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## Short Takes - By George McClellan GOP, Wither Thou Goest?

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Just what did our founding fathers envision for our country when they threw off the shackles of King George III? They envisioned a constitutional government limited to defending our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That clearly means limited government, not intrusive government. Up to about a hundred years ago that noble function fell to the Democrat party, the party of slavery, the Klu Klux Klan, the status quo and who stood as staunch foes of civil rights. In the early 20th century the Republicans became the defenders of the Constitution and the Democrats continued as the opposers right up through Governors Fabus and Wallace.

Today, Democrats hate capitalism, free trade and apparently, the law of contracts, the Constitution be damned. Previous Democratic leaders allowed our colleges and universities to become bastions of the quashing of free speech; supported the killing of infants as righteous, and they have become opponents to waging war in Americas national interests while ushering in, under the guise of saving the earth, a socialized one world government. Under current Democrat leadership their goal is almost realized.

But, what has happened to the GOP and its once necessary role of balancing the competing ideas of Capitalism and Americanism with the failed policies of Socialism? Clearly, in the past few years, the GOP has abandoned the principles introduced by Goldwater and made manifest by Ronald Reagan. Under the ridiculous principle of "Compassionate Conservatism", the GOP morphed into Democrat Light. Our national leadership was taken over by "Moderates" whose only policy was to offer slight alterations to Democrat policies. The GOP completed its journey down this path with its Medicare prescription drug benefit program, designed simply to keep votes. It hasn't work! The GOP replaced the concept of "liberty" with the concept of "growth". Who pays for growth? Why, we do! Where do the funds for these life saving programs come from? Why, the tax payers of course. In an previous article I spoke of the 'fifth columnist' among us. Let's forget the Muslims for a moment and focus on the Republican "moderates".

The disastrous two terms of the Bush administration pointed the way. These people are simply Socialist light, Democrats in sheep's clothing, posing as conservatives but helping to lead America into a socialized one world government. They are the neoconservatives, the same ones who lead us into the desert behind the insipid leadership of John McCain. McCain is now attacking the Democrats like a true conservative but where was he when he was our Presidential candidate? Nowhere! What we see coming from John McCain now, is simply a lame attempt to save his miserable hide from the wrath of his Arizona voters. McCain, et.al. are, in fact, advocates of big government. Silly programs like "No child left behind" only reflect the GOP and socialists, hand-in-hand, attempt to nationalize American education. One Neocon, David Brooks, wrote: "Ultimately American purpose can find its voice only in Washington" and he wrote that "individual ambition and will power are channeled into the cause of national greatness". We've got to throw the whole lot out and elect real American conservatives. Go get 'em! (22 Dec 09)