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THE TIPPING POINT -- LIBERTY IN THE BALANCE

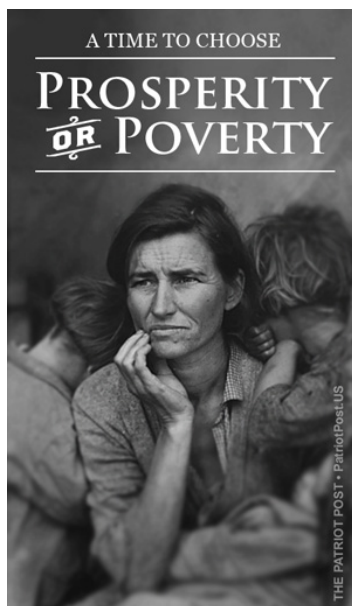
"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual -- or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country." --Samuel Adams (1781)

As a student of history, I would assert that in *no* election since [1860](#) has our nation been more viscerally divided along clearer battle lines than in the current contest between [Romney/Ryan](#) and [Obama/Biden](#).

The [contentious contrast](#) in this campaign cycle is not so much about political policies as it is about the overarching themes of [tyranny versus Liberty](#) -- [Rule of Law](#) versus [rule of men](#).

In just a few days, we will learn whether our nation has elected to move toward the restoration of Liberty, or if [Barack Hussein Obama's](#) propaganda machine has succeeded in fast-tracking our nation down the road to [Democratic Socialism](#).

In preparation for that revelation, I pause to take account of our bearing.



Today, as has been the case since the dawn of American Liberty, [Patriots](#) resist the temptation to set their course on moving objects. We are not moved by contemporaneous trends, such as [polling and focus groups](#). Instead, we set our compass on true north, on eternal truths "[endowed by our Creator](#)" as outlined in what Thomas Jefferson called the "[the declaratory charter](#)" of our rights, and the rights of man." Those rights are codified in our Constitution, which many of us have sworn to "[support and defend](#)" against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

This eternal bearing is central to our Patriot mission, and it will not change with the outcome of any election -- though the task before us will be much, much more difficult if enough of our countrymen lack the wisdom to vote for Liberty over tyranny.

In addition to the written records from our Founders of wisdom in support of Liberty and eternal truths, our team here at *The Patriot Post* is also blessed and humbled to count among the ranks of our readers hundreds of men and women from the Greatest Generation -- a generation that possesses wisdom that only comes with age. They have lived through presidential administrations from Wilson to Obama, and their wisdom has been forged in the fires of the Great Depression and World War II. They have witnessed the proliferation of socialist tyranny through Eastern Europe and Asia and the resulting slaughter of hundreds of millions of innocents. They have witnessed the grotesque tribal carnage in Africa and the Middle East.

They are also the generation who, through hard work and innovation in the context of a free-enterprise economy, built the strongest manufacturing operations in history; an economy based on tangible products "Made in the USA" by skilled workers and managers.

I receive letters almost every day from these elder Patriots, many of them expressing grief for the state of affairs they're leaving behind. Many of them bear a burden that they have somehow failed their posterity because the generations after them have not been instilled with a spirit of Liberty and civic duty sufficient to discern between candidates like Romney, who promote American Liberty, and those like Obama, who seek to undermine Liberty in their relentless pursuit of statist power.

One of these letters arrived Tuesday from one of my heroes -- [my father](#). He was born in 1923 and remembers well the hardship of the Depression. He became a Naval Aviator in World War II, came home to start a family, and over three decades built a small manufacturing operation into a company with hundreds of employees. That company was dealt a deathblow during the last Great Recession under Jimmy Carter.

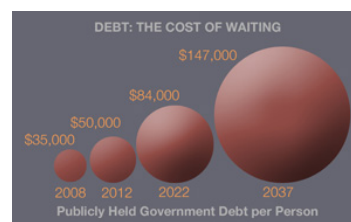
On the eve of his 90th birthday, my father is very concerned about the future of Liberty, and his concern has the bold bona-fide stamp of the wisdom of age.

His generation created great abundance, with the unintended consequence that following generations became progressively complacent, apathetic and dependent. This progression follows the fatal "[Cycle of Democracy](#)": From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to Liberty ([Rule of Law](#)); From Liberty to abundance; From abundance to complacency; From complacency to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage ([rule of men](#)).

Our nation is now suffering under another Great Recession. Like the last one, this recession is the direct result of [statist interventionist policies](#). These policies led to the collapse of real estate values, which cascaded into the banking collapse, which nearly took down the entire economy. (For the record, I outlined this sequence of our current economic decline a month before Obama was elected in 2008.)

John Adams wrote, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclination, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." But it's certainly easier to accept Obama's recurring premise: "It's George Bush's fault."

Just prior to the 2008 election, Obama said his objective was "fundamentally transforming the United States of America," and he called on his adherents to join him in "remaking this nation, block by block." Four years later and that transformation is well underway.



Since his election, Obama has undertaken measures in the name of "economic recovery" that will ultimately, by design, [break the back of free enterprise](#). His "stimulus

plan" is modeled on the Cloward-Piven strategy for economic transition, which he studied in depth as a student at Columbia University. This socialist stratagem calls for overloading the government welfare system to the point of crisis, requiring the replacement of that system with a national system of "guaranteed annual income and thus an end to poverty." This collapse is written into the genes of our nation's projected debt load, a burden that will crush free enterprise in the coming decade, without dramatic intervention.

So, how is Obama's strategy working thus far?

There are 23 million unemployed or underemployed Americans. Tens of millions who are working have not received sufficient pay increases to even keep up with inflation. On Obama's watch, we have record spending on welfare -- households considered impoverished have grown to one in six, and 47 million are on food stamps -- up 50 percent since Obama's election. Obama has also amassed \$5 trillion in new debt, and our national debt now totals \$16 trillion, which for the first time in history now exceeds U.S. annual economic output. On top of that, energy prices have doubled because of Obama's

restrictions on exploration, and economic growth has slowed to an anemic 1.3 percent.

Of course, what Mitt Romney needs to drive home at every stop is, the *real* "Obama tax" on the middle class is the fact that median household income has declined by \$4,520 (8.2 percent) since Obama took office.

As more Obama supporters remove their heads from their, uh, sandboxes, Obama's [propaganda machine](#) is running full steam, endeavoring to complete the colossal makeover to his "jobs president" façade in the remaining days of the campaign. That pig is gonna take a LOT of lipstick.

Even though unemployment ticked back up to 7.9 percent in October (taking some of the wind out of Obama's "road to recovery" rhetoric), he will still take credit for private sector job growth invoking his socialist "we've created jobs" mantra.

The fact is, job creation is more accurately a reflection of how resilient the private sector is *despite* Obama's [interventionist economic policies](#), and all the economic indicators would be *much* worse if not for that resilience.

As you recall, a few weeks before the Republican Confab in Tampa, Obama declared, "[The private sector is doing fine](#)," and insisted that we really need more government [read "union"] jobs. His Senate lap dog, Harry Reid reiterated, "It's very clear that private-sector jobs have been doing just fine. It's the public-sector jobs where we've lost huge numbers..." Both of these remarks unveil Obama's real "jobs" agenda.

Last week, as part of his "jobs" charade, Obama unveiled his phony "[The New Economic Patriotism](#)" brochure, a "plan" for jobs that will most assuredly seal the fate of our economy if he is re-elected. He's calling on Americans to "embrace a new economic patriotism," while his lapdog Joe Biden has declared paying higher taxes to be our "patriotic duty."

Ah yes, I recall some other socialists in Germany and Russia, early in the last century, who equated "patriotism" with "statism."

This week, Obama released his second term plan to establish a cabinet level "Department of Business." (Seriously, he did so with a straight face.) Of course there is already a Department of Commerce and a Department of Labor, both of which do nothing but impede job growth. So, we suppose the "Department of Business" will be Obama's final nail in the coffin of free enterprise.

At every campaign stop for the next three days, I would recommended this talking point for Mr. Romney: "Obama should propose a 'Department of GET OUT OF OUR Business,' so the U.S. economy can grow millions of new and better paying jobs."

So, we find ourselves in quite a quandary on the eve of this election: We have a committed [socialist president](#) who has won the allegiance of an electorate so dumbed-down by apathy and dependence that it views the state as a benevolent master.

Obama can depend on two principle constituencies who are irrevocably tied to the Left. About 30 percent of voters (60 percent of Obama's support) are primarily urbanites, whose allegiance has been [co-opted by the state](#) in return for redistributed wealth. Another 10 percent of voters (20 percent of Obama's support) are [ideological socialists](#), from Leftist academicians to Hollywood glitterati, and all the [Marxists in between](#).

It is that elusive 20 percent of independent voters who will determine if Obama or Romney will win. In 2008, a majority of independents joined with Obama's base constituencies to give him 53 percent of the popular vote for victory.

It's not that independent voters who supported Obama are ignorant; it's simply that, as [Ronald Reagan](#) once said of Democrats, "they know so much that isn't so." Indeed, they were enticed in the last election to support a candidate Joe Biden described as "the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy."



In this election year, there is a much clearer distinction between the candidate's ideologies and, fortunately, some of Obama's '08 supporters are coming to their senses, as typified in this Grassroots Commentary [letter from "Karen,"](#) expressing the buyer's remorse of an ill-informed vote.

My primary concern is whether Mitt Romney has made enough progress in closing the deal with grassroots independent voters -- not because he doesn't genuinely care about Americans from all walks of life, but because his staff is top-heavy with folks who, themselves, have little or no grassroots grounding. Though we know our "[Memo to Mitt From Grassroots Americans](#)" was delivered to his communications director, it wasn't evident in the last two presidential debates that those talking points ever made it to his debate strategists.

On Tuesday, we will, in the words of Thomas Jefferson, "make our election between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude."

Will enough independent voters choose Romney's plan to restore economy and move the needle back

toward Liberty, or will a majority again be mesmerized by Obama's rhetorical socialist propaganda? We will know the answer to that question in a few days.

What we know now is that if Romney is elected, he will face the monumental task of defusing the "debt bomb" Obama prepared to dropped on the economy. If Obama is reelected, that debt bomb will most certainly fulfill his promise of "fundamentally transforming the United States of America."

In the meantime, we must, as Patriots, do everything in our power to push right-minded Americans in every state, however discouraged they may be, to the polls. Recently, Obama proclaimed, "The most important lesson I've learned is that you can't change Washington from the inside." It is time to throw him out.

(Footnote: There is a wild card that could accelerate the Obama's Cloward-Piven strategy. He has been derelict in his duty to contain the [threat of al-Qa'ida](#) and other Muslim terrorist groups calling for jihad, or "holy war," against "all the enemies of Allah." These Jihadis seek to disable the U.S. economy using any means at their disposal, and thus, undermine our political, military and cultural influence around the world. Their primary objective is the acquisition and detonation of one or more nuclear weapons in East Coast urban centers. Obama has undertaken a deliberate campaign to understate the threat of al-Qa'ida's strength, which is why his administration attempted to blame the recent attack against American diplomats in Libya on a web video.)

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