

Party Politics Leads to Disaster

The United States is 12 years into a disastrous decline on every front—political, economic, and moral—and, by and large, the American population realizes it. A large majority is fed up with both political parties for having failed miserably to deal with a deepening economic crisis, and for enmeshing the nation in grinding perpetual war. Yet even though those actions which could reverse the “trend” have been put on Congress’s agenda—from reviving Glass-Steagall, to impeaching a President who violates the Constitution by going to war—those measures are bogged down, and the politics of disaster are moving right ahead.

How can Congress be forced to take the right decisive action? Partisan party politics must be crushed!

The problem is immediately evident by looking at the Congressional line-ups on HR 129 (the Glass-Steagall bill of Reps. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) and Walter Jones (R-N.C.), on the one hand, and the moves to investigate Obama’s impeachable crimes on the other.

HR 129 currently has bipartisan lead sponsors, and 61 additional Congressmen have signed on. Yet, of the total of 63, only 3 are Republicans! This is despite the fact that memorials in favor of passing HR 129 have been supported by state legislatures dominated by Republicans, such as Indiana, South Dakota, and Alabama, and that there is prominent support for restoring Glass-Steagall by Republicans such as former Reagan Administration OMB head David Stockman.

What is stopping other Republican Congressmen from signing on? One gets the strong stench of party politics, which, of course, is combined with the heavy influence of Wall Street money.

The other side of the divide is epitomized by

the sponsorship of HR 36, Republican Congressman Frank Wolf’s call for a Select Committee to investigate Benghazi 9/11. That bill has 146 co-sponsors—but not one of them is a Democrat! Clearly, the Democratic Party leadership has laid down the line, and demanded that no Democrat cross it. There is no other way to explain that not even one Democrat is willing to demand this investigation.

Outside the Congress, of course, a wide swath of traditional Democrats are “up in arms” about the President’s lies and violations of the Constitution, all of which are becoming more and more publicized. Even those who held their noses and voted for Obama for re-election now feel compelled to speak out. Take Cornel West, the iconoclastic professor of philosophy and African-American studies, who, while criticizing Obama on his economic policy for years, still urged a vote for him last November. Speaking in London last week, Professor West said:

“He [Obama] is a brilliant, charismatic black brother. He’s just too tied to Wall Street. And at this point he is a war criminal. You can’t meet every Tuesday with a killer list and continually have drones drop bombs. You can do that once or twice and say: ‘I shouldn’t have done that, I’ve got to stop.’ But when you do it month in, month out, year in, year out—that’s a pattern of behavior. I think there is a chance of a snowball in Hell that he will ever be tried, but I think he should be tried, and I said the same about George Bush. These are war crimes.”

It will take less than a trial for war crimes to remove Obama from power, pass Glass-Steagall, and begin to right politics in the U.S.A. As a people, we must force the Congress to dump partisan politics now, and act on principle—now.