

Yankee Steve's Column

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Political Education in the Year Ahead

Unless I am mistaken the year 2011 will be the year of the Constitution. Obama-care, which includes in it an individual mandate that allows the government to force you to buy health insurance, will bring everything to the boil.

Maybe my readers will remember that I said some time ago that the individual mandate in Obama-care was more important than anything else, more important than that fact that it cannot be paid for (Medicare is now \$23 trillion in debt), and more important than the fact that Obama-care will lower the standard of health care for millions of Americans, and more important than the fact that it was sold to people by spinning the idea that Obama-care would lower the national debt. We now know that that was a bare-faced lie.

No, the all important thing about Obama-care is that it will take away our liberty. As a matter of fact it is the tip of the iceberg. Obama-care is nothing other than a totalitarian government muscling up. A totalitarian government says, "This is what you need, and what we believe you must have, and should you not agree, you will have it whether you like it or not." President Barack Obama has decided; you will have Obama-care like it or not.

During the next 12 months Americans will be further educated. The guy that delivers the mail or the gal who sits at a computer, who did not know what a Socialist or a Marxist was before Obama was elected, will soon discover that not everyone thinks the same way about the *U.S. Constitution*. There is a line running right down the middle of the Supreme Court which is responsible for interpreting the Constitution. Four justices sit to the right, four to the left. In the middle is a swing vote in the person of Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Those who sit on the right think that we should preserve the original intent of the founders of America who wrote the Constitution. On the other hand the people who sit on the left believe that the Constitution can be made to say whatever they want it to say. The liberal left considers the document to be a "living Constitution," one that can be made to fit the changing times. If they must play fast and loose with the meanings of words in order to make the Constitution say what they deem it should say, then so be it.

The left is encouraged in its evil pursuits because it knows that the *U.S. Constitution* is similar to the *Holy Bible*. During the middle ages someone said that Bible was like a ball of wax. You can make any impression on it you wish. If you want the Bible to say this, that, or the other, what is to prevent you? You may if you please create your own Bible-based religion. All you need to succeed is ignorance.

You can change the religious map if your hearers are not like the people of Beria that are mentioned in the New Testament [Acts 17:10-11]. After hearing from two apostles, Paul and

Silas, they went home and studied the Bible for themselves. This is why they joined with the apostles; they realized that what Paul and Silas were saying concurred with Scripture.

Jewish entrepreneur Sy Syms said that, "An educated consumer is our best customer." because a savvy shopper will know that the Syms store has not tried to hood-wink its customers. The left on the other hand is afraid of an educated American. It would prefer that you not study the Constitution because it knows that an educated American will see flaws in a living Constitution.

To those knowledgeable, it will become apparent that the left typically seizes upon certain words and phrases found in the Constitution and takes them out of context to permit the government to take control of our lives. An educated American will discover that the left will even go so far as to read between the lines of the Constitution, so that they can make the greatest political document ever written say what the Progressives believe it should say.

It is as if the exact words of the Constitution and their consequences were not important!

What do we see in this? We see that the left does not believe in constitutionalism itself. Justice Hugo Black [1886-1971] recognized this problem. In *Harper v. Virginia Board of Education* (a poll tax dispute in 1966), Justice Black wrote this insightful statement, **"It seems to me that this is an attack on not only on the great value of our Constitution itself, but also on the concept of a written constitution which is to survive through the years as originally written unless changed through the amendment process which the framers wisely provided."**

In *Griswold V. Connecticut* [1965], Black also wrote,

I realize that many good and able men have eloquently spoken and written, sometimes in rhapsodical strains, about the duty of this Court to keep the Constitution in tune with the times. The idea is that the Constitution must be changed from time to time, and that this Court is charged with a duty to make those changes. For myself, I must, with all deference, reject that philosophy. The Constitution makers knew the need for change, and provided for it. Amendments suggested by the people's elected representatives can be submitted to the people or their selected agents for ratification. That method of change was good for our Fathers, and, being somewhat old-fashioned, I must add it is good enough for me.

Now that is what the liberal left does not want - change by amending the Constitution. It does not trust or even care about the wisdom of the American voters who are heard in the amendment process because a two-thirds majority of the states must approve any and all changes to the Constitution.

In particular, the left knows how unpopular Obama-care is with the states, and that voters know that this legislation could easily bankrupt our country. The left has no other choice but to try and ram Obama-care down our throats and hope the Supreme Court will not overturn it.

I DARE THE LEFT TO CALL FOR A REFERENDUM ON OBAMA-CARE!

Ever yours,

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