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## FROM THE EDITOR

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In a demonstration of supreme liberal arrogance, the mainstream media has launched a slanderous attack upon conservative radio talk show hosts. Recognizing the instrumental role that talk radio has played in the nationwide spread of conservative ideals, media elitists have attempted to distort the messages broadcasted over the airwaves. Gumbel, Rather, Clift, *et al.* would have us believe that talk radio has become a tool of radical right-wing forces, threatening the existence of deliberative democracy. The intelligent discussions by radio hosts of such respected conservative notions as individualism, spiritual determination, and the free market are characterized by a disingenuous press as "mean-spirited" and "inflammatory."

It has become a widely accepted fact that conservative radio broadcasts have contributed significantly to the landslide Republican congressional victory of last November. Rush Limbaugh and hundreds of his colleagues voiced thoughtful ideas and viewpoints to millions, setting the stage for a revolution at the ballot box. In the media, however, those legitimate conservative opinions have been characterized as expressions of anger that induced the public to vote Republican. The national press has tried to convey the notion that people have not been listening to common sense but to blind rage. So-called right-wing extremists have manipulated large segments of the American public into adopting conservative ideas through the use of hateful rhetoric.

If the media seeks to reveal extremism, then it need not look any further than the image of conservative radio that it has created. *TIME* magazine has described Ken Hamblin, a conservative black radio host as dangerous for the mere fact that he opposes gun control. Hamblin and his colleagues, as is written in *Time*, are a serious threat to thoughtful, democratic government: "Like the backyard savants, barroom agitators and soapbox spellbinders of an earlier era, Limbaugh & Co. bring intimacy and urgency to an impersonal age." The eagerness with which the public has embraced conservative ideas frightens the liberal media which has, despicably, taken every opportunity possible to portray conservatism in the most unflattering manner possible. Conservative talk show hosts, due to their popularity, have been the targets of the latest wave of liberal calumny.

The mainstream media gives no indication of acknowledging the legitimacy of core conservative ideas. Liberal Democrats have had control of Congress for forty years and have offered very little other than failed social welfare programs. Media elites continue to cling to the holdings of the left while a vast majority of Americans have tuned in to a growing conservative radio base. Rather than recognize the validity of the conservative viewpoint, the media attempts to smear it.

Conservative radio talk show hosts have been labeled by a liberal media as unreasonable ideologues that are long on rhetoric and short on fact. Ironically, the press has adopted all of those characteristics in its crusade to purge the radio of conservative thought. The media, in its relentless attack on conservatism, has effectively destroyed its own credibility.

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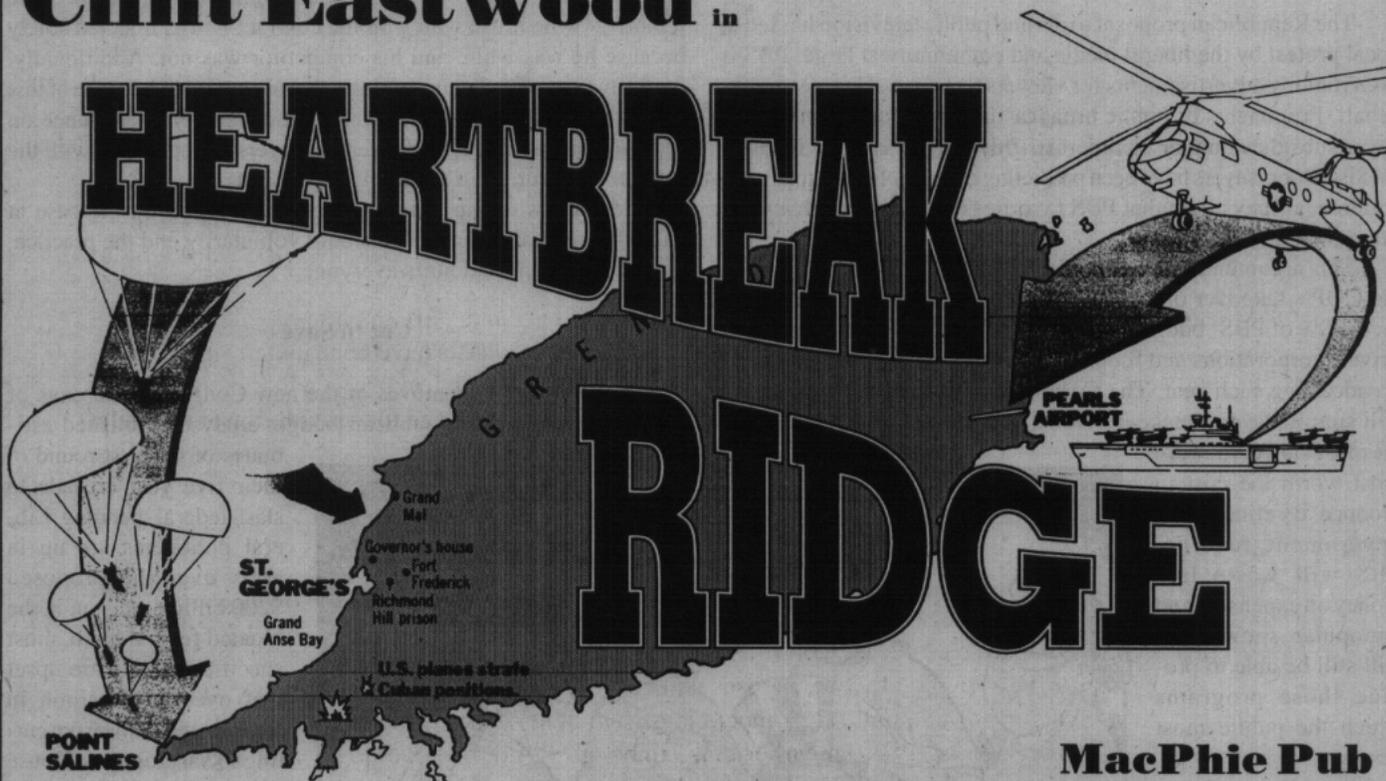
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# Commentary

## Barney Gets a Pink Slip from Uncle Sam

The Republican proposal to defund public television has led to vocal protest by the liberal media and community at large; PBS is even running advertisements for viewers to write to Congress on its behalf. Proponents of public broadcasting claim that without taxpayer subsidies quality commercial-free programming will cease to exist. Doomsayers have been predicting catastrophe for America's children, as they claim that PBS favorites like Barney and Sesame Street will go off the air.

This argument, like much of the liberal hyperbole heard since the GOP's takeover of Congress, is simplistic and misleading. A mere 20% of PBS' budget is derived from the federal government. Private corporations and foundations contribute millions to public broadcasting each year. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting will simply have to make decisions about which programs attract the most viewers and are most worth the cost to produce. By eliminating government funding, PBS will waste less money on expensive and unpopular shows, but will still be able to provide those programs which the public most desires.

If public broadcasting is a service desired by many, it should not encounter any difficulty securing funding. It is just as unreasonable to tax in support of PBS as it is to legislate that all Americans contribute \$25 to the next telethon.

Americans, even liberals, must realize that government cannot provide them with every service that they want.

## Whites Need Not Apply

Until 1987, federal highway funds were doled out by the Department of Transportation without regard for the skin color of the contractors competing for those funds. In that year, however, a federal law went into effect establishing that a certain percentage of all federal capital expenditure projects be awarded to companies whose majority ownership is not white. Today, roughly \$2.2 billion is earmarked for minority firms.

The Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division claims that the money set aside is not race-based but aimed at the "socially disadvantaged." Such a cheap and euphemistic disguise for the truth is a pathetic attempt to further establish that minorities are "victims" who deserve restitution from the government at the expense of others who did not cause their so-called "oppression."

The policy puts all Americans in a no-win situation. For example, a white contractor who is now challenging the rule before the Supreme Court points out that his bid—while lower than that of the minority-owned firm who won the contract—was rejected solely because he was white and his competitor was not. Additionally, minority firms which win contracts that are awarded because of this federal law will inevitably develop an unhealthy dependence on government contracts. Moreover, taxpayers are burdened with the extra costs incurred in accepting higher bids for work.

Regardless of the Supreme Court's decision on the case at hand, the federal government should voluntarily end the practice, as it helps no one and hurts everyone.

## Cut 'n Save

In one of the first moves of the new Congress' 100 days of government reform, Republican budget analysts published estimates of the first round of their five year crusade to slash federal spending.

Liberal politicians are up in arms over the proposed \$200 billion incision in the bloated federal lamb, most specifically they are upset that over \$112 billion in savings will come from cutting social programs. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and his political cronies fear that the reductions in Medicare, welfare and food stamps programs will take their toll on the lower classes by depriving them of a "necessary" public service. Such critics are also skeptical that the proposal will succeed in offsetting the planned tax reduction which, they insist, only benefits the wealthy.

A fundamental truth of economics that the critics of the proposed plan fail to acknowledge is that the cuts in the capital gains tax and the other investment incentives outlined in the Contract With America will encourage existing businesses to expand and lower start-up costs. Such an expansion of the economy will provide employment opportunities, not just for the rich but for all economic classes.

Another intended tax cut being lambasted by tax and spend liberals is the \$500 per child credit that even President Clinton has included in his budget. As the plan stands, the credit is only afforded to families earning under \$200,000 per year.

Currently, the government encourages a break down of the family unit and illegitimacy by only extending welfare and AFDC benefits to unwed mothers. Furthermore, such programs are a disincentive to work as aid is only granted if the recipient is legally unemployed. The welfare programs whose budgets are on the



chopping block perpetuate an underclass that will be permanently dependent on the government and never have a reason to constructively contribute to society. Congress must not be daunted by the bitter and petty laments of bleeding heart grumblers; the new Republican majority must stand by its plan so that they may secure a healthy economy to begin the next century.

### Another Abortion Clinic Killing

Leave it to the left to worsen a tragedy by exploiting it for political purposes. Amidst expressions of terror, fear, and shock at last month's abortion clinic shootings, pro-choice activists have been not-so-silently smacking their lips, opportunistically converting public outrage into political capital and government support.

Pamela Maroldo, national president of the Planned Parenthood, told *The Boston Globe* that members of her industry "need better protection" which the Justice Department, as well as local police stations, should provide. So far, officials have complied. In Massachusetts, Attorney General Scott Harshbarger has established two special task forces to deal with clinic violence. Nationally, Attorney General Janet Reno has marshaled the forces of the FBI to study security for what she euphemistically calls "women's health providers."

Abortion advocates justify their calls for federal assistance by blaming John Salvi's assaults not on his own deranged mind, but on a far-reaching cabal of pro-life terrorists. Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization of Women, claims "there is a nationwide network orchestrating [violence], it is not just a lone gunman attacking a clinic." Thus far, however, neither NOW nor the federal government has provided any evidence to support Ms. Ireland's conspiracy theories.

Shootings occur more frequently at the nation's public schools and post offices than abortion clinics, but Ms. Ireland *et al.* have never alleged an underground movement of blood-thirsty students or letter carriers. Disingenuous allegations about the scope and threat of anti-abortion violence are the unfair attempts of the left to discredit the pro-life movement. Nicki Nicholes Gamble, president of Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts, for example, argues that pro-life "rhetoric" has "fostered this climate of fear and violence." The contention that peaceful anti-abortion protests cause violence, however, is as fallacious as holding Martin Luther King, Jr. culpable for the murderous rage of the Black Panthers.

Radical feminists and a sympathetic media have successfully promoted the notion that violence is part and parcel of the pro-life

movement. Only a handful of pro-lifers, however, as opposed to all those who pay lip service to "choice," condone and defend murder. Even before the arrival of John Salvi, December 31 was a bloody day at the Brookline Planned Parenthood Clinic.

### Here a Pork, There a Pork

The new Republican Majority in Congress is facing an uphill fight to cut spending from the federal budget, even those expenditures that everyone admits are unprofitable. Massachusetts' Democrat-led Congressional delegation recently issued a letter to AMTRAK, the nation's government-subsidized passenger railroad corporation, protesting cuts in service on its unprofitable lines—those through Massachusetts, that is. However, like most Republicans in Washington, Worcester Congressman Peter Blute is looking forward to cutting pork from the federal budget, even when it comes to his home district. It is his Democratic colleagues, those newest to the belt-tightening act, who refuse to act in good faith.

Subsidies for AMTRAK are being slashed by the GOP leadership's budget ax. Under the Republican plan, the semi-private corporation will eliminate one fifth of its service in hopes of

becoming more profitable; as it stands, the federal government spends more than \$952 million dollars annually to keep fares artificially low and empty trains running. One of the routes slated for elimination runs between Springfield, Worcester and Boston—the heart of Blute's congressional district. Massachusetts' two senators and Democratic congressmen, willing to curtail spend-

ing on Amtrak's other routes, are coming up with all manner of apocalyptic reasons not to eliminate the Boston to Springfield line.

The Democrats' move is indicative of the same kind of half-hearted attempts at populism they have been making for decades. When the country demanded fiscal conservatism as it did by electing Republicans to Congress in droves on November 8th, Democrats jumped on the bandwagon. But when the pork-barrel shipments to Massachusetts were derailed, Ted Kennedy and John Kerry vehemently protested. If everyone acted as did the Senators from Massachusetts when their districts were drawn to the budgetary guillotine, little could be accomplished. Congressman Blute's willingness to overlook personal political gain in order to accomplish true reform must be applauded. And as for the trains that so many Bay Staters were rushing to catch, the "T" can provide comparably poor service with their local tax dollars.



# Fortnight in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*

--Aristophanes

**PS** Entrepreneurs in Winnemucca, Nevada, have withdrawn their application to open the country's first all-male brothel. Gay gamblers will have to do without access to the Moustache Ranch.

**PS** Ken Stronach, valet for Prince Charles, has been fired for, quite literally, airing Mr. Wales' dirty laundry. Stronach claims to having washed mud out of Chuck's pajamas after numerous late-night *rendez-vous* with mistress Camilla Parker Bowles. He'll also need to be removing egg from his majesty's royal face.

**PS** To celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, New York Governor George Pataki invited ministerial bigwig Al Sharpton to breakfast at the gubernatorial mansion. Sharpton declined initially, until he found out about the all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet.

**PS** JJ UPDATE: Just in case readers were concerned that Campus Center guru JJ Kwashnak didn't have enough work to keep himself busy, we have discovered double-J has been working very hard on a hot new publication, *The Campus Center Communiqué*. Be sure to pick up the new copy, and get the nitty-gritty on organization re-registration!

**PS** And be sure not to miss these exciting Top Ten future stories in the *Communiqué*:

10. Info Booth Adds Wood Duck to Stamp Collection
9. Readers Challenge: Hotung vs. Commons Taste Test
8. A Condom Week Primer
7. An Exclusive Interview with Dot
6. Citing Increased Demand, Senators Expand Office Hours
5. "Rez" Drops Gummie Bears, Seeks Less Anthropocentric Replacement
4. Wes Backman: Still Doing Very Important Work
3. Pool Tables Big Hit with I-Club
2. *Haute couture* with Bead Solicitors on First Floor
1. Citing Increased Demand, *Communiqué* to Go Double-Sided

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**PS** The world's last remaining communists gathered in Moscow last week to celebrate the 71st anniversary of Vladimir Lenin's death. To facilitate the gatherers' travelling plans, airlines are offering direct flights from Moscow to Washington for next week's pro-choice rally.

**PS** For \$10, \$20, or \$32, O.J. Simpson fans can buy prepaid calling cards featuring the ex-football great's visage. When using the card, patrons receive instructional messages in Simpson's own voice, and can even leave messages on the "Juiceline." Long distance charges will be cut-rate, and the sound quality is expected to be so good that callers can even hear a glove drop.

**PS** Shane Berry of Nashua, New Hampshire has become the first victim of what is undoubtedly a new epidemic in crime. Berry reports to having been attacked by an assailant who repeatedly thrust his pet opossum at him. In response, Janet Reno has proposed a ban on foreign-made and unregistered opossum.



**Public Enemy #1**

**PS** SOURCE kudos to US Rep. Scott Klug of Wisconsin, who supports reducing the drinking age from 21 to 19.

**PS** The Library of Congress houses some 27,000 nude photos of Ivy League and Seven Sisters' students from the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Included in the collection are Hillary Clinton, George Bush, and New

York Governor George Pataki. The pictures were reportedly taken to examine the students' posture. Surprisingly, the picture of Mr. Bush indicates that he did, in fact, have a spine.

**PS** The long arm of government might soon be stretching to the Girl Scouts of Maine, whose cookie sales have been targeted by revenue agents for a six-percent tax. At least you can still have a brownie for free.

**PS** *The Tufts Daily*: wear you reed it first.

**PS** Displaying a newfound sense of dignity, Madonna has declined to do a topless scene for the upcoming film *Four Rooms*. The latest tally is Rooms: 4, Hooters: 0.

**PS** Speaker Newt concisely explained why women don't belong in combat, noting that "females have biological problems with staying in a ditch for 30 days... males are biologically driven to go out and hunt giraffes." That is, between multi-million dollar book deals.

**PS** Our Hollywood agents report that entertainment-biz magnate David Geffen and *Speed* star Keanu Reeves tied the knot last week. Who says Hollywood doesn't have any family values?

**PS** Oregon, Ohio parent Sandy Frey complains that a toll-free number appearing on her child's "Tiny Toons" video was a phone sex line. Wanna talk dirty with Yosemite Sam? Call 1-900-ACME-SEX.

**PS** Hillary Clinton has earned a coveted "Nip and Tuck Award" from *Longevity* magazine, alleging that the First Lady had her eyes reconstructed and a chin implant. They're remaking the face of liberalism.

**PS** South Carolina state Senator Theo Mitchell has vowed not to concede his elected position, even though he will need to serve the upcoming term from prison, having been convicted of tax evasion. Perhaps things would be simpler if South Carolinians just moved Senator Mitchell's colleagues in with him.

**PS** After the success of McRecycle USA, McDonalds has announced its sequel, "Buy Recycled and Save," an effort for the restaurant chain to use recycled paper, plastic, glass, and wood. Since the customers do not seem to object to recycled beef, marketers contend, they probably won't mind recycled packaging.

**PS** OJ Simpson's legal defense dream team is disintegrating due to in-fighting between Robert Shapiro and F. Lee Bailey. Apparently Shapiro was offended when he overheard Bailey saying "damn, shiftly Juice-- never can trust'm."

**PS** In Montpelier, Vermont the state house passed a bill allowing wardens to shoot dogs chasing moose, arguing "it's a dumb dog that chases moose, anyway." But the warden who shoots dogs, on the other hand, must be a real thinker.

**PS** Former US Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders has surprisingly come out in support of religious education in American schools. Dr. Condom recently told interviewers that schools

do not need classes on masturbation, as "God teaches us how to do that." Too bad God never taught Elders how to shut her big mouth.

**PS** According to the pro-B&G protestors of last year, by contracting out to UNICCO, Tufts would see diminished service, decreased dorm safety, and hundreds of janitors starving in the streets. Funny, the draconian predictions don't seem to have panned out-- Tufts is currently getting the same quality service, from mostly the same people it always has, but at a lesser cost. Now if only we could contract out the faculty...

**PS** Oprah Winfrey, television's largest star, broke down on an episode featuring female drug users, confessing that she was a cocaine addict during the mid-1970s. Silly Oprah, should've used *diet* coke.

**PS** Joe Klein of *Newsweek* has labeled Congress' plans to eradicate President Clinton's AmeriCorps "national service" program "the political equivalent of killing a puppy." But this pooch is lazy, won't stop piddling on the floor, is ridden with fleas and ticks, and keeps biting the hand that feeds him. We call it euthanasia.

**PS** Irish homosexuals, barred from skipping in the traditional South Boston St. Patrick's Day parade have been invited to join the first annual St. Patty's Parade in the People's Republic of Cambridge. The paraders relish the opportunity to wear skirts.

**PS** Top Ten things to do when visiting Washington:

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# Get A Life

Joshua D'Agostino

The advancement from high school to college not only involves a tremendous increase in academic responsibility, but social responsibility as well. Outside of academia turning eighteen is a giant step towards social independence, but matriculation to a college such as this one often does not mean more freedom, but the surrender of it. Reaching the age of eighteen provides an individual with the right to vote, eligibility for the draft, and ultimately, adult status in the eyes of the government. Yet, administrative policies at Tufts University clearly limit the social freedom of all students regardless of age, denying them the ability to make choices based on newfound responsibilities.

The social scene at Tufts is dubbed lacking by not only those visiting from other schools, but by those enrolled in the University. The pathetic 292nd out of 300 rating last year by *Inside Edge* magazine, however, is not necessarily the fault of those attending Tufts. All fraternity parties are closely monitored by the Tufts Department of Public Safety, and oftentimes, individuals must have their name placed on a list in order to enter these private houses. Whereas fraternities would rather have social events open to all, Tufts forces them to limit the number of people who can enter. Extensive administrative restrictions on social events force students to probe Boston and surrounding schools for social activity.

These limitations are inconsistent with the academic freedom that Tufts provides its student body, and with the responsibilities that accompany college life. One would imagine that more restrictions would apply to academics rather than social life at Tufts, due to its reputation as a school that places utmost priority on scholarship. However, Tufts, to a large degree, is lax in maintaining academic standards. Individuals can design their courses, choose from classes in a foundation that is at best weak, and decide

whether or not to attend classes, whereas the freedoms surrounding the social side of college are highly restrained.

The mass of social rules and regulations are at once confusing, illogical, unreasonable and unnecessary. Individuals may

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not advertise parties, cannot charge guests for admission, must limit attendance, and must meet several other restrictions related to alcohol and its quantity. Beer kegs are banned from all campus functions regardless of individual fraternity policy; the quantity of alcohol from other sources is not limited. Apparently the administration thinks that there is a great difference between a beer from bottle and one from a tap. While the connoisseur might agree, he does not need Bobbie Knable to tell him that.



The University of Georgia (not known for its academic strength), for example, has an attendance policy for almost every course offered, whereas the average student cannot tell of even one restriction on the social environment. Tufts has not instituted rules like these that are aimed at better education, but has endeavored to socially engineer its students from a Ballou committee room. If

Tufts places so much confidence in its student body to decide what is the best way to excel academically, then it should place the same trust in its students to make responsible decisions about their private lives.

The University's "seek out and destroy"

policy concerning alcohol violates students' personal freedoms. Countless students are fined every year for consuming alcohol in the privacy of their own dorm rooms. Drinking under the age of 21 is unlawful, but Tufts should not and need not provide Resident Assistants with the power to search an individual's room

at will. This storm-trooper practice only instills fear and breeds contempt in the student body. Even those who meet the state's requirement for the legal consumption of alcohol may only do so in privacy. Students are trusted to roam the streets of Boston until four a.m., but cannot be subjected to an upperclassman's enjoyment of alcohol.

The social restrictions at Tufts may seem insignificant, but they effectively create tension and conflict between students and the patriarchal administration. Students attending universities as diverse as the University of Texas and the University of Pennsylvania, deal with few restrictions, if any, on privately organized and funded social events. In fact, fraternities and sororities at other schools are given the freedom necessary to independently decide who may attend their parties and when they are going to organize an event. Success at Tufts, as in life, relies on a student's ability to make responsible decisions on an individual and an independent basis.

Tremendous new freedoms accompany college life, and students should be treated as adults and allowed to handle their lives on their own. Tufts is known to admit above average students in intellect and responsibility, and should provide these students with the same freedoms that the majority of other schools provide their students, lest qualified students reject Tufts because of its "Big Brother" attitude toward adults.

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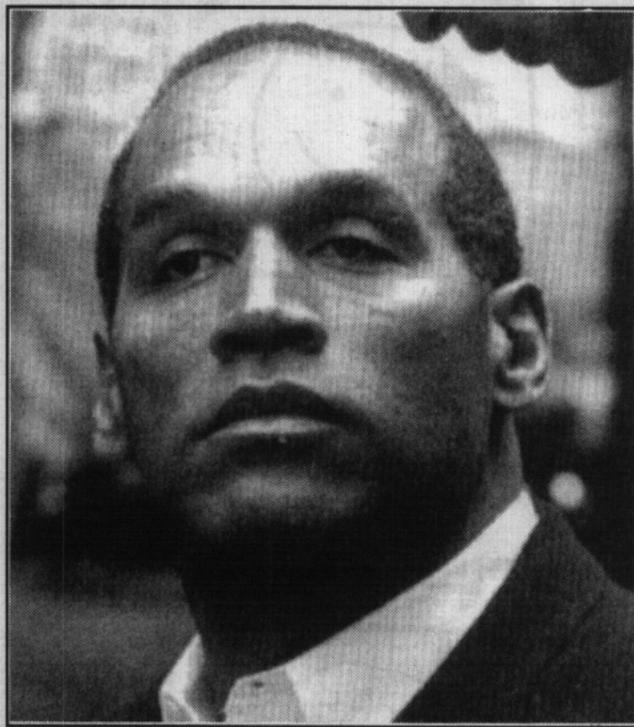
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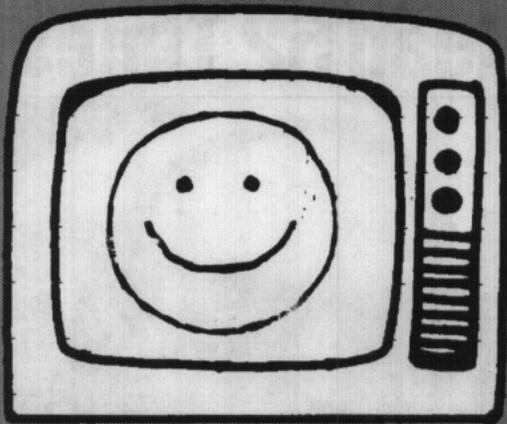
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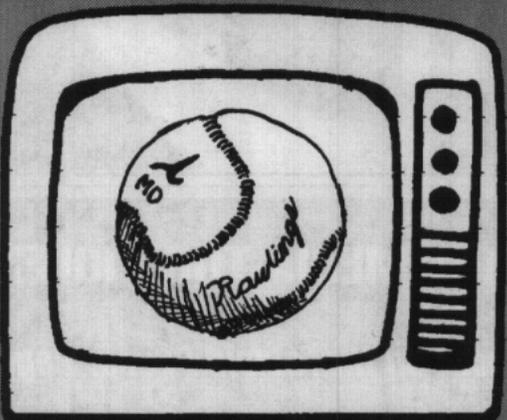
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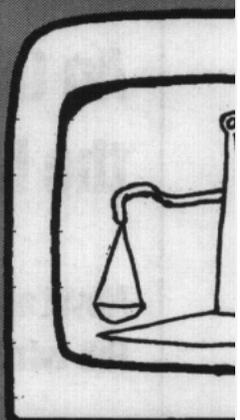
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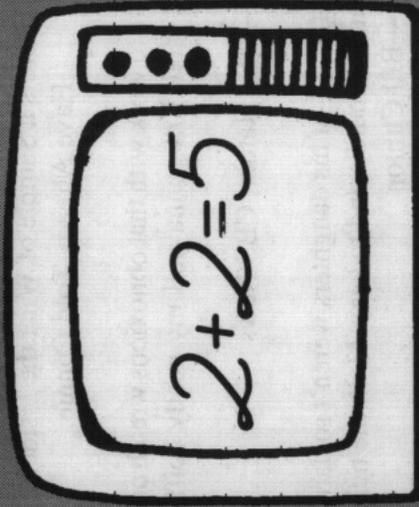
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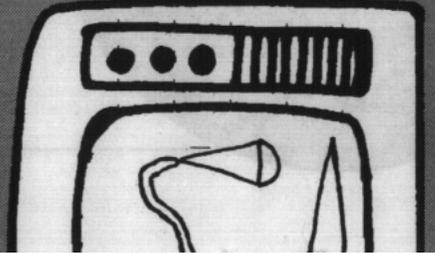
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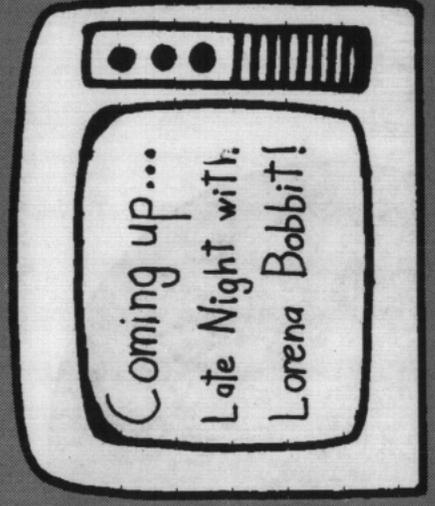
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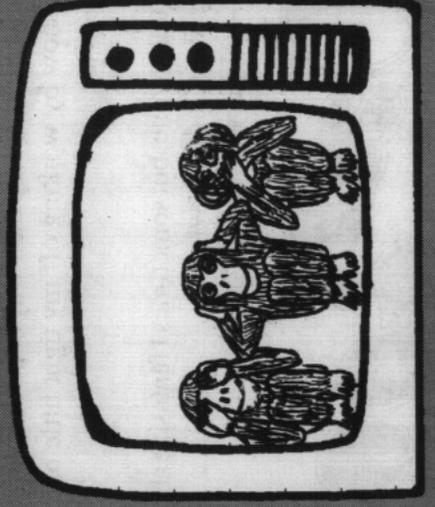
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# The Future of X

Chris Weinkopf

X, the generation whose cryptic appellation represents the lost and disenchanting mentality of its members, has earned itself a most dubious reputation. "Slackers" are considered apathetic to the joys and pains of the world—too frightened to enjoy the former, and too impotent to correct the latter. Their preeminent spokesman, Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain, killed himself at the age of 27. Their emblematic film, *Reality Bites*, is the story of a heedless cultural vagrant who is perennially unemployed, socially inept, and selfish, yet tragically heroic. Having barely come of age, the undefined generation's definition is all but set in stone.

As the parents, educators, and shapers of Generation X, the Baby Boomers, or Generation IX, are most responsible for the malaise of today's youth. But Niners have never been too keen on personal responsibility. Because Generation X is not as politically and socially active as was its predecessor, it has been deemed a failure. Rather than acknowledge their own culpability, Baby Boomers search eagerly for external factors to explain the mental state of the twenty-somethings. But the discontent of Generation X is nothing more than a feeling of incompleteness stemming from a childhood devoid of the traditional support of a functional family. Generation X's salvation lies ultimately in conservatism. X will find stability and fulfillment only in the institutions shunned by the counterculture some three decades back.

## The Tempting of America

The inauguration of Bill Clinton as president marked the culmination of the Baby Boomers' national ascent. In 1992, in addition to their control over the fourth estate and the ivory tower, the children of World War II veterans took the White House; the counterculture became the dominant paradigm. After decades of vowing they could create a more just, equitable, fair, and happier world than had their forefathers, the

Woodstock generation had acquired the last of all necessary tools to establish its promised utopia.

As the primary beneficiaries of post-war prosperity, Generation IX delighted in

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a prolonged adolescence in a world considerably wealthier than any that preceded it or would soon follow. The fifties economic boom enabled more young people to attend college and graduate schools, for extended periods of time, confident that jobs would be plentiful after graduation. The Boomers enjoyed this sense of freedom, and sought to preserve it by "deconstructing" traditional notions of obligation.

And so the sixties youth set out to overhaul society. Unhappy couples, who in

dren increasingly became wards of the state, day care centers, or the television set. The tint of the silver screen became for many a more common sight on Sundays than the grin of their preacher, as Hollywood supplanted Rome and Jerusalem as virtue's geographical headquarters. In academia, multiculturalism, victimization, and collectivism replaced western civilization and accepted notions of individualism.

Responsibility, like manual typewriters or popcorn poppers, became anachronistic and forgotten. The party in Woodstock never ended. For the subsequent twenty-five years Baby Boomers enjoyed a life of "peace, love, and music." The spoiled, rebellious kids of rich parents that tuned in and dropped out on Max Yasgur's lawn in 1969 are today the spoiled middle-agers of a rich society, obligated only to their fleeting wants and desires.

## The Legacy of Generation IX

Boomer relativism has had many deleterious effects on the material world, psychology, and spirit of Generation X. Since 1972, the number of abortions in the US has quadrupled, with nearly one quarter of all pregnancies ending in abortion. Because they were deemed inconvenient or unwanted, some thirty million members of Generation X were never even given the opportunity to live. More than ten percent of all Xers were born illegitimately, and this trend has continued, with nearly 30% of all today's births being out of wedlock. Since 1960 the national divorce rate doubled, and by 1980, twenty percent of all children were raised by one parent. According to some predictions, only six percent of blacks and 30% of whites born in 1980 will live with both parents through the age of eighteen.



**A Scene from *Reality Bites***

earlier times would have resisted divorce due to social stigma, quickly and readily separated, remarried, and, in many cases, separated again. Women were "liberated" from the obligations of motherhood, as chil-

drren increasingly became wards of the state, day care centers, or the television set. The tint of the silver screen became for many a more common sight on Sundays than the grin of their preacher, as Hollywood supplanted Rome and Jerusalem as virtue's geographical headquarters. In academia, multiculturalism, victimization, and collectivism replaced western civilization and accepted notions of individualism.

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The Boomers' dissolution of familial obligation was premised on the assumption that children in divorced or single-parent homes would grow up just as healthily and happily as those with complete nuclear families. Generation X was the experiment that exposed this hypothesis as fallacious and cruel. Children from single-parent homes are two to three times more likely to have emotional and behavioral problems. They are also more likely to drop out of school, abuse drugs, and get arrested or convicted. Daughters of single parents are 164% more likely to have a premarital sex, and have 92% chance of getting divorced.

As single parents and their children are more often poor, the sheer increase in their percentage of the overall population has placed a tremendous toll on the nation's welfare system, thereby saddling the economy with the costs of feeding, cloth-

ing, and caring for them. Since 1960, social spending as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product has more than doubled, as has the federal tax burden on families with children. Excessive taxation, of course, results in economic stagnation, reducing the number of available jobs for Generation X members.

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The increase in illegitimacy and decreased adherence to traditional values has also led to a rise in crime. In the last three decades the crime rate has tripled, and incidents of violent crimes have jumped 500%. Thirty years into the Great Society and liberal Baby Boom revolution, America is a more violent and dangerous country than ever before.

#### **Finding X**

Generation X is the first to come of age after the sixties reconstruction. It is the first with great numbers of members to live in broken homes and to be threatened by an exorbitant rate of crime. As the offspring of 60s free love, Generation X has mostly the same liberal sexual mores of its predecessor, but lives under the fear that sixties-style promiscuity could result in AIDS and death. Without much in the way of family, Generation X is the first to have grown up alone.

It should therefore surprise no one that as teenagers, Generation X is ambivalent and cynical. Some Boomers are quick to dismiss X angst as whining, but they would be wise to note that youth's actions have matched its words. In 1990, eleven of every 100,000 fifteen to nineteen year-olds committed suicide—a rate three times greater than that of 1960. In 1992 liberals and the mainstream press chastised Dan Quayle for suggesting that the sixties counter-

culture adversely affected the American family and, by extension, undermined the fabric of society. The teenage years of Generation X, however, have sadly proven him correct.

Now that Generation X is old enough to fend for itself, it is likely that its members will seek the security and comfort it currently lacks. Historically, man has found stability in one of two places: traditional institutions, such as the family or church, or the welfare state. What makes the Slackers unique, however, is that they have seen vividly and up close the failures of big government. The collapse of the welfare state is imminent, and the nihilist relativism it fuels has robbed the generation of its happiness. It is unlikely, given the legacy of Generation IX, that X will follow the same path.

#### **X to the Future**

When Congress passed the Motor Voter Bill in 1993, it hoped to bring the Slackers into the political process. So far, the effort has been less than successful. In Louisville, for example, less than half of all twentysomethings took advantage of the opportunity to add their names to the election rosters when registering for their driver's licenses. Although Niners lament this political indifference, it is, if anything, a hopeful sign that Generation X has given up on the promise of government—it realizes that success cannot be found in collectivism, but must be attained individually.

A recent poll conducted by the Boomer organization Third Millennium found that more Xers (46%) believe in UFOs than are confident that Social Security will ever meaningfully provide for them (28%). Not only has Generation X given up hope on the care taking powers of the state, but it is more trusting of the mystical, unproved, and unknown. It might be a stretch to speculate that Slackers will return to the religious ways of previous generations, but if nothing else, they have recognized the erroneous ways of big government secularism. In the place of the church, family, and community, Generation IX could provide nothing more than crime, divorce, and illegitimacy. Generation X has no choice but to move forward, which might very well mean stepping back.

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**The Late Kurt Cobain**

# Insanely Unjust

Colin Delaney

For many years the United States has been buying into the great liberal lie that murder is not always really murder and even if it is, murder can be okay. The trend toward a kinder, gentler, more forgiving criminal justice system began with allowing pleas of insanity and rapidly grew into the idea that one can function normally, then become insane long enough to commit a crime, and once again become normal. Today the nation that built itself on the noble pillars of liberty and justice is, allowing itself to be emasculated by delving into the realm of justifiable homicide and the incredible shrinking crime, manslaughter. Most offensively, women are claiming a permanent victim status in society and using that status to justify their violence.

Women now get away with all manner of crimes by bringing forth their claim of prior abuse and using it to justify deliberate and often premeditated crimes against men.

Last year, the Massachusetts Legislature approved 'battered woman's syndrome' as an acceptable defense in murder and assault trials. Proponents of the syndrome notion suggest that women who are subjected to repeated abuse have low self-esteem which makes them unable to leave their husbands, but the in-

stinctive need to respond to their attacker drives them to kill and maim. The syndrome's argument uses the most foul of all notions—that the victim is to blame—to excuse criminal action. The now state-endorsed notion has taken the great lie about justifiable homicide to unimaginable levels and continues to devalue human life.

Those who use the 'battered' defense try to excuse murder and malicious assault by putting their crimes in the context of 'torturous' lives. The perpetrators of these

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vicious crimes claim that since they lived their lives in constant danger, it is they who are the victims. Additionally, since they might have been killed had the abuse continued, they were acting in self defense. In a society built on personal responsibility and individual liberty, it is necessary that the state refrain from endorsing the notion that anyone other than one's self is to blame for their actions. One can only wonder that if this defense plea had been around in 1971,

Massachusetts Correctional Facility for Women, have petitioned Governor Weld to have their convictions overturned on the grounds that they were battered by the men whom they killed.

Infamous San Diegan Betty Broderick is running a one woman campaign for the rights of the "emotionally battered" from her jail cell where she is serving time for the murder of her ex-husband and his second wife. Although these women remain in prison awaiting pardons, eight Maryland convicts, at least one

New Jersey murderer and fully twenty-five Ohio killers were freed by their Governors because they had been battered. *The Columbus Dispatch* reports that no less than 15 of the 25 Ohioans pardoned were not physically abused.

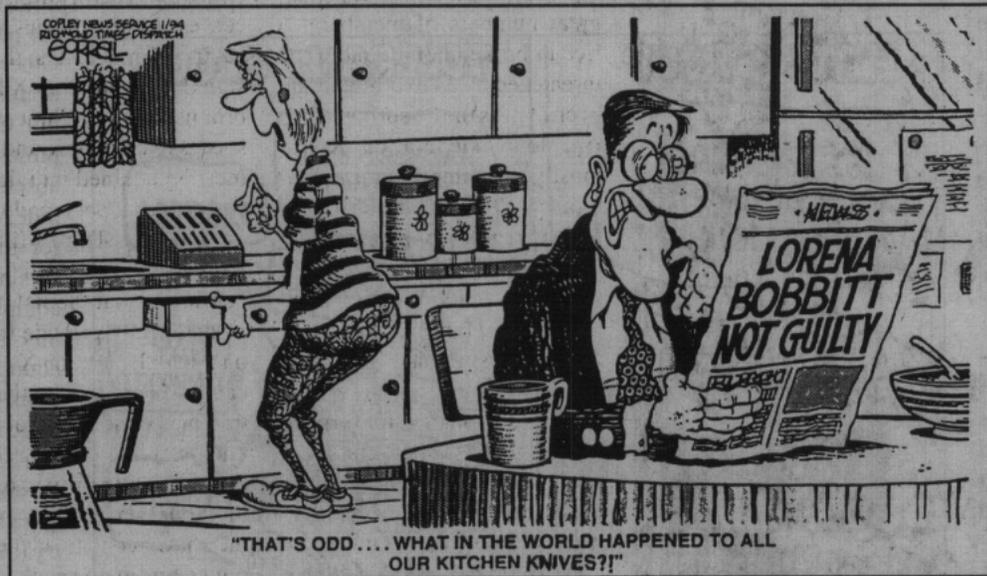
Thankfully, the Framingham Eight and Betty Broderick committed their crimes before the days of judicial revisionism, but there is one glaring example of a woman who blatantly committed a horrendous crime

but was acquitted because judges and juries are quick to dispense with the lives and limbs of victims. That woman is, of course, Lorena Bobbitt.

Although the Bobbitt case has been the subject of countless lewd jokes on the late night TV talk show circuit, real life in

not as simple and as amusing as television. Mrs. Bobbitt cut off her sleeping husband's penis, drove around Manassas, VA with it, and then threw it in an intersection. She claimed that she had been driven to

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Susan Atkins might be free today, given that she was battered by Charles Manson and forced to kill for him.

There are several well-known and disturbing examples of women who practice sheer revisionism when recounting the circumstances of their crimes. The Framingham Eight, a group imprisoned in the Massachu-

# Marching to a Different Tune

Tex Malwal

The fervent pursuit of "equal rights" by activist minority groups has fueled the spread of separatism throughout America. Various liberal factions, under the guise of the noble goal of equal treatment for all individuals, have espoused a politics of preference based on race, gender, and sexuality. Affirmative action policies, frivolous discrimination lawsuits, and multicultural educational programs have been enacted, their liberal defenders profess, in order to further equality and social justice. In reality, policies of this sort only serve to foster divisiveness by needlessly introducing racial, sexual, and gender issues into areas where they do not apply.

In much the same way, homosexual zealots have demanded inclusion in an upcoming Saint Patrick's Day parade in Boston as an expression of gay rights. The Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group (GLIB) has insisted that its members be permitted to march in the annual event, but the veterans' group that organizes the parade, the South Boston Allied War Council, refused them. United States District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf, despite a previous ruling by Massachusetts courts that forced the veterans to allow GLIB members to march in 1992 and 1993, decided that GLIB could be barred from this year's parade. The decision is a commendable one because it not only prevents the unnecessary association of St. Patrick's Day with sexuality, but it respects the rights of the veterans to manage their private property as they see fit.

Judge Wolf, however, employed a different line of reasoning in reaching deci-

sion. According to the judge, he based his decision on the belief that the veterans should be able to protest the decision made by the Massachusetts courts. The members of the

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council claimed that their statement of protest would be impossible to carry out with the presence of GLIB members at the parade. Wolf was sympathetic to their request, as he wrote in his decision: "The 1995 parade will protest the decisions of the courts of the Commonwealth, which are matters of public concern. Speech addressing such matters is at the core of self-expression that the First Amendment is intended to protect."

The mayor's office has already awarded

to comply with the judge's ruling and will do so."

Predictably, members of GLIB were enraged by the decision. Mary Bonauto, civil rights director for the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders and an attorney for GLIB, went so far as to say: "In essence, what the judge ruled is that the St. Patrick's Day parade no longer exists. The veterans destroyed the parade in order to save it. It's no longer a parade, but an anti-gay political protest. That's what the judge's ruling means."

Other members of GLIB were also quick to label the decision as an act of prejudice. Spokesman David O'Connor was quoted as saying that the decision was the equivalent of "legally sanctioned bigotry." He proceeded to brand the veterans as racists and proclaimed, "They seemed to have learned from their friends who came up from Mississippi last May," in reference to the white supremacist group, National Movement, which marched in South Boston during the spring of 1994 to protest the cancellation of the parade.

Other groups, such as the South Boston Information Center, which held a protest motorcade in the absence of last year's parade, voiced their support for the decision. Media director John Ciccone complimented the veterans for opposing the courts' previous ruling. "I think it's going to mean a lot to the rest of the country," he said. "I think Boston's example will inspire the rest of the country to stand up to the radical groups."

The members of GLIB went to great lengths to characterize the decision and its supporters as bigoted. The homosexual radicals would have mainstream society believe that



the veterans their parade permit. An official, albeit seemingly neutral statement from the Mayor's office announced: "The Federal Court has ruled very directly on the 1995 parade, ordering the city to give the veterans a permit. The city is now obligated

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# Clinton's Russian Roulette

Colin Kingsbury

After centuries of totalitarian rule, the demise of the Soviet Empire raised hopes that Russia might at last join the community of free nations. Beginning with the rise to power of Mikhail Gorbachev and continuing into the early days of Boris Yeltsin's presidency, Russia moved down the road to a political and economic rebirth. As a result, relations between the United States and Russia improved dramatically, well beyond even the detente of the Nixon years. Unfortunately, the crisis in the small republic of Chechnya has threatened to undo practically all the gains made in the former Soviet Union over the past decade. Consequently, President Clinton's entire Russian policy is crumbling along with support for Yeltsin.

Boris Yeltsin would like the world to believe that the Chechnya crisis is in fact a thoroughly internal affair. While it may have started out as one, it is now a matter of concern for the entire world. The battle in Grozny, the breakaway republic's capitol, has claimed the lives of many innocent Chechens, as the Russian forces have exhibited a pro-spensity to attack the civilian population with surprising voracity. The human suffering in Chechnya, however, is far from the only reason we should be concerned.

Along with many Chechen women and children, Russian economic reform is becoming a casualty of the conflict. This past year, the Russian Parliament voted for deep defense cuts to help bring their budget deficit under control. Military operations in Chechnya, however, are costing upwards of \$25 million a day. With the total cost of the conflict estimated at almost one billion dollars, it threatens to undercut the entire economic reform plan by creating an enormous budget defi-

cit. One immediate result would be the loss of loan guarantees by the International Monetary Fund that have helped stabilize the ruble. With inflation barely under control,

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the Russian people will feel only increasing economic hardship. While they have taken it in stride so far, and kept faith in Yeltsin's reforms, Russians will not support him forever.

Yeltsin is also being threatened from within his own government. On one hand, hard-line advisers have threatened severe

able to maintain only a tenuous hold. The Chechnyan crisis may very well cost him whatever small margin of support he had. Besieged on both sides, Yeltsin is already showing signs of leaning towards dictatorship.

For Clinton, the Chechnya crisis has exposed a fundamental flaw in his vaunted Russia policy. When the conflict began, he was forced to choose between supporting Yeltsin's inhuman war or withdrawing support and running the risk of Yeltsin being forced out of power entirely. While the roots of Clinton's problems appear to stem from this lose-lose predicament, they in fact run much deeper to the beginnings of his presidency.

Clinton's fundamental error has not been in his support of President Yeltsin, but rather in his entire strategy, which relies on Yeltsin to carry out our agenda and work for our interests. From the start, the President from Arkansas' policy has focused on building a relationship with Yeltsin first, then using that friendship as a route to better relations with Russia in general. This blind faith in one man has given Yeltsin the will to do almost anything while being assured of support from Washington.

Yeltsin managed to convince the Clinton administration that he had a monopoly on the reform business, when the case is in fact quite different. While he has taken significant steps toward economic reform, he also succeeded in ratifying a new Constitution which drastically increases his powers. Many of his other moves may seemed justified, even appropriate, at the time, but in hindsight look more and more



repercussions should he fail to keep the country—and Chechnya—under his control. On the opposite end are the many reform-minded members of the Russian Parliament, on whose support Yeltsin had been

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violence by her 'abusive' husband and that she could not help herself but lash out against him. However, Mrs. Bobbitt's calculated and precise actions indicate that she gave careful thought and adequate planning time to the execution of her attack. It is unfortunately not surprising that the powers of revisionism trampled over justice and acquitted her of a crime that she openly admitted to having committed. Regardless of whatever wrongs John Bobbitt may have perpetrated on his wife (he was found not guilty when tried for marital rape), she could never have been given the right to attack him as she did.

While in these and other landmark spousal abuse cases the women have knowingly and often with malice-forethought killed people, feminists trying to 'protect their rights' seem to believe that these killers have a legitimate claim to freedom. Whether an incident is termed a "date rape" or a wife beating or are woman's murder of her mate, feminist activists a very quick to place full blame on men. When feminists are in charge justice ceases to be blind, but gives full consideration to sex.

When one man's enterprising attorney turned the feminists' laws on their heads, National Organization for Women director Patricia Ireland took it upon herself to self-righteously appeal to the public, demanding justice. Erroneously believing that two

**Whether an incident is termed a "date rape" or a wife beating or are woman's murder of her mate, feminist activists a very quick to place full blame on men.**

wrongs make a right (or in this case a lesser wrong), a Maryland judge sentenced confessed spouse "manslaughterer" Kenneth Peacock to 18-months in prison for killing his wife after having returned home from work to find her in bed with another man. In response to the outrageously lenient sentence, the prominent Maryland attorney and long-time advocate of the battered-woman defense Judith A. Wolfer declared that "Until judges start treating the homicide of a spouse as any other homicide, men are going to continue killing their wives with impunity...."

Attorney Wolfer is correct that until judges start sentencing murderers to long (preferably life) prison terms, potential spouse killers will not think twice about the

consequences of their actions. But when the sex of the victim and the killer are reversed, Wolfer alters her argument. In 1991 it was she who appealed to Maryland Governor William Schaefer to pardon eight women serving time in prison for assaulting or killing their mates.

Last fall, Massachusetts' new 'battered' defense was put to the test by a Jamaica Plain woman who stabbed her lover 14 times—while he was incapacitated. Gail Hall claimed that she had been subjected to years of physical and mental abuse and that that justified the attack on her drunken lover. Surprisingly enough, while one would have expected the "justice" system that sent Willie Horton on his way to have returned Ms. Hall to the street, a jury of two men and ten women returned a guilty verdict after less than forty minutes of deliberation.

Although these horrific cases and ridiculous political crusades are morally suspect at best, that the Massachusetts Legislature bowed to the pressures of the feminist movement must be embarrassing to all reasonable residents of the Commonwealth. Justice's only salvation was the intelligence of the jurors who recognized an argument of pure fantasy as such. It is fortunate that the public still places a greater value on human life than do the powers-that-be.

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their treatment was the unfair result of intolerance and hatred. They claim that they are merely requesting equal treatment, the opportunity to present the views of the homosexual and bisexual segment of the Irish population. According to GLIB members, their treatment typifies the discrimination that homosexuals and other minority groups endure regularly.

GLIB members fail to comprehend that they are not simply asking to be treated as equals. They are demanding the inclusion of sexuality in the celebration of a holiday that commemorates St. Patrick's life; sexuality is not a relevant issue. The Irish are honoring the accomplishments of St. Patrick's life, a matter on which sexual depravity has no bearing. By demanding that homosexual and bisexual interests be

expressed as a part of the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, GLIB is demanding not only special treatment, but the sanctioning of their beliefs that admittance to the veteran's parade implies. GLIB has not demonstrated a desire to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but to further its own special interests.

GLIB has wrongly demanded that their views be included as part of a parade that the veterans are funding privately. Simply put, private individuals may manage their property in any manner that they see fit. The Irish veterans have no obligation to include a homosexual group in their parade. As the lawyer for the veterans' council Chester Darling said: "We want to celebrate our themes, not somebody else's. It's that simple... the veterans are not supplicants. They asserted the federal rights that they fought for." Why should they be forced to go out of their way and allow the members of GLIB to join their group of marchers?

The activists need to be reminded that the veterans risked their lives to ensure GLIB's right to fund and organize its own parade—whenever and wherever they want to hold it.

The reaction of GLIB to the decision has been so extreme that it borders on comic; as soon as someone said something that they found unsatisfactory, they started shouting "prejudice" and "bigot." The judge clearly stated that GLIB is perfectly free to organize its own parade, or to march in other parades. In light of this fact, their insistence on incorporating their sexuality into the veterans' celebration is unreasonable, and the vicious words of radicals like David O'Connor are outrageous. The ruling by no means infringes upon any of GLIB's rights. It merely respects the private property rights of the veterans.

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# Supplying the Answer

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One of the key provisions of the congressional Republicans' Contract With America is the proposed Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other leading Republicans have prematurely rallied behind this measure in the misguided belief that a balanced budget, in and of itself, will solve the nation's economic hardships. But the Republicans, in focusing their attention on passing the proposal, risk marginalizing the real culprits—wasteful government expenditures such as entitlement programs and the accompanying bureaucratic expansion.

Furthermore, it is doubtful that Republicans have fully considered the ramifications of such a mandate. While all sides agree that a balanced budget would be the ideal situation for the state of US economic affairs, congressional attempts to enforce such a measure through an amendment to the Constitution can easily be self-defeating. The soundest approach to attaining zero deficit growth would be through a supply-side economic strategy that includes permanent tax cuts and a major reduction in the size and scope of government. Supply side theory holds that decreasing the tax burden on the population would result in economic growth, which would, in turn, yield more revenue to the government. Such a tax decrease could contribute to short-term recession, and perhaps add to the deficit, as demonstrated in the early 1980's after the initial Reagan tax reforms. But in the long run, President Reagan's tax cuts resulted in the economic growth which lasted the duration of his administration.

When Ronald Reagan ushered in the conservative movement of the 1980's, he attempted to launch a program of spending

cuts and across the board tax reforms. His program, based on the supply-side economic theory, and later dubbed "Reaganomics," would foster an era of landmark economic

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growth. However, submitted to a largely Democrat-controlled Congress, Reagan's budget proposals for far-reaching decreases in expenditures suffered extensive revision. Entitlement programs such as Medicare and Medicaid witnessed continual expansion while the deficit sky-rocketed. Critics of the Reagan administration erroneously attribute the deficit growth to the failure of the tax policies espoused by supply siders to raise enough revenue to offset the budget. The

economy. Deficits, per se, are not deleterious. What do matter are the total level of spending, extent and form of taxation, and the quantity of money in supply. The GOP

should concentrate on decreasing the federal budget by eliminating federal programs, overhauling the welfare state, and eliminating several useless departments and agencies such as the Departments of Energy, Agriculture, and Education. If the federal govern-

ment relaxes its excessive burden on the taxpayer, it allows private individuals to spend more income, serving as an effective means of regenerating the economy. However, if Congress continues in its policy of outlandish expenditures, and decides to raise taxes in order to compensate for the budget imbalance, a recession will ultimately occur. In his essay, "The Limitations of Tax Limitation," renowned economist Milton Friedman writes: "I would far rather have

total spending at \$200 billion with a deficit of \$100 billion than a balanced budget at \$500 billion."

In addition, supply side economists assert that a decrease in the taxation rate actually yields more revenues to the government, as illustrated by the Laffer Curve. This curve is based in part on J. B. Say's Law that demand is responsive to supply.

If the government decreases the tax burden on the private sector, productivity can be increased, and it follows logically



true problem lies with the disproportionate extent to which the federal budget continues to increase annually.

The central problem with a balanced budget mandate lies in its very principle. Maintaining zero deficit status is not the most important attribute of a growing

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like those of a Caesar. Additionally, there are many other reform-minded politicians in the Russian Government.

Clinton's Yeltsin-or-bust strategy hitches our agenda and national interest to the Yeltsin bandwagon.

While the policy certainly puts him in a good position internally (American support is assured), it greatly compromises America's ability to advance its own interests by putting us in a weak bargaining position. If Yeltsin does

not hold democratic elections as he suggested that he might not, and the United States continues to support him, we are endorsing his dictatorship. However, if Clinton does not support him, Yeltsin could be deposed, leaving the United States to deal with a hostile figure such as Russian nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy.

Despite the uncertainty that has sur-

rounded Yeltsin's administration from the beginning, the Clinton Administration has failed to establish relations with any of his possible successors for fear that even such a small gesture would weaken Yeltsin. Last year, when former President Nixon visited Zhirinovskiy on his own, he was criticised by many for even talking to such a person. While Zhirinovskiy may be an extremist, the

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fact is he wields a great deal of influence, and could be the next leader of Russia. Ignoring him won't make him go away, but it will weaken our hand.

If America's policy toward a nation is so completely tied to an individual, as it is in this case, when that person becomes unpopular, the United States also loses. People begin to associate us not with a policy which

is intended to help them, but with the individual we are supporting.

At this time, there is little we can do to strengthen our hand with Russia, for our hand is one with Yeltsin's. When the immediate crisis finally ends, we must do our utmost to see that economic and political reforms continue. We must also see to it that the elections take place as scheduled. Furthermore, Yeltsin must be made to account for the grievous actions taken against the Chechen people by the Russian Army. Whatever moves we make in the coming months must focus on strengthening not just Yeltsin's presidency, but the Russian Republic as well.

By relying so heavily on Yeltsin, President Clinton compromised our national interests in Russia, or at least took a gamble on something far too important to play with. He should realize that the success he claimed in Russia was in fact an illusion. Never again should we allow our national interests to be compromised by such an amateur's mistake.

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that employment will also increase. The trail of economic growth continues as disposable income increases, along with demand for goods and services. This additional spending stimulates productivity, and the cycle continues, as unemployment drops substantially.

Such a policy would naturally result in a temporary slump in tax revenue such as occurred in the initial years of the Reagan presidency, due to the disparity between income and expenditures. However, the long-term growth engendered by such a tax policy inevitably yields economic growth such as that which occurred throughout the remainder of the Reagan administration. It follows that an amendment requiring that the budget be balanced on an annual basis could hinder economic growth by failing to allow for the short-term imbalance of tax reduction.

Opponents fallaciously argue that defi-

cits cause inflation; however, inflation is a monetary problem. That is, whether or not the budget is balanced, the Federal Reserve could decide to pump up the money supply and inflate the economy. Logic dictates that sizeable increases in price levels are not dependent on the state of the budget deficit.

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As politicians on both sides of the congressional aisle mistakenly hail the proposed Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution as the quick-fix solution to the "problem" of deficit spending, citizens should carefully and critically weigh the merits and vices of such a measure. The new Republican majority and numerous Democrats have offered conditional support for balancing the budget. While Republicans

demand that the proposed amendment exclude the possibility of maintaining the balance through tax increases, Democrats are hesitant concerning spending cuts for such a purpose. Republicans denounce the Democrats' policy of submitting unfunded mandates, while Democrats scorn at "irresponsible" tax decreases proposed by the GOP.

Thus, the two parties continue to waste valuable time on this flawed proposal which could otherwise be used to consider new reductions in expenditures.

Clearly, the proposal has won wide appeal, but, in this case, consensus is not necessarily beneficial for the economy. If the GOP hopes to remain dominant and successful in its self-proclaimed mission to reduce the size and scope of government, it would do well to forget about the Balanced Budget Amendment. It should instead fulfill the promise out of which Congressional Democrats cheated the great conservative leader Ronald Reagan: severe cuts in taxes and spending.

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*It is beginning to be hinted that we are a nation of amateurs.*

—Archibald Philip Primrose, Earl of Rosebery

*If we are to abolish the death penalty, I should like to see the first step taken by our friends the murderers.*

—Alphonse Karr

*The most successful politician is he who says what everybody is thinking most often and in the loudest voice.*

—Theodore Roosevelt

*The kiss originated when the first male reptile licked the first female reptile, implying in a subtle, complimentary way that she was as succulent as the small reptile he had for dinner the night before.*

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Saint, n. A dead sinner revised and edited.*

—Ambrose Bierce

*My opinion is, that power should always be distrusted, in whatever hands it is placed.*

—Sir William Jones

*If God had meant us to have group sex, He would have given us more organs.*

—Malcolm Bradbury

*Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointment.*

—Bernard Mannes Baruch

*When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property.*

—Thomas Jefferson

*Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised if its opponents blame it for the drought.*

—Dwight W. Morrow

*The jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.*

—Robert Frost

*The love of justice for most men is merely the fear of suffering injustice.*

—Francois de la Rochefoucauld

*It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favor of vegetarianism while the wolf remains of a different opinion.*

—William Ralph Inge

*Restrictions on economic freedom inevitably affect freedom in general, even such areas as freedom of speech and press.*

—Milton Friedman

*Committee—a group of men who individually can do nothing, but as a group decide that nothing can be done.*

—Fred Allen

*You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on.*

—Dean Martin

*I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.*

—Voltaire

*Don't buy a single vote more than necessary. I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide.*

—Joseph Patrick Kennedy

*Peace to him that is near, and to him that is far off.*

—The Bible

*The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime, and the punishment of his guilt.*

—John Philpot Curran

*One should never put on one's best trousers to go out to battle for freedom and truth.*

—Henrik Ibsen

*My choice early in life was either to be a piano-player in a whore-house or a politician. And to tell you the truth, there's hardly any difference.*

—Harry S Truman

*If it turns out that there is a God, I don't think that he's evil. But the worst that you can say about him is that basically he's an underachiever.*

—Woody Allen

*It is a socialist idea that making profits is a vice; I consider the real vice is making losses.*

—Winston Churchill

*Th' dimmycratic party ain't on speakin' terms with itsilf.*

—Finley Peter Dunne

*I am willing to admit that I may not always be right, but I am never wrong.*

—Samuel Goldwyn

*Some are weather-wise, some are otherwise.*

—Benjamin Franklin

*My people and I have come to an agreement which satisfies us both. They are to say what they please, and I am to do what I please.*

—Frederick the Great

*Fear is the foundation of most governments.*

—John Adams

*Whimsy, not reason, is the female guide.*

—George Granville

*Marriage has many pains, but celibacy has no pleasures.*

—Samuel Johnson

*All men are liable to error; and most men are, in many points, by passion or interest, under temptation to it.*

—John Locke

*It is better to die standing than to live on your knees!*

—Dolores Ibarruri

*We were to do more business after dinner; but after dinner is after dinner—an old saying and a true, 'much drinking, little thinking.'*

—Jonathan Swift

*It is always the best policy to speak the truth—unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar.*

—Jerome Klapka Jerome

*Alcohol is like love: the first kiss is magic, the second intimate, the third is routine. After that you just take the girl's clothes off.*

—Raymond Chandler

*I am not covetous for gold,  
But if it be a sin to covet honour,  
I am the most offending soul alive.*

—William Shakespeare