

# THE LIFE, MARRIAGE, CONSCIENCE & ISRAEL VOW

## Background:

- To view or print **THE VOW** in PDF format, click [here](#).
- To view anticipated final formatting of **THE VOW** voter guide, subject to change prior to Saturday, November 1, click [here](#).
- To see what **THE VOW** Consortium is saying to pastors and rabbis, click [here](#).
- To see what **THE VOW** Consortium is saying to U.S. House and Senate candidates and incumbents, click [here](#).
- To read what some donors to **THE VOW** Consortium and its allied members are saying, click [here](#).
- To listen to some of what clerical leaders have been hearing since October 1, 2012, click [here](#).
- To view what some groups have put on TV during this election cycle, click [here](#).
- For more information on the background and rationale for **THE VOW**, click [here](#).
- The crucial issue to be illuminated for voters of Jewish and Christian heritage is the willingness of a House or Senate candidate to solemnly vow against National Debt-financing and IRS-subsidization of four obviously evil expenditures by the U.S. government.

## The National Debt

The U.S. government, borrowing in FY 2014 at a rate of over \$15,000 per second with the bipartisan approval of Congressional Republicans and Democrats, has accumulated over [\\$17.9 trillion in nominal National Debt](#) and [an estimated \\$205 trillion](#) in unfunded future liabilities. This is immoral and obscene, the plundering of our children, of future American generations.

*Well, what if enough fiscally-disciplined Capitol Hill Republicans (and Democrats?) were to ["hide Obama's Mastercard"](#)?*

*What if the USA stopped borrowing nearly a half-trillion dollars (\$500,000,000,000.00) per year?*

*Would this cause a partial government shutdown as occurred briefly in 2013?*

*Would the USA default on the National Debt, as President Obama, Speaker Boehner and Senate leaders have ridiculously argued?*

No. Washington and Wall Street elites know full well that if a disciplined U.S. House or Senate Majority refrained from yet another debt-ceiling increase, another uncapping or “suspension” or elimination of the U.S. National Debt limit in early 2015 (pursuant to the February 7 expiration of the current bipartisan “suspension”), the U.S. Government would NOT default on its Treasury bondholding creditors.

## **Hiding Obama’s “Mastercard”**

David Rivkin, attorney to House Speaker John Boehner and his Majority in a lawsuit against President Obama, supplies ample background [here](#) to explain why President Obama and his Treasury Secretary, Jack Lew, could be subject to House Judiciary Committee impeachment hearings were they to miss Constitutionally-required, timely payment of interest or principal to U.S. Treasury bondholders in favor of various discretionary spending priorities of the Obama Administration or Capitol Hill.

As Rivkin, ex-Treasury officials and honest economists have explained many times, a vow to “hide President Obama’s credit card” will not result in default to the USA’s creditors; rather, it would result in a *de facto* balanced budget situation in which federal expenditures are limited to U.S. tax receipts plus cash on hand, requiring the President to prioritize widely-accepted outlays (such as for U.S. military pay, veterans’ benefits, Social Security, Ebola preparedness, and Medicare) while subordinating scheduled outlays for controversial or lower-priority purposes.

[“Hiding Obama’s Mastercard”](#) so our \$18 trillion National Debt *stops increasing* (U.S. debt [nearly doubled since Bush, who himself nearly doubled the Debt he received](#)) is an entirely different thing than not paying the credit card bill – interest, principal or both – for items already purchased. No one argues we should not pay U.S. bondholders, nor even regular creditors such as Defense contractors, printers, doctors, etc. pursuant to *incurred* obligations.

## **Beltway Full Employment**

Next month’s full-employment Beltway payrolls at the IRS, HHS, HUD, DOJ, SBA, NDE, NDEA, ATF, FHFA, etc, however, are NOT incurred obligations. Why is the Washington Beltway and every tentacle of the Federal Leviathan at full-employment, while the rest of the nation continues to suffer economically?

This is NOT a “meat-axe” approach to fiscal discipline, as some saw the partial government shutdown of fall 2013; led by President Obama and Sen. Ted Cruz, that was a *required across-the-board cessation of federal activity* due to the inability of Washington leaders to establish budgetary spending priorities.

By contrast, “hiding the national credit card” leaves tax receipts flowing to pay for any priority of the Administration after Constitutionally-required payments to U.S. bondholders have been made. Around 1/10<sup>th</sup> of tax receipts are required to pay interest on U.S. savings bonds and to all lenders to the U.S. Treasury, with around 90% of taxes available

to pay for whatever President Obama prioritizes among Congressionally-approved spending items.

Although federal layoffs would be required in lower-priority sectors of the budget and some Medicare, Medicaid and Obamacare reforms are necessary in any case (even if Congress votes for higher National Debt in 2015), no U.S. soldier would need to skip a paycheck nor would any Social Security recipient need to be shorted.

The virtues of budgetary discipline are reason enough to hold the line on the National Debt and force the federal government to live within its means. This alone would justify the firm refusal of a fiscally-responsible lawmaker to authorize greater national debt in 2015.

## **Borrowing for Bad Things**

But, there are even more compelling reasons to “hide President Obama’s credit card”; Washington’s Republicans and Democrats, bipartisanly, are expending enormous sums for some really bad, really evil things.

We might pity a neighboring family that goes into debt to pay essential medical and housing bills. But, we might judge that family much more harshly if those precious resources were being spent on gambling, internet pornography and whiskey.

Borrowing to pay essential bills during times of crisis is one thing. Borrowing to subsidize self-destructive and immoral behavior is quite another. Among expenditures contributing to the USA's dire financial condition are House- and Senate-approved outlays which finance such obvious and unconscionable evils as:

- Abortion subsidies (direct or fungible, via Planned Parenthood, the Global Fund, UNFPA, etc).
- Anti-Semitic extremism in the West Bank and Gaza (eg, via UNRWA).
- Coerced violation of conscience and sincerely held religious beliefs by private citizens, organizations, faith groups, and businesses, through the enforcement of coercive insurance coverage for abortifacient drugs, devices and contraceptives pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”).
- Dangerous funding for, direct provision of and broad OTC access to potentially harmful contraceptive and abortifacient drugs to children, often without sufficient parental notification and consent opportunities.
- Subsidies to normalize same-sex attraction and transgenderism, including among minors.
- Reducing national security by distracting the U.S. Armed Forces from their critical defense mission by normalizing and promoting transgenderism, open homosexuality and sexual harassment in the U.S. Military.

- Imposed intolerance of religious beliefs and dissent from the LGBT political correctness in American businesses (eg, pending ENDA legislation, the enforcement of ENDA-like Executive Orders, etc.)
- Misallocating scarce resources for healthcare for the poor, elderly and disabled towards payment for transgenderism-associated services, procedures, drugs and devices by already insolvent Medicare/Medicaid programs (including penilectomies, transgender vaginoplasties, transgender breast implants, etc)
- Judicial supremacy over the Legislative Branch, including financing the myth that Congress, the First Branch of the U.S. Government, lacks lawful “checks and balances” against overreaching judicial decrees to impose homosexual marriage on the 47 “Straight States” whose People have never voted to embrace it by initiative, referendum or popular plebiscite; in fact, about 2/3rds of the States have enshrined rejection of same-sex marriage, polygamy and polyandry into their constitutions!
- Weak, flaccid First Branch submission to the extremism of the Third Branch has been so bad during the joint tenure of Speaker Boehner and Senate Majority leader Reid that they have, so far, acquiesced to the notion that the Defense of Marriage Act, duly enacted by Congress and signed by President Clinton, must give way to U.S. debt-financed *subsidies* for homosexuality and lesbianism in “marriage” – yet ONLY Congress owns “the Power of the Purse.” In fact, Article I of the Constitution lays out the power of the Legislature to check the other branches’ abuses of power through the power of the purse (among other remedies, including impeaching executive branch officials and judges, and defining the jurisdiction and structure of federal courts).
- Judicial supremacy over the Executive Branch, including the myth that the Executive Branch must enforce judicial decrees even when they violate the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, or the First Amendment rights of citizens. In fact, the Executive Branch has the constitutionally-granted power to check an abusive Judicial Branch by declining to enforce its decrees when five or more black-robed justices become tyrants.

To the preceding point, most States have enshrined the historical definition of one-man-one-woman marriage into their constitutions by popular plebiscitary majorities. Even if the executive and legislature of these States fail to defend the State constitution, or to exercise checks on judicial abuse of power, that does not mean that the U.S. Congress is required to finance Executive Branch enforcement of these ongoing abuses in such States, nor that the U.S. President is required to enforce these lower court rulings.

Inexplicably, Congressional Republicans and Democrats shamefully cooperate to DEBT-FINANCE and SUBSIDIZE these abuses of power and immoral programs and activities by means of tax revenue and Congressionally-authorized U.S. borrowing (again, nearly a half-trillion dollars in FY 2014) – while many of these same Senators and Representatives claim to be “pro-life,” “pro-marriage” “pro-conscience and religious liberty” or “pro-Israel.”

And yet, Congress is IRS-subsidizing and National Debt-financing the antitheses of these ideals.

- *Would Congress subsidize Auschwitz?*
- *Would President Obama subsidize lynchings?*
- *Would Washington debt-finance slavery, human trafficking, ISIS or pedophilia?*

Of course not!

Well, then why are most Congressional Republicans and Democrats

- **Borrowing from China to kill American babies -- and the most vulnerable people in countries receiving U.S. foreign aid?**

(eg, via appropriations to Planned Parenthood and the Global Fund, UNFPA).

- **Subsidizing anti-Semitic extremism in the West Bank and Gaza?**

(eg, via UNRWA).

- **Debt-financing IRS enforcement of coercive, conscience-violating, mandatory "Obamacare" abortifacient drugs, devices and contraceptives?**

(eg, on Judeo-Christian businesses, on ministries like Dr. James Dobson's and upon Judeo-Christian institutions like the University Notre Dame, Liberty University, Yeshiva University and Wheaton College, and on private citizens whose consciences or sincerely held religious beliefs prohibit any financial support of these products and services in their own health care premiums, or for others via their payment of premiums into a broader insurance pool).

- **Funding judicial supremacist imposition, enforcement and subsidization of homosexual wedlock, by Obama and LGBT judges, against the 10th Amendment; against duly-enacted DOMA policy; and against the popular constitutions, intimidated governors, and the electoral will of the the 47 "Straight States" whose People have never voted to embrace it by initiative, referendum or popular plebiscite?**

Today, vast numbers of the American People perceive that Boehner's House Republican Majority (aided and abetted by Pelosi's Democrats) and Reid's Senate Democrat Majority (aided and abetted by McConnell's RINOs) hold the Sanctity of Human Life, Natural Marriage and hetero-monogamy, Freedom of Conscience and the besieged Jewish People of Israel in very low regard.

Whether incumbents or challengers, we anticipate most U.S. House and Senate candidates for election in 2014, 2016 and 2018 will demonstrate their low regard for the American People, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, fiscal discipline and the Rule of Law when they are recorded as "NOs" to **THE LIFE, MARRIAGE, CONSCIENCE & ISRAEL VOW.**