

# ***THE LOYAL OPPOSITION***

The E-newsletter of the  
Cambridge Republican City Committee

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*The Loyal Opposition* is an e-newsletter of the Cambridge Republican City Committee (CRCC). The CRCC is the local branch of the Republican Party of ideas, with a big-tent attitude that welcomes debate. It embraces Ronald Reagan's idea of America, and by extension Cambridge, as a "shining city upon a hill," which is to say the CRCC welcomes anyone with the will and the heart to participate in the debate.

As a channel for outreach to the community, *The Loyal Opposition* will encourage discussion of topics bounded by the three legs of the political stool - economic, social, and foreign policy. Its primary focus will be on fiscal and economic policies. Its editors support economic growth spurred by incentives incorporated in the supply-side model of low tax rates, limited government, market-driven solutions for better schools, more efficient health care, free trade, a sound dollar, and help for those who suffer misfortune or injustice.

It will include links to political commentary to encourage informed debate, not to give that opinion an official sanction. The political convictions of Cambridge Republicans cover a wide range and no opinion piece can pretend to represent the views of all – or any – of the CRCC's members.

Please join the debate. Send your ideas, comments, and questions to

[cambgop@cambgop.com](mailto:cambgop@cambgop.com). Thank you very much.

*Welcome to the  
Cambridge Republican  
City Committee*

## OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The goals of the Cambridge Republican City Committee (CRCC) are to promote the principles of the Republican Party, to cooperate in carrying out the program of the Republican State and Republican National Committees, and to promote and effectuate the election of Republican candidates. In particular, the CRCC's objectives are to recruit and assist Republican candidates; to communicate our positions and activities by maintaining a website and a newsletter and by hosting speakers; to recruit new members and activists, raise funds, and promote Republican voter registration; and to hold elected officials accountable and keep tabs on local issues.

# VOTE FOR SCOTT BROWN FOR US SENATE ON JANUARY 19TH

This is a GOP newsletter and a voice for core Republican principles. A big part of the CRCC's mission is to support Republican candidates. Mr Brown supports fundamental GOP principles and the CRCC supports Mr Brown.

## THE CHOICE ON JANUARY 19TH

It is also important that a candidate express a clear position on the important issues of the day. Voters being are idiosyncratic by nature, with priorities ranging far and wide. In the order they appear on his website (<http://www.brownforussenate.com/issues>), Mr Brown's issues are the economy, energy and environment, education, immigration, veterans, health care, guns, the death penalty, abortion, marriage, Israel, and Iran. His opponent Martha Coakley's issues (<http://www.marthacoakley.com/about/Issues>) are also broad in scope: health care, equal rights and opportunity, the economy, energy and the environment, supporting seniors, protecting children and families, education, honoring our veterans, the Middle East, Afghanistan, and keeping America safe.

That's a lot of issues. Sometimes they need distilling, which is what Mr J. J. Weinstein of New York did last week in a Wall Street Journal letter to the editor (<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704541004574600104124680822.html>). All the GOP needs, he suggests, is a platform with two issues – Taxes and Terrorism.

## BROWN ON TAXES

Front and center on Mr Brown's website is a YouTube video featuring President John F Kennedy announcing his income tax cut in the 60s that led to a huge burst of economic growth. The video then

morphs to Mr Brown who carries on the message. The economy comes first on his issues list and the words "lower taxes" are prominent in the first sentence: "I am a free enterprise advocate who believes that lower taxes can encourage economic growth."

## COAKLEY ON TAXES

Ms Coakley offers a middle class and small business tax relief plan, with targeted tax credits and tax cuts for lower income levels ([http://marthacoakley.com/system/storage/81/935/tax\\_plan2\\_122909.pdf](http://marthacoakley.com/system/storage/81/935/tax_plan2_122909.pdf)). It provides good counterpoint to Mr Brown's free enterprise advocacy.

## COAKLEY ON TERRORISM

In their 22 December 2009 debate, Ms Coakley announced that Brown had crossed party lines to back president Obama's troop surge in Afghanistan (<http://www.independentpoliticalreport.com/2009/12/massachusetts-health-care-afghanistan-top-first-senate-debate/>). On her website, she says she will "promote the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission and a national security strategy based on cooperation, information sharing, and an understanding of both our vulnerabilities and our strengths."

## BROWN ON TERRORISM

On his website, Mr Brown strongly supports Israel and takes a forceful stance against the 9-11 Commission's approach ("Meeting with [Ahmadinejad] confers legitimacy when the only correct response is to treat him as an outcast").

## DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNING

On taxes, Mr Brown believes in leaving a greater share of a person's earnings in the person's wallet and relying on the individual to be enterprising with the money. Ms Coakley would give

government a stronger hand in spending the citizens' revenues.

**SUMMARIZING  
TAXES AND TERRORISM**

On terrorism, Ms Coakley mirrors President Obama's commitments to diplomacy and law enforcement as key approaches to combating terrorism, while opposing the President's surge in Afghanistan. Mr Brown supports the new surge, recognizing that the U.S. is in a war with terrorists that it must win.

Massachusetts voters are offered a starkly clear choice on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

CURRENT  
GOP  
ARTICLES

For a good read on taking the GOP back to

its fundamental principles, please see the 2-3 January 2010 interview with Virginia's Governor-elect Bob McDonnell (<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703278604574624401762974932.html>).

**"WHOLE FOODS  
REPUBLICANS?"**

A whole new subspecies of Republican was discovered in the fall of 2009 – the "Whole Foods Republican (WFR)." First formally documented on the Wall Street Journal's editorial page, (<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703514404574588792834312898.html>), the grouping is probably still in need of further anthropological study and data collection, especially concerning both the real number of individuals in the data set and the precise definition of the species.

CRCC chairman Henry Irving went to bat for Whole Foods this past fall after the company had been snared in a faux

MoveOn-org nationwide scandal that also erupted at the local Whole Foods Market on Prospect Street in Cambridge

(<http://www.wickedlocal.com/cambridge/news/lifestyle/columnists/x1340496102/The-Right-View-Where-did-it-come-from>).

Now he'd like very much to find out if he could be a full-fledged WFR. "I shop at Whole Foods," he said recently. "It's right around the corner from my house. I could provide some diversity because I'm a hunter and there aren't many in Cambridge. But I'd like talk to some other local WFRs to iron out a few questions."

Interestingly, the main questions come down to words. In the original WSJ article, prospective WFR's are described as "independent-minded voters who embrace a progressive lifestyle but not progressive politics. These highly-educated individuals appreciate diversity..."

The words "progressive" and "diversity" can be conversation stoppers. "I'm all for diversity in the sense that I, like the CRCC, have a big-tent attitude that welcomes debate," says Henry. "Only I'm tired of "Diversity," (aka, diversity for diversity's sake). And I've written a lot of Cambridge Chronicle articles about the difference between "Large P" Progressives and "small p" progressives."

[Editors' note: "small p" progressives try to move things forward, to be effective, to make progress, and to look out for those who suffer misfortune or injustice. "Large P" Progressives tend to be impatient with tradition and constitutions and keep trying new things without much regard for measuring success or the costs of change. Better to be a "small p" progressive and spend other people's money like it is your own than to be a "large P" Progressive who sees other people's money as money to spend on other people.]

Then Henry adds: "If I can get in touch with lots of independent-minded people in Cambridge – and I know they're there – who are as dubious about "progressive politics" as I am, then who am I not to embrace their progressive lifestyle? That world's a big place!"

## ON THE SAME PAGE

The TLO editors hope that this particular space in *The Loyal Opposition* will evolve into a book review section. For now, though, we offer two book introductions. In time our objective will be to provide or solicit locally-written reviews of the books we introduce. Provided also here are links to information and commentary about the books (and in one case a link to the whole book).

First up is George Melloan's *The Great Money Binge: Spending Our Way to Socialism*. Among other duties at the Wall Street Journal, Mr Melloan wrote *Global View* column, now written on Thursdays by Bret Stephens, for 16 years. He was to former WSJ editorial page editor Bob Bartley what Dan Henninger is today to Paul Gigot. (Mr Stephens highlighted the author's new book in a recent *Global View* column, beating us to the punch <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704304504574609791724215898.html>).

Here are two links to comments about the book and, remarkably, a third link to the whole text:  
[http://www.conservativebookclub.com/products/BookPage.asp?prod\\_cd=c7533](http://www.conservativebookclub.com/products/BookPage.asp?prod_cd=c7533)  
<http://www.amazon.com/Great-Money-Binge-Spending-Socialism/dp/143916407X>  
The whole book:

[http://books.google.com/books?id=B46ND42nk4wC&pg=PT11&lpg=PT11&dq=%22The+Great+Money+Binge:+Spending+Our+Way+to+Socialism,%22&source=bl&ots=ZpFD8PTJrR&sig=V8l4cO5hGXQosYeuMKPlujGczd0&hl=en&ei=6ZZES9btEcPIIAf48PidBw&a=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CAgQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=B46ND42nk4wC&pg=PT11&lpg=PT11&dq=%22The+Great+Money+Binge:+Spending+Our+Way+to+Socialism,%22&source=bl&ots=ZpFD8PTJrR&sig=V8l4cO5hGXQosYeuMKPlujGczd0&hl=en&ei=6ZZES9btEcPIIAf48PidBw&a=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CAgQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=&f=false)

The second book is *After The Fall: Saving Capitalism from Wall Street and Washington*, by Nicole Gelinas. We provide three informational links below, the second to an article written by Ms Gelinas in City Journal:

<http://www.encounterbooks.com/books/afterthefall/>  
<http://www.city-journal.org/2009/eon1118ng.html>  
<http://www.amazon.com/After-Fall-Saving-Capitalism-Washington/dp/1594032610>

## FACE TO FACE

(The TLO Editors hope to profile a Cambridge voter in each issue of the *TLO*. The voter will often be a CRCC member, but not necessarily. As the editors become more technologically adept, pictures will be included.)

### PETER WILSON...

...grew up as a liberal in the Republican North Country of Live Free or Die New Hampshire, and he is now a conservative living in the bluest of blue states, having changed his party affiliation after 9/11. He studied literature at Dartmouth College and French at Middlebury and McGill. His career path resembles not so much a straight line as an EKG graph, and includes work as a truck driver, a lumberjack, a remote site caterer in Alaska, a floor trader on the New York Commodities Exchange and as the producer of a Cambodian version of Sesame Street. He is currently writing two books, one on the history of the lithographic travel poster and a political thriller in which the villains are global warming alarmists. He was recruited to join the CRCC when Henry Irving saw a letter of his in the Wall Street Journal. He serves as CRCC Secretary and editor of the Right View column in the Cambridge Chronicle.

A MESSAGE TO READERS  
OF *THE LOYAL*  
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about topics. Book reviews and  
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and [cambgop@cambgop.com](mailto:cambgop@cambgop.com).

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Onward and upward!  
The Editors