

## 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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We'll start with the PPACA aka Obamacare:

Forget that the NY Times reported on an actual [Meese-Koch brothers written plan](#) for defunding PPACA, even what extremes were necessary.

Politifact has the [Top 16 Myths about the ACA](#). I think they had to stretch to make one a pro-ACA (#9). Media Matters has [15 myths the media should ignore](#) during implementation. Strangely, there is not that much overlap.

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!

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.

So, you're young, so it makes economic sense to opt out of PPACA until you actually get hospitalized, right? Wrong-o. But [that's the advice Fox gives](#). Think of this as the open enrollment period, and if you're not enrolled, you're liable, for the average \$10,000 stay.

### **NATIONAL**

This was the [worst shutdown in US history](#), and these experts note why, historically. Debt ceiling standoff would officially be [economic catastrophe](#), per the US Treasury. "The cost of insuring one-year U.S. bonds against default has [quintupled since Sept. 23](#), according to data from Markit, a financial information company.." Or per Business Week, using [the same term, catastrophe](#), dwarfing Lehman's fall. Because idiots like Florida republican Yoho think it [would bring stability to world markets](#), it may still happen next year. An appalling must see: [what's "essential" to keep](#) open during the shutdown, versus what/who is not. Like that Nobel prize winner, he's gone. Open mike night, featuring Rand Paul & Mitch McConnell, [discussing shutdown strategy](#). Really, you think you can win it?

The No vote has put [37 republican districts in play, including Renacci](#), according to the Cook Report.4

Renacci's rude FB post early in October. *"Let me be clear folks. The American people did not want Obamacare, don't support it today and cannot afford it. Harry Reid and his Senate allies are acting to shutdown the government in order to force it upon the American people while exempting themselves. Deplorable. Meanwhile our President is happy to negotiate with Putin and Assad but won't even talk with Congress. Maybe at this point we should just cut out the middle man and call the Kremlin if we want to get this sorted out."* - Jim Renacci. When it came down to Wednesday's vote to end it, he re-established his John Birch Tea Party credentials and said No.

Dick Cheney thinks [war with Iran](#) is inevitable. Again. He also urged an attack to recover a downed drone.

And as a challenge, Hobby Lobby and others want a religious exemption from coverage from the Supreme Court . [Do companies have a religion?](#)

Among the wide range of right wing wtf's is Cruz and Palin hijacking the Million Vet March on the Memorials. [Hijack is the Vet's term](#) for it, and the vets are rightfully pissed at non-vet headline whores. My terminology, the vets are too polite by far.

Maybe you've heard this before. America's students are failing to learn history. But Ellis the Elephant is helping them, [courtesy of Callista Gingrich](#). Because nothing says America like an elephant. Couldn't do an Eagle, had to do a republican symbol? Sadly, American [adults lag behind global average](#) in critical thinking skills, like rejecting a time traveling elephant.

Citizens United II: [McCutcheon vs FEC](#) explained, (McConnel to testify)

Everybody's favorite company, [Monsanto, no longer has an exemption](#) from just about everything, thanks to Sen. Tester. It was set to expire, but could have been renewed in the agreement.

Update on Texas textbooks [teaching creationism as science](#): publishers didn't cave, leave it out. Wendy Davis is in for Texas governor. And she's a [misogyny magnet](#). Which is perversely good for Democrats.

How do you [explain inequality](#) in the US, or even how deep is your understanding? This site walks you through it.

Nitrogen fertilizers good, feed people. Bad, create dead zones in ocean, killing everything, including fishing, not feeding people. It's a gift that [will keep on leaching](#) for some time.

## STATE

Kasick pushed Medicare expansion through the Controlling Board. Lawsuits from republicans abound.

## LOCAL

If you don't get the Daily Record, here's my letter calling out the [Tea Party and Renacci for toeing the John Birch Society line](#), a response to the local Tea Party.

5th Annual "Open the Door to Equality Rally: Telling Our Stories" was held at Gazebo on the Square in downtown Wooster, on Sunday, October 13, 2013, with the combined choirs of UUFWC & Westminster Presbyterian Church. Guest Speakers included Rabbi David Horowitz, National President of PFLAG; Elyzabeth Holford, Executive Director of Equality Ohio; Pastor Andries Coetzee, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Peg Tomblin. It was sponsored by Ohioans for Marriage Equality, PFLAG Wooster, Westminster Pres. Church and the Unitarian Universalist Social Action Committee.

## **CALENDAR**

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, Wayne Co Public Library. Wayne County Democratic Women's Caucus is presenting the movie "[Iron Jawed Angels](#)", a movie about a pivotal event in American History of how defiant and brilliant young activists took the Women's Suffrage Movement by storm.

Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, First Amendment Public House, Liberty St, Wooster – Open discussion addressing

-Do I expect a candidate to vote with the majority of their constituents or does my vote for them say that I trust their judgement to choose in my best interest?

-Theologically, should a person of religion be politically conservative or liberal?

-What do we consider good or bad compromise?

-What are some great examples of political compromise in history?

-How are our political opinions formed?

-What sources do we consider reliable sources of information?

We will NOT be discussing specific policies or issues and candidates themselves are not required to speak but may spectate if they'd like. If you've attended one of our discussions in the past, you know that we moderate these closely and everyone is very civil.

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Election Day. Check below to see if your Wayne precinct voting location changed.

Nov 11, Mon - 7pm Annual Labor Recognition Dinner, El Rancho Grande, Liberty St, Wooster. [Jason Perlman, Ohio AFL-CIO Political Director](#), will be there.

## **VOTES**

### **Soapbox**

### **Humor**

The republicans have gone from Lincoln to Teddy Roosevelt to Reagan to W Bush to Ted Cruz. No wonder republicans don't believe in evolution. They are devo.

Last year Albuquerque republican Thomas Tolbert made a point that he could give his dog a Social Security number and successfully registered Buddy Tolbert as a Democrat. Voter fraud case is pending.

Social Security fraud is being investigated. The point? At least one dog may be smarter than a republican. At least the last guy to register his dog credited him with being an Independent.

#### LINKS

[Ashland Co. Dem Party](#) – [Holmes Co Dem Party](#) [facebook](#) page - [Medina Co. Dem Party](#) - [Stark Co. Dem Party](#) - [Wayne Co. Dem Party](#)

[President Obama](#), [Senator Sherrod Brown](#), "[The Road We've Traveled](#)"

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

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

**The DSCCC's** [Lowest Gas Price Finder](#)

During the last Congressional race, we suffered from unclear gerrymandered lines. Here is a clear, [scalable District Map](#), showing the bisecting of streets, cities, counties, etcetera. Easy to backspace and find other districts as well.

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

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

Precinct voting location changes in Wayne Co. Check the [new locations](#).

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.

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