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## About this Newsletter

National news often distracts us from local events. This Newsletter is intended for Conservatives in the Firelands area that want to be informed and involved. **You have our permission to send it to your Conservative friends, either by snail mail or E-mail.**

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## A Glossary of New Speak, Part II

By keeping this glossary handy, Conservatives will be able to understand what Liberals really mean when they use *New Speak*. *NS* is not only a corruption of English, but a way of life. Enjoy the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment.

- *Diplomacy*: capitulation.
- *Downsized*: in the immortal words of Donald Trump –“You’re fired!”
- *Education*: Liberal approved indoctrination.
- *Endangered Species*: proof Liberals don’t believe Darwin; game.
- *Environment*: the cathedral of the Left; see *Secular*.
- *Equal Opportunity*: when your inabilities are not held against you.
- *Exploitation*: US Commerce with Third World hellholes.
- *Fascist*: dictionaries changed their definition, but fascists are not right-wingers; they advocate stringent socioeconomic controls, much like Nazis.
- *Feel*: a favorite among Liberals; it has substituted meaningful words, such as “think,” “believe,” “conclude,” etc.
- *Feminist*: a frustrated, unhappy, and usually ugly woman; a *Feminazi*.
- *Freedom Fighter*: terrorist.
- *Freedom of Expression*: a right Liberals believe only they have; also known as “Freedom of Speech”; See *Hate Speech*.
- *Freedom of Speech*: See *Freedom of Expression*.
- *Health Insurance*: health coverage to be paid by others.
- *Habeas Corpus*: applies especially to terrorists outside US Territory.
- *Gay*: happy [originally]; sodomite.
- *Global Warming*: concept never proved, yet accepted by 10 out of 10 Libs.
- *Gun Control*: the right Liberals have to eliminate your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights.
- *Hate Speech*: See *Freedom of Expression*.
- *Homeless*: bum; vagabond; hobo.
- *Homophobe*: anyone who does not embrace/defend homosexuality.



***Trakas + W Ketchup = a good Conservative Mix!***

## ***Grassroots American Values Dinner***

Tuesday February 20 Grassroots American Values held its second dinner at the Four Monks restaurant in Avery, Ohio. President Milla Kette made a short presentation on the group and its goals. She was followed by former State Representative Jim Trakas, who spoke to a full house on the meaning of Conservatism and held the crowd's attention for forty minutes. He stressed the importance of grassroots groups and encouraged attendees to advocate Conservatism. Trakas showed perplexity over the fact that the media do not tell the good news from Iraq. For

example, for each American soldier's life we have killed 15 terrorists. Present at the event were Barb Leal of Sandusky Heartbeat, Joyce Murphy of the Ottawa County Republican Central Committee, Connie Focht President of Ottawa County Republican Women and Huron Township Trustee Ed Enderle. Presiding over the meeting were Vice-President Peg Ramm, Treasurer Jean Wasylik, and Board Members Gary Steiner and Tracy Enderle. Attendants came from Huron, Sandusky, Milan, Norwalk, Port Clinton and Cleveland.

### ***Quotes for Conservatives –by Conservatives***

While many of us call ourselves Conservatives, we frequently act unbecomingly. So here are some quotes from real Conservatives to help us all keep focused. They come from the men who fought for freedom, signed the Declaration of Independence and bestowed the Constitution upon us. They turned Colonies into a Republic; they gathered their profound knowledge, love of God and courage and shaped a great Nation. But by doing so they put theirs and their families' lives at risk. Five of them were capture by the British, tortured and killed as traitors. The homes of twelve were burned and ransacked. Two lost sons who served in the Revolutionary Army. One had two sons captured. Nine died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, eleven were merchants, and nine farmers and large plantation owners. One saw his ships destroyed and had to sell his properties to pay his debts, dying in poverty. One served in Congress with no pay, his family was kept in hiding, and had his possessions confiscated. Eight had their properties looted. One had his home turned into the headquarters of a British General and later destroyed; and died bankrupt. Another had his properties destroyed and his wife, after a few months in jail, died. One was driven away from his dying wife, lived in hiding for over one year, lost his thirteen children, his properties were destroyed, and he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Two others suffered similar fates. But their words, courage and deeds are as important and germane now as they were then. Their expectations for the young Nation they helped nurture was summarized by John Adams touching words:

***Prosperity, you will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in heaven that ever I took half the pains to preserve it.***

- *Are we at last brought to such humiliating and debasing degradation that we cannot be trusted with arms for our defense? Where is the difference between having our arms in*

*possession and under our direction, and having them under the management of Congress? If our defense be the real object of having those arms, in whose hands can they be trusted with more propriety, or equal safety to us, as in our own hands?* Patrick Henry

- *The supposed quietude of a good man allures the ruffian; while on the other hand, arms, like laws, discourage and keep the invader and the plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property. The same balance would be preserved were all the world destitute of arms, for all the world would be alike; but since some will not, others dare not lay them aside...Horrid mischief would ensue were one half the world deprived the use of them....* Thomas Paine
- *The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms . . .* Samuel Adams
- *A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned.* Thomas Jefferson (1<sup>st</sup> Inaugural Address)
- *A militia, when properly formed, are in fact the people themselves ... and include all men capable of bearing arms.* Richard Henry Lee
- *Who are the militia? Are they not ourselves? Is it feared, then, that we shall turn our arms each man against his own bosom. Congress have no power to disarm the militia. Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birthright of an American... [T]he unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people.* Tenche Coxe
- *Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretence, raised in the United States.* Noah Webster
- *Little more can be aimed at with respect to the people at large than to have them properly armed and equipped.* Alexander Hamilton
- *Whenever governments mean to invade the rights and liberties of the people, they always attempt to destroy the militia, in order to raise an army upon their ruins.* Eldridge Gerry
- *The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able may have a gun.* Patrick Henry
- *No freeman shall ever be debarred the use of arms.* Thomas Jefferson
- *The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference –they deserve a place of honor with all that is good.* George Washington
- *No clause in the Constitution could by rule of construction be conceived to give the Congress the power to disarm the people.* William Rawle (US Attorney, PE)
- *Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace! But there is no peace. The war is actually begun! .... Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that Gentlemen want? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!* Patrick Henry
- *A generous parent would have said, 'if there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.* Thomas Paine
- *If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be if without it?* Benjamin Franklin

- *If the system be established on basis of Income, and his just proportion on that scale has been already drawn from every one, to step into the field of Consumption, and tax special articles in that, as broadcloth or homespun, wine or whiskey, a coach or a wagon, is doubly taxing the same article. For that portion of Income with which these articles are purchased, having already paid its tax as Income, to pay another tax on the thing it purchased, is paying twice for the same thing; it is an grievance on the citizens who use these articles in exoneration of those who do not, contrary to the most sacred of the duties of a government, to do equal and impartial justice to all its citizens. Thomas Jefferson*
- *Excessive taxation... will carry reason and reflection to every man's door, and particularly in the hour of election. Thomas Jefferson*
- *Taxes should be continued by annual or biennial reenactments, because a constant hold, by the nation, of the strings of the public purse is a salutary restraint from which an honest government ought not wish, nor a corrupt one to be permitted, to be free. Thomas Jefferson*
- *To take from one, because it is thought his own industry and that of his fathers has acquired too much, in order to spare others, who, or whose fathers, have not exercised equal industry and skill, is to violate arbitrarily the first principle of association, the guarantee of everyone the free exercise of his industry and the fruits acquired by it. Thomas Jefferson*
- *It is true that the Confederacy is to possess, and may exercise, the power of collecting internal as well as external taxes throughout the States; but it is probable that this power will not be resorted to, except for supplemental purposes of revenue [...]. James Madison*
- *Government is aptly compared to architecture; if the superstructure is too heavy for the foundation, the building totters, [even if] assisted by outward props. Benjamin Franklin*
- *I . . . place economy among the first and most important of republican virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared. Thomas Jefferson*
- *As there is a degree of depravity in mankind which requires a certain degree of circumspection and distrust: So there are other qualities in human nature, which justify a certain portion of esteem and confidence. Republican government presupposes the existence of these qualities in a higher degree than any other form. James Madison*
- *A republic, by which I mean a government in which the scheme of representation takes place, opens a different prospect, and promises the cure for which we are seeking. Benjamin Franklin*
- *We base all our experiments on the capacity of mankind for self-government. James Madison*
- *Any people that would give up liberty for a little temporary safety deserves neither liberty nor safety. Benjamin Franklin*
- *[I]ndependence of the will of the nation is a solecism, at least in a republican government. Thomas Jefferson*
- *Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence, (I conjure you to believe me fellow citizens) the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake; since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of Republican Government. George Washington*
- *I trust that the proposed Constitution afford a genuine specimen of representative government and republican government [...]. Alexander Hamilton*
- *Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. John Adams*

- *The people cannot be all, and always, well informed. The part which is wrong will be discontented, in proportion to the importance of the facts they misconceive. If they remain quiet under such misconceptions, it is lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty.... And what country can preserve its liberties, if its rulers are not warned from time to time, that this people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to the facts, pardon and pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.* Thomas Jefferson
- *To constrain . . . the people, the European governments deem it necessary to . . . take from them, as from bees, so much of their earnings. . . . And these earnings they apply to maintain their privileged orders in splendor and idleness, to fascinate the eyes of the people.* Thomas Jefferson (That is what Liberals do when in power!)
- *Industry and constant employment are great preservatives of the morals and virtue of a nation.* Benjamin Franklin
- *To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.* George Washington
- *I very early thought it would be best to effect a peace through the medium of war.* Thomas Jefferson
- *But it is never to be supposed that the people of America will trust their dearest rights to persons who have no religion at all, or a religion materially different from their own.* Supreme Court Justice James Iredell (nominated by Washington)
- *No man can wish more ardently than I do that all our public offices may be filled by men who fear God and hate wickedness [...].* Theophilus Parsons (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts)
- *Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.* Thomas Jefferson
- *A moderate government is most agreeable to the Christian religion, and a despotic government to the Mahometan.* Baron Charles Montesquieu, one of the favorites authors of the Founders.
- *You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments; rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the Universe.* John Adams
- *But the religion I mean to recommend in this place is that of the New Testament. . . . [A]ll its doctrines and precepts are calculated to promote the happiness of society and the safety and well being of civil government.* Benjamin Rush

Let us pray Adams won't repent, and that his sacrifices were not in vain. For more on the Founding Fathers check [www.heritage.org/research/features/almanac](http://www.heritage.org/research/features/almanac).

### **Recommended Conservative Materials**

- 1776, David McCullough (available at Huron and Sandusky Libraries)
- *The Founders' Almanac: A Practical Guide to the Notable Events, Greatest Leaders & Most Eloquent Words of the American Founding*, Matthew Spalding
- *The Rudy Investigation*, Christopher Ruddy. This patron's donation is only available at the Huron Library; the book relates the findings of Ruddy on Vince Foster's suicide.
- *Unveiling Islam: an insider's look at Muslim life and beliefs*, Ergun Mehmet Caner, Emir Fethi Caner (not available at Sandusky nor Huron Libraries).
- *The enemy at home: the cultural left and its responsibility for 9/11*, Dinesh D'souza (available at Huron Library).

- *Letters to a Young Conservative*, Dinesh D'Souza (not available at Sandusky nor Huron Libraries)
- Any video or book from the group *WallBuilders of America* has history lessons Americans are no longer taught in school: [www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com).
- *Unstoppable Global Warming: Every 1,500 Years*, Dennis T. Avery (not available at CLEVNET)

## **“MAJOR ISSUES LECTURE SERIES” AT ASHLAND UNIVERSITY**

On Friday April 13, 2007 at noon, nationally syndicated Conservative columnist Kathleen Parker will speak at the Ashland University's Ashbrook Center on “Media Elites vs. Ordinary Americans.” For more information contact Sally Blair at 419-289-5411 or E-mail her at [sblair@ashbrook.org](mailto:sblair@ashbrook.org). Website: [www.ashbrook.org](http://www.ashbrook.org)

### **It's Your Time to Speak Up!**

Here is your chance to express your thoughts on Liberal Universities. Ohio State University is about to be assessed for re-accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, which is soliciting feedback from the public on the University's performance. (Remember: OSU homosexual teachers accused Quaker librarian Scott Savage of “*sexual harassment*” for suggesting that four Conservative books be considered as required reading for incoming freshmen; the accusers received no official penalty. To learn more, read the articles at World Net Daily: [www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=49958](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=49958).) If you are concerned with OSU's performance in curtailing academic freedom and intellectual diversity, send your comments to where they will really matter, the HLC: [http://www.ncahlc.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=93&Itemid=80](http://www.ncahlc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=93&Itemid=80).

### **Food for Thought**

Ann Coulter is not only a pretty face, she's smart and, as all Conservatives know, always Right –pun intended! We selected a few of her many witticisms to keep handy when dealing with that annoying left-winger we all have in our lives. Enjoy.

- “Whenever great matters are at stake, you can always count on liberals to have some pointless, womanly complaint.”
- “Indeed, to date this constitutes the only evidence that Saddam didn't have weapons of mass destruction: Bill Clinton said he did.”
- “If liberals applied half as much energy to some business endeavor as they do to creating the Big Lie, they would all be multimillionaires.”
- “Liberalism is part of a religious disorder that demands a belief that life is controllable.”

### **Child-Friendly Libraries: It Can Be Accomplished!**

When they get a Library card, parents sign the most benign and vague disclaimer of their responsibility for what their children borrow (1); they don't even get a copy of this contract. Schools have flashing lights, speed limit signs, special cross walks and crossing guards – because children do not exercise good judgment. Why are they treated different in Libraries? Ask librarians to offer parents a card that will limit the kind of books minors can check out and keep age-inappropriate materials restricted to the Adult department (2).

Write a certified letter to your Congressman and Senator and let them know what is available in Ohio Public Libraries for minors.

You can also help us eliminate language from the Ohio Revised Code (3) that exempts librarians and teachers from prosecution if they expose children to age inappropriate materials. Write a certified letter to your Representatives asking them to review this law, eliminate the exemption for teachers and librarians, and require no exemption without parental consent. A model letter will be available upon request; write to us (P.O. Box 286, Huron OH 44839) and we will be glad to provide the information for you.

↗ Ohio House of Representatives: <http://www.house.state.oh.us/index.html>

↗ Ohio Senate: <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/index.html>

↗ Sandusky Public Library, 114 W. Adams St., Sandusky OH, 44870

Phone: 419- 625-3834, Fax: 419-625-4574 E-mail: [comments@sandusky.lib.oh.us](mailto:comments@sandusky.lib.oh.us)

Board of Directors: <http://www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/public/aboutthelibrary.asp>

↗ Huron Public Library, 333 Williams St., Huron OH 44839

Phone: 419-433-50009, Fax: 419-433-7228 E-mail: [huron@oplin.org](mailto:huron@oplin.org)

Board of Trustees: <http://www.huronlibrary.org/board.html>

↗ Other Libraries: <http://www.publiclibraries.com/ohio.htm>

(1) See last document of *letter # 3*: <http://www.plan2succeed.org/grassroots/letters.html>

(2) The Sandusky Library has actually moved most age-inappropriate books to its Adult area and for this we are grateful. We hope the librarian will continue on this path.

(3) Section §2907.31. Disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, section (C) (1).

## **(Dan) Rather Deep Thoughts and Other Idiocias –oldies but goodies**

*Despite what many Americans think, most Soviets do not yearn for capitalism or Western-style democracy.* CBS Evening News, 6/17/87

*Stay with CBS now for more news, including: Is there a pall over the mall as holiday shoppers think small?* CBS Evening News, 12/2/91

*Everyone knows the rich got richer in the 1980s.* CBS Evening News, 10/29/92

*Gays and lesbians are beaten to death in the streets with increasing frequency—in part due to irrational fear of AIDS but also because hatemongers, from comedians to the worst of the Christian Right, send the message that homosexuals have no value in our society....*

*In the post-Cold-War era, gays have been drafted to replace communists as the new menace to the American Way.* The Nation, 4/11/94

(Kudos to Bozell for having the stomach to gather Rather's immortal idiocy! Wanna have more fun? Check this: <http://www.mrc.org/notablequotables/2007/nq20070212.asp>.

## **How You Can Help**

- Visit your local Library and learn what they have available to children and teens.
- Ask your Librarian about their policies.
- Make your position known to your Library.
- Write, call, fax, and email your local Library with suggestions of family friendly books for children and teens.
- If your Librarian does not act upon your concerns, contact the Library Board of Directors.

- Write, call, fax, and email your Congressman.
- Support Grassroots American Values in our efforts.

## Cool Blogs & Links

- [lp-web.ala.org:8000/guest/archives/ALACOUN/log0702/msg00064.html](http://lp-web.ala.org:8000/guest/archives/ALACOUN/log0702/msg00064.html) “Scrotum” in Children Literature?
- <http://lp-web.ala.org:8000/guest/archives/ALACOUN/log0702/msg00130.html> See the ALA react in horror at the mere request of a meeting
- [http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=17916976&BRD=2703&PAG=461&dept\\_id=](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=17916976&BRD=2703&PAG=461&dept_id=) Slut is “good”
- [www.dailyinterlake.com/articles/2007/03/04/columns/columns01.txt](http://www.dailyinterlake.com/articles/2007/03/04/columns/columns01.txt) ALA vs. Morality
- [www.billoreilly.com/newslettercolumn?pid=20996](http://www.billoreilly.com/newslettercolumn?pid=20996) Child rape, ACLU & Public Libraries
- [abcnews.go.com/Politics/story?id=2900174](http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/story?id=2900174) The real ACLU
- [ic.org/pressrelease/2007/nr030207.htm](http://ic.org/pressrelease/2007/nr030207.htm) Land of the free? Really?
- [www.beliefnet.com/story/196/story\\_19646\\_1.html](http://www.beliefnet.com/story/196/story_19646_1.html) Lib interviews Ann –and gets waked!
- [www.thomasmoresociety.org](http://www.thomasmoresociety.org) Because life *is* precious
- [survey10i.pollingpoint.com/vnh22RpNMGsvht](http://survey10i.pollingpoint.com/vnh22RpNMGsvht) Interesting survey
- [www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=54606](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=54606) Fighting back
- [www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/fed10.htm](http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/fed10.htm) Republic vs. Democracy
- [www.sanduskyregister.com/articles/2007/01/17/local\\_news/137815.txt](http://www.sanduskyregister.com/articles/2007/01/17/local_news/137815.txt) Commie galore
- [www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17273882](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17273882) Good Harry?
- [www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=53115](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=53115) No God to trust
- [drudgereport.com/flash.htm](http://drudgereport.com/flash.htm) An inconvenient truth –for Al Gore, that is!
- [www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110009552](http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110009552) Inconvenient questions
- [www.americanthinker.com/2007/01/resisting\\_global\\_warming\\_panic.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2007/01/resisting_global_warming_panic.html) Resisting
- [www.drudgereport.com/flash8.htm](http://www.drudgereport.com/flash8.htm) Yeah, global warming...
- [www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2004/08/040803093903.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2004/08/040803093903.htm) It’s the sun, stupid!
- [www.canada.com/nationalpost/story.html?id=edae9952-3c3e-47ba-913f-7359a5c7f723&k=0](http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/story.html?id=edae9952-3c3e-47ba-913f-7359a5c7f723&k=0) It’s Mars, stupid!
- [www.michaelcrichton.net/speeches/speeches\\_quote05.html](http://www.michaelcrichton.net/speeches/speeches_quote05.html) The Religious Left
- [seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/editorialsopinion/2003012090\\_terred23.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/editorialsopinion/2003012090_terred23.html) *Ecolonies* are real
- [www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/local/states/california/16560147.htm](http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/local/states/california/16560147.htm) Paper Tiger
- [www.nfrw.org/programs/americanism.htm](http://www.nfrw.org/programs/americanism.htm) On Americanism
- [www.newseum.org/berlinwall/commissar\\_vanishes](http://www.newseum.org/berlinwall/commissar_vanishes) Orwell’s 1984 = Russia
- [www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=19059](http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=19059) Spinning madly
- [www.cultureandmediainstitute.org/articles/2007/20070222095918.aspx](http://www.cultureandmediainstitute.org/articles/2007/20070222095918.aspx) More spin
- [www.mrc.org/cyberalerts/2007/cyb20070212.asp#1](http://www.mrc.org/cyberalerts/2007/cyb20070212.asp#1) So many lies, so little time!
- [www.glamour.com/news/articles/2007/01/purityballs07feb](http://www.glamour.com/news/articles/2007/01/purityballs07feb) Family values: zero
- [www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17284416/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17284416/) Don’t mess with Americans!
- [www.bankofamericaboycott.com](http://www.bankofamericaboycott.com) Banks offering Credit Cards to illegals

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**We are looking for volunteers to write 500 word editorial comments on local governmental activities. Writers can use a pen name if they do not want their real names disclosed. If interested, please respond to [grassroots@bex.net](mailto:grassroots@bex.net).**