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DEAR FRIEND.....

One of the greatest newspapers in America is **The Washington Post** and one of the reasons is that for 23 years **Ben Bradley** was its soul, conscience, clarity, intellect, honesty and its **Executive Editor**. **Benjamin Crowninshield "Ben" Bradlee** (born August 26, 1921) is a vice president at-large of **The Washington Post**. As executive editor of the Post from 1968 to 1991, he became a national figure during the presidency of Richard Nixon, when he challenged the federal government over the right to publish the **Pentagon Papers** and oversaw the publication of *Bob Woodward* and *Carl Bernstein's* stories documenting the *Watergate scandal*.



This week it was announced that former president Bill Clinton, talk-show icon Oprah Winfrey and Benjamin C. Bradlee, the former executive editor of **The Washington Post** who oversaw the Watergate coverage that helped end the presidency of Richard Nixon, will be awarded the country's highest civilian honor by President Obama later this year. Obama will present the **Presidential Medal of Freedom** to 16 honorees in all, including the late astronaut Sally Ride, women's rights activist Gloria Steinem, baseball star Ernie Banks, former University of North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith and country singer Loretta Lynn.

More than 500 people who have made "*especially meritorious contributions*" to national security, world peace or cultural developments have received the medal in the 50 years since *President John F. Kennedy* established the awards. In announcing the medal winners, Obama said, "*The Presidential Medal of Freedom goes to men and women who have dedicated their own lives to enriching ours. This year's honorees have been blessed with extraordinary talent, but what sets them apart is their gift for sharing that talent with the world.*" Other winners this year are the late senator *Daniel K. Inouye* of Hawaii; former senator *Richard G. Lugar* of Indiana; the late civil rights activist *Bayard Rustin*; jazz legend *Arturo Sandoval*; **Nobel Prize** winners *Daniel Kahneman* and *Mario Molina*; *Patricia Wald*, chief judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; and civil rights leader *C.T. Vivian*.

In bestowing the award on Clinton, the White House emphasized his continuing contributions to the country after his presidency, including his formation of the **Clinton Foundation** "*to improve global health, strengthen economies, promote health and wellness, and protect the environment.*" *The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund*, which Clinton started with former president George W. Bush in 2010, was also cited.

In a brief biography accompanying the announcement of the awards, the White House called Bradlee, 91, who remains a vice president at large at the newspaper, "one of the most respected newsmen of his

generation” for his tenure as The Post’s top editor from 1968 through 1991, during the paper’s heyday. “*Good God, how fabulous,*” Bradlee said in a phone interview from the vacation home he owns with his wife, Post writer Sally Quinn, in the Hamptons. “*What more can a man get? I feel terribly honored. What does a person do to deserve this kind of prize?*”

Katharine Graham, **The Post’s** late publisher, tapped Bradlee to run the paper’s news coverage during a time of great competition among Washington’s daily newspapers, and Bradlee quickly reshaped **The Post** to reflect his own pugnacious personality. In 1971, **The Post**, along with the **New York Times**, successfully won a legal battle with the Nixon administration over the right to publish the Pentagon Papers, which revealed the Johnson administration’s political machinations over U.S. military involvement in Vietnam.

A year later, two young Post reporters, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, began investigating a break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate hotel. Bradlee and Graham backed the pair despite heavy pressure from the Nixon administration, as the reporters traced the story all the way to the White House, precipitating the president’s resignation in 1974. In a moment recounted in several books about the Watergate story, Bradlee instructed Bernstein to quote then-Attorney General John Mitchell on his threats against Graham after the reporter contacted Mitchell to inform him of an explosive story. **The Post** won the *Pulitzer Prize* for Public Service for its Watergate coverage.

Bradlee’s award was announced just three days after news broke that **Washington Post Co.** Chairman Donald E. Graham, Katharine’s son, has agreed to sell the newspaper to **Amazon** founder Jeffrey Bezos for \$250 million, ending the family’s 80-year ownership of the publication. The awards will be presented in a ceremony at the White House later this year.

Meet the 11-year-old conquering the fashion world, one bow tie at a time – Telegraph

Moziiah Bridges started up his bow tie business aged 11, now he's selling his creations around the world and giving back to his Memphis community.



Mozhiah Bridges sporting one of his designs

11-year-old Mozhiah Bridges describes himself as a "young, dapper man" - something surely no-one can disagree with.

Website: <http://fashion.telegraph.co.uk/columns/olivia-bergin/TMG10227600/Meet-the-11-year-old-conquering-the-fashion-world-one-bow-tie-at-a-time.html>

The round spectacle-sporting, self-assured resident of Memphis, Tennessee has been sewing snazzy bow ties since he was nine-years-old, and was the recent subject of a **Fox News** profile on young entrepreneurs - young being the operative word.

"I really was a young, dapper man, and I couldn't find any bow ties that I really liked," explained Bridges of his start-up, aptly called **Mo's Bows**.

With the help of his grandmother, who taught him how to sew, he ran up several bow ties and the rest is history.

In his own words, Bridges says his business is *"so important because it's me, I'm starting young and that's all that matters. Plus I'm handsome."*

As his mother, Tramica reasoned: *"You don't have to wait until you're older if you have a dream and you have a passion, we say go for it."*

Bridges currently has 60 styles listed on **Etsy**, an online handmade marketplace. Prices start at £13.36 ranging to £36.74, and each style has an adorable name such as 'Holidays With Granny', 'Lady Sings the Blues' and 'Dinner With Mom'. Positive feedback from satisfied customers dominates his e-store's profile. He is also stocked in three stores in his hometown, as well as in five additional boutiques across the US.

He estimates to have made \$30,000 (approx £20,000) since launching Mo's Bows, but has already proved to be ethically-minded. In 2012, two children from the Glenview-Edgewood Manor

Neighborhood were awarded a scholarship to a local summer camp thanks to the proceeds from the **Mo's Bows** 'Summer Camp' collection.

Bridges explains: *"I see kids outside getting in trouble so I thought if I send them to summer camp they won't get in that much trouble so I made these bow ties called the 'Go Mo scholarship bow tie' and it helps."* Indeed, 100 per cent of the proceeds from the ties were used towards the summer camp fees.

With a father and grandfather who love dressing in three-piece suits *"just because"*, Mo says style is: *"in my blood, I mean I really like to dress up in neck ties and bow ties, I'm just a really young dapper man."*

He dreams of being a fully-fledged fashion designer some day; *Ralph Lauren* and *Michael Kors*: you have been warned.

EU Regulations

I have a number of Conservative friends who sincerely believe that Government is TOO BIG and INEFFICIENT..... And in many ways I agree with them..... Here is a simple comparison of an example why.....

If there was still a shred of doubt the world is totally insane, this should remove it:

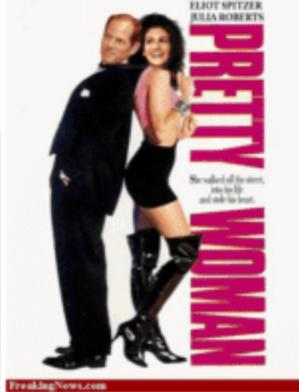
Only Divine intervention can now restore us to sanity !

This says it all.....

Pythagoras' Theorem:24 words.
Lord's Prayer: 66 words.
Archimedes' Principle:67 words.
Ten Commandments:179 words.
Gettysburg Address:286 words.
US Declaration of Independence :1,300 words.
US Constitution with all 27 Amendments:7,818 words.
EU Regulations on the Sale of CABBAGES:26,911 words.

What no one talks about is that one of the reasons that there are 26,911 words in the EU's Regulations for the Sale of Cabbages may have to do with the proliferation of lobbyist who continually push the inclusion of provisions beneficial to the special interests of the companies and groups that they represent. The Big Ugly is that it is business and business interests that is overwhelming governments on every level with the inclusion of legislative provisions that favor their desires, even when it harms the country and its people.....

The 6 Most Embarrassing Political Moments of the '00s



1. **Larry Craig Gets Caught Soliciting Sex in Men's Room**

Senator Larry Craig (R-estroom) gave new meaning to the word caucusing when he was caught playing footsie in an airport men's room with his infamous "wide stance." Needless to say, the comedians had a field day mocking Craig, or as David Letterman dubbed him, "The Restroom Don Juan." Craig announced his resignation, then reversed his decision after "talking it over with guy in stall number 3" (Conan O'Brien), angering his Republican colleagues, some of whom "stopped having sex with him" (Jimmy Kimmel). The staunchly anti-gay lawmaker denied being a hypocrite, saying, "Hey, I wasn't trying to marry the cop in the bathroom" (Conan). Later, he was inducted into the Idaho Hall of Fame—not the entire hall, "just the men's room" (Jay Leno).

2. **Dick Cheney Shoots a Guy in the Face**

When Dick Cheney mistook a 78-year-old lawyer for a quail, he became the first sitting vice president to shoot a man since Alexander Hamilton. Comedians everywhere declared open season on Cheney: "The real question now is, is this a one-time thing, or will the vice president try to kill again?" asked David Letterman. "In fairness to Dick Cheney, every five years he has to shed innocent blood or he violates his deal with the devil," joked Jimmy Kimmel. "It's amazing, the only time you get accountability out of this administration is when they are actually holding a smoking gun," quipped Bill Maher.

3. **Howard Dean Emits Primal Scream**

At a rally following his third-place finish in the 2004 Iowa Caucus, Howard Dean emitted a crazy, red-faced, vein-popping scream that was replayed hundreds of times on cable and broadcast news shows. Dean's "I Have A Scream" speech also quickly gained cult-like status on the Web, inspiring a series of hilarious mashups. Dean's campaign quickly fizzled amid a chorus of heckling. As Jay Leno joked, "Howard Dean announced today he will campaign in seven states. The states are Rage, Frenzy, Fury, Rath, Fever, Agitation, and Delirium. Yeeeeaaaah!"

4. **Sarah Palin Gives Disastrous Interview to Katie Couric**

In what may be the most damaging interview any candidate on a presidential ticket has ever given, Sarah Palin dispensed one idiotic statement after the next to CBS's Katie Couric. Palin was widely mocked for her failure to think of any Supreme Court decisions other than *Roe v. Wade*; her failure to name a single newspaper or magazine she reads other than "all of 'em, any of 'em"; and her claim to foreign policy expertise because Vladimir Putin likes to rear his head and fly over Alaskan airspace. It teetered on such self-parody that all Tina Fey had to do on "Saturday Night Live" was repeat parts of Palin's answers verbatim, gosh darnit, and also there too, you betcha!

5. **Eliot Spitzer Gets Caught With Prostitute**

Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer rose to power as a sanctimonious crusader against ethics violations and corruption, but he didn't let that get in the way of his taste for high-priced hookers. As Attorney General, Spitzer had famously busted prostitution rings, apparently so he could keep them all for himself. Spitzer was forced to resign after being outed as Client No. 9 at the Emperor's V.I.P. Club. Jay Leno was confused: "He's the governor — who were the eight guys in front of him? You'd think as governor, you'd at least get to go first.

6. **Mark Sanford Goes 'Hiking the Appalachian Trail'**

After he went missing for several days, South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford became a national laughingstock when it turned out he was not "hiking the Appalachian Trail," as his staff claimed, but was in fact off in Argentina chasing tail. "It turned out he was down there because he was sleeping with a woman from Argentina. Once again, foreigners taking jobs that Americans won't do," David Letterman joked. "Just another politician with a conservative mind and a liberal penis," quipped Jon Stewart

As a continuum: Although not as bad as the actions above there is almost nothing worse than **Out-Of-Touch Politicians** of any age or in any political party. This week **The Huffington Post** posted some of the gaffs of Rudy Giuliani, Dan Quayle, Martha Coakley, Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush John Kerry, Michael Dukakis, Mitt Romney and Barrack Obama in an their attempt to be one of the people.... What they said and did is both embarrassing and telling. With this said, I urge you to take a look at the attached **Out Of Touch Politicians -- Huffington Post** article.

For those of you who have never lived in the UK you might not know the legendary British science fiction series **Doctor Who** which originally ran for 26 seasons on **BBC One**, from 23 November 1963 until 6 December 1989. After an unsuccessful attempt to revive regular production in 1996 with a backdoor pilot in the form of a television film, the series was relaunched in 2005 by *Russell T Davies* who was showrunner and head writer for the first five years of its revival, produced in-house by **BBC Wales** in Cardiff. Series 1 in the 21st century, featuring Christopher Eccleston as the ninth incarnation, was produced by the **BBC**. Series 2 and 3 had some development money contributed by the **Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)**, which was credited as a co-producer. Doctor Who also spawned spin-offs in multiple media, including *Torchwood* (2006-11) and *The Sarah Jane Adventures* (2007-11) – both created by Russell T Davies, *K-9* (2009-10), the four-part video series **P.R.O.B.E.** (1994-96), and a single pilot episode of *K-9 and Company* (1981). There also have been many spoofs and cultural references of the character in other media. Dr. Who has achieved cult status around the world and is a significant part of British pop culture.



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Twelve doctors have headlined the series as the Doctor. The transition from one actor to another is written into the plot of the show as regeneration, a life process of Time Lords through which the character of the Doctor takes on a new body and, to some extent, new personality, which occurs when sustaining injury which would be fatal to most other species. Although each portrayal is different, and on occasions the various incarnations have even met one another, they are all meant to be aspects of the same character. The Doctor is currently portrayed by Matt Smith, who took up the role after David Tennant's last appearance in an episode broadcast on 1 January 2010. On 1 June 2013, it was announced that Matt Smith would leave the series and the eleventh Doctor would regenerate in the 2013 Christmas special. On 4 August 2013, Scottish born actor, Peter Capaldi was announced as the twelfth incarnation of the Doctor.

The Doctor almost always shares his adventures with up to three companions, and since 1963 more than 35 actors have been featured in these roles. The First Doctor's first companions were his granddaughter Susan Foreman (Carole Ann Ford) and her teachers Barbara Wright (Jacqueline Hill) and Ian Chesterton (William Russell). The only story from the original series in which the Doctor travels alone is *The Deadly Assassin*. Notable companions from the earlier series included Romana, a Time Lady; Sarah Jane Smith (Elisabeth Sladen); and Jo Grant (Katy Manning). Dramatically, the companions' characters provide a surrogate with whom the audience can identify, and serve to further the story by requesting exposition from the Doctor and manufacturing peril for the Doctor to resolve. The Doctor regularly gains new companions and loses old ones; sometimes they return home or find new causes — or loves — on worlds they have visited. Some have died during the course of the series. Companions are usually human, or humanoid aliens.

The show has received recognition from critics and the public as one of the finest British television series, winning the **2006 British Academy Television Award for Best Drama Series** and five consecutive (2005–10) awards at the **National Television Awards** during Russell T Davies's tenure as *Executive Producer*. American audiences most recently saw Capaldi as a World Health Organization doctor in the movie *World War Z*, and he also has big-screen roles in the upcoming *The Fifth Estate* this fall and next year's *Maleficent*. Again for those who don't know the series depicts the adventures of a *Time Lord*—a time travelling, humanoid alien known as the Doctor Who. The series is currently telecast in 50 countries and is in the *Pantheon of television around the world*. With this said, a sincere congratulations to Peter Capaldi.... And like **James Bond**, long live **Dr. Who....**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

In an op-ed this week in **The Washington Post**, columnist Harold Meyerson wrote — ***A hard landing for the middle class*** — where he compared the current economic trend in industrialized countries to what is happening in the Airline industry where more and more seating space is being redistributed upward as carriers are enlarging, upgrading and increasing their first-class and business-class sections for the well-heeled few at the expense of their coach sections. As someone who almost always flies in the front of the bus, I welcome this change but I also see it as another example of how the middle class is being squeezed in ways that often go unnoticed.

The new business-class seats that Lufthansa is installing convert to quasi-beds that are 6 feet 6 inches long and two feet wide. The price for working, eating, drinking and sleeping on this commodious couch, round-trip from Kennedy airport to Frankfurt and back, is a cool \$5,000. Lufthansa is hardly alone. Delta, United and American have all announced plans to upgrade their business-class seats for cross-country and transcontinental flights. Then there's Emirates, which now sells first-class suites — complete with a shower — that go for a tidy \$19,000 on the New York-Dubai route.

At the other end of the economic spectrum, low-cost airlines that re-create the thrill of traveling in steerage are thriving, too. The new business model, apparently, is to shrink the seats, charge extra for everything and offer nothing for free that might be construed as an amenity. That's certainly the credo of Spirit Airlines, which charges its benumbed passengers a fee for their carry-on bags, \$3 for water and \$10 for printing out boarding passes and whose seats don't recline. Spirit boasts one of the highest profit margins in the industry and plans to expand by 15 percent to 20 percent every year for the next eight years, according to the Los Angeles Times. It also ranks dead last in customer satisfaction — indeed, in last year's Consumer Reports survey, it had one of the lowest overall customer satisfaction scores of any company in any industry that the magazine had ever surveyed. But people fly Spirit Airlines because the fares are what they can afford.

The upgrading of business and the downgrading of coach present a fairly faithful mirror of what's happening in the larger economy: the disappearance of the middle class. As University of California-Berkeley economist Emmanuel Saez has documented, between 2009 and 2011, the incomes of the wealthiest 1 percent of American families grew by 11.2 percent while those of the remaining 99 percent shrunk by 0.4 percent. Median household income has declined every year since 2008. Profits, meanwhile, have risen to their highest share of the nation's economy since World War II, while wages have sunk to their lowest share. In an economy such as this, the growing markets are the rich and corporations, which have more money to spend on luxury travel, and the downwardly mobile everyone else, whose travel options are increasingly confined to discount outfits like Spirit and the increasingly hellacious coach sections of other airlines.

This week, one of the last airlines devoted to what we might call a middle-class travel experience succumbed to the increasing economic bi-polarization of U.S. consumers. JetBlue, which has never had a first-class or business section but which afforded its coach customers more legroom than other airlines, announced that it would create a new first-class section on its cross-country flights with suites containing seats that fold down to full lie-flat beds.

In an unusually concrete way, JetBlue's change of cabin configuration highlights what the changes to our broader economy have meant. Its ability to provide its customers with more spacious seats was the direct result of not having a first-class section. Airplanes, like stagnating economies, are finite, and if one class takes up more space or commands more resources, the other class gets less. The U.S. economy has not stagnated over the past four decades, but so much of its wealth has been claimed by the very top that most Americans have experienced it as a zero-sum game in which they've lost ground. As tax rules favored the wealthy, as employees lost the power to bargain for their wages, as globalization reduced the incomes of millions of workers, the rich grew richer at everyone else's expense. That's the reality that today's air travel illustrates, as the comfortable standard seat that once was the norm goes the way of the dwindling middle class.

This week in the **New York Times**, James Traub wrote an article asking the question — ***The Tea Party's Path to Irrelevance*** — as The Tea Party's new crusade: preventing illegal immigrants from gaining citizenship, which they say is giving amnesty to lawbreakers. Judson Phillips, the founder of **Tea Party Nation**, recently told **Politico** that his members were "*more upset about the amnesty bill than they were about Obamacare.*" They're so upset, in fact, that Republican supporters of immigration reform, like Senators Marco Rubio of Florida and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, have become marked men in their party, while House Republicans have followed the Tea Party lead by refusing to even consider the Senate's bipartisan reform plan.

Tea Partyers often style themselves as disciples of Thomas Jefferson, the high apostle of limited government. But by taking the ramparts against immigration, the movement is following a trajectory that looks less like the glorious arc of Jefferson's Republican Party than the suicidal path of Jefferson's great rivals, the long-forgotten Federalists, who also refused to accept the inexorable changes of

American demography. The Federalists began as the faction that supported the new Constitution, with its “*federal*” framework, rather than the existing model of a loose “*confederation*” of states. They were the national party, claiming to represent the interests of the entire country. Culturally, however, they were identified with the ancient stock of New England and the mid-Atlantic, as the other major party at the time, the Jeffersonian Republicans (no relation to today’s Republicans), were with the South.

The Federalists held together for the first few decades, but in 1803 the Louisiana Purchase — Jefferson’s great coup — drove a wedge between the party’s ideology and its demography. The national party was suddenly faced with a nation that looked very different from what it knew: in a stroke, a vast new territory would be opened for colonization, creating new economic and political interests, slavery among them. “*The people of the East can not reconcile their habits, views and interests with those of the South and West,*” declared Thomas Pickering, a leading Massachusetts Federalist. Every Federalist in Congress save John Quincy Adams voted against the Louisiana Purchase. Adams, too, saw that New England, the cradle of the revolution, had become a small part of a new nation. Change “*being found in nature,*” he wrote stoically, “*cannot be resisted.*”

But resist is precisely what the Federalists did. Fearing that Irish, English and German newcomers would vote for the Jeffersonian Republicans, they argued — unsuccessfully — for excluding immigrants from voting or holding office, and pushed to extend the period of naturalization from 5 to 14 years.

Leading Federalists even plotted to “*establish a separate government in New England,*” as William Plumer, a senator from Delaware, later conceded. (The plot collapsed only when the proposed military leader, Aaron Burr, killed the proposed political guide, Alexander Hamilton.) The Federalists later drummed out Adams, who voted with the Jeffersonian Republicans to impose an embargo on England in retaliation for English harassment of American merchant ships and impressment of American sailors. This was the foreshadowing moment of the War of 1812, which the Anglophile Federalists stoutly opposed. Finally, in the fall of 1814, the Federalists convened the Hartford Convention to vote on whether to stay in or out of the Union. By then even the hotheads realized how little support they had, and the movement collapsed. And the Federalists, now scorned as an anti-national party, collapsed as well.

Contrast that defiance with Jefferson’s Republicans, who stood for decentralized government and the interests of yeoman farmers, primarily in the coastal South. They ruled the country from 1801 to 1825, when they were unseated by Adams — who, after splitting with the Federalists, had joined with a breakaway Republican faction. In response, Jefferson’s descendants, known as the Old Radicals, did exactly what the Federalists would not do: they joined up with the new Americans, many of them immigrants, who were settling the country opened up by the Louisiana Purchase. Their standard-bearer in 1828, Andrew Jackson, favored tariffs and “*internal improvements*” like roads and canals, the big-government programs of the day. The new party, known first as the Democratic-Republicans, and then simply as the Democrats, thrashed Adams that year. (Adams’s party, the National Republicans, gave way to the Whigs, which in turn evolved into the modern Republican Party.)

Today’s Republicans are not likely to disappear completely, like the Federalists did. But Republican leaders like Mr. Rubio and Mr. Graham understand that a party that seeks to defy demography, relying on white resentment toward a rising tide of nonwhite newcomers, dooms itself to permanent minority status. Opposing big government is squarely in the American grain; trying to hold back the demographic tide is quixotic. Professional politicians do not want to become the party of a legacy class. The problem is that the Tea Party is not a party, and its members are quite prepared to ride their hobbyhorse into a dead end. And many Republicans, at least in the House, seem fully prepared to join them there, and may end up dragging the rest of the party with them. The example of those early days shows that American political parties once knew how to adapt to a changing reality. It is a lesson many seem to have forgotten.

There is no place in democracy or politics for ideology purity as governments on every level should represent every citizens and be tolerant of their needs in views. We don't have to go back to 1801 to see what happens when ideology purity is imposed in a democracy, all we have to do is look at the current mess that the Muslim Brotherhood and its democratically elected President Mohamed Morsi caused in Egypt. Whether it is conservative, liberal or a theocracy, leadership that tries to impose its will of ideology purity will sooner or later be rebuffed and The Tea Party's fate is no different no matter how they dress it up historical hogwash.

I like to go into my archives to re-read articles and this week I came across an article published on November 9, 2011 in **The Washington Post** by Fareed Zakaria — ***The Downward Path of Upward Mobility*** — where he countered Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) who had declared, *“Class is not a fixed designation in this country. We are an upwardly mobile society with a lot of movement between income groups.”* Ryan contrasted social mobility in the United States with that in Europe, where *“top-heavy welfare states have replaced the traditional aristocracies, and masses of the long-term unemployed are locked into the new lower class.”*

Now almost two years later, like climate change the debate over the growing gap between the rich and poor has been settled by almost everyone, with former Indiana Republican Governor Mitch Daniels saying, *“upward mobility from the bottom is the crux of the American.”* And when **Time Magazine** did a cover story that year asking, ***“Can You Still Move Up in America?”*** The answer, citing a series of academic studies was, no; not as much as you could in the past and — most devastatingly — not as much as you can in Europe. In 2010 the **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development**, found that *“upward mobility from the bottom”* — Daniels's definition — was significantly lower in the United States than in most major European countries, including Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands and Denmark. Another study, by the Institute for the Study of Labor in Germany in 2006, uses other metrics and concludes that *“the U.S. appears to be exceptional in having less rather than more upward mobility.”*

The 2010 Economic Mobility Project study found that in almost every respect, the United States has a more rigid socioeconomic class structure than Canada. More than a quarter of U.S. sons of top-earning fathers remain in the top tenth of earners as adults, compared to 18 percent of similarly situated Canadian sons. U.S. sons of fathers in the bottom tenth of earners are more likely to remain in the bottom tenth of earners as adults than are Canadian sons (22 percent vs. 16 percent). And U.S. sons of fathers in the bottom third of earnings distribution are less likely to make it into the top half as adults than are sons of low-earning Canadian fathers. Surveying all the evidence, Scott Winship, a fellow at the **Brookings Institution**, concludes in this week's **National Review**: *“What is clear is that in at least one regard American mobility is exceptional. . . . [W]here we stand out is our limited upward mobility from the bottom.”*

When you think about it, these results should not be so surprising. European countries, perhaps haunted by their past as class-ridden societies, have made serious investments to create equality of opportunity for all. They typically have extremely good childhood health and nutrition programs, and they have far better public education systems than the United States does. As a result, poor children compete on a more equal footing against the rich.

In the United States, however, if you are born into poverty, you are highly likely to have malnutrition, childhood sicknesses and a bad education. The dirty little secret about the U.S. welfare state is that it spends very little on the poor — who don't vote much — lavishing attention instead on the middle class. The result is clear. A student interviewed by **Opportunity Nation**, a bipartisan group founded to address these issues, put it succinctly, *“The ZIP code you're born in shouldn't determine your destiny, but too often it does.”*

Tackling income inequality is a very difficult challenge. Tax increases on the rich will do relatively little to change the basic trend, which is fueled by globalization, technology and the increasing gains conferred by education. (Getting back to the 1990 levels of income distribution in the United States, for example, would mean hundreds of billions of dollars of redistribution every year, which is exponentially larger than the biggest tax hikes anyone is proposing.)

As Zakaria points out, we do know how to create social mobility — because we used to do it. In addition, we can learn from those countries that do it so well, particularly in Northern Europe and Canada. The ingredients are obvious: decent health care and nutrition for children, good public education, high-quality infrastructure — including broadband Internet — to connect all regions and all people to market opportunities, and a flexible and competitive free economy. That will get America moving again — and all Americans moving again. *So why are the Republican opposition threatening to shut-down the government, voting against social programs that would help those in need and trying to overturn Obamacare instead of coming up with solutions that would make it better?*

Last week in the **New York Times**, economist Paul Krugman wrote — ***Republicans Against Reality*** — saying that the modern G.O.P. is lost in fantasy, unable to participate in actual governing as the House Republicans voted for the 40th time to repeal Obamacare and like the previous 39 votes, this action will have no effect whatsoever. Krugman article is not about policy substance — instead of their inability to accept very basic reality constraints, like the fact that you can't cut overall spending without cutting spending on particular programs, or the fact that voting to repeal legislation doesn't change the law when the other party controls the Senate and the White House.

He chronicles that House leaders canceled voting on a transportation bill, because not enough representatives were willing to vote for the bill's steep spending cuts. Although, just a few months ago House Republicans approved an extreme austerity budget, mandating severe overall cuts in federal spending — and each specific bill will have to involve large cuts in order to meet that target. But it turned out that a significant number of representatives, while willing to vote for huge spending cuts as long as there weren't any specifics, balked at the details. Don't cut you, don't cut me, cut that fellow behind the tree. Then House leaders announced plans to hold a vote cutting spending on food stamps in half — a demand that is likely to sink the already struggling effort to agree with the Senate on a farm bill. Then they held the pointless vote on Obamacare, apparently just to make themselves feel better. (It's curious how comforting they find the idea of denying health care to millions of Americans.) And then they went home for recess, even though the end of the fiscal year is looming and hardly any of the legislation needed to run the federal government has passed.

In other words, Republicans, confronted with the responsibilities of governing, essentially threw a tantrum, then ran off to sulk.

How did the G.O.P. get to this point? On budget issues, the proximate source of the party's troubles lies in the decision to turn the formulation of fiscal policy over to a con man. Representative Paul Ryan, the chairman of the House Budget Committee, has always been a magic-asterisk kind of guy — someone who makes big claims about having a plan to slash deficits but refuses to spell out any of the all-important details. Back in 2011 the Congressional Budget Office, in evaluating one of Mr. Ryan's plans, came close to open sarcasm; it described the extreme spending cuts Mr. Ryan was assuming, then remarked, tersely, "No proposals were specified that would generate that path."

What's happening now is that the G.O.P. is trying to convert Mr. Ryan's big talk into actual legislation — and is finding, unsurprisingly, that it can't be done. Yet Republicans aren't willing to face up to that reality. Instead, they're just running away.

Kurgman: When it comes to fiscal policy, then, Republicans have fallen victim to their own con game. And I would argue that something similar explains how the party lost its way, not just on fiscal policy, but on everything. Think of it this way: For a long time the Republican establishment got its way by playing a con game with the party's base. Voters would be mobilized as soldiers in an ideological crusade, fired up by warnings that liberals were going to turn the country over to gay married terrorists, not to mention taking your hard-earned dollars and giving them to Those People. Then, once the election was over, the establishment would get on with its real priorities — deregulation and lower taxes on the wealthy.

At this point, however, the establishment has lost control. Meanwhile, base voters actually believe the stories they were told — for example, that the government is spending vast sums on things that are a complete waste or at any rate don't do anything for people like them. (Don't let the government get its hands on Medicare!) And the party establishment can't get the base to accept fiscal or political reality without, in effect, admitting to those base voters that they were lied to. The result is what we see now in the House: a party that, as I said, seems unable to participate in even the most basic processes of governing. What makes this frightening is that Republicans do, in fact, have a majority in the House, so America can't be governed at all unless a sufficient number of those House Republicans are willing to face reality. And that quorum of reasonable Republicans may not exist.

Giving a black eye to the opposition is not governing. And as I have said from the beginning Obamacare is a long way from perfection but at least it is an attempt by Democrats and the President to fix our broken health service (or lack of) in America. If Republicans were serious about governing instead of repealing Obamacare they would be offering amendments to improve it. And if Republicans are serious about cutting the budget they should start with the waste of public funds in their own districts, which they most likely know better than somewhere else across the country. But as we see, this isn't happening. Finally, for my Republican friends, please don't see this as partisanship, any party that can only say no other than to cite ideology purity, except when it impacts their constituents negatively, has definitely lost its moral compass and isn't living in reality.

Every since the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act in a partisan 5/4 decision there has been an increasing ripple effect. Within hours of the court's decision three states that had been covered, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama ushered in photo ID requirements that had been previously held at bay by the Voting Rights Act. In North Carolina the Republican Governor is expected to sign a bill limiting early voting and voting registration opportunities and broadening ID requirements. And now in Florida where five counties which were covered by the Voting Rights Act, the Republican Governor Rick Scott is restarting an effort that he says is designed to purge the voting rolls of non-citizens which a lot of people believe is being used to purge the voting rolls of Democrats. When he tried this last year he was stopped by the Voting Rights Act and his attempts initially began with a pool of 186,000 names of potential non-citizens, (60% of the names were Hispanic while on 13% of Florida electorate is Hispanic) which was whittled down to less than 2600 and his list of non-citizens was sent to election supervisors who found that fewer than 40 had voted illegally.

What Republicans don't talk about it is Jack Villamaino, the former GOP Candidate who was sentenced to 1 year in jail for Felony Voter Fraud and under a plea bargain most likely will on serve 4 Months in jail. See the attached article by Nick Wing in **The Huffington Post – Jack Villamaino, Former GOP Candidate, Gets 4 Months In Jail For Felony Voter Fraud.**



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In the midst of his 2012 GOP primary campaign for a Massachusetts state House seat, Jack Villamaino changed the party affiliation of nearly 300 people in his town of East Longmeadow. Days later, the same number of absentee ballot requests were dropped off at the town clerk's office, a list that was almost a "name-for-name match" for those whose registration information Villamaino had altered. Earlier this week, Villamaino pleaded guilty to felony charges of stealing ballots and changing the party affiliation of 280 Democrats during his campaign for state representative. A judge sentenced him to a year in jail, only four months of which he'll be forced to serve behind bars.

The remainder of that sentence will be suspended, and Villamaino will also be required to serve a year of probation. Villamaino's defense attorney had hoped the judge would throw out the felony conviction, while Hampden District Attorney Mark Mastroianni had sought additional felony charges for forgery and perjury. Villamaino, a former East Longmeadow Board of Selectmen chairman who resigned last year amid the scandal, ultimately lost his Republican primary, and the GOP candidate subsequently lost to the Democrat in the race.

His wife, Courtney Llewellyn, is also facing charges stemming from the scandal, though has pleaded not guilty and will appear in court later this month.

The issue of voter fraud has arisen as a hot-button issue over the past few years, and while the debate is frequently partisan, people on both sides of the aisle have been found guilty of the crime. Last month, a conservative judge sentenced Ohio Democratic poll worker Melowese Richardson to five years in prison for illegal voting. She was found guilty of having voted for her sister, who was in a coma, in 2012 and in previous elections. Also in July, the highly publicized case against Colin Small, a young Republican who threw voter registration forms into a dumpster before the 2012 elections, ended without any legal consequences.

While these actions may call into question the integrity of the vote, voter ID laws, the most frequently proposed measure to combat fraud, wouldn't have done anything to prevent them. All said, voter fraud is still incredibly rare, with in-person violations being one of the least common crimes. A recent nationwide analysis of 2,068 alleged election-fraud cases since 2000 found only 10 instances of in-person fraud.

Voter fraud is important, but more worse is voter suppression because when we see in the Third World or in totalitarian dominated countries we are outraged as it is a denial of one of the basic tenants in democracy. Yet we now have a Republican culture that feel comfortable denying voting rights to anyone who are might vote for their opposition. We use to pride ourselves of being the #1 democracy of inclusion. Today, the only difference between Rick Scott and his ilk and those of Robert Mugabe

and other despots, is that at least he will tell you up front that votes don't matter as long as he gets the desired result. Voter suppression is ugly however it is cloaked and as a result Rick Scott is no different than Jack Villamaino, other than the orange jump suit that one will be warring over the next four months.

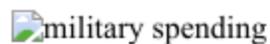
This week **The Huffington Post** published a video -- ***Rich Folks on Welfare*** -- Ahmed Shihab-Eldin hosting a round table discussion this week with Donald Carr, Dr. Lisa Wade, Roger Johnson and Christopher Cook. One of the most egregious parts of the Farm Bill is the more than \$5 billion a year in direct payment subsidies given to land owners regardless of need, regardless of income or whether you had a bad crop or a good crop. In fact one woman received hundreds of thousands in direct farm subsidies even though she had never visited the farm that she owned. Because direct payments are based on historical crops, a farmer doesn't have to plant anything to receive the farm subsidies that are grandfathered into their land. During the depression these farm subsidies were coupled with food programs, now called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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While 83% of the families receiving food stamps have children and 43% of the families receiving food stamps have a head of household working a full time job and still unable to feed their family. So why are rich farmers receiving billions in farm subsidies whether or not they need it and Congress is signaling that they are going to cut \$20 billion from the food stamps program. The difference is that six major companies control more than 50% of food chain in America and the corporation and rich farmers have lobbyist, while the "working poor" and "the poor" at the mercy of whatever is left. As Dr. Lisa Wade, professor of Sociology at Occidental College says in the video, "if we decide that it is not our job to feed children, elderly, disabled and the poor then we have loss our right to call ourselves a civilize society and we are certainly not going to be a successful society because these children are going to be the next generation of adults...." At the same time 15 members of Congress or their spouses received \$237,000 in farm subsidies.

I invite you to view the video on the above weblink and for background on the marriage of the Farm Bill and SNAP and Joel Berg's article in **Moyers & Company** – ***Why Is SNAP Part of the Farm Bill?*** – see attached.

Yesterday in **The Guardian UK**, Michael Cohen wrote – ***The Biggest Threat to America? Its Own Military Budget*** – and wow is he right..... The United States spends 58 percent of the total defense dollars paid out by the world's top 10 military powers, which combined for \$1.19 trillion in military funding in 2011. With its unparalleled global reach, the US outspends China, the next-biggest military power, by nearly 6-to-1.

military spending

We have start a serious dialog why are we following the USSR down the same sink hole of sinking more of our country's resources and wealth in the Military Industrial Complex than we can afford, while our infrastructure is in serious decay, we are cutting teachers, firefighters and subsistence programs for our children, elderly, disabled and poor who are unable to feed and/or house themselves and their families. Didn't we learn anything following the French into the sink hole of Viet Nam and the USSR into the disaster in Afghanistan. Now Conservatives are hell bent driving the country into poverty by maintaining the largest defense establishment on the planet when our biggest overt threats are al-Qaida and a hodgepodge of wanta-bees.

With Russia no longer a credible threat, other than Vladimir Putin trying to embarrass the United States at every turn for the purpose of personal amusement and China whose defense spending is just

one-six of the US, and killing their #1 customer and debtor would amount to economic suicide and the end of the China's golden industrial age, when asked in a *Wall Street Journal* interview, the CIA's #2 guy, Michael Morell, said that he was most worried about Syria. But hasn't there been a civil war going on there for three years? Why is that a threat to the United States? Well, according to Morell, the *"risk is that the Syrian government, which possesses chemical and other advanced weapons, collapses and the country becomes al-Qaida's new haven, supplanting Pakistan."* Putting aside that such a scenario is a slim possibility, even if it did happen, it wouldn't actually be a direct threat to the United States. It's not as if Syrian Islamist rebels are yelling "Damascus today, Des Moines tomorrow".

If everything falls apart, a few of those al-Qaida guys could take up residence, as they did in Pakistan, but then al-Qaida had a safe haven in Pakistan for years and there hasn't been a single major terrorist attack in the United States in the 12 years since 9/11. Of course, there's always the outside chance that the war in Syria will destabilize Iraq or Turkey or Jordan or Israel. That would be bad for US interests, but for individual Americans, less so. In other words, if Syria is the biggest threat to the United States, then Americans really don't have much to fear. So, what's next on Morell's list?

Iran. The Iranians do seem kind of scary, what with all that "Death to America" chanting, and the Ayatollah was a bad dude. But the reality is that Iran is a bit of a paper tiger. It doesn't have an active nuclear weapons program - so says the US intelligence community (and Morell works there, right?). And Iran is being strangled by international sanctions; it has a second-rate military with little modern armor, artillery, aircraft or major combat ships; it is diplomatically isolated, and its people just elected a moderate presidential candidate. That doesn't sound so very scary.

OK, what's next on Morell's list of doom? The global al-Qaida threat. If it's been 12 years since AQ pulled off a major terrorist attack, how big a threat can these guys be? They are getting pounded by drones in Pakistan and Yemen. Remember when Obama said he was going to start dialing them back? Hasn't happened. In fact, Morell even noted that the United States has "significantly degraded" the group's capabilities in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Still, he warned that "al-Qaida has had its own victory as well. The dispersal of al-Qaida is their victory." Huh? So when al-Qaida was "dispersed" from Afghanistan in 2001, was that a victory? How about when they were decimated in Pakistan and needed to set up shop in Yemen? Another glorious win?

These guys can't have a terrorist conference call without the NSA listening in ("if you're a terrorist leader, please enter the access code and then hit the pound key"). Even when al-Qaida makes a vague, non-specific threat against an overseas US target, the United States completely overreacts, closing its embassies in 19 Arab and African countries. Third biggest threat? Not so much.

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Then there has to be something on Morell's list that can get Americans worried. North Korea? According to Morell, North Korea might one day develop a missile that could send a nuclear weapon to the United States. Sure, that could happen. But unless Pyongyang's strategic posture shifts from regime survival to national suicide, we should all be fine. It's worth remembering that a couple of months ago, when the North Koreans were engaging in another semi-regular bout of saber-rattling with South Korea and the United States, a lot of people began talking about the possibility of war. Academics were writing articles in the *New York Times* saying such as "Bomb North Korea, Before It's Too Late." Guess what? Things went back to normal, as they pretty much always have. In fact, just this week, the North Koreans announced they are re-opening the Kaesong Industrial Zone, a joint manufacturing complex it operates with their hated neighbors from the South.

The final threat in Morell's tale of global danger is the perennial, amorphous fear of cyber war, which is a threat more defined by hype than hysteria. The less said about it, the better. The fact is, none of what Morell describes as a threat actually is a significant threat. And while national security elites - from the secretary of defense to prominent think-tank denizens like to describe the world today as a "dangerous" place, it simply isn't true.

There were six wars last year (just six!). This follows a consistent trend of declining violence that dates back decades. When wars do occur, they pretty much never occur between states. Since the Gulf war of 1991, territorial conquest has gone the way of the dodo. Indeed, when the US fights a major war these days, it is generally because they've started it - with consistently disastrous results. Not that this stops those aforementioned think-tankers from warning that relatively trivial cuts to the size of the army and marine corps will leave the military "weaker", or military leaders from suggesting, as they did earlier this year, that cuts to the Pentagon's budget would "devastate the military" or imperil the "continued prosperity and security interests" of the United States.

What is most striking about Morell's warnings is, in fact, the stunning hollowness of the threats he describes. If Syria, North Korea and Iran are truly what threaten us, then truly, we have little to fear from the world outside our borders. And it's not as if the US is alone in dealing with these issues. On the Korean Peninsula, South Korea has a formidable military; on Iran, sanctions against the regime are not unilateral but multilateral - as in, United Nations-approved; and the enemies of al-Qaida comprise pretty much every country in the world. That these grab-bag of minor threats is used to justify a defense budget in the range of \$600bn, an active and reserve force of 1 million troops and a far-flung empire of military bases and partners - not to mention, a rather effective navy and air force, and thousands of nuclear weapons - is astounding. If this is best the CIA can do, they really need to pick up their game.

As Michael Cohen wrote "so, rest easy, America. Enjoy your August. It's not so bad out there." We are wasting hundreds of billions of dollars every year to defend ourselves against imaginary enemies, when as Michael Cohen wrote, our biggest enemy is not the bogymen but the country's out-of-control defense spending, which instead of making safer places a target on our backs for a group of punks and would-be country to play the *Duchy of Grand Fenwick* in ***The Mouse That Roared***.

INSULTS....

These outstanding insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to four letter words:

- A member of Parliament to Disraeli:

"Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

- "He had delusions of adequacy."

Walter Kerr

- "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

- "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

Clarence Darrow

- "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."
William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)
- "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."
Moses Hadas
- "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."
Mark Twain
- "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.."
Oscar Wilde
- "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."
George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill
- "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second if there is one."
Winston Churchill, *in response*.
- "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."-
Stephen Bishop
- "He is a self-made man and worships his creator."
John Bright
- "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial."-
Irvin S. Cobb
- "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others."
Samuel Johnson
- "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up."
Paul Keating
- "In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily."
Charles, Count Talleyrand
- "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him."
Forrest Tucker
- "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"
Mark Twain
- "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."
Mae West

- "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."-

Oscar Wilde

- "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts...for support rather than illumination."

Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

- "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." -

Billy Wilder

- "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."-

Groucho Marx.

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THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

Once when I was reporting, Lyndon Johnson's top guy gave me the word they were looking for a successor to J. Edgar Hoover. I wrote it and the day it appeared Johnson called a press conference and appointed Hoover head of the FBI for life... And when he was done, he turned to his top guy and the President said, "Call Ben Bradlee and tell him fuck you." I took a lot of static for that--everyone said, "You did it, Bradlee, you screwed up--you stuck us with Hoover forever." I screwed up but I wasn't wrong. You guys haven't been wrong yet, is that why you're scared shitless? You should be.

Ben Bradlee

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

I spent the past several weeks in the Cote d'Azur and while I was there, I noticed that **Elvis Costello** was performing in Monaco on August 8th and the next day I found myself traveling on the same plane from Nice, France to London Heathrow and then onto the United States and although we only spoke briefly, I found that he had bit of humor and being the last gig on the European leg of the tour he was and the rest of the lads in the band were happy to return home. So for the first time the music selection is someone whose music that I don't really know and is not on my iPad. Hence for me **Elvis Costello**, is totally new and I hope that you enjoy his music.



Elvis Costello (born *Declan Patrick MacManus*; 25 August 1954) is an English singer-songwriter. He began his career as part of London's pub rock scene in the early 1970s and later became associated with the first wave of the British new wave movement of the mid-to-late 1970s. His critically acclaimed debut album, *My Aim Is True*, was recorded in 1976. Shortly after recording his first album, he formed *The Attractions* as his backing band. They toured and recorded together for the better part of a decade, though differences between Costello and members of *The Attractions* caused them to split by 1986. Much of Costello's work since 1986 has been credited to him as a solo artist, though partial reunions with some members of *The Attractions* have been credited to the group over the years.

Steeped in wordplay, the vocabulary of Costello's lyrics is broader than that of most popular songs. His music has drawn on many diverse genres; one critic described him as a "pop encyclopaedia", able to "reinvent the past in his own image". Costello has won multiple awards in his career, including a **Grammy Award**, and has twice been nominated for the **Brit Award for Best British Male**. In 2003, **Elvis Costello and the Attractions** were inducted into the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**. In 2004, **Rolling Stone** ranked Costello number **80** on their list of the **100 Greatest Artists of All Time**. I hope that you approve.....

Elvis Costello & The Attractions – **Pump it up** 1978 -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opIL3Yt0Un8>

Elvis Costello – **Alison**, 2003 -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8M87rnvt5B4>

ELVIS COSTELLO – **Oliver's Army** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVwrrkt22Ag>

Elvis Costello – **Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zriKO7hXsTc>

Elvis Costello – **Veronica** (live unplugged) -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGv7g3xTHTe>

Elvis Costello & Lou Reed – **Perfect Day** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tA2BjakmejM>

Elvis Costello – **She** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O040xuq2FR0>

Elvis Costello – **I want you** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWt6XxP2biE>

Elvis Costello – **Everyday I Write the Book** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfFunjzyIsE>

Elvis Costello & The Police – **Watching the Detectives, Walking on the Moon** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFxtQqcW60A>

Elvis Costello – **Red Shoes** (Live TOTP 1977) -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJKt-DhII_4

Elvis Costello – **Penny Lane** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qPEgHwQSBk>

Elvis Costello – **Peace Love And Understanding** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuYPCP2RSXA>

Elvis Costello – **I'll never fall in love again** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCykaPjrcWE>

Roy Orbison, Bruce Springsteen, Jackson Brown, Elvis Costello – **Crying** -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcTytTix7ZI>

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