

Sun City Democrats

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June 2010



General Meeting:

The General Meeting is typically on the first Saturday of each month. The meetings are free and open to the public. For additional information on the Sun City Democrats, please contact President **Roe Mackey** at 864-7948.

Saturday, June 5, 2010

9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00 Speaker

Place: Sun City Activity Center Atrium



Sun City Democrats

Program: Future of the Sun City Democrats

The monthly Sun City Democrats Meeting will be an important and different meeting. Our club has many decisions to make and it is vital for members to attend. A few of the items on the agenda:

- 1) All members will receive a copy of the revised Bylaws before the meeting and at the meeting will vote to either accept or reject the Bylaws. Before the vote there will be a brief review of the changes to the Bylaws.
- 2) The Sun City Democrats Board needs your help in establishing goals for our club. Another way to look at it is – What is the Mission of our Club? We need your help in planning for our club's future.
- 3) I believe we have had outstanding speakers at our meetings over the past years. Are there other programs you would like to see, speakers, etc. Also are there programs, events, activities that you would like the club to sponsor in addition to the Saturday Meetings.
- 4) Should the club be more active? If so how?

Refreshments – cookies, fruit, and other goodies will be provided.

NOTE: *There will be NO general meetings in July and August. Our next meeting will be on September 11, 2010 at 9:30 AM in the Ballroom.*

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Looking Forward to the September meeting ...

September 11, 2010 begins, for Sun City Democrats, a concentrated effort to help move our state into a new era of Democratic government. We have invited the **Austin American Statesman** political columnist, **Ken Herman**, to speak at our meeting that Saturday. The theme of the day will be **Pride, Patriotism, and Politickin'**. We plan to have our gubernatorial candidate, **Bill White**, to join us for the politickin'. We will be inviting residents of Georgetown and elsewhere in the county to join us in the ballroom. Our goal is to reach out to Independents and those who have not been participating in the electoral process. We hope to convince them that Texas deserves a new vision and a new governor. The tide is turning in Texas and Sun City Democrats can have a big part in electing **Bill White** Texas' next governor. *Please volunteer to help in this special event by calling **Billie Reaney** at 868-0098.*



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Precinct 381

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NOTE: See Kay's Newsletter on Page 3.

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American Power Act

~ www.TruthFightsBack.com

The Distortion

Repeatedly, constantly, the folks against energy reform throw around a single word: **TAX**. **Newt Gingrich's** organization **American Solutions** used some form of the word five times in a single sentence in their most recent email blast. They try to make a tortured case that there's a gas tax in the **American Power Act**.

The Truth

There's no tax on gas in the **American Power Act**. It's a flat lie to say otherwise. It's really as simple as that.

The **American Power Act** creates a pollution reduction program in which companies purchase credits for the pollution they emit, much like the very successful program combating acid rain. It then takes money from that permit auction and gives it to American consumers. Independent analysis by the **Peter G. Peterson Foundation** has found that this would actually result in **lower energy costs for Americans.**

That same study found that the switch to a new clean energy economy spurred by the **American Power Act** would result in over **200,000 new jobs in the American economy every year.** It would also reduce our oil imports by over 40%, keeping more of our energy dollars here at home and putting Americans back in control of our own power production again.

The Act lowers costs, creates jobs, and breaks our addiction to oil.

[You can read the study by clicking here.](#)

Or paste into your browser:
<http://www.piie.com/publications/pb/pb10-12.pdf>

Please SUPPORT the Sun City Democrats

The **Sun City Democrats** provide many activities and services for members. We have educational meetings, provide speakers, social events, maintain a website, and a monthly newsletter. We exist only because of loyal volunteers. Please call any of the officers to volunteer your time or to ask questions.

Sun City Democrats' annual dues are **\$12** per member. You may pay at the sign-in table at the meetings or mail a check made out to **Sun City Democrats to: Sun City Democrats; 1530 Sun City Blvd, Suite 120; PMB #432; Georgetown TX 78633.**

NOTE: Storage Volunteer Desperately Needed:

Our Club has certain items that need to be stored: decorations, paper products, posters, etc. and we would like to be able to find a place in Sun City to store these items. If you have space in your garage or attic, please call **Roe Mackey** at 864-7948.

Please SUPPORT the Sun City Democrats Political Action Committee ~ IMPACT:

Our PAC is known as **IMPACT: Informed Members Political Action Committee of Texas**. **IMPACT** is the only way that the Sun City Democrats organization can legally contribute to candidates. Send donations to **IMPACT** Treasurer, **Don Lelong, 101 Crosby Street, Georgetown TX 78633.**

IMPACT's fundraising program **10 Grand By 2010**, has been a success! The **IMPACT** Committee (**Don LeLong, Clint McCutcheon, Billie Reaney, Criag Whitney** and **Jane Yendell**) plus **Roe Mackey** and **Richard Torres** has distributed \$9,000 in **IMPACT** funds to Democratic candidates.

IMPACT plans one more fundraiser, in the fall, and may have \$3,000 or so more to distribute.



Precinct 381 Newsletter

~ Kay Walker, Precinct Chair

I recently attended two meetings: the **Williamson County Democratic Party** monthly meeting in Round Rock and the **Senate District 5** meeting in Lexington.

WCDP monthly meeting, May 13, 2010:

WCDP will move its headquarters to a new site on the Square in Georgetown. We have rented a space in the building that houses Chupa Rosa on the west side of the Square. County Chairperson **Greg Windham** added they want to be on the Georgetown Square to be close to Sun City! This office will open about June 15.

Patty Eason reported that she met with **Robert Jones** (director of Moving Wilco Forward) and negotiated a new contract on the rent and utilities of our present headquarters in Round Rock. Her committee, appointed in April, consisted of **Luis Zerrigon, Mike Grimes** and **Larry Yawn**. WCDP agreed to share the site with "Moving Wilco Forward" from now through November and let them have their name on it along with ours in return for their paying the rent and utilities. WCDP will continue to have a presence there in the form of a desk where political stickers, signs, t-shirts, information, etc. may be obtained.

Greg Windham introduced a resolution condemning Arizona's new Immigration Law and advising boycotting travel to Arizona. This resolution passed and will go to the State Convention if that is possible, considering there is a long and complicated process for presenting resolutions.

Greg plans on holding the monthly county meetings in the various precincts' locations. So we will have one occasionally in Sun City. The county party monthly meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Thursday night of each month. The next meeting, on June 10th, will be held at the present party headquarters at the corner of Hwys 35 and 620 in Round Rock.

Senate District 5 meeting in Lexington, May 15, 2010:

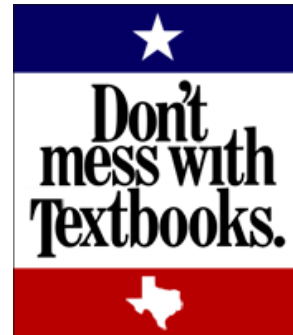
The purpose of this meeting was to prepare for the **State Democratic Convention** in Corpus Christi, June 25th and 26th. This Senate District 5 is a division of the state comprised of 16 counties, including Williamson. Delegates to the State Democratic Convention were selected at the County Conventions in March. Precinct 381 will be represented at the State Convention by **Rochelle Margolis, Keith King, Elliott Tucker** and **Kay Walker**.

A man named **Bill Brannon** spoke on how to campaign in rural Texas. Some of it was appropriate for Sun City. He said all voters can be divided into five categories: hard Dems, soft Dems, unknown, soft Rs and hard Rs. He recommended leaving the hard Rs alone and not spending much time and money on the soft Rs either. Their votes are too expensive.

Most of our efforts should be spent on the unknowns and soft Dems. Soft Dems, he described as voters who lean our direction but are not motivated to vote. Our job is to get them to the polls. He advised asking these people to vote for **Bill White** rather than asking them to vote Democrat.

Other campaigning advice he gave was:

- * Don't argue about guns or God
- * Gender preference is becoming less important
- * Democrats gave us Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Civil Rights Bill
- * We must defend ourselves
- * Races are won in the middle rather than the fringes



Judy Jennings, Democratic candidate for State Board of Education, also attended this meeting and spoke briefly. She said she is optimistic about her chances to win in November.

Incidentally, the **State Democratic Convention** in Corpus Christi on June 25th and 26th is open to the public. Although it may be difficult to find a room in Corpus at this point, you still may want to consider attending.

Two articles worth reading on the internet are:

"**What's Left of Texas**" by James Moore

"**Texas on the Brink**" by State Senator Elliot Shapleigh



Let's Call Them What They Really Are:

Fascists

~ Ole Ole Olson, [News Junkie Post](#)

(NOTE: Footnotes & URLs for links may be found at: <http://newsjunkiepost.com/2010/04/30/lets-call-them-what-they-really-are-fascists/print/>.)

There is a battle raging in America today. The beacon of freedom and liberty in the world is on the edge of an abyss: in the chasm dwells an extremely intolerant society where the state and corporation are one, and the American Corporate Empire is the world's only superpower.

“Fascism should more appropriately be called Corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power.” ~ Benito Mussolini

Over the last 30 years, the most extreme elements of the right wing have increased in both number and intensity. Every year, what is considered extreme right somehow becomes ordinary conservative, and what was formerly conservative strangely becomes considered to be centrist. This is a clear march towards [fascism](#) ^[2], and needs to be called for what it is.

The reality is this: in the historical context, the increasing radicalization of America is not without precedent. A very similar process was conducted in the [1920](#) ^[3]'s in Europe, albeit in a different form. That said, nobody is claiming that the fascists in America today want to gas 6 million Jews. What they want is complete political control in order to force their puritanical ideology down the throats of everyone everywhere. This is their goal: empowerment of an American Empire through the means of corporations.

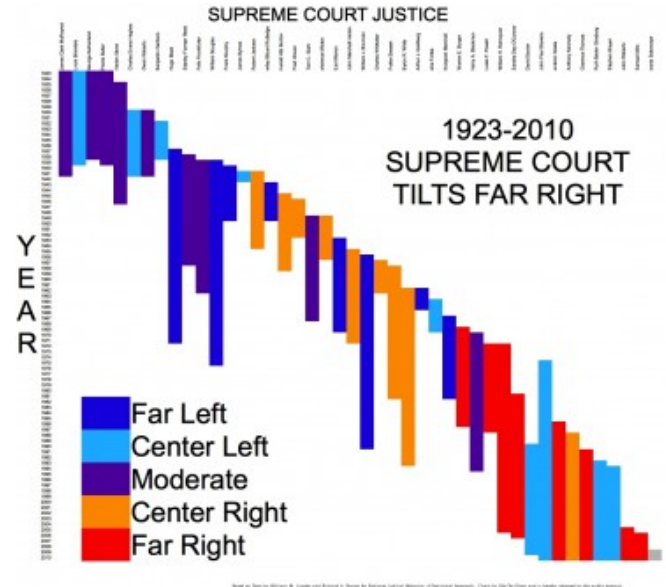
The New Operation Condor

American fascists and proto-fascists are best comparable to the Continental Right, the same group of ultra-conservatives who are responsible for the atrocities committed under Operation Condor in South America. For those unfamiliar with [Operation Condor](#) ^[4], there were a number of countries who lost their democracies under a military *coup d'état* or more conventional takeover by more ultra-conservative elements in the 1970s partially with the help of the CIA. Tens of thousands of liberals, academics, atheists, labor leaders, community organizers, artists, and indigenous rights activists were threatened, silenced, tortured, raped, “disappeared”, and/or murdered. Do these groups seem to be targeted by anyone in the United States today?

Further, it is no surprise that conservatives in the US are the ones who [supported](#) ^[5] and continue to try to defend the military coup in Honduras last year. The elites in the Americas who have been so bloated with wealth from corporations have masterful propaganda machines that are able to spin any situation extremely well, and despite no nation on the planet recognizing the military installed regime after the coup, the Continental Right attempted to justify it. The Honduran situation has also seen the return of fascist run [death squads](#) ^[6].

Shift to the Extreme Right on the Court

This shift from freedom to fascism in the United States is clearly demonstrated by the blatant stocking of the highest courts in the land with conservative activist judges by every president since Reagan, except perhaps Clinton. [4 of the 5](#) ^[7] most ultra-conservative judges since the 1920s are sitting on the Supreme Court today: Roberts, Scalia, Alito, and Thomas. The so-called swing vote is the 11th most conservative judge in nearly 100 years, so the takeover is virtually complete.



What makes these ultra-conservative activist judges fascists? For one, the [Citizens United](#) ^[9] ruling. Citing the [scribbling](#) ^[10] of a court clerk on the side of a page of a SCOTUS ruling in the 1800s, they have now declared that corporations are people, and can spend unlimited fortunes in political campaigns. The most unapologetically corporate of all the media (FOX “news”) celebrated this ruling by calling it (get this) “free speech rights”.

If this does not demonstrate the merger of the state with the corporation, little else does. As anyone who has studied the first thing about politics knows, the candidate with the most money wins [95%](#) ^[11] of the time, as they can afford to dominate the message broadcast on the media. The role the media once played to fairly report on what is really going on behind the banners has been co-opted by years of mergers in their industry, so that now every major media source is owned by one of 5 different corporations (NPR and PBS are notable exceptions).

Thus, corporations are now free to decide who will be our members of congress in every state. Our democracy has been sold to the highest bidder.

The New Brown Shirts

Following a mass rejection of this shift to the extreme right in the election of 2008, where regardless of the slick spin, ordinary people stood up and voted for change, the corporations and their conservative allies hatched a new plan. They [took over](#) ^[12] the fledgling Tea Party movement with the aid of corporate front groups

like Freedomworks and Americans for Prosperity and began to jack up the hate to extreme levels.

They riled up a hornet's nest of fear, anger, and hate to epic levels in order to put boots on the ground to enforce their fascist agenda. Most of these people don't realize they are doing the bidding of corporate overlords, but their gullibility is irrelevant when they stifle real debate and shut down dissenting viewpoints in a wave of hostility and intolerance, such as what happened when thugs shut down discussion at town hall meetings over proposed health care reform last August. Regardless of what reform was proposed, if it favored the American people over the corporations, the right wing found some insidious way to spin it and their blindly obedient followers on the streets regurgitated the talking points with great frequency. When a very modest form of health care reform was finally [passed](#) ^[13], angry conservatives organized an [American Kristallnacht](#) ^[14], a window smashing campaign at predominantly Democratic offices around the country.

All of this hate has had a huge effect on the levels of [political violence](#) ^[15] in America as well. During the first 4 months of the Obama administration, there were [8 acts](#) ^[16] of fascist domestic terrorism in the country, including the gunning down of Dr. George Tiller in his church by an anti-freedom of choice assassin affiliated with Operation Rescue. There has been a chilling rise in right wing [hate](#) ^[17] around the country. President Obama receives an average of 30 [death threats](#) ^[18] per day, a 400% [increase](#) ^[19] over Bush. [Conservative](#) ^[20] websites have offered a list of Democratic Senators to [assassinate](#) ^[21], and sold merchandise about Obama featuring [Psalm 109:8](#) ^[22] which reads: *"Let his days be few; and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Militias have also [quadrupled](#) ^[23] in 2009.*

Militarization

The military and law enforcement agencies (including the FBI, ATF, NSA, and CIA) have always been bastions of ultra-conservatism to start out with, and have been highly empowered over the last 30 years, and together consume well [over half](#) ^[24] of the annual budget. The unprecedented expansion of a peacetime military that began with Reagan continues to snowball today. Including all aspects of spending in this arena (including interest on the debt caused by former military spending, special supplements, research and development, etc.) amounts to over \$1.6 trillion dollars per year. However, in order for American corporations to be able to exploit resources on a planetary scale, this gargantuan sized military is needed to control the trade routes and to expand the hegemony of American corporate influence to foreign governments. They exert strict control domestically with a policy of domestic espionage, a wide array of discretionary laws, and well funded prosecutorial staffs bent on enforcing social complacency conformity.

If the military and law enforcement agencies stay loyal to the commander in chief, and if the fascists cannot overturn the latest progressive tide towards change and reform in the American political spectrum, they have a

backup plan: the Oathkeepers. A network of people in the military and law enforcement that have sworn a pledge to disobey orders when the time is right. There have even been calls on a fascist website for a Honduran-style [military coup](#) ^[25] of the Obama administration.

First Target of Fascism: Immigrants

The intolerance of the fascist right best manifests itself in their hatred towards Latino immigrants. Law enforcement agencies have been given such broad, discretionary powers already that the ACLU has defined a [constitution free zone](#) ^[26] that two thirds of Americans live in where to fight terrorism and illegal immigration, civil liberties are routinely curtailed. An example of this would be the check points along transportation corridors heading north from the Mexican border.

In the xenophobic fervor to oppose this immigration wave, the proto-fascists are willing to go to extraordinary lengths. For instance, the conservative dominated state legislature in Arizona just passed an [unconstitutional law](#) ^[27] giving incredible discretionary powers to law enforcement officials to detain anyone they suspect of being an undocumented immigrant for trespassing.

Their philosophy is that any and all means should be taken to find and remove anyone in the country illegally, but implementation of this hard-line stance would require nothing short of purely fascist acts. This would translate into sectioning off neighborhoods and doing house by house searches, then detaining those without any form of identification in some type of internment camps until they could be processed and if needed, deported. The logistics behind such an operation, and what it means for liberty in America are appalling. Even beyond this, there are calls for a militarization of the border with Mexico, where the US Army would be policing internally. Domestic policing by the military is a very dangerous precedent, and could quickly lead to regular internal policing by the armed forces.

If this trend towards ultra-conservative fascism is not stopped, it is only a matter of time until there are calls for such draconian action against not only undocumented immigrants, but liberals, academics, atheists, labor leaders, community organizers, artists, and indigenous rights activists as well. Have no doubt, there is a battle raging across America today, and if freedom is to prevail, the American Corporate Empire must fall.

"When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross." ~ Sinclair Lewis



Population Shift Could Alter Politics in Texas

~ Gary Scharrer, [My San Antonio Express-News](#)

They say demographics is destiny, and if so, Texas Republicans will have to try harder in the coming years if they want to keep the state in the red column.

School enrollment shows the state's population transformation is well under way, and Hispanics are expected to surpass the Anglo population sometime between 2015 and 2020, according to the Texas State Data Center.

Hispanics will make up 78 percent of Texas' population growth between now and 2040, while African Americans will account for 6 percent and Anglos only 4 percent, according to the center.

Republicans gained political supremacy in Texas some 15 years ago and today hold all 29 statewide elected offices. But the party has had a hard time keeping Hispanics in statewide office and an even harder time attracting Hispanic voters.

Texas Democrats have been getting about 70 percent of the Hispanic vote, said **Jerry Polinard**, a political science professor at UT-Pan American in Edinburg and expert on Mexican American political behavior.

There are no Hispanics among the 96 Republicans in the 181-member Legislature, and their support for voter ID bills and efforts to enlist local police in enforcing federal immigration law "reinforce that the Republican Party is anti-Latino," Polinard said.

Opposing the nomination of **Sonia Sotomayor** to the U.S. Supreme Court, as Texas' two Republican senators did last year, won't inspire Hispanic enthusiasm, either, Polinard said.

The Texas GOP platform demands abolition of bilingual education and supports legislation that would ban noncitizen children from attending public schools.

Its plank on unauthorized immigration is, "No amnesty! No how. No way."

The 15-member State Board of Education, which is rewriting social studies curriculum standards for public schools, is two-thirds Anglo — and all of its Anglo members and none of its minority members are Republicans. Its draft proposal, set for a final vote this Friday, has been fiercely criticized as Anglo and conservative triumphalism that skimps minority contributions.

"This has consequences," Polinard said. "Nobody knows when the magic time is, but if Democrats get 65 (percent) to 70 percent of the Mexican American vote, they are going to start winning all the elections."

When he was governor, **George W. Bush** reached out to the Hispanic community, avoided immigrant-bashing and won about 40 percent of the Hispanic vote en route to his 1998 re-election, Polinard said.

The state's population trend "without question is showing the absolute, skyrocketing trajectory of Latinos," **Rep.**

Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, who chairs the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

But he was quick to emphasize that "no political party has the right to claim ownership of the Latino community."

Texas Republican Party Chairwoman **Cathy Adams** would agree on that point. She said most of the non-Anglo population moving into Texas is conservative, with principles that align with the Republican Party, she said.

Adams is confident that Texas GOP Hispanics will be elected to Congress and to the Legislature this November. Four Hispanic Republicans are seeking Texas congressional seats, and six are running for the state House.

"We're quickly making inroads into the Hispanic community," she said, citing outreach to the Hispanic community to help Latinos understand that Democrats "embrace taxpayer funded abortion and bigger government that hurts entrepreneurship."

The GOP will need to show action to back any talk about sharing Hispanic values, Martinez Fischer said.

Republicans "don't seem to place a high priority on reaching out to Hispanic voters and if they do, you will not notice it because it gets drowned out in the echo chamber of anti-immigration and dehumanization of Latinos in Texas," he said. "It's a level of mean-spiritedness and people have long memories."

In the past four Texas gubernatorial elections, Latinos have represented between 13 percent and 19 percent of the total turnout, according to the San Antonio-based Southwest Voter Registration Education Project.

Hispanic voters are probably at least 10 years away from delivering 25 to 30 percent of turnout — but their median age today is 27, some 10 years younger than for Anglo voters, said **Lydia Camarillo**, the organization's vice president.

The leading issues for Latinos, she said, are taxes and services — and immigration.

"Immigration, without a doubt, has become the litmus test for Latinos," Camarillo said.





BP – “Beyond Prosecution”

At least that is the way it seems to be. I watched as two very good criminal investigations were shut down by Bush's (2) Department of Justice (DOJ) and had to also watch incredulously as my agency, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), fell into lockstep with DOJ. The two cases were the Texas City Refinery explosion criminal investigation and the March 2006 transit pipeline rupture on the North Slope of Alaska criminal investigation. In the first, a number of workers were killed or injured, and in the second, the largest oil spill (in Alaska) since the Exxon Valdez occurred.

I think we can safely assume that BP (corporations do not make decisions; the people that run them do) did not want to blow up one of its refineries, kill and injure its employees, or to dump valuable crude onto the tundra and into a frozen lake. So what made these “accidents” become the focus of criminal investigations? It was a corporate culture that rewarded cost savings at every level, and that dealt harshly with anyone who brought bad news to management. Generally, the cost savings occurred at the expense of worker safety and environmental protection, and workers learned to limit voicing their concerns about these matters because being outspoken usually resulted in losing one's livelihood. So, we have the situation in these two cases where corners were cut and workers' voiced concerns were ignored. The company had the internal information to know that explosions could occur and pipes could rupture, yet did not take the prudent steps of reasonable persons to address those problems. That is negligence, and it is criminal.

As a criminal investigator, I want to make sure that we get to the highest people in the organization that made the negligent decisions, or were aware they were being made. We also want to hold these higher-level folks accountable so corporations will take notice and do the right thing, both within the organization under investigation and others in the business. Deterrence is critical especially for a very small boutique criminal investigative force such as the one deployed by the EPA. These investigators cannot address all of the environmental criminals, so deterrence is desired to reduce the number of criminals and criminal acts. Paltry corporate fines and corporate criminal pleas do not hold individuals accountable and do nothing to promote deterrence, even within the offending corporation. BP was an environmental criminal recidivist when these two criminal acts occurred.

Nor do corporations learn constructive civil lessons from their misdeeds if/when they are under scrutiny, as the government steps in at high (perhaps even the highest) levels and pulls the rug out from underneath the dedicated hard working investigators and prosecutors. I watched this happen in the oil spill case and did everything I could to prevent this malfeasance. My counterpart in the refinery investigation also tried to do the right thing. Our management within the EPA Criminal Investigation Division, instead of supporting its senior field supervisors, smacked us both down. I have witnessed similar situations from both Democratic and Republican administrations, but I have to admit that what I personally witnessed with the DOJ (and EPA) in the oil spill case was absolutely blatant and disgusting. I retired as soon as I could and took a bath to wash off the stink. I also went public with my accusations. There was an initial flurry of interest by Congress and the media, but with the change in the administration, the interest was short lived.

Now, we have this catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico. What else could this be in terms of death, injuries, and environmental destruction? When I first heard about the rig explosion I said to my wife that it is probably a BP rig, and sure enough I was correct. I am willing to bet too that when the investigations are over into the cause it will have something to do with cutting corners. There will also likely be employees coming forward whose voiced concerns were ignored.

I do not believe any lessons were learned at BP because of the fact that our government did nothing more than slap BP on its wrist in the previous cases. BP did not fail the citizens of the US and the world's environment. BP was simply doing what corporations do. It was our government that failed us. Let us hope that there will be a robust and unfettered criminal investigation into the cause of this “accident” and that the prosecutors will be allowed to finally bring appropriate charges. Perhaps then, there will not be a next time.

~ **Scott West**

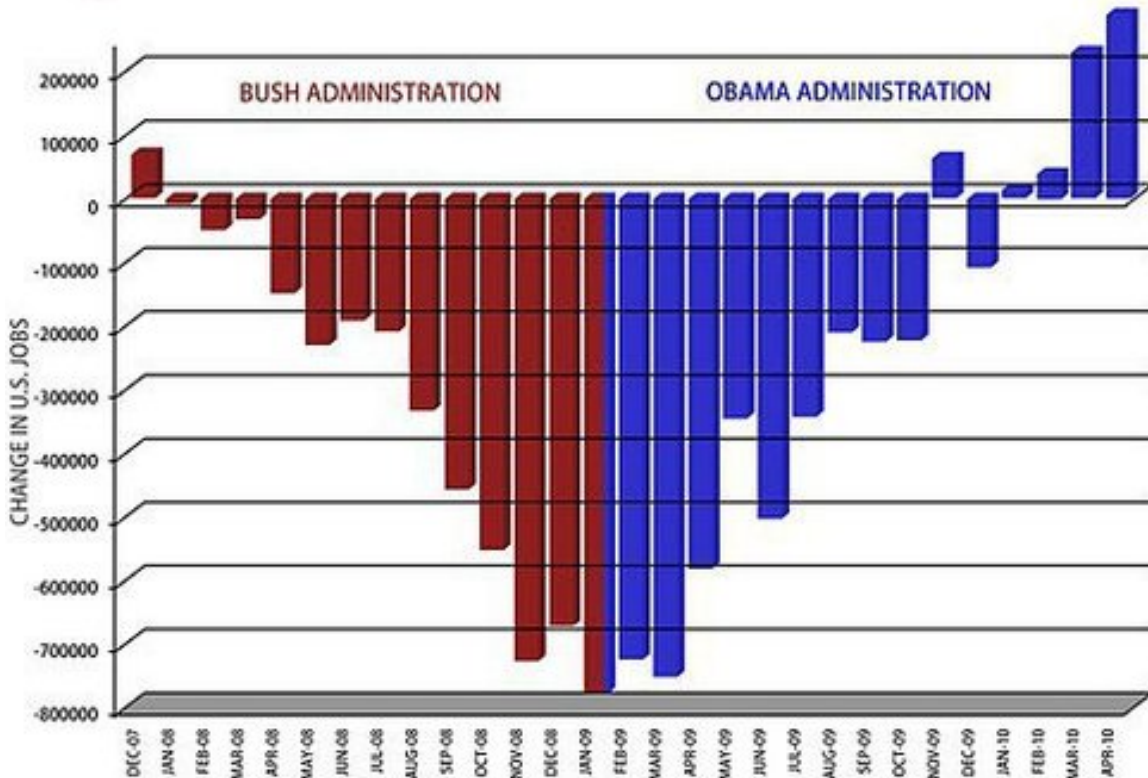
**Department of Intelligence and Investigations,
Sea Shepherd Conservation Society
Special Agent-in-Charge (retired) US EPA,
Criminal Investigation Division**



A Message to the Teabaggers from the Sun City Democrats

(Let's refuse to dignify them by calling them the Tea Party Movement.
They chose to call themselves "teabaggers" originally; now they're stuck with it!)

You want your country
← BACK?



I want my country
FORWARD →

