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Andrew McCarthy: Injustice at DOJ

By Roger Aronoff

Andy McCarthy is one of two people who we asked to speak twice at our September AIM conference, ObamaNation: A Day of Truth.” As a former Federal prosecutor, as well as a prolific author and journalist, McCarthy has had a lot to say on many of the most pressing issues of the day. We have been impressed with his keen analysis of matters ranging from the Muslim Brotherhood and Arab Spring, to the Obama Justice Department (DOJ)—from its decisions on terrorist cases such as where and how to try Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, to the administration’s use and abuse of executive powers, to Obamacare, and the general politicization of DOJ.

McCarthy has been associated with National Review and the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, and is well known as the person who successfully prosecuted the Blind Sheikh, Omar Abdel Rahman, who was behind the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993, The following is a slightly edited transcript of his talk, titled, “Holder’s Department of Injustice:”

It’s probably not a break for anyone else in the country, to talk about this Justice Department, but I’ve actually spent the last week or so talking about a new book, as Roger mentioned. I don’t know how you—I wasn’t able to orchestrate this sort of stuff when I was a prosecutor, believe me, but somehow, right as the book about the Arab Spring—so-called—came out, the Arab Spring myth started to explode, and my famous former defendant the Blind Sheikh [Omar Abdel Rahman] was once again in the news. I kind of feel that this happens every five years or so—you know, he does something crazy, including issuing the *fatwa* that approved the 9/11 attacks, from his American jail cell, as bin Laden credited after 9/11. But he does pop up this way now and again, so I sort of feel like, I guess, the Rolling Stones—have a farewell tour every five years or so, coming around for the last time, I always think we’ve had it with the Blind Sheikh, and then he pops up yet again. He has popped up in connection with the Justice Department, which I do want to spend a couple of minutes speaking about this morning,

You know, if you wanted to catalogue everything that’s been



Andrew McCarthy

wrong with this Justice Department, you’d have to give me a lot longer than just a couple of minutes. I actually wrote a pamphlet for Encounter Books—I think it was in late 2009, early 2010—claiming that the [Barack] Obama administration had pervasively politicized justice. That was, I think, less than a year into the administration, and the record, at that time, was already outrageous enough that it was worthy of at least a pamphlet, if not something more than that. That seems so bygone now, with what we’ve seen in the last several years, that you almost can’t remember it, even though it had the country pretty hopping mad at the time—particularly the effort to give Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, a trial in civilian court rather than a military commission. But the last three years have, as I said, just sort of made that seem almost hard to remember—that’s how bad the record has been. As a result, I think the best way to try to talk about the Justice Department, from a sort of a 10,000-foot overview level, is to try to do it thematically, because if we ticked it off scandal by scandal by scandal we could be here until next week.

So I want to hark back to the 2008 campaign, because it’s important to remember what the role of the federal criminal justice system was in the campaign. If you remember, there were

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The speech by **Pat Caddell**, “**The Audacity of Corruption**,” given at **AIM’s September 21st conference**, “**ObamaNation: A Day of Truth**,” was viewed more than 100,000 times in the first week after we released the video.

Caddell’s speech was also picked up by **Fox News, The New York Post, Real Clear Politics, The Drudge Report and the Rush Limbaugh show**, and a number of leading blogs, including **Ace of Spades, Hot Air, Lucianne.com, and Instapundit**.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) recently spent close to two hours at the **AIM** headquarters to do a story on media watchdogs, with **AIM** as the primary example.

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Editor’s Message



Dear Fellow Media Watchdogs:

This issue is the second in a series of AIM Reports documenting our “**ObamaNation: A Day of Truth**” conference. This was Andy McCarthy’s critique of the Obama Justice Department under Attorney General Eric Holder.

This has become a very serious problem, in that the Justice Department has been politicized in ways that have never occurred before. As McCarthy told the audience, “If you have a situation where the Justice Department is using politics in the actual enforcement of the law, then you don’t have the rule of law anymore, and you don’t have equal protection under the law anymore.”

When I watched the September 30th “60 Minutes” on CBS, I was stunned to see a report by Lara Logan, called “The Longest War,” that seemed harshly critical of the Obama administration’s policies in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Having been in this business for a long time, I watch “60 Minutes” with the general expectation that if there is a political tilt to a story, it is going to make the Democrats, or the Left, look good, or conversely, make the conservatives or Republicans look corrupt, or inept, or misguided in some way. While Logan’s critique of what was going on there seemed on target, there was absolutely no mention of President Obama or Secretary of State Hillary Clinton by name. There were three interviews: Gen. John Allen, the top military man in Afghanistan, President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, and an unnamed Taliban commander whose face was obscured as a condition for giving the interview.

The thrust of the story was that things are not getting better in Afghanistan, and that, as Karzai said, “If terrorism means violence against civilians, if terrorism means violence against our allies, it has increased. It has not abated. It has not gone away.” While Gen. Allen didn’t agree that things are as dire as Karzai believes, he did agree with him, according to Logan, that “there’s no peace process at all with the Taliban, and that Pakistan is the problem,” and that “Enemy fighters from the Afghan battlefield have enjoyed freedom and sanctuary on Pakistani soil since the beginning of the war.”

If Logan’s message was still unclear after that report, she left no doubt what she thinks of the “narrative coming out of Washington for the last two years.” In a speech in Chicago to some 1,100 “influentials” at a Better Government Association luncheon, Logan said, “Eleven years later, ‘they’ [the Taliban] still hate us, now more than ever... The Taliban and al-Qaida have not been vanquished. They’re coming back.” She said, “I chose this subject because, one, I can’t stand, that there is a major lie being propagated... The lie is that America’s military might has tamed the Taliban.” Logan said that the notion that there is a moderate, kinder, gentler faction of the Taliban is “such nonsense!” Logan is the latest member of the media to have finally had enough of the Obama administration lies being perpetrated to help get him reelected as President. •

For Accuracy in Media

Roger Aronoff

Your Letters

Dear Editor:

Thank you Accuracy in Media and Thank you Katie Pavlich [Katie Pavlich on Obama’s Lies and Cover-up of Fast and Furious], for giving the American public an objective and honest report; it’s so refreshing after all the lies and deceptions we have been getting from Obama & his corrupt administration.

Carlos

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two big criticisms of by the Left. One was that the [George W.] Bush administration had been a major departure from the rule of law, and the other was that the Bush administration had “politicized justice.” You remember, that was the rationale for driving Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, basically, out of his position—the claim that the Justice Department had now begun to take political affiliations and political stands into its actual law enforcement decisions. Looking back at that campaign now, four years later, it just seems like what I thought at the time has been proved to be true, which is that if they’re moving their lips, they’re projecting—because what we have seen in four years is just the most outrageous overrunning of both the rule of law, and the most thoroughgoing politicization of law enforcement that you can imagine.

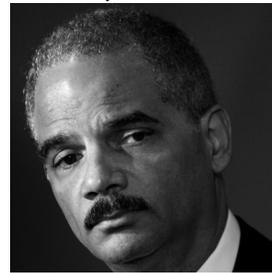
Politicizing Law Enforcement

Thematically, I think, on the question of the rule of law, it’s important, when we talk about that, to think about what the rule of law has to do with our society. In a free society, the idea behind the rule of law is the preservation of ordered liberty. In other words, we are a society that is controlled by our traditions and our culture, and the law is what we have—that protection that we have that undergirds us, that allows us to conduct our affairs in a way that enables us to run or to have flourishing lives and flourishing businesses.

The Obama administration’s idea of the rule of law is a little bit different than that—actually, it’s drastically different from that. Their idea of the rule of law is to socialize the society—and I don’t mean “socialize” in the sense of “socialism,” I’m not making an economic argument here. I’m making an argument that the law, in their view, is kind of the lasso that pulls the benighted society along in the direction that they want to take it in. One of the things I think you need to understand about the ideologues who are in the Obama Justice Department—and they are legion—is that they absolutely believe in what they are doing. They don’t think that they are doing anything corrupt: They are on a mission to bring the society in a certain direction, and they are using the levers of power in order to accomplish that mission. That’s their essential idea of what the rule of law is: The law as a tool, rather than a protection for our society.

The other thing to bear in mind is politics and justice. We always say that we don’t want the Justice Department to be “politicized,” we don’t want law enforcement to be “politicized.” That’s right, but it’s also important to remember that there’s little in our domestic politics that’s more important, in terms of political accountability, than how law enforcement is conducted. When we say we don’t want the Justice Department to be “politicized,” we don’t want law enforcement to be “politicized,” what we mean is, political consideration should not have any bearing whatsoever on how individual cases are run. That, really, is the way that most U.S. attorneys’ offices work.

I’m a pretty opinionated conservative. I was in the U.S. Attorney’s office in New York for almost twenty years. Most of my colleagues were left-of-center, as you would expect from reams of lawyers in New York. Some were not—some were extremely on the Left. I can’t remember a



single case, in 20 years, where that made any difference, because if law enforcement is being done right, the only

politicizing that goes on—the only politics that is brought to bear on it—is the choice of what the enforcement priorities are going to be. So, for example, the Bush administration prioritized national security, which made sense, because that was the threat environment that we were in at the time. The Clinton administration prioritized other things, like Medicare fraud and the like, so they would move resources out of things that the prior Reagan administration and the prior Bush (41) administration had prioritized; they had their own set of priorities. That’s fine, but that’s something we need to be politically accountable about. So when we talk about politics in justice, that’s the proper politics in justice.

What we’re seeing in this administration, instead, is not only an out-of-whack choice about what their priorities ought to be, but the actual use of political philosophy in deciding who gets prosecuted, and how cases get conducted—and that, for somebody who’s been inside the Justice Department, is an unbelievable thing. For those who are outside the Justice De-

partment, watching, it’s an intolerable thing—and it ought to be a reason why we take that into account when we vote in November. If you have a situation where the Justice Department is using politics in the actual enforcement of the law, then you don’t have the rule of law anymore, and you don’t have equal protection under the law anymore.

How DOJ Works With Media Matters

John Fund mentioned the Media Matters fiasco that came out in the last week. I’m proud to say that I’m one of the people who Media Matters apparently follows around—Hi, guys, good to see you out there today! But, you know, I think, particularly, the Media Matters piece is small potatoes compared to the more thoroughgoing issues that we need to discuss. Of course it’s outrageous that the Justice Department essentially has an outside group, Media Matters, that it is using as an adjunct of the press office to go after its critics. I don’t mean to be a babe in the woods—I don’t mean to suggest that prosecutors never try to spin the media. You know, I was around a long time: I know that happens. But there’s a difference here: Essentially, when the government talks, particularly in a law enforcement context, we should not speak until we’re ready to speak in the courtroom, and all the speaking that gets done is supposed to be about cases that already have allegations made in them, that are a matter of the public record—and in those instances I think it’s not only appropriate, it’s often necessary for the government to speak publicly, because it’s important for the public to understand what it is that the Justice Dept. is doing, particularly in cases that it’s bringing in the public’s name.

If those things are being misrepresented, whether by defense lawyers or by people who have them wrong in the media, it’s important to correct that. But what the Justice Department is doing with Media Matters is not trying to spin matters that are about cases that are on the public record; what they’re instead doing is trying to control the public debate. They’re trying to control the court of public opinion, not what goes on in our own courts—and that’s just unacceptable, and it ought to be unacceptable to people.

Undermining Constitutional Order

I want to talk, in the couple of minutes

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I have, about four particular areas where I think the Justice Department has really undermined the bedrocks of our Constitutional order, and what ought to be both frightening to people and ought to galvanize them in terms of the decisions that have to be made in the months ahead.

1) Equal Protection Under The Law

Probably the most important thing is equal protection of the law. That is one of the bedrocks, not only of our Constitutional system, it's one of the things that the Justice Department is in place in order to safeguard. That's why we have civil rights laws, that's why we have a federal law enforcement role in the first place—to make sure that all of the citizens are treated equally, and regarded equally before the courts of the United States. In the New Black Panther Party case—the outrageous parts of it are already well known, this was a very obvious voter intimidation case where the Justice Department actually had the case won, the defendants had defaulted, the judge was just waiting to enter judgment in favor of the United States—the Holder Justice Department, evidently under pressure from interest groups, actually went in and pulled defeat out of the jaws of victory, actually dismissed the



case, even though the government already had the case won. That was pretty astounding to anybody who has been in the Justice Department, or watched the Justice Department for any length of time, for them to be on the precipice of winning a case and pulling back.

But what was more outrageous, and what really ought to upset people a lot more than that, is the fact that we learned [about it] from some of the whistleblowers that John Fund was talking about this morning: We learned that the Justice Department actually has a racially discriminatory philosophy in the enforcement of the civil rights laws. Now think about how perverse that is: The civil rights laws are the thing that are in place to guarantee the equality of citizens across the board. The Justice Department, as a matter of philosophy, believes that if an offender is a minority group—particularly African-American—and the victims of the

civil rights violation are not members of a minority group—and, particularly, Caucasian—they do not believe civil rights charges should be brought in those cases. Now, there's utterly nothing in the statutes themselves that say that. As a matter of philosophy, however, this Justice Department takes the position that the civil rights statutes are sort of the province of African-Americans, and they can't be used against them at any time. That's just wrong. It's not a "Justice Department" if you are enforcing the law in a way that creates multiple classes of citizens, and that's what this enforcement practice does.

2) States' Rights / Federalism

Then there's federalism. That's the second thing—states' rights. If the states cannot defend themselves, they're not sovereign anymore. That's a pretty basic element that is, really, sort of essential to the foundation of our country: If it had been thought that the states were surrendering their sovereignty, there would not be a United States of America. In fact, we went along for almost a century without a Justice Department, and for most of that time the Attorney General was seen to be a sort of a legal advisor to the President who did not have a wide-ranging role in law enforcement.

The reason for that is, when the debates over the Constitution were taking place, whether it was to be adopted, the assumption was—and the commitment, was from the federalists—that the internal matters of the security of the states would be controlled by the states, they would continue to maintain their own law enforcement systems, and there wouldn't be a federal law enforcement role. So that's something that we began to part from about a century after the Constitution started, but what we're now seeing is something that's not only an evolution of that, but, actually, a complete reversal of the underlying assumptions that our country was based on: The Justice Department sued Arizona in the immigration case, notwithstanding the fact that the Arizona law that was at issue actually involved bolstering federal law enforcement. In other words, what the Arizona statute allowed the police, and other law enforcement actors in Arizona, to do was enforce the federal law, as a kind of a backstop to the Justice Department. This was not a case where state law was actually colliding with federal law—they

were actually totally in harmony, which is the sort of the case where what's called the "Preemption Doctrine" should have no role whatsoever, because it can only be "preemption" when the laws are actually colliding with each other.

The Justice Department took the position that a state now not only has to be consistent with federal law—which would have been a shocking doctrine as far as the Founders are concerned—but they now have to be consistent with federal policy, meaning, to say, Executive Branch policy. So, for example, if the immigration laws maintain one thing, but the Executive Branch says, "Well, we're not going to enforce the immigration laws—which they can do, prosecutorial discretion has been a part of our law from the beginning—if the President says, "I'm not going to enforce the immigration laws," the states now are preempted, even if their laws completely are harmonious with the federal laws.

So basically they're being told now that they not only don't have the sovereign right to make laws that conflict with Congress, they actually, even if they do take that step, no longer have sovereign power if the federal administration that's in power decides that it's not going to enforce the laws. And again, if the states cannot defend themselves, they're not sovereign; if they're not sovereign, then the agreement that was the basis for the adoption of the Constitution is no more.

3) National Security

Security is the third thing. From the beginning, the administration has undermined the Bush approach to counterterrorism. During the '90s we tried the approach of having counterterrorism mainly be a courtroom issue, and from the time the World Trade Center was bombed in 1993, up until the 9/11 attack, that eight-year period, we basically treated this as if it were a crime, or a crime wave, rather than a war—and what ended up happening was we were repeatedly, we were repeatedly attacked, and the attacks got more serious over time.

When the Bush administration came in—and especially after the 9/11 attacks—they decided that that approach was a failure, and that what we needed to do was treat a war like a war, and invoke the laws of war. Now, the people who are now running the Obama administration, when they were academics and private lawyers

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who were criticizing the Bush administration, during the Bush years, took the position that what Bush was trying to do was inconsistent with the rule of law.

In point of fact, the law of war—which allows us to detain enemy combatants until the conclusion of hostilities, and allows us to try by military commission, not in a civilian court, enemy combatants who commit war crimes—has been the law of the United States in wartime from the beginning. The aberration begins in about 2004, when the courts begin to get themselves involved in warfare and the handling of enemy prisoners, which is unprecedented in the history of the country—and as we’ve seen, in the last four years, we’ve had almost no military commissions, we’ve had attempts to bring enemy combatants into New York and other jurisdictions, other civilian jurisdictions, in the country for trial. It is an undermining of our war footing.

4) Freedom Of Expression

I have one other thing to say—Free expression. This is a story that’s gotten almost no coverage, it’s mostly a State Department story, but it’s important that you know about it. The administration has been working with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation since the very beginning, since 2009, on resolutions which are designed to impose, over our First Amendment free expression rights, the repressive

sharia standards of speech. That began with the State Department joining with some Islamist governments—including Mubarak’s Egypt, back at the time; Egypt under Mubarak still had a *sharia* constitution even if Mubarak didn’t bother with it himself too often—joining with Egypt

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and other Islamist governments in 2009 to propose a resolution that would call on states to use their power either to prosecute, or make illegal, speech which cast Islam in a bad light. They did it under the heading of “defamation of religion.”

That’s something that has picked up pace over the years, to the point where, in 2011, the United States actually hosted the OIC’s conference on religious intolerance, and tried to settle on a standard that would make it illegal not only to incite violence—which is, by the way, already a crime, you don’t need a resolution for that—but also make it a crime, or at least make it illegal—not necessarily a criminal offense—speech that incited either discrimination or hostility to religion

The obvious intent of this is to make any critical examination of Islam, or Islamist

ideology, illegal, and at least to press or discourage anybody who would engage in that. It leaves us defenseless in about every way that you can think of that’s important, because it’s not only what the laws say—there is the ethos that is created by the law. We’ve been through this again and again in the Justice Dept. We were through it in the ’90s when we had intelligence walls up, where the criminal side of the house couldn’t talk to the intelligence side of the house. What you eventually get is a sense, throughout law enforcement, that cooperation or communication is discouraged, and nobody tells anybody anything, and the country is terribly vulnerable.

It’s happening again with speech: They’re purging our intelligence files of—they say they’re purging it of information that is “defamatory of Islam.” Back when I was a prosecutor in the ’90s, we used to call it “evidence.” So it’s obviously a different perspective, but they are creating a culture within the Justice Department. that basically says, if you’re looking for the ideology that animates the enemy, you’re basically violating their view of the Constitution, which is a warped view of the Constitution. The important thing about it is, you can’t protect the country with blindfolds on, and you can’t protect the country by ignoring the enemy’s threat doctrine. I can’t imagine anything that would make it more likely that we’d see terrorist attacks in America again. •

Anti-Obama Protesters Arrested for Praying

By Cliff Kincaid



Just before the first presidential debate, pro-lifers are speaking out on the critical issue of religious liberty and getting arrested as part of a new strategy of active “resistance” to the Obama Administration’s pro-abortion and pro-homosexual policies.

Speaking at a “Stand Up for Religious Freedom” rally in Washington, D.C.,

Catholic Priest Marcel Guarnizo urged the Catholic hierarchy to take the fight to the Obama Administration and publicly denounce Catholic politicians who promote abortion and homosexual marriage. He singled out Obama’s Department of Health and Human Services HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley for criticism.

He spoke in front of a “Real health care protects life” banner.

The rally is part of a national series of events being held in over 105 cities across the nation to speak out against the Obama Administration’s order or “mandate” from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that all employers, including religious institutions, provide birth control and abortion-related services.

The mandate’s narrow “religious exemp-

tion” would not apply to religious schools, hospitals and charities.

In an attempt to attract major media attention, some speakers and demonstrators were arrested in front of the White House in symbolic defiance of the HHS Mandate. It is legal to demonstrate as long as one continues to move but it is illegal to stop, kneel, and pray. “Dozens of people have already been arrested over the weekend for kneeling and praying in front of the White House,” noted World Net Daily.

Lila Rose, who has become famous for sponsoring undercover investigative journalism videos exposing the illegal practices of the abortion industry, was a featured speaker at the Sunday event, held in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House.

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Rose, president and founder of the pro-life group Live Action, said that the HHS mandate is ultimately designed to provide more taxpayer dollars for the abortion industry.

Her latest “Gendercide” videos at the www.LiveAction.org site expose sex-selection abortions in America, in violation of the law. “We use new media to educate the public about the humanity of the unborn and investigative journalism to expose threats against the vulnerable and defenseless,” her site says.

Kristina Garza, campus outreach director of Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, also spoke, saying that America has traditionally been a place where people go to escape religious persecution but that the persecution has now come to America itself. “We cannot let this country get to the point that we have to hide the fact that we are Christians,” she said.

She added, “If we are the country where

people historically run to for freedom, and our freedom is being revoked, where is our hope?”

Fr. Marcel Guarnizo told the rally that the HHS mandate is really about abortion. “They want to make abortion the national way of the United States and make you pay for it,” he said.

“There’s way too much silence even in the Catholic Church,” he said, adding that “We need a strategy for resistance.” He said he has urged Catholic leaders to consider new ways to counter what the Obama Administration is doing.

He also apologized for what some self-proclaimed Catholics have done, such as Obama’s HHS secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley, who legalized homosexual marriage. “I would like to say as a Catholic that I am ashamed and sorry that we put society through this grief, that we did not teach them and have not corrected them. But

these people use the Catholic name for political reasons. And we have to start making distinctions as shepherds.”

He added, “Our issue is not that people sin. Our issue is with people who are sinning willfully, knowingly, and making it public policy. Those people need to be castigated publicly by the shepherds of the church.”

Other speakers include Rev. Patrick J. Mahoney, Director of the Christian Defense Coalition; Father Frank Pavone, the National Director of Priests for Life; Brandi Swindell, founder and President of Stanton Healthcare; Rev. Rob Schenck, President of The National Clergy Council; Rev. Bryan Fischer, Director of Issues Analysis for the American Family Association; and Bryan Kemper, National Youth Director for Priests for Life. •

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Chris Matthews Not Thrilled With Obama Debate Performance

By Don Irvine



MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, who four years ago famously said that he felt a thrill running up his leg, was completely baffled by Obama’s performance at the first presidential debate on October 3rd.

Earlier in the evening, on his show *Hardball*, Matthews was optimistic that Obama would do just fine against a “robotic” Mitt Romney. But as the debate unfolded it was Obama who fell flat, leading Matthews to uncharacteristically lash out at Obama during the post-debate discussion on MSNBC.

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“I don’t know what he was doing out there, he had his head down, he was enduring the debate rather than fighting it.

“Romney, on the other hand, had a campaign, he had a plan. He was going to dominate the time, he was going to be aggressive,”

Matthews also couldn’t figure out how Obama just “let Romney get away with the crap he threw out tonight on Social

Security,” throwing out numbers that he thinks Obama should have used to counter Romney.

Then Matthews asked the burning questions of the night:

“Where was Obama tonight? What was he doing tonight? He went in there disarmed. He was like, I’ll wait an hour and a half, and I can get through this thing.”

Matthews said that while Obama was seemingly disengaged, Romney pounced, going after Obama and as a result won the debate.

He added another sour note to the evening for Democrats by telling Ed Schultz that if he does five more of these nights, “forget it,” referring to Obama’s reelection chances. •

Biden is Right—Middle Class Has Been “Buried the Last Four Years”

By Don Irvine



During a campaign speech in Charlotte, NC Vice President Joe Biden told supporters that the middle class has

been “buried” during the last four years:

“This is deadly earnest. How they can justify raising taxes on a middle class that

has been buried the last four years? How in Lord’s name can they justify raising their taxes with these tax cuts?”

And who was in charge of the economy the last four years? After realizing his mistake, Biden tried to clarify his remarks by saying that Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan would hurt middle class voters. There is a lot of truth to what Biden said, even if it wasn’t what he intended to say.

Since June 2009, the last month of the recession, median household income has fallen from \$53,718 to \$50,678. There are now a record 46 million Americans on food stamps, up 44 percent since January 2009. Liberals claim this increase is good for the economy as it circulates \$1.73 back into the economy for every food stamp dollar spent. The media has labeled this as just another Biden gaffe, but in reality it was an inconvenient truth of the true economic record of the Obama administration. •

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