elected represents some minority or other.

Next, consider the massive use of executive orders and other subterfuges by both parties, all of which create what are in effect laws without ever having to pass through Congress.

Finally, consider the effect that government employee unionization has had on the electoral process -- unions deliver money and a solid voting bloc; pols deliver legislation favorable to government employee unions.

Ballot Box? We don't need no stinking ballot box -- we'll just steal what we need the old fashioned way.

It's over for us here in the good ol' US of A.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 8:56:07 PM

Charles Harris

As long as Political Correctness holds sway in this great land of ours and activist judges sit on our courts, it will take more than one generation to be rid of the country's problems!!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 9:16:14 PM

America-First

The time has come to take back our beloved Country. As we wait they get stronger and we are falling behind. I don't like the Idea but I want a FREE Country for my Grand Daughter to raise her kids in. Let's get things in place if we need it we have it ready.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 9:19:42 PM

Brian

I pray that the ballot box will work. I talk to my neighbors and friends. I post on blogs. I do everything I can to inform and involve people.

At the same time, I do believe we will all be facing a this choice on an intimately personal level at a point in the near future.

The philosophies of progressivism are destructive to liberty. The philosophies of liberalism are destructive to the person.

We are on a collision course with those ideas. At some point, we will collide. It is inevitable.

As I explain to my friends. If people believe in the kinds of things Barack Obama believes in, they do not believe in America. If his vision and the vision of the liberal/progressives is their vision, they do not know America.

When the cuts to entitlements come, as they must as a part of an over-all scaling back of the federal bureaucracy and the mobs are threatened by the removal of their "bread and circuses", the time will come.

If these spineless sheep, weened on the milk of democratic socialism believe that they will be able to run through the streets of my town, vandalizing, stealing, murdering and destroying as the mobs did in England and France, they are very much mistaken.

I pray for peace but I am prepared for the worst.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 9:26:21 PM

[allan guy](#)

After 40 years of studying Bible prophecy, I have serious doubts as to whether there will even be an election or not.

Option one Barry has enough muslim groups and supporters that have slipped in in addition to leftist supporters, that he tries to become king

Option two - China decides they can make it without our markets, bombs a major city and demands capitulation

Option three - God tried to open our eyes with 9/11 - then used fires, floods tornados, earthquakes and hurricanes to no avail. "Crazy" weather patterns will continue to decimate our nation while leftists, athiests an agnostics blame global warming.

If we don't act soon, my beautiful little greatgrandchildren will either be dead or slaves. I could never imagine - growing up in the 50's that people would be so stupid and gullible to let things deteriorate to this.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 9:37:04 PM

[Joe. DeMay](#)

Elections are fine, there should be term limits not making it a life long carrier. A four term and out, with nolife long retirement and benefits. Our for fathers were all volenteers in the position they held and they did a super job at what they wrote for our nation and our freedoms.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 9:43:49 PM

[Robert E8 USN, Ret](#)

The ballot box! The Republic was baptized in fire to create the control of government. A necessary evil!

The problem created is by permitting "all" to vote, in the name of equality. Should not be so! Voting age should be 26, and not living with parents. On any type or name of any welfare, subsidy, whatever, and unemployed? NO vote. The founders had it correctly! Property owners only! But this is 200 plus years later, things change. Some things, not all things. Property owner, non-property owner gainfully employed, above age 26 and independent. One exception; military personnel in honorable status should vote. Old enough to fight, old enough to vote! Cease with the "equality" nonsense. An unemployed, employable dude on welfare, or whatever, is not my equal! Or yours, either! One more thing that should be done, and cannot be accomplished--criminalize and outlaw the Socialist Democrat Party. Once the "party of compassion" it has become the above; SDPUS. President Reagan had it correct; "Some folks wonder all their life if the have made a difference--the US Marines do not have that problem." Semper Fi!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 9:56:51 PM

[Morning Glory](#)

I am reminded every day of the huge gap that exists between those who are self-reliant conservatives and those who believe it is the government's job to take care of everyone and everything. I struggle to understand HOW these otherwise intelligent people can be so myopic and so deceived! I've come to a sad conclusion. Apparently long term consumption of the "Kool-Aid" offered to them by the socialists has caused irrevocable brain damage to the point that nothing, absolutely nothing, can be said to change their narrow, erroneous point of view. I pray that the ballot box will be the way to restore some inkling of common sense to an extremely bloated, grossly obese government. I pray it is not too late to salvage our wonderful country.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:07:25 PM

[Sam The Bear](#)

Was it Julius Caesar that said "If you want to destroy a country you must destroy it from within."?

Barry and the crew are doing a great job heading toward the end of America as we know it. It was very scary when Nan Pelosi said, "We will find out what is in the bill once we pass it." regarding the Obama-Care Bill.

The ballot box is a good start but might not initially be enough. Congress is out of control and only seems to be worried about themselves and their own gains. They should have to abide by the laws they pass just as we are expected to do. Do you want to fix Medicare and Social Security? Take their (Congress) self imposed retirement packages and make them go on the very same programs we do (Social Security and Medicare)(They think it's great for us so why not them too. Unless they think they are better then us. Watch how fast it gets fixed. Pay them only for the time Congress in session and not for their campaigning for their

re-election. Go back to buying American when ever possible.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:11:16 PM

[John Gentry](#)

Do we have time to properly educate the masses in morality and personal responsibility? Our Founding Generation knew how important this was. The courts and liberal cry babies have set the stage. But who will be standing when the all the cards are played? I say it will not be the cry babies.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:12:37 PM

[Jim](#)

The ballot box is rapidly losing its luster as to how we change our government. Look at the vote stealing and ballot box stuffing that got that idiot Franken elected. The guy is a goon and George Soros a fascist if I ever could recognize one was probably the primary supporter of many of these fascist outfits like Acorn. Look how the demos try to keep any form of ID from being required to vote. As I said the other day in another post it is probably too late as we have a judiciary that thinks its god and president jughead thinks he is OZ. Notice how he and holder have decided along with federal officials that no matter what the law says or congress enacted he has no intention of obeying the oath they took. As old Ben supposedly said "Madam you have a republic if you can keep it." Too bad we couldn't keep it.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:25:54 PM

[bob james](#)

Ballots are preferable to bullets provided you have an honest, knowledgeable electorate. Too many people have the right to vote who should not, to wit:

1 - 18 year olds - What a stupid move this was to allow 18 year olds to vote. Most have not lived long enough, worked long enough, paid taxes long enough to vote intelligently. Twenty-one should be the absolute minimum age to vote, preferably 25.

2 - Any adult who receives any kind of government welfare should not be allowed to vote. They are a biased political bloc and have ulterior reasons for voting; keeping their welfare checks coming in.

3 - Any voting age adult who pays no federal income tax should not be allowed to vote.

4 - A voter must be able to speak, read and write in the English language. All voting questionnaires, booths, etc. should be printed in the English language only. Any person of voting age who cannot speak, read and write in English will not be allowed to vote.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:29:47 PM

[The Reverend](#)

When the majority have joined the ranks of the moochers then the ballot box is sure to fail. Unfortunately that has happened, more voters are tax consumers than tax payers. Still, I don't believe that armed overthrow of D.C. will or should happen. I do believe that the time is coming when several states will succeed and I fully expect to see many of the working producing people flock to those states when that happens. Let the moochers and the looters have their country and we can have ours!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:29:57 PM

[Bruce P. Purdy](#)

The efficacy of a ballot box solution is borderline.

I remember writing a note just after Obama was elected. It was about how there is now a phenomena that can aptly be called the, "Stupid Vote".

You have the "black vote", the "soccer mom vote", the "youth vote", and so forth, but it became clearly if painfully obvious after the Obama election that we now have a "stupid vote". Your use of the term "ignorant vote" is kinder.

We must get rid of the likes of ACORN in order to further the cause of a FAIR vote.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:33:17 PM

[Bruce P. Purdy](#)

Bob J.

I understand your point about 18 y/o voters, but if a young man or woman is old enough to fight and die for their country, they are indeed old enough to vote. There are many 15 year olds that are more qualified to vote than some 40 year olds.

I think the answer is some kind of qualifying test that would separate the ignorant from the informed. Remembering that the term "ignorant" does not necessarily imply a lack of intelligence, rather the ignoring of some situation. And our forefathers used the words "INFORMED voters", thus giving us some inroad to testing for informed voters.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:40:42 PM

Ken Chambers

I see a civil war brewing in which a block of southern states form and serve as a sanctuary for regular people. Liberals in those states will have to be purged and conservatives in good states like the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, etc will have to escape to the south. There can be no other solution because these liberal Facists having come so far will never turn back.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 10:47:24 PM

Bryan P

The ballot is a false god. The first time I voted was for Reagan. It was glorious and meant something. I have voted since but never for someone as much as against the other side. Voting as war, ballot as a bullet.

The Republic is lost except in widowed and wishful thoughts and of course the sickening handwringing brought to us by Conservative Radio. It is replaced by Democracy which is mob rule and fodder for Marxist and Socialists like many in power.

The ballot empowers them or often elects unwanted opposites who spend our goodwill.

I will vote again if it is for freedom and liberty. I will never vote again against someone, even as vile as Obama.

Give me liberty or give me death.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 11:29:23 PM

Bill Harrison

A Patriot Must Always Be Ready To
Defend His Freedom Against His Government

Posted August 25, 2011 at 11:43:13 PM

David P. Nagy

God bless Hanna's Soul.

May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in Peace.

Posted August 25, 2011 at 11:55:52 PM

Martha Ramer

The Ballot Box MUST be the answer. I hope we have not become a Nation of bullets to solve our problems. We all MUST ban together and when the GOP choice has been made, we must support it. There is no other choice.

God Bless America!!

Posted August 25, 2011 at 11:57:54 PM

Jim Griffin

I don't wonder what is next.....I know the answer to that. What I don't know is when. Sooner is better as far as I'm concerned.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:01:39 AM

ColoPatriot

I would like to believe we can rid our country of the disease of corrupt politics and politicians, but the monster is moving too fast and will overcome us if we do not stop it in its tracks. That takes more than just the vote, and time is of the essence. I am ready. God bless our great country.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:24:49 AM

John P. Lewis

I hate to think it and I hate to say it, but the time for the ballot box has passed.

Our nation suffered through one horrendous civil war.

If we are to reclaim our freedom we will have to suffer through another one.

I take no joy in this pronouncement. May God have mercy on us.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:30:26 AM

ColoPatriot

I believe one day our children and grandchildren will ask what we did when our country was in so much trouble. I must be able to say that I stood strong against tyranny and corruption. "Let's roll!"

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:31:27 AM

gary sheldon

Dear Lord God recieve Hannah into your loving care and grant comfort to her family in the name of Jesus I plead this Father. Amen.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:45:47 AM

gary sheldon

....against all enemies foreign and DOMESTIC!

THEY NOW GOVERN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED!

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:49:13 AM

Paulus

As you know our Founding Fathers' gave us the option of changing our government every two years via the Ballot Box. We therefore could have a bloodless revolution by voting a whole new House of Representatives and one third of the Senate. Because our problems have been brought about by both Democrats and Republicans; we need new Blood, candidates that are for change, namely a third party. That's unlikely to happen, even the Tea Party is in bed with the Republicans. God's judgement is upon the land and George Washington's vision of a Third Revolutionary war is coming to pass. Only 2Chron.7:14 could change the outcome

but Spiritually we are dead and the spirit of lawlessness is hovering over the land.

May the Peace of God be with the Tucker Family. Amen

Posted August 26, 2011 at 1:18:01 AM

miffed

Are we chattering about straw men here? Of course the ballot box is an option. So too are the ammo box and the soap box. We are first, last and foremost a pragmatic people, so the question should be rephrased: What works best, and quickest? Or how about some combination?

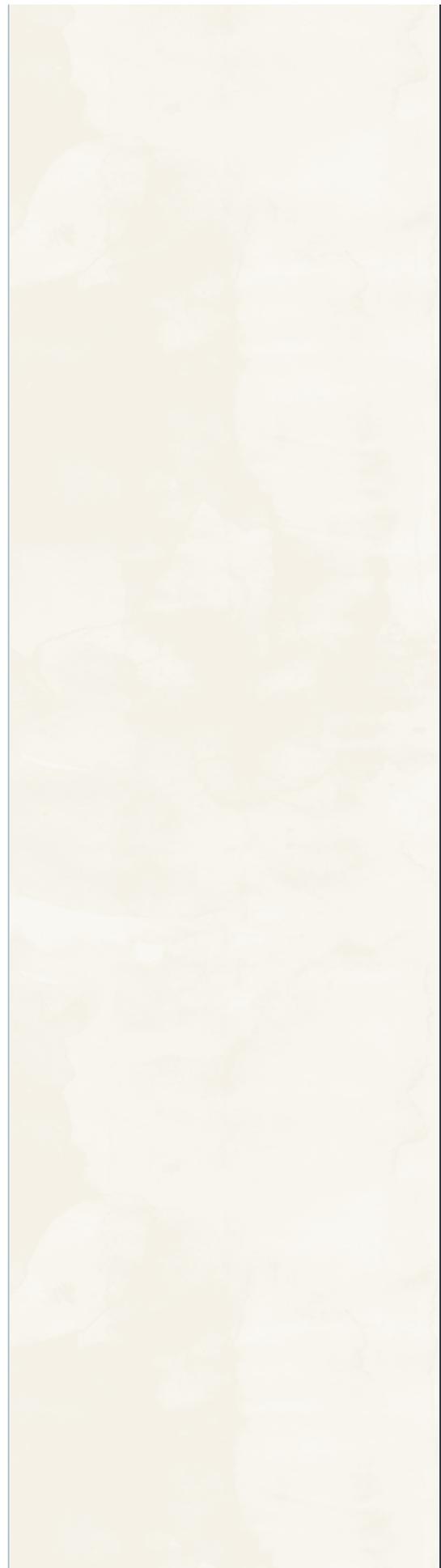
Given that half the population struggles to find Canada on the map and that today's 'elites' scuttle away like roaches the moment the light's turned on them ...well, the answer should be obvious. There's no way to avoid violence. The challenge, and it is a mighty one, is to keep the carnage to a minimum.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 1:22:31 AM

Ravini

Yikes -- as one of those "urban takers" visiting this site for the first time, all I can say is this is one scary place. You folks should have been around for the Crusades...now there was something to believe in!

You like to quote the founding fathers (and even a bit from that old tax raising debt-expander Reagan) but I



think this one is probably more appropriate:

"The victor will never be asked if he told the truth." -- Adolph Hitler

Posted August 26, 2011 at 1:25:50 AM

Sandra Lee Smith

Sad as it makes me to say this; no, I don't believe the ballot box is a viable option any longer. In AZ and other states, our voting materials are printed in Spanish as well as English; the purpose for that is so that illegally registered illegal invaders can vote in our elections undetected, which they have been doing. Further, in some places "minorities", meaning all non-whites, are granted multiple runs at the same ballot box to every single white voter's go at it. Voter intimidation is not dealt with under the law. Too many factors like these compromise any hope of a free and honest election any longer, and as long as the current administration holds power, that won't be changed. One legal registered voter, one vote is the only fair way to hold an election.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 1:32:01 AM

Matt

One obstacle to free and fair elections is not requiring people to prove their identity when voting. How can we be sure someone is not voting in more than one polling place?

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:12:17 AM

Stephen McKee

One does not simply move from the ballot box to the ammo box. Our own history acts as a road map for revolution in which the rights of man win the day over the tyrannies of ambitious men. Remember, the Founders tried many times...almost beyond reason, to redress their grievances with Parliament and even directly to King George III.

Even as those pleas fell on deaf ears, the decision to go to war was not made through declaration of the Continental Congress to start hostilities with Great Britain. It was the actions of the Crown that pressed America into her war for Independence. It is the tyrant who must spill the blood of the citizen first.

The Boston Massacre occurred in 1770, six years before the Declaration was written. John Adams even acted as defense attorney for the British regulars involved...not because he believed them in the right, but because he was dedicated to the principle of the rule of law over the rule of men. He knew, as evidenced from his diary entry 3 years after the massacre, that "Judgment of Death against those Soldiers would have been as foul a Stain upon this Country as the Executions of the Quakers or Witches, anciently. As the Evidence was, the Verdict of the Jury was exactly right. This however is no Reason why the Town should not call the Action of that Night a Massacre, nor is it any Argument in favour of the Governor or Minister, who caused them to be sent here. But it is the strongest Proofs of the Danger of Standing Armies." He was a man dedicated to principles of right and wrong, even when acting according to those principles would be difficult and unpopular. We must be equally dedicated to the principles of Essential Liberty.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord occurred in 1775, with the British Army again taking the offensive in enforcing Parliamentary supremacy, violently if necessary, over the rights of Englishmen. Local militia responded to resist the British...but it was the Redcoats that initiated open hostilities.

From my perspective, there are still steps that must be taken between giving up completely on the ballot box and resorting to open rebellion against a government. We have enshrined certain rights within the Bill of Rights that too few of us "law-abiding" citizens exercise. When was the last time we peacefully assembled in protest or support of a cause? When was the last time we buffeted the press (print and otherwise) with passionate pleas for Liberty aimed not at each other, but those who believe differently than us?

We must move from ballot box into the streets assembled, then escalate that to civil disobedience (protests and assemblies not burdened by permit or governmental limitations). It will mean breaking the law....something horrifying to most of us, but Liberty may depend on nothing short of just that. The ammo box is only a viable option once a government shows a propensity to enforce immoral and tyrannical acts through the force of arms.

The American Revolution was not ultimately decided upon the battlefields of Saratoga, Trenton, Kings Mountain or Yorktown. The physical confrontation was merely the manifestation of the real revolution that had already been won in the hearts and minds of colonial Americans. Great Britain had lost before the first shots were fired.

We must also win on that particular battlefield first....for without the support of our fellow citizens, any physical confrontation started by us makes us the tyrants, regardless of the nobleness of our cause.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:29:42 AM

Kenneth M. Fisher

Ever since Lyndon Johnson succeeded in abolishing I.Q. requirements for voting, our Nation has been on a rapid slide to HELL!

The greatest factor missing today in government is Common Sense. All one has to do is look at the likes of Maxine Waters and others to know that.

Th smart marxist, such as Henry Waxman and his friends know exactly what they are doing.

Only a moral rebirth can save our Country, and I don't see that happening at this time.

God bless, yours in Their Hearts,

Kenneth M. Fisher, Founder & Chairman

Concerned Roman Catholics of America, Inc.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:39:09 AM

The Sarge

Hello Mr. Alexander,

So, someone has finally asked the question that matters the most... "Can we correct these ills through the ballot box"... and my answer is; "Not unless we elect a Constitutional Constructionist President and CONSTITUTIONAL majorities in both the House and Senate..."

Exactly where are these individuals who will swear to uphold and protect the Constitution come from...??? California.. Illinois.. New York.. REALLY...!!!

Thomas Jefferson once wrote of the Tree of Liberty being refreshed by the blood of Tyrants and Patriots... we are slowly treading towards that day.

I believe our biggest single issue is that the Marxists and other Leftist who haven't been playing by the "rule of law" for decades since Woodrow Wilson and no one has stood up and said "That's enough - climb your slimy ass back under the rock that you came from. There has been no "blowback of any type since the days of "Tailgunner" Joe McCarthy.

Yet, when the Conservatives in this nation become aggravated and stirred to action as the Tea Party has... these same now emboldened Leftist scream "rule of law... rule of law"...

Perhaps the public employee unions and their allies at ACORN will steal enough elections in 2012 to continue their march to Socialist Europe... and if they succeed...

Then maybe those of us Patriots who took our oaths to the Constitution of the United States much more serious than the Left's bought and paid for politicians, judges and educators... maybe then WE should rise up, in masse, and reboot the American Society.

Maybe we "silent majority" need to take a stand for limited government, liberty given to us by God Almighty, and for our children and grandchildren's future. Maybe it's time to stop complaining and take legitimate, and permanent action.

I pray it doesn't come to that... but I believe that this evil known as Marxism, Socialism, and Islamo-fascism must be purged from this land once and for all. At some point, the talking needs to stop - and we then need to find out who will suffer and bleed for their principles...!!!

The United States of America is the worlds last best hope for all mankind... If a purge is in our future and it needs to happen regardless... why not now, before the United States becomes any weaker as a result of these evil fifth columnists...!!!

We are seeing the storm clouds on the horizon as the Republicans wring their hands about who is "moderate" enough to beat President Obama in a General Election. If the election is close... the Left will win. They can cheat their way to victory just as they did in the Harry Reid re-election.

Watch the Reid/Angle debate in the days leading up to the election... Reid looks and performs as scared as anyone I have ever seen in a debate... he looked and performed like someone who was defeated. He looked like he KNEW he was defeated. Watch the tapes - don't take my word for it...!!!

Let's see... he is down by 5 percentage points in the days before the vote... and yet he wins by seven points going away... the pollsters are almost never twelve points off of any election... yet Reid wins easily.

After election day... it is reported only once on FoxNews how Reid's son is the Clark County Commissioner responsible for the electronic voting machines... and of how SEIU has the maintenance contracts through the County Government.

Here's a fun fact for non-Nevadans... Clark County has approx. 75% of the entire population in the State of Nevada.

Bottom line... if the Conservatives cannot convince the "Independents" in this country that we are going over the economic cliff with the Left's policies... then this Nation is all over but the memories - and the greatest experiment in human history the Republic known as the United States of America will fall onto the dirtheap of history.

I don't know about anyone else that reads the Patriot Post... but this "Old Soldier" will not be marched off to a Maoist Re-education Camp...!!!

I tell all whom I talk politics with... "To Hell with the stock market - you need to be investing in bullets and beans...!!!"

May God Bless America and May He Watch Over Her True Patriots...!!!

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:39:22 AM

JERRY KNISPEL

So sorry the lost of your loved one .she was called home.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 3:31:08 AM

E. A. (Joe) Brack, Jr.

II am firmly convinced that if the incompetent Marxist socialist Obomination régime retains control of the executive branch of the federal government and there is not a super majority of conservatives elected to both houses of congress that the majority of the 60 percent of American citizens who pay the taxes that support the federal government will rebel, as the ballot failed bullets will not. But on the other hand I truly believe that if he the exalted incompetent Marxist socialist loses the election and even if a super majority of conservatives are elected to both houses he will declare marshal law and will only vacate the white house under armed arrest. With the blessing of the house and senate he has ignored the Constitution in all other matters why should or would he so suddenly abide by it principals and tenets, he doesn't believe in our Constitution or our Bill of Rights ?

Posted August 26, 2011 at 3:45:41 AM

Keith Snyder

The genie is already out of the bottle -- we are so toast...

Posted August 26, 2011 at 4:30:26 AM

Gordon

I believe elections should be held on a Sunday and it should be declared a National HolidAY so that everyone can vote--even those who work during the week and may be too tired to make that extra effort on a workday.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 6:43:50 AM

Vin

I believe that the election process must have better controls and accountability for voters as well as some new rules. First there must be a positive ID to establish a voter as a citizen. Second there must be a restriction that excludes those on welfare from voting.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 7:31:18 AM

MI patriot

Love your reporting. You are very hard on the present occupant of the White House and rightly so. It does not seem, though, that you have reached the point where you see him as a DESTROYER. Admittedly, that is a difficult cross that bridge; but once you do cross that bridge, many, many things begin to make MUCH more sense.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 7:35:25 AM

Eric

Sadly, the ballot box as a means of restoration of our liberties is being dismantled by the same people who



used it to attain positions of power. Equally sad is the fact that I don't, yet, have the courage to resort to the bullet. If the erosion of personal liberty and the confiscation of personal wealth continues, I may end up with nothing to lose and thus be free to exercise my duty with any means available.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 7:49:05 AM

Polincor

CHOICE is the illusion that is given by those who have power, to those who don't.

It is NOT really the puppets who control the outcome of the elections, but the PUPPET MASTERS!

If - and ONLY if the people figure out WHO the puppet masters are, THEN there might be one more chance to save this nation. This will NOT be done at the ballot box.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 8:03:40 AM

JWG

Yes, the ballot box will still work, barely, (47% of public assistance). However, every right thinking American in the "blue portion" of that map must step up and be counted by doing what is best for the country, not for themselves. Much as our war-zone troops do on a daily basis, they must make tough decisions and back candidates for the good of the country, not themselves. Further, politicians must look outward to the country and turn away from their re-election worries. A difficult task on all fronts, but doable.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 8:07:00 AM

Rakkasan1

There might be a correction for the political problems caused by large numbers of Americans with zero income-tax liability. But it might be politically incorrect to even mention it. I do not own stock, and hence have no financial stake, in Ford Motor Co. Do you think I should have voting rights, or any say-so, in the matters of the company? I'm guessing that your answer is no.

So here's my idea. Every American regardless of any other consideration should have one vote in any federal election. Then, every American should get one additional vote for every \$10,000 he pays in federal income tax. With such a system, there'd be a modicum of linkage between one's financial stake in our country and his decision-making capacity.

This is not a far-out idea. The founders of our country worried about it. James Madison's concern about class warfare between the rich and the poor led him to favor the House of Representatives being elected by the people at large and the Senate elected by property owners. He said, "It is nevertheless certain, that there are various ways in which the rich may oppress the poor; in which property may oppress liberty; and that the world is filled with examples. It is necessary that the poor should have a defense against the danger. On the other hand, the danger to the holders of property cannot be disguised, if they be undefended against a majority without property."

<http://www.townhall.com/columnists/walterwilliams/ww20040915.shtml>

Posted August 26, 2011 at 8:12:45 AM

Len

Since God has been taken out of our schools and public places, many people I don't believe, think of God as being our provider and sustainer. Our culture has gotten away from God and now depends on men. Unless there is a 'spiritual awakening' in our country, this country is doomed back into bondage! I say this because if we look at many of the European countries that had a faith based society, once these countries turned away from God they have become mediocre at best. These countries are reaping what they have sowed many years ago and America is going to be in the same situation in not too many years ahead.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 8:35:02 AM

RWG

It is like Jefferson said, "I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical. ...An observation of this truth should render honest republican governors so mild in their punishment of rebellions, as not to discourage them too much. It is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government."

And I say, now is the time.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 8:43:12 AM

[Luke Spaseff](#)

The citizens of this country have to decide what sort of government they want. That will decision will be delivered at the ballot box.

The question will be what happens if the people in the wagon win the day?

Will the oxen who are strapped into the harnesses throw off the yoke and break free from the wagon? Will the people who swore an oath to protect the Constitution realize that the people who are holding the reins to the wagon (who also swore an oath to protect that same Constitution) hold the Constitution in contempt and join with the oxen?

We have a majority of citizens who still believe in the Constitution, that it is the best possible system of government for all of us. The problem is that the leadership of the party that supposedly represents that majority is too interested in maintaining their positions of power at the expense of the majority and the Constitution.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 8:46:36 AM

[John M. Kelly](#)

The resistance of the leftists to requiring positive ID for voters is the signal that voter fraud is not only prevalent, but will reach unprecedented numbers in 2012. Drive-up registrations, Acorn-type voter registrations are all contributing to the destruction of the republic through corruption of the ballot box. It is the demise of our democracy happening before our eyes, and no one in Congress or state legislatures is willing to face it.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 8:59:44 AM

[r. c. evans](#)

While I continue to pray for our country to return to it's founding principles, I also know without a doubt that man is a sinful and selfcentered being. The ballot box these next few years will determine whether or not we return to the rule-of-law or use the bullet box to defeat the rule-of-man.

God Save the Republic!

Posted August 26, 2011 at 9:01:13 AM

[Mike H](#)

The Tea Party movement has given me hope that ballots will solve the problem. Personally, I'm also prepared otherwise. These lying leftist will not, ultimately, get away with what they're trying to do. We'll be rid of them one way or another.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 9:13:23 AM

[MikeH](#)

The fact is this socialist movement has been going on for decades, They used to have a monopoly on those areas they needed to gain a foothold, i.e. Education, Media, and Government. There has been a sea change slowly building against all of this, as these frauds (leftist media, educators and politicians)are being exposed for what they are. More and more people are reading learning and paying attention. They trend is in our (Conservative) direction, but the fight continues. It is no less of a fight today then it was in 1776.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 9:20:33 AM

[Riz in AZ](#)

Expecting this mess, that has been building for the last 75-100 years of aggressive Socialist activity in our country, to be resolved in one election is unrealistic. But I do believe that this next presidential election is pivotal to maintaining the process of restoration that exploded with the Tea Party movement. The problems we face are to multifaceted and enormous to expect a solution during one presidential period. But the solution is simple - restore the original intent of the U.S. Constitution. And that can be furthered in a significant way in one presidential period.

So, I am still hopeful that the ballot box can work. BUT we must have a real leader to vote for, one who will uncompromisingly stand firm for Constitutional principles. If Obama is not removed, and we are not put on a path of restoration by the next president, then I honestly fear that a bloody future awaits us.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 9:40:55 AM

[LoachGunner](#)

So when the numbers of taxpayers is lower than non-tax payers and that gulf gets wider and wider, at some point there won't be enough \$\$ to support the 'entitled' ones. When that happens, the government will not be able to support them and I suppose we shall see a complete collapse of the United States. The 'entitled' ones will be rioting in the streets because the government can no longer support us all and anarchy shall rein. Or in other words, the decline and destruction of the 5th Roman Empire. It has been forecasted for several years now.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 9:54:52 AM

[Jonathan Sipe](#)

I guess that I am just too optimistic, but I believe that we can defeat the tyrannical administration occupying the White House in the next election. However, we need to be very careful about who we choose in the primary to run against those tyrants. Yes, I do believe in election fraud. Harry Reids last victory is very questionable and was probably fixed by both him and Obama. That isn't the only fixed election that Obama was a part of in my opinion. Our responsibility as Patriots is to educate the misinformed, the underinformed, and the ignorant. We need to be motivating the people who are receiving entitlements to realize that there is a better way which will offer them more liberty. They need to be shown that they are the slaves of the system and that they are selling their children into that slavery if they don't see it for what it is and make some changes both in their personal lives and at the ballot box. Yes, educating these people will cause us to be labeled as racist, phobes, terrorist, and worse, but not being politically correct is going to be worth it in the end. Let's roll our sleeves up and get to work instead of saying that it's too late and that there is nothing we can do because they are just going to fix it so they can win anyway. Have faith in the American people. I believe that God has faith in both them and us and he doesn't want us to give up. He is calling on us to lead the people away from tyranny just like he asked Mosses to lead the people away from slavery. We can do this, but stock up in supplies including bullets just in case we have to go to plan B. Plus if we do push him out and get a true conservative in the White House and take the majority in both the House and the Senate the backlash from those who still want their entitlements will be bad. Take London for example. We can prevail if we don't give up.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 10:04:34 AM

[George Rogers Clark](#)

Ballot box, soapbox, ammo box: of the three, we must use the ballot box and the soapbox concurrently, and repeatedly, hopefully to prevent the need for the ammo. Now, please note the "WE" in my statement.

To get a desirable outcome from the ballot box, WE (all Americans who love liberty) need to use our soapbox daily. We need to preach the need for spiritual revival and Constitutional authority. WE need to start email campaigns; write letters to editors; support righteous politicians; campaign against those who campaign against God; and in general, be a champions of the Lord and of Liberty.

If WE love our liberty and do not do all WE can do, then WE will have to go to the ammo box solution and that is a battle WE could possibly lose.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 10:16:53 AM

[Colorado Chick](#)

One VA Patriot is right - we have one more chance at the ballot box to save this country. Whether we fail or the election is rigged, every American will have to decide for himself which path he will choose. Patrick Henry stood at that crossroad and we know what he chose - liberty or death. Those are the only 2 choices, my friends.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 10:19:29 AM

[Bill](#)

I dont think the ballot box will work to bring the Constitution back to favor. There are just too many communists, most of which dont even know they are communists. Public schools are a major factor in this, but it's not the only place that trains people to be communists. Oh well it was fun while it lasted.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 10:28:21 AM

[Anton D Rehling](#)

We must fight and the fight is now. First we must step out of our comfort zone and become very verbal in voicing the difference between those who promote the rule of law, conservative values and the rule of men, socialist values. Speak to all your friends and acquaintances with out regard for hurt feeling; ignore the old saying I don't talk about religion or politics. If we fail in this and not turn the slide to a socialist Marxist government, hurt feelings will be to lesser of the hurt to come.

There is a growing call for arms to restore our liberty and many are willing to use the cartage box but before that happens open your mouth and educate those who are ignorant of the servitude that will result from tyrannical socialist policy. If we fail in this endeavor and are forced to the cartage box, what history has recorded as one of our nations darkest times, the war between the States, will pale in comparison to what an armed civil war in this country today will produce.

Get off the couch and become a voice in the wilderness against our current socialist oppression, this is truly our last chance to restore the liberty this country was founded upon. The clock is ticking.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 10:55:15 AM

[Chris Miller](#)

There is no doubt in my mind that the ballot box is the one and only solution. But there must be some changes and the first one is a photo ID for each and every voter in the nation. We might be able to do this with our photo ID's on our licenses or as is the case in PA, the actual picture ID for those who do not drive. Early voting must stop. And if you vote it must be at the proper polling place. We need to pray that the ballot box still prevails because the alternatives are not pretty.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 11:02:43 AM

[Darell H Ivory](#)

I took my "Oath" in Nov. 1966 when I was drafted, I will only stop with my last breath," Give me Liberty or Give me Death". Darell H. Ivory

Posted August 26, 2011 at 11:07:58 AM

[Robert Drake](#)

No compromise on principle can be tolerated as it merely reflects slower but still negative progress toward our demise as a free people.

Politicians who propose to lead must state and explain the righteous principles underlying each controversy or decision to educate the public. Jockeying and maneuvering as politicians have done in the past is dishonorable.

There are precious few leaders who measure up.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 11:30:15 AM

[Richard Arena](#)

Coming from someone like Mark Alexander, the question , ballots or bullets, is anything but frivolous.

In 1961 when I received a top secret clearance the officer officiating the formalities stated, "the KGB now has a file on you." I remember wondering how the KGB got my name. Was the FBI compromised? Were there moles in our operation? Did they get my name through communications intercepts? What?

The point is, when Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano sent her infamous memo to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies warning that people like you and I are potential terrorists, you better believe, (as a subscriber and commenter on US Patriot Post), your name and mine are already on a "potential enemies to be rounded up in case of insurrection" list.

Why to I make that point? Because, if anyone is seriously thinking about armed insurrection, think again. How would that go down anyway? Would we go to Washington and storm the capital and the White House, guns a blazing?? Or would we go head to head with the US Military in the fields of Virginia and Pennsylvania? Even if you don't have a problem shooting at American service personnel (which I DO), armed civilians are no match for today's American military. This isn't 1780 or even 1863 . . . nor is it Libya.

If that's not enough to bring anyone back to planet earth, Think about this. There is no way to keep insurrection plans secret - especially in the age of "the war on terrorism". If the government perceives a genuine threat of armed rebellion, it's sweep city - before you could say NRA, every person on Napolitano's potential enemies list will be living on MREs in a FEMA camp somewhere in the swamps of South Georgia.

So, let's get serious. Armed resistance, at least as far as regaining control of the government is concerned, is NOT an option. If you want to meet the thugs who come to house to take your gun or dispossess you from your home with a sixshooter in hand, that's up to you - but that's not going to return constitutional government.

Our only course for now IS the ballot box. We have be informed and vote. We also have to do our best to get every patriot we know to the polls EVERY ELECTION. We can also resist ACORN or Black Panther types who might be at the polls to intimidate or perpetrate fraud. In that regard we can volunteer to be poll watchers.

Okay, so what if Obama wins reelection - or more likely - what if another globalist RINO is elected and the slide toward an all powerful central government continues?

I hope Mark has the answer to that one. I sure don't.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 11:51:28 AM

Dennis

Simply put- every citizen should quietly obtain more ammo. We are doing it a few boxes at at time. We pray it is not necessary- that is up to God.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 11:58:54 AM

GW Johnson

As a growing percentage of the electorate is dependent of jobs with the government and or the amnesty of illegals, unions that have prospered under the big government Socialist agenda of the Obama supporters, etc. the less likely anyone is to be able to un-seat the group sponsoring the something for everyone agenda. add all the folks on the public dole and anti-America folks such as the Muslims and you have a tremendously high percenatge that have an ax to grind with all things American! Free enterprise and democracy are in great danger and if the "Silent majority" does not wake up and take action to purge the Congress and the White House of these anarchists and Marxist devotee's we are done as a country, let alone the greatest nation in the world.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 11:59:48 AM

Shorty Feldbush

Lets give the ballot box one last chance in 2012. If not a strong conservative Congress and a conservative President, we can probably kiss that option good-bye and begin to lay plans for a more direct and strong movement to re-take our government.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:05:42 PM

John

Despite the efforts of the much-maligned Tea Party, I am starting to lose faith in the ballot option for many reasons. One of them is the new version of the DREAM act being imposed upon us from on high that will illegally boost the Democratic voter base (see the "Editorial Exegesis" from the Wed. Chronicle).

My wife and I recently started watching the American Heritage video series with historian David Barton. I wish every American would watch this. It reveals just how far we have strayed from what the Founders intended. God help us.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:08:03 PM

bob james

RE: my earlier comment that 18 year olds should not be given the right to vote because they are too young to have acquired the life experience one must have; one poster commented that if they are old enough to fight and die for their country, they should be able to vote.

We know that boys as young as 12, 13 years of age are old enough to become fathers, yet there are very few among us who would agree they should become fathers. It is purely a case of the life experience from which wisdom comes, sometimes very slowly.

I was an 18 year old soldier once myself and a very good one too. But I had not a clue of who or what to vote for. I used to ask people whom I thought

"knew the score" who I should vote for. While I am very conservative today, at 18 I was a liberal.

Liberal politicians pushed for the 18 year old voting age because they knew the average 18 year old is very liberal and socialistic at that age. Until a person has been a working, tax-paying, literate English-speaking citizen for at least three years, preferably much longer, they have no idea what many of the issues are or what the candidates stand for that they will be asked to vote for.

My ideal voting rules would require:

Citizenship: Must be a native born or naturalized citizen of the United States.

Criminals: No prisoner or any person convicted of a felony may vote.

Age: Minimum - 21 years or older

Language: Must speak, read and write the English language fluently, confirmed by testing.

Tax paying history: Must have paid federal income taxes for at least three consecutive years prior to the voting election date.

No person who has not paid federal income taxes or who is receiving any government welfare or other "entitlements" will not be allowed to vote.

Basically what I am saying is, "Only the people who are paying the bills get to call the shots."

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:11:13 PM

[Gary R](#)

I hate to say it but I truly believe that the answer is no. Anymore the chances of getting a fair election in the USA is about the same as in the old USSR maybe less.

With voting rights for zombies and ghosts the norm at every election nowadays the choice is always about what flavor of pink we'll be getting.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:17:04 PM

[Pauline Swanson](#)

You are truly "spot on" with your assessment that our greatest bar to success at the ballot box stems from an ignorant electorate. (I have a son who says, "Mom, there are more of them than there are of us!) Even more fundamentally, we have been "inculcated" with a moral degeneracy (in the name of individual freedom, of course) that must be corrected to conform with The Decalogue if we are ever to return to the principles upon which this Nation was founded. God, help us!

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:25:04 PM

[Julia Gwin](#)

When the ballot box is taken by fraud or force, then it is necessary to dissolve the political bands which have connected liberty lovers with those who love enjoying the fruits of the labors of others. There can never be harmony in this relationship. It undermines freedom and dignity.

It is difficult to surrender enjoying the fruits of another's labor when doing so is considered a government-endowed right.

We must commit to a long-term battle to restore an educated and moral populace. We must join with others who will not sit down quietly and accept slavery for ourselves and our posterity.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:27:07 PM

[James Pogue](#)

I wonder how long the voter will be allowed to participate freely, without outside demonstrators, for example members of the BLACK panderers intimidating voters just outside the voters booth, in the last election and our wonderful attorney general refusing to do anything about it.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 12:58:48 PM

[Sharon](#)

Arguing over which candidate would be the best choice for the White House is like arguing over which cancer is the best to suffer from. Republican, Democrat, Independent, Green, Purple, it makes no difference. Just multiple heads attached to the same snake. It's going to take more than the ballot box to fix it folks.

We simply must come to our senses. The wheels are coming off and there is not ONE MAN or ONE WOMAN who can fix it.

We are going to have to put down the cheesy puffs, turn off American Idol, and get off the couch. Dig up some dignity and step out of the free cheese line. Switch off the electronic babysitters and sit down with our children and read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Then roll up our sleeves, sight in our scopes, turn off the safety, say a prayer if so inclined and fix it ourselves. We can do it. It's been done before. Two hundred plus years ago . . .

Posted August 26, 2011 at 1:53:02 PM

[Don](#)

We should all join Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz and refuse to make any more political donations until Congress and the president agree on a long-term deficit elimination plan.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:03:07 PM

[Alan of the Desert](#)

Ballots or bullets? In our Republic, ballots must be the way. That being said, we must do a better job of "vetting" our candidates. We the People cannot afford (both figuratively and literally) to allow smooth phrasing, such as "fundamentally change America", or a candidate having "the right look" to sway our votes. We must ask, beforehand, what the phrasing means to the candidate; ask the candidate to give us, in simple terms, what they believe and will fight for ... no rhetorical promises, please. The brilliance of the phrase "fundamentally change America" is that it spoke to 300 million people, each where they stood. Little did many guess that the speaker was referring to a potential about-face from Capitalism and Freedom to a nanny-state. Shame on us. Yes, vote we must ... but, intelligently, please?

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:20:29 PM

[Robert J. Butcher](#)

The ballot box will be preferred as long as Americans have confidence in their governments ability to deal with the problems facing our nation, however if the politicians continue to demonstrate the lack of courage to confront these problems then we will be forced to turn to other means.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:33:35 PM

[Jonathan Sipe](#)

RE: Richard Arena

You are right in the fact if the Conservative Patriots rise up in arms against the Liberal Government currently occupying the White House and the majority of the rest of the Government then fighting our United States Military would probably be futile on our part. However, when a United States Citizen is sworn into the Military then they take an oath to Protect and Serve the Citizens of this Great Country and the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. So, the United States Military should be on our side. However, they did follow the POTUS and the U.N. orders regarding Libya with blatant disregard for the Constitution which is frightening. My Dad told me that when he was in the Army back in the 1960's and 1970's that he and many other Soldiers were asked if they were ordered to confiscate legally owned firearms from law abiding citizens would they follow that order. According to him most Soldiers including himself answered no. Not because they were pro gun but because it would go against their sworn oath. I am not sure that our modern military made up of illegal aliens, muslims, and liberals would be as willing to uphold their Oath. I hope that they would. There is another problem which could lead to civil war. Let's say that just before the 2012 Presidential Election that out of nowhere disaster strikes. Obama sets aside the powers of Congress and declares martial law and brings in U.N. Peacekeepers to "help restore order". His idea of that would be for those U.N. thugs to round us all up and confiscate everything we have that keeps us free. That would probably cause a conflict like no other we have ever seen. Armed conflict is the last thing I want to see, but it is a frightening possibility.

RE: Bob James,

When I was 18 I was proud to be able to cast my ballot for the candidate who I wanted to win the election. Unlike you, I was informed. I knew what I believed in, I studied the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to know where I stood in regards to them, and looked to God and the people that I looked up to to make an informed choice. My parents, grandparents, other family members, and friends talked about politics with everyone no matter what their ages were and the children and the adults were all informed and involved. So, yes, 18 should remain the voting age for those who are informed and unfortunately for those who are not. You have that at all ages.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:52:20 PM

Sam

First, always to exercise the rights bestowed by G-d and man, and then to the arms we find at hand. (and brother, there are a lot of those;)

<http://www.widowsmightthemovie.com/>

Posted August 26, 2011 at 2:56:14 PM

Don Barbee

As usual your analysis is brilliant and carefully worded. I can't add to it, I can only appreciate it.

dlb

Posted August 26, 2011 at 4:04:34 PM

gerald bauer

right now the ballot is the only why we can get these nuts out of office.to many have died for this right.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 4:23:42 PM

desert

The ballot box is not an option when you have the corrupt and corruption of the unions, the acorn thieves and the illegals.....if you count on the ballot box.....you are dead in the water! imho

Posted August 26, 2011 at 5:05:33 PM

Art

As the Founders would have it: term limits for all in congress. An amendment is needed as was done for the Presidency. Then perhaps we can have true representation in that branch of the Federal Government.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 5:10:35 PM

"ED"

After reading Mr. Sipes comment regarding the the military;I quote, "I am not sure that our modern military made up of illegal aliens, muslims, and liberals would be as willing to uphold their Oath."

I wondered whether or not Mr. Sipes has served in any branch of the military. Most of the young men that do the actual fighting are Caucasian men of around 18-24. I had the honor of leading a number of men all different creeds, and when the bullets are flying, all politics do not, at that point, matter much. At any rate, I don't know where his statistics come from, as only 1% of Americans are in the military and about .0001% are Muslim, and they d#%m sure don't have the sack to join our infantry. Secondly, I highly doubt that the UN could organized such an event, let alone, be in charge of it. My point is, that the US Army is not made up of Liberals and illegals, and if they are willing to take a bullet for the country then they deserve citizenship. In my opinion, that is the only way an illegal should gain his status as an American. I do however, agree that there will be an armed conflict, which will occur in my lifetime, and I will fight so that my son's children will not have to. I will not take a gun out of any citizens' hands, it is against my Oath to protect the Constitution. "Give me liberty or give me death!"

Posted August 26, 2011 at 5:41:43 PM

"ED"

LETS DO THIS ALREADY!

Posted August 26, 2011 at 5:49:29 PM

Ray

The problem is that BHusseinO, his cronies, Piglosi and Reidtard, the main stream media, and political correctness have turned this country into a bunch of sniveling sissies!!

Political Correctness: "A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical, liberal minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end."

This is the type of society we now find ourselves stuck in. Whiners, complainers, lazy bums, they all want nothing but handouts. They don't want to work. Look at today's youth for instance. None of them want to work. They want everything given to them, including a job and paycheck, but they don't want to work to get them. Sadly, when they do find out they must work to get paid, they tend to quit. And that my friends is a direct tie back to the parents of these lazy losers who, instead of raising their children themselves, left it up to daycares, the school system, nannies, etc. and we are left with a generation of losers and ne'er do wells that expect the Obamass and Big Government to take care of them. But who pays for the nanny state? We do. But the problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other peoples money!! We are there now my friends. We are broke as a nation! As long as the current regime is occupying the white house we are doomed to failure and the collapse of our nation. He will not stop until this country is devastated. Bullets will fly, there will be blood, and pray that you are on the right side of the fight for liberty and freedom, because if you aren't, god help you. If you elect to keep following this moron president, you deserve to down with him. Be warned, the revolution is coming, one way or the other.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 5:54:52 PM

[L. J. Armani](#)

It is by the ballot and only by the ballot that the Republic can and must be saved.

There is no question that Obama must be sent packing in 2012 but of equal importance is purging the Congress of the Marxist membership. Every one of these anti-American legislators must be singled out, made nationally known, and replaced to the extent possible.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 5:55:31 PM

[greg pekrul](#)

REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN THIS COUNTRY (U.S.A.); 1) Show picture I.D. 2) Show your face at THE polling place 3) Write on your ballot (made of paper!!) 4) Speak, Read, and Write in ENGLISH Addendum; 1) No computers allowed for any vote counting. All counted by people and filed. 2) Bipartisan vote counters, all volunteers

Posted August 26, 2011 at 6:20:51 PM

[The Sarge](#)

ARMANI - There is NO WAY that simply replacing Marxists within Congress is going to solve the problems... there are places like San Fran-sicko that will never stop electing representatives like Nancy Piglosi...

You will have to also purge the Universities of the Collegiate Marxists... and what about the bureaucrats like the President's "Czars" who will try and create regulations to get what the Congress will not allow to be legislated into law...???

YOU AREN'T EVEN CLOSE TO SOLVING THESE ISSUES...!!!

ALAN OF THE DESERT - Do a better job of "vetting".... REALLY...???. Anybody that wanted to know what Barack Hussein Obama was all about only had to pick up his two books and read all about him... and yet, he was STILL elected by the "useful idiots" of the Left and others who didn't want to be called "racists" for voting for the old white guy and not the young black man...!!! This President is the most anti-Israel President EVER... and after the statements that Jimmy Carter has made... THAT'S SAYING SOMETHING...!!! Yet, about 80% of the Jews in this country voted for this guy...!!! More useful idiots...!!!

Your words are so well polished... kinda like "fundamentally change America" and still, you say almost nothing useful...

Posted August 26, 2011 at 6:22:19 PM

[Rifleman](#)

In a nutshell, here's why we're in serious trouble:

In 2005, I lost my wife of 44 years to a massive heart attack.

A few weeks later, I asked the local Social Security office director about the "contributions" which my wife was REQUIRED to make. She told me that I was "entitled" to a "death benefit" of \$255.

"What happened to the tens of thousands of dollars that were taken from her paychecks over her working career?"

She looked me straight in the face and said, "There are people out there who need it worse than you do."

I did some rough calculating.

If my wife had been ALLOWED to invest her Social Security "contributions" in a (modest) 7%-10% account over her working life, she'd have retired with \$3M in investments and would have been able to draw out \$250,000 a year for life -- without touching the principle.

And our children would have had a substantial inheritance and would not have been forced to be dependent on Social Security and Medicare.

What Congress did to her -- to us -- was THEFT -- in the name of "equality," "sharing the wealth," "fairness," and, now, "leveling the playing field," "shared sacrifice" and "redistribution."

This has been going on since the 1930s. Four generations have become accustomed to the Nanny State.

Reversing that acceptance of the way things are is going to be next to impossible.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 7:12:25 PM

[deni](#)

To answer this question, I ask "what would the Founding Fathers do?" but even at that, it is not a clear answer as they lived in a more morally upright, God-fearing, and hard-working nation than we do. In addition, they did not have the issue of election fraud, George Soros and the vast monies of the Left funnelling money into anti-American activities all over the country, etc.

We are at a crossroads in this nation and as uncomfortable as it may be for some to hear, if we do not change the course of things, our beloved United States of American will soon cease to exist as the grand experiment and beacon of liberty our forebears intended it to be.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 7:23:18 PM

[Doyle Potter](#)

We can still succeed at the ballot box. Voters however need to be informed. Unfortunately, we have become a sound byte society and messages and truth get twisted some actually turning out to be lies. We need to have a source that tells the whole story not scare tactics taking information or quotes out of context. This goes for liberals and conservatives. Both parties have people hired specifically to damage their opponents by spreading lies or untruths about their opponents. The media has failed us and this is where we need to start making corrections if we want people to make informed decisions. Limits should also be made a priority.

There are way to many people in Congress who have made it a career and they are the ones getting rich off of the backs of the middle class through support of lobbyists.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 7:32:48 PM

[Ralph](#)

In my state of South Carolina the liberal democrats are apoplectic over our new law requiring a government picture I.D. in order to vote. They claim it "disenfranchises" those not so equipped such as those without birth certificate, shutins, and the elderly. I suspect they would include the dear departed democrat voters if pressed. Supposedly 178,000 people are involved. As a past poll watcher and poll worker I view this as a path to correct elections. Those listed above had to produce valis identification for many of the functions of modern life. Our Motor Vehicle department will provide government picture ID with substantiation of identity. The only believable reason for this opposition is that the democrats done want to lose all the "extra" votes they have had in years past. This will be a step in restoring faith in the ballot here in SC

Ralph

Posted August 26, 2011 at 8:10:05 PM

[Dege](#)

Every single person who BELIEVES in Liberty, Equality and Justice for all, WANTS our Republic to continue and prosper peacefully. Where the problem lies, as many have pointed out, is that the leftist Socialists in the USA (chief of whom now resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.) do not want a Republic ruled by law, at all. They desire to be an exact copy of the aristocracy from which our Forefathers liberated our Nation and their posterity (us) from through armed revolution so many years ago.

Of course we want a peaceful transfer of power to a Constitutionally constructed and consecrated government. However, what if we can no longer peacefully pursue and obtain the liberty and prosperity that the blood of our Forefathers bought for us through armed revolution? Where does that leave us? Are we willing to go off meekly into the night, the captive slaves of an AMERICAN National Socialist regime? God forbid that it should be so.

Every true American must do whatever they can to peacefully ensure the survival of our Constitutional Republic. We must do so through the wisdom so eloquently outlined for us in the Constitution of the United States of America. Our Constitution MUST be maintained as the law of the land. And we MUST adhere to its principles. Short of that, we will either be led off like sheep to the slaughter by the leftist American Socialists whose primary goal is the destruction of the Nation or we shall be required to defend ourselves, our families, our way of life and our Nation. We are at the crossroads. We must decide - and quickly.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 9:18:27 PM

[Barb Miller](#)

In reading the Patriot's comments from good men and women I'm hearing what one preacher termed: the "fatigue of despair". My children, young as they are, cannot understand why I seem so depressed sometimes and so animated about our political and economical troubles at other times. Our situation is urgent. We have wonderful Patriots trying to restore our freedoms and liberties eg. Marco Rubio, Allan West, and so many other writers, congresspersons, media people, and citizens that we must not despair. We must work, speak, believe that what God has begun, He will complete. Fortitude comes to mind. Perseverance and integrity come to mind when I think of the brave and wonderful Patriots of our country and those in the Services especially. God bless us, everyone. Semper Fidelis

Posted August 26, 2011 at 9:44:46 PM

[John of So Cal](#)

At this point in America's travails to beat-back the encroachment of Obama's economic dark-age, it remains in the hands of Republican leadership to take what has been given them by the people's vote and to work the levers of the legislature and the executive [after 2012] to throw-off all encumbrances to economic growth. If instead Republican leadership decides of itself to pursue anything less than a full and immediate repudiation of unconstitutional laws and policies, the people will be left with but two options - committing our posterity to endure the unending and oppressive yoke of tyranny or committing ourselves to a violent and reasonable overthrow of that tyranny.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 10:09:50 PM

[Ronnie Dail](#)

The quoted, "40% of Americans who pay no Income Tax" is likely not all that it is cracked up to be. There are not a few assumptions made that are probably not accurate. I may or may not be among that 40% but not because I am taking any money from the "Government" that I am supposed to owe. I have not paid "one penny" to the IRS in almost 20 years and I will not with my last breath on earth!

I do not believe I am required to pay any "Income Tax" to any political entity, nor is any "Citizen" unless they knowingly relinquish their Citizenship.

There are many arguments that can be advanced to support this position but I have neither the time nor desire to do so now.

While the number of Citizens who take this position are not large enough they are by no means small and I believe they are growing!

Incidentally, I am a Very Conservative Christian and a Very Strict Constructionist of the American Constitution.

Posted August 26, 2011 at 10:45:21 PM

[Vince](#)

I used to believe that we had a method for term limits called the ballot box. I have been disabused of that thought process. We need real enforceable term limits.

We need them now.

And they ought to be short.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 12:05:18 AM

[James](#)

I am hard pressed to place faith in the ballot box. Hope maybe. I have read reports from an individual claiming that he trained members of a certain party how to manipulate these electronic voting machines to make who ever they wish to come out the winner. So like all the B.S. about hanging chads from the educated

dumb a\$\$ in Florida have taught us who ever pays the most - there will always be those that will sell out their country and their own children. Scum always rises to the top in still water but it's still scum.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 8:38:19 AM

Don

Your evaluation of the current condition is dead on. Although I continue to be active in conservative causes, I am very pessimistic. Even my conservative friends are blinded by fear or apathy.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 10:32:24 AM

Neal Clacher

The Motor Voter Law, does anybody think that it was anything but a scam on legal voters and yet both sides support it. My wife who holds a permanent resident alien card renewed her drivers license and got a voter registration card in the mail, we returned it torn up and filed a complaint for all the good that does.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 10:32:56 AM

Patriot Rick

We are already into the dependency phase of the Tytler cycle. It's been obvious for ten years. At least we had a good run...much longer than the founders expected. We can thank our many generation of ancestors for their virtuous lives.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 10:52:35 AM

john mitcham

Mr. Alexander--Thank you and your team for all that you do. In answer to your question about the ballot box. I fear that the chance of solving our problems are remote. The Federal bureaucracy is now so big and powerful and self initiating that congress is approaching irrelevancy--witness the recent budget battle producing the gang of 12--really 13 including Obama.

Any court challenge to the regulatory state takes years to get through the courts and then the outcome is uncertain--see Obamacare--and in the meantime the federal machine has created thousands more dictats. I see even a significant change in congress as having effects at the margin not sufficient to stop the coming disaster. I am 3 score and ten and fear that folks my age have seen the best of our country and that my children and grandchildren will one day ask--what did you do with the greatest nation the earth has ever known?

Posted August 27, 2011 at 10:59:36 AM

Bob Cul

Mark,

You posed the question - Ballots or Bullets?

Then you expounded on - Ballot Box Barriers to Restoring Constitutional Integrity.

I will address the question and try to tell you why I present this answer.

To begin; America is guided through the use of four boxes; The Soap Box, the Ballot Box, the Jury Box and the Bullet Box.

We the sovereign citizens make our thoughts known by way of that soap box and tell our elected representatives what we think - primarily what we think relative to Constitutional issues.

We elect representatives who can be true to our Constitution and laws and listen to the citizens. We must also work to UNELECT those who fail this task.

We occasionally resort to the jury box in the courts to correct the action of the elected officials.

We have in the past and might be called on in the future to correct intolerable acts by way of armed resistance and the bullet box. The right to ensure our freedom is stated very clearly in the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. "...that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government,..."

That same paragraph also tells us that prudence dictates that such armed resistance not be undertaken for a light or transient causes.

Therein lies the question - Ballots or Bullets? A conservative writer more eloquent than me said, "It's too late to work within the system, but too early to shoot the bastards." -- opening lines of 101 Things To Do 'Til The

Revolution by Claire Wolfe.

If indeed it is too late to work within the system - the Ballot Box - then we are just waiting for the first shot, and the longer we wait the tighter the grip of the tyrannical forces will become and the more pitiful our resistance. As others have said, it is far better to fight the easy struggle and PREVENT the hard war. It is better to fight when victory is possible than to fight knowing defeat is inevitable, knowing only then that it is better to die fighting than to live as a slave.

Therefore the answer to your question is - BALLOTS, and bullets at the ready if necessary.

How hard will our task be, to regain lost liberty by way of the Ballot Box (and the Jury Box)? How long has it taken us to fall so far, quickly approaching tyranny in the last few years? It has been decades, nearly a century of slowly lost freedom. How long must we fight to regain that which we have lost? Just As Long, perhaps longer.

I vote for the long easier fight for many reasons. However, maintaining a very strong and active armed Citizen Militia will only serve to remind those we are correcting, those who oppose us, that if necessary an overwhelming force could be applied. That wedge and threat will serve, to some extent, to grease the skids of our political fight.

If we were to resort to armed conflict, it would not be easy or quick to achieve restored liberty. We do not know what damage would be done, but it would be massive. We do not know what would rise to replace that which we destroy OR what outside influence or forces would descend on our weakened nation.

It is NOT too late to work within the system. If you want to fight, do it in the political arena. By all means vote and vote effectively. If you are really eager, RUN for OFFICE. You can work for many candidates and vote only for the candidates in your district. You can WORK AGAINST any candidate who needs un-electing.

Ballots NOW - and continue to assure that Bullets remain an option.

Bob

Posted August 27, 2011 at 1:47:54 PM

[Mariana J. Powell](#)

To: Mark Alexander I very much enjoy and am overjoyed for all that you do for us, your readers. You and Glenn Beck, and Michelle Balkin are my favorites. I was also saddened to see the note at the end of this paper. My prayers are with Hannah's family, all of them. She is a beautiful woman. My love to you all. Jo Powell

Posted August 27, 2011 at 4:00:40 PM

[Stephen](#)

At his time, I do not THINK (not feel) the ballot box is ineffective. We are close to having to using force but the time is not yet here. If BHO is reelected and a majority of Demos are sent to Congress, then all bets are off. All Patriots should be ready to field himself and at least one other with a suitable firearm and at least one basic combat load of ammo each. Remember, only 30% of colonial America took up arms against Britian.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 4:38:31 PM

[Ray](#)

Money buys votes. And Obama will very likely have \$1 billion by the time he needs it to continue his campaign on TV.

Too many people are "entitled" to receive there support, medical care, etc. from the government and they don't want any interruptions to this system so they undoubtedly will vote for Obama based on what they hear on network TV.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 4:41:02 PM

[Greg](#)

It is hightime to bring the military fully under states control, so that there can be a proper defense of our liberties at the state level. Then we need to once and for all take the criminals out of Washington, try them for high crimes and misdemeanors and throw the whole bloody lot into the prisons. It is nothing short of treasonous what these people have done to our country, our economy, our freedoms and our constitution. We the people are the judge and jury. Time to set the table so we can begin.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 5:04:23 PM

Jon

As a disabled veteran all I have I get from the American Government. I am not on any other "assissance". But for me there is no choice,our country needs to get on track to be what it once was.Whatever it takes!! I'll be there!

Posted August 27, 2011 at 5:04:42 PM

Don Broome

I can readily and sorrowfully identify with some of the grief, which Hannah's parents and siblings are going through at this tragic moment. when my wife died, and immediately following, a peace came over me like I had never experienced; I knew at that moment just what He meant when He promised each of us "that peace which passes all human understanding".

Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God"

Posted August 27, 2011 at 5:09:18 PM

J Buford Langston

YES, and we Tea Party type Republicans (and Democrats if there are any) must turn out EN MASSE to vote for Tea Party backed candidates, of whatever stripe!

Posted August 27, 2011 at 6:33:22 PM

Carlton Lueg

If the election of 2012 fails to uphold the values of the Constitution of the U.S., then I don't see much of a future without revolution.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 7:35:14 PM

Btex

As Stalin said: "It doesn't matter who votes. What matters is who counts the votes."

Posted August 27, 2011 at 9:01:36 PM

Dale Ende

You must put out the word that conservatives far and wide must volunteer to work at polling places next election to keep the stealing of that election to an absolute minimum.

Posted August 27, 2011 at 9:12:54 PM

Douglas W St Clair

This was the subject heading: "Starbucks CEO: No Campaign Contributions Until Congress Fixes The Deficit" on an outsidethebeltway.com article I just read. You can bet it has my full support. I like the idea a whole lot.

Posted August 28, 2011 at 1:00:05 AM

HawkWatcher

The federal government has been operating outside Constitutional limits for many decades, and the practice continues.

I believe the methods for the restoration of our rightful liberties are described by the founders thusly:

- 1) Help elect those who will limit federal govt. to the enumerated powers
- 2) Fund court challenges against bad laws and govt. overreach
- 3) Petition and march against unlawful, failed, irresponsible, and destructive policies
- 4) If 1-3 fail, civil disobediance, then revolt and restore Constitution

Cheer up, we activists just helped elect a bunch of 1)s, and we are planning to elect many more in 2012. We are winning supreme court 2)s on first and second amendment rights, and Obamacare, crown jewel of the left, has been ruled unlawful. We 3)s showed up in Washington, and helped change the debate to include fiscal conservatism, and we'll petition and show up again, as they have chosen to mostly ignore us.

1-3 have not failed* yet, but election 2012 could be a tipping point. We're far from last resort 4), but if Washington in 2013 continues on it's irresponsible and unsustainable course to bankrupt the nation, all bets are off. We've seen the grim and unacceptable numbers on govt. websites, and will not saddle our progeny with the cost of such reckless statism.

It's our duty to be the keepers of the Constitution, to fund candidates who understand what needs to be done. We can't fix decades of decay in a few short election cycles, the entrenched and perverted political system will need to be greatly diminished before we truly move forward and regain liberty and prosperity.

*we don't yet live under full tyranny, being the qualifier for 4)

Posted August 28, 2011 at 6:05:07 AM

Tom Ulrich

When we reach the 50% mark (½ of our citizens receiving their paychecks from the federal government), all will be lost.

Tea Partiers need to go door to door in the neighborhoods and show their neighbors that they are not fire-breathing zealots intent on destroying our rights. As they go door-to-door, they should carry petitions asking that their state legislators to call for a constitutional amendment demanding a balanced budget with a 2/3 majority vote for tax increases. Every state can do so and, as the tide swells, legislators will not wait to be forced by a referendum but will bend to the will of the people and vote for that call to the federal government.

what a deal! we meet our neighbors and we move our agenda along constructively.

Posted August 28, 2011 at 8:37:20 AM

G Dub

My Fellow Patriots -

I am reading this today before our Sunday morning Mass knowing that I am very mush behind in my Patriot Post readings.

I truly believe that there is no better website for the dissemination of Conservative values and advocacy of Essential Liberty principles.

I am behind in my reading primarily because I have to spend more and more time in trying to save my business. You see I am one of those hated Health & Life Insurance Brokers. We Independents in the industry, who are driven to provide true and ethical service to our clients, are being systematically destroyed by O'Bismol's Marxist Administration. Like many of you who are "Makers", we are seeing our meager wealth being "Taken".

Thus, this month I am only able to write out a \$50 check to The Patriot Post.

Another \$50 check will be made out to my Church to help reduce our mortgage debt and a final \$50 shall go to purchase 100 rounds of Federal HST in .45 ACP.

I feel that all three \$50 investments are the most worthy and essential that I can make.

ps - I now see that the number of comments to this article by Mr. Alexander has reached 423. I have read them all.

While I may not be as eloquent as some, I am ready to march - and while my weapon of choice, a 105mm Howitzer Towed, is not available - my 1911 is ready, willing and able.

May God continue to Bless the Republic and the Patriots who protect Her.

Posted August 28, 2011 at 9:40:45 AM

G Dub

. . . make that Must instead of Mush in the first sentence.

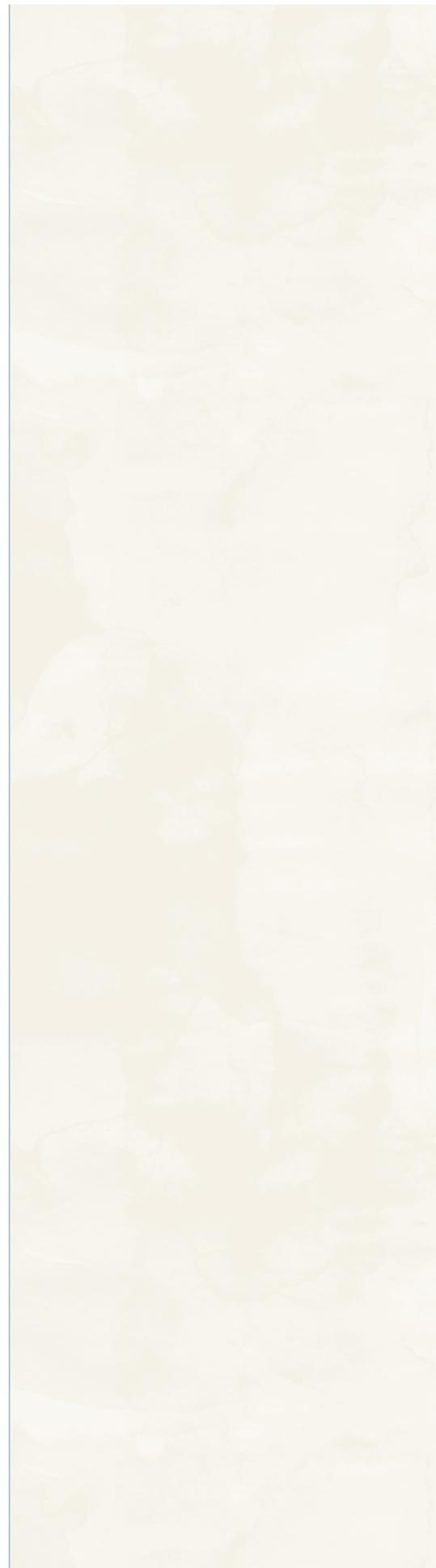
Only on my second cup of coffee. Sorry

Posted August 28, 2011 at 9:43:54 AM

MDP

Conservatism will prevail. We must all work to get out double or triple the vote. Those on the dole are lazy and though their numbers approach the tipping point, we can, and must, outwork them. Each of us needs to educate and deliver at least one additional conservative vote in 2012.

Posted August 28, 2011 at 9:44:18 AM



JBrancato

If one wants a real eye opener one should check out the 2008 HBO documentary "Hacking Democracy". Kinda spells things right out for you.

Posted August 28, 2011 at 10:49:23 AM

Hugh A. Hall

I've traveled all 50 States and Territories PREPARING AND INVITING participation in the 200th Birthday of the only country in history maintaining government by its people.

Free speech has changed. Many people in certain areas are hesitant to go to the Polls for fear of being intimidated by those who wish to disturb that PRIVILIDGE.

If you are one of those use; USE MAIL BALLOTS !.

It's easy for those who wish to do the same

Posted August 28, 2011 at 1:19:06 PM

Vindicator58

Our hearts go out to Hannah and her family. Been there and have done that. Painful...

Posted August 28, 2011 at 6:29:05 PM

Dennis E. Allen

I think we are on the precipice of a disaster here in the USA if we dont clean house in 2012. I feel we have a chance to turn things around. If OBUMMER steals the election again we are doomed as a Democratic Republic.....

Posted August 28, 2011 at 8:17:37 PM

Richard Arena

Coming from someone like Mark Alexander, the question , ballots or bullets, is anything but frivolous.

In 1961 when I received a top secret clearance the officer officiating the formalities stated, "the KGB now has a file on you." I remember wondering how the KGB got my name. Was the FBI compromised? Were there moles in our operation? Did they get my name through communications intercepts? What?

The point is, when Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano sent her infamous memo to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies warning that people like you and I are potential terrorists, you better believe, (as a subscriber and commenter on US Patriot Post), your name and mine are already on a "potential enemies to be rounded up in case of insurrection" list.

Why to I make that point? Because, if anyone is seriously thinking about armed insurrection, think again. How would that go down anyway? Would we go to Washington and storm the capital and the White House, guns a blazing?? Or would we go head to head with the US Military in the fields of Virginia and Pennsylvania? Even if you don't have a problem shooting at American service personnel (which I DO), armed civilians are no match for today's American military. This isn't 1780 or even 1863 . . . nor is it Libya.

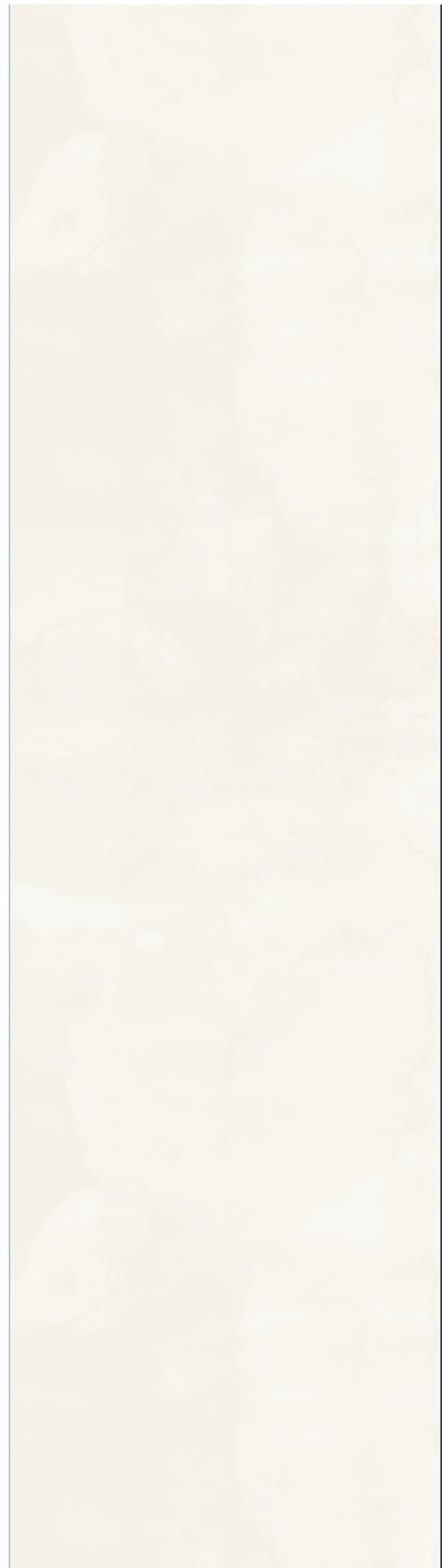
If that's not enough to bring anyone back to planet earth, Think about this. There is no way to keep insurrection plans secret - especially in the age of "the war on terrorism". If the government perceives a genuine threat of armed rebellion, it's sweep city - before you could say NRA, every person on Napolitano's potential enemies list will be living on MREs in a FEMA camp somewhere in the swamps of South Georgia.

So, let's get serious. Armed resistance, at least as far as regaining control of the government is concerned, is NOT an option. If you want to meet the thugs who come to house to take your gun or dispossess you from your home with a sixshooter in hand, that's up to you - but that's not going to return constitutional government.

Our only course for now IS the ballot box. We have be informed and vote. We also have to do our best to get every patriot we know to the polls EVERY ELECTION. We can also resist ACORN or Black Panther types who might be at the polls to intimidate or perpetrate fraud. In that regard we can volunteer to be poll watchers.

Okay, so what if Obama wins reelection - or more likely - what if another globalist RINO is elected and the slide toward an all powerful central government continues?

I hope Mark has the answer to that one. I sure don't.



Posted August 28, 2011 at 9:37:15 PM

[Dean Royalty](#)

We have a problem with greed in our country that manifests itself in the form of CRONY Capitalism. The way to stop this economic raping of our citizenry is to return to the GOLD Standard. Sound crazy? It is the truth! Our people are suffering economically, and if they understood what is happening they would vote for candidates who believe in sound fiscal policy, and our founders constitutional principles.

Posted August 28, 2011 at 10:19:30 PM

[Jackson](#)

Being a regular reader, I can only believe that your poor rating comes from those un - American socialistic and that other destruction groups who are out to destroy our country.

Posted August 29, 2011 at 1:01:08 AM

[Pat Mandeville](#)

I appreciate that the eastern side of Oklahoma has a Democrat as their congressman (a member of the NRA however), but you must remember that Oklahoma was the only state in the union that had every county vote RED in the last presidential election.

Posted August 29, 2011 at 10:25:09 AM

[Terry Christian](#)

I think most Americans accept the fact that our political system is corrupt. As such, illegal immigrants can vote, voter fraud is widespread, and politicians are afraid to make changes because they might lose votes. Until each state follows Missouri's example of no handouts or jobs to illegals, liberals will continue to protect their voting base by whatever means possible. We need more patriots and less liberals!

Posted August 29, 2011 at 11:46:40 AM

[BigJohn555](#)

First, I do not believe BHO wants to usher in "Democratic Socialism." I believe Communism and Islam are his goals.

I also believe that we have to insure that no more than 20-25% of the people are ever allowed to be on the public dole. If too many are on welfare, or think they will be able to get on welfare, they will continue to vote for those who promise them the most benefits from government. Congress has been buying votes with tax dollars (and borrowed dollars) for a few generations now, it has to stop.

Most important: Voter fraud should be treated as TREASON, which it is.

Posted August 29, 2011 at 12:12:37 PM

[XCpt](#)

There is an Einstein quote that goes something like "Problems cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them."

When the ballot box is looked at as how to solve the problem it demands an assumption that somehow the outcome of the ballot will make a difference in the direction the country is heading.

The grand idea that people would vote for the representatives of their government was only viable when those representatives had the intent of service to their country and not to whatever special interest group backed their election.

We can make the gesture of voting to be civil in how we want to change our government but when the people that are elected do not undo the damage caused by those they were elected to replace what is the value of that exercise? Or, even worse, when the number of people that vote to expand government exceeds those that want it restrained how will we ever be able to restore personal responsibility and liberty?

One party votes in something nobody likes, they are replaced in the next election, and that party just blames the other one for what it did and NEVER repeals or changes the laws that were passed.

There is another quote that goes something like "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result." It seems to me that we have been voting, over and over, to try and stop our

elected officials from destroying the dream and vision of our founding fathers but the result has always been the same, more government regulation and spending.

Maybe its time we try something different.

Posted August 29, 2011 at 12:43:35 PM

Norman F. Cates

We are destined for poverty and servitude if we can not get the national media under control. In every subject of general interest they define the problem, establish the parameters, control the uses of words in the discussion (pro choice vs anti abortion) and establish the end argument before the beginning.

We can't depend on Congress until the Tea Parties (which now number in the tens of thousands) can defeat those members of Congress who have been there more than thirty years and are more interested in their power than the good of the nation.

I speak for the benefit of my grandchildren (16) and great grand children (4 and 2 coming) rather than myself and my wife. We have lived through the depression and some very good times but I see worse ahead.

Posted August 29, 2011 at 4:17:01 PM

Patricia

My heart goes out to Hannah's family! We know what it is to lose a child; our oldest son came home over the Christmas holidays years ago and shot himself to death - we heard him scream and then we heard the shot. Four months after he died I wrote GRIEF which eventually went into a worldwide ministry. Is is now available on Internet. Just enter "Patricia Nordman, GRIEF" in a search engine and it will come up.

Dearest Phil, Lisa, Teal, David and Ryan: Know you are in our prayers and in our hearts. Romans 8:28 became so dear to me at that time. I know it's impossible to believe it right now, but ALL things do work together for a good that our dear Father has for us!

Posted August 29, 2011 at 5:11:56 PM

Ghostwalker

Excuse me, but...

Many folks over-look a very important point. And that is: what happens AFTER the ballot is cast.

Well, to put it on an 8th grader level: You just voted in a NEW GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE who "as an employee" is required to do the governments bidding in order to BE PAID by the government.

It would be EXACTLY the same if the people got to vote for who makes cheeseburgers at McDonald's.

However, when the new burger-flipper begins working, he/she/it is an EMPLOYEE OF MCDONALD'S. And therefore, must toe the McDonald's line.

YOU WORK FOR WHOEVER IS PAYING YOU!!!

Do you want a "representative"?

Then perhaps he/she/it should be paid by his/her/its state.

Then they would be required to toe the STATES LINE.

2ND POINT: WHO you are allowed to vote for.

If you look carefully, you'll see that your only choices are FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

You CANNOT go to www.firstchoice2012.com and vote for John Nutter. Nor can you go to www.sealionsfoundation.com and vote for Joshua Daniels. You CANNOT even vote for Marcus.

The corporate media decides who will be allowed on the ballot based on THEIR IDEA of who will SERVE THEM the best.

THEY decide who won a debate. THEY decide who is the most popular. THEY DECIDE!

You see, the DC government is closed to outsiders because there are too many outsiders who know the difference between a DEMOCRACY and a REPUBLIC.

No! They are NOT the same and are NOT interchangeable. Go read firstchoice2012.com ...LEARN THE DIFFERENCE!

Will the Ballot Box make a difference?

NOT until the DC Swamp is drained of Junior G-men, students of modern chemistry and NON-convicted felons.

Will bullets work?

I have a question to answer that:

"Can you name ONE NEIGHBOR of yours who will come to your defense when 50 well-armed and trained men come to your house because you drank RAW MILK or bought a GUITAR WITH ILLEGAL WOOD or preferred to take vitamins instead of mercury-laden vaccines???"

I didn't think so.

Bullets will only work with ONE GOAL and unity of Brothers-in-Arms willing to sacrifice some comfort in exchange for inalienable rights and freedom.

Take over YOUR TOWN and spread the Constitutional Republic from there.

ONLY ELECT people who understand that the Republics Constitution IS A LAW!

DUMP tolerance and diversity as they do NOT serve morality at all.

Attack DC and you be introduced to foreign UN troops who rape, rob and murder in the name of "peace-keeping".

(I've witnessed their aftermath with my own eyes!)

I prefer a Constitutional Republic over any Democracy, socialism or anything OBOZO's Clowns can come up with.

Got a better idea?

Let's hear it!

Posted August 29, 2011 at 7:42:07 PM

Al Mumit

So you think there's still a chance? You're all on Facebook, revealing your associations. The Nazis will use this information against you. You use grocery store saver cards, telling them what products you buy, carry telephones that can track your moves, and drive cars that can be deactivated via On Star. Hook bypass technology has been around for years, letting whomever avails themselves the power to listen in to your home. Your cable box tells them what programs you watch, your ISP tells them where you surf, and your CPP tells them who you communicate with. You think your computer is a safe place to store your personal information? Think again. Any activity you participate in, unless it is done without modern technology, is available for scrutiny. Even experienced outdoorsmen can only elude capture for a few days. Couple all that with the fact that you are outnumbered by the people on the left side of the Bell Curve, and your vote is null. Keep your powder dry? For what? When they decide to institute an Australian-like confiscation of privately owned weapons, how are you going to summon the courage to take what could be a last stand? Think you can actually risk that 50k-plus a year job? Tear yourself away from Monday night football? Who's gonna take little Skylar to soccer practice? Who's gonna make sure little Brittany has the right shoes for dance class? Face it...talk is cheap. As long as you take home more than they take out, you're gonna do nothing but grumble and make yourself feel better by knocking on doors to hand out literature to people who can't tell you who their State Representative might be... enjoy the last days of the grand old empire, friends...

Posted August 29, 2011 at 11:40:12 PM

Tony

How do you get things under control when the very people who belong to the entitlement crowd, are allowed to vote even though they do not pay taxes. They will vote for anyone giving them more cake. How did that once go, "Representation through Taxation"

Posted August 30, 2011 at 10:18:32 AM

waypasthadenough

It's time to stop arguing over the culture war. It's time to stop hunkering down for the apocalypse. It's time to stop waiting to get beamed up. It's time to start thinking Normandy.

If you sit home waiting your turn you deserve to have your gun taken from your cold dead hands.

The Founders didn't wait for the Brits to knock down their doors. They gathered at the green and stood up like men and they killed government employees all the way back to Boston.

What will you do when it's time to hunt NWO hacks, republicrats and commies("Liberals" and 'progressives')?

Don't understand? Start here: <http://willowtown.com/promo/quotes.htm> Then read my column 'Prepping for Slavery'

Posted August 30, 2011 at 10:30:53 AM

Jeff in MD

I believe those in power have been bought and paid for. It truly doesn't matter if it's Dem or Repub it will be more of the same, just a slightly different trajectory. Anyone that would/could truly change the system in place will be assassinated. In large groups Godless leaders of free market are just as dangerous as Godless socialists. If we (as a whole) continue to abandon God we will only pay a dearer price.

Posted August 30, 2011 at 3:48:39 PM

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Posted August 30, 2011 at 3:58:11 PM

Tony Ricci

I just read this article "Ballots & Bullets".

and enjoyed it very much.as I see it.[in my view anyway],Government is "offering" a silver platter of goodies to keep the masses at bay,why create jobs or re-tool our industry to compete with China? lets give our citizens what they want,food stamps,medical,unemployment etc.

if you recall in the days of the Soviet Union,we saw lines on National News for food,bread,fuel.

that's what Obama wants to happen here.

Obama and his cronies want to dismantle the American machine then once out of office it will be to late to reassemble by the next administration.

what is worse is cutting funds to the Defense industry.

like back in the 1970s we had what was called the "Hollow Military".

our failer in Vietnam drained our military resourses and it took President Ronald Regan to bring us back from the eclips.

it's time for term limnits,and time for the Rule of Law to retake its seat at the head of the table and not the kiddy table.

Posted August 30, 2011 at 6:48:50 PM

Mike

Without question we need term limits on both housee of Congress. WE needed them 30 years ago, now even more so.

Posted August 30, 2011 at 7:29:50 PM

Kirby

I have just finished a prayer for Hannah and her family. I will include them on my prayer chain.

May their grief be short, and memory long. A beautiful daughter, and I'm sure, a wonderful person. May she rest with God.

Posted August 31, 2011 at 10:51:01 AM

Mike Pietri

Why, as in the last election cycle, did the ballots in New York City have to be posted in four differnt languages?

Posted August 31, 2011 at 1:58:36 PM

Frank McNamee

As long as the people which benefit from entitlement programs are allowed to vote for those programs, we will never be able to correct the financing growth of those programs!

When the number of people benefiting from the programs exceed the number of people paying for those same programs, we will never get them under control!!!

No one, including politicians, will ever give up what they receive as benefits from the government!

Posted September 1, 2011 at 12:05:09 AM

Eric Gatlin

Ron Paul 2012

Posted September 2, 2011 at 2:58:05 PM

Mary

I'd like to know the political affiliation of the 500 wealthiest Americans in order either to prove or disprove the Democrat's constant carping that Republicans protect their rich supporters. The super-rich in my town are Democrats. I'd like unions to be required to disclose how union dues are spent---cui bono?

Posted September 19, 2011 at 2:36:25 PM

Robert H. Davidson

The ballot box is our only choice to remedy the current imbalance in our capitalistic system. Our population has a short memory and is constantly introduced to new political thought. That is why after 230 years this experiment in government we call a democracy is still not finished or perfected. I can only say we are living in this experiment and it is our job to carry it on until it is finished. I am grateful for nature's natural law in whom we trust!

Posted September 24, 2011 at 3:46:17 PM

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