

# On Eagles Wings



“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.”  
Isaiah 40:31

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## Chrysler Bailout, State Treasurer, and the Supreme Court

When the Indiana State Treasurer, Richard Mourdock discovered the Chrysler Bailout resulted in the re-writing of law defining “secured creditor” and harmed the retired public employees, he took the issue to court.

In a press release issued 5/18/09 he said, “I serve as the Trustee of the Indiana State Police Pension Fund and am responsible for investing the Major Moves Construction Fund. Both of those funds suffered losses when the Obama administration overturned some two-hundred years of established law by redefining ‘secured creditors’ to mean something less. In the past, to be ‘secured’ meant an investor was ‘first in line’ in the event of a bankruptcy and ‘non-secured’ creditors would receive value after the secured-creditors were paid. In the Chrysler bankruptcy, however, secured creditors received \$.29 on the dollar while non-secured creditors received higher values and ended up with a 55% ownership of the new company, which is fundamentally wrong and a dangerous precedent to the capital markets... As Treasurer and as Trustee of public funds, I will continue to review and consider all options that are available for the recovery of these monies.”

One of those options was to go before the U.S. Court of Appeals which was set for June 5<sup>th</sup>. The appeals court temporarily stayed the Chrysler-Fiat deal pending the outcome of that hearing and possible further appeals. Indiana argued that the government is ignoring current bankruptcy law and illegally using TARP funds to leverage the sale. Treasurer Mourdock was disappointed, but not surprised by Judge Arthur Gonzales’ ruling favoring Chrysler.

Taking his oath of office and fiduciary responsibilities seriously, Mourdock instructed the attorneys to appeal the decision, and the process resulted in a chance to go before

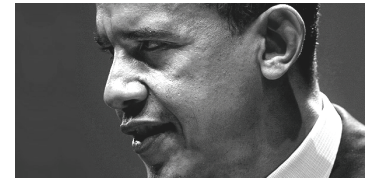
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## Obama is Remaking America into Socialism

*By Phyllis Schlafly*

The younger generation probably doesn't realize that the word Socialism means and connotes a system that is profoundly un-American. Socialism has virtually disappeared from our national lexicon since the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) collapsed because of Ronald Reagan's policies, and the National Socialist (Nazi) Party was destroyed by the U.S. in World War II.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines Socialism as a system of social organization in which the means of producing and distributing goods are owned by a centralized government that plans and controls the economy. Both Webster and Random House identify Socialism as a "Marxist theory."



Socialism requires a totalitarian system that gives the ruling gang the power to distribute the fruits of other people's labor to its political pals. That is what is happening to the United States as President Obama proceeds with his goal of "remaking America."

Although the pro-Obama media have been propping up non-Republicans to lecture us about which topics Republicans are permitted to discuss, we are reminded of the old story about the candidate who challenged his opponent: "Let's have a clean campaign; if you don't tell any lies about me, I won't tell the truth about you."

Obama acolytes and their media sycophants have been telling lies about Republicans (starting with Gitmo and the CIA), so it's time for Republicans to tell the truth about Obama's dangerous and malicious Marxist policies to spread the wealth of taxpayers to non-taxpayers.

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# Obama Remaking America into Socialism

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The Republican National Committee (RNC), which for years had been a stuffy establishment appendage, started to tell the truth on May 20 when it passed a resolution nailing the Obama Administration for "proposing, passing, and implementing Socialist programs through federal legislation" and pushing our country "towards European-style Socialism and government control." Nine Whereases spell out the political indictment in detail.

The RNC charges the Democratic Party with passing "trillions of dollars in new government spending, all



with strings attached in order to control nearly every aspect of American life," "plans to nationalize the banking, financial and healthcare industries," "massive government bailouts for the mortgage and auto industries," and "paying states to increase their welfare caseloads" by

reducing work requirements and increasing handouts.

Another Whereas accuses the Democratic Party of "direct income redistribution" by taking taxes from one group of people and giving "direct cash transfers to another group of people who pay no federal income taxes." The RNC accurately accuses the Democratic Party of taking us in a "European direction," a path the American people have no desire to travel.

The RNC, which is the governing body of the Republican Party, has helpfully spelled out the differences between the two political parties. The "clear and obvious purpose" of the Democratic majority in Congress is to implement "Socialist programs through federal legislation" and to restructure American society "along Socialist ideals."

Do the Republicans have an alternate vision of America's future? You bet they do. The Republicans recognize that free markets and free men, hard work and free enterprise, are the bedrock of American success and the only way to restore prosperity.



Unable to defend the march toward Socialism, Treasury Secretary Geithner just told the *Washington Post* that the RNC resolution is "ridiculous."

Obama's takeover of the American auto industry is so breathtaking in scope and power that it proves all the RNC's accusations about Socialism. The takeover was followed by orders to close 789 local Chrysler dealers, notices to 1,100 General Motors franchises that they will be shut down by next year, and estimates that total dealer shutdowns will rise to 3,000.



Steve Rattner, Car Czar


Some of these local dealerships have been family-owned for generations. The Chrysler and GM dealership closings are estimated to eliminate 187,000 jobs, which is more than the number of people who work for the two automakers.

Now we can see the icing on the cake for the politicians who use economic dictatorship to punish those who resist Socialist planners. Nearly every one of the closed local dealerships had donated to Republican candidates, almost none was an Obama contributor, and some dealerships owned by Democrats are not getting the ax.

These closings come after Obama's extraordinary cash and stock favoritism to one of his principal campaign supporters, the United Auto Workers union. The Car Czar, Steve Rattner, was a top Democratic fundraiser (surprise, surprise!).

Obama seems to be captivated by the un-American notion of running the country through Russian-style czars empowered to issue czarist-style ukases. He has already named about 20 czars (more than the Russians had over four centuries), and his latest is a Cyber Czar.

This year's deficit will be \$1.841 trillion — \$89 billion more than previously estimated. It's so difficult to explain to the American people the gigantic dimensions of what Obama is doing that we are suffering from what has been labeled "insensitivity to scope."

We hope the RNC resolution will clarify Obama's goals and actions. 

## Young Girl Wows Crowd at Tea Party

Ten year old Abby attended a Tea Party this spring with her parents and siblings in Glendale, California. During a lull in the entertainment she approached the stage and asked the emcee for permission to recite the "cannots". Given the nod to go ahead, she began with what is known as the Lincoln "You Cannot" quotations. The crowd soon quieted down and began to listen. When she finished, she had the crowd applauding and cheering. Abby and her brother and sisters are home-schooled by their mother Rebecca, who was active in the Capitol Chapter of Eagle Forum in Indianapolis before they moved to California. Abby's talk was neither planned or prompted by her Mom or Dad and was recited by memory.



Here is what Abby told the crowd:

You cannot bring prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further brotherhood of men by inciting class hatred.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

*These sentiments were created by the Rev. William J.H. Boetcker, who lectured around the U.S. at the turn of the twentieth century. At one time President Ronald Reagan used them in a speech, wrongly attributing them to Lincoln.*

## Pro-Life Members of Congress Stand Up to President Obama's Abortion Agenda

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)

They gave it a valiant effort, but pro-life members of the House failed to stop President Obama's international abortion agenda. They couldn't overpower the support for H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization bill. Despite Rep. Chris Smith's best efforts, his colleagues approved the legislation 235-187 effectively breaking ground on a massive new effort to promote abortion abroad. Through the Office of Global Women's Issues, the State Department will have even more resources at its disposal to export the President's abortion agenda. As Rep. **Mike Pence** (R-Ind.) told the chamber, **"...[B]eyond these extraordinary increases (a single year increase of 35% in the State Department's basic salary and operations), this legislation does a disservice to the values of the millions of Americans who cherish the sanctity of life. We deserve a foreign relations budget that respects our pocketbooks and our values. This does neither."**

Eighteen Democrats crossed over to vote with Republicans against the bill. After the final votes had been cast, the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus took a turn on the House floor to blast the public funding of abortion in the D.C. Appropriations bill. Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Ohio) led the charge, which included Congressmen Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.), Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Penn.), Reps. Joe Pitts (R-Penn.), and Chris Smith. These stalwart women and men did an outstanding job of communicating a compassionate pro-life message. ☺

## RNC RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DEMOCRATS' MARCH TOWARD SOCIALISM

WHEREAS, the American Heritage Dictionary defines socialism as a *system of social organization in which the means of producing and distributing goods is owned by a centralized government that often plans and controls the economy*; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has outlined their plans to nationalize the banking, financial and healthcare industries; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has proposed massive government bailouts for the mortgage and auto industries; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has passed trillions of dollars in new government spending, all with strings attached in order to control nearly every aspect of American life; and

WHEREAS, *Newsweek* reported recently, "Whether we like it or not – or even whether many people have thought much about it or not – the numbers clearly suggest that we are headed in a more European direction...As entitlement spending rises over the next decade, we will become even more French;" and

WHEREAS, *The Wall Street Journal* reported recently, "But tucked away in the spending bill is a change that will both reduce work and increase welfare by paying states to increase their welfare caseloads;" and

WHEREAS, history has demonstrated that free markets and free men are the only way to prosperity and have been the bedrock of the United States economy; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party seeks to expand government control of the daily lives of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party and its leadership have dedicated themselves to a new taxing objective of direct income redistribution which takes additional taxes from one group of people and gives it in direct cash transfers to another group of people who pay no federal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, the American traditions of hard work and free enterprise are at risk as the Democratic Party pushes our country towards European-style socialism and government control; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we the members of the Republican National Committee recognize the Democratic Party's clear and obvious purpose in proposing, passing, and implementing socialist programs through federal legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we the members of the Republican National Committee recognize that the Democratic Party is dedicated to restructuring American society along socialist ideals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we the members of the Republican National Committee call on the American people to urge the President, the Congress and the Democratic Party to remember what made our country great and to stop pushing our country towards socialism and governmental control.

*Adopted by the Republican National Committee, May 20, 2009*

### Chrysler Bailout, State Treasurer (Continued from page 1)

the Supreme Court. Unfortunately, the hearing was denied.

Indiana Eagle Forum leaders, members and friends are proud that our elected State Treasurer was willing to take the stand he did for our State and Country. Expressing her gratitude in Mourdock's courage, Rosalie Lavelle, President of Capitol Chapter of Eagle Forum, submitted the following letter to the editor, which appeared in the Indianapolis Star 6/14/09.

#### High Court Decision Flies in Face of Established Law

Sincere thanks to Indiana Treasurer, Richard Mourdock for having the courage to stand up to the Obama administration's orchestration of the Chrysler bankruptcy. The Fiat deal shuts out bondholders and circumvents bankruptcy laws.

The Supreme Court's refusal to hear Mourdock's case does not bode well for the rule of law, contractual agreements, and the freedom and stability we enjoy and take for granted by established law. ☞

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