

Republican Perspective

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Pondering 2014

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“What I like to drink most is wine that belongs to others.”

Diogenes

As we come to the end of another year, some issues to ponder:

Iraq: President Obama officially ended the war on December 20, 2011 and Vice-President Biden said Iraq was one of the Obama Administration’s greatest achievements. Why does the United States now have nearly 3000 non-combatant boots on the ground? Does our Army really train personnel to be non-combatants in a hostile environment?

Iran: The Iranians quest to build a nuclear bomb has not been halted. Why don’t we believe the Mullah’s when they say they will destroy Israel?

Washington Redskins: Senator Harry Reid said he would not attend a Washington Redskins football game until the team changed its name. Reid stated that you can’t denigrate a race of people. Wonder why he has not told the US Army to change the name of its attack helicopter - Apache?

School lunches: Much has been written about Mrs. Obama’s healthy school lunch program and the backlash from kids required to eat the “mystery mush”. Why do we often see the President and Vice-President enjoying cheeseburgers and fries?

Lois Lerner: She was called before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to testify about conservative non-profits being targeted and harassed by the IRS. Why did she invoke the 5th Amendment if under her supervision the IRS targeted both conservative and liberal political groups? Another “transparent” Democrat?

Gas Prices: The price of gasoline has dropped significantly in the past six months. When will Congressional Democrats schedule hearings to question oil company executives and “speculators” as to why their profits have fallen dramatically? Are hearings only scheduled when prices rise at the fault of the marketplace?

Border Security: The Obama Administration continually touted that our border has never been more secure? Why did the Department of Homeland Security announce a 16% rise in illegal immigrants in 2014 and a 68% increase from Latin American countries excluding Mexico?

Chrysler: The Italian owners of Chrysler changed the official name to Fiat Chrysler America, LLC and moved its base to Britain to escape US taxes. Obama gave Fiat 35% of Chrysler in exchange for their small car technology. Fiat is profitable due to sales of Jeep vehicles and Ram trucks while their small cars languish! Why did we wipe out Chrysler’s debts and stiff the bond holders? Another hard bargain driven by the Obama Administration?

Mid-Term Elections: President Obama tells voters while he is not on the ballot his policies are. Republicans win control of the Senate, retain control of the House, achieve an historic number of Governorships. Post election he tells America that he heard the people that didn't vote and edicts an unconstitutional change to immigration laws. Are the illegal aliens whom he heard?

Progressive Republicans: House and Senate Republicans ran for re-election on a platform of repealing Obamacare and reigning in a lawless President. Why do they lack the intestinal fortitude to use the Congressional power of the purse?

California Senate: One Democratic Senator charged with bribery and trafficking in weapons, another accused of taking bribes, a third convicted of voter fraud and perjury and a fourth pleaded no contest to a DUI and received three years of informal probation. Only one resigned and two were suspended with pay. Wonder if the media would demand resignations if these were Republicans?

Climate Change: Secretary of State, John Kerry said the threats posed by climate change should be addressed with as much "immediacy" as addressing ISIS and Ebola. Does this mean a green-line will be drawn?

Federal Budget: Congress passes a trillion dollar budget and believes it is bare bones. Obamacare and amnesty are fully funded. You have to spend \$10 million every day for 273 years to reach a trillion! What kind of debt are we leaving future generations and why don't our elected representatives care?

Stay safe and Happy New Year!