

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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Brad Gowin's [Ohio House and Senate Report](#) is now on the WCDP website & in a separate emailing.

Every time someone mocks President Obama or Hillary, lies or distorts what they say or believe, if you support them, they are also mocking your beliefs, lying or distorting what you believe. When they call Obama a communist, a socialist, or unAmerican, they are saying that about you. You can let this go unchallenged, or you can get involved and work to prove them wrong every day, like Obama and Hillary.

I'd like you to promise and commit to doing 4 Group Events this campaign season. The first is the Orrville parade this Tuesday evening, #s 2-4 won't be until fall. Imagine if everyone who gets this email shows for the parade – an unbelievably powerful statement to those watching the parade! Overwhelming impact this early in the campaign! Imagine how it helps republicans if you don't show. Your total time commitment may be about 8 hours, not even all at once, out of the 8760 you live this year.

Email me and I'll give you more details for the parade. Lineup begins at 5pm at North Ella Street. Parade itself starts at 7pm (a bit cooler in the evening!). If you have parade participants that need to be dropped off, you will enter the parade line up area as listed above and directed east on Mineral Spring Street. Participants can be dropped off in the line-up area on Mineral Spring Street and drop off vehicles will exit the line-up area north on Ella Street. Some parking is available for parade participants at the Orrville Elementary and Middle School Parking lots.

CALENDAR

- July 1st, Tuesday, join 27th State Senate District candidate George Rusiska and AG candidate David Pepper in Orrville's parade! Enjoy a leisurely holiday parade fun stroll, passing out candy to kids, chatting with people, and showing your support for our candidates! Email me for detail
- July 2nd meeting of the WCDP is canceled. Instead, there is a carry in dinner at the home of Jean Mohr. All **Loyal Democrats** are invited to the home of Jean Mohr, 2280 Friar Tuck Circle, (corner of Robinhood & Friar Tuck, near Highland Ave., Wooster) **6 p.m.** Come thru the white gate into the back yard, bring any loyal Democrat with you. Parking on street allowed and in Jean's driveway. **Bring covered dish; main dish, salad, dessert or beverage to share and a loyal Democratic friend or two. 6 p.m.** This is not a business meeting, just a Democratic gathering for talk and fun, celebrating Independence Day a bit early. If you wish to donate to a Democratic candidate that would be possible this evening, also.
- July 23rd, Progressive Network meeting, 7 pm El Rancho Grande, Liberty St Wooster.
- August 6th, WCDP Meeting at our new location or our new Campaign HQ. Details coming...

Toxic Ohio coal burned by [AEP destroyed Cheshire](#), Ohio by 2002, making it an unfunded superfund cleanup site. So we did something about it in 2008, with a *truly bipartisan (2 negative votes)* 2008 mandate that public utilities increase their green energy sources by a whopping **1% a year**. **Kasick, LaRose, Amstutz republicans** unilaterally killed it, with the SB/HB 310 repeal, and the green tech jobs that go along with it, because of [\(King Coal/Koch bros\) money](#). 51 businesses (Honda, Honeywell) and 21 organizations jointly [wrote to Kasick](#), telling him it would be harmful to jobs and the consumer cost of energy. According to TIME, AEP bought three times the amount of green energy it thought it would, because it was a third less costly, and Georgia republicans are promoting green energy. But not in Ohio, where the future looks black. Midwest Energy reports that the new HB 483 setback [restrictions will end new wind farms in Ohio](#). "It would take one of the projects from 50 turbines to 7, and another project from 75 to 3," says Thumma. "The economics are not going to work if you have such reduced projects." Thanks Kasick, LaRose & Amstutz, your hot air is a blast to the past, the War on Green Energy.

The growing, long list of [Obama's accomplishments](#) to date, annotated.

A group of us attended the OH Dem State Dinner and were treated to Bill Clinton, [the most admired president of the past 25 years](#). Clinton, Strickland, and FitzGerald were all on stage for a group hug. Strickland shown to be [responsible for Ohio's recovery](#) in Kasick's own report.

NATIONAL

Cantor lost, so the scramble is on to declare 'what this means.' I like Krugman's article, [Eric Cantor and the Death of a Movement](#). It looks at the death of the extreme coalition that was only temporarily held together, and is now falling apart as it takes over the RNC. A column in the Atlanta Constitutional Journey says something similar: "*Unfortunately, today's Republican Party lacks the confidence to risk compromise. It operates from the premise that if they compromise on anything, the whole Republican enterprise falls apart. So while it can say no, and does so loudly and often, it lacks the courage to say yes to just about anything. It also lacks the courage to propose and advance policies of its own.*"

Just be reasonable - to conservatives, [Deal is a four letter word](#), per Pew Research via Ezra Klein. "But as it turns out, compromise is basically a liberal value – 82 percent of consistent liberals prefer politicians who make compromises. Less than a third of consistent conservatives say the same." Renacci and LaRose are media friendly 'bi-partisan' compromisers to appeal to Independents and Democrats, as long as you don't check their voting records. Immediately denied by Boehner, his pending lawsuit (for some still unspecified reason) against Obama is a [dress rehearsal for impeachment](#).

More than 3/4 of [conservatives say the poor have it easy](#) in PEW research study. [take the quiz](#) to find where you fall on the PEW scale of political typology? (I'm solid liberal, but you knew that.)

Who's a good country? Well, we didn't make the [Top Ten list](#) on this Good Country Index of which country does the most good for the world, announced by TEDsalon. I'd move to any of the top ten, exceptions for language barriers.

Why are the Iraq [chickenhawks getting all the press](#) right now? So much for the myth of the liberal media. Ends with a good analysis of why the media covers what they do, and how.

IRS' Lois [Lerner's computer crashed 16 days before](#) she found out about someone conducting a search for tax dodgers using "T(axed) E(nough) A(lready) Party." So she's either psychic or a time traveler. Just to keep the missing IRS emails of one person in perspective: [Bush/Rove-Chaney-RNC lost 22 million emails](#) related to their investigation.

Would you like to [search 935 false statements](#) leading to the Iraq War? Eassey-peasy. Or look at them chronologically. Or by speaker.

SHENANIGANS: Family Research Council [pres claims gays planning a Christian holocaust](#). Can't make this stuff up unless your doing bad drugs. [The sad, sorry decline of George Will](#). And conservative debate. Rape victims are a status symbol? Conservative George Will said the being a rape victim is now a coveted status on campus. A [rape victim replies](#). St Louis paper dumps his column. Chicago didn't carry it. George doesn't get it at all, [doubles down](#).

The RNC is feeling squirrely these days, using [literally a large orange mascot](#) to attack Hillary. This prompted the birth of the [RNC squirrel](#), a frenemy of the mascot.. Mother Jones definitely guides you through the [Hillary Conspiracy theories](#). And there are a lot of them. Maureen Dowd goes [negative on Hillary Clinton in 72%](#) of her articles on Hillary.. 100% of those are published in the Daily Record, apparently.

Tea Party Express: [Because he's black, Americans suffer and die](#). Just in case you think something about them may be reasonable. Andrew Sullivan spent some time watching Fox, and doesn't want to be [Living In the World That Fox Built](#). I think they're like a bad acid trip. Must be the Kool Aid. Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Politico pretty much agree, [moving further fringeworld is self-destruct mode](#).

[GOP was set to roll back \(temporarily\(!\)\) semitruck safety regulations](#), until a comedian got rolled over.

ISSUES:

2nd Amendment: How original. Second amendment was clearly about arming the military, there were gun and ammo restrictions then. [The Second Amendment, a Biography](#). [30 states rank better than Ohio](#) in gun rules and gun deaths for 2011. Short 30 sec PSA video about guns, that [will make you LOL](#), and tell your friends about. I can't give away anything about this, just watch it!

4th Amendment: There are some articles I find disturbing: [The Shredding of the Fourth Amendment](#) is one. The right of the people to be secure... is at risk.

NPR reports on ACLU's report on excessive [militarization of local police](#): tanks, really? Being used to serve warrants?

Climate Change:

Education: House [republicans mess with low income kids](#) summer meals. ('Get a job kids!) Pilot programs end ('you don't need an education or lunch, you need a job!')

Education: Common Core –

Environment: Sierra Club [warns about GE \(genetically engineered\) trees](#) already littering the landscape, genii out of the bottle style. Those floating garbage dumps in the oceans are non-solvable pollution problems, unless you're 19 with [a solution they're putting into action](#).

Climate denier [republicans threaten govt shutdown](#). Seriously? Over EPA's ability to regulate carbon, which the Supreme Court said was legal. You don't want the EPA to do something it's supposed to do?

Factory Farming: Consumer Reports poll shows strong concern for [labeling genetically engineered food](#). 92% Think GE Food Should Be Labeled Before Sold, 92% Think GE Food Should Meet Government Safety Standards Before Sold, 92% Demand the Government Label GE Salmon. What, Frankenfish is unappealing?

HealthCare: Is there reason to be optimistic about health care spending? Yes - [more coverage and flat prices](#).

Vaccinate your kids. Have your kids vaccinate their kids. [Here's why](#), in 2 minutes.

One of my pet peeve got taken for a walk by John Oliver. [Why aren't vitamins and supplements regulated like food?](#) Not that the the FDA does a great job anymore, but why let those of scott free? Oliver starts with Dr. Oz, and then takes us on that walk.

Immigration: Locking up [immigrants for profit](#) has got to stop.

Yes, there is a flood of refugees. No, Obama did not go house to house telling them to come. [We really can blame our failed](#) drug policy, intervention policies, Bush, and coyotes, for this latest turn of events. Check the slide show and wonder why there isn't a Central American terrorist organization trying to get in, just people who want a better life than the one we helped set up.

LGBT: Obama [gives ENDA some momentum](#), with federal contractors.

Money: Too Big To Fail: [Financial reform is rising](#) - lead by Brown and Warren, exposing [The Banker's New Clothes](#).

Money & Influence: The [US Chamber of Secrets](#): Most Money comes from only [64 donors](#). 60 local chambers disassociated since 2009 Goal: preserve low wages and no unions. Got into this tiff of Soros v Kochtopus. [Kochtopus outspends Soros](#). More fun was this [comparison infographic](#), showing who the good guy is.

Citizens United counterpoint: This amendment was formally adopted by the Senate's Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights Subcommittee

To advance democratic self-government and political equality, and to protect the integrity of government and the electoral process, Congress and the States may regulate and set reasonable limits on the raising and spending of money by candidates and others to influence elections.

Congress and the States shall have power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation, and may distinguish between natural persons and corporations or other artificial entities

created by law, including by prohibiting such entities from spending money to influence elections.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to grant Congress or the States the power to abridge the freedom of the press.

Money & Economic Inequality: WSJ upset Supreme [Court didn't kill class action lawsuits](#) in Halliburton case.

Right to Privacy:

Separation of Church & State:

Technology: Had this discussion with a friend about robotics, labor savings, and the economy. Wish I had this article, [What Marc Andreessen Gets Wrong About Robotics](#), to back me up. Those that control Capital set Labor prices, and Labor has lost economic ground over the last several decades while production rose. Capital will still control the means of production, and Labor share of wealth will get smaller with robotics.

HP is [about to change everything](#) you know about computing.

Voting: Supreme Court clears Susan B Anthony List's right to lie politically case. The good news: the decision clarified a point which makes it [easier to sue if the government violates your rights](#), and, while we agree you have no case if you have to unfairly lie through your teeth, it does stifle political speech.. Totally unrelated, Ohio [GOP caught stealing a shot and concocting edit](#) to make it look like FitzGerald was dodging a question. Totally unrelated.

Women's Rights: Buffer zone around clinics overruled, Supreme Court keeps theirs.

STATE

It's Tribe Time. [Redface Wahoo or not?](#)

[Renacci -Suarez timeline](#). Action is requested; Renacci writes a letter; the check to Renacci gets written the next day, buy a guy who is told it won't be cashed until the next Monday. [Renacci got a commitment for \\$100K](#) before Mandel did. **The letter went out the day the commitment was met, related by the Stark Co GOP chair.** What's your definition of quid pro quo?

DeWine seems to have a habit of selecting law firms for state work based on [whether they made a contribution](#). To him.

Lt Gov CPA Mary Taylor dumps aide for not working her reported very very flexible hours, and assistant aide quit citing "[unhealthy hostile workplace](#)". It's tough when you have to have worked the hours you said you worked, especially when Plumderbund points out you didn't and your CPA boss didn't notice until then, even when it was questioned.

Latest Southern Poverty Law Center shows [Ohio with 31 hate groups](#), more than it's surrounding states except Penn. Yes, more than West Virginia.

[Restoring the lost art of civil discussion](#): TedX Wooster and the First Amendment Public House.

Economy: Ohio's unemployment is down a bit. Because [the labor force shrank](#), not because of the JobsOhio secret tax dollar giveaway. Hard to find a job in Ohio as it [drops to 38th in job creation](#). Study finds that ever expanding Ohio tax cuts have succeeded, in [making more poor people](#), and making the poor even poorer.

Education: HB362 [Teacher Evaluation](#): quickly label the teacher implementing the new system so we can dump them bill, could have a loophole.

So [how's your school doing](#) with that 3rd grade reading test? 87.5% passed in Wooster, ranking it at **9th place out of 10** in Wayne.

[FBI investigates Ohio charter schools](#). For white collar reasons. Note to Kasick and LaRose (since this features White Hat management of charter schools) [quit giving away our school tax dollars!](#) Tax dollars for contributions seems to be the theme.

Should local [chiropractors be able to diagnose concussions](#) and treat school athletes? That's in the "Education booster" budget bill. LaRose joined republicans in voting for that, and in anti-windmill amendment, bigger property setbacks (which means dismantling and cutbacks to planned new windmills)

Environment: Fracking republicans. Turns out [Ohio's shale waste is more radioactive](#) than thought. ODNR still doesn't have rules, or experts, so dumping it isn't a problem. Ohio EPA with expertise has no say in the matter under Kasick Amstutz LaRose fracking rules.

Farming: Ohio is [not friendly to homeowners and family farms](#), just Big Business. Our tax burden share is now up to 70% and rising. Thank you LaRose Kasick and Amstutz!

Health Care:

Voting Rights: [NAACP ACLU file Voting Rights Act suit](#) against Husted. NY Times notes [more voting games](#) in Ohio.

Women's Rights: Planned Parenthood [tells Kasick they're watching](#) him. Organizing is better. Cosmopolitan(!) noted [How Ohio Became One of the Worst State for Reproductive Rights](#).

LOCAL

LTE on [Common Core Conspiracy](#) by despotic, mind controlling, nazi communist tools of Agenda 21 & UNESCO overlords, via Soviet Union through programming people.

VOTES

Humor

Which is worse, a tweet of [Obama on the Iron Throne](#), or an [ISIS ad featuring John McCain](#) photo?

SOAPBOX

Pulling yourself up by your bootstraps requires that you have not been run over, you have boots, and there is a ladder for upward movement. Conservative republicans ran the bus off the road that ran people over, stole their boots, and have consistently cut the rungs on the ladder of success out of the hole.

LINKS

[Ashland Co. Dem Party](#) –

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[Ohio Democratic County Chairs](#)

[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](#)

Dr. **Pete Crossland**, candidate for OH-16

George Rusiska, Dist 27 State Senate candidate

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You can find a list of events anywhere Benefits.Ohio.gov, for Ohio Medicaid enrollment.

Wayne County Sustainable Energy Network

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.

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

[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%?

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. www.thehealthsherpa.com will also guide you through the plans. 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 staggers](#) on due to fed budget cutbacks.

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