Bad Facts about Obama's Prospects

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Although the polls show the presidential campaigns neck and neck, the facts continue to look negative for Barack Obama. Two-thirds of the American people say they believe the United States is going in the wrong direction, and changing the occupant of the White House is the only way to reverse course.

Unemployment remains the prime political issue, but the Democrats still allow a tsunami of legal and illegal immigrants to take jobs away from U.S. citizens. Obama's Jobs Czar, Jeffrey Immelt, is busy creating jobs in Communist China instead of in the U.S.A.

Obama's wild spending is putting an albatross around the necks of our children and grandchildren. Americans have enough personal debt, and they don't want their kids to assume the burden of paying for Obama's extravagances.

Obama's record makes clear that our future of constitutional government will be endangered if he has the opportunity to name the next two Supreme Court justices. He says prime qualifications for his judicial nominees will be (not devotion to the Constitution as written but) their support of abortion rights and "empathy" for "poor or African Americans or gay or disabled."

Obama showed his contempt for our constitutional legislative process by issuing an executive order to implement the DREAM Act, which Congress had refused to pass. It looks like he wants to make Congress irrelevant and have the Executive Branch create and promulgate all legislation.

Another example of a dictatorial executive-branch act in bypassing Congress was deleting the work requirement in the welfare reform act passed by Congress in 1996 and signed by President Clinton. By a stroke of the pen, Obama thus added thousands more to dependency on government handouts, which is one of his major tactics to break the private enterprise system.

Obama again showed his contempt for our constitutional legislative process by his effort to get rid of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). That is another example of his violation of the express obligation laid on the President by the U.S. Constitution to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

Despite the consistent opposition of the American people, Obama continues to push for implementation of ObamaCare, a federal takeover of a fifth of the U.S. economy. He continues to demand that schools, colleges and hospitals that are built and maintained by Christian denominations pay for procedures and drugs they believe are immoral, or else pay exorbitant fines that spell speedy bankruptcy.

Obama is pushing hard for a federal takeover of what public schools are teaching our kids by promoting a dumbed-down curriculum called the common core. He is baiting the states to sign up by giving waivers to 26 states that excuse them from the requirements of the No Child Left Behind law.

His lawyers carried a case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court to try to force a Lutheran school to rehire a teacher the school had fired. Fortunately, the Supreme Court slapped down the administration attorneys with a rare 9-0 decision.

Obama is carrying on a tremendous war against religious liberty. He is trying to redefine the "free exercise" clause of the First Amendment (the way Americans have understood it for more than two centuries) to mean "freedom of worship" inside a church but excluding any reference to religion in any public place or school.

Obama's attitude toward people of faith seems to hover between disdain and dislike. He contemptuously referred to them as "bitter" people who cling to their guns to relieve their frustrations.

Obama continues to reduce U.S. production of energy by prohibiting expanded drilling for oil on our own lands, regulating coal mines out of existence, and canceling our favorite light bulbs to force us to buy more expensive light bulbs from Communist China that give less light. To add insult to injury, he gave a big hunk of U.S. taxpayers' money to Brazil to finance that country's drilling for oil.

Obama continues to try to cut holes in our sovereignty by pushing ratification of every United Nations treaty. This includes the ridiculous UN treaty on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the dangerous Law of the Sea treaty, and the UN treaty on ownership of guns that threatens our Second Amendment.

Obama showed his contempt for U.S. military security in 2012 when he told Russian President Medvedev, “After my election, I have more flexibility” about missile defense. Medvedev replied, “I will transmit this information to Vladimir.”

That off-mike remark indicated more reductions in our missile defenses. Obama says he wants a nuclear-free world, which means putting America at the mercy of dictators who hate us and respect no treaties.

Obama wasn’t kidding when he said he wants to “fundamentally transform the United States.”