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Time to Put an End to Obama-Denial

By Will Buros

CHAPTER ONE: A CASE OF THE DOUBTS

I was speaking to a woman at the Richland Democratic Party Headquarters the other day and she noted that a common discussion amongst the Liberals that she knows is how they plan to “not” be supportive of President Obama because he has not advocated enough for liberal causes. A similar note is made by Stacie Borrello in her blog, “Liberal Gal”: [Stacie B.](#) states,

“These days, Obama-denial is almost hip. With only... months in the history books, some fair-weather liberals are letting their tunnel-vision focus on unfulfilled expectations cloud Obama’s historical accomplishments. These left-wing absolutists want to toss out Obama along with the Republican-polluted bath water... I get numerous comments from people who believe they are progressive but say they will never vote for Obama or Democrats again, that they will stay home at the next election, or that they will vote for small third parties who have no chance of winning...

Do people making these comments really think [this] would make things better... [that] they can abandon electoral politics and do nothing to prevent the Republicans from regaining power?”

I fear we do not realize that much of our doubts and fears come from

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falling prey to that amazing Republican marketing machine that drums out messages that Obama is failing as a leader. These messages are designed to trigger latent feelings about President Obama. Feelings that may have been shaped by expectations that are not truly fair to the President himself.

CHAPTER TWO: THE RORSCHACH CANDIDATE

One of the interesting aspects of the Obama candidacy was that many people would look at Obama and see what they wanted to see in him. Liberals looked at a Black Democrat speaking of hope and change and saw a liberal kindred spirit. The problem was that Obama is, was, and always has been a pragmatic centrist. Once he was elected, Liberals expected Obama to champion the causes of the Left. He did, but only as far as he felt he could *realistically* achieve. And the *real* political world that he faced was a government that *looked* Democratically controlled but in truth was a political world with a Senate that did not have a working majority. *Remember how Republicans filibustered everything?* The effect of all of this is a Liberal base that has become disenchanted with the efforts of their *perceived* savior. An effect I might add that has also been carefully promoted by the conservatives. *Remember how Republicans filibustered everything!?*

Brent Budowsky echoes the achieved effect in his article from “The Hill,” entitled, “[A disengaged presidency.](#)”

“The genesis of the problem can be found in comments Obama made several times before the 2008 election. His political vision of himself, prior

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to November 2008, was a Rorschach candidate. He deliberately encouraged voters with widely differing views to simultaneously see themselves in him.

A Rorschach campaign for a little-known candidate might be brilliant. A Rorschach presidency when the nation faces multiple challenges delays decisions that are urgently needed, destroys the narrative of his own party and creates greater divisions within a Congress the president is triangulating himself against.”

The problem facing Mr. Budowsky and many Liberals is that they feel President Obama is not leading strongly enough and therefore is giving up on his Liberal base. From my perspective there are two problems with this way of thinking: one, a misunderstanding of effective leadership; and two, a lack of appreciation of how much Obama has accomplished.

CHAPTER THREE: MODERN LEADERSHIP- MISUNDERSTOOD

Do a little google search on leadership in business and you will see what characteristics the modern business leader must have. They are not what most people think. The stereotype is of a strong leader, powerful, in control, and guiding everyone else. Yet, when you look at all the research that has been done on modern leadership, the

stereotype does not quite fit the reality of an effective leader. Today's leader must certainly have a vision, but the vision of the leader must not be a rigid blueprint that excludes the talent and ideas of the group. The modern leader must create an environment that allows for the creativity and productivity of the rest of the team members so that the organization as a whole produces positive outcomes.

Currently, Liberals seem to hunger for a leader who will stand up and put down the bullying of the Tea Party members and the far right zealots. But do your own research. Heavy handed leadership has never been effective at creating positive outcomes. Arguably there have been heavy handed dictators that have used fear and intimidation to take control of a population. But few of us would count that as creating outcomes we wish to see. Still, progressives like Mr. Budowsky mistakenly complain that,

“The governing style and political strategy of President Obama simultaneously hurts the reelection prospects of both Democrats and Republicans in Congress and delays crucial decisions that require strong hands-on leadership from the president. Obama's governing style is to remain as distant as possible, for as long as possible, from the nasty details of major policy decisions as Congress and the nation face domestic and foreign

challenges... Obama's political strategy is to position himself as the lofty leader above the fray, appealing to voters who tell pollsters that "we must work together" without risking his elevated image of possessing the hands-on executive leadership that is required to make hard decisions on tough issues in a divided government.”

To test Mr. Budowsky's thesis let's look back at the Clinton White House and its strategy for bringing about change for healthcare. The Clinton White House came out with a detailed plan and to illustrate how important this issue was, President Clinton positioned his wife, the First Lady, to lead the charge on selling the Clinton Plan. Surely, you remember what happened. The plan was attacked, picked apart bit by bit until everyone unanimously rejected it. Then, since the legislators had made their voice clear-- “the Clinton plan failed,”-- they move ahead with no plan and nothing was accomplished. After all, it wasn't their responsibility. The President failed not them.

Contrast this to the Obama Administration. He laid out broad objectives for his health care plans-*Vision*. Of course he was criticized for not being specific enough. Despite the criticism, he was careful not to be cornered into positions that could be used against him-*Strategic Thinking*. In the end he maneuvered to keep the legislature responsible for the

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success or failure of bringing about change- *Team Orientated*. These are the skills of the modern leader. A key feature in leadership is the ability to create an environment in which the members of the organization take responsibility for producing positive outcomes. Let's not forget that President Barack Obama is the first President to achieve a National Health Care Plan. Something that has been pursued since FDR. And he accomplished this feat with a Legislature that included a hostile minority in the Senate that had the filibuster power to kill any plans put forward by the President. A point that Obama critics must not forget.

CHAPTER FOUR: OBAMA- THE CHESS CHAMPION

Some time ago I was listening to a CNN political show as the pundits exclaimed that President Obama had already achieved more in the first half of his first term than most Presidents achieve in two terms. Then in the same breath they noted that he was failing as a leader. It is utter absurdity that these two statements can be uttered in the same breath. Still, this is an excellent example of how critics often perceive the President.

To truly judge President Obama try comparing him to a chess champion. An accomplished player works many moves ahead while still adapting his or her moves to those of the opponent. Often the champion might move in ways that seem to make his or her piece

vulnerable or seem to be inconsistent with a plan of attack. Yet, it is difficult to judge the move until you watch the entire game unfold. An apparent careless move can cause the opponent to jump to the attack only to discover that the real strategy was somewhere else on the chess board enabling the champion to press the opponent into checkmate.

Obama's Presidency has been very much like this. Recently the administration's actions on Libya were widely criticized. Some complained he was doing too much. Others cried he was doing too little. As Obama worked through the UN, Republican critics chided him at not taking a leadership role. As it turns out, the pragmatic actions of the Administration - worked. A chess master knows that there are many pieces on the board one can use. While his critics always demand he use his strongest pieces, Obama is not too proud to use his pawns, knights, and bishops to achieve his ends.

During the President's entire term of office so far, he has constantly been under attack by the conservative opposition. Every move the President makes is spun into negative terms. He could innocently stop while meeting the public and kiss a baby and Republicans would accuse him of child abuse. Their attack is a well organized and funded marketing strategy geared toward sending the message that President Obama is not up to the job of being President. The strategy plays on our

stereotypes of what a leader should be. So Obama is being attacked on his tactics rather than on his achievements. As noted earlier his tactics are different than what we expect. So, it is easy to fall into the condemnation with the Republicans. But as Democrats we should be careful not to contribute to the echo chamber of criticism of the President's actions and tactics. We as supporters need to remind everyone to keep looking at the bigger picture. How do you think history will judge Presidents Bush and Obama? Will we say that George W. Bush was successful in his clear and simple principles that helped him be the decider? Or will we judge the nuanced, adaptive strategies of President Obama as sophisticated and successful in a time of complex problems? At the end of the day, no matter how elegant or ugly his or her tactics, a chess champion must win the game. And we can't forget, Obama has won an amazing amount of change and his game is not over.

CHAPTER FIVE: FROM THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES TO A CROWN OF THORNS

During the 2008 campaign the Republican marketing machine was doing a very wickedly clever tactic. They consistently called Obama the Liberal Messiah. Their plan was to elevate people's view of him so that then when we would see the real human being we would be disappointed to notice that he was no superman. The plan didn't work well enough to stop him from

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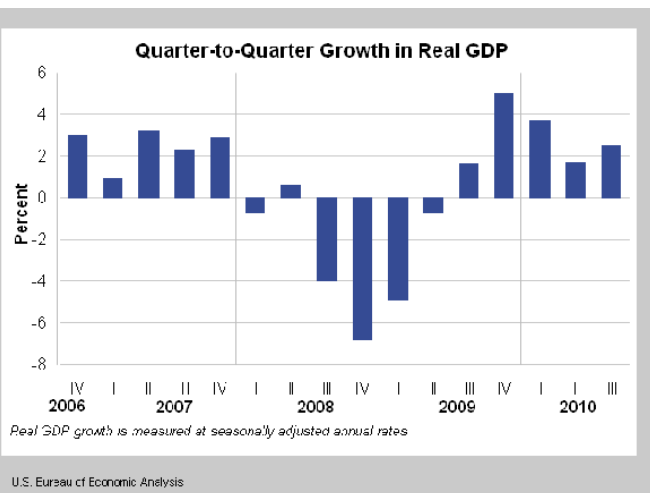
getting elected, but I fear this view of Obama as a transformational savior has lingered beyond the election and is not helping him govern in the “real” world.

The real world that Obama inherited was a country that has been financially starved from thirty years of a Republican economic philosophy that has shifted industry into cheap overseas labor markets and shifted the distribution of wealth from a strong middle class into the hands of an ever shrinking number of the mega-wealthy. When Obama took office the country

“the Obama economic plan has failed” to “the Obama economic plan has turned our country back into economic growth!” Look at the *Growth in Real GDP* graph. During the Bush years of 2006 and 2007, all we heard was how Bush was responsible for such wonderful economic growth. Obama’s economic plans stopped us from sinking into another great depression, and we have now rebounded to a level equal to if not better than those “wonderful economic times” under Bush.

The sticking point in the recovery is the slow rebound in creating jobs. Unfortunately, this also is a logical consequence of thirty years of dismantling our industrial economy and replacing it with a “usury” economy where fantastical financial schemes are used to grow wealth, such as “tech stocks,” and “mortgaged home

dancing around happily shedding our fine robes and singing of how rich we are becoming. Now, here we sit, cold and naked while President Obama attempts to patch together some sort of quilt for warmth and modesty. And while he does, the Republican Emperors insist that he is failing us and that we should return to the “freedom” of dancing around in the promise of their “new clothes.” My fear is that our U.S. population, frightened and jobless, will fall prey to the ranting of the Republicans and help in placing a crown of thorns on the “liberal messiah” and march him off to the hill for crucifixion. As Democrats, liberals and progressives, we cannot also deny acknowledgement of the works of Obama. We are the ones who must keep crying out that the Emperors have no clothes to offer us, and we are the ones who must call out to all to truly see the accomplishments of our President. Too often we as Democrats, liberals and progressives join the mob and throw rocks at our own. We expect our saviors to be god-like. When in reality, our saviors are human beings. They bleed. They make mistakes. They must do mundane acts not only magnificent miracles. They do in fact create change; but too often, change is viewed from the hilltop as we turn our backs on the crucifix and belatedly notice how far we have traveled up that hill.



was losing nearly a million jobs a month. Note the two graphs that every good progressive must commit to memory. Remember, for all of the hope and change that Obama wanted to focus on, the fact is that job one on his plate was to stop our economy from crashing. And, he did.

The narrative going into this election must be changed from



values.” For thirty years our Republican “Emperors” have convinced us to wear “rich, new clothes.” So we have been

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The President's Amazing Job So Far-

It's time to set the record straight. Every Democrat needs to be well briefed in the accomplishments of President Obama in order to fend off the attacks that the GOP has already so effectively begun by implying that his is a failed Presidency. Yet nothing could be further from the truth. Let's start with the economy which was job one. While the GOP wants you to believe that Obama has done nothing for the economy, here are the facts: 2.1 million private sector jobs created since last February; Private sector job gains every month for the last year and a half; GDP positive for 4 straight quarters; Stock market boomed over 12,000 until the Tea Party brought about the down grading of the American credit rating; The US Auto industry- saved; We did not see a second Depression, and google the graphs showing the trends of the economy when President Obama took office. The economy was in free fall. Republicans now want you to distrust Keynesian economics, but look at any graph of our recent economy, Obama's Stimulus package undoubtedly saved us from a second Depression. The GOP, the original party of tax and borrow, is now playing on our fears of Government debt without acknowledging the desperate need for such spending. The Republican hype now is about the low job number increases, but the facts are the low job numbers are being created by the down sizing of public/government jobs. Simply look to what Wisconsin is doing and you can see why our job numbers are shrinking. During an economic downturn is the absolute worst time to cut government spending.

That said there is so much more that he has accomplished. Politifact.com has kept a list of the campaign promises that have been kept by President Obama. The list is up to eight pages and counting. Here is just a sampling of the campaign promises that have been kept so far:

- No. 4: Extend child tax credits and marriage-penalty fixes
- No. 16: Increase minority access to capital
- No. 33: Establish a credit card bill of rights
- No. 36: Expand loan programs for small businesses
- No. 37: Extend the Bush tax cuts for lower incomes
- No. 38: Extend the Bush tax cuts for those making less



than \$250,000 (couples) or \$200,000 (single)

No. 48: Close the "doughnut hole" in Medicare prescription drug plan

No. 51: Require insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions

No. 53: Give tax credits to those who need help to pay health premiums

No. 55: Require large employers to contribute to a national health plan

No. 56: Require children to have health insurance coverage

No. 57: Expand eligibility for Medicaid

No. 58: Expand eligibility for State Children's Health Insurance Fund (CHIP)

No. 63: Require health plans to disclose how much of the premium goes to patient care

No. 65: Establish an independent health institute to provide accurate and objective information

No. 69: In non-competitive markets, force insurers to pay out a reasonable share of their premiums for patient care

No. 70: Eliminate the higher subsidies to Medicare Advantage plans

No. 93: Reinstate executive order to hire an additional 100,000 federal employees with disabilities within five years.

No. 105: Increase the Veterans Administration budget to recruit and retain more mental health

No. 109: Fully fund the Veterans Administration

No. 113: Expand the Veterans Administration's number of "centers of excellence" in specialty care

No. 121: Fully fund the Violence Against Women Act

No. 125: Direct military leaders to end war in Iraq

No. 126: Begin removing combat brigades from Iraq

No. 132: No permanent bases in Iraq

No. 161: End the abuse of supplemental budgets for war

No. 167: Make U.S. military aid to Pakistan conditional on anti-terror efforts

No. 172: Open "America Houses" in Islamic cities around the globe

No. 182: Allocate Homeland Security funding according to risk

No. 195: Seek verifiable reductions in nuclear stockpiles

No. 196: Extend monitoring and verification provisions of the START I Treaty

No. 197: Stand down nuclear forces to be reduced under the Moscow Treaty

No. 215: Create a rapid response fund for emerging

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democracies

No. 222: Grant Americans unrestricted rights to visit family and send money to Cuba

No. 225: Establish an Energy Partnership for the Americas

No. 229: Expand the Nurse-Family Partnership to all low-income, first-time mothers (*continued on page 7*)

No. 239: Release presidential records

No. 241: Require new hires to sign a form affirming their hiring was not due to political affiliation or contributions.

No. 244: Provide affordable, high-quality child care

No. 247: Recruit math and science degree graduates to the teaching profession

No. 259: Reduce subsidies to private student lenders and protect student borrowers

No. 269: Increase funding for national parks and forests

No. 275: Expand Pell grants for low-income students

No. 290: Push for enactment of Matthew Shepard Act, which expands hate crime law to include sexual orientation and other factors

No. 293: Repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy

No. 315: Establish 'Promise Neighborhoods' for areas of concentrated poverty

No. 359: Rebuild schools in New Orleans

No. 371: Fund a major expansion of AmeriCorps

No. 411: Work to overturn Ledbetter vs. Goodyear- *the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act that offers women protections against pay discrimination*

No. 422: Create new financial regulations

No. 427: Ban lobbyist gifts to executive employees

No. 433: Sign a "universal" health care bill

Although some may argue that we do not have "universal" health care, Obama ensured a future mandate for health insurance for all Americans is now enshrined in law. We'll keep watching how things unfold, but for now, this is a Promise Kept.

No. 435: Create new criminal penalties for mortgage fraud

No. 449: Raise fuel economy standards

No. 458: Invest in all types of alternative energy

No. 483: Invest in public transportation

No. 495: Double federal spending for research on clean fuels

No. 500: Increase funding for the Environmental Protection Agency

No. 507: Extend unemployment insurance benefits and temporarily suspend taxes on these benefits

No. 513: Reverse restrictions on stem cell research

No. 514 We Will Kill bin Laden

The list almost becomes overwhelming so let us condense it somewhat so that you can commit it to memory

for winning arguments with GOP friends or influencing other voters who may simply be uninformed.

Writer [David Knowles](#) boils down his top five most far reaching accomplishments of the Obama Administration:

1. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Health Care Reform)

Of all of the legislation to pass Obama's desk, no single law engendered as much controversy, nor represented a greater parting with past norms, than [health care reform](#). Signed on March 23, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was meant to expand access to health insurance to millions of Americans. The law mandates that all Americans buy into an insurance pool, and prevents insurers from rejecting patients with pre-existing conditions.

2. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Financial Reform)

As Obama touted the new law signals an [end to government bailouts](#) of the financial sector. Now, tighter government oversight will, allegedly, keep a closer eye on Wall Street, and will have the power to simply shut down failing institutions before they threaten to topple the U.S. economy. In addition, new consumer protections that include a cap on fees charged by banks will soon take effect.

3. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Package)

The so-called [stimulus package](#) that Obama signed into law on Feb. 17, 2009, allocated \$113.5 billion for the development of alternative energy sources, new forms of mass transit and the retrofitting of buildings to become more energy efficient. Perhaps more than any other aspect of the \$789 billion package, the focus on modernization signaled an attempt at nudging the country to a new economic model.

4. Credit Card Reform Act

Signed on May 21, 2009, the law signaled the Obama administration's willingness to directly take on banks and credit card companies. It imposed consumer protection [restrictions on interest rate and fee hikes](#). In addition, it limits the kind of marketing credit card companies and banks make to students.

5. Troop Surge in Afghanistan

As he promised as a candidate, Obama has sharply drawn down the number of soldiers in Iraq bringing an end to the "combat deployment" in Iraq, while increasing the number sent to Afghanistan in hopes to also bring about an ability to withdraw from there as well.

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Even Mild Mannered Roger Ebert Is Becoming Outraged!



"The upper 1 percent of Americans are now taking in nearly a quarter of the nation's income every year. In terms of wealth rather than income, the top 1 percent control 40 percent. Their lot

in life has improved considerably. Twenty-five years ago, the corresponding figures were 12 percent and 33 percent."

So I discover in a piece by Joseph E. Stiglitz in the new issue of [Vanity Fair](#). These facts confirm my impression that greed is now seen as a virtue in America. I'm not surprised by the greed of the One-Percenters. I'm mystified by the lack of indignation from so many of the rest of us. Day after day I read stories that make me angry. Wanton consumption is glorified. Corruption is rewarded. Ordinary people see their real income dropping, their houses sold out from under them, their pensions plundered, their unions legislated against, their health care still under attack. Yes, people in Wisconsin and Ohio have risen up to protest these realities, but why has there not been more outrage?

I have no objection to financial success. I've had a lot of it myself. All of my income came from paychecks from jobs I held and books I published. I have the quaint idea that wealth should be obtained by legal and conventional means--by working, in other words--and not through

the manipulation of financial scams. You're familiar with the ways bad mortgages were urged upon people who couldn't afford them, by banks who didn't care that the loans were bad. The banks made the loans and turned a profit by selling them to investors while at the same time betting against them on their own account. While Wall Street was knowingly trading the worthless paper that led to the financial collapse of 2008, executives were being paid huge bonuses. Wasn't that fraud? Wasn't it theft? The largest financial crime in American history took place and resulted in no criminal charges. Then the money industries and their lobbyists fought tooth and nail against financial regulation. The Republicans resisted it, but so did many Democrats. Partially because of the Supreme Court decision allowing secret campaign contributions, our political system is largely financed by vested interests.

What puzzles me is why there isn't more indignation. The Tea Party is the most indignant domestic political movement since Norman Thomas's Socialist Party, but its wrath is turned in the wrong direction. It favors policies that are favorable to corporations and unfavorable to individuals. Its opposition to Obamacare is a textbook example. Insurance companies and the health care industry finance a "populist" movement that is manipulated to oppose its own interests. The billionaire Koch brothers payroll right wing front organizations that oppose labor unions and financial reform. The patriots wave their flags and don't realize they're being duped.

Consider taxes. Do you know we could eliminate half the predicted shortfall in the national budget by simply *failing to renew* the Bush tax cuts? Do you know that if corporations were taxed at a fair rate, much of the rest could be found? General Electric recently reported it paid no current

taxes. Why do you think that was? Why do middle and lower class Tea Party members not understand that they bear an unfair burden of taxes that should be more fairly distributed? Why do they support those who campaign against unions and a higher minimum wage? What do they think is in it for them?

If it is "socialist" to believe in a more equal distribution of income, what is the word for the system we now live under? A system under which the very rich have *doubled* their share of the nation's income in 25 years? One of the challenges facing the One-Percenters these days is finding ways to spend their money. Private residences grow as large as hotels, and are fitted out with the amenities of luxury resorts. I find this extravagance unseemly in a democracy. Many of today's One-Percenters feel no more constraint than Louis XIV. A culture of celebrity has grown up around these conspicuous consumers, celebrating their excesses. I believe rewards are appropriate for those who have been successful. I also believe a certain modesty and humility are virtuous. I find it unbecoming that those who fight most against social welfare are those most devoted to their own welfare.

In America there is an ingrained populist suspicion of fats cats and robber barons. Yet the most visible plutocrat in America is Donald Trump, a man who has made a fetish of his power. What kind of sick mind conceives of a television show built on suspense about which "contestant" he will "fire" next? What sort of masochism builds his viewership? Sadly, I suspect it is based on viewers who identify with Trump, and envy his power over his victims. Don't viewers understand they are the ones being fired in today's America?

Roger Ebert

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A Cautionary Tale

View from the Chair- by Will Buross

Recently on Wisconsin Public Television was a program entitled, "A Film Unfinished." The program showed unfinished footage of a WWII German propaganda film of a Jewish Ghetto. The footage was being collected of the dichotomy of extremes in the living conditions of the Jewish ghetto areas. It was difficult film footage to watch. The scenes of starving children and adults were harsh and graphic. The German film makers were filming scenes of these deplorable conditions juxtaposed with scenes of well to do Jewish families living in the same ghetto in "relative" comfort- if one can use such a term when living in the restricted area of a police state. The intent of the filmmakers was to show how wealthy Jews were being cruel and materialistic by ignoring their starving brethren in the streets. The outcome of such propaganda was obviously to incite anger toward capitalism as a whole and the Jewish population in particular and to prepare the German culture for the violence that was being perpetrated by the Nazi regime. The film footage did in fact capture the dramatic disparity of wealth within the ghetto. Those families that were well to do were able to provide food for themselves for a longer period of time than those families that were poor or presumably

even middle class. What struck me was that the Nazi's understood that showing such a large disparity of wealth would anger the German citizens; anger them even to the extent that they would tolerate genocide.

Watching "A Film Unfinished," I couldn't help but reflect on our current anger toward the obscene disparity in wealth and income that has been exacerbated by the tax and financial policies of the past three decades. These lessons from World War II should be a warning to both

Conservative and Republican platforms that push agendas that favor those who have over those who don't will undoubtedly move our nation toward a much more unstable future. Liberals should also take heed.

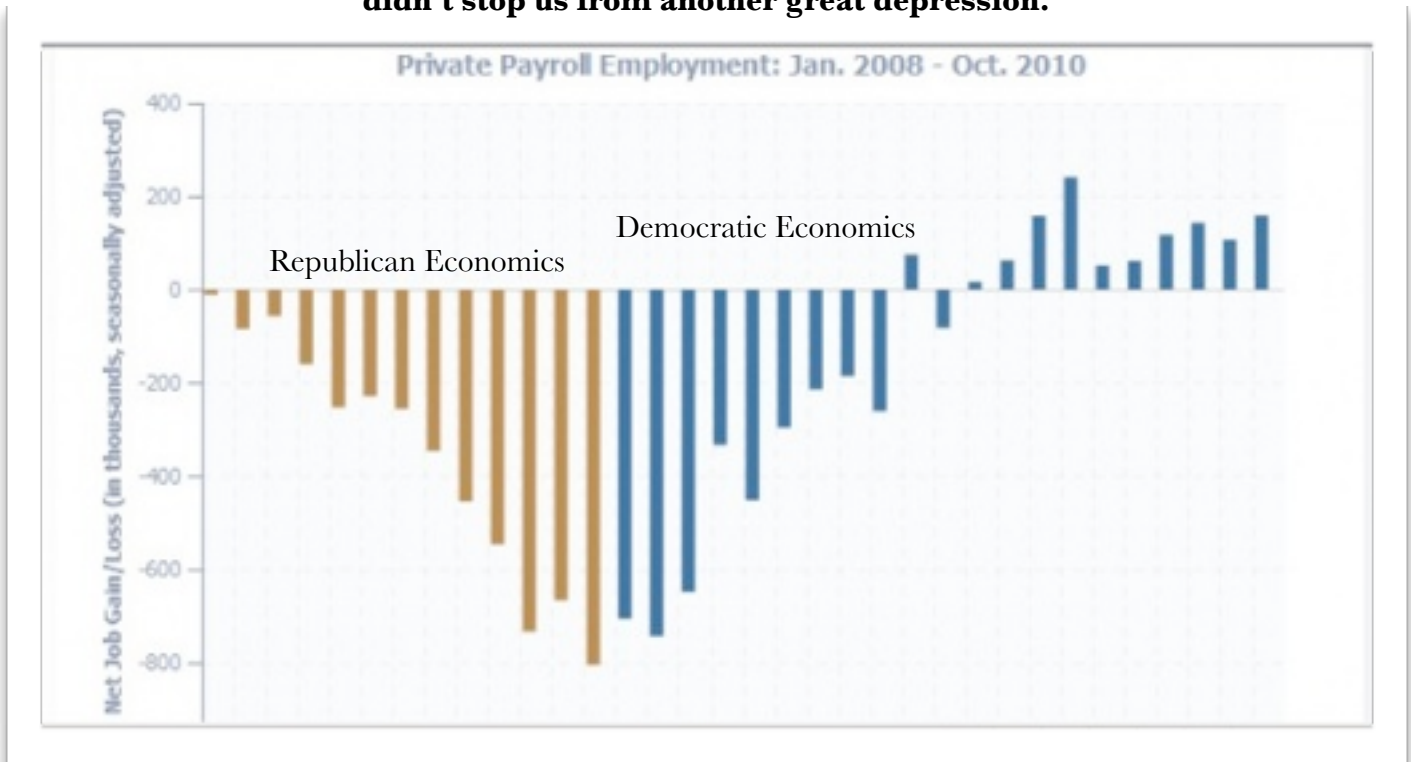
conservatives and liberals. First, conservatives would be wise to remember that citizens of a nation do not like such disparity of wealth, and civil unrest can become a serious threat to all of us if a nation's policies do not

maintain fairness and balance in the ability for citizens to access a means of living. Conservative and Republican platforms that push agendas that favor those who have over those who don't will undoubtedly move our nation toward a much more unstable future.

Liberals should also take heed. It is somewhat alarming that German propagandists felt that showing such disparity of wealth would help justify the violence of State internment and even genocide. As responsible citizens, we should be conscious of the impact our rhetoric may have on the behaviors of our citizens. I believe that the continuum of conservative and liberal thinking is not a straight line from right to left but rather circular. As we move farther right or left, we eventually end up meeting at a point of unproductive anger and violent behavior. It is never responsible to promote anger as a political tool. In our frustration over many conservative tactics, we must not be seduced into thinking that enraged opposition would somehow be helpful in moving forward a progressive agenda. As we move forward on the road of pointing out the increasing disparity of our country's wealth, we must be careful to tread lightly on this very narrow path. For, though it is the path we find ourselves on, it is a path wrought with peril.

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Show this graph to anyone who doubts that President Obama's Keynesian economic plans didn't stop us from another great depression.



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