

# *Obama, Holder, & the IRS*

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The current debacle in Washington, and Cincinnati, regarding the IRS targeting of various conservative groups from the TEA Party to religious groups is anathema to a free society. Of course, the President along with The Attorney General, in typical fashion, are trying to absolve themselves of all blame (remember Fast and Furious among other atrocities of the present administration) by claiming they knew nothing about this while feigning “outrage” at the “inappropriate” actions of others. President Obama’s first action to “prove” his innocence was to request (and force) the resignation of then acting commissioner of the IRS, Stephen Miller, who had been on the job only since last November. Subsequent testimony in Congress by the groups targeted demonstrates that they have been fighting illegal searches by the IRS since the beginning of Obama’s term in office, long before Mr. Miller took the job as Tax Chief.

Continuing his contrived public outrage, Obama stated, “It’s inexcusable, and Americans are right to be angry about it. And I am angry about it. I will not tolerate this kind of behavior in any agency, but particularly the IRS, given the power it has and the reach that it has in all of our lives.” Of course the fact that use of the IRS to target political enemies has been part and parcel to the President’s campaign and reelection strategies from the beginning is seemingly immaterial to his indignation now.

Eric Holder, the nation’s chief enforcement officer, stated regarding the pending investigation of this incident, “The facts will take us wherever they take us.” (Just like they did with Fast and Furious?!?!) However, Holder went on to exclaim, “If you’re trying to put what the IRS did into the White House, that’s not going to work.” So much for impartial investigations, if there ever was such a thing in the first place! By the way, remember that ObamaCare is considered a tax and its payment enforcement will be

overseen by this out of control agency whereby thousands of additional IRS agents have recently been hired to ensure enforcement.

Of course this is not the first time the IRS has been used to target a sitting President's enemies. Obama's Democratic predecessor, Slick Willie (the first "black" President as acclaimed by his own supporters) and his wife, Hillary, used (abused) the IRS repeatedly to target those who threatened to harm his Presidency including Juanita Broddrick (who credibly claimed Clinton raped her) along with Paula Jones (whom Clinton propositioned), among other others.

The Constitution Party is one of only two creditable (in my view) national political Parties calling for abolishment of the IRS (the other being the Libertarian Party). The two major Parties (Democrat and Republican) do not address the issue at all. Of course, it is not in their self-interest to advocate repealing the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment (that established the income tax). Remember the "golden rule:" "He with the gold rules!" And right now the two major Parties have the gold and are able to rule by using the tax code to buy votes with other people's money. A few Republican Presidential candidates in the past couple of elections have called for abolishing the IRS but they were trashed often and harshly by the Republican establishment.

In 2012 (as in other past elections), the Republican Party tried to portray itself as the Party of the Constitution and Constitutional Government. But, a review of their own Platform reveals their perspective on what is a "Constitutional government as provided by our founding fathers:"

In the spirit of the Constitution, we consider discrimination based on sex, race, age, religion, creed, disability, or national origin unacceptable and immoral. We will strongly enforce anti-discrimination statutes and ask all to join us in rejecting the forces of hatred and bigotry and in denouncing all who practice or promote racism, anti-Semitism, ethnic prejudice, or religious intolerance. (I must assume this includes the enforcement of special interest groups' Federal Hate Crimes legislation that will eventually either stop conservative preachers from proclaiming homosexuality is sin, or imprison them for so declaring, among other consequences of the enforcements of this well-meaning but ill-founded legislation.)

Yes, there is much in the Republican platform that sounds good, the parts about God-given freedom, inalienable rights, individual liberty and responsibility. Much of it is in alignment with the positions of the Constitution Party; it is just that their actions speak louder than their words as they willingly abandon the principles of their platform, much less the Constitution, for pragmatism. Certainly, their failure to address repealing the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment shows their ignorance of the concepts fought for by our founding fathers in the War of Independence and the principles of Government embodied by the original Constitution. And, I must remind all that it was the Republicans who are primarily responsible for the Patriot Act and the subsequent establishment of the Department of Homeland Security along with the TSA and their unbridled trampling of our unalienable rights and the worst threat to our individual liberties possibly in the history of our nation, including the egregious threats embodied in the creation of the Federal Reserve and the IRS, along with Social Security and subsequent creation of other Federal Agencies daily attacking our God-given freedoms; Agencies like the EPA, the Departments of Education and of Energy, among others.

The Constitution Party was originally founded in 1992 as the U.S. Taxpayer party and its primary focus at the time was the restoration of original Constitutional government with special focus on repealing the 16<sup>th</sup> (and 17<sup>th</sup>) Amendment, thereby eliminating the IRS. Thus, the Constitution Party from its beginnings has been focused on eliminating this dangerous Federal Agency. Hopefully now, people across Ohio and the nation will see how treacherous this Agency has always been and how much more it can be in the future, and will join the Constitution Party and help us fight for true Constitutional Government in accordance with the wisdom of our founding fathers, including repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment.