

WISE WORDS

The following has been attributed to various people. However, research indicates that it is traceable to several authors. Nevertheless, it is all true and should be considered by each and every one of us as we cast our ballots.

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about prosperity by dis-

couraging thrift.

You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.

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WHAT CHANGES DO WE WANT? *by Jim Bice*

With this being a presidential election year, the message we're hearing from all the candidates is that we need change. Of course, the Democrats claim they want change from the policies of the Bush administration and they want to take the country in a new direction. Just what direction would that be?

A recent poll indicates that 67 percent of Americans are unhappy with the direction the country is headed and 69 percent of the country is unhappy with the performance of the President. This

isn't surprising since for the past eight years the media have been vilifying nearly everything this administration has done whether it's warranted or not. But, in essence, 2/3 of the citizenry just isn't happy and they want a change. The real question is, what, specifically, is everyone so unhappy about?

Is it that we have electricity and running water 24 hours a day, 7 Days a week? Most of the world doesn't enjoy these conveniences.

Is our unhappiness the result

of having air conditioning in the summer and heating in the winter? Barak Obama says we need to cut back on these things to save energy.

Could it be that 95 percent of these unhappy folks have a job? Even though the jobless rate has increased slightly in recent months, it's still about what it was all during the Clinton administration.

Maybe it is the ability to walk into a grocery store at any time and see more food in moments than most people in the third world have seen in the last year? Of course, according to a speech given by Barak Obama in Portland, Oregon, we Americans eat too much and must cut back for the benefit of the rest of the world.

Maybe it is the ability to drive our cars, trucks and SUVs from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean without having to present identification papers as we move through each state? But Obama wants us to give up our SUVs because they deprive the rest of the world of energy.

Or possibly the hundreds of clean and safe motels we would find along the way that can provide temporary shelter?

It could be that having thousands of restaurants with varying cuisine from around the world is just not good enough either.

Or could it be that when we wreck our car, emergency workers show up and provide services to help and even send a helicopter to take you to the hospital if necessary?

Perhaps you are one of the 70 percent of Americans who own a home. Does that make you unhappy?

Or you may be upset with knowing that in the unfortunate case of a fire, a group of trained firefighters will appear in moments and use top notch equipment to extinguish the flames, thus saving you, your family, and your belongings.

Or if, while at home watching one of your many flat screen TVs, playing on your Wii or computer, a burglar or prowler intrudes, an officer equipped with a gun and a bullet-proof vest will come to defend you and your family against attack or loss.

This all in the backdrop of a neighborhood free of bombs or militias raping and pillaging the residents. Neighborhoods where 90% of teenagers own cell phones and computers.

It must be our health care system that makes us so unhappy. Sure, it's not perfect. And sure, there are some people who don't have insurance. But the fact is that no one who needs health care in this country goes without. It's federal law. We even provide health care for those who come here illegally, steal our jobs, steal our welfare and undermine our culture.

How about the complete religious, social and political freedoms we enjoy that are the envy of everyone in the world? This is one of the few places in the

world where you can openly vilify the government, religion (especially Christianity) and openly demonstrate your ignorance with impunity.

Could it be that America is the most environmentally clean country in the industrialized world where huge, wealthy environmental groups continue to tell us we're all going to die if we don't send them more money?

Maybe these are a few of the things that has 67% of America unhappy.

Whether we want to admit it or not, we are the largest group of ungrateful, spoiled brats the world has ever seen. No wonder the world loves the United States, yet has a great disdain for

its citizens. They see us for what we are. The most blessed people in the world who do nothing but complain about what we don't have, and what we hate about the country instead of thanking the good Lord we live here.

But what about the president who took us into war with those who would happily kill us and has brought Al Qaida to the point where they are the weakest they've been since their inception? The same president who has a measly 31 per cent approval rating? (Don't forget, the Democrat controlled congress has only a 26% approval rating) Is this the same president who guided the nation in the dark days af-

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