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## Straight talk on the condition of our government

Most Americans would likely agree that there is something innately wrong with the United States government. There is an LA Times story now about how congressmen paid some \$21.5 million in bonuses to their staffs at the end of 2010. I was shocked to know that these staffers even received bonuses. My office never was issued bonuses when I worked as a "Hill Staffer." But even more shocking was that congressmen who were defeated doled out an average bonus of \$4,000 per staffer, while those who were reelected paid an average of \$2,300. Does this not tell every American that these people we are electing to office care little about the sufferings of their countrymen, and treat hard earned tax dollars frivolously?

Earlier this week, I wrote about how the president diverted floodwaters around Cairo, Illinois, which supported him heavily in his 2008 election, and the result was that thousands of acres of farms were flooded along the Mississippi. Every state below Cairo voted for the president's opponent in 2008. Moreover, the mainstream news media hammered George Bush for the government's allegedly flawed emergency response on the Katrina disaster. They, however, have had nothing but praise for the current president as he took a break from gulping Guinness and made a mere phone call from Ireland in response to the Joplin, Missouri tornado deaths. Over 60% of the Joplin area voted for his opponent.

There is more. The Washington Examiner reports that "1,372 businesses, state and local governments, labor unions and insurers, covering 3,095,593 individuals or families," have been granted a waiver from the president's mandated health care program. The Examiner goes on to document that the majority of the waivers were granted to political supporters of the president. The story also documents many other examples, recounting the president saying to Hispanic voters that he wanted to "punish our enemies" and "reward our friends." The Examiner concludes: "They look liked examples of crony capitalism, bailout favoritism and gangster government. One thing they don't look like is the rule of law."

The Founders believed that for our form of government to be successful, we should elect only moral and religious leaders. George Washington said in his Farewell Address, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." We ourselves, especially those of us who call ourselves Christians, have allowed the election of these immoral and unreligious leaders. Jesus said in Matthew 7:5, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." You see, if we were occupying as we should, voters would know not to elect those who sin against us and our children.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

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