

**Third Saturday Seminar 2012-2013**

**Humanity at a Crossroads**

**23 March 2013**

**Session 07**

**Power? Power? Whose power is it anyway?**

**Curt Gibby**

**Current Events Segment**

**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.**

**Aldus Huxley**

# Accepting the challenge

Most 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.

# Program for TSS Meeting 20 April 2013

- **9:30 am Introduction & Current Events (45 Minutes +/-) –**  
*Curt Gibby*
- **10:15 am - 10 Minute break**
- **10:25 am – Power? Power? Whose power is it anyway?**
- **11:55 am Closing Remarks and Feedback**
- **Next Meeting 18 May 2013**

# 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 us. Time will also be spent on current events. 4 Sessions. No fee.

**LSC-M 102 February 16th, March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Need to check),  
April 20th, and May 18th 9:30AM-12PM Gibby**

**<http://lonestar.edu/all-montgomery.htm>**

**[http://lonestar.edu/departments/ce/Montgomery\\_ALL-Spr13.pdf](http://lonestar.edu/departments/ce/Montgomery_ALL-Spr13.pdf)**

**<http://lonestar.edu/departments/ce/ALLRegFormFinal12-11.pdf>**

# Introduction

The Universe seems to be dead set on keeping us Americans, if not entertained, off-balance and puzzled that those responsible for governing the last of the world's great superpowers, can seem to be so "out-to-lunch." Then they double-down on their stupidity and risk our futures with their blind incompetence. (Where did they go to school?)

We have just endured a major election when both sides used unlimited funds to convince the voters that their opponent was a no good crook. Obama and his people were the etter game players in the winner-takes-all the state's electors rules of most states. Barack Obama handily won the majority of electoral candidates of (all) the battleground states, but to me the more telling indicator is that he won only 50.68% of the popular vote.

# Intro - 2

That says that he has no strong mandate, except as allowed by the Constitution. In the popular election he squeaked y Romney, because Romney and his advisors couldn't separate confirmation bias from reality, and shot themselves in the foot with two major minorities, women and factory workers. (Why did they call them battleground states? because, they were potentially fed up with the Obama administration, which the Romney camp correctly surmised as an opportunity, which it was. but then when you let you own dogmas lind you to reality.

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We were so smart during the Carter Administration when we somehow enticed the Russians into invading Afghanistan, so it could become their Vietnam (Which it did and probably contributed greatly to the breakup of the USSR). What cruel irony that it is now us and our NATO Allies that have taken our own bait. We get to enjoy the Vietnam experience all over again. Fortunately(?) we have lost less than 10 percent of the troops we lost in Vietnam, but we are spending more and borrowing heavily to keep it going. Where will that lead us?

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# Current Events

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

# **Seven Things Young People Can Do To Stay Out of the E.R., According to Dr. Sampson Davis**

<http://www.ps.org/newshour/rundown/2013/03/seven-things-young-people-can-do-to-stay-out-of-the-er.html>

- 1. Learn How to Resolve Conflicts without Resorting to Guns**
- 2. Say No to Drugs**
- 3. Seek Help Early for Mental Health Issues**
- 4. Develop/Maintain Good Eating and Exercise Habits**
- 5. Report Domestic Violence and Avoid the Abuser**
- 6. Practice Safer Sex or Abstain**
- 7. Surround Yourself with Positive People**

Ultimately in life, you are the company you keep. Make sure to choose your friends wisely and keep company with the group that is going in a positive direction versus a negative one. Do well academically in school, earning as many A's and B's as possible. Go to college, have a vision and embark upon your journey towards greatness

# Next General Election is Nov 4, 2014

That is only **563** days from now.

**That is ONLY 1 Year, 7 Months and 16 Days until the next General Election. Tuesday, 4 November 2014**

All 435 Members of House of Representatives and 33 Senators will be elected or re-elected.

All 150 Members of Texas House of Representatives and 31 Texas Senators will be elected or re-elected. One-half of the Senate membership is elected every two years in even-numbered years, with the exception that all 31 Senate seats are up for election for the first legislature following the decennial census in order to reflect the newly redrawn districts. After the initial election, the Senate is divided by lot into two classes, with one class having a re-election after two years and the other having a re-election after four years.

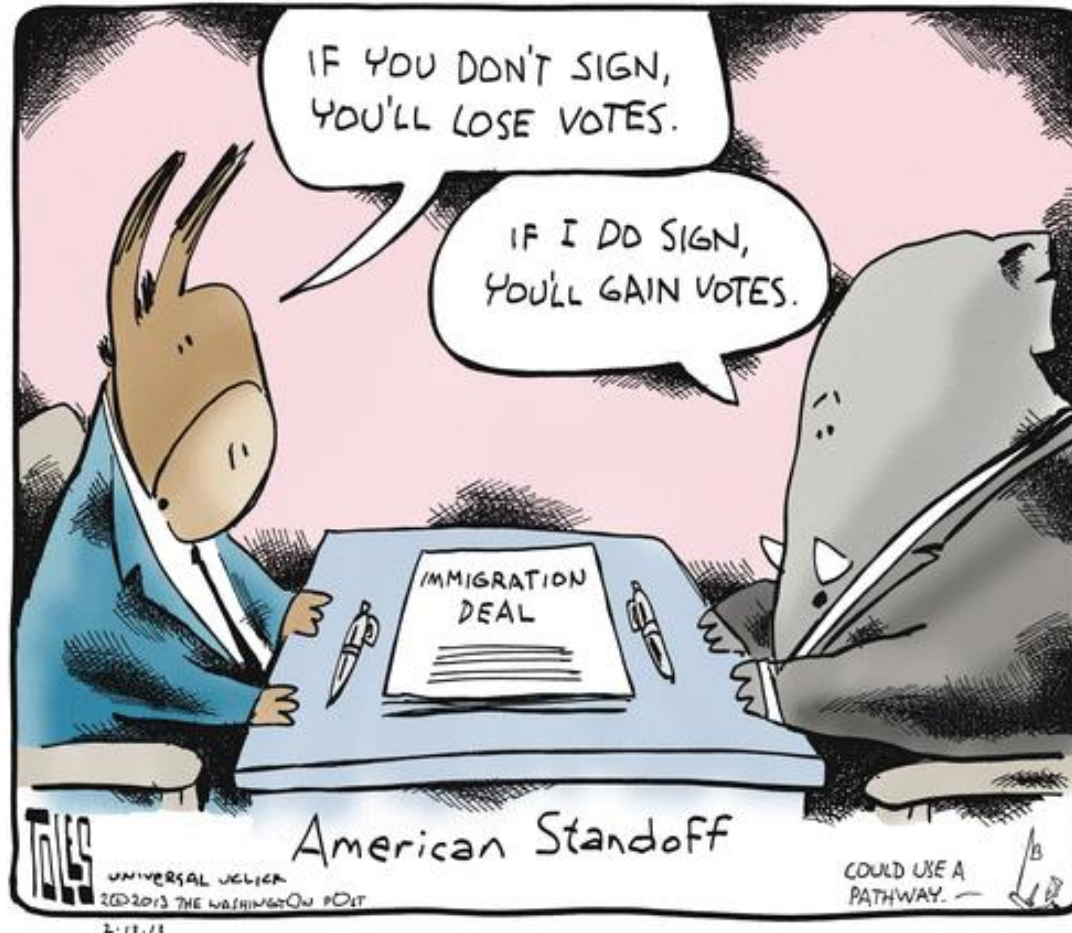
# Stuck on an Escalator



# Immigration (Reform?)

Tom Toles by Tom Toles

February 13, 2013



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## <http://www.burntorangereport.com/diary/13242/texas-senate-votes-274-to-allow-voters-to-enact-statewide-term-limits>

The Texas Senate has approved [SJR 13](#), a constitutional amendment which would allow voters to place [term limits](#) on certain statewide officeholders. The bill, passed by a 27-4 margin with [four Republicans](#) dissenting in the Senate, would limit statewide officeholders to serve 2 consecutive terms. It exempts judicial offices (the 18 elected members of the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals). The amendment would allow for nonconsecutive terms and would expire in 2031.

## <http://txredistricting.org/post/45862026382/term-limits-in-the-texas-house>

While the Senate's [SJR 13](#) doesn't have a direct companion on the House side, State Rep. Lyle Larson (R-San Antonio) and State Rep. Patricia Harless (R-Spring) have introduced [HJR 42](#), which would establish a 12-year limit for both statewide officeholders and (unlike SJR 13) for members of the Texas Legislature.

HJR 42 has been assigned to the state affairs committee, where it was left as pending business after a short hearing on February 27.

# WikiLeaks' New Release: The Kissinger Cables and Bradley Manning

*Collateral Damage Video is between 19 – 23 min*

One cable includes a transcribed conversation where Kissinger displays remarkable candor:

**“Before the Freedom of Information Act, I used to say at meetings, ‘The illegal we do immediately; the unconstitutional takes a little longer.’ [laughter]**

But since the Freedom of Information Act, I’m afraid to say things like that.”

Save the date(s) for  
**Lone Star College Election Board of Trustees and  
Bond Election May 11, 2013**

**Board of Trustees election  
\$497 Million Bond Referendum**

**Saturday, May 11, 2013, Early Voting: April 29 - May 7**

• **<http://www.lonestar.edu/bond2013/voting-information.htm>**

• **<http://www.lonestar.edu/bond2013/board-of-trustees-election.htm>**

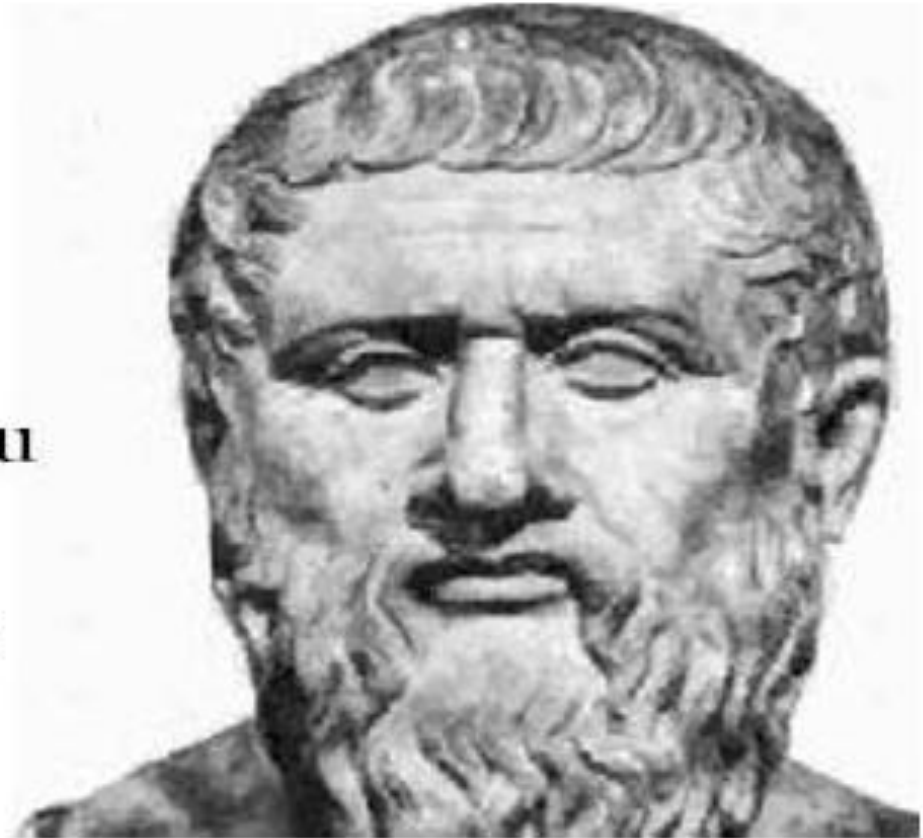
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# Inferior Government

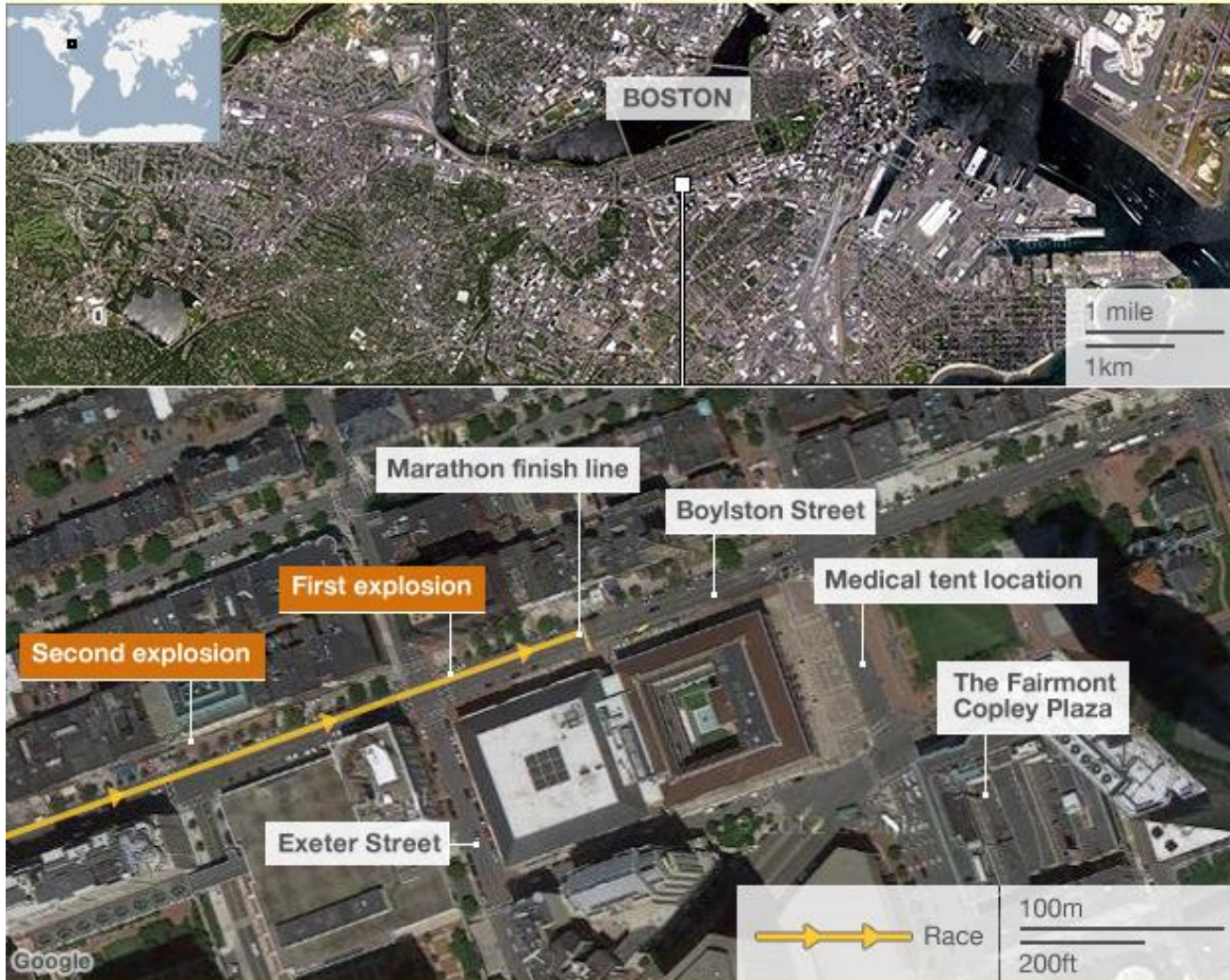
One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics, is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

*Plato*



# Boston bombs: FBI probes deadly marathon 'terror' blasts (BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-22162884>



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# Boston Marathon Bombings

April 16, 2013

## START Background Report: Boston Marathon Bombings

*Data on history of terrorism in Boston, coordinated attacks in US, terrorist attacks on marathons*

COLLEGE PARK, Md. – (April 16, 2013) – In light of the series of bombs that exploded near the finish line at the Boston Marathon on April 15, the University of Maryland's National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) has compiled data on the history of terrorism in Boston, Massachusetts, terrorist usage of coordinated attacks in the United States, and terrorist attacks at previous marathons around the world.

The START Background Report is available for download at [http://start.umd.edu/start/publications/br/STARTBackgroundReport\\_BostonMarathon2013.pdf](http://start.umd.edu/start/publications/br/STARTBackgroundReport_BostonMarathon2013.pdf).

Quick facts from the report:

- ▶ There have been 2,362 terrorist attacks in the United States between 1970 and 2011
- ▶ Sixteen terrorist attacks have occurred in Boston since 1970, but only three since 1990.
- ▶ Boston has been the 14th most frequently targeted U.S. city by terrorists in the past 40 years.
- ▶ There have been two fatal terrorist attacks in Boston since 1970, both classified as assassinations.
- ▶ Historically, each U.S. terrorist attack has resulted in 3.3 casualties on average. Excluding the 9/11 attacks, the average number of casualties per U.S. attack drops to 1.4 casualties per attack.
- ▶ There have been 28 terrorist attacks in the United States since 1970 known to have resulted in more than 10 casualties.
- ▶ Of the 2,362 attacks in the United States between 1970 and 2011, 300 qualify as part of a multiple attack.

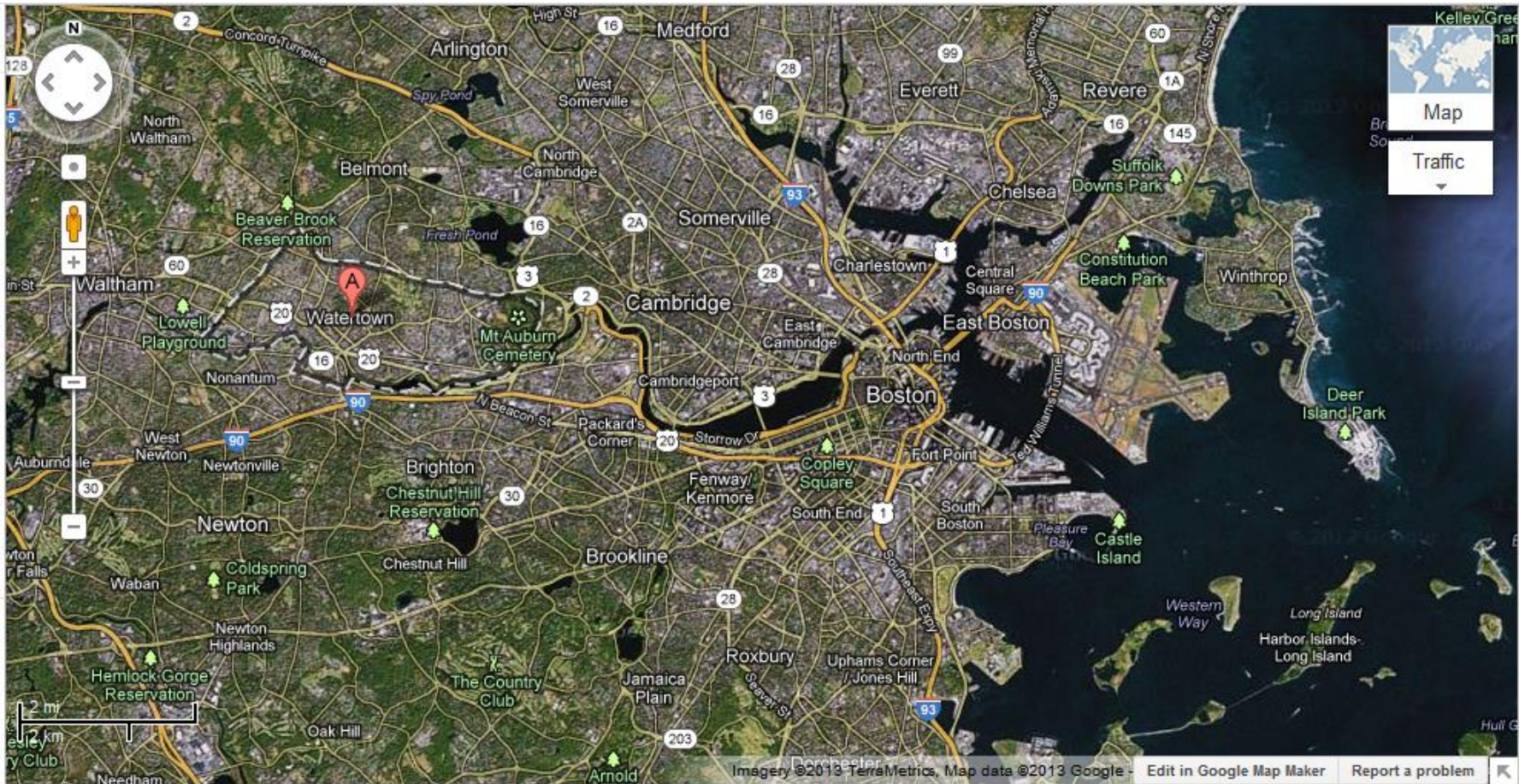
To arrange an interview on these topics with a START terrorism expert, contact Jessica Rivinius at 301-405-6632 or [Rivinius@start.umd.edu](mailto:Rivinius@start.umd.edu).

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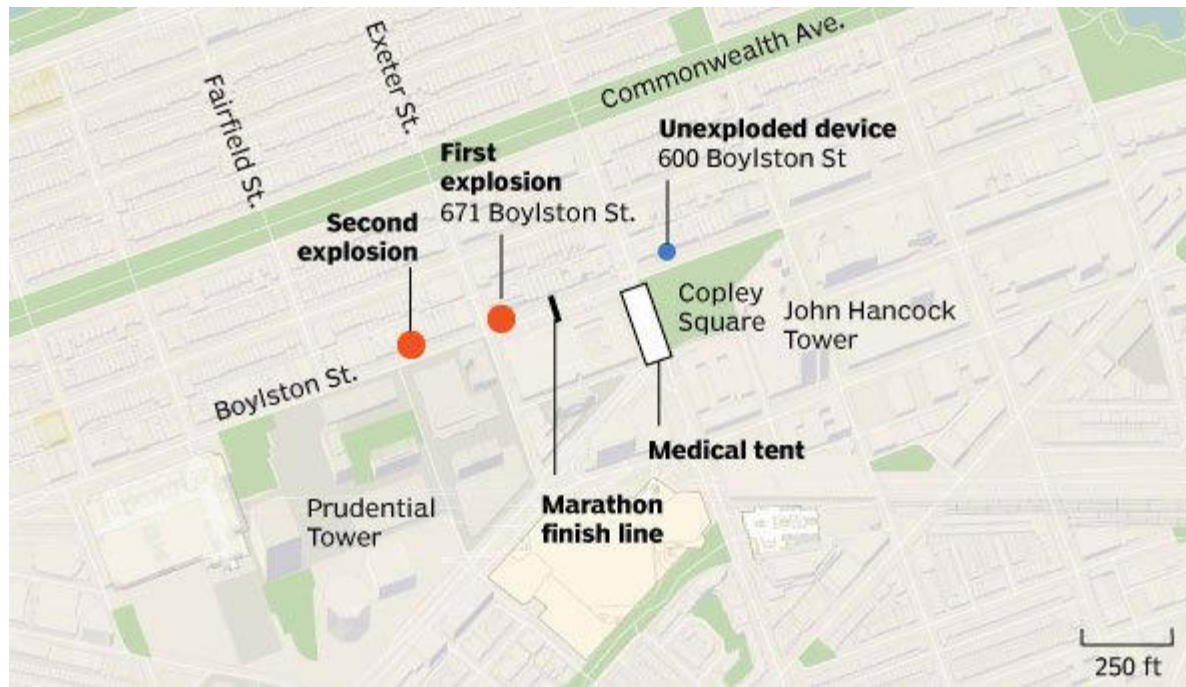
# Greater Boston Area

Watertown is marked with the “A”



[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/graphics/map\\_of\\_reported\\_location\\_of\\_explosion\\_near\\_finish\\_line/?rss\\_id=Top+Stories](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/graphics/map_of_reported_location_of_explosion_near_finish_line/?rss_id=Top+Stories)

## Map of reported locations of explosions



# Boston Marathon Course



COUNTDOWN TO THE APRIL 15TH RACE

0 DAYS 0 HOURS 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS

[Blog](#) | [Course Map](#) | [Galleries](#)  
[Men's winners](#) | [Women's winners](#)

## Explore the course

Minute by minute, mile by mile, we take a runner's view of the Boston Marathon course



# Candid

My niece, Michelle Schlickman was in charge of a TV crew covering The Boston Marathon. She posted the following pictures on her facebook page

The crew picture – “this is what we were doing when it happened. Fixing ,cameras, lights and audio for out next show.” “ I have a small comfort at least in my head that I wrangled the crew to recheck our equipment so I knew where they all were. I was getting ready to post this photo yesterday for people to watch our recap show so I figured I’d post it now” (was posted Tuesday)



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# The finish line picture – “missed a spot” posted 8:40 Monday a.m.



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The picture with the EOD guy in it - “Our trucks from the marathon. The blue ones.” One of her co-workers also commented “CSP HD 3 top left and HD1 top right. That was my work location on Marathon Monday. Seem surreal to have an EOD guy in a pic with our trucks”



# Michelle's Pictures

A comment made by one of her co-workers midnight Monday night - "Thank you everyone.

Not sure what happens tomorrow. Still an active crime scene. Feds allowed our engineers to cover equipment but were not allowed to move anything.

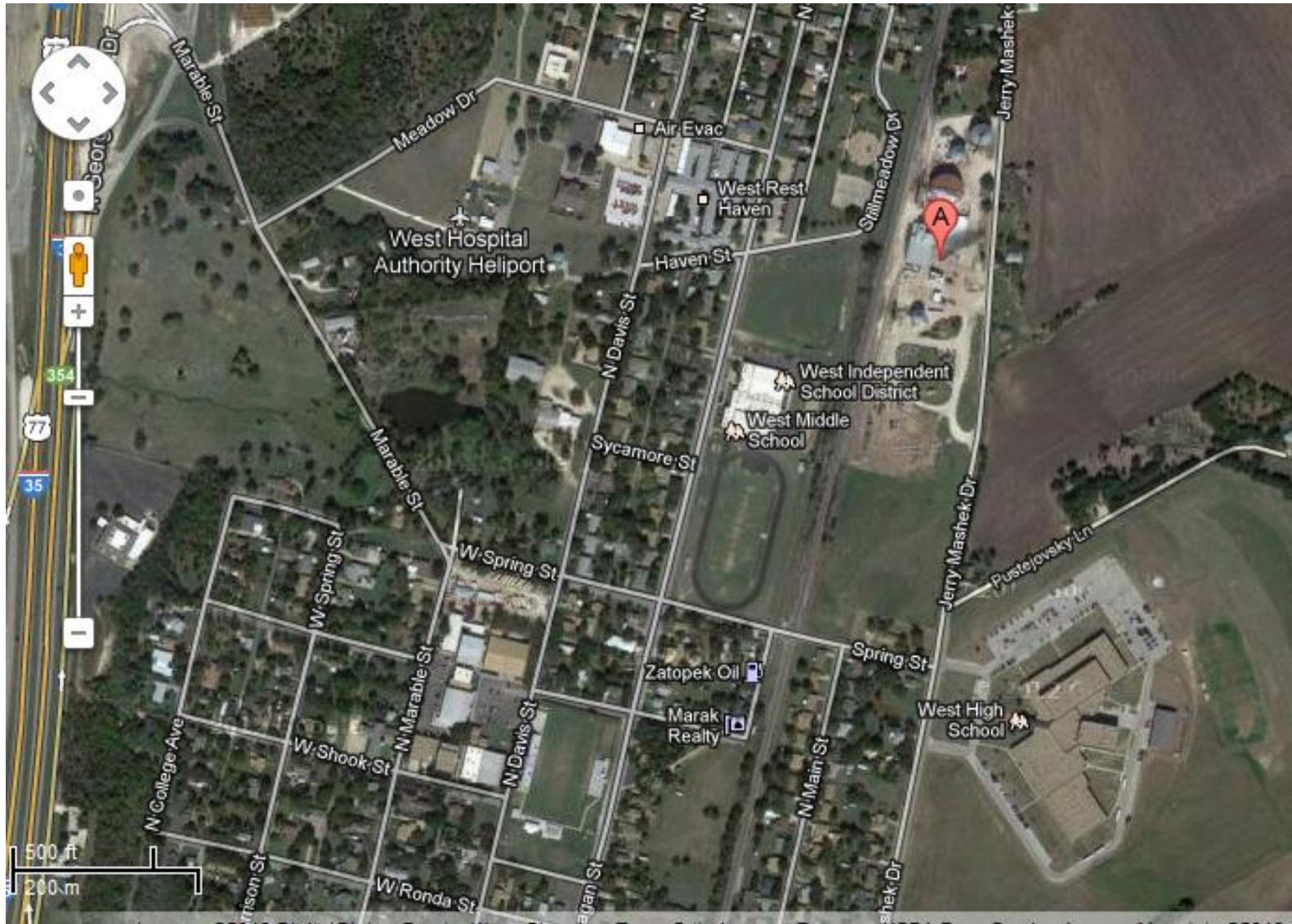
Will keep everyone informed as I find out. I'm proud to know you all. Thanks for the selfless efforts."

What We Know About the Huge Explosion at the West, Texas, Fertilizer Plant  
Over a hundred are injured and many feared dead in the small central Texas town  
—By the MoJo news team, | Wed Apr. 17, 2013 10:35 PM PDT



Shortly before 8 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, a massive explosion rocked the central Texas town of West following a fire at a fertilizer plant. Early reports are conflicting, but it appears that over a hundred of people have been injured, and dozens of homes and businesses have been damaged or destroyed, including a high school and a nursing home. 20 April 2013

# West Fertilizer Co., West , Texas



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# Close up of blast affected area



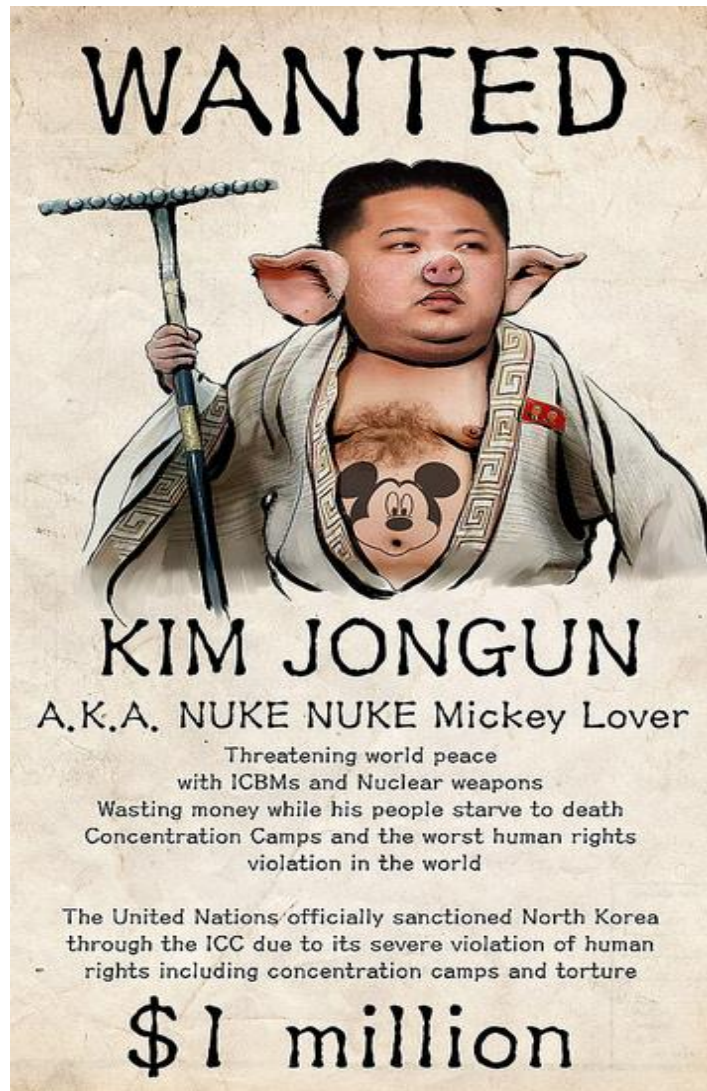
# West Fertilizer, elementary school, apartment building, nursing home



# Close up of ammonia tanks







## Hacking of North Korea's Twitter and Flickr accounts includes pic of Kim Jong Un with a snout

Posted at 7:57 am on April 4, 2013 by Twitchy Staff | View Comments

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**Chris Urquhart**  
@chrisurquhart

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North Korea's official twitter account @uriminzok has been hacked.

6:48 AM - 04 Apr 13

1 RETWEET 1 FAVORITE



**Martin Hodgson**  
@MartinHodgson

Follow

Anonymous appear to have hacked North Korea's @uriminzok account

10:51 AM - 04 Apr 13

1 RETWEET



North Korea's **government-run propaganda account on Twitter** appears to have been hijacked by hackers. Tweets from @uriminzok this morning include the words "hacked" and "Tango Down."



**uriminzokkiri**  
@uriminzok

# **Breaking news: North Korean Expeditionary Strike Group departs for amphibious assault on Hawaii.**



**Intelligence photography courtesy of MGEN Trainor, USMC (Ret)**

# North Korean exiles scoff at talk of war

Now, amid international fears that North Korea may be preparing for another missile test, and repeated warnings from Pyongyang that it will destroy its enemies, she simply scoffs. The exiles have seen life in both Koreas, and are unimpressed with what they left behind.

“It’s not even possible for North Korea to have a war,” said the woman, who spent years arranging black market deals for bronze smuggled to China. She asked that her name and other identifying details not be used, to protect relatives still living in the North.

“They don’t have fuel. They don’t have electricity,” she said. “Even if they yell to the world that they’ll go to war, it’s all just talk.”

# Gun Control Legislation

The gun control bill will drop the “assault rifle” provision. What’s left?

High capacity Magazines?

Requiring Checks at Gun Shows and private sales?

# Neocons and the Iraq War: Their view then and now 10 years later

By [Eric Black](#) | 03/15/13

<http://www.minnpost.com/eric-black-ink/2013/03/neocons-and-iraq-war-their-view-then-and-now-10-years-later>

## **Then:**

An influential group of foreign policy thinkers sees the possibly imminent overthrow of Saddam Hussein as just one early step in an ambitious blueprint to spread democracy throughout the world and eliminate threats to the United States.

Although they developed their thinking long before the Sept. 11 attacks, the strategists, often called neoconservatives or neocons, have increased their influence over the Bush administration since Sept. 11, many foreign policy analysts say.

Critics argue that the neocon ideas, including "regime change," are a recipe for perpetual war, because they would steer the United States into many confrontations.

There would be a long list of regimes to be changed.

# **Neocons and the Iraq War: Their view then and now 10 years later (continued)**

## **Then cont.:**

But the neocons themselves and their supporters say that the United States has an unprecedented historical opportunity to reshape the world in ways that will make our country safer and the rest of the world freer. The neocons, who sometimes call themselves neo- Reaganites, say the key concept is not perpetual war but "moral clarity backed by military strength."

## **How it looks now to Weber**

Last week I called my friend Vin Weber, who has often provided a civil, thoughtful Republican view to journalists in need of one. I asked him how those ideas and impulses look to him 10 years later, with the benefit of the Iraq War experience. His response began:

"Well, I certainly don't wish that Saddam Hussein was still in power in Iraq."

**The war and the occupation of Iraq were "handled badly," Weber conceded, and "we didn't need to do it when we did it," but the Mideast is better off with Saddam gone.**

“Observe, my son, with what little wisdom the world is governed.”

- Baron Gabriel Gustaffson von Oxenstierna,  
17th century Swedish statesman

## A grunt at the Pentagon?

By [Jim Hightower](#) - *Tue., 2/5/13*

I didn't know a whole lot about **Chuck Hagel** before President Obama nominated him to be the new Pentagon chief, but here's one thing I've learned that I definitely like about him: He has the right enemies!

Leading the charge to stop Hagel is(was) a gaggle of hyper-right-wing militarists. Dubbed the Vulcans (after the Roman god of fire), they were the gung-ho hawks who championed the Bush-Cheney regime's in-your-face doctrine of pre-emptive war. **They were raring to go into Iraq to grab those weapons of mass destruction that didn't exist, and now they're raring to rush into Iran.**

Well, by "raring to go," I mean they're hopped up to send other Americans into war, not themselves or their loved ones. They are gutless arm-chair warriors, including Bill Kristol, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, and Elliott Abrams--as well as Cheney himself--all of whom turned down the chance to be warriors in the Vietnam era.

Now, the ferocious "Vulcans" are (were) running their mouths against Sen. Hagel, incredibly labeling him an "appeaser" who is too hesitant to charge into war. But, unlike them, Hagel actually knows something about war, since he's been there.



# The Epitome of Human Evolution ??? Motion sensing deodorant !!!



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**NEXT - 10 Minute BREAK**

*Then*

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# **Don't panic!**

## ***Don't e Panicked!***

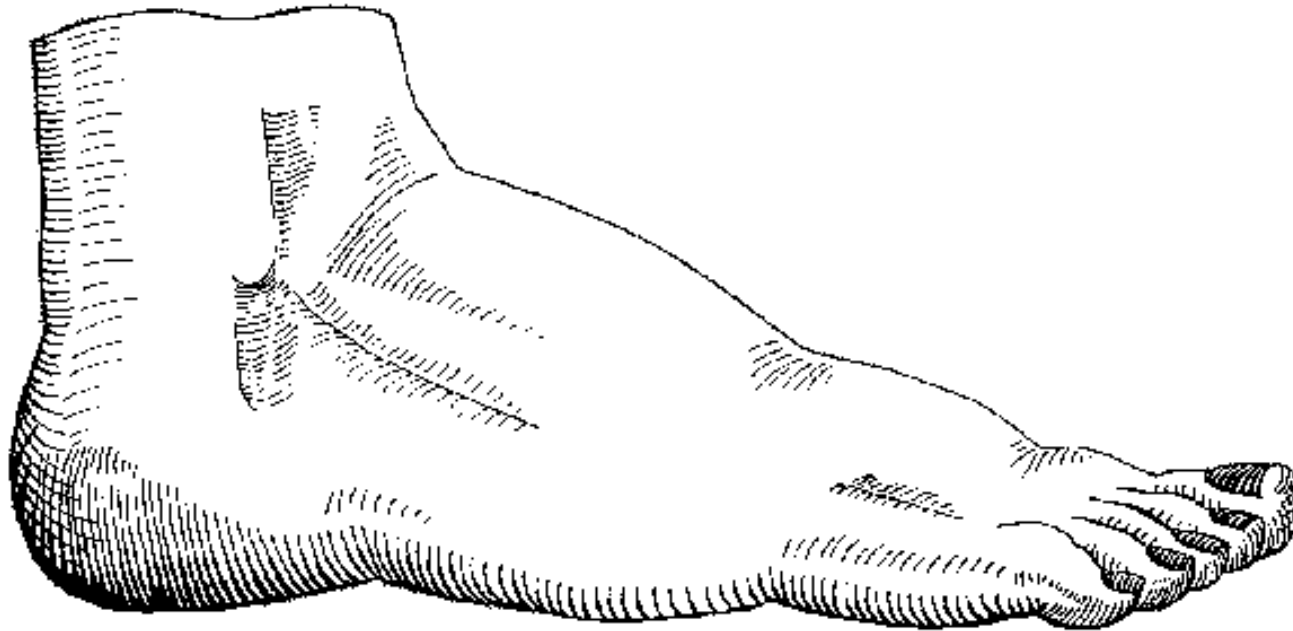
# **Welcome ack to interesting times !**



## **See You Next Time**

# Enrichment Material

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 e seen in its original format in the ottom left corner of "*An Allegory of Venus and Cupid y [ronzino](#)*" (~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.

**One of life's persistent questions:**

**“Why do cockroaches roll over before they die?”**



# Pope is pooped, Pax passe

Pope is pooped

People puzzled

Pundits posture prattle

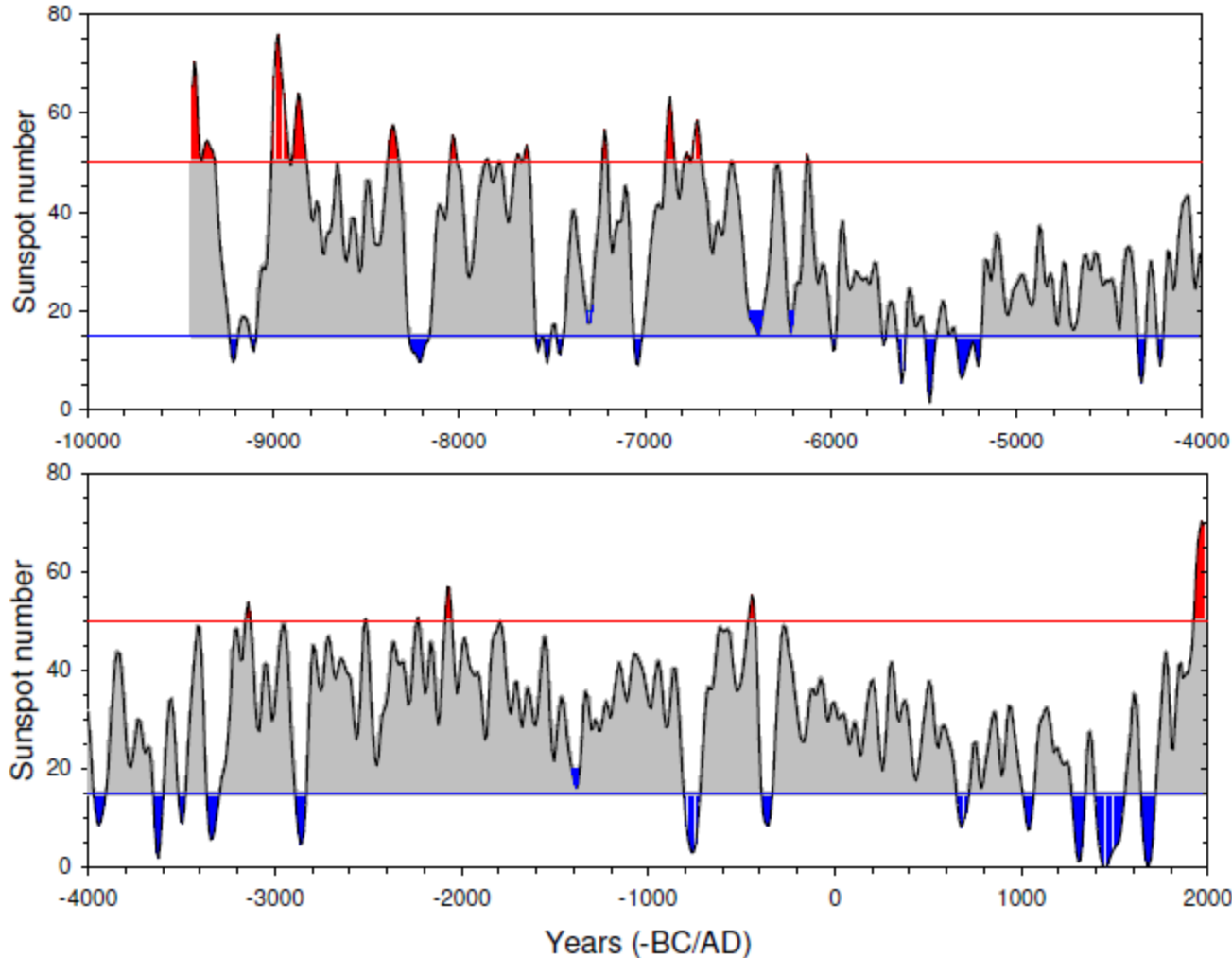
Plutocracy political plotting erupts

Children still at risk

Anonymous

# A History of Solar Activity over Millennia

Ilya G. Usoskin, Sodankyla Geophysical Observatory (Oulu unit), University of Oulu, Finland



The paper examines records from two isotope proxies (e10 and C14) and finds that solar activity at the end of the 20th century was at the highest levels of the past 1200 years.



# We're all niggers to the 1%

**DICKERSON:** Now, the duty of all lack people who—especially those of us who came after the Civil Rights Movement, what are we eing called upon to do? We don't have to go out and face ull Connor. All we have to do is step into the freedom that our ancestors won for us

...**DICKERSON:** They're niggerizing white people. The great thing aout that statement 'We're all niggers to the 1%' is that when I say that to white people in the movement they just go, 'Word,' you know, they get it.

**STEELE:** When we talk aout poor we immediately jump to lack or we immediately jump to Hispanic and what we need to talk aout when we talk aout poor is American people living in poverty regardless of the color of their skin.

**LOPEZ:** I think what's interesting, you know, aout the Occupy movement is, is this language of the 99 versus the 1. Um and if people identify with the 99 that's a different type, that's a different type of consciousness altogether.

<http://race2012ps.org/the-film/transcript/>

# The Middle Class Is roke: Pew Study Reveals Real Prolem With Economy

*y Henry lodget / Daily Ticker – 23 Aug*

*<http://www.usinessinsider.com/income-inequality-2012-8>*

One of the most important stories in the U.S. economy these days is the rise of extreme inequality.

Over the past 30 years, a [larger and larger portion of America's income growth has gone to those in the top 10%](#) of incomes, and especially those in the top 1%. This is a major change from the prior 60 years, in which the top 10% and the ottom 90% shared in the income gains.

A stark and startling example of this trend is the fact that, adjusted for inflation, "average hourly earnings" in this country have not increased in 50 years.

A recent Pew study confirms that America's middle class has recently experienced a "lost decade."

Since 2000, the Pew says, "the middle class has shrunk in size, fallen ackward in income and wealth, and shed some—ut y no means all—of its characteristic faith in the future." Pew cites statistics showing that middle class earnings and net worth have plummeted since the mid-2000s and that aout 85% of the middle class say it is harder to maintain their standard of living than it was 10 years ago.

Collectively, the middle class represents enormous uying and spending power, and in the past 60 years this spending power has helped the U.S. economy ecome the envy of the world.

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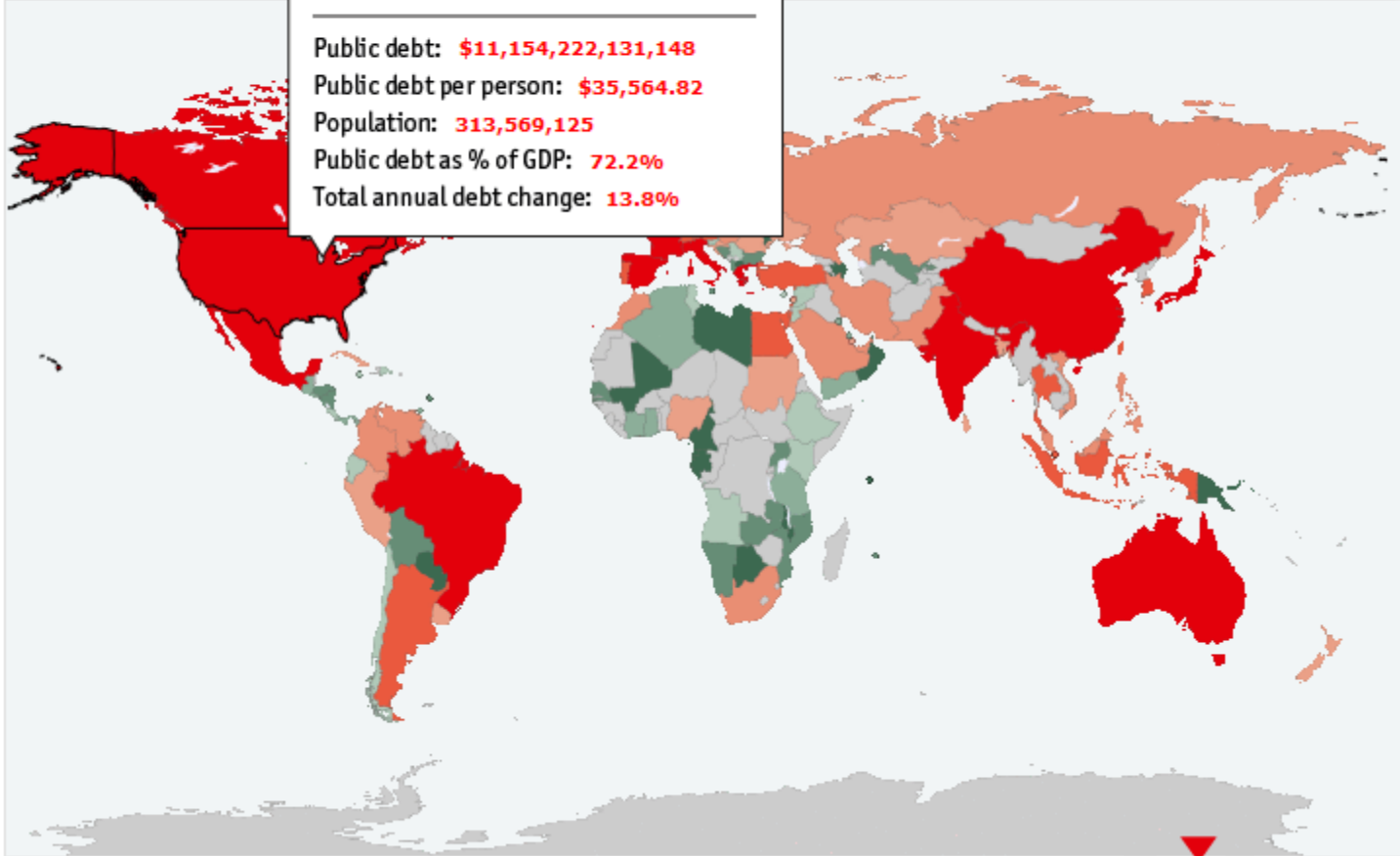
## CURRENT GLOBAL PUBLIC DEBT

Total public debt

### United States

Public debt: **\$11,154,222,131,148**  
Public debt per person: **\$35,564.82**  
Population: **313,569,125**  
Public debt as % of GDP: **72.2%**  
Total annual debt change: **13.8%**

Lower debt



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# **Greatest Threats in 2012**

**On Iran: We Don't Know If They'll Go for The om, 'Concerned' Aout Attack on U.S.**

**On Terrorism: Al Qaeda 'Core' Weakening, Affiliates and Homegrown Terror Greater Threats**

**On Afghanistan: Talian Still Has 'Safe Haven' in Pakistan**

**On North Korea: To Early to Judge New Leader, Two Nuclear Weapon Tests**

**On the Ara Spring: Turmoil Will 'Challenge' U.S. Influence, Terrorists Could Exploit Unrest**

**On the Cyer Threat to the U.S.: Governments Can't Keep Up with Technology**

**On Drinking Water Resources: Shortages, Floods Will Hurt U.S. National Security**

# George Carlin – “Must die TV”

... suicide could become "the ultimate makeover" reality show - "Must die TV." He envisions mass suicide to capture ratings during the sweeps: homeless people (including half a million military veterans), condemned prisoners, self-selected depressed people with "hopeless minds," and the terminally ill. Sell it to the 18-to-24 male audience as "extreme living," featuring 500 of these losers "holding hands and jumping into the Grand Canyon," each wearing a hat with camera (for friends and family to watch the video afterward) and sponsor T-shirt. Perhaps fundamentalist Christians could be induced to "Jump for Jesus." If instead of cable TV you want the networks, go with advertising from Budweiser and automobile manufacturers (drink and drive responsibly) on FOX.

# 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 enales growth”.

So, the person whom you recognize as an authority is a person who enales 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 ailities:

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-e-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.

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

# 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 through the use of power.

**Power inspires fear.**

**Authority inspires respect.**

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



# **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.**

# *Return of the Elders, Unleashing Your Wisdom*

## **Our Middle Aged Brains**

David Niesel and Norbert Herzog

**Ah... if only I could stay young... instead of faking it.**

**No kidding! It's actually true that our rains change with age. There was a report that said forty percent of your rain cells are lost with age ut that's actually not true....**

**Something the middle aged rain is better at doing is recognizing the central idea or big picture. So if the rain is in good shape, it can build pathways that allow it to recognize patterns and their significance and find a solution faster than a young person.**

# 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 power to have, but rather with the power 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.

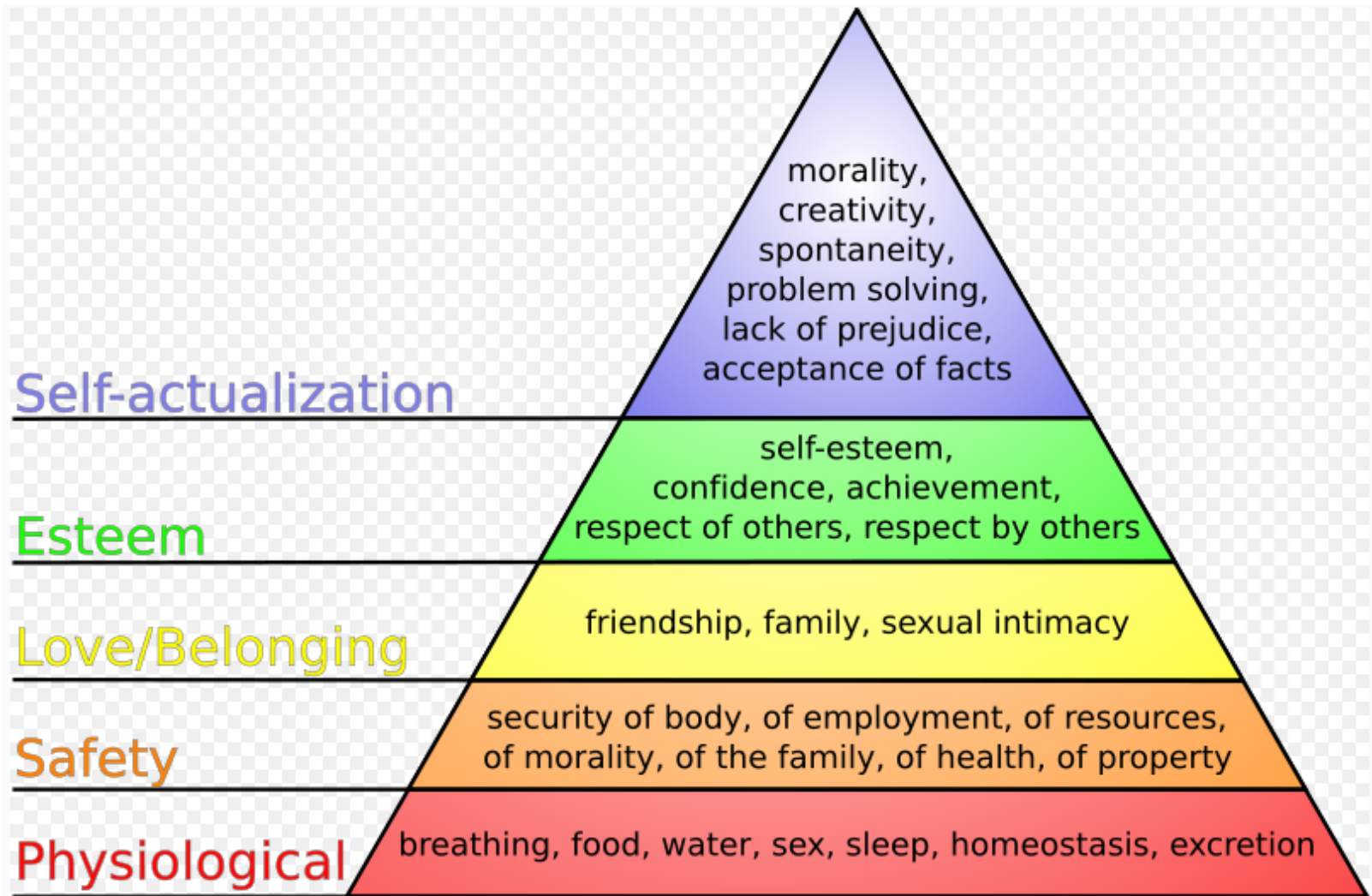
Some people may recognize your authority and some others may not.

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/>

# 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 disposale income**

**Oil is a limited resource**

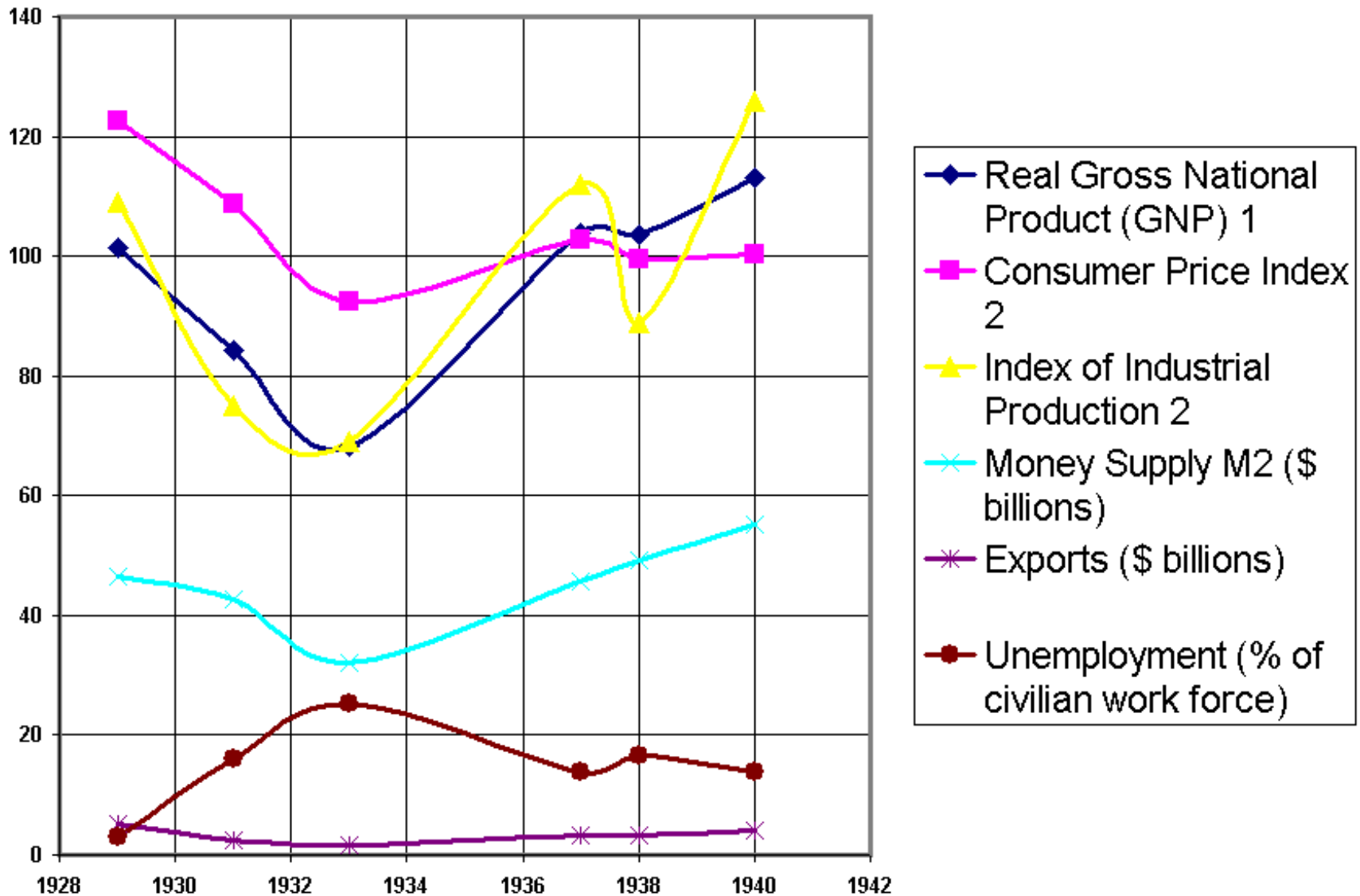
**Unale to anticipate what looks ovious in retrospect**

**Trusting of Authority**

**Lacking critical aility/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.

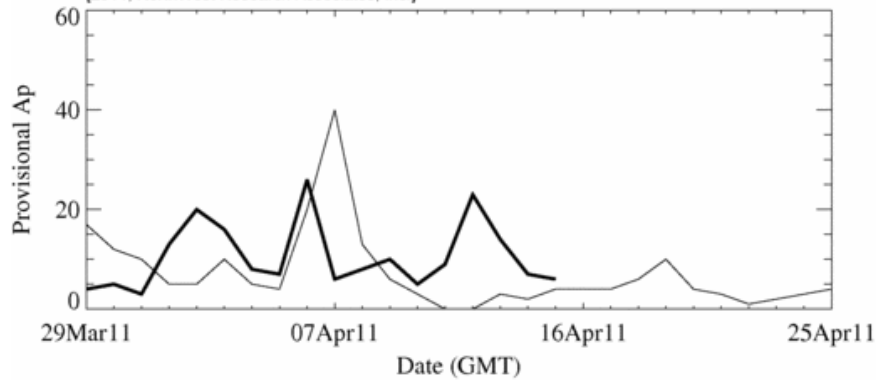
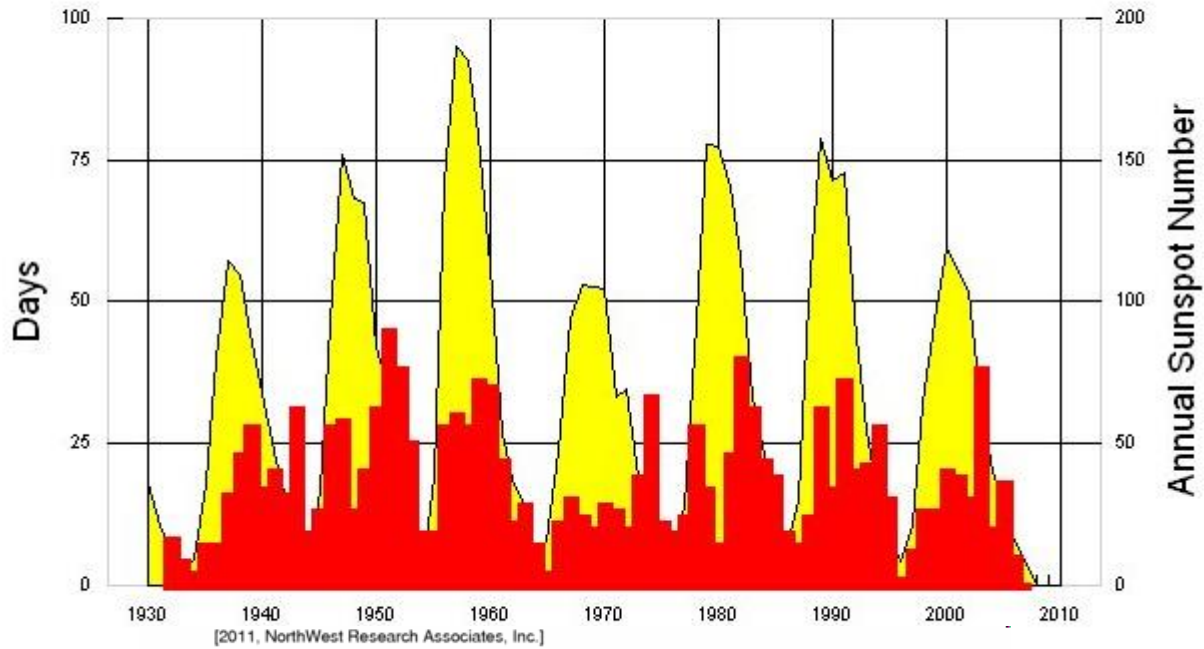
**Fatigue** - Fatigue is unavoidable in any situation so it is best to keep in mind that it can and will lower your mental ability. Remember that in an emergency situation this is often the body's way of escaping a difficult situation.

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

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### Number of Days Ap\* $\geq 40$ 1932 - 2007

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

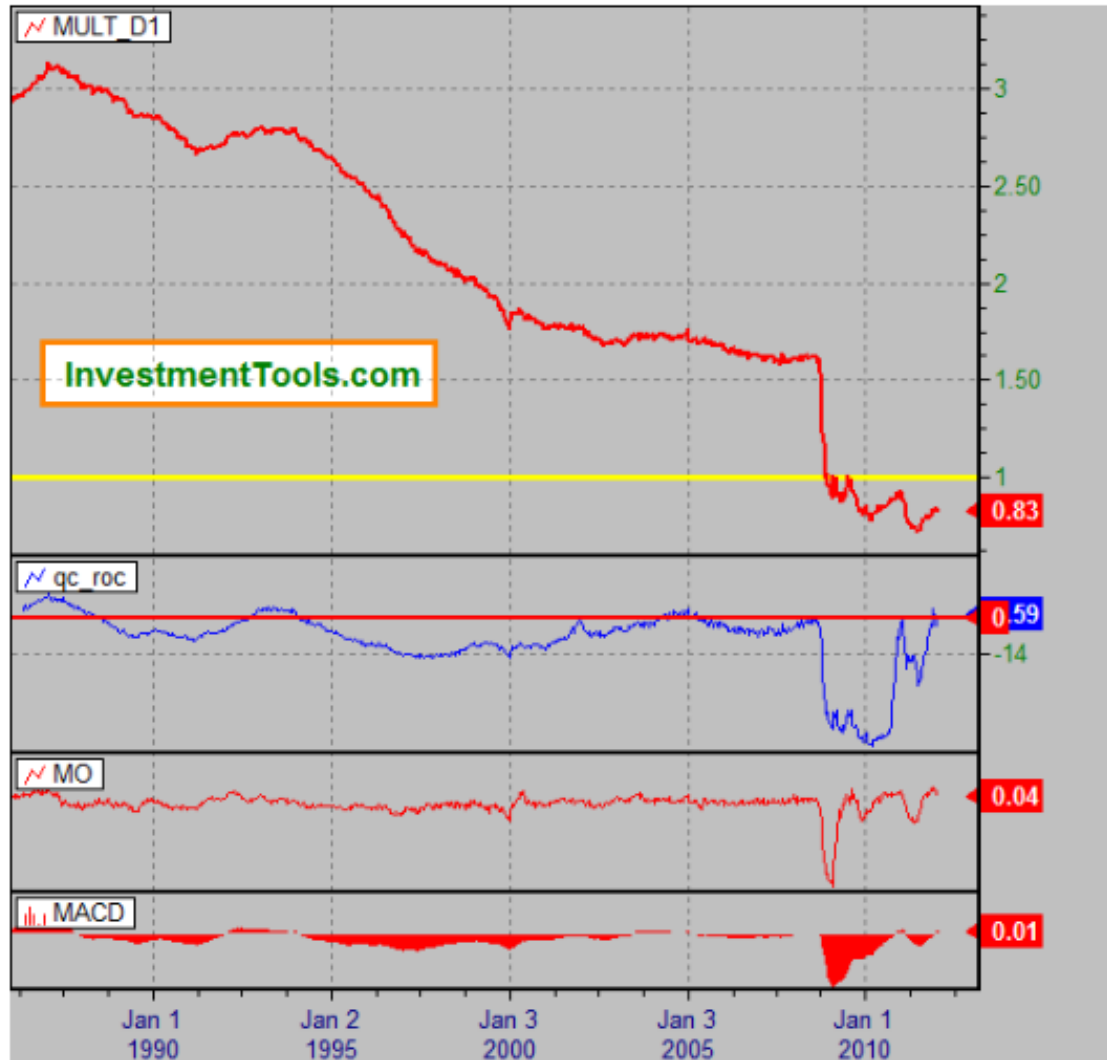


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Reserve Positions (NFORBRES)  
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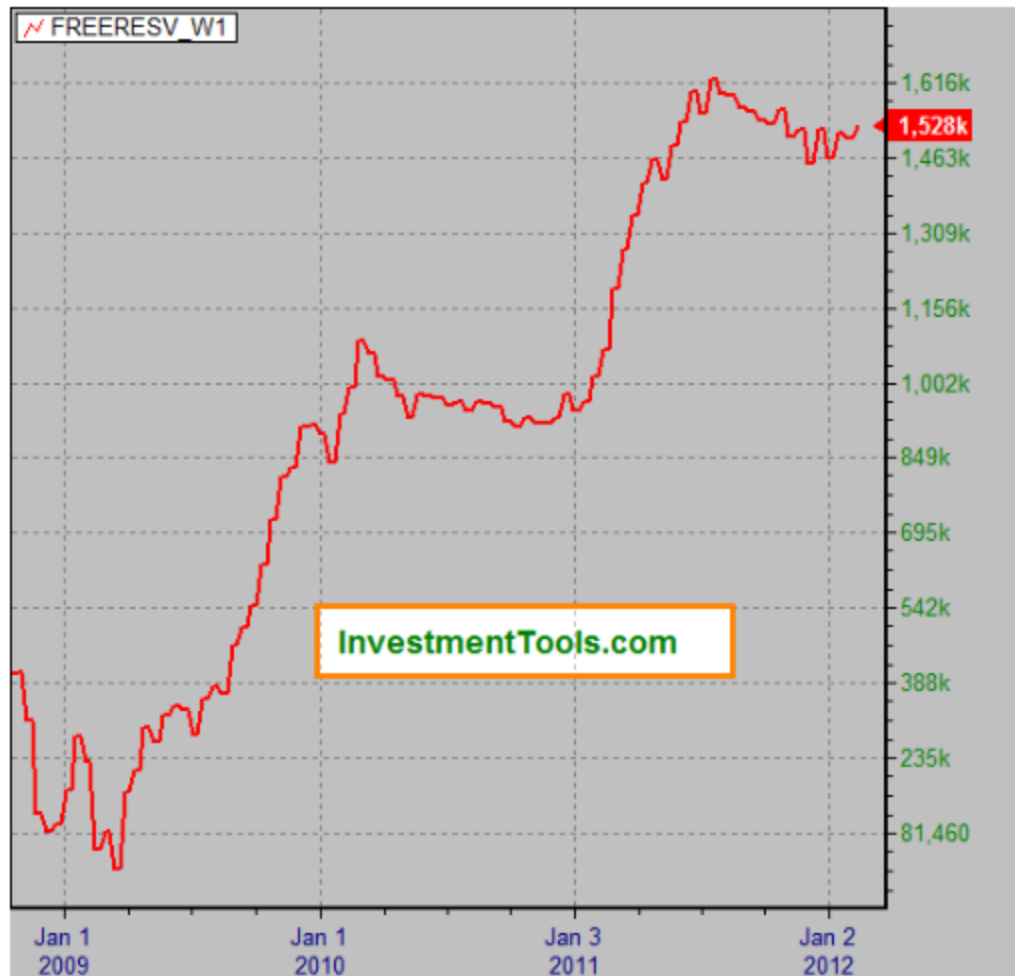
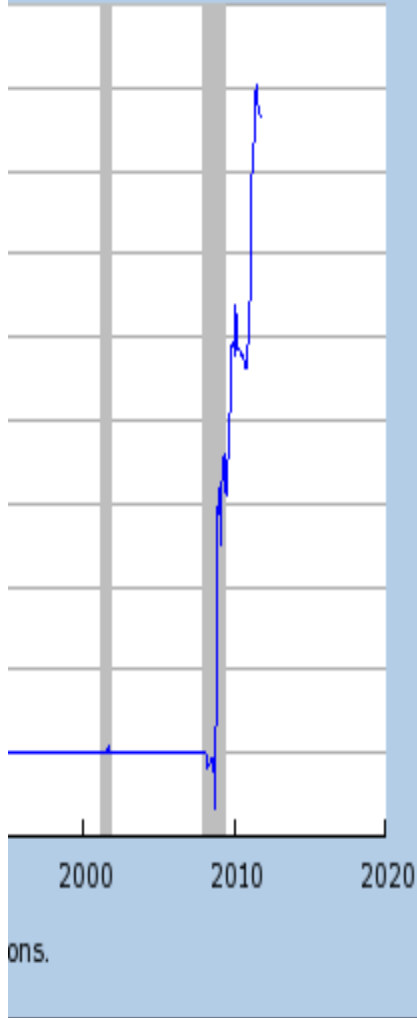


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# Bad Credit - Cognitive Dissonance

*Nelson: "I've been on welfare and food stamps, but did anybody help me out? No!"*

**The Daily Show with Jon Stewart**



June 2, 2009  
**CRAIG T. NELSON**  
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Tuesday May 8, 2012  
**Bad Credit**  
Instead of having to find reasons to criticize President Obama for things he's done right, Mitt Romney finds ways to claim those achievements as his own.

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<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/tue-may-8-2012/bad-credit>

# 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, CS 60 Minutes, Sept. 14, 2008**

**[http://www.csnews.com/stories/2008/04/24/60minutes/main4040290\\_page6.shtml](http://www.csnews.com/stories/2008/04/24/60minutes/main4040290_page6.shtml)**

# *Not too hopeful*

*Houston Chronicle Dec 5, 2012*

**The fiscal cliff is a straw-bogeyman meant to titillate the small minds of the media and those who ingenuously choose to believe them.**

**What happened in 2009 was truly an economic supernova which has been made worse by the very economic holy men whose bad advice brought on the crash in the first place. So much for self-curing "free markets." Crooks will be crooks. If the sequestration provision goes into effect, it will only create a few small whirlpools in the space-time continuum. Cars will again be kicked down the road. Names will be withheld to protect the guilty and the chaos will continue. Nothing that is being discussed today will delay an economic disaster because that has already happened.**

# *Not too Hopeful – Cont.*

**Raising taxes on the rich and lowering taxes on the middle class and closing a few loopholes will not have any real effect of getting the country's finances back into any kind of sustainable economic balance.**

**What it will do is burden the taxpayers (not the rich ones) and their children with a life of crushing debt that the banks will demand from us.**

**There is no interest in finding a real solution. Nothing that is being discussed even vaguely represents a plan with real and realistic goals and timing.**

**There is not a hint of a pending cultural change that would indicate a return to sanity, intelligence and integrity of government and the financial industry, nor the willingness of "We the People" to understand what has happened and why.**

*Curt Gibby, Spring*

Read more: <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/letters/article/Letters-Grappling-with-the-fiscal-cliff-4091305.php#ixzz2EE6Dd1mD>



# Numbers

1 % income 225 times bigger than the wealth of the typical household. They believe the middle class should always bail them out if they screw up.

99 % (everybody who is not in the 1%)

62 % Obama's share of the electoral vote.

63 % of People want Roe v Wade to stand.

50.6 % Obama's share of the Popular vote

47.8 % Romney's share of the Popular vote

55 % Democrat in Senate

54% Republicans in House.

75 % of the people want illegal immigrants to leave (Chris Cuomo)

# Who Are The 1 Percent

Frane New Foundation

In just the last generation, the richest 1% almost quadrupled their incomes.

The average wealth of the 1% is 225 times bigger than the wealth of the typical household – the highest it's ever been.

Three decades ago, CEOs made about 40 times as much as an average worker – now CEOs make almost 200 times as much as regular employees.

Last year, half of Americans earned less than \$26,000 while CEOs at top 500 companies raked in an average of \$11 million.

Over the past decade, earnings for middle-class Americans actually fell. In fact, working Americans' wages are now a lower percentage of our economy than they've ever been.

The divide between the richest and the poorest is worse in America than it is in nearly all of Europe and Asia and much of Africa. It's about as bad as in Rwanda and Serbia – and it's bad for our economy.

The 1% is not an accident – it is the result of policies our government chose to pursue.

# The 1% after tax income growth over 28 years

