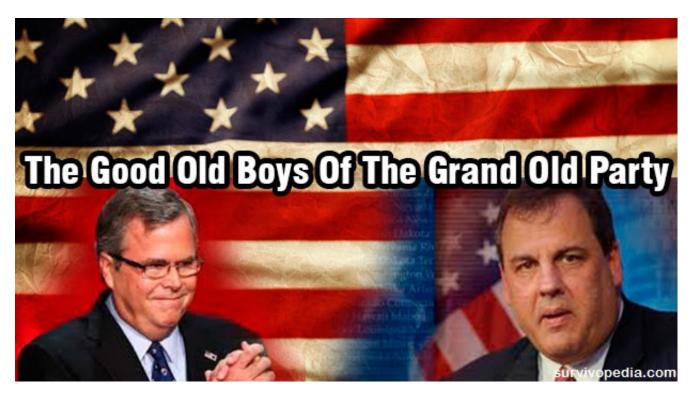


The Good Old Boys Of The Grand Old Party

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The <u>2014 midterm election</u> should have sent a very clear message to the political class in Washington. The American people are not happy with the way things are going and want a true change; not the "hope and change" hype that Obama got elected on, but change that makes is centered around the American people and what they want, not centered around what those who think they are our political masters want.

Obama made it very clear that he missed the message of the midterm elections in his speech the next day. He said that he heard the message of the voters, as well as the message of those who didn't vote. The clear implication was that he heard the message of those who didn't vote much clearer than those who did and that he was convinced that those non-voters agreed with him.

According to surveys, at least 60 percent of the American people oppose Obama's amnesty plan, yet he went ahead and made the executive order. But he's not the only one ignoring the American people. The CRomnibus spending bill that was just passed by the House shows that at least Speaker John Boehner isn't listening to the people. It funds the same executive action by Obama, at least until March.

{adinserter bph}Boehner's response is that he's the victim; that he can't do anything to stop it, because until January 1st, the Senate is still controlled by the Democrats. While there may be some validity to his argument, one has to wonder if Boehner is so used to caving in to the Democrats, that he's going to continue doing so.

Ever since the election results came in, Democrats from the president down have been trying to tell the new Republican Congress how they have to do things. That was bad enough when they were in the majority, but now that they've lost that majority, what makes them think they have a right to



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dictate anything?

Nevertheless, while many of the rank and file Republican members of Congress may be wanting to make some major changes in the coming year, it's not so clear that the leadership does.

Having John Boehner as the Speaker of the House and Mitch McConnell as the Senate Majority Leader doesn't look like it's going to work out all that good for the American people. Those two are all too ready to go along with what the liberal Democrats want, rather than standing their ground and actually listening to the people.

Surveys also show that the voter base is shifting to become more conservative. Even strong Democrat bastions, such as women and blacks are bailing out on the Democrats, seeing that their policies don't help. People are waking up to the reality that giving them handouts isn't helping them. Not all of them are waking up, but enough to make a difference.

With the move of the population towards conservatism, it would naturally be expected to see that the new Republican Congress would make the same shift, especially since many of them were voted in due to that shift. But their early actions don't seem to show that.

The problem lies in the Republican Good Ol' Boys Club. These politicians are all too interested in compromising with Democrats, rather than stand for what they say that their party believes in.

Granted, the political process in this country is supposed to rely on compromise; but for the last six years, all of the compromising has been done by the good ol' boys, and none has been done by the other side of the aisle. Obama's idea of negotiations is "you do what I say."

These same good ol' boys are already planning and scheming to shortcut the political process and stab every conservative in the back for the 2016 Presidential Elections. They want to put forth a "moderate" candidate (read RINO), and get them selected before the campaigning even starts. It almost sounds like they are trying to avoid a convention and pick the candidate themselves.

Every time that the Republicans have put forth a moderate candidate, they've lost. That should tell them something. I mean, they must keep statistics on that stuff. So, if they always lose when they put forth a moderate candidate, why in the world would they want to?

If Jeb Bush or Chris Christie ends up becoming the Republican candidate for president in 2016, you can pretty much count on seeing Hillary Clinton as the next president. Hillary is incompetent, but she's popular. She's also much clearer on what she stands for.

While that's nothing that any conservative would like, it's something that the liberals like. She also has a big gun she can use, the economic success of the country under her husband's presidency. All she has to do is invoke that, and she'll have people lining up to vote for her.

So, while the Republican Party does have some great men and women who stand for the people, like Ted Cruz and Trey Gowdy, the "establishment" Republican Party doesn't. Apparently, all they stand for is taking care of themselves and for some crazy reason, they think that kowtowing to the Democrats is the way to do it.

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