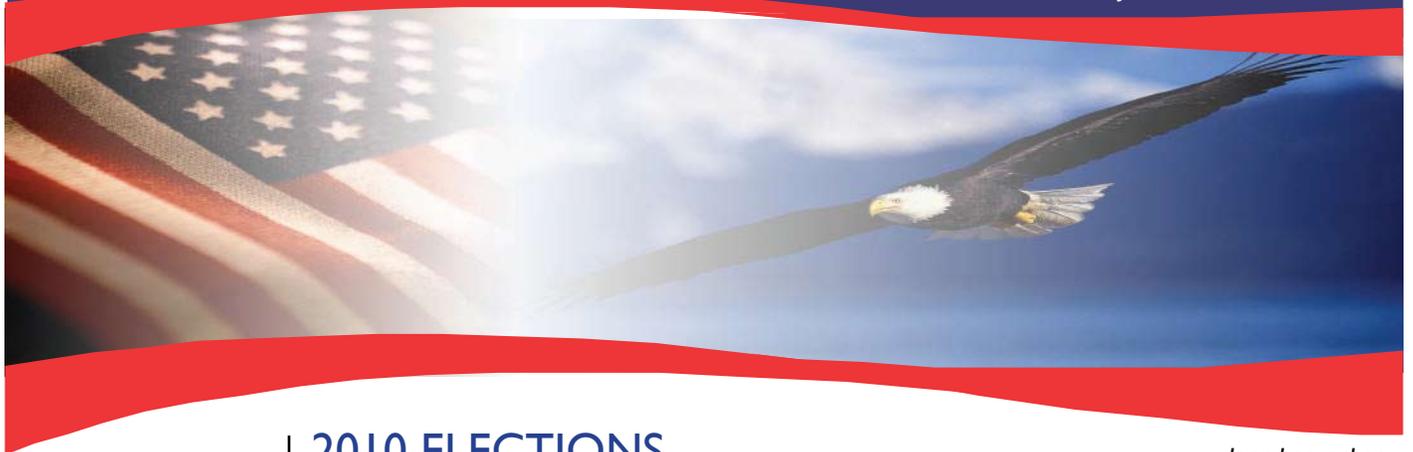


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## 2010 ELECTIONS

~ Joan Langenberg

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Our country is now teetering on a deadly cliff. Will it fall over the cliff into a socialistic godless abyss, or can we keep it aright on top of the cliff through the results of the upcoming August primary and November general election? I feel that our country has one last chance to get it right – which means returning to the principles and values of our founding fathers which have made this country so unique and so great. There are wonderful conservative candidates who want our country to return to these principles, and who need our help in the upcoming elections.

Missouri Eagle Forum has endorsed one state and two federal candidates: Representative Allen Icet for State Auditor, Congressman Roy Blunt for U.S. Senator – replacing Senator Kit Bond – and Ed Martin, who's campaigning against Russ Carnahan in the 3rd Congressional District. Rep. Icet is an outstanding legislator, and has accomplished quite a bit as budget chairman. Missouri Eagle Forum has joined with 80+ proven leaders in the Missouri House to support Representative Icet. This list of colleagues in the Missouri House speaks for itself as they have witnessed firsthand the conservative principles of Budget Chairman Icet. Representative Icet is known for his staunch defense of taxpayer dollars. Congressman Roy Blunt is a common sense conservative for Missouri. Congressman Blunt has consistently voted for the smallest budget proposal offered during his 12 years in office, and he has a 100% Pro-Life voting record, including the stem cell issue. Ed Martin believes that we need to bring back our American jobs and stop exporting them. He will work to stop the out-of-control spending, taxes, and size of the federal government. He is very concerned about Missouri jobs, and holds consistently conservative stands on all the issues.

There are other wonderful conservative candidates from districts all over Missouri that we can all work for and support. Please don't forget the primaries on August 3rd. Many important candidates as well as the Health Care Freedom Act - stated as Proposition C - will be on the ballot. Proposition C MUST be passed if we want to preserve our freedom to make our own health care decisions. Research the candidates in your own district, and then pick one to work for. Candidates need people like YOU to make calls, go door to door, and give financially. You could even host a meet and greet! And most candidates have their own websites. If you contact us at Missouri Eagle Forum, we can steer you to a candidate that you could help. You could also help in the upcoming elections by signing up as an Election Judge, Supervisor, or Assistant Supervisor – all paid positions. The St. Louis City phone number for signing up is (314) 622-4336, and the St. Louis County phone number is (314) 615-1865. Be sure to check our website [www.moeagleforum.org](http://www.moeagleforum.org) for the latest information on the elections.

Friends, we the people need to do all we can to take our country back. We have very little time to get it right. If not us... WHO???

**IF YOU'RE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, YOU NEED TO REGISTER BY JULY 7TH! PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COUNTY CLERK TO REGISTER!!**

***"All that's necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."***

# PASSAGE OF THE HEALTH CARE FREEDOM ACT

~ Joan Langenberg

The state of Missouri won a well fought victory on May 4, 2010, when the state Senate passed the Health Care Freedom Act, a bill sponsored by Senator Jane Cunningham (R-Chesterfield). This law was attached to a comprehensive insurance bill, House Bill 1764, and counters the recently passed federal health care bill. The bill will prohibit any federal law from interfering with a patient's, employer's, or health care provider's freedom to choose whatever health care plan he or she chooses. The Health Care Freedom Act, which is now a statute, will be on the August 2010 ballot, and will hopefully be passed at that time. Senator Cunningham says, "This legislation simply protects the rights of Missourians to choose their own health care products and services without fear of facing fines or imprisonment..... It doesn't reject any federal health care option, nor take away an individual's choice to participate in the federal health care plan. The measure expands options, not limits them. I'm proud to lead Missouri's push-back on this intrusive, costly mandate from Washington D.C., and eager for Missourians' voices, which have for so long been denied, to finally be heard at the voting booth."



There are understandable concerns that some may have about this act that will hopefully become law in August. First, the law will not impede the functioning of Medicare, SCHIP, or Medicaid in any way. Secondly, the federal government should not be involved in an individual's health care choices. These are personal, private decisions that have nothing to do with the role of the federal government in our Constitution. Frankly the federal bill is a huge power grab of gargantuan proportions – 1/6th of the economy. It has nothing to do with health care per se. Instead, the federal bill removes our freedom to make health care decisions and spend our money the way we wish. Governmental decisions about health care only benefit the government - not the individual. Also, we do not need employer mandates. The result of these

mandates that force employers to buy health insurance for their employees is higher taxes and more unemployment. This is because mandates will increase the costs of the employer - which will lead to job cuts and wage freezes. Finally, there is always the possibility that the federal government would sue the state over the HCFA if a clash should occur. On the other hand, if an individual refuses to participate in federal health care, that person could file his or her own lawsuit, challenging the government. And it's certainly possible that the courts could call the federal health care bill unconstitutional.

Even though Senator Cunningham had hoped the Act could be voted on in the Senate as an amendment to the state constitution, the future statute will be a huge step forward, and will give Missouri's Attorney General the authority to defend Missourians who face prosecution for not following the federal individual mandate. The bill would also prevent the state from authorizing an individual state mandate such as a system similar to Massachusetts'. The states of Virginia and Arizona have also passed the HCFA as statutes, and this action is being emulated in 42 other states as well.

It is vital that the Health Care Freedom Act statute is passed by the people this August 3rd. Please go to the polls, and vote for liberty and freedom! And please inform as many people as possible about the importance of the passage of this law. We need to protect ourselves, our families, and our friends from a government that would control every detail in our lives if given the chance! Thank you!

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## ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP ATTACKS FAMILY FARMS

~ Janet Engelbach

We've all seen the horrible videos of dogs being rescued from "Puppy Mills." These pictures stir up strong emotions in those of us who have pets. The same is true for the consumer, far removed from animal agriculture, when he or she sees videos of the mistreatment of cows or pigs or chickens in a so-called "factory farm."

We can all agree there are a few sub-standard dog breeding kennels and farm operations. The majority of kennel owners and farmers care deeply about the welfare of their animals, knowing without good management practices they could NOT stay in business.

Humane Society of United States (HSUS) ballot initiative – "Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act" seems like it will crack down on dog breeders in Missouri. But the real threat is to all of animal agriculture and family farms in Missouri. While the Missouri Department of Agriculture is not able to take a stand on the proposal – Ag

### AT A GLANCE

Missouri for animal Care is composed of the following organizations: Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Dairy Association, Missouri Egg Producers, Missouri Equine Council, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Federation of Animal Owners, Missouri Livestock Marketing Association, Missouri Pet Breeders Association, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Soybean Association The Poultry Federation, Professional Pet Association, FCS Financial, MFA Incorporated and the Missouri Agri-business Association (MO-Ag)

Director Jon Hagler said they're well aware of the intentions behind it, "HSUS has made no secret about the fact that they're not for ANY animal agriculture."

Hagler says the department's role is that of public education, "And we want to reach out and let folks know that there are no better stewards of animal welfare, no better stewards of the land than farmers and Missouri farmers have always been at the forefront of that."

Hagler says the bad actors of dog breeding are unlicensed and that the department has and will continue to crack down on those operators, "They're giving a bad name to not only the legitimate, professional, licensed breeders in Missouri but also to all of agriculture."

Please consider what is behind the HSUS ballot issue. HSUS is an animal rights organization associated with PETA. **Missouri Eagle Forum urges a NO vote on this "Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act".**

# AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS UNITE TO PROTECT RIGHT TO RAISE ANIMALS

~ Show Me Missouri Farm Bureau Magazine,  
May/June, 2010

Agricultural organizations throughout the state have banded together to protect family farms. Missourians for Animal Care, a diverse coalition representing farm and ranch families, veterinarians, pet breeders and agricultural suppliers, are speaking out. "Missourians for Animal Care was formed to provide unified support for our state's family farmers and others to protect their rights to raise domesticated animals in a humane manner," said Dan Nikodim, executive vice-president of the Missouri Pork Association and chairman of the coalition. "We believe this right is fundamental to the livelihood of thousands of Missourians who work to make their living by raising animals."



## OBAMA PREVARICATES ABOUT JOBS

~ Phyllis Schlafly

The spectacular loss of American jobs is devastating to more Americans than the oil spill in the Gulf, but Barack Obama still doesn't get it. This month he bragged to an audience of truckers in Hyattsville, Maryland, that our economy is "getting stronger by the day."

The U.S. Labor Department reports a very different picture. The number of long-term unemployed, defined as Americans out of work for 27 or more weeks, is at its highest level since the Labor Department began collecting such data in the 1940s.

More bad news comes from the Labor Department. In May, 431,000 jobs were added, but nine-tenths of them were government jobs.

Unemployment of young men is the highest in 61 years of record-keeping, according to the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston. The numbers for minority teenagers are tragic.

Obama's \$787 billion federal stimulus program was packaged in mental images of construction workers in hard hats. However, most of those hired with Stimulus dollars were government employees.

More than half of stimulus jobs were in education, mostly women, which was part of his payoff to the feminists. Many states expanded staff for teaching and education administration at the same time that they had a declining enrollment of students.

The rest of America may be suffering from a recession, but it's boom time for federal employees. On average, federal employees are paid \$71,206 per year compared to \$40,331 for private sector workers.

Those figures are just the start of the comfort of being a federal employee. When you include benefits such as health care and retirement, federal employees make almost double what private sector employees receive: \$119,982 versus \$59,909.

Stay tuned: federal employees receive raises practically every year. From December 2007 through June 2009, average federal government salaries increased 6.6 percent while private sector salaries increased 3.9 percent. Most federal workers also get periodic pay hikes, called steps, which average 1.5 percent per year.

Federal employees don't spend much time worrying about being laid off, or about their jobs being transferred to China or Mexico, the worry that hangs over private sector workers. Under Obama, federal jobs keep increasing in number, not diminishing.

***"It has, from the beginning, been the constant aim and design of the dragon, sometimes called the beast, and the serpent, satan, and the devil, to erect a scheme of absolute despotism and tyranny on earth, and involve all mankind in slavery and bondage."***

*Reverend Samuel Sherwood  
Weston, Connecticut  
January, 1776*

And there's more. Nineteen percent of federal employees make more than \$100,000 a year. That's before benefits, overtime pay and bonuses are counted.

One of the reasons why government employees are so well paid is that they enjoy the advocacy of the richest and most powerful unions, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

(AFSCME). Last year was the turning point when government employee unions were able to boast more members than private sector unions.

According to an article in The Hill, the SEIU expects to spend \$44 million to influence the 2010 elections, and AFSCME will spend \$50 million. Most will be spent to help Democrats keep control of Congress and to implement Obama's agenda.

The best way Obama could create jobs is to cut taxes on those who create jobs (corporations and investors), but that's absolutely not his game plan. He wants redistribution of wealth from taxpayers to non-taxpayers and a larger percent of our population economically and attitudinally dependent on government.

The second best way to create jobs would be to stop importing foreign workers. Has Obama no regard for the 15 million unemployed Americans and the additional 10 million who have given up looking or are able to get only part-time jobs?

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# OBAMA PREVARICATES ABOUT JOBS ~ continued

Each year, a million and a half foreigners are brought into our country and given work permits. That's a million and a half jobs a year that do not go to Americans.

At least 8 million illegal aliens also have jobs in the United States. The enforcement of E-Verify would make those jobs available to our own unemployed.

Don't let the liberals get by with the lie that Americans won't do those jobs. Illegal aliens work less than half of the jobs in every one of the categories where they cluster.

It's not only low-paid jobs that aliens take from Americans. The Census Bureau found that 34 percent of all software engineers are immigrants, despite the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers reporting that 48,000 U.S. software engineers are unemployed.

This is the 20th year of the H-1B program, which was supposed to admit only foreigners who can work jobs that require special expertise for which no U.S. employee can be found. From the start, this program has been a racket to allow big corporations to bring in cheap workers with limited skills to work ordinary jobs.

The Times Square would-be bomber, who was only a "B" student, once entered the United States on an H-1B visa. We haven't heard about any bureaucrat being fired for that mistake or even admonished.

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