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Men of '47 & '48,

As a "Friendly" IRS invites us to share our depleted IRA/401-Ks and net worth – let us remember our first paychecks in the late 40's and give a little "Thanks" for the last 60 years.

Wabash is still a vital Liberal Arts factor. Comps are done and the Class of '09 is anticipating their future. The endowment is "Hurt" – but as we hope for all of us (If we live so long!!) maybe recovery will occur.

We, who survived the Depression, WWII, Korea, and some ups and downs in our careers and life itself, are losing our classmates, friends, and relatives. To hail their remembrances we in Σ X say "All Honor to Their Names."

In recent times we have had a chance to hear from, or talk to –

Dick Chapin	Loehr Clark
Bill Eby	Dave Atchley
Dick Howland (deceased 11/08)	Bill Crane
Pemo Plakos (Phoenix)	Bob Firks
Grant Westbrook (DPU Game '08)	Hugh Lineweaver
Wade Adams	Jim Novak
Adm. Bill Thomson	Ben Sickler
Capt. George Ryon	Rufus LaRue
Don Korb	Jack Spangler
Alan Gary (deceased 07/07)	Jack Frank
Jim Tarvin	Gene Hiatt
Bob Chapman	Jack Erffmeyer
Bob Branson	Chet Francis
Jim Allerdice	(Senior Moments make me forget any others)

As Twilight draws nigh – Let us cherish our college days, V-12 and know – WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!!!

God Bless

Dutch

FRANKSHAFI

POLITICS HAS BECOME SUCH A DIRTY BUSINESS THESE DAYS...



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THAT I SOMETIMES WONDER WHY ANYONE WOULD GO INTO IT.



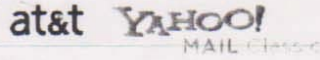
BATIUK & AYERS

By Tom Batiuk and Chuck Ayers

APPARENTLY THEY ENJOY THE SLIMELIGHT!



Enclosed is a practical “Poly – Sci” article as probably Ted Gronert would agree upon. Pass on to family and others.



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545 vs. 300,000,000 (A Lesson On How The System Works)

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From: "Pat Cathcart" <npcathcart@sbcglobal.net>
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545 vs 300,000,000 (A Lesson On How The System Works)

Very interesting read - and very true.....

EVERY CITIZEN NEEDS TO READ THIS AND THINK ABOUT WHAT THIS JOURNALIST HAS SCRIPTED IN THIS MESSAGE. READ IT AND THEN REALLY THINK ABOUT OUR CURRENT POLITICAL DEBACLE.

Charley Reese has been a journalist for 49 years.

545 PEOPLE

By Charlie Reese

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, **WHY** do we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, **WHY** do we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does.

You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does.

You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does.

You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does.

You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court justices 545 human beings out of the 300 million are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash.

The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No

normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and

criticized the President for creating deficits. The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? Nancy Pelosi. She is the leader of the majority party.

She and fellow House members, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million can not replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair.

If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red .

If the Army & Marines are in IRAQ , it's because they want them in IRAQ

If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want it that way.

There are no insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power. Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible.

They, and they alone, have the power.

They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses.

Provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees.

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

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What you do with this article now that you have read it..... Is up to you.

