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SHOULD FETUSES HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

Give Fetuses The Vote in 2012

This past November, I watched with horror as Barack Hussein Obama captured the White House from our beloved GOP. Our party shattered into little fragments, and some of those were lost to the blue side. I don't know if we can bring the intellectuals, the libertarians, or the soccer moms back into the Republican fold in time for 2012. But I sure as hell don't want to see the Democrats smothering our great Nation for longer than one term. There is only one solution if we want to see a conservative in the White House in 4 years: we must give fetuses the right to vote.

Fetuses are people too, and they've been disenfranchised long enough. Some of my detractors say, "Children can't vote until they're 18. Why should fetuses get the vote?" The answer is that fetal life only lasts for about nine months, at which point the fetus leaves the womb and enters society as an actual child. Dogs have dog-years; we need to think about fetuses the same way. After two months of pregnancy, a fetus has lived the equivalent of 18 years, and should be able to vote.

Some people are concerned about whether fetuses are actually capable of voting. "Even if fetuses prove competent, how can they access the physical ballots without their mother enduring an invasive procedure?" they ask. I say it doesn't matter. We know every single fetus would vote Republican. So all women who are at least two months pregnant should get an extra ballot that automatically counts as a Republican vote. Write to your Congressmen now and help us win back the White House with the help of our prenatal pro-life friends!

The Fetuses Just Don't Grasp The Importance of The Issues

Lately, our country has been swept by a sort of neo-nostalgic nationalism, if you know what I mean. There are just tons of groups popping up advocating for the rights of fetuses and the unborn. Well I'm not going to tackle all of our civil liberties dilemmas at once--but if I know one thing, it's that we have to stop these groups from taking things too far. Give the fetuses your right to life--hell, give them your rights to privacy and due process as well--but this madness must stop somewhere--and I say, here and now, that we must not ever let these unborn fetuses vote.

America used to be founded on principles, principles like slavery and expansion into Indian territory. This is why we used to have literacy tests to see if you could vote. We couldn't have slaves and Indians voting if they couldn't pass some unreasonably difficult reading test!

You think fetuses are any better? Not only do they not speak a language, create art, or have rituals, but often, they are only subsisting on the whims of their mother. They just don't understand the issues. Is this the type of voter we want? Do we really want fetuses deciding our fiscal policy?

I say no, and I urge you to think long and hard before you allow fetuses the right to vote.



IS GLOBAL WARMING REAL?

Mississippi School Begins Teaching "Intelligent Warming"

Jackson, MS—Just a few months after bringing "Intelligent Design" into Mississippi classrooms, the Department of Education in Mississippi has decided to bring a new controversial theory to students across the state.

In a press conference held yesterday, Haley Barbour, governor of Mississippi, discussed his new education policy: "As of next year, all students in Mississippi will learn about the theory of 'Intelligent Warming.'" This newly constructed theory proves that the Earth's temperature is affected not by heat, but by an intelligent and benevolent being, who warms the Earth whenever we are feeling chilly."

Barbour went on to explain why he disliked mainstream scientists, placing a particular emphasis on scientists' "inability to entertain the notion that the Earth is regulated by an all powerful, untraceable, and invisible mastermind."

Aides close to the governor suggested that he hopes to further modify Mississippi's curriculum by adding "Intelligent Economics" and "Intelligent Grammar." Barbour's top aide explained, "These things--grammar, economics, environmental science--they are all far too complex and intricate to be understood or influenced by any human. There must be an all powerful entity behind the scenes, pulling all the strings and making things work. After all, why would anyone ever support a "Theory" when they could support an "Intelligent Theory"?"



Groundhog Sees His Shadow, Global Warming Formally Disproved

Punxsutawney, PA—In the timeless tradition of groundhogs that have come before him, Punxsutawney Phil came out last Monday, February 2nd and saw his shadow. Meteorologists and environmentalists around the world are stirring after an event with such revolutionary implications.

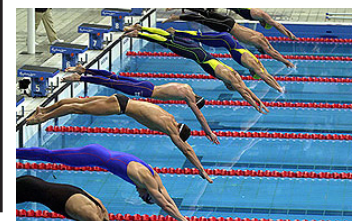
"Do you know what this means for global warming?" said prominent environmentalist and scientist Lawrence Vandermeer. "Poof. Gone. Done. Finito--There are six more weeks of winter coming up--and that's not global warming!" Science also is planning on rethinking its climate change theory to incorporate the whims of a rodent. "How can you believe in global warming when there are unerring methods of prediction like groundhogs?"

DOES MARIJUANA MAKE YOU A BETTER SWIMMER?

Michael Phelps 12,000 Caloric Diet Explained By Munchies



Study: Top Ten Olympic Swimmers All Smoked Weed

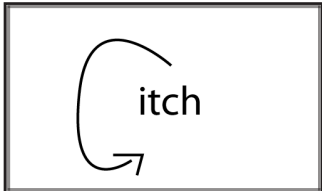


“IMAGINE A WORLD WITH NO HYPOTHETICAL SITUATIONS...”

SOURCE: UNKNOWN, INTERNET, OR DAVID KRAVITZ

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



last weeks answers: BEAR MINIMUM, INNER CIRCLE, TURNPIKE, APPLE BOTTOM JEANS

NUMBERS

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The new record size for smallest font ever. Earlier in the week, Stanford researches had unveiled technology able of writing at a font size of 0.3 nanometers using quantum interference patterns. However, thanks to the dedication of Stanford physicists, they were able to produce a font that had a negative size. This means that it is smaller than being at size 0. Just think about it. Wow, science! Try to wrap your head around that one!

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. HINT B=K

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LAST WEEK’S ANSWER: “WHEN YOU ARE COURTING A NICE GIRL AN HOUR SEEMS LIKE A SECOND. WHEN YOU SIT ON A RED-HOT CINDER A SECOND SEEMS LIKE AN HOUR. THAT’S RELATIVITY.” - ALBERT EINSTEIN

SUDOKU

Level: Blue Belt

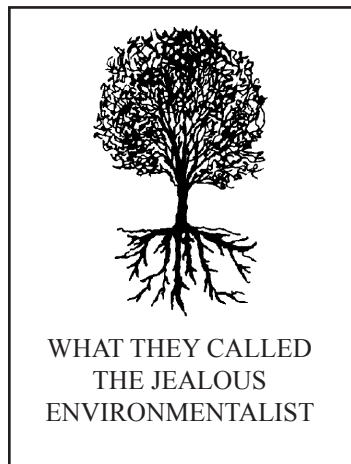
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



LAST WEEKS ANSWERS: FORUM, KARAT, WRETCH, HYBRID what they said about the criminal in the photo HE WAS FRAMED

Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

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