

LETTERS

John McCain and the New Hampshire Rebellion

To the editor:

Some issues are a shoe-in for full public support ... tax reform, fighting against police brutality and child abuse, and yes ... campaign finance reform. So when I read Dick Pollock's "The Occasional Need to Rebel" I was all-in.

I went to the website featured in the article: NHrebellion.org with much hope. I applaud their goals and activism.

I was, however, puzzled and disappointed to see none other than Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) featured on the website.

As always knowledge is power and there is plenty about this "marriage" to leave one scratching their head as to John McCain's eligibility here ... in fact it looks more like a case of "damaged goods."

Believing in John McCain's sincerity at wooing New Hampshire voters in support of campaign reform is sort of like believing the National Security Agency will advocate for our rights to privacy.

John McCain is a long time Washington insider his campaign was fined \$80,000 by the FEC for accepting illegal contributions, but don't take my word for it ... all those nitty gritty details are a matter of public record.

But here it is ... he broke the law. Hello? What's wrong with this picture? The arrogance here is astonishing ... too big to fail? Above the law? Or "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, it will be believed," the motto of our rogue government and the current Obama regime. McCain

and his insider cronies are all part of the problem just a different mask on the same face!

We also have plenty of reasons to question his record which has been fully researched and thoughtfully exposed in an article by Phillip Giraldi, "John Mc Cain: War Hero or Something Less?" (2013).

Members of his own party recently censured him for voting in favor of "legislation best associated with Liberal Democrats, such as Amnesty, funding for Obamacare, raising the debt ceiling, (remember: "raising the debt ceiling doesn't increase our debt" ... talk about a big lie!) as well as assaults on the Constitution and the Second Amendment." Really?

I don't know about you, but I smell a rat here. If that doesn't reek of corruption and influence peddling then I must be living on another planet.

Judicialwatch.org is a great place to research and weigh in on government corruption issues which are either ignored or under-reported by the mainstream corporate media, just one of many ways to rebel.

We need to carefully scrutinize what is being positioned when someone like John McCain appears on the scene.

What is the potential objective? In this case, piggybacking on the intense feelings we have regarding criminal government corruption for political gain. Yawn ... what else is new?

I for one am not having it. Be awake, aware and involved!

Judy Sharp
Granite

We should grant more temporary H-2A work visas

To the editor:

At the base of the Statue of Liberty there is a poem by Emma Lazarus:

"...Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,

I lift my lamp beside the Golden Door!"

As of January 2011, the Department of Homeland Security estimated that about 11.5 million unauthorized immigrants were living in the United States — a number unchanged since 2007, "due to high unemployment, improved economic conditions in Mexico and aggressive law enforcement." Of these illegals, 59 percent were from Mexico. Under Obama net illegal immigration is zero, but credit really goes to the Bush Recession!

Politicians are starting to discuss "our broken immigration system." As long as wages for construction and agricultural workers in California and Texas are higher than in Mexico there are workers who will brave the illegal crossings. Hell, our ancestors braved far worse! Many of these workers would prefer to come to the United States to work temporarily during the harvest and then return, richer, to Mexico, but there is a limit to H-2A temporary agricultural visas. The employers don't like these visas because they would have to pay minimum wage and lose control of their workers. The fine for employers

hiring illegals is about \$2,000 and up to six months in jail, although it is rarely enforced.

A recent study showed that most illegal workers pay more in payroll taxes than they receive in benefits, and they are mostly in the healthy 26-34 age group. I have seen them bent over picking crops in Salinas, California and living in shacks or tents. They work hard for little pay.

Republicans in the Congress want "to make sure the border is secured first." This is illusory! Almost 40 percent of illegals fly in or cross legally and overstay their visas. A 12-foot wall can be defeated by a tunnel or a 13-foot ladder. Australia has a formidable ocean border and yet is dealing with boatloads of immigrants. Canada has an estimated 500,000 illegals — this is about 50 percent of our illegal population by percentage and they don't have the agricultural jobs.

Obviously, illegal immigrants come here for work. We should grant more temporary H-2A visas backed by a biometric identity card, maybe with some minimum wage exemptions. I know most Republicans don't want any National Identity Card or even background checks for guns, but they don't seem to mind strict voter identity checks to keep our country safe from the epidemic of voter fraud!

Meanwhile, let's sell the Statue of Liberty to reduce the debt — it makes us look like hypocrites.

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