



The Truth

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“Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.” (Exodus 18:21)

“While the President has the right and privilege to appoint those to head his administration, the Senate has the constitutional duty to ensure that those nominees are qualified to perform the duties for which they’ve been nominated..” –Dave



Presidential nominations can be tricky business. While

the President has the privilege of appointing judges and cabinet members, he does not have the ultimate power over how he runs the executive branch.. He answers to WE the People through representation.

The Senate has the constitutional power of advice and consent as outlined in Article II, Section 2:

“...and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law:...”

Barack Obama has nominated Chuck Hagel, John Brennan, and Jack Lew to head the Pentagon, CIA, and Treasury Department, respectively.

All three nominees are terribly flawed.

Hagel is very pro-Palestinian and his public comments about Israel and other defense-related matters make him dovish at best. He is the quintessential RINO and we don't need another Les Aspin heading the Pentagon.

John Brennan is fraught with all types of issues and the CIA needs firm leadership after the Petraeus disaster.

And replacing Timothy Geitner with Mr. Lew is not an improvement, although I understand he does pay his income taxes.

Senate Republicans may not be able to stop confirmation of these nominees, but they can and should withhold their consent.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The Senate advice and consent clause is not meant to be a rubber stamp. It is not meant to deny the President of putting his selections in the executive branch. It is designed to keep the President from putting unfit personnel in government service.

"To what purpose then require the co-operation of the Senate? I answer, that the necessity of their concurrence would have a powerful, though, in general, a silent operation. It would be an excellent check upon a spirit of favoritism in the President, and would tend greatly to prevent the appointment of unfit characters from State prejudice, from family connection, from personal attachment, or from a view to popularity. In addition to this, it would be an efficacious source of stability in the administration." *Alexander Hamilton, Federalist #76*

As long as the President nominates competent and constitutionally-considerate personnel, the Senate will have no reason to not confirm presidential appointments. Our Founding Fathers had suffered under the tyrannical and incompetent colonial governors.

These overseers were appointed by the King or Parliament and the colonists had no say over governmental affairs, other than their legislatures which were mostly ignored by the Crown.

Chuck Hagel, John Brennan, and Jack Lew have proved to be neither competent or considerate of our Constitution. Not only that, these men have a record of putting liberal politics ahead of American sovereignty and supremacy.

Go back and reread the Preamble to the US Constitution:

WE the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

If you oppose American sovereignty and supremacy, then you are constitutionally ineligible to serve in the People's government. A government servant takes an oath to the support and defend the US Constitution and we should expect all presidential appointees to do exactly that.

FROM THE PULPIT

“That great care should be taken in the choice of the persons who should be admitted into this trust ([Exodus 18:21](#)); they must be able men. It was requisite that they should be men of the very best character.” Matthew Henry, “Complete Commentary on the Whole Bible,” 1706.

Biblical wisdom calls for the delegating of authority and responsibility. One leader, as was the case with Moses, cannot be expected to carry out the day-to-day operation of serving the people. Governance is no different. While the size of government as grown out of proportion, government will always require "deputies" and "lieutenants" to help carry out the responsibilities of the government's leader.

The Bible says the wise leader surrounds himself with wise men:

“He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.” (Proverbs 13:10)

Clearly Barack Obama does not follow this biblical teaching.

Like any president, Barack Obama is allowed to choose whom he wants to represent him in the different cabinet positions. However, to ensure that we have men and women "of the very best character" the Senate is expected to advise the President on his picks, and if they consent with him, they will confirm the nomination.

The men and women in his cabinet and advisory council reject the Judeo-Christian moorings upon which our nation was founded.

Too often in life we choose pragmatism over piety. We ask the question, “Will it work?”, instead of asking, “Is it right?”

As Christian patriots we are expected to defend our Constitution and defeat all acts that are in violation of the laws of nature and nature's God. Any law that violates God's laws should be disobeyed. This includes appointing men incapable of meeting God's requirements found in Exodus 18:21.

This is why we must oppose the nominations of Chuck Hagel, John Brennan, and Jack Lew.

TO THE STREETS

The original design of the US Constitution was for the states to seat two US Senators, thereby accomplishing equal representation. This would mean only 26 states would be needed to oppose the confirmation of the three nominations in question. But now WE the People must act. Here's how:

1. [Contact](#) the White House and voice your opposition to the Chuck Hagel, John Brennan, and Jack Lew nominations.
2. [Contact](#) your two US Senators and voice your opposition to the nominees and ask your senators to vote no on confirmation.
3. Write a letter to the editor voicing your opposition to the nominees and invite your readers to contact the White House and US Senators. Every bit of communication helps spread the word.
4. Call your local talk radio stations and discuss the weaknesses of each nominee. No doubt Obama's grab for guns is the hot topic, but we must be ever vigilant over all the Obama Administration action to "fundamentally transform our nation."

I am not naive enough to believe that we can stop these nominations. I am however, a believer in the power of the people and if enough of WE the People contact the White House and Senate, we can make it uncomfortable for them.

Additionally, if we are vigilant in sharing the aletheia truth in this newsletter with our friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors, then we can begin the long reeducation process so needed in our nation.

We are a constitutionally-ignorant country.

Recently, the actor Danny Glover [told](#) a group of Texas A&M students that the 2nd Amendment was created to defend against slave revolts.

We'll tackle the latest issues in the 2nd Amendment battle in our next newsletter.

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