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Reality Sets In For Democrats

There are less than 75 days until the 2010 midterm elections and Obama-Biden and Co. have all but hit the panic button. Polls indicate that jobs and the economy are the most important issues facing Americans, and the realization is setting in among Democrats that their economic record is an absolute failure and virtually indefensible. A recent poll conducted by Rasmussen Reports found that 85 percent of those surveyed said the economy was “very important” to them, topping the list of issues. As the old song goes, there’s “nowhere to run” and “nowhere to hide” for the Democrats.

The mountain of evidence in the court of public opinion speaks for itself. When President Obama took office, the nation’s unemployment rate was 7.7 percent, and today it is stuck at 9.5 percent. Since Obama signed his \$787 billion “stimulus” package into law, the United States’ economy has lost in excess of 2.5 million jobs. Early on, Mr. Obama and his administration stated that if their “stimulus” bill was passed, unemployment would not go *above* 8 percent; today they are saying it will not drop *below* 8 percent until late 2012! Even more discouraging is the matter of underemployment, or the number of workers who are unemployed or working part-time, but unable to find full-time work. An August 2010 Gallup survey of 15,000 adults found that 18.3% of those surveyed are underemployed.

In addition to the jobs problem, instead of dealing with our dire fiscal situation, President

Obama’s ultra-liberal ideology has driven him to spend America to the brink of bankruptcy. Hard-working American taxpayers understand that when you’re in a hole, the first thing you do is stop digging. Clearly, 2010 was not the time for Obama-Pelosi-Reid to pass an irresponsible multi-trillion dollar health care entitlement program. In January 2009 our national debt stood at \$10.6 trillion. Today, only 20 months later, our debt is \$13.3 trillion and climbing. In fact, a recent Treasury Department report found that if we stay on this path, the debt will rise to \$19.6 trillion by 2015! With regard to the federal budget deficit, the outlook is no brighter. According to *The Washington Post*, the deficit is now at record levels: “The latest forecast from the White House budget office shows the deficit rising to \$1.47 trillion this year, forcing the government to borrow 41 cents of every dollar it spends.”

At the moment, the Democrats appear to be lost at sea. Instead of focusing like a laser beam on jobs and fiscal problems (which is the preference of the American people), President Obama and Senator Majority Leader Harry Reid have wandered off-message over their responses to whether it’s appropriate to build a mosque near Ground Zero in Manhattan. On the same day Obama came out in favor of the mosque, Reid came out against it. When you have a situation in which two of the three top leaders in the national Democrat establishment are contradicting each

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other on the same day over such a controversial issue, one starts to wonder if things are spiraling out of control for the Democrats. This is the very incompetence Mr. Obama was campaigning against in 2008. According to *CNN*, “‘The danger here is an incoherent presidency,’ said David Morey, vice chairman of the Core Strategy Group, who provided communications advice to Obama’s 2008 campaign. ‘Simpler is better, and rising above these issues and leading by controlling the dialogue is what the presidency is all about. So I think that’s the job they have to do more effectively...’”

Unfortunately for the White House, our economic reality is not only a 2010 problem, but also a 2012 presidential campaign issue. Below is a chart of unemployment figures in 16 presidential swing states. The first column is the state’s unemployment rate when Obama took office. The second column is the state’s most current unemployment rate. The third column is the state’s lowest unemployment rate over the past 5 years. If this situation does not improve dramatically, it’s difficult to see how 2010 or 2012 will be a smooth ride for Obama-Biden and Co.

2012 Swing State	1/09	6/10	5-Year Low
Colorado	6.7%	8.0%	3.6% (May 07)
Florida	8.7%	11.4%	3.3% (May 06)
Indiana	8.8%	10.1%	4.5% (Jul 07)
Iowa	5.2%	6.8%	3.5% (Mar 07)
Michigan	11.3%	13.2%	6.7% (Apr 06)
Missouri	8.1%	9.1%	4.6% (Apr 06)
Nevada	9.6%	14.2%	4.2% (Mar 06)
New Hampshire	5.2%	5.9%	3.4% (Dec 07)
New Mexico	5.9%	8.2%	3.4% (Aug 07)
North Carolina	9.2%	10.0%	4.5% (Mar 07)
Ohio	8.6%	10.5%	5.3% (Apr 06)
Oregon	9.9%	10.5%	5.0% (May 07)
Pennsylvania	6.8%	9.2%	4.2% (May 07)
Virginia	5.7%	7.0%	2.8% (Apr 07)
Washington	7.5%	8.9%	4.4% (May 07)
Wisconsin	7.1%	7.9%	4.3% (Apr 08)

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Obama Flip Flops on Ground Zero Mosque

On Friday, August 13th, prominent Muslims gathered at the White House for a feast celebrating the Muslim holiday of Ramadan. President Barack Obama told the assembled guests that he backed the construction of a mosque at the site of Ground Zero in New York City, where the Twin Towers once stood.

Obama said, "Let me be clear: as a citizen, and as President, I believe that Muslims have the same right to practice their religion as anyone else in this country. That includes the right to build a place of worship and a community center on private property in lower Manhattan, in accordance with local laws and ordinances. This is America, and our commitment to religious freedom must be unshakeable."

The group of Muslims burst into applause at these remarks. Many later explained they felt the President's remarks were an endorsement of the mosque. The following day, the three major daily newspapers in New York and the Associated Press carried headlines about the president's support of the Ground Zero Mosque. The mosque's developer Sharif el-Gamal stated: "We are deeply moved and tremendously grateful for our President's words."

On Saturday, the group "9/11 Families for a Safe & Strong America," stated they were "stunned" by Obama's remarks, and that he had "abandoned America at the place where America's heart was broken nine years ago, and where her true values were on display for all to see."

Later on Saturday, as controversy erupted over his remarks, Obama decided he did not want to "be clear," and backed away from his earlier statement, saying:

"I was not commenting and I will not comment on the wisdom of making a decision to put a mosque there. I was commenting very specifi-

cally on the right that people have that dates back to our founding."

Obama's backtrack struck many as phony. It seems hard to believe the President wasn't giving his blessing to the Ground Zero Mosque before an assembled group of Muslims on one of their holy days in the White House. Given his choice of venue, it seems unlikely he would merely recite platitudes about already known religious freedoms in this country, while leaving it to others to decide on the "wisdom" of building the Ground Zero Mosque.

Who exactly were in attendance at the White House Ramadan celebration? According to Frank Gaffney of the Center for Security Policy, guests included:

Salam Al-Marayaki: president of the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC). Al-Marayati claimed the terrorist group Hezbollah is a legitimate organization.

Ingrid Mattson: head of the largest Muslim Brotherhood affiliate, the Islamic Society of America (ISNA).

And who exactly is behind the push to build this mosque in the first place? The leader is Kuwait-born Imam Faisal Abdul Rauf. A defender of sharia law, he refuses to condemn the terrorists Hezbollah. He stated that U.S. policies "were an accessory" to September 11th.

Despite claiming this 13 story Muslim Mega-Mosque will create a place of religious dialogue, Imam Rauf is on record for stating: "I don't believe in religious dialogue." Imam Rauf's organization is called the Cordoba Initiative. Cordoba was the site of the bloody Muslim conquest of Spain in 711 AD. Additionally, Middle East expert Daniel Pipes notes it is a well known tradition in

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Islam to build on top of a conquered location.

Many question the Cordoba Initiative's target date for opening the mosque: September 11th, 2011. As the newspaper *Investor's Business Daily* aptly noted: "Imagine on the 10th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, we let the Japanese erect a cultural center at the site of that attack. Exactly. It would never happen."

Many have also questioned where Imam Rauf expects to receive the estimated \$100 million he will need to build the mosque. Imam Rauf is presently touring the Middle East on a State Department sponsored goodwill tour, including visits to Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, and Qatar. The *New York Post* reports that he is also using the trip to raise funds for the Ground Zero Mosque.

How is it that Obama would back such a questionable thing in the first place? It comes from his radical Leftist worldview, and a willful disregard of the views of average Americans. During the 2008 campaign, he referred to small town America that voted against him as "bitter" and that they "cling to their guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment ... to explain their frustrations."

As the Ground Zero Mosque controversy erupted, blogger Matt Drudge unearthed a revealing 2007 interview Obama gave to the *New York Times*. In it, Obama stated he once got in trouble during his Qur'an study classes when he was growing up in predominantly Muslim Indonesia. He recited the opening lines of the Arabic Muslim call to prayer, "with a first rate accent." And he described the Muslim call to prayer as "one of the prettiest sounds on Earth at sunset." Based on this background, perhaps Obama thinks he understands Muslims better.

Perhaps Obama thought his initial remarks in support of the Ground Zero Mosque would help him with the Muslim world. His flip-

flopping has probably frustrated that world as much as it has outraged Middle America.

Indeed, even before President Obama waded into the issue, a CNN poll found that 68% of Americans were opposed to the mosque. Interestingly 54% of Democrats also say they are opposed to the mosque while 82% of Republicans are against the mosque. Independent voters are against the mosque by 70%. The timing of all this, just weeks before the anniversary of September 11th, could not have come at a worse time for Democrats, many of whom distanced themselves from the President's remarks.

Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) said Obama's comments show: "the president himself seems to be disconnected from the mainstream of America."



Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) is one of the many politicians to speak out against President Obama on this issue

Other Republicans who have come out against Obama's remarks include Sarah Palin, Rudy Giuliani, Newt Gingrich, and Marc Rubio. Giuliani stated: "So it not only is exactly the wrong place, right at Ground Zero, but it's a

mosque supported by an Imam who has a record of support for causes that were sympathetic to terrorism. Come on! We're gonna allow that at Ground Zero? This is a desecration. (...) Let's not put this off as some kind of politically correct theory. I mean, they died there because of Islamic extremist terrorism. They are our enemy; we can say that, the world will not end when we say that. And the reality is it will not and should not insult any decent Muslim, because decent Muslims should be as opposed to Islamic extremism as you and I are."

Conservative commentators such as Hugh Hewitt, Pat Buchanan, and Charles Krauthammer have called on elected officials to give Ground Zero the kind of historic site protections that other famous American battlefields receive, such as Yorktown and Gettysburg.



Speaker Nancy Pelosi spoke out against the majority of Americans who oppose the building of the mosque

Newt Gingrich noted that "Islamists and their apologists" ... "ignore the fact that more than 100 mosques already exist in New York City. Meanwhile, there are no churches or synagogues in all of Saudi Arabia."

Writing in Human Events, Gingrich also observed, "In some ways, it speaks to the good-

ness of America that we have had such difficulty coming to grips with the challenge of radical Islamists. It is our very commitment to religious liberty that makes us uncomfortable with defining our enemies in a way that appears linked with religious belief. However, America's commitment to religious liberty has given radical Islamists a potent rhetorical weapon in their pursuit of sharia supremacy."



Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich points out how radical Islamists are taking advantage of America's commitment to religious freedom

With so many Americans looking for jobs, once again, Democrats appear focused on other issues and completely at odds with the vast majority. Speaker Nancy Pelosi came out calling for an "investigation" of the Americans who oppose the Ground Zero Mosque.

Many independent voters, who were a key to Obama's election win in 2008, are experiencing buyer's remorse. This is not the change they were led to believe in. Nothing could more starkly expose how out-of-touch America's political class is than in its support of the Ground Zero Mosque.

Rebranding Won't Wash Away Real Problems

On August 14th President Obama, with his daughter in tow, waded into the waters of Panama City Beach, Florida. This bizarre publicity stunt was meant to assure the American public that the worst days of Deepwater Horizon oil spill are behind us, and now the country should return to business as usual.

The Obama Administration would love for this environmental crisis to shrink from our memories because it epitomized President Obama's lack of leadership. Rather than take an active role in managing and resolving the crisis, the Obama Administration sought to assess blame and punishment.

First, the Obama Administration struck a blow against our national interests by halting all new offshore drilling. Not only did this impact our energy production and supply, it made it impossible for thousands of workers to earn a livelihood.

Then Obama then went on a quest to find "whose ass to kick" before mandating that BP establish a \$20 billion fund to compensate those impacted by the spill. The fund would be administered by an appointee of the President's choosing. News reports indicate that this government-run compensation scheme may be prone to waste, fraud, and abuse; individuals with no economic injury, and in fact, no relationship whatsoever to the Gulf, could potentially apply for and receive funds from this program.

While the President has been enjoying the Gulf waters, his Administration has been taking action to distance itself from the crisis and the government's failures. Take for example, the Mineral Management Service ("MMS"). This little known branch of the Department of Interior is the government agency tasked with regulating

offshore oil exploration. Prior to the Gulf spill the agency was best known for its employees having carried on illicit and inappropriate relationships and activities with the industry insiders they regulated.



In a publicity stunt, President Obama swims with daughter Sasha in the Gulf waters off the coast of Panama City, Florida.

After becoming associated with the oil spill, and perceived as having been complicit or negligent in its oversight of BP, MMS was a liability for the Obama Administration. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar found the solution – rebrand it! Just like ACORN changed its name after videos surfaced showing the community organizing association counseling individuals on how to evade taxes and engage in criminal activity, MMS has dropped its tarnished brand in favor of something more palatable: the "Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement."

As is typical in the Obama Administration, rather than focusing on the underlying problems that need to be addressed, they believe that a carefully crafted public relations campaign will satisfy the American public. We cannot allow the Obama Administration to shift our focus away from the Administration's failures.

Citizens United Productions Presents



Citizens United is proud to announce that we have three new films in production that will be released in the coming months. These films will be hosted by the likes of Dick Morris, Rep. Michele Bachmann, as well as Newt and Callista Gingrich.

America at Risk

Hosted by Newt and Callista Gingrich, our newest film vividly demonstrates the dangers facing America, nine years after the attacks on 9/11. Today, Washington refuses to tell the truth about the war we are fighting. According to experts, we are at war with Radical Islamists -- and it is a war we are losing. Shot in high definition, *America at Risk*, features terrorism, national security, and Middle East experts, including Bernard Lewis, former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, Debra Burlingame, Walid Phares, Andrew McCarthy, former UN Ambassador John Bolton, former CIA Director R. James Woolsey, Tony Blankley, Steven Emerson, Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, Michael Leeden, Frank Gaffney, Michael Scheuer, Reihan Salam, and others. Every citizen who is concerned about our nation's safety and security should see this compelling and powerful documentary.

Fire from the Heartland

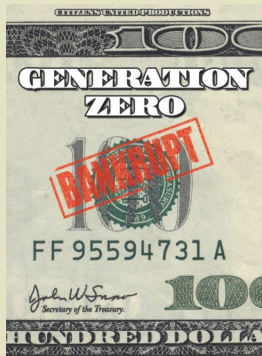
Congresswoman Bachmann (MN-6) and other powerful, conservative women give their ideas about the root causes of our crisis; how our country got into its current economic predicament; what impact the crisis will have on Americans today and future generations; and what steps our country must take in order to solve its daunting problems. Featuring commentary from Anne Coulter, actress Janine Turner, and others involved in both the DAR and Tea Party protests, this film is certain to shed a new light on our nation's most pressing issues.

Bill of Indictment

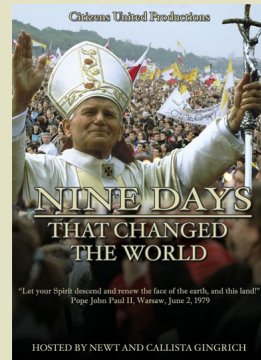
Bill of Indictment is a no-holds barred look at the "Imperial Congress" and what it has done to the United States. This film is a call-to-action to bring America back to the great nation it once was by restoring government into the hands of responsible legislators. *Bill of Indictment* will explore the decline of America during sixty years of Democrat rule from 1932-1994 and remind viewers how government needs to have limits in order to function effectively. The film will further detail how "The Contract with America" and the "Gingrich Revolution" took the nation by storm and led to one of the most profound changes in the American political landscape.

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FINAL THOUGHT FROM
CITIZENS UNITED PRESIDENT
DAVID N. BOSSIE

Dear Friend,

On July 27, 2010 the Senate failed to advance the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act (“DISCLOSE Act”). The leaders of the Democratic Party including Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senator Chuck Schumer, and President Barack Obama crafted the legislation to silence speakers whose rights were restored by the Supreme Court decision *Citizens United v. FEC*.

While Congressional leaders spent six months reacting to the *Citizens United* decision our economy continued to teeter on the brink. The liberal elites focused their energies on the DISCLOSE Act rather than focusing on meaningful fiscal policy to help strengthen our economy.

Reid and Schumer had planned to pass the DISCLOSE Act by the Fourth of July so that they could regulate and silence political speakers in the November elections. Once this was no longer a viable option, I assumed they would return to the business of promoting economic growth, saving jobs, and preventing massive tax increases from stifling our economy.

Unfortunately they haven’t gotten the message. Instead of addressing the issues most concerning the American public, Senator Schumer has vowed to “go back at this bill again and again and again until we pass it.” Senator Schumer isn’t the only one still fixated on *Citizens United*.

Having chastised the Supreme Court during the State of the Union for their decision, as well as praising Elena Kagan for her work arguing *Citizens United*, President Obama has committed himself to the fight against free speech. Just this month, President Obama again sought to demagogue the issue during a fundraising event:

“And part of what’s happened in this landscape is the Supreme Court — those of you who don’t think the Supreme Court matters, their ruling in *Citizens*

United, which said that corporations, including potentially foreign corporations, can go ahead and spend unlimited amounts without disclosing who they are during election season — means that you’re going to have a whole bunch of organizations like Americans for Prosperity — (laughter)

— spending millions of dollars trying to roll back reforms that we’ve initiated. And you won’t even know who they are, because right now the law says they don’t have to disclose who they are.”

President Obama’s recent rhetoric is more calculated than that used in the State of the Union address. His allegations that “the Supreme Court reversed a century of law that I believe will open the floodgates for special interests – including foreign corporations – to spend without limit in our elections” have in large part been refuted as evidenced by his own remarks.

In reality the DISCLOSE Act will silence political speech by imposing a burdensome new reporting regime as well as raising the costs of political speech through expanded disclaimer requirements. Though it will chill speech, President Obama continues to defend the legislation as “the least we can do is, on behalf of our democracy.” Instead of trying to silence political speech Congress and the President should focus on the economy. This is a message that should resonate with Harry Reid. After all, since Harry Reid became Senate Majority Leader unemployment in Nevada has more than tripled, going from 4.4% to 14.2%. Rather than fret over how the American public may exercise their right to political speech during this election cycle, it’s time our elected representatives focus on the real issues.

Sincerely,
David N. Bossie

