

AMERICA'S GREATEST BATTLE IS NOW

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Since Barack Obama was elected just two years ago, the American people have been gradually awakening to the frightening reality that their own government—under the control of socialists and revolutionaries who despise America and what she stands for—is on a track to obliterate her by destroying her economy, her free enterprise system, her rule of law, and her Constitution.

As the months passed and economic chaos and unemployment exploded, a large majority of Americans were increasingly infuriated by the regime's brazen lack of response to clearly expressed concerns—ranging from demands to halt ruinous spending and government bailouts and takeovers of private industry, to frustration with President Obama's dithering over needs for reinforcements in Afghanistan—from his alarming disconnect with the Gulf oil spill to his obvious contempt for the American people as he rammed Obamacare through Congress over their loud and oft-expressed objections. The pent-up anger and frustration of voters finally had its day, as voters kept their promise to "clean House" on November 2, sending 63 new Republican members to the House of Representatives, and adding six new members to the Senate.

Enemies of the Republic

What many Americans had not realized up until now is that progressives (a label more acceptable to the far-Left than *socialist* or *revolutionary*) have been working steadily since the Woodrow Wilson administration toward achieving a dictatorship in this country. They have whittled away for decades, undermining the balance of powers that enabled our republic to function as designed, without over-reach by any one branch. Slowly and methodically, those who want a "fundamental transformation" of America have been formulating and enacting their plans to destroy the structure that has been the strength of our democratic republic.

- Today, the executive branch of the United States government has taken upon itself the power to do almost anything it wants.
- Increasingly, activist judges rule by judicial fiat from the bench, defying legislative authority and even ignoring laws already on the books.
- Under the Constitution, only the legislative branch can make laws; but that branch has given up alarming amounts of its authority to both the judicial and the executive branches, and has ceded its authority in many instances to agencies of the bureaucracy—most of which are headed up by appointees of the President.

Executive misuse of authority has ramped up alarmingly under this administration. Roughly 30 "czars" appointed by Barack Obama but not approved by Congress routinely design regulations at the whims of the President and without action or approval of Congress.

The appointment of most federal government agency heads requires Senate approval; but President Obama circumvented even that process in July 2010 by way of recess appointment, installing a new chief of Medicare, Dr. Donald Berwick—a controversial appointment that likely would not have been approved by the Senate.

By forcing the highly unpopular ObamaCare bill through Congress—behind closed doors, out of sight of the American people, and on a totally one-sided vote—the radical Obama-Reid-Pelosi triumvirate ceded regulation of the trillion-dollar health insurance/medical industry to the Department of Health and Human Services. And that agency is headed up, of course, by an Obama political appointee.

Robert Eugene Simmons, Jr., writing for *The American Thinker* (“The Rise of Unchecked Presidential Power,” Nov. 22, 2010), states:

“When it comes to violating the separation of powers and seizing executive power, no president has done more since FDR than Obama. What is more, Obama doesn’t even try to hide the maneuvering, but instead does it out in the public eye. By his first state of the union speech, Obama had successfully passed TARP II and III, giving the Secretary of Treasury (executive branch) sole discretion over a sum of money equal to the budget of some small countries, and passed the stimulus bill, giving presidential allies big payouts. During the state of the union speech, the president brazenly said that he would establish his debt commission by executive order because the Senate refused to pass the bill that would have allowed it.”

If passed, the unpopular, job-killing Cap and Trade bill would have given even more sweeping powers to the EPA. But seeing that even a top-heavy Democrat Congress would not likely pass this legislation, Obama thumbed his nose at the voters and indicated he intends to implement energy regulation by Executive Order that will have the same authority as legislation duly enacted by Congress. Today, an American citizen can be prosecuted and deprived of freedom or assets for disobeying the regulations of the EPA—regulations which in many instances are wildly out of balance with common sense or even intelligent compromise where use of land and natural assets are concerned. But even that will not be the extent of the EPA’s reach once Obama’s Executive Order designed to tax and regulate all energy use in this country has been signed.

There are dozens of other agencies empowered to regulate everything from food and drugs (FDA) to air travel (NTSB and FHA). These agencies are routinely creating new regulations without any legislative action whatever. We are observing now the over-reach by the TSA under the Department of Homeland Security. What DHS touts as “security” measures designed to protect us from terrorist activities would be better described as attacks by agents of Homeland Security on the dignity of citizens who must make a “choice” before boarding an airplane between examination by a naked-body scanner—or pat-downs and even intrusive searches of private body parts by a TSA agent.

The financial services reform bill created the Financial Services Oversight Council— another agency operating outside the limits of the Constitution. This agency has appropriated power to regulate and monitor any financial transaction in America— without the inconvenience of obtaining court orders. Additionally, it has the power to seize businesses without judicial review or public disclosure.

The list goes on. But the single most dangerous entity in America is the Federal Reserve, a powerful, non-federal body made up of private banks operating beyond the control of Congress, the President, or the American people. It can create money at will, control the money supply, set interest rates, and regulate banks, thus placing it in a position to virtually destroy the economy— either through incompetence or by malevolent intent. Congress approves the selection of the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, but has no power to regulate the actions of that body.

Providence . . . and the Story of America

America has faced troubling times in the past. Tiny Colonial America stood up to one of the great world powers of that day, and by the grace of Almighty God and a burning desire to be free, the tiny nation prevailed. America suffered the terrible agony of a bloody Civil War that threatened to destroy the Union. But by God's grace, the nation stood. America was called into two World Wars of unimaginable loss and suffering, but our nation remained strong; and it continued to beckon in subsequent generations to oppressed peoples of the world, inviting them to share in our freedom and opportunity. Other wars and other tragedies have marked our history.

But never has America faced such troubling times as these. The enormous damage to our republic has been done slowly and clandestinely up to this point in order to avoid raising alarm, because the powers involved recognized that their time had not yet come. But now, they have unleashed their battery of destruction under the name which is at once euphemistic and yet utterly revealing: *the fundamental transformation of America*.

The greatest weapon we have for the battle that is now upon us is the light of truth. If a majority of Americans understand what is going on, they will not stand for it. We saw the uprising of outraged voters in the November election. We have begun the fight to right our beloved Ship of State, but there is much to be done. The battle may prove to be the greatest in our history: laws and constitutional amendments need to be passed to redress abuses of power . . . power-hungry politicians must be thrown out of office . . . corrupt politicians must be tried and jailed. . . we must educate our citizens to understand our remarkable heritage of freedom— *and that it is not free*.

A Battle Ahead for the Life of Our Republic

As they craft their agenda for the future, Republicans in Congress need to keep in mind that the battle ahead must be fought in the same spirit as the American Revolution and two World Wars. Our objective must be very clear: *We win; the enemies of the Republic lose*.

Just as there can be no compromise on the battleground of a blood-and-guts real war, there must be no compromise with Obama and his destructive agenda. America is awake now, and has

had a good look at Barack Obama and his plan to "transform" America a plan voters roundly repudiated in November.

Cliff Kincaid (*Accuracy in Media*) offered his analysis of the power struggle we are likely to see as the newly configured legislative bodies (especially the House) convene in January:

“While the Democratic Party suffered a bloodbath on November 2, the progressives who basically run the party and control President Obama came out of the elections stronger than ever. They will keep the political pressure on Obama to pursue a far-left agenda, with the implied threat that if he doesn't comply, he will have a 2012 presidential primary election challenger.”

Still, Obama *may* find he can compromise on certain issues that are unacceptable to his far-left base and yet benefit politically. We can foresee a game plan in which Obama slyly concedes the Republicans are in charge of the purse strings, then holds them responsible for policy-making, especially where budget cuts and bloated entitlement programs are concerned. The perception that the GOP "puts profits over people" would then be amplified by activists and union organizers shouting in the streets at every opportunity.

For better or for worse, the American people will decide. Will we succumb to the lie that social justice can be achieved by the inherently inequitable device of redistribution by the State? If so, we could see America completely overtaken in the next decade by an intractable socialist government too powerful to be reined in.

Or is there a more hopeful picture?

Tony Blankley wrote, post-election, "It's up to the people. . . In 50 years in politics, I have never seen as large a percentage of the public self-motivated for reformation. For those of us who believe we are a providential country, now is the chance for the public to demonstrate it.”

Get on your knees, America. We are going to need the help of Almighty God.

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