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8 Reasons William Daley is a Peculiar Pick for Obama's Chief of Staff

Whether you're Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, there are plenty of reasons to question the wisdom of President Obama's decision to hire William Daley as his new White House chief of staff. Here are the top eight:

Reason # 1 - Enron

One of the many scandals that plagued the Clinton Administration was the allegation that major political donors were rewarded with trips on Commerce Department trade missions abroad. Then-Commerce Secretary William Daley actually rewarded an executive from the infamous Enron Corporation with a trip to South Africa. According to *The Weekly Standard*, "Enron, then a growing giant in energy trading, practically had a reserved seat on Clinton administration trade junkets. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, who egregiously linked political donations to government assistance, accompanied Enron chairman Ken Lay on a mission to India. Enron president Joseph Sutton was on the trip to Bosnia during which Brown lost his life in a plane crash (Sutton was not on Brown's plane at the time). After Brown's death, Enron's Terence Thorn, a \$1,000 donor to the Clinton-Gore campaign, traveled with Commerce Secretary William Daley to South Africa. Ken Lay also traveled with Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary on her trade trips." Will Daley authorize these types of inappropriate rewards for big contributors now that he is back in power? Time will tell how far Daley is willing to go to get President Obama re-elected.

Reason #2 - Lewinsky

In January 1998, when news broke that President Clinton was having an affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky and he asked some involved to perjure themselves and obstruct justice, William Daley publicly stated that he believed Clinton was telling the American people the truth when he denied the allegations. As reported in

The Washington Post, "Albright and other Cabinet members who appeared outside the White House accepted Clinton's denials of wrongdoing. 'I believe that the allegations are completely untrue,' she said. 'I'll second that, definitely,' said Commerce Secretary William Daley, followed by Education Secretary Richard W. Riley and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala." This speaks volumes about Daley's character and how far he would go to protect his boss at any cost, regardless of the pain the ordeal would cause the country. Don't look for a lot of "straight talk" from William Daley.

Reason # 3 - Fannie Mae

William Daley received fees, deferred compensation, and stock options for his service on the board of directors of the infamous-Fannie Mae. According to *The Washington Post*, "After Clinton passed over Daley for a Cabinet post in his first term, he appointed him to the Fannie Mae board. Daley reported collecting \$24,814 in director's fees in 1996 from the firm. He also listed deferred compensation and stock options from Fannie Mae worth between \$215,000 and \$500,000." *The Wall Street Journal* reported in 2010 that the multi-billion dollar bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac "is likely to be the most expensive legacy of the U.S. housing-market bust." What devastating policies did Daley turn a blind eye to at Fannie Mae?

Reason #4 - Gore 2000

Despite the liberal media's characterization of William Daley as a top-notch political operative, he somehow managed to lead Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign to a stunning defeat. As Gore's campaign chairman beginning in June 2000, Daley let Gore's home state of Tennessee slip into the George W. Bush column - which was the difference in the election.

If Gore had carried Ten- *Continued on the next page...*

nessee's 11 electoral votes, Florida would not have mattered. Furthermore, in November of 2000, the unemployment rate in the United States stood at 3.9 percent (it's 9.4 percent currently), but somehow Daley couldn't get the sitting VP over the top. Note to President Obama: don't forget about Illinois in 2012.

Reason #5 - NAFTA

In 1993, William Daley led the charge to enact the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which, according to millions of Union members and many leading Democrat politicians, enables U.S. jobs to be shipped overseas and is bad for the U.S. economy. A February 2008 headline in the *Boston Globe* said it all: "*Democrats compete to outbash NAFTA...*" This was in reference to Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama threatening to withdraw from NAFTA on the eve of the Ohio Democrat presidential primary in 2008: "Cranking up their populist rhetoric, Senators Hillary Clinton are outbidding each other as they attack NAFTA before their showdown in Ohio's Democratic presidential primary Tuesday. Both have threatened to withdraw from the 14-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement if Mexico and Canada refuse to negotiate changes..." With unemployment at 9.4 percent, look for Union bosses and members to give President Obama an earful for two years about his hiring of Daley. If you were a union household, how motivated would you be to vote for Obama with the architect of NAFTA giving him advice?

Reason #6 - JP Morgan

William Daley's most recent executive job was with JP Morgan, the company Democrat Sens. Al Franken and Bob Menendez called for an investigation of in October 2010. According to a Franken press release: "U.S. Sens. Al Franken (D-Minn.) and Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) pressed the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to investigate whether Ally Financial, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America and other mortgage servicing companies and banks routinely filed false affidavits, triggering thousands of illegal foreclosures on unwitting homeowners in Minnesota and across the country." Let's also not forget that JP Morgan received \$25 billion in TARP funds and then engaged in questionable spending on Daley's watch. As reported by *ABC News* in 2009: "Embattled bank JPMorgan Chase, the recipient of \$25 billion in TARP funds, is going ahead with a \$138 million plan to buy two new luxury corporate jets and build 'the premier corporate aircraft hangar on the eastern seaboard' to house them..." This is the precise behavior President Obama railed against to help enact his job killing Wall Street reform legislation.

Reason #7 - Obamacare

The centerpiece of President Obama's domestic policy agenda is his trillion dollar health law. In fact, the success or failure of the law will go a long way in determining whether or not Obama will be rewarded with a second term by the American people. But Daley himself wrote an op-ed in *The Washington Post* in December of 2009 in which he advised Democrats "to steer a more moderate course" on issues such as health care. As we know, President Obama shunned this advice and rammed the wildly unpopular piece of legislation through the process. As Obama begins to relentlessly promote the law on the campaign trail over the next two years, how could he hire a chief of staff who opposed the legislation?

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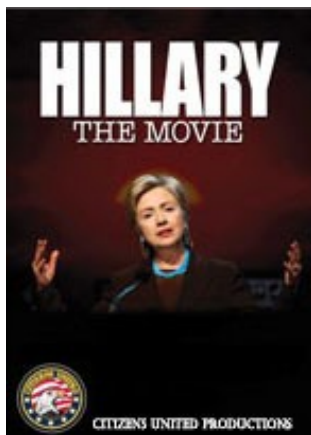
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CU v. FEC One Year Later

What a difference a year makes. On January 21, 2010, the Supreme Court released its landmark decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*. The decision struck down unconstitutional provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2002, better known as McCain-Feingold. In doing so, the Supreme Court delivered a tremendous victory for the First Amendment.



Citizens United's film "Hillary: The Movie" was what initially instigated the court case between Citizens United and the FEC

Over the course of the past year we've begun to see the impact of the decision. We've also seen tremendous changes in our nation. Americans from coast to coast have rejected the failed policies of the President Obama, Representative Nancy Pelosi, and Senator Harry Reid. In November, voters voiced their opposition to their failed policies and swept Republicans into office, resulting in a net gain of 63 seats in the House of Representatives.

The people have spoken. Our elected leaders are beginning to listen. Take for example one of the first actions of the House of Representatives -- for the first time in our Nation's history, the United States Constitution was read aloud on the Floor of the House of Representatives. For over 200 years Members of Congress have sworn an oath to uphold the Constitution, but never before has the document been read on the House Floor. Not only that, but throughout the 112th Congress, any legislation that is proposed must cite which specific provision of the Constitution empowers Congress to enact such legislation. Our Nation's founding principles are being given greater attention and thought.

In part, the shift in the national debate can be attributed to the Supreme Court having restored the First Amendment protection of political speech. The *Citizens*

United decision was an important victory for our organization, but also for the free speech rights of all Americans. It allowed Citizens United to continue spreading its message of limited government, freedom of enterprise, strong families, and national sovereignty and security through our films.

Unfortunately, many incumbent politicians, for political gain, have chosen to ignore the First Amendment in favor of harshly attacking a Supreme Court decision that they fear. In the year since *Citizens United* was decided, it has been the subject of countless unwarranted attacks:

- Senator Al Franken (D-MN) claimed, "*Citizens United* was an incredible act of judicial activism. It turned back a century of federal law, and it nullified Minnesota's twenty-year-old ban on corporate spending in elections."
- Senator Arlen Specter (D-PA), in his farewell address, alleged Citizens United "effectively undermin[ed] the basic democratic principle of the power of one person, one vote."
- Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) argued that "if we don't act quickly to confront this ruling, we will have let the Supreme Court predetermine the outcome of next November's elections. It won't be Republicans or Democrats; it will be Corporate America and other special interests."
- Former Representative Dan Maffei (D-NY) went so far as to blame the case for his ouster from Congress: "Clearly the *Citizens United* decision decided this race."



Former Rep. Dan Maffei (D-NY) was a leading voice of opposition against Citizens United's Supreme Court victory against the FEC

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Despite his inflammatory rhetoric, former Representative Maffei is, in part, correct. *Citizens United* did foster a vigorous, free, and open political debate during the past election cycle that helped voters make informed decisions about candidates. It is this robust debate which empowered voters to oust dozens of incumbent members of Congress and ultimately resulted in a Republican majority in the House of Representatives.

Reviewing data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics from the 2004, 2006, and 2008 election cycles shows that liberal interest groups had thrived under McCain-Feingold's burdensome campaign finance regime. In 2004, liberal interest groups outspent conservatives, \$121 million to \$68.5 million. In 2006, liberal interest groups outspent conservatives, \$39 million to \$19.6 million. In 2008, the trend continued with liberal interest groups outspending conservative groups \$159.5 million to \$120.2 million.

It was only in 2010 that the playing field was leveled. *Citizens United* removed barriers to speech, which allowed any and all groups to exercise their First Amendment rights. In the 2010 cycle they did, with conservative interest groups outspending liberal groups \$190.6 million to \$91.7 million. While these numbers are large, it is important to keep them in perspective. The political parties account for far more political spending than outside groups. In 2010, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, the Democratic National Committee, and associated campaign committees, raised over \$800 million and spent \$736 million. The Republican National Committee, and associated campaign committees, raised approximately \$604 million and spent \$618 million. In this cycle, outside groups helped place the political parties on equal footing.

Incumbent members of Congress feared this outcome. Unsure of how Americans would exercise their newly restored rights, leaders of the Democrat party, including Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), then-Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI), and Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), hastily cobbled together legislation in April designed to burden those seeking to exercise their First Amendment right to political speech. Their misleadingly named DISCLOSE Act would have imposed onerous and unconstitutional disclosure obligations on small businesses, corporations, and membership organizations that sought to enter the political arena.

The self-serving nature of these efforts became clear as Democrats engaged in back room deal-making to exempt labor unions and some of our nation's largest spe-

cial interest groups from the provisions of the legislation. This bill was little more than an effort to stifle speech that congressional Democrats objected to. What they failed to recognize is that the only effective way to counter speech that you do not like is through allowing more speech, not less.

Fortunately, this attack on the First Amendment did not make it past the United States Senate during the 111th Congress. The newly sworn in 112th Congress differs substantially from the 111th. The Republicans hold a convincing majority in the House of Representatives and the Democrat majority in the Senate has been significantly narrowed.

One casualty of the wave of electoral change last November was Senator Russ Feingold, the second half of "McCain-Feingold" and a principle sponsor of the DISCLOSE Act and other efforts to restrict political speech. While the 112th Congress may re-evaluate some aspects of the campaign finance system, fortunately, it is unlikely to revisit the DISCLOSE Act.



Former Senator Russ Feingold (here with Supreme Court Judge Elena Kagan), is the second half of "McCain-Feingold" and a leading sponsor of the DISCLOSE Act

Now, having completed one federal election cycle since the Court's decision, it is clear that, contrary to President Obama's dire warnings, *Citizens United* did not "open the floodgates for special interests -- including foreign companies -- to spend without limit in our elections." What the decision actually did was allow millions of Americans, previously without a voice in the political arena, to be heard.

CONSERVATIVE COMMUNIQUE

The following is a missive Citizens United signed along with a who's who list of conservative leaders and organizations addressing eight points we believe Washington should focus on in 2011.

Along with nearly 100 conservative leaders and tea party activists we gather to reaffirm our principles of constitutional limited government and economic freedom and our belief in a strong national security and traditional American values. In the recent election, the American people sent a strong message to the President and both Houses of Congress that they insist upon government grounded in constitutional principles and a restoration of Federalism.

Now we call upon President Obama and leaders in Congress to return America to a true and prosperous Nation by passing legislation and implementing policies supported by the vast majority of our fellow citizens that achieve the following:

Repeal of Obamacare. The President should acknowledge that the voters have spoken. The 112th Congress must now follow through and immediately pass a bill that repeals Obamacare. Until Congress is able to get the President to sign a law repealing Obamacare, it must withhold funding, block key provisions and override regulations implementing Obamacare. Only after Obamacare is rejected, can Congress undertake a careful, thoughtful legislative process to make practical adjustments that allow the free market to provide affordable, effective health care insurance choices.



President Obama and Vice President Biden applaud as the House passes the widely contested healthcare reform bill that conservatives want immediately overturned

Sustained Economic Growth and Job Creation. The 2010 election outcome was a rejection of President Obama and the Democratic Congress failure to enact policies that create economic growth and enable free enterprise to create more jobs. The President and Congress must now not raise taxes; it is vital that they encourage sound monetary policy, and eliminate unnecessary and job killing regulations.

Ensure No American Pays Higher Taxes. Congress must reject any Obama tax hikes, end the "death-tax" and make permanent the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003, thereby helping the economy grow and create more jobs.

Cut Government Spending. Congress has approved more spending than even the federal bureaucracy can handle. The new Congress should fulfill its pledge to reduce actual spending to pre-Obama levels and eliminate tax-payer dollars for private organizations that engage in political advocacy. Congress should then further reduce spending to work towards balanced budgets and begin to reduce the national debt.

Protect America-An Exceptional Country. The first duty of government is to protect its citizens from foreign threats and secure our nation's borders. Peace comes through strength-not vulnerability, not appeasement and not an apologetic America. The new Congress should support our troops at home and abroad, strengthen the alliance of free and democratic nations, and oppose any surrender of American sovereignty to the United Nations and other transnational organizations. The new Congress also should support comprehensive missile defense.

Restore Traditional American Values. Conservatives recognize that government policies which weaken the family take a special toll on the poor. The results of families falling apart has huge moral and financial costs for all of us since society will pay through wasteful and fraud ridden programs supporting the welfare state. Congress should immediately ban tax-payer funding of abortion providers, promote policies that uphold the sanctity of human life, and oppose policies & programs that are destructive towards traditional marriage and families.

No More Bailouts. President Obama and Congress must end government bailouts of private companies, Wall Street financiers, and State governments that have spent far beyond their means. It is inherently unfair to burden working Americans with higher taxes and creating future debts to bailout those who have failed to act responsibly.

Resist President Obama's Court Packing Scheme. Our nation is a rule of laws, not men. To this end, the Senate should vote to confirm only those men and women committed to the rule of law and reject, procedurally or otherwise, judicial activists who would bring a personal agenda to the bench.

New Leaders with a New Opportunity. The American people have sent new leaders to Congress. They expect them to use every aspect of their constitutional authority to secure these goals. Liberals will seek to preserve the expansions of government and thwart the mandate from this election--hoping the American people will not pay attention.

As new leaders your mission is to fulfill this mandate. Work with the President and his allies when they agree to conservative goals. But do not compromise on fundamental principles of freedom and limited constitutional government. Repeal the mistakes of the past, and then lead with new approaches that work and will accomplish these goals. When you do we, and the American people, are prepared to stand with you in the coming two years.

CONSERVATIVE ACTION PROJECT

- David N. Bossie, President, Citizens United
- Edwin Meese III, former Attorney General
- Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council
- Colin Hanna, President, Let Freedom Ring
- Phyllis Schlafly, President, Eagle Forum
- Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform
- Penny Young Nance, CEO, Concerned Women for America
- Gary Aldrich, President, Liberty Central & Chairman, CNP Action Inc.
- Duane Parde, President, National Taxpayers Union
- James Martin, Chairman 60 Plus Association
- James C. Miller III, former Reagan Budget Director
- Morton C. Blackwell, Chairman, The Weyrich Lunch
- Brian Brown, President, National Organization for Marriage
- Alfred Regnery, Publisher, American Spectator
- Mario H. Lopez, President, Hispanic Leadership Fund
- Becky Norton Dunlop, President, Council for National Policy
- J. Kenneth Blackwell, Chairman, Coalition for a Conservative Majority
- Richard Viguerie, Chairman, ConservativeHQ.com

- Dr. Herbert London, President, Hudson Institute
- Elaine Donnelly, President, Center for Military Readiness
- T. Kenneth Cribb, former Domestic Advisor to President Reagan
- Tom Winter, Editor-in-Chief, Human Events
- Bob Adams, Executive Director, League of American Voters
- Angelo M. Codevilla, Professor Emeritus, Boston University
- Donna Hearne, Executive Director, Constitutional Coalition
- David McIntosh, former Member of Congress, Indiana
- Herman Cain, President, The NEW Voice, Inc.
- Andrea Lafferty, Executive Director, Traditional Values Coalition
- Bill Pascoe, Executive Vice President, Citizens for the Republic
- Gary Marx, Executive Director, Judicial Crisis Network
- Mathew D. Staver, Founder & Chairman, Liberty Counsel
- Suhail A. Khan, Chairman, Conservative Inclusion Coalition
- Susan Carleson, Chairman & CEO, American Civil Rights Union
- Ron Robinson, President, Young America's Foundation
- Brent Bozell, President, Media Research Center
- Frank Gaffney, President, Center for Security Policy
- Tim Goeglein, Vice President, Focus on the Family
- Curt Levey, Executive Director, Committee for Justice
- Amy Noone Frederick, President, 60 Plus Association
- Ambassador Henry Cooper, Chairman, High Frontier
- Bill Wichterman, former Special Assistant to President George W. Bush
- Austin Ruse, President, Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute
- Kay Daly, President, Coalition for a Fair Judiciary
- Dr. Bob Reccord, Executive Director, Council for National Policy
- Karen Kerrigan, President, Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
- Rev. Lou Sheldon, Traditional Values Coalition
- David Y. Denholm, President, Public Service Research Foundation

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Reason #8 - His Last Name Is Daley

William Daley is a leading member of the infamous Daley Political Machine in Chicago. With the choice of Daley as his new chief of staff, President Obama continues to break his central promise to usher in a new kind of politics. Mr. Obama’s 2012 slogan might as well be “anything to get re-elected.” And that’s a long, long way from “change we can believe in.”

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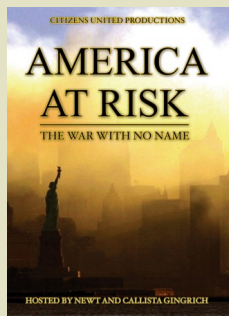
Battle for America

Battle for America: with Dick Morris is a no-holds barred look at the “Imperial Congress” and what it has to 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.

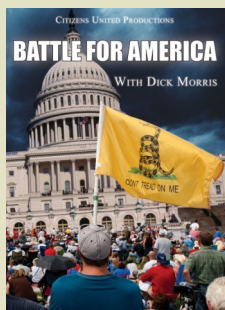
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FINAL THOUGHT FROM
CITIZENS UNITED PRESIDENT
DAVID N. BOSSIE

Dear Friend,

When the 112th Congress was sworn in earlier this month, they were handed the monumental task of cleaning up the mess made by the Democrat-controlled 111th Congress. First and foremost, it should be the goal of this Congress not to increase the exploding national debt on all Americans. The 111th Congress added a seemingly impossible \$3.22 trillion to the national debt— in just two years— for a grand total of nearly \$13.9 trillion and counting. Every American man, woman and child now owes \$44,886.57 each toward the national debt. America cannot sustain itself on this massive borrowing and trillion-dollar deficit spending.

The newly elected Republican majority in the House and the narrowed Republican minority in the Senate have to address this fiscal crisis head-on in the 112th Congress. First, they have to take care of the unfinished business of funding the government for Fiscal Year 2011. Substantial cuts need to be made and hard choices must be dealt with in a responsible manner. As Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Michael Mullen has said, “The most significant threat to our national security is our debt.” Not terrorism, not nuclear weapons, not rouge nations, but our national debt. It has come to the point that the head of the United States military has waded into the debate. Unfortunately, President Barack Obama has only responded to this dire issue with a toothless commission and press releases... not real action. When President Obama releases his budget for Fiscal Year 2012 in the next month, a clearer picture will unfold of his intentions. Is President Obama ready to deal with reality?

The biggest debt creators by far are the entitlement programs. Social Security and other enti-

tlement programs are known as the third rail of politics. Neither Republicans nor Democrats want to touch these programs for fear of voter revolt. In the past that might have been true, but with House Republicans gaining 63 seats and Senate Republicans gaining 6 seats, the message was clear to Washington: get your fiscal house in order. Voters will respect politicians more if they tell the truth about our dire financial situation.

I applaud House Republicans for bringing up the repeal of “Obamacare” so quickly. Congress spent a better part of a year-and-a-half debating the issue of the government takeover of health care. Republicans in the House are rightly not going through that spectacle again with the unemployment rate at nearly 10 percent and millions of Americans needing jobs and mature economic stewardship. Smartly, Republicans will not drag out the issue and play right into the hands of President Obama in his quest to regain the upper hand on the economy.

The 112th Congress will have an opportunity to right the many wrongs that occurred in the last Congress, particularly in the area of spending. Republican leaders in both houses must have a clear and concise message and hold true to their conservative fiscal values. It will not be an easy task, and the temptation to spend like drunken sailors will be there. But the voters spoke with a clear message last November, now they want results.

Sincerely,

David N. Bossie
President of Citizens United

