

# Short Takes

## *The Next Elections*

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**Columnist Byron York**, in his Washington Examiner column of Jan 29, 2010, posited the idea that PBO might be getting bored with his job. An interesting take because York records the observations of earlier bosses, (notice I didn't say employers) of Obama's who had made similar observations. Is it possible that Obama, like a previous "Progressive" President, Woodrow Wilson, has allowed his worship of power to infect his judgment? It would appear so. Let's hope so!

Obama's State of the Union speech seems to have been a good indicator of just that when not only did he not pivot to a Center course, but arrogantly challenged the Republicans sitting before him, and America as well, to come around to his Progressive, 'what's best for America', way of thinking. Then, by invitation, he later spoke to the Republicans at their own "workshop" and did exactly the same thing. His speech came off as quite flat and definitely not uplifting. After his whining, finger wagging complaints that America apparently hadn't listened to him, or if they did, didn't understand him, he continues to push for passage of his already failed initiatives.

So, after one full year of absolutely no accomplishments, except of massive power grabs to move the federal government further away from its Constitutional guidelines, maybe Obama is getting bored. He signaled he was not changing course and, before the nation, challenged Republicans to offer their own solutions if they had any. Any ideas Republicans put forth were trashed as "failed ideas from the past". Well, okay! November is not that far away.

The Progressive theory of governing is, in a word, a "Nanny State" run by intellectual social scientists who knows best how to run peoples' lives. We've been there before, under Woodrow Wilson who took us to war and by FDR as well under the government created financial burden of economic depression. That was also followed by war.

November is fast approaching and, using a naval metaphor, three warning shots have already been fired across Obama's bow: Virginia, New Jersey and Massachusetts, and still he refuses 'to heave too and come about'. The Republican course is clear. To win, candidates must take the Conservative path and stand on the proven principles of limited government that Americans know best. Candidates must declare they will support and obey the Constitution and the rights enumerated therein; that they will reduce taxes and promote programs that create jobs outside of government; that they will support the proven institutions of faith and family, embrace traditional morality, and maintain Americas ability to defend itself from enemies foreign and domestic. Candidates must redefine the concepts of wealth redistribution and let us keep our own money and spend it the way we know best. Americans are generous. We know how to support our own. Go get'em! (31 Jan 10)