

DEMOCRATIC INQUIRY

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**"There are those that look at things the way they are, and ask *why*?
I dream of things that never were, and ask *why not*?" – RFK**

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Happy Blue Year as we say goodbye to 2013 and hello to the continuing effort to bring enlightenment to tea gulpers as we clean up the elephants mess.

The Kennedy family wished that we commemorate his birthday rather than his death. Still, here's "Kennedy was right, [we are the heirs to the first revolution](#)." And 10 interesting things [Mandela said](#).

Longtime Democratic Mayor and fixture [Elmer Toth](#) passed away.

NATIONAL

SUPREME COURT: ACLU claims Catholic Bishops' rules deliver [substandard care](#) to women, endangering their lives. Do corporations have a religious right to deny healthcare coverage to women? Being argued before the Supreme Court. "You have the right to remain silent." Nevermind. The Supreme Court just overruled Miranda with [Salinas v Texas](#). Memorize this: "I evoke my right to remain silent, and I want a lawyer."

DARK MONEY: Koch Bros tax filings reveal charitable [deductions ultimately used for political purposes](#). Their donation to Catholic University is getting [splashback from scholars](#). Their donation to Florida State [buys them economists](#) opinions and false legitimacy. **DonorsTrust** [shelled out \\$96 million](#) for right-wing 'journalism.' Dark money once traceable to Koch and Exxon now funding [climate change denial](#). **State Policy Network** [coordinating 34 statewide attacks](#) on education, health, taxes. **ALEC** 1985; [SF gays S&M practices](#) responsible for 10% of all homicides. Why in the world would [Google contribute to ALEC](#), Norquist, and Heritage Action?

Have you heard of the [Powell Memo](#)? Before he became an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Lewis Powell wrote a memo that became the action blueprint for GOP conservatives (especially the Chamber of Commerce) [to take over education, news, society at large](#) from the liberal threat.

Ezra Klein says [Obama's speech on the economy](#) is his best. How do you read a President? [By what they read](#).

OIL: Newest report on oil, the XL pipeline, arctic drilling. "The paper, [Un-burnable Oil: An Examination of Oil Resource Utilisation in a Decarbonised Energy System](#), will be published by the journal [Energy Policy](#) in Jan. 2014. [You can view a copy here](#). And then you should spread it far and wide." [From RSN](#), if they burn it, the temp goes up 2 degrees, carbon capture goes out the window.

ECONOMICS: Nun on the Bus drives home [economic disparity](#). Should you have to sign up for food stamps when you start working? As far as the minimum wage goes, comparatively [ours is almost low man](#) on the pole. Economic [inequality has real effects](#) on our society.

FOOD: Is animal [cruelty the price we must pay](#) to eat? This Rolling Stone article has state of the art graphics for the article. Regardless, a recent study shows how much more [complete organic milk](#) is (NPR). Mother Jones reported on the [5 biggest meat stories](#) of 2013. So here's [9 New Year's Resolutions for Big Food](#), so you could actually know what Papa John's 'better ingredients' actually are, where they come from, and what's their true color. Why do republicans vote against these? [GMO labeling perspectives](#) the UpWorthy way. Monsanto just got the World Food Prize [for creating GMOs](#), just a few years after donating \$4million to the organization.

[Rand Paul's Marshall McLuhan moment](#). Where the guy he quotes says Rand doesn't get him at all about unemployment benefits.

So let's top that off with [Conservapedia](#)'s crowdsourcing the [Conservative Bible Project](#), rewriting the bible and deleting those nasty liberal lines. For use in schools and churches.

SEN WARREN: Self-proclaimed Centrist [Third Way WSJ opinion](#) piece attacks **Elizabeth Warren**, suffers blowback from Progressives and other Dems. Chris Hayes interviewed Elizabeth Warren, and in 2 minutes she summed up the [Democratic message for 2014](#).

PPACA: Would [insurance companies use Obamacare fears](#) for their own profit? Duh. Would people vote republican after their insurance is taken away by repeal? "Probably not," Congressman admits, and [here's their dilemma](#).

"The British drug maker GlaxoSmithKline said that it will no longer pay doctors to promote its products and will stop tying compensation of sales representatives to the number of prescriptions doctors write. The announcement appears to be a first for a major drug company: <http://nyti.ms/19PZ9V8>" Kind of makes you want to ask for their drugs next time.

Media consolidation? There's no media consolidation. [You'd notice](#) that in, say, 1, 2, or even 10 examples.

What happens on Easter Island stays on Easter Island. Except for the people. [Two scenarios of what happened](#) invite us to take action.

Earth Island's [10 Most Important Environmental Stories](#) for 2013.

STATE

Ohio's [rebound is less](#) than flat. And just after Kasick bragged about it, too.

Voter [suppression grows](#) in Ohio. Bill Moyers reports. There's also [5 Reform movements for 2014](#), which includes voting.

2016 Ohio convention? We're [in contention](#), as Cleveland Columbus & Cincinnati bid for it.

LOCAL

Pictures from Sen Sherrod Brown's visit are posted at waynedemocrats.org

CALENDAR

- January 20th Monday, Second Baptist Church 245 So Grant St Wooster, Dr. Martin Luther King Dinner 5 Pm Dinner (\$7) 7pm Celebration
- February 5 – declaration of candidacy for Central Committee due at Board of election. No petition this year.
- February 15th, Saturday, The 2nd annual Wine Tasting Dinner at El Rancho Grande, at 7 pm.
- March 31st – end of open enrollment for Obamacare.
- April Jackson Day Dinner
- April 15, Tax Day

VOTES

Humor

LINKS

[Ashland Co. Dem Party](#) –

Holmes Co Dem Party [facebook](#) page –

[Medina Co. Dem Party](#) –

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[President Obama](#), [Senator Sherrod Brown](#), “[The Road We’ve Traveled](#)”

[William M. O’Neill](#) Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

2014 Candidates

Ed Fitzgerald Governor www.edfitzgeraldforohio.com

David Pepper, Attorney General [Campaign Website](#)

John Patrick [Carney for State Auditor](#)

Connie Pillich, Treasurer pillichcampaign@gmail.com [Campaign Website](#)

Nina Turner, Secretary of State info@ninaturner.org [Campaign Website](#)

You can find a list of events anywhere at [Accountable Congress](#), searchable by location or event.

[Scalable District Map](#), showing the bisecting of streets, cities, counties, etcetera. Easy to backspace and find other districts as well.

[Ohio Fracking Map](#), showing producing, permitted, drilled, and drilling sites. The Ohio chapter of the Sierra Club released this.

Kasick-Amstuz [tax shift calculator](#). How well did you do against the 1%?

Wayne Co. Precinct voting location changes - [new locations](#).

City of Wooster [Comprehensive Plan Review](#) Wooster Envisioned, Creating a Blueprint for the Future. You must sign up to participate.

Keep Wooster Beautiful blogspot [questions the facts](#) the city administration are presenting. Nice counter-points.

Wayne Co will lose an extra \$100 thousand in school funding, it's going to for profit companies. [Follow the links](#). Check out any county or district.

www.healthcare.gov Or, for complete cost estimate of ACA exchange plans, check out ValuePenguin.com SLATE's [chart](#) that puts coverage changes in perspective. Politifact has the [Top 16 Myths about the ACA](#). If someone you know is having trouble accessing the government site, here are [7 Alternatives](#) for access that can be tried. Here's the [ObamaCare Facts page](#), dispelling the myths. There's 10 standards health insurance has to meet now. Here's the list and an explanation for [PPACA Section 1302](#) . This American Cancer Society PPACA [implementation timeline chart for exchange and non-exchange, group and non-group plans](#) is very useful. Especially if you want to limit deductibles, go with the exchange!

Graphic [charts](#): 10 Corporations control almost everything you buy. 6 Media companies own 90% of all media. Through 4 banks. (See the timeline of bank ownership) . Here's what some of our [Founding Fathers said about corporations](#). I'll add the Adam Smith's [Wealth of Nations](#) admonished us to watch out for businesses as a threat to politics, and regulate them.

[Science stagers](#) on due to fed budget cutbacks.

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