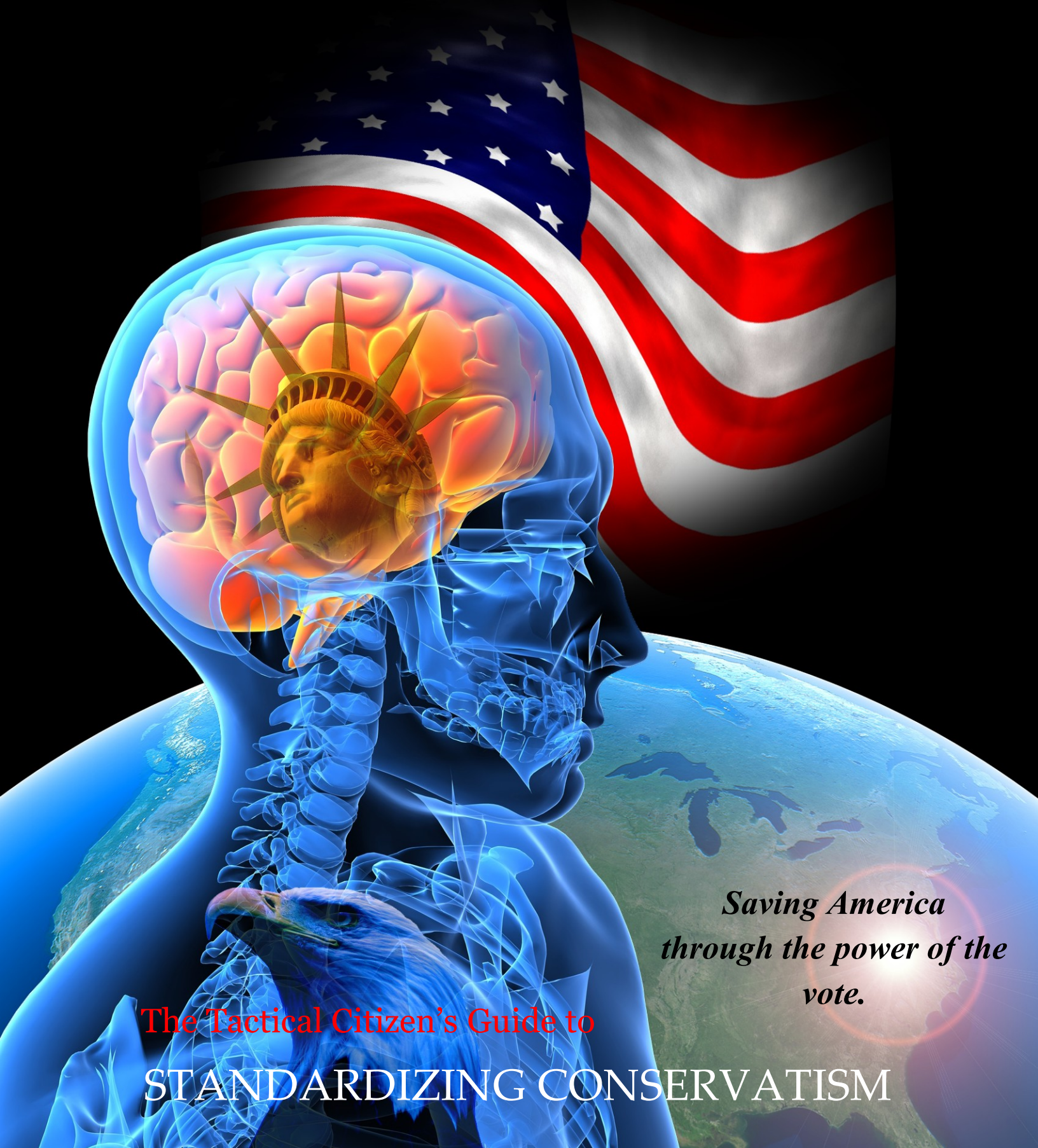


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*Saving America  
through the power of the  
vote.*

**The Tactical Citizen's Guide to**

**STANDARDIZING CONSERVATISM**

*“All conservatism is based upon the idea that if you leave things alone you leave them as they are. But you do not. If you leave a thing alone you leave it to a torrent of change.”* **Gilbert K. Chesterton**

### ***A Torrent of Change.***

**W**hen presidential candidate Barack Obama told the nation that he was going to “fundamental transform” their country, few understood the consequences of his openness. Few could have envisioned that their young, energetic and seemingly intelligent candidate would begin to unravel the very Constitution that shepherded their country for over two centuries. It has been oft told that one never really appreciates something until they lose it. Buyer’s remorse has now set in and countless millions of Americans have watched their future come under the tutelage of a distant, disinterested federal government.

We can argue and lay blame for the past all that we want, but this document is about accepting the future or challenging its implications. It is about remaining true to our national values or experimenting with something that has repeatedly proven to be a failure. We will remain freedom-loving and independent Americans, or we will succumb to the trivial agenda of progressive socialism. More importantly, we can either shoulder the commitment of those who died to keep us from this path or we can acquiesce and belittle the lives of those who perished keeping us free to choose either path.

We are at war, people. It may not involve guns, missiles, and commando raids, but it is as much a battle for our soul as any taken against progressive tyranny. Those who wish to destroy our culture and our liberties have very little concern for our individualism or our thoughts. To the elite, we are simply too stupid for our own good. Both President Obama and the *entire* Congress of the United States have repeatedly stated that we must be told how to care for our health, how to defend our family and friends, and what types of products we are allowed to purchase and enjoy. In this regard, they have gone beyond telling us how to pay for these transgressions – they demand it through militant taxation.

We have three options in which to deal with this crisis: Libertarianism, Constitutionalism, and Progressivism. We cannot proceed into the future until we understand and select one of these routes into the unknown. To simply remain idle and choose no path to follow is defeatism, and history holds no praises for the vanquished.

So let us cut the fat from the meat and isolate what each entails:

*Libertarianism.* Simply put, Libertarians believe that individuals should be free to do as they please without governmental oversight. At first thought, this seems to be a great way of life. We would be able to eat whatever we want, walk around naked if we so choose, and answer to no one in particular. The problem with this approach is that with a nation of 300 million souls, one's liberties will eventually influence another's. For example, a Libertarian would believe that they possess a right to have an abortion because they feel that the government (state or federal) cannot determine what they do with their own bodies. The problem with this argument is that they are invariably harming the life of the child through 1.) determining, quite arbitrarily, that the infant in question is *not* a human being and, by extension, 2.) denying said infant's own liberties (i.e., right to life).

*Constitutionalism.* Constitutionalism is what most people refer to when they speak of *Conservatism* and, so, when we hereinafter use the term 'Conservative', we are really speaking about someone or something that upholds the traditional role of the U.S. Constitution. Our founding fathers knew intimately the failings of both man and institution, so they created a simplistic document – so simplistic, in fact, that illiterate farmers could understand its basis without introduction – that kept both government and civil liberties in check. They did this by acknowledging that a Creator bestowed upon mortal man certain inalienable rights that, together, comprised “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” The United States, therefore, was not just a loose collection of states and individuals, but “one nation, under God” and quite indivisible.

*Progressivism.* Progressives are not religious in the sense that most people view religion. Their “God” is not an animated supreme being, but the utopian plateau of a perfect society in which the State becomes the sole caretaker of its citizenry. In this regard, they view the U.S. Constitution as archaic and malleable. They see rights as something guaranteed by the government and, therefore, these rights can change over time or be taken away. The term “Progressive” means, literally, to progress and they do so in incremental steps. Their attempts to transform the United States into this utopia are through regulated phases – e.g., first establish the right to have an abortion, then the right to doctor-assisted suicide, and finally, presumably, the government takes over regulation of how and when people die. Their “ends” is that the collective needs outweigh the individual's rights and to achieve this, they will use whatever “means” is at their disposal.

Despite the best interests of the country, and their own knowledge, Americans in 2008 voted for a soundly Progressive tempo in the direction of the United States. In the year since President Obama had taken office, the vast majority of Americans have realized their error and many have taken steps to correct this oversight. This has launched, amongst other rebellious activities – peaceful and otherwise, the Tea Party events across the breadth of the country. Most of these events are attended by the average John and Jane Q. Public (My 82-year-old mother attended one and she is by no means a fanatical “Right Winger” – she’s the widow of a retired UAW autoworker) but their presence has been targeted by those espousing the Progressive agenda.

Because of this, I have created this document for two specific purposes. First, to establish a standardized critique of ‘who’ constitutes a conservative Constitutionalist (“Conservative”) so that voters could keep a scorecard of any potential candidate. Secondly, I wish to offer some advice on how to defeat the progressive armies who will assail your every thought and action. Unless you agree with them *one-hundred percent*, you are deemed a threat to their way of life. You have been warned!

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*“We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.” Abraham Lincoln*

***Beware of those who pervert the Constitution.***

**T**here are several characteristics that define someone who unquestionably upholds the Constitution of the United States and these inhabit several levels of integrity, commitment, and pliability. For convenience, I have broken these down into absolute, trustable, and appreciable obligations. You will note that these categories are not equal and any prospective candidate must meet or exceed your passing score before they are worthy of your vote. As to what your score is, that is up to you to decide. I, myself, strive for “A’s” and therefore I search for candidates that reach at least 90% of my expectations.

*The Three Absolutes:*

There are three absolutes in the search for Conservative candidates and, together, they comprise fifty percent (50%) of the total grade from my individual scorecard. Any candidate therefore cannot aim to pass our judgment if they fail on any of these fundamentals.

- 1) *Foundation of life.* The U.S. Declaration of Independence specifically addressed the issue of human creation, not simply birth. Therefore, it is understood that the U.S. Constitution was written under the auspices of those who believed that individuals have a supernatural Creator who bestowed upon them certain inalienable rights that governments and institutions cannot take away. Any candidate must accept this and the first recognition of their sincerity rests with the abomination of abortion. No individual can ascribe to individual liberty if they deny the very essence of life itself. Defining human creation as “when born” simply excuses us from the knowledge that something “may have existed” before. The truth is, people do not know the precise instant when humans form so we must all consider that it happened long before we knew about it. Accordingly, we must shield life from its natural conception until its natural death. Every other law is transitory.
- 2) *Defense of America.* The existence of the U.S. Constitution is for the fundamental concept of national defense. The federal government protects the states and individual citizens from international attack and soothes relations between the individual states so that one cannot wage war upon the other. The U.S. Constitution is not meant to be applied towards hostile (or ill-intended) invaders or belligerent combatants engaged within war against citizens and service personnel of the United States. Nor is the U.S. leadership empowered to promote international foreign entities over the welfare and concerns of the American public. International treaties and regulations must address the primacy of the American citizenry.
- 3) *The individual reigns.* The fundamental concept of America is the independence afforded to the individual. The government cannot dictate the actions of the individual unless that individual's actions are an imminent threat to another individual. For example, the government cannot tell an individual what kind of firearm or weapon they own or possess, but that individual cannot use that firearm or weapon to harm another individual unless they are themselves in imminent danger or facing their immediate destruction. Likewise, the government cannot arbitrarily force individuals to alter their lifestyle under

suspect “collective” threats (e.g., “global warming”) where the individual in question does not express a tangible danger to another specific individual. Government regulations also cannot dismiss the entrepreneurial creativity of the individual by burdening their opportunities, controlling their private interests, or arbitrarily ceasing their productive actions. Government may elect to guide the individual, but it cannot demand anything of that individual.

*The Four Trustable:*

These are four categories through which we place great trust within our government and together they constitute thirty-percent (30%) of the candidate's overall score. Through election, we anticipate that our leaders will use sound judgment and act according to their indigenous constituencies.

- 1) *Taxation.* Taxes are unavoidable and pay for national defense and interstate highways. Having said that, we demand that our leaders do not unnecessarily burden the individual citizen by suffocating us with taxes to pay for things that are not of the utmost national security and prosperity. Taxes for healthcare, entitlements, schools, artistic displays, etc. are beyond the scope of national government and a hindrance to the development of free market enterprise. Taxes can be had for only those things from which all citizens benefit (the heretofore national defense and interstate highways, for example) and which are provided for within the U.S. Constitution (highways being a way of shattering barriers between individual states). For every dollar a taxpayer hands to the government, there must be at least one dollar's worth of return on the investment.
- 2) *Privacy.* Individual privacy is not guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, but we still trust that our federal and state governments do not invade our individuality without merit. Unless our direct actions have a direct affect on national security or the life of another human individual, then the government has no business knowing our business. We trust our leaders to keep these transgression to a minimum and hold them accountable whenever they act on our behalf.
- 3) *Honesty.* Nothing alienates an individual faster than being lied to. In government, it is not always obvious when the citizen is being told the truth or not so we individuals expect to trust our leaders in matters beyond our daily input. This does not mean that we cannot comprehend what is being done or that we are too stupid to come up with actionable decisions on our own. Representation simply means that we are too burdened with other chores to run

the country ourselves. Regardless, politicians are *our* employees and they represent *our* interest – not theirs. We may not need to know everything, but what we are told must be the Gospel truth.

- 4) *Accessibility*. Granted, few of us can expect our representatives to return every phone call or respond personally to every letter. We must, however, expect those paid for with our hard-earned money to equate with our existence. They should not be flying off to exotic locations that need passports to visit or partaking of meals few of us can pronounce. They serve us, not we them. In this regard, they must address our concerns, not merely dismiss us as living in “flyover country”. Furthermore, their lifestyles and hobbies should be of interest to us. If we hunt and fish, then so should they. If we are loyal to our spouses and children, then so should they be. If we hand them our money – through campaign contributions or income taxes – then they should treat that money as ours and not theirs. Lastly, we trust them to be individuals who represent individuals – not caretakers of special interest groups that are foreign to our individual interests.

*The Appreciable:*

Admittedly, what we would “appreciate” from our candidates and representatives in Washington are far too exhaustive to list here. For this reason, they can only earn twenty-percent (20%) of their total grade from this category. Herein are where you are allowed to analyze a candidate’s manner of speech, their dress, and how extensive their background is. Keeping in mind that Harry S. Truman never went to college and that Dwight Eisenhower was not a lawyer, our presidents need not be “Ivy-league Rhodes scholars”. They just must possess common sense and decency. They must represent a country that challenges the status quo, elevates the individual regardless of their background, and pistol-whips anyone who tries to harm us. In other words, we would appreciate it if they are *American* first and foremost.

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*"If I ever wrote a letter to myself, it probably would come back stamped 'Return to Sender.'" R.J. Godlewski*

**R**odney Dangerfield was not the only one who did not get any respect. Millions of average Americans are ridiculed for their beliefs and discarded by the elitists in power within government or the media. To their minds, we are simply too damn stupid for our own good and for this reason, they must ensure that the federal government assumes all responsibility for our actions and thoughts. Never mind that the most glamorous of progressive presidents cannot pronounce the word 'Corpsman' or speak without a teleprompter present. Forget mentioning that the president who campaigns for global warming is also the one who jet sets around aboard Air Force One the most. The progressives have deemed their actions superior to yours regardless if their consequences are inferior.

These are much the same conditions that faced the patriots at Valley Forge. Our nation is snowbound under the blizzard of progressivism. This "Storm of the Century" literally began a century ago and only now are most Americans waking up to the fact that "We're not in Kansas anymore!" In fact, we are not even in America anymore – not the America that millions have died defending through the centuries. The Progressives have won thus far because they actually *believe* what they think. Most of us are too busy managing our households, serving our neighbors, and working at legitimate jobs to pay attention to the fact that they are siphoning our very existence away from us. Until now.

As evident within the national tea party movements, Americans are finally realizing that the enemy hell-bent on our destruction lives within our midst. From badmouthing our reputation, bankrupting our nation through socialism, and eliminating our opportunities for individual success, the Progressives have orchestrated more damage to our soul than all the Islamic terrorists combined have. Their heroes and emulates include Woodrow Wilson, Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, George Bernard Shaw, Che Guevara, Fidel Castro, Mao Zedong, and Hugo Chavez – just to name but a few. Pick any of these and the resulting catastrophe remains the same. We do not need that here in America.

You are not alone in your march against these villains. You never were. Millions just like you are taking up their virtual arms against these traitors and we shall prevail. You must believe, you must commit, and you must never, *ever* retreat. The Progressives will unleash every weapon within their arsenal to defeat you. They will call you a bigot, a racist, a simpleton, a "blind follower of the GOP" (never minding that the Republicans are as bad sometimes as the Progressive Democrats), and when words fail, they will use

their sticks and stones of lawsuits, media attacks, and outright thuggery. They will use labor unions to silence you, attorneys to restrict you, and educators to indoctrinate you.

Fortunately, you have God and being 'right' on your side. Your thoughts and actions have withstood the ravages of time and prevailed. Before there were governments, there were individuals and it is this individualism that rests within your subconscious mind. Progressivism is the new breed – a new invention that has consistently failed over the years. The U.S. Constitution is the template for all great societies to emulate and its care is within your vote. Cast it wisely – and have faith in your fellow man!

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