

Third Saturday Seminar 2011-2012

Humanity at a Crossroads

Session 07

21 April 2012

**"We must all hang together, or assuredly
we shall all hang separately"**

Ben Franklin, at the signing of the Declaration of Independence

Current Events Segment

Curt Gibby

**ALL Program, Lone Star College – Montgomery
Conroe, Texas**

Change

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's yourself.

Aldous Huxley

Program for TSS Meeting 21 April 2012

- 9:30 am Introduction & Current Events (15 Minutes +/-) –
- 9:45 am – Part I - Hang Together or be Hanged Separately**
- 10:30 am - 10 Minute Break
- 10:40 am – Part II - Hang Together or be Hanged Separately**
- 11:55 am Closing Remarks and Feedback

Third Saturday Seminars

To refer to an ancient Chinese saying, our world is in interesting times and individual citizens are assaulted with a blinding array of propaganda from every conceivable source. The Third Saturday Seminar is about demystification of what is going on around is. Time will also be spent on current events. 3 Sessions. No fee.

Lone Star College-Montgomery BI02

160199 2/18, 3/24, 4/21, 5/19

16020 9:30 a.m. – Noon Gibby

<http://wwwapps.lonestar.edu/flipbook/ALL/montgomeryfall11/montgomery.html>

TED-TALKS

5 Part Series, Science Channel

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Each hour in this 5-part series focuses on the best that the prestigious TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) conferences has to offer. Through their mission to share "ideas worth spreading", TED presenters have astounded, informed and inspired audiences for over 25 years. Now, these riveting talks by remarkable people will be shown on SCIENCE for the first time ever.

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<http://science.discovery.com/tv/ted-talks/>

“War Against Women” Protest

("War Against Women") on April 28th in Austin.

Spread the word to interested parties.

War On Women protest in Austin, 4/28/12

<http://www.wowtex.org/>

* We're angry* We're organized* And we vote*

<http://www.wowtex.org/>

Current Events

21 April 2012

Don't*be***Panic***ked!*

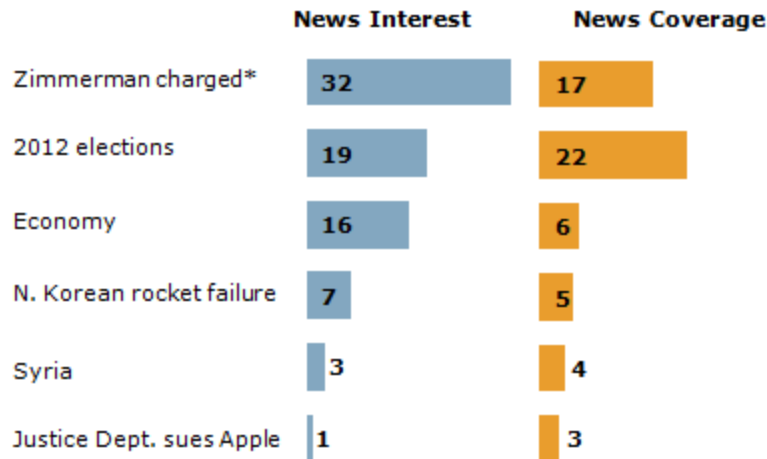
Current Events (15minutes, today)

Let's see: Secrets of the Secret Service (Cavorting in Cartagena), Syria Cease Fire(?), War on Women (Rep) vs. War on Women (Dem). Rick Perry insists on "state rape" of our female citizens but refuses funds for prenatal care and family planning.

Released: April 17, 2012

Murder Charge in Trayvon Martin's Death Top Story Racial Differences in Interest Remain Wide

News Interest vs. News Coverage



News interest shows the percentage of people who say they followed this story most closely, Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, April 12-15, 2012. News coverage shows the percentage of news coverage devoted to each story, Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism, April 9-15, 2012.
* PEJ coverage number is for all stories related to Trayvon Martin's death, including the arrest of George Zimmerman.

Continuing Racial, Partisan Differences In Attentiveness to Martin Case

News story followed most closely...	Total %	White %	Black %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %
Zimmerman charged	32	27	69	23	41	31
2012 election	19	22	7	30	15	15
Economy	16	17	12	18	11	19
North Korean rocket	7	8	5	4	9	7
Syria	3	3	0	2	3	4
Justice Dept. sues Apple	1	2	1	1	1	2
Other/Don't know	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Apr. 12-15, 2012. Whites and blacks are non-Hispanic. There are too few Hispanic respondents to reliably report their answers. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Here an appetizer (Irony rules):

The politics of stay-at home-moms

<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/mon-april-16-2012/mitt-needs-moms---motherhood-is-hard>



<http://nation.foxnews.com/secret-service-sex-scandal/2012/04/20/palin-hammers-ousted-secret-service-agent-gawking-her>

The Washington Post reporting one of the agents booted from the agency was part of Governor Palin's vice presidential security team in 2008. That agent is David Chaney.

Now, he posted pictures on Facebook of himself and Governor Palin in 2008, writing comments like, "I was really checking her out, if you know what I mean."



“This agent . . . was kind of ridiculous posting pictures and comments. Well check this out, bodyguard. You’re fired! And I hope his wife . . . kicks him into the dog house as long as he’s not eating the dog with his former boss. Look who’s running the show... People will say it’s boys being boys. I’ve had enough of these men being dogs and not being responsible for the taxpayer’s dollars.”

Defendant Anders Behring Breivik, ...

<http://news.yahoo.com/court-shock-norway-gunman-describes-massacre-124453974--finance.html>

Court in shock as Norway gunman describes massacre

AP

ASSOCIATED PRESS

By JULIA GRONNEVET and KARL RITTER | Associated Press - 49 mins ago



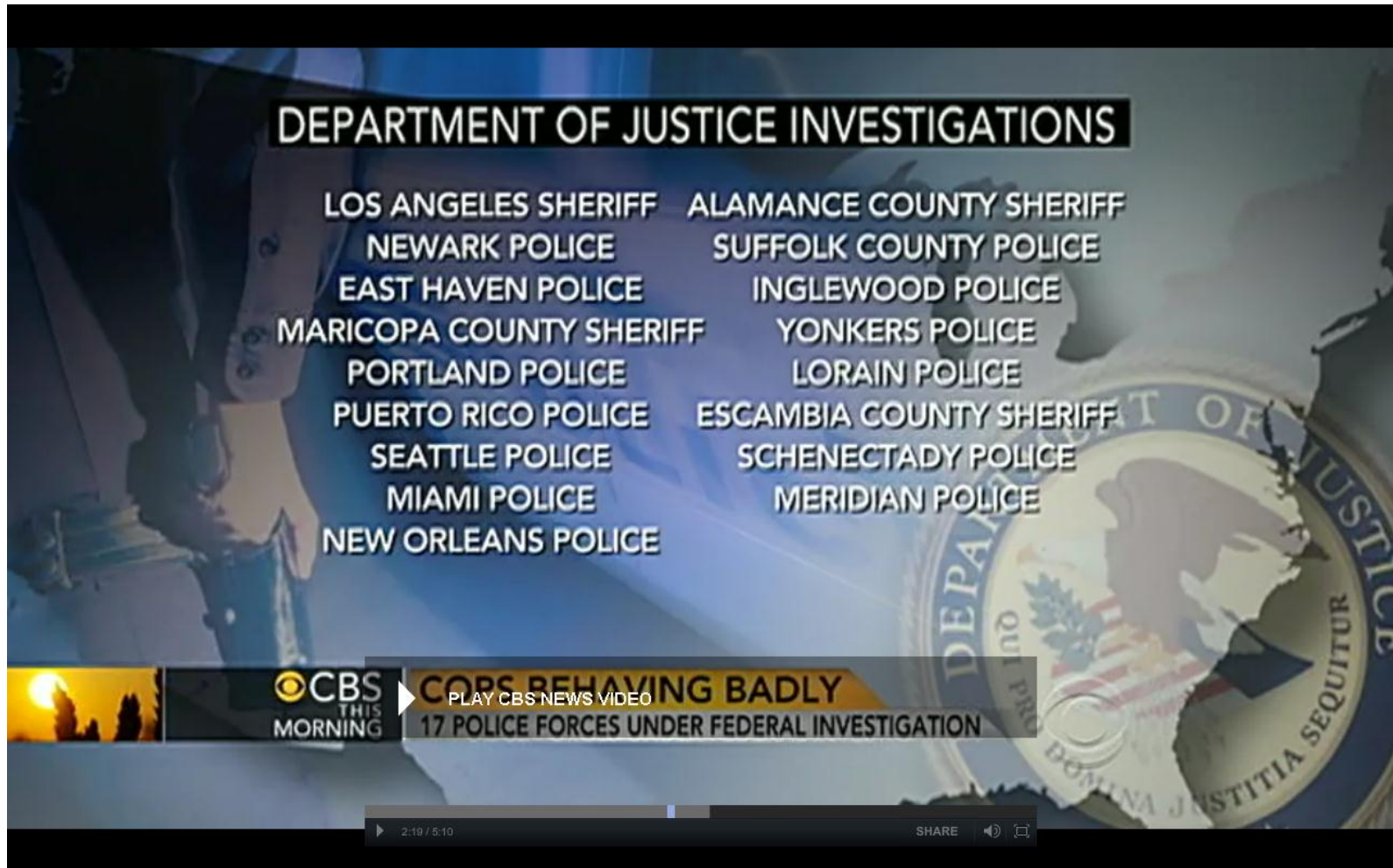
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OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norwegians who lost loved ones on Utoya island gasped and sobbed Friday as far-right fanatic Anders Behring Breivik described in harrowing detail how he gunned down teenagers as they fled in panic or froze before him, paralyzed with fear.

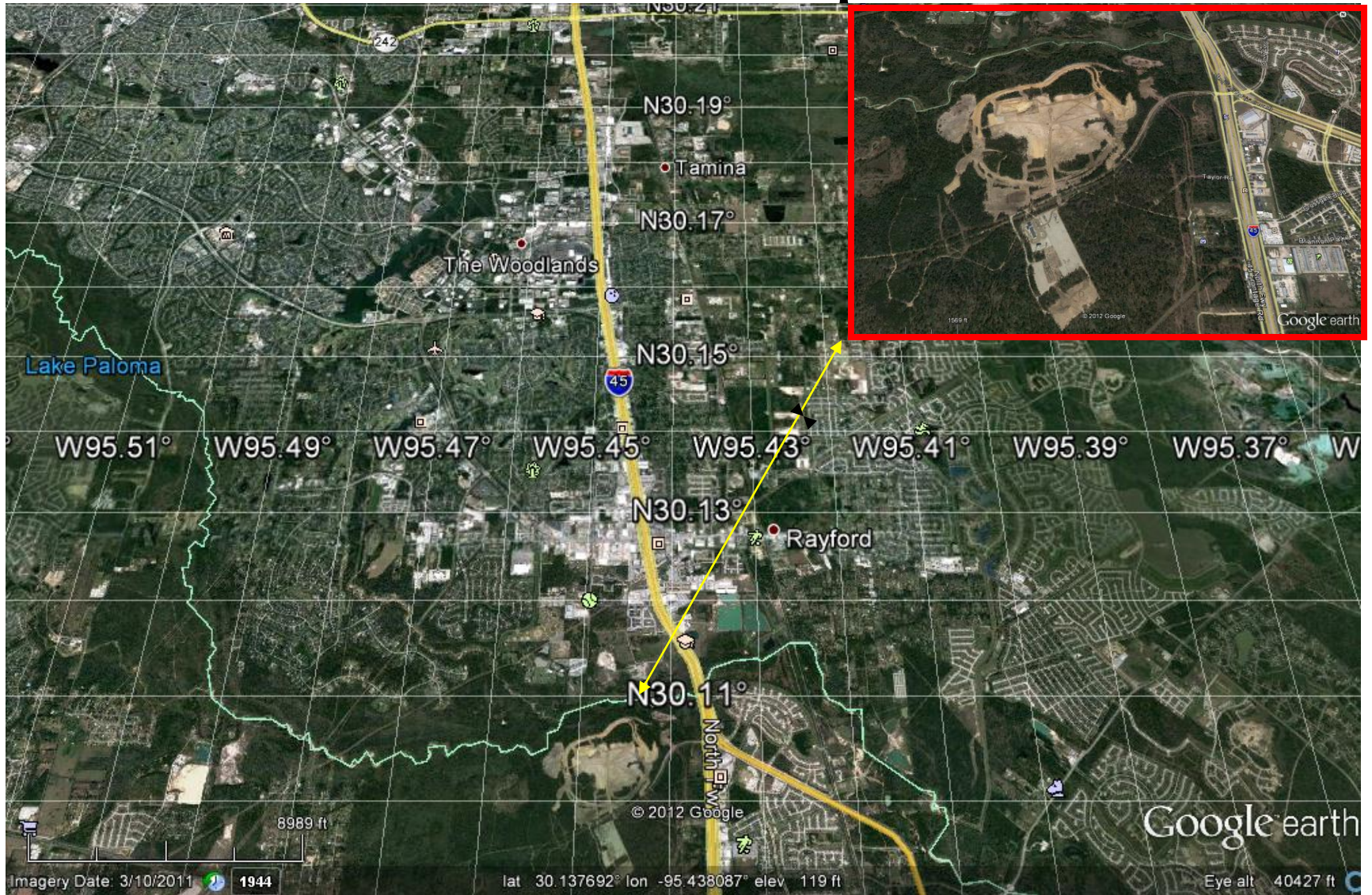
Survivors and victims' relatives hugged, cried and shook, trying to comfort each other during testimony that completed the first week of Breivik's trial for a bombing-and-shooting rampage that left 77 people dead on July 22.

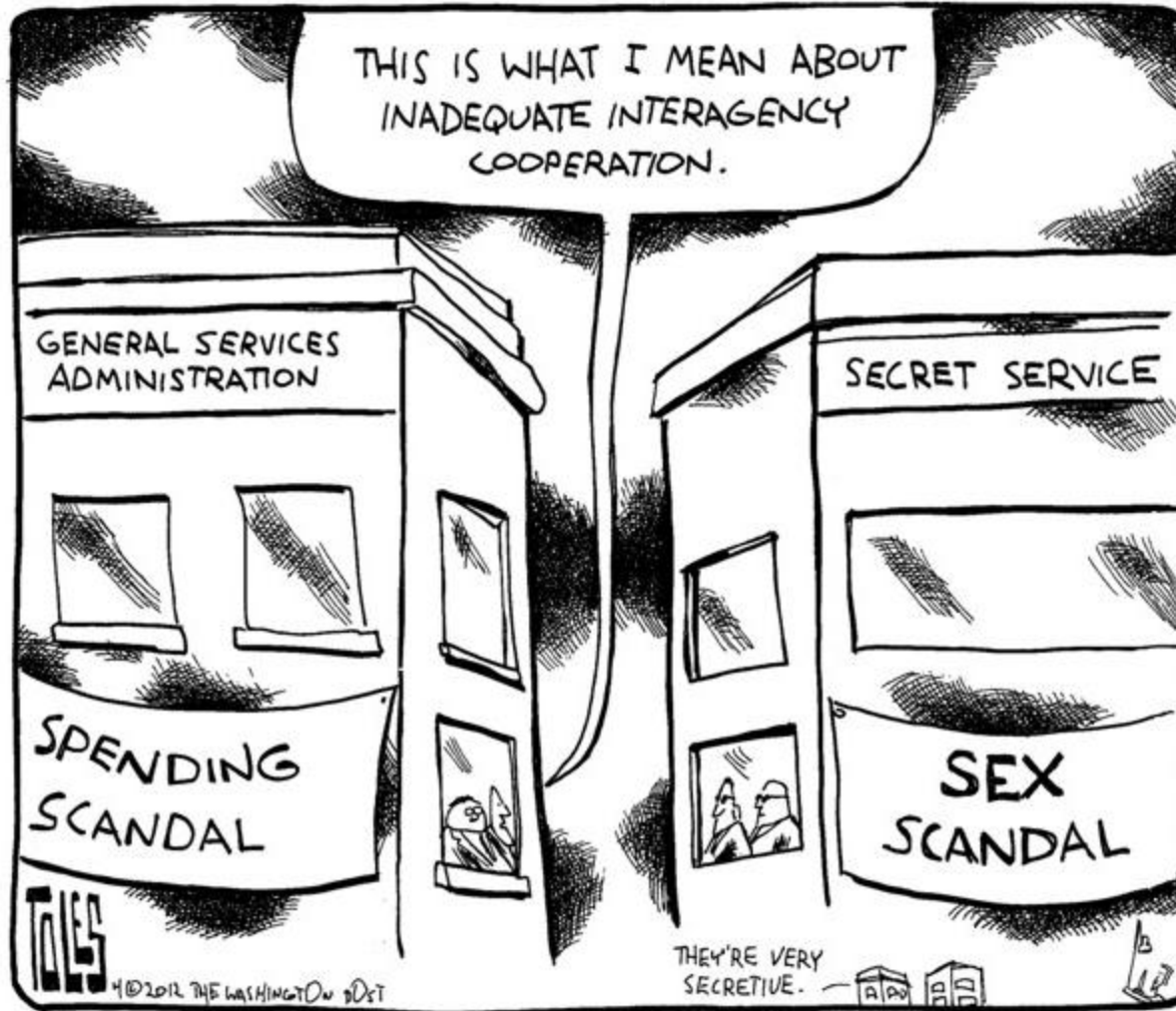
State of the Police State



http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505263_162-57415638/doj-investigating-17-police-sheriff-departments/?tag=mncol;lst;1

Exxon Campus





Primary Election

May 2012						
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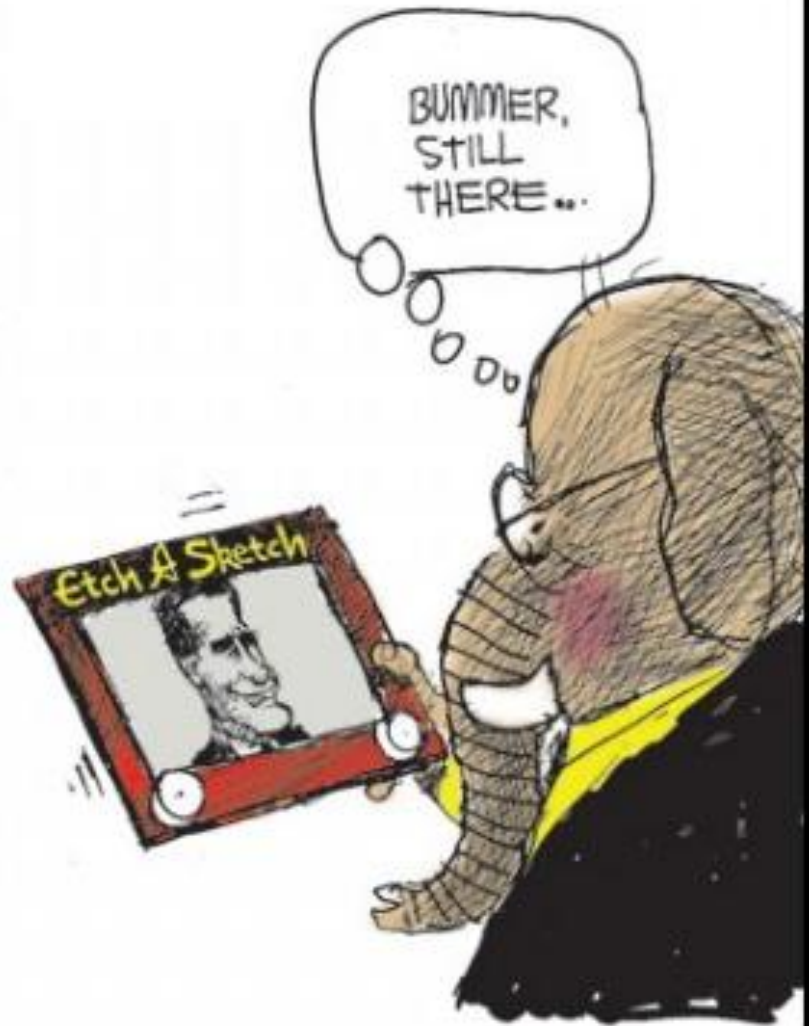
14th	First day of early voting by personal appearance for <u>May 29</u> primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(a).
22nd	Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for <u>May 29</u> primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 84.007(c).
25th	Last day of early voting by personal appearance for <u>May 29</u> primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(a).
29th	<p>Primary election day. (Date set by the 3/1/2012 federal court order.)</p> <p>Note: The primary ballot will contain all public offices that are scheduled to be on the general election ballot on November 6, 2012 (except offices for expired terms that become vacant after March 5, 2012) and all party offices, except the office of precinct chair. If the office of precinct chair is contested, it will appear on the runoff primary election ballot on July 31, 2012, in accordance with the 3/1/2012 federal court order.</p> <p>Under Texas law, precinct conventions to elect delegates to county or district conventions of parties holding primaries may be held on primary election day. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 174.022(a). (NEW LAW, HB 2817, 2011 Legislative Session, provides that precinct conventions may be held on primary election day or not later than a date determined by the county executive committee that occurs not later than the fifth day after the date of the general primary election.) However, under a <u>federal court order signed on February 28, 2012</u>, the requirement to hold precinct conventions under Tex. Elec. Code Ann. Chapter 174, <u>precinct conventions is suspended</u>. The February 28, 2012 federal court order directs the state executive committee of each political party to prescribe rules providing for the selection of participants in county and senatorial district conventions. The order also suspends Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 163.006, 191.007, and 191.008 for the purpose of modifying party rules made pursuant to the federal court order.</p>



CBS News

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Swing Voters

On Afghanistan, Romney Voters Are Split, Swing Voters Want Out

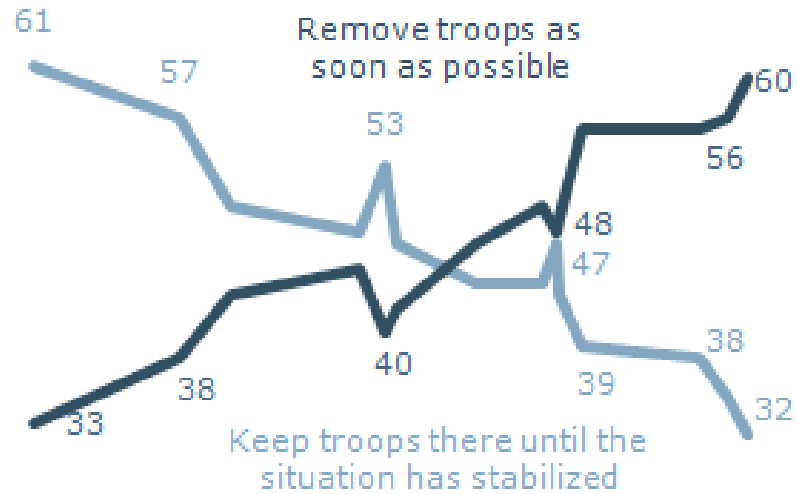
2012 vote preference	U.S. troops in Afghanistan			
	Keep until stable	Remove as soon as possible	DK	N
Obama	29	64	6=100	550
Romney	43	49	8=100	517
Committed and swing voters				
Certain Obama	28	65	7=100	441
Swing voters	31	59	10=100	279
Certain Romney	46	48	6=100	444

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Apr. 4-15, 2012. Based on registered voters. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Nearly two-thirds (65%) of voters who say they are certain to support Barack Obama in the general election favor a rapid U.S. troop withdrawal. **But support for a troop pullout is nearly as extensive (59%) among swing voters — those who are either undecided in their general election preferences, lean toward a candidate or say they may still change their minds. Swing voters make up nearly a quarter (23%) of all registered voters.**

Afghanistan Then & Now

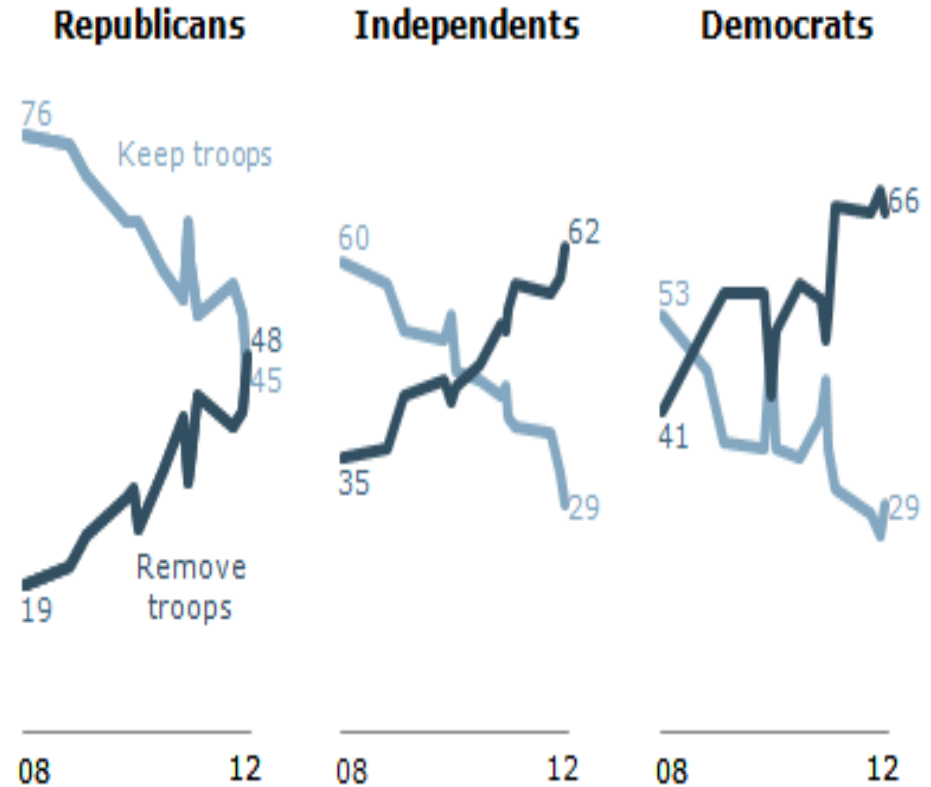
Record-Low Support for Keeping U.S. Troops in Afghanistan



Sept 2008 June 2009 June 2010 May 2011 Apr 2012

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Republicans Now Split Over U.S. Troop Presence



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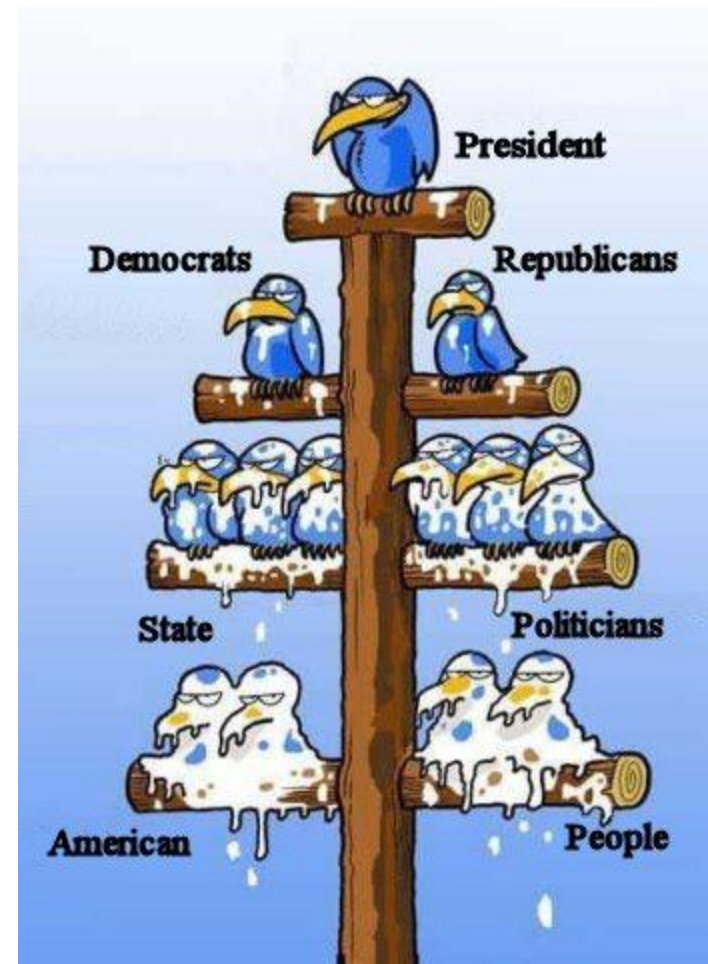
THE POLITICAL FLOW-CHART

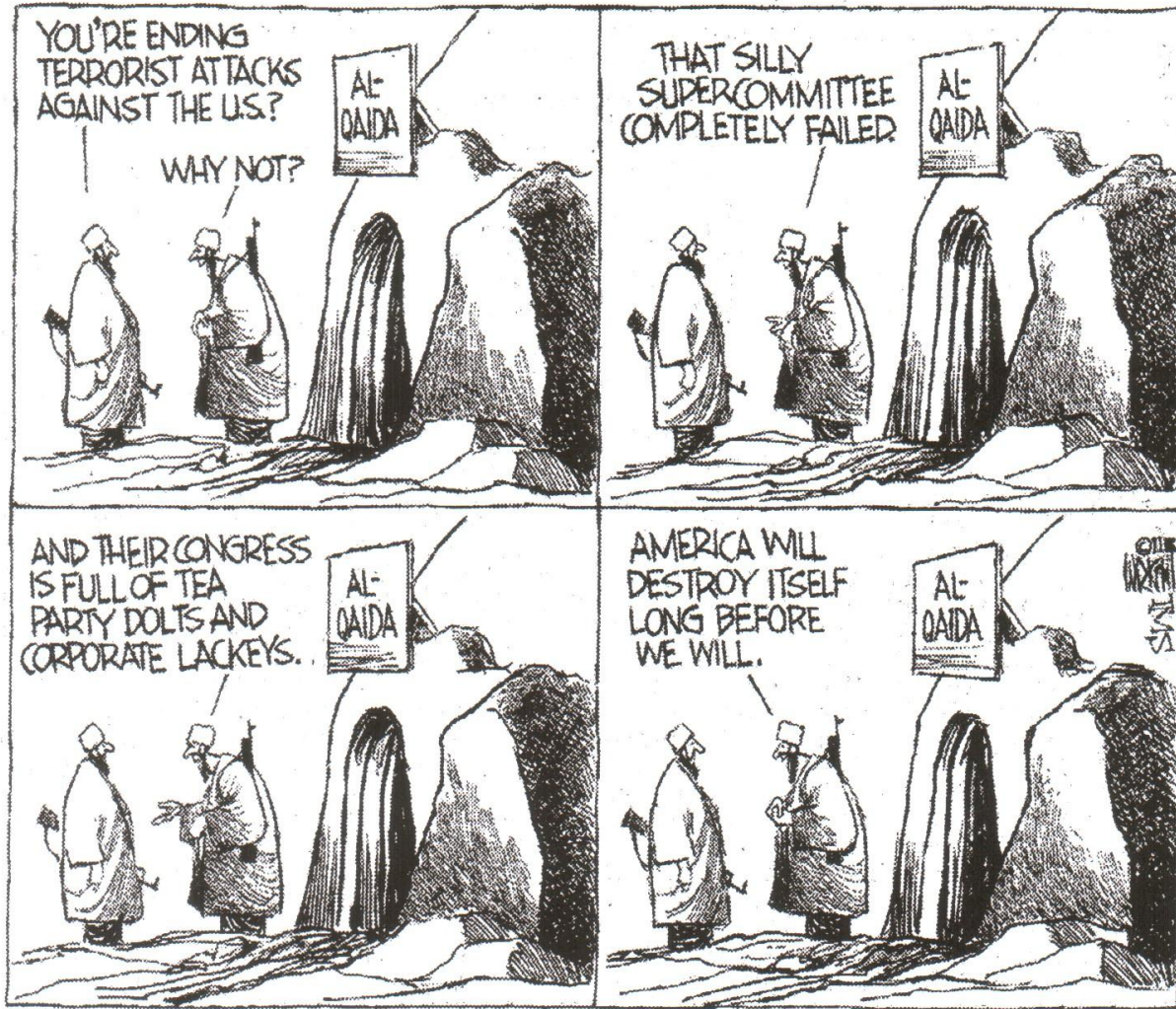
THE TRUTH WAS NEVER SO CLEAR AS THIS
MESSAGE:

**When top level people
look down,
They see only shit-heads;**

**When the bottom level
people look up,
They see only ass-holes.**

**That describes politics so
clearly.**





Scalia: You don't count pregnant women twice.

"It has nothing to do with how I decide cases," Scalia replies.

"My job is to interpret the Constitution accurately. And indeed, there are anti-abortion people who think that the constitution requires a state to prohibit abortion. They say that the Equal Protection Clause requires that you treat a helpless human being that's still in the womb the way you treat other human beings. **I think that's wrong. I think when the Constitution says that persons are entitled to equal protection of the laws, I think it clearly means walking-around persons.**

Justice Antonin Scalia, CBS 60 Minutes, Sept. 14, 2008
http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/04/24/60minutes/main4040290_page6.shtml

A Point of Diminishing Returns ... ?

Army Sergeant charged with killing 17 Villagers, 4th deployment...

Mohammed Merah, slays four men and three children under surveillance by the French ...

Al-Qaeda suspected as 49 die in Iraq bombings ...
Unhappy Sunnis?

George Zimmerman, something went terribly wrong...

Are we all, everybody, everywhere missing something really obvious ... ?

The Coming Accidental War with Iran, by Lyric Hughes Hale

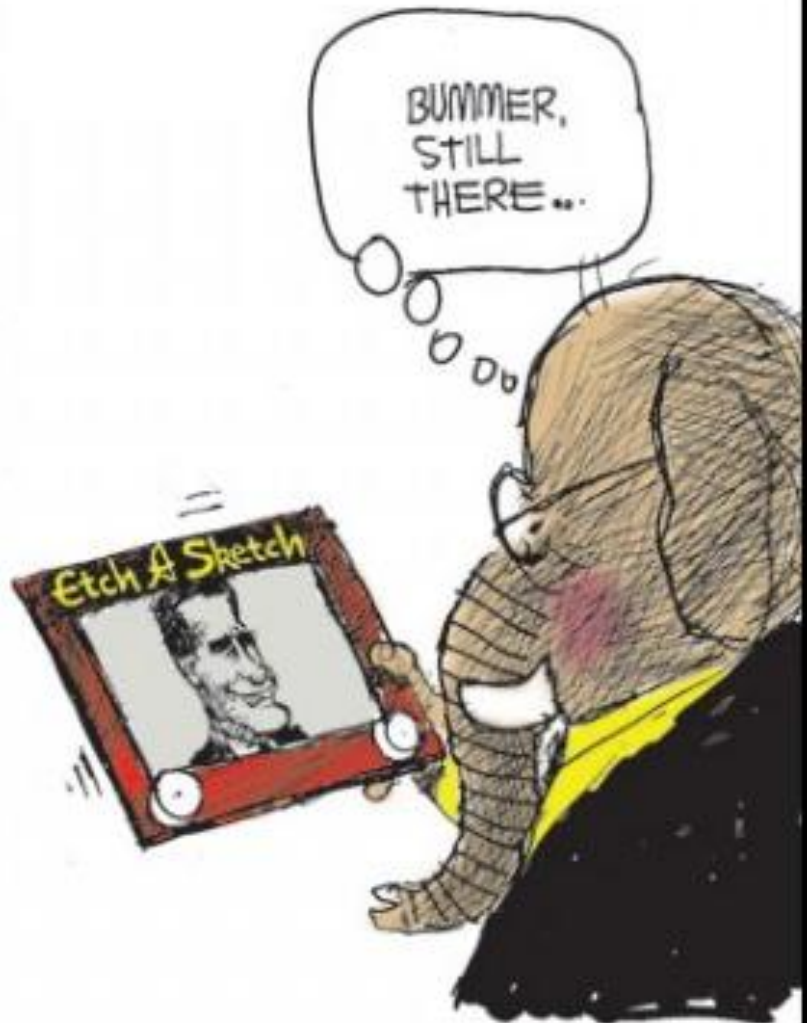
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lyric-hughes-hale/the-coming-accidental-war_b_1170574.html

Now that America's withdrawal from Iraq has been formalized, and Osama **bin Laden**, Hosni **Mubarak**, Muammar **Gaddafi**, Ali Abdullah **Saleh**, and Zine el Abidine **Ben Ali** have all been vanquished, after a year of unbelievable changes throughout the Middle East, my prediction is that **Iran is about to regain center stage in the region**. As a result of the US withdrawal, Iraq could be prone to more violence, and the Iranian leadership must certainly have taken note that **none of the toppled leaders, including Saddam Hussein, possessed formal nuclear capabilities**.

The first act is already being played out in Syria, the only Arab state to align itself with Iran, and in the streets of Bahrain, its neighbor under Saudi control. The Saudis and the Israelis are mulling diplomatic as well as military options to stop Iran from developing a nuclear weapons capability

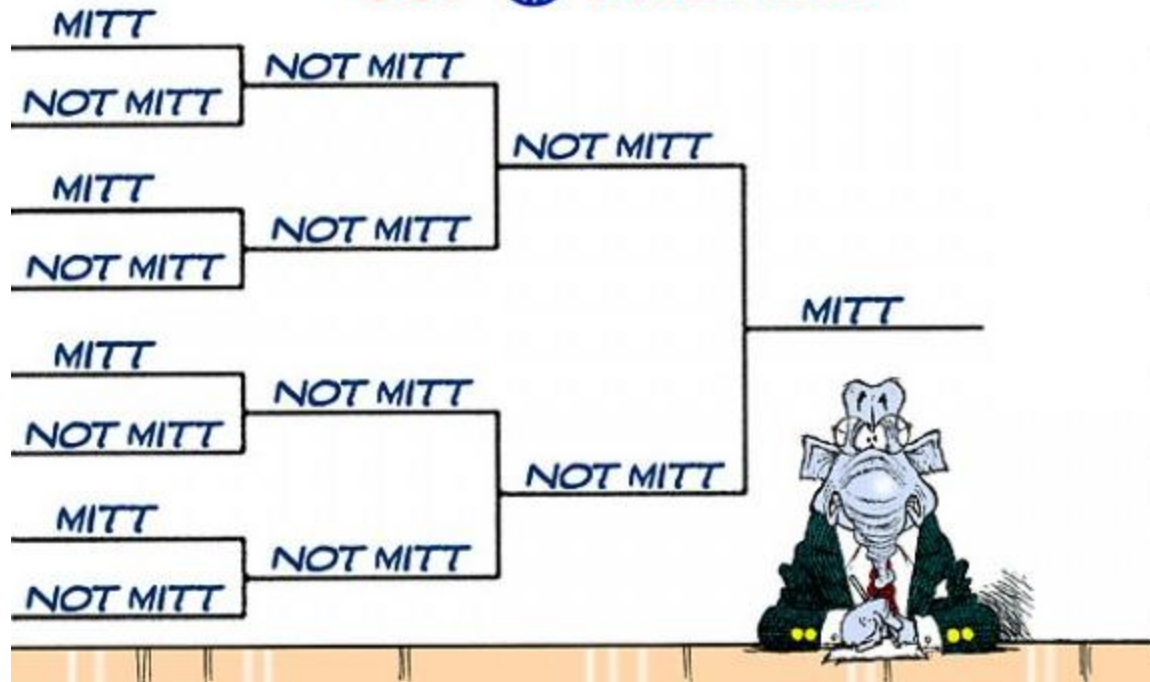
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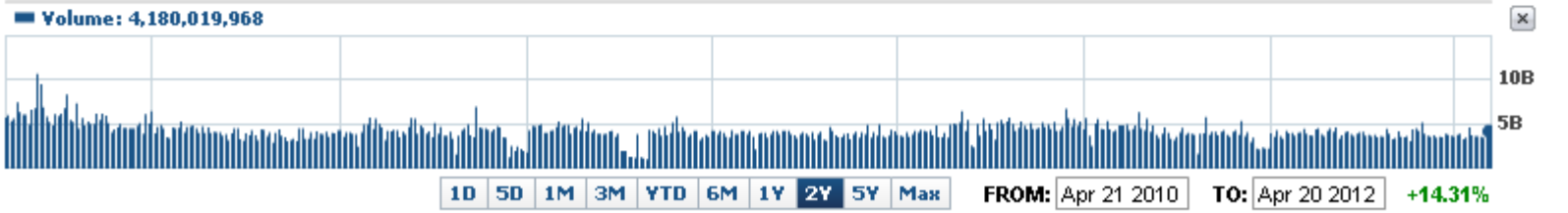


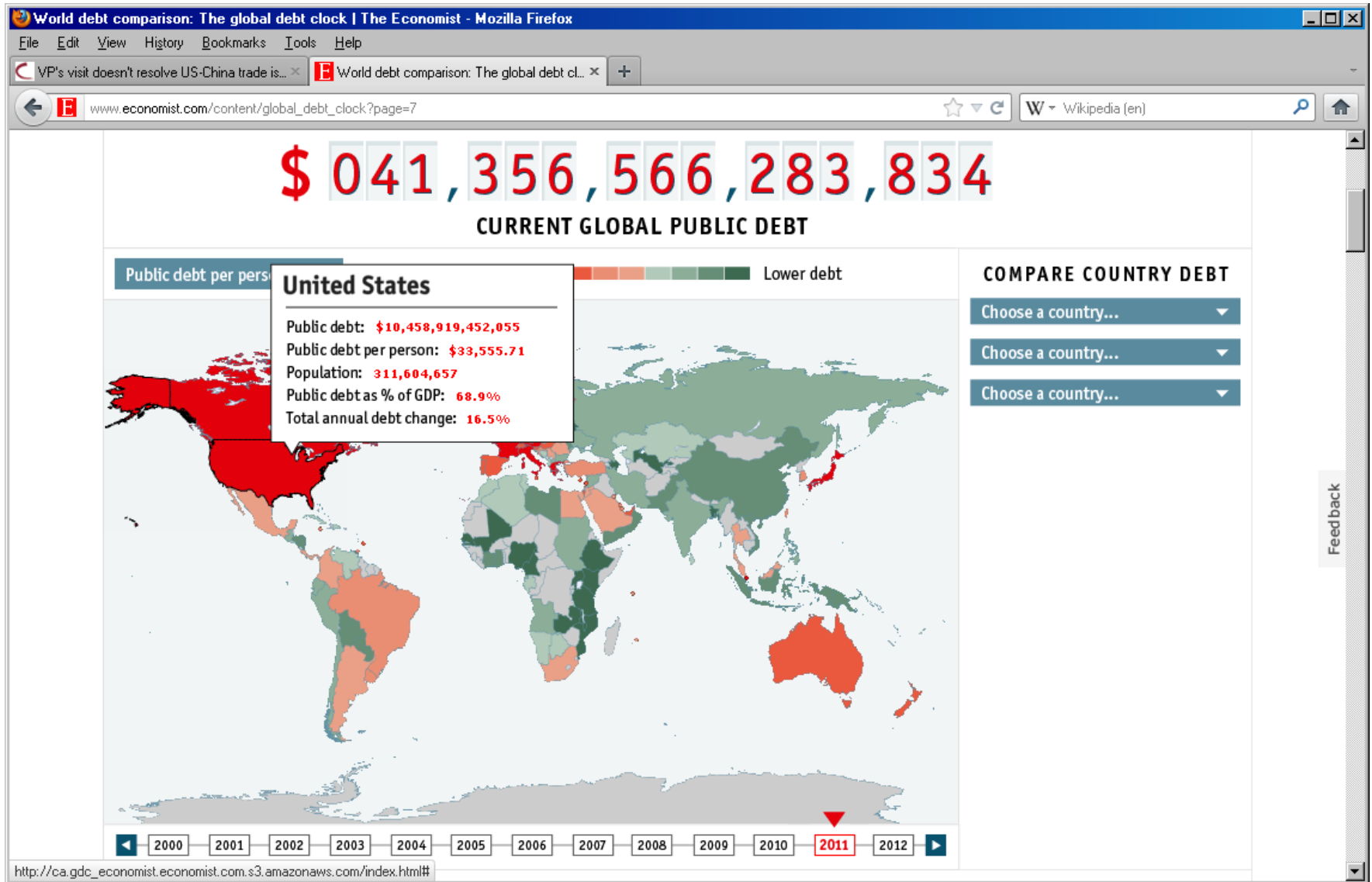
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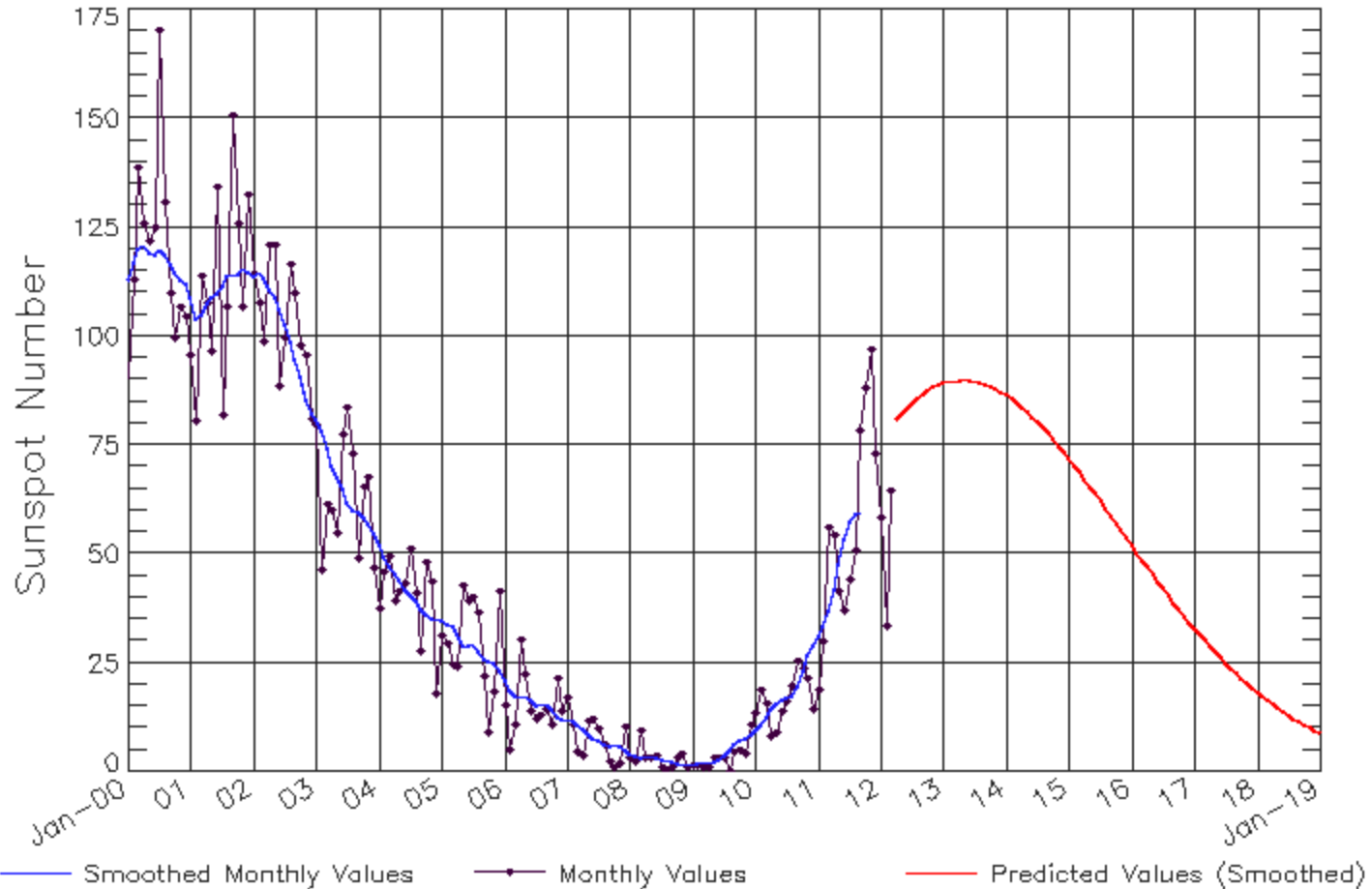
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Sun Spots

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression
Observed data through Mar 2012



Updated 2012 Apr 9

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/solarcycle/>

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NEXT
10 Minute Break

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Don't panic!

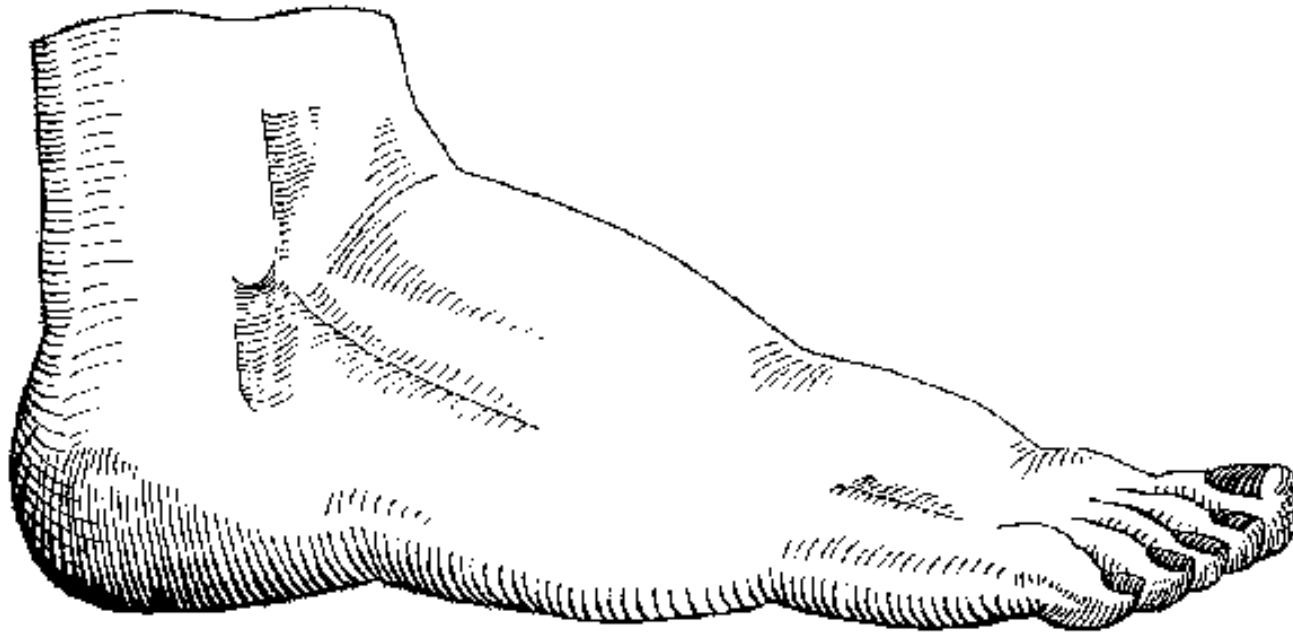
Don't be Panicked!

Welcome back to interesting times !



See You Next Time

The Monty Python Foot, a convenient way to end something that would seem to go on for ever accomplishing nothing.... (*See deus ex machina*)



The famous Python Foot can here be seen in its original format in the bottom left corner of "An Allegory of Venus and Cupid" by [Bronzino](#) (~1545)

When Monty Python had no ending for a skit, this foot would appear out of the sky and squash whatever was on screen with a rude noise. Allowing the show to move on.

Enrichment Material

What makes you an Authority?

The word authority comes from the word *author*. And the word author has a Latin root. It means: “he who enables growth”.

So, the person whom you recognize as an authority is a person who enables your growth.

The others are the ones to decide if I am an authority to them or not.

What makes you an Authority?

Your personal abilities:

1. Your Inner Power
2. Your knowledge

Authority and Inner Power:

I just said the true Authority is the result of your Inner Power.

This means I would judge your sense of Authority as your Inner Power.

<http://www.luismartinssimoes.com/2009/07/how-to-be-respected/>

Authority and Inner Power:

Yet, most people will judge your authority by **how you appear** and **how you act**.

We could call this your intrapersonal intelligence and your interpersonal intelligence.

People will confuse your Inner Power with your appearance and your acts, which are part of the ego.

This means that may you be totally genuine or totally faked, you will be an authority for someone.

Some will like a person's big ego and strong personality.

And he will be considered as an authority to them. That's their choice.

Some others will prefer another person's genuine vibration and ability to connect and recognize the source, and he will be considered as an authority to them.

It's always the others' choice.

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Authority and Knowledge:

You can be considered an authority for thousands of characteristics:

It can be because you are a good listener, or because you react calmly and softly to others' fragilities, or because you are good at saying, "No," or because you have no fears, or because you verbalize and observe your emotions...

If you are an individual who is very much identified with your ego, you will recognize authority to egotistic people.

If you are an individual who prefers to connect to the Source, to the I Am, you will recognize authority in spiritual people, for example, but not in egotistic people.

Authority and Knowledge:

Your knowledge is your ability to master [Instruction on Matter](#).

People will like your knowledge in Economy, or in Finance, or in Law, or in Philosophy, or in Engineering, or in Astrology, or in Painting...

This means authority does not claim for obedience, never!

Only someone who feels that his authority may be at stake will claim for obedience thru the use of power.

Power inspires fear.

Authority inspires respect.

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RETURN of the ELDERS UNLEASH YOUR WISDOM

It's time for the Return of the ELDERS! Previous successful societies relied on the councils of their ELDERS to offer WISDOM in times of confusion. Folks, we can't quit yet.

What does Authority mean?

The true Authority is the result of your inner power. It's the wisdom that comes from within.

It has to do with your connection [to the source, to the I Am](#).

Authority has nothing to do with the verb to have, but rather with the verb to be.

You do not have authority. You are seen as an authority.

The big difference between the External Power and Authority lies in the fact that authority cannot be imposed, it needs to be recognized.

So your authority depends on those who look at you.

Some people may recognize your authority and some others may not.

And you cannot do anything about it.

This is why people who are very much identified with their ego, and thus seeking for others approval, can't stand those who do not recognize their authority and hence use power to submit them by force.

<http://www.luismartinssimoes.com/2009/07/how-to-be-respected/>

Accepting the challenge

Many of you have in fact made real contributions during your lifetimes and careers. And now you feel you have earned a rest and start cashing in your chips and enjoying the good life.

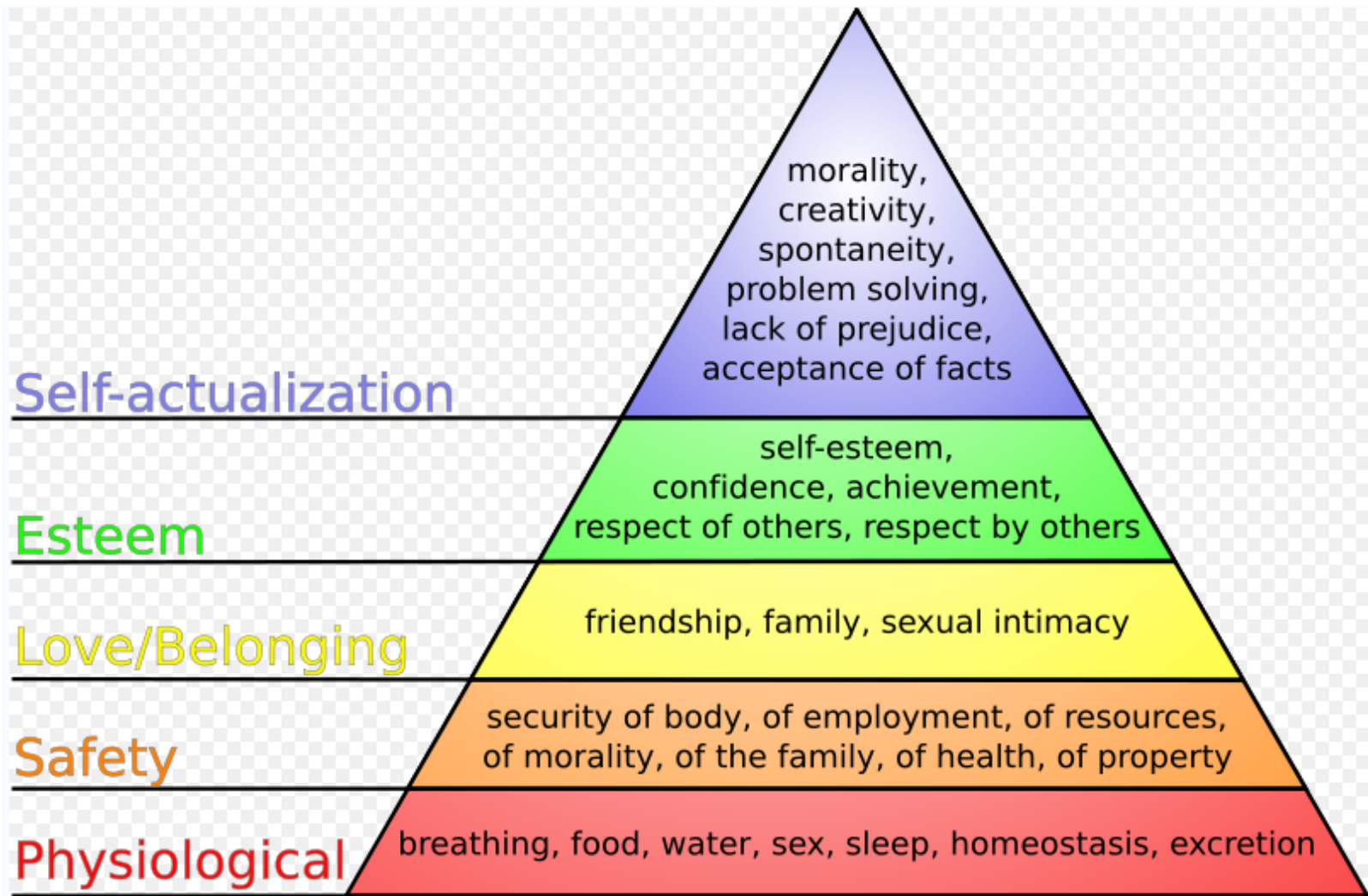
Not so fast, I'm afraid. We still have work to do if we are going to still have the America we thought we were going to have, but we see disappearing.

One of life's persistent questions:

“Why do cockroaches roll over before the die?”



Mazlow's Hierachy of Needs



[Maslow's_hierarchy_of_needs.svg](#) (SVG file, nominally 1,717 × 1,124 pixels, file size: 8 KB)

It all connects

Fear, War, Greed

To much capital in the hands of the few

Too little money in the hands of the consumers.

Credit is not a replacement for disposable income

Oil is a limited resource

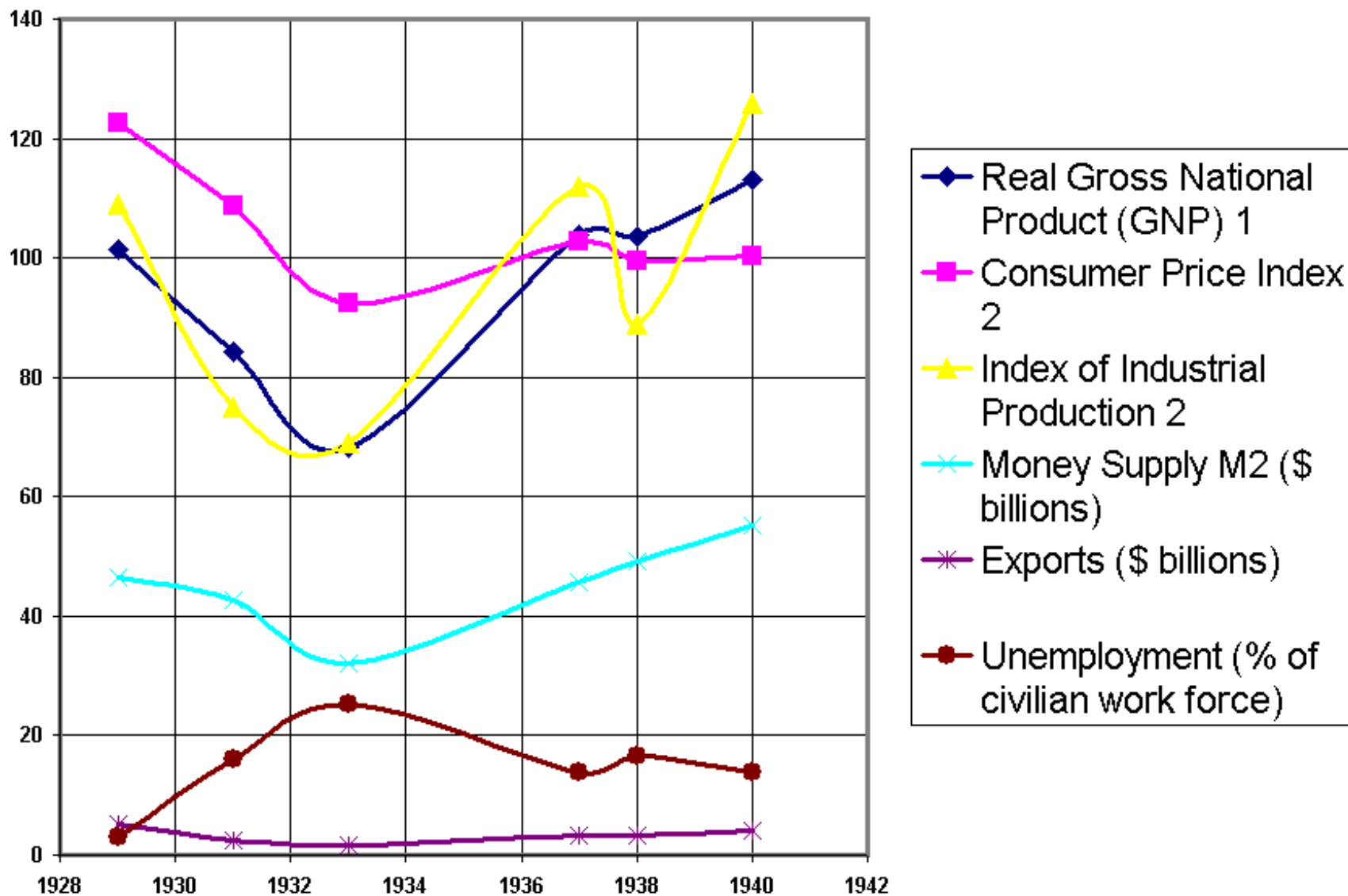
Unable to anticipate what looks obvious in retrospect

Trusting of Authority

Lacking critical ability/Education

Etc.

The Years of the Great Depression



Don't just be a thermometer, Be a thermostat

Jill Carroll

**“...we are the leaders we've
been looking for.”**

Grace Lee Boggs

Basic Wilderness Survival Skills

From: **British Columbia Outdoor Wilderness Guide**

Fear - For anyone faced with a wilderness emergency survival situation, fear is a normal reaction. Unless an emergency situation has been anticipated, fear is generally followed by panic then pain, cold, thirst, hunger, fatigue, boredom and loneliness. It is extremely important to calmly assess the situation and not allow these seven enemies to interfere with your survival.

Pain - Pain may often be ignored in a panic situation. Remember to deal with injuries immediately before they become even more serious.

Cold - Cold lowers the ability to think, numbing the body and reducing the will to survive. Never allow yourself to stop moving or to fall asleep unless adequately sheltered.

Thirst - Dehydration is a common enemy in an emergency situation and must not be ignored. It can dull your mind, causing you to overlook important survival information.

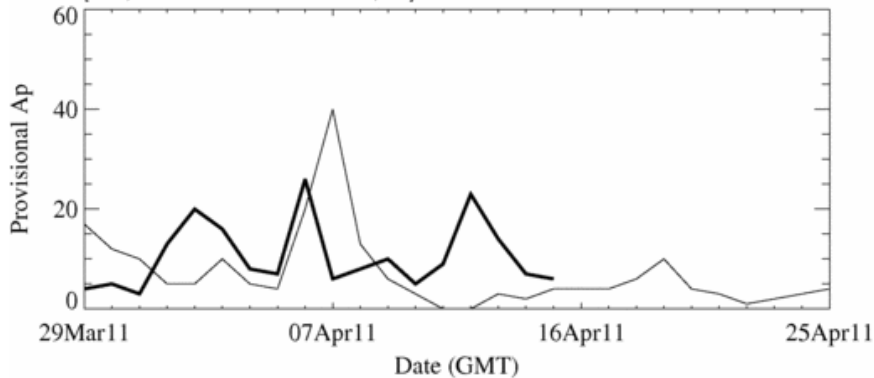
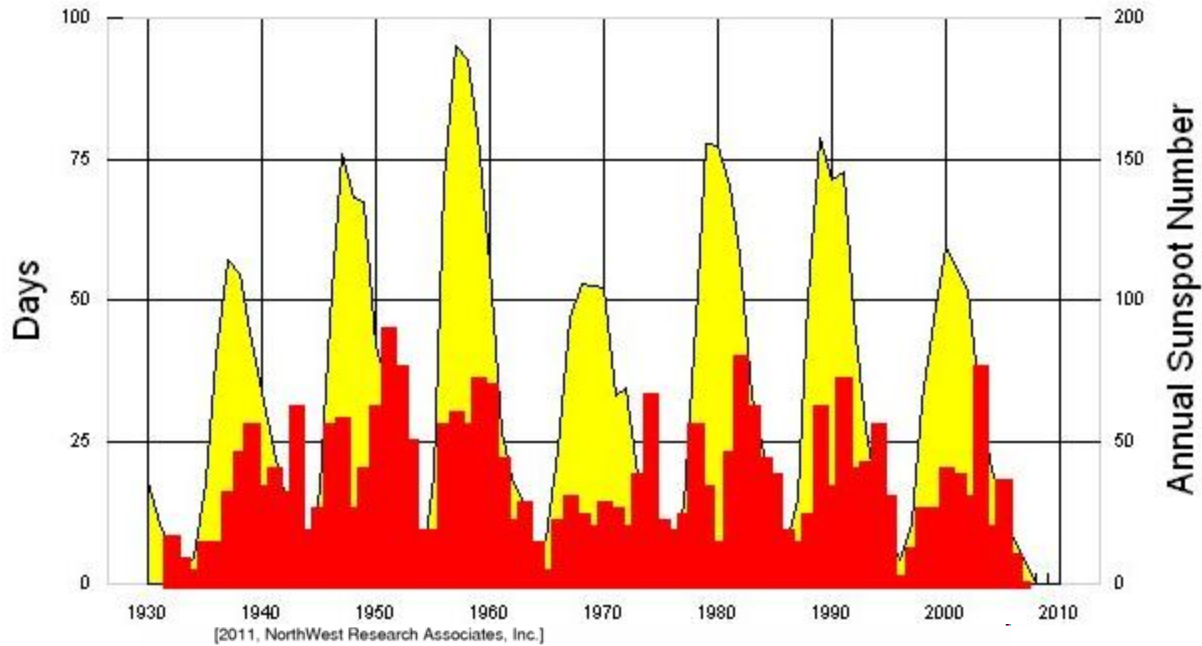
Hunger - Hunger is dangerous but seldom deadly. It may reduce your ability to think logically and increase your susceptibility to the effects of cold, pain and fear.

Fatigue - Fatigue is unavoidable in any situation so it is best to keep in mind that it can and will lower your mental ability. Remember that in an emergency situation this is often the body's way of escaping a difficult situation.

Boredom & Loneliness - These enemies are quite often unanticipated and may lower mind's ability to deal with the situation.

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/geomag/image/apstar07.jpg>

Number of Days $A_p^* \geq 40$ 1932 - 2007



THRIVE: How to Flourish in an Insane World

By [Dr. Arnie Kozak](#) | Last updated Jul 10, 2011, 11:02 am

Let's face it, the world is a mess. Political unrest, natural disasters, overpopulation, financial turmoil, depletion of natural resources, and war are everyday concerns. And thanks to the Internet and television these concerns are available 24/7 and come right to your living room.

Life has always been stressful. It's easy to idealize a bygone era as a golden age when things were different. There has always been war, unrest, and uncertainty. Yet as few as 50 years ago, it was not in our faces. The availability of information makes life more stressful.

We need tools to help us to cope with everything that is going around us – personally, in the family, community, country, and the world.

Money Multiplier (seasonally adjusted) 52 two week ROC (Rate of Change) blue (the data is bi-weekly)

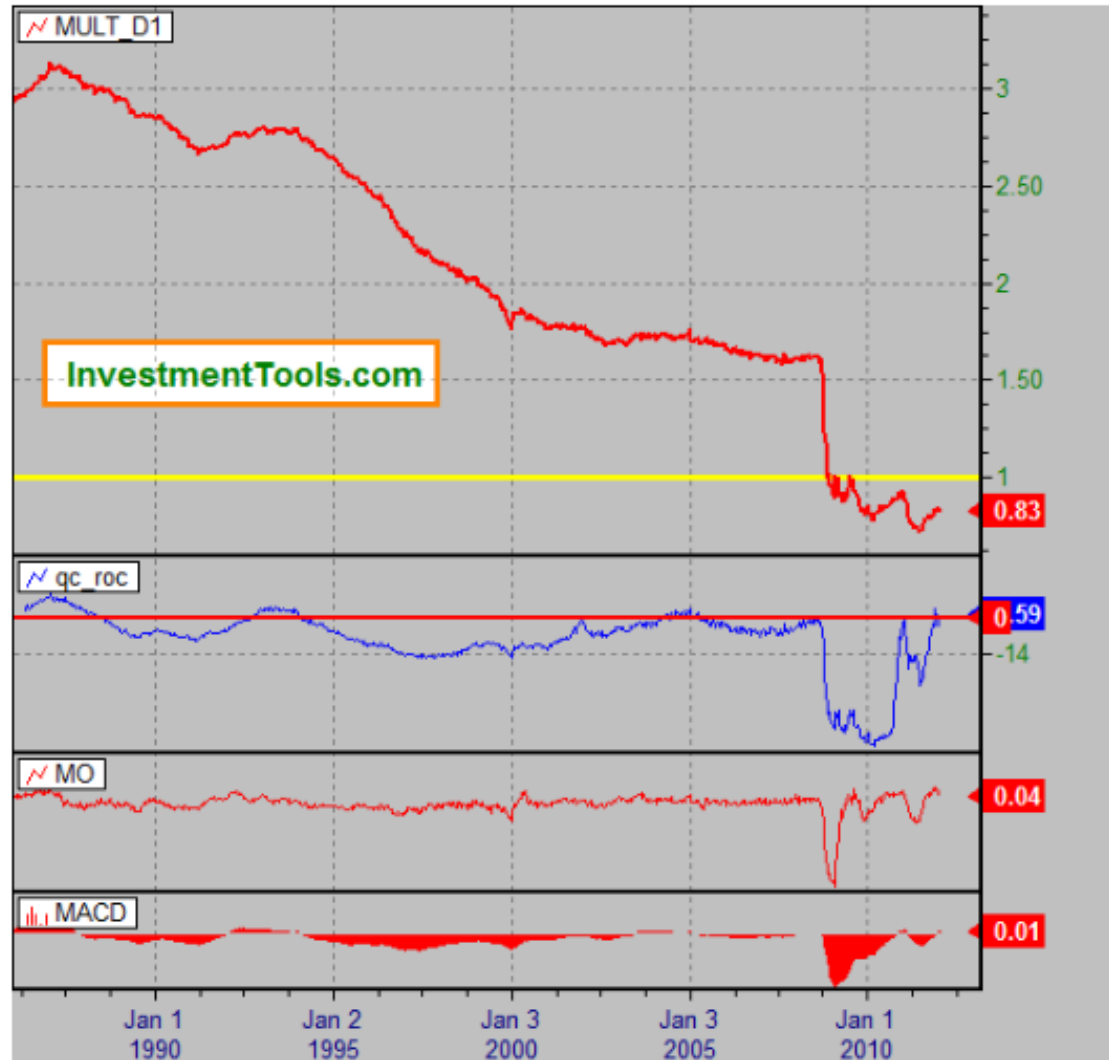


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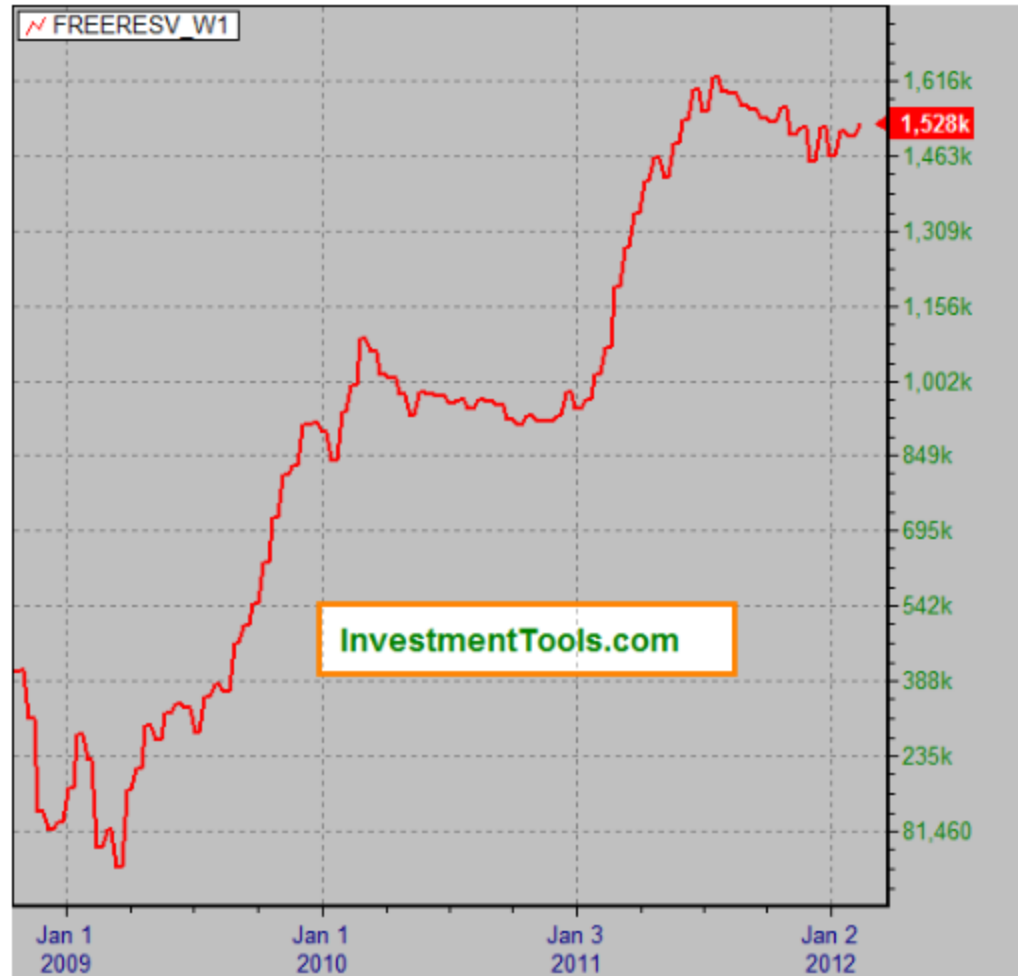
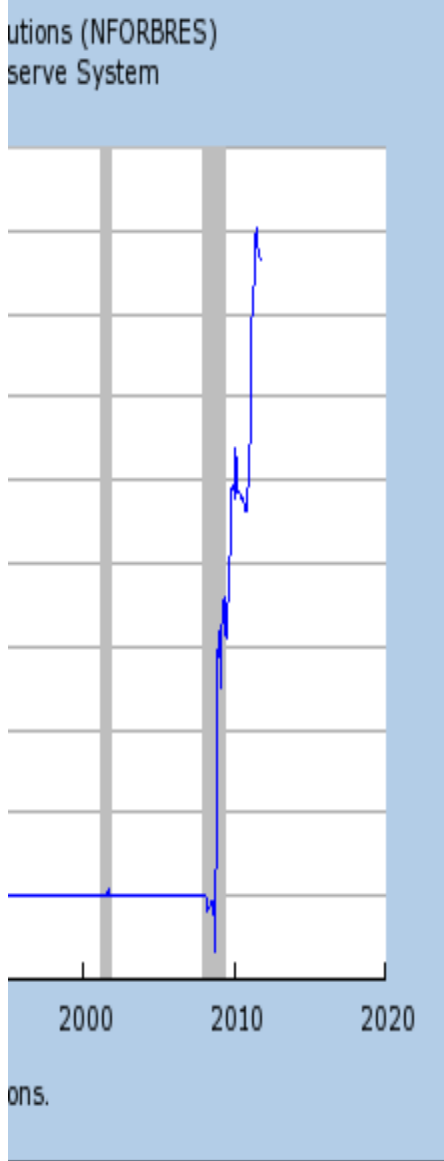


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