

# 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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## Hoosier Tea Party Speaker Inspires Indiana Chapter

The Capitol Chapter of Eagle Forum began the 2010-2011 year with a BANG!

Mr. Greg Fettig, founder of America Refocused and President of the Hoosier Tea Party Patriots, spoke to our members in such an inspiring manner we were all ready to pick up our American flags and march to Washington, D. C. to take back our country from the hands of the Democrat Party.



Mr. Fettig describes himself as an ordinary man, but we know he is on an extraordinary mission ~ a mission he believes

is inspired by God and his love for our country. He eloquently spoke to us about how the Tea Party got started in Indiana and how it has spread to eighteen states. We wrote a previous article about a Tea Party Rally held at the State House in downtown Indianapolis on April 15, 2010. It was estimated that between 5,000 and 7,500 people attended. There are now over 35,000 members!

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## American Exceptionalism: Obama vs. Jefferson

*By Frank Turek*

In April 2009, President Barack Obama said, “I believe in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism.”

This reflects a basic misunderstanding of what American exceptionalism means. It doesn’t mean that Americans are exceptional people (although in many respects we are). It means that the values our Founding Fathers expressed in our founding documents are exceptional!

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”



Our founders established American exceptionalism when they established our truly unique form of government—one in which they accomplished what no country had done before or since. First, our founders put the people in control rather than themselves or royalty, a rare feat in itself. But they also grounded the rights of the people in God while still guaranteeing religious freedom and avoiding religious persecution. That was and remains truly exceptional.

The founders recognized that religious governments get their charge from someone’s sacred scripture while secular governments simply codify the beliefs of whoever happens to be in power. Both types have significant disadvantages: religious governments frequently experience doctrinal struggles and often create an environment of intolerance toward those of other faiths; and secular governments — since they are based on nothing more than the personal opinions of their rulers — have a tendency to lose stability and violate the rights of the people when corrupt rulers take power. Our Founding Fathers wanted to avoid these two extremes.

In England, mandated government religion led to acts of religious intolerance that violated unalienable human rights. The Founders wanted to ensure that the citizens of this new

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## Stem Cell Research Breakthrough Revealed

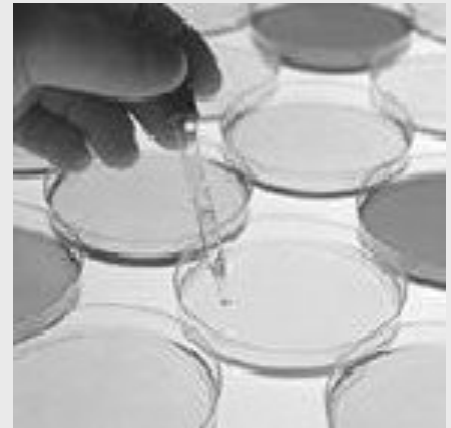
A huge breakthrough in stem cell research was announced last week as a new study revealed another technique to create stem cells *without destroying* human embryos.

Known as "induced pluripotent stem" (iPS) cells, these cells are functionally equivalent to stem cells derived from embryos, but iPS cells do not have the ethical concerns of creating or harming human embryos or of requiring the use of women's eggs. The new process also has the technical benefits of being a simple technique with a high success rate that can produce a large number of both patient-specific as well as disease-specific stem cell lines.

Many stem cell researchers are heralding the new technique and indicating that they will be concentrating in this area rather than embryonic stem cells in the future. This development underscores the need for any federal funding to be directed at this ethical, cutting edge area of scientific research rather than embryo-destructive research.

Prior to adjourning, the House passed by a voice vote the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act (S, 3751), a five-year reauthorization of the National Cord Blood Inventory Program which had previously passed the Senate. Umbilical cord blood is an ethical and effective way of procuring adult stem cells which are successfully treating over 70 diseases and does not involve destroying human embryos.

Meanwhile, federally funded embryonic stem cell research projects are continuing thanks to a recent federal circuit court ruling which reverses an August 23 preliminary injunction issued by federal Judge Royce Lamberth. Even though the Dickey-Wicker federal law bars federal taxpayer dollars from being spent for research using human embryonic stem cells, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has reversed the preliminary injunction, allowing federal funding of such embryo-destructive research to continue until the case is decided, ultimately at the U.S. Supreme Court. ⚡



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## Hoosier Tea Party Speaker

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Mr. Fettig firmly believes America will be saved by average people ~ people like you and me who are ready, willing, and able to stand up and be heard by the ruling class in Washington. Currently, America Refocused is striving to involve churches throughout our State in this most important cause.

Mr. Fettig went to Washington by himself for the first Tea Party Rally. He was overwhelmed by the number of people who showed up, how kind and polite they were, and how neat and clean the area was when they left! It has been estimated that 1.2 million

people attended that rally. Since that first visit, Mr. Fettig has visited Washington seven more times making contact with various patriotic organizations throughout our country, visiting the Senate offices to speak with our Senators Lugar and Bayh, and attending meetings with like-minded people.

Mr. Fettig describes himself as an American Conservative, then a Republican by default. His candor was refreshing!

*Rosalie A. Lavelle, President  
Capitol Chapter of Eagle Forum*

# Republicans Pledge to Change Our Direction

By Phyllis Schlafly

**A**lready tasting victory in November, Republicans in Congress issued "A Pledge to America" setting forth their goals. The principal thrust is to reassure Americans that Republicans will, indeed, offer "a clear and clearly different approach" to Barack Obama's policies.

The Pledge properly recognizes that "joblessness is the single most important challenge facing America today" and that, therefore, it's time to end the "liberal Keynesian experiment," i.e., trying to spend our way to prosperity.

We've been waiting for smart politicians to make a forthright denunciation of Keynesianism ever since it was originally inflicted on Americans by Franklin D. Roosevelt and then given political credence by Richard Nixon's famous comment (proving he was not a conservative): "we are all Keynesians now."

Republicans solemnly promise not to allow any tax increases. Unless the Reid-Pelosi Democrats come to their senses, they will allow a \$3.8 trillion tax hike to take effect the first of the year.

The Pledge rejects Obama's "job-killing agenda": bailouts, government takeovers, tax increases, phony "stimulus" spending sprees, and the new regulation on small business to report to the IRS any purchases of more than \$600. The Pledge recognizes that raising taxes is the wrong way to go because it punishes the very people who can hire the unemployed.

Another very sensible pledge is to "roll back government spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels." We surely need Congressmen who will call a halt to the present policy of borrowing from China and other foreign countries 41 cents of every dollar we spend.

Republicans promise "to repeal and replace the government takeover of health care." Current public opinion polls confirm that 61 percent of the voters want exactly that.

Republican remedies for health-care problems include enacting medical liability reform, allowing freedom to buy insurance from states other than your own, and making it easier to have health savings accounts. Since Obamacare provides for the creation of more than 160 boards, bureaus, and commissions, the only way to deal with such a maze of bureaucracies is to repeal Obamacare and start over.

Contrary to predictions and hopes of the RINOs, the Pledge takes firm positions on the social issues. The pledge "to honor families, traditional marriage, life and the private and faith-based organizations that form the core of our American values" starkly delineates a fundamental divide between the political parties.

Traditional marriage? Republicans are four-square to maintain it. Obama, on the other hand, has called for the repeal of DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act). The Pledge promises to prevent the marriage penalty from returning.

Life? Republicans pledge to "establish a government-

wide prohibition on taxpayer funding of abortion and subsidies for insurance coverage that includes abortion." They also will "codify the Hyde Amendment" and repudiate Obama's sham in trying to finesse abortion funding in Obamacare by a meaningless executive order.

The other party is very different on the abortion issue. Obama has pledged to pass the Freedom of Choice Act, which would pay for all abortions with taxpayers' money and knock out all pro-life laws (such as the ban on partial-birth abortions and requiring parental consent for minors' abortions).

Democratic-appointed judges are repeatedly ruling against any public manifestation of religion such as posting the Ten Commandments or reciting "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. Obama has lined up in favor of building a massive Mosque near the 9/11 site in New York.

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When Obama publicly read portions of the Declaration of Independence on television, he ostentatiously omitted the key words "by our Creator." His failure to read the Declaration accurately means that he refused to identify Who endowed us with our rights.

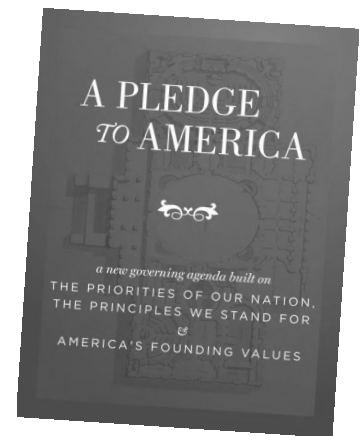
Here is a very innovative idea: Republicans pledge to stop "forcing responsible taxpayers to subsidize irresponsible behavior." This is scheduled to start by "ending bailouts permanently, canceling the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), and reforming Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac."

We hope this policy will continue by refusing to bail out or subsidize any more banks that give home mortgages to people who have no job or credit.

In another switch from current policy, Republicans pledge to enforce our laws to secure our border: "We will reaffirm the authority of state and local law enforcement to assist in the enforcement of all federal immigration laws."

Tackling another controversial issue, Republicans pledge to oppose a national 'cap and trade' energy tax. And Republicans will fight for the rights of workers by opposing schemes that deny them the right to a secret ballot.

The Pledge recognizes that providing for the common defense is not just a priority, "it is a constitutional duty." Therefore, Republicans pledge to protect the U.S. homeland from missile threats from rogue states such as Iran and North Korea.



# American Exceptionalism: Obama vs. Jefferson

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nation did not make the same mistake as their mother country. They realized that since God doesn't *force* anyone to adhere to one set of religious beliefs, neither should the government.

On the other hand, the Founders were Christian people with a proper understanding of human nature who thus recognized that absolute power tends to corrupt absolutely. So neither did they want the instability and abuse of power characteristic of a secular government. As a result, they brilliantly developed the perfect third alternative to the religious-secular dilemma. Instead of creating their own secular system or adopting laws directly from a sectarian religion, the founders wisely based the United States on the Moral Law ("Nature's Law" in Jefferson's words), which comes from God.

It is critical to recognize that our Founders based our government and moral rights on a theistic God, not on someone's sectarian religion. This Moral Law is consistent with Christianity but does not require adherence to Christianity or even knowledge of the Bible. In fact the Bible itself says that even those who don't have the Bible know basic right and wrong because God has "written it on their hearts" (Rom. 2:14-15).

In this respect, one could say that the country was founded on Christian theism, but the founders did not mandate the observance of Christianity. So even though most of the Founders were orthodox Christians who believed the Rights of the people came from God, they did

not insist that every citizen *believe* in God; they simply saw no way to *justify* those natural moral Rights unless God exists.

Indeed, if there is no God then there is no standard beyond humanity, and morality is

just a matter of human opinion. In other words, without an unchanging standard of Good (which is God's very nature), then murdering Jews, for example, isn't really wrong. Without God, it's just your opinion against Hitler's. And without God, you only have "rights" that the government decides to grant you.

The founders knew that human rights are unalienable precisely because they come from God, not government. They also knew that government's proper function is not to create rights or to settle theological debates,

but, as they wrote in the Declaration of Independence, it is "to *secure* [the unalienable] rights" of the people.

But what happens when our leaders fail to secure our rights and our exceptional form of government? The Declaration has a recommendation: "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

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Do we need to abolish our "Form of Government?" No, just the leaders misleading it. We don't need a "transformation" envisioned by Obama, Reid and Pelosi. We need a restoration to the vision of Jefferson, Adams and Madison. That's why concerned Americans don't want to abolish our "Form of Government" but simply restore the exceptional one we had by voting out those who want to transform American exceptionalism into European socialism. But that will only happen if we replace them with the right people—people who are more like our founders than Obama. Today we call them conservatives. ☺



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