

DEMOCRATIC INQUIRY

May 5-6, 2014

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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 so good, we now carry it on the WCDP website. We'll also do a separate emailing for this.

CALENDAR

- May 6th, Primary Election
- MAY 15TH, 2014 6:00-8:00 PM Please attend the second public meeting for the Wooster Comprehensive Plan Update. The draft Plan will be presented in an open house format. Opportunities will be provided for you to give comments and feedback on the draft Plan. WOOSTER HIGH SCHOOL (2ND FLOOR LIBRARY), 515 OLDMAN ROAD
- May 24th PSA: **Free admission** to [all 4 Wade Oval](#) attraction on May 24th.
- June 2nd, Lt Gov candidate Sharon Neuhardt fundraiser, 5:30-7pm, at the Home of Linda and Dan Houston, 1823 Burbank Road, Wooster.
- June 13th, Friday. ODP State Dinner, Columbus. Details to follow. President Clinton is the speaker for ODP's dinner. If you get your tickets through the WCDP, it counts towards our annual assessment.

VOTE TODAY!

Ohio Secretary of State: 'We don't need to tell no stinkin' minorities 'bout nothin!' Well, no, he didn't say that. But he communicated with all the right-wing factions in changing the Ohio voter rules again. And he won't respond if any Democratic, liberal, NAACP, left-wing groups most affected by the latest changes were sent any communication about it before it happend. Like seeking equal time input. [Salon reports](#), you decide.

ODP: "With counties barred from mailing out absentee ballot applications, no evening and only one Saturday morning to vote in person, we're on pace to have fewer than half the early votes in this primary than we had in 2010. Ohio Secretary of State [Jon Husted](#) said his voting restrictions have nothing to do with this drop off. Sure thing, Jon." Early voting down by half compared to 2010.

2014 is about the [partisans](#), not the swing voters. GOTV. NY Times.

John Boehner's Tea Party opponent has no problem with truth in advertising, or ridicule. Watch his [one minute commercial](#).

[I Side With](#) is a site that tells you which party you side with by selecting from multiple choice answers representing different parties for different issues. Mother Jones has [7 Movies That Changed Your Political View](#), per science. I think so.

159th [Jackson Day](#) dinner was a chance to meet the candidates one on one. You missed my powerpoint. Still, a good time was had by all. Crossland and Rusiska were good, and I recommend them both.

[Playmobil Security Check Point](#) for kids. Seriously. But the comments on Amazon aren't. One of the top capitalists in the world says capitalism is dying. [Is the alternative more democratic?](#) See the Cleveland example. Sure glad I taught my students about this.

NATIONAL

Michigan [voter suppression law struck down](#) by court, and others as well. Alabama Supreme Court Justice: 1st Amendment [only protects Christians](#).

Obama and Immigration statistics. There's [Lies, damned lies, and 'deportation' statistics](#). Definitions changed, there's deportations, exclusions, removals, and it all depends upon which administration and when using what terms, if you want to compare apples to apples, which so far, they can't. That's how you can get both the highest rate in 20 years with a 26% drop in deportation.

Obama's poll numbers are [up in republican districts](#). Blame it on Obamacare.

"[A new Health Affairs studies](#) shows that most people with cancelled Obamacare plans were probably going to cancel the policies themselves, due to high turnover in the individual marketplace." From [the Wire](#).

SHENANIGANS: Injustice Scalia jumps the shark [citing his opinion and misrepresenting](#) it. Maybe we should do something about limitless appointments.

ISSUES:

Factory Farming: The Environmental Working Group's 2014 Dirty Dozen: the [10 most pesticide ridden foods](#), and the number of pesticides found on them. I regularly eat 9 of them. That may explain this cough I can't get rid of.

LGBT:

Money in Politics: Politico traces the connections and \$\$ between the [Tea Party radio network and the Kochs](#).

Who in their right mind would want to [tax solar power use by homeowners](#)? The far right minds of the Koch brothers. To discourage use so their industries benefit, and you lose. Strange bedfellow [Tea Party wants to help you go solar](#).

Money: Too Big To Fail: The republican view that [privatizing everything is a winner is really a loser](#) for everyone. Some thing, yes, but the process has to be controlled. From *The Atlantic*.

Money & Economic Inequality: Here's a great timeline of the [triggers of economic inequality](#), Nixon through Obama.

Our American [Middle Class is no longer the world's richest](#) middle class. We're number two. And the poor in Europe earn more than the poor here. Our poor are poorer. That includes with benefits.

Paul Ryan loves a family budget, as long as you [don't borrow to buy a house](#), a car, college loans, ...

An inconvenient income inequality. [How it was engineered, politically](#). A Bill Moyers interview. And this [NY Times opinion piece](#) on recent reports.

New study reports that the [US is an oligarchy](#). Not just our imaginations.

Paul Krugman about the book I've been recommending here, Capital In The 21st Century. Krugman explains [why we're in a new Gilded Age](#) (which means great economic disparity.) defined by the 1%. Wealth attained by inheritance, capital, and exorbitant executive salary, not labor.

People living high on the hog while on welfare? No, [they spend less than half of what we do](#), mostly on rent, transportation, and food. Great chart to share.

Climate Change:

Environment: Think going green will kill economic growth? How about slowing it by a whopping [.06%? A rounding error's worth](#) is the DOE's official prediction. Good for new jobs, good for the economy, fights climate change,...

Right to Privacy: The future of the [NSA in the Snowden era](#): 4 experts take a look.

Separation of Church & State: Why aren't conservatives touting this religious liberty case, [freedom to marry in church](#) but the state says No?

But the Supreme Ct just said prayers are ok before government meetings, "due to tradition."

Unions:

Voting:

Women's Rights: UpWorthy! presents This is what happens [when a woman gets emotional](#) in Congress! The woman is Senator Barbara Mikulski, and she's good. This is a response to someone claiming/dismissing/dissing a certain female was 'emotional.'

Warning Will Robinson: [antibiotic resistance is now a global threat](#)! WHO warns us resistance is becoming futile. (Mixed movie metaphor there.)

Justice Sotomayor, ".the way to stop racial discrimination is to stop racial discrimination." [Read her dissent](#) when the Sp Ct upheld Michigan's law banning affirmative action in college admissions.

Former Sp Ct Justice John Paul Stevens gives us the [five words that could improve the 2nd Amendment](#). Conservative originalists should agree with him, and he points out their rulings support the change.

STATE

Ohio [loses 399 mid-size farms, big farms got bigger](#). [National Geographic](#). Blame it on grain prices, produced by bigger farms? 2007-2012 results.

David Pepper wants broader approach to the [current heroin epidemic](#). Alana & [David Pepper](#) are excited to announce the birth of Jacob "Jack" Hamilton Pepper

Sandusky Register says "[Thanks DeWine, for nothing](#)." It seems getting him to investigate you is like getting a free pass.

Study finds widespread [fraud, waste, mismanagement in charter schools](#). That should teach us.

Voting in Ohio:

LOCAL

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Humor

White House [Correspondents Dinner: Obama](#): "Let's face it, Fox, you'll miss me when I'm gone. It'll be harder to convince the American people that Hillary was born in Kenya."

SOAPBOX

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.

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](#),

Jim Donenwirth, OH-16

George Ruciska, State Senate

judgeodonnelforjustice.com

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

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.

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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