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In this issue we will be discussing the correlation between our government and our citizens, and the choices made between the two that affect each and every American.

Our form of government was structured by the Founding Fathers in an effort to have a Republic that outlined the God-given rights that all men were created equal. Within our Republic, we have the Constitution which outlines our rights as citizens of these United States of America. These rights were written to limit the powers of our government. These rights were written to free this country forever from being ruled by a monarchy where the people would be powerless against the government.

As American citizens, we elect and send representatives to Washington to work for us. They are hired by us when we vote them into office. They are public servants that get paid by 'we the people' to represent the will of 'we the people' on the bills presented, not their personal agendas.

This is where our Constitution becomes cloudy. Our representatives have diluted the content of the supreme law of the land to the extent that they now believe *we work for them*. They have weakened the Constitution to the point that we now have to fight for our God-given rights described in the Bill of Rights which our Founding Fathers were willing to lay down their lives for.

The time has come for all Americans to question our elected officials. In this day and age of cable news, internet and immediate access to the happenings in Washington, there is no excuse for our representatives to mislead and misappropriate funds any longer. We want accountability!

Now is the time for our elected officials to be held accountable for their actions! No more sweetheart deals giving them more of our

money to spend on programs that do not develop our God-given rights as Citizens.

The time has come for 'we the people' to examine the way we allow our representatives to govern and ask the question, WHY? This is the most important word in the English dictionary.

As my children grew, my belief was that they too needed to ask the question WHY. So they knew what they were learning and not just doing what they were told. I have challenged them to think and not let others dictate their thoughts without questioning the source.

We need to do the same with our elected officials. By asking WHY, we become informed as to the content of the subject and not just the results without knowledge of the content.

As taxpaying citizens, we must ask WHY Congress allowed our National Debt to be this huge burden to us, our children and *their* children with no end to the spending in sight.

In October our elected Congress passed a bill to the tune of 4.7 billion dollars to increase staffer's salaries by 5%. In addition they've offered funding to refurbish government buildings in Washington when we, the taxpayers, have lost our homes, lost our jobs and lost our savings. Then if that wasn't enough they passed a 7.5 billion dollar bill to send to Afghanistan for economic and social reconstruction. **STOP THE SPENDING!**

Our elitist Congress is so out of touch, they believe that the recession is over. Furthermore, they want us, American citizens, to believe it too. We now have the highest unemployment rate in over 30 years according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. We now have over 13% unemployment in Nevada and close to 10% Nationwide. This, as spending spirals out of control by our elected officials. It is time to stop the insanity! Tell me, is the recession really over? I think not.

Every citizen must investigate the candidates running for office in the upcoming elections to know what they stand for. We must be informed of where they want to take

our country and if it is not in the best interest of you or me, we cannot vote them into office.

It is my 'love of country' that brings me to this juncture in my life.

I decided to run for the US Senate when our representatives started signing legislation without having any knowledge of the content. When our Congress spent trillions of taxpayer dollars without having *any* knowledge of where it was going or why it was being spent. Then calling those who questioned them Un-American! Pork barrel spending to the tune of billions in every bill passed.

Never before in the history of American Politics have we witnessed an uprising of common people, everyday, ordinary American citizens, as we have in these past few months.

It is time to ask our elected officials and our President the tough questions. We deserve the answers as their *employers and not their employees*.

First, **WHY** do you travel at home and abroad continually apologizing in the global arena of America's inadequacies instead of reminding those countries of the supreme sacrifice the American soldier gave to save *their* countries from foreign invasions, dictatorships and the holocaust?

WHY do you want to prosecute CIA agents for performing their job to keep America safe and secure all the while refusing to allow a special prosecutor to look into the illegal dealings of ACORN, a government-sponsored agency that for years cheated our government with taxpayer dollars to get millions more of taxpayer dollars.

WHY does General McChrystal have to go on national television to state his case that the war in Afghanistan will be lost unless we send more troops while our President finds it more important to fly to Denmark to plead his case for the 2016 Olympics than to meet with McChrystal more than once?

WHY leave our troops in harms way with each passing day that the President's decision goes unmade to win the war we are fighting? Remember Vietnam?

WHY do you think that you can talk Iran out of nuclear weapons when you couldn't convince the Intl Olympic Committee to consider Chicago for the 2016 Olympics?

Why do you sit in Washington knowing there is a second facility in Iran for the development of nuclear weapons and still give Ahmadinejad a time table to stop the development of these weapons? Remember Israel?

WHY leave Israel to defend itself against Iran when we have a vital interest in Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East?

WHY do you think you can run a health care program when you cannot efficiently run the Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, VA Hospitals, the postal service and a host of other inept governmental entities?

Right now behind closed doors the leadership in Washington is working on putting together a health care program that will kill opportunity for businesses to expand.

WHY are we even debating a health care reform bill that will add at least 2 trillion dollars to the cost and still not cover everyone?

WHY are you raising taxes on businesses that need that money to reinvest in their businesses, and not raise taxes on those companies that received billions in TARP money, like Goldman Sachs who didn't pay one red cent in federal taxes last year?

WHY does our educational system teach everything but education? We teach social issues to children nationwide, when we should be educating our children in reading, writing, arithmetic, American history and the Constitution.

WHY, when we contact our elected officials with questions, they either ignore us or respond with form letters or blanket statements?

Finally, **WHY** are we still electing officials that *do not* represent us? Now is the time to hold our elected officials accountable for their actions. WE elect the officials each election cycle. It will be the people who will vote out those that continue to misrepresent our wishes.

Respectfully,

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With your vote, the next Senator from the Great State of Nevada
God Bless you, and God bless America