

## What Is Happening To Our Country?

I have been watching things since 9/11 and I do have to take exception with much of what I see on most cable news channels, read in the paper, read many places on the internet and hear from some of the people I talk to.

After 9/11 many of us were angry enough to enlist in the service (many did and I would have if I had been of an age and physically able to). People were worried about what happened, angry, stressed out and probably every other emotion you can imagine. People for the most part also had compassion for their fellow American and a sense of Patriotism I had not seen in years. I can only speak in terms of what I experienced in my lifetime which really starts with Vietnam, that is the one where I was at the age to be drafted, young people won't remember that but it was how they filled the military ranks in those days. Physically I should never have been considered for the draft but I suppose they had a quota, I did well on the written test and it looked like I was about to be drafted. I did get reclassified but I would have went had I been called because it was what we were supposed to do. There were many who didn't go when called (they were termed draft dodgers). Back in those days there were Hippie Communes, there were people who got out of it because they were in college, some may have had someone in the Government with some pull, I can think of one who was convicted after being caught and given another chance, years later was pardoned by President Carter, became a Governor then President. Still not sure how that even happened but that isn't the point here. We had radicals that were domestic terrorists, blowing things up and making life dangerous for those of us here but it was nothing compared to the dangers our men in uniform had to face. What I have always had trouble understanding is how the system here got so corrupt that a domestic terrorist (ie. Bill Ayers) could get out of trouble, become a college professor, sat on boards, dispense large sums of money to various organizations and apparently be a close friend with our current President Barrack Obama. While Bill Ayers seems to have everything going his way the men and women who did their duty in the military were demonized, spit on, called baby killers and to this day are treated like they did the wrong thing by going when they were called upon to serve their country yet others who ran away from their patriotic duty seem to be held in high regard. All I can say is NOT BY ME!

We had some good years and some bad years in this country, our President's did some good things and they also did some things I didn't agree with. I kept quiet about them and didn't rock the boat, you see like so many other people I didn't think I could make a difference, I had a family to take care of and didn't feel I had time to do anything else.

Then 9/11 happened! I started taking more of an interest in what was happening even though I still wasn't getting involved. I think many people were starting to wake up at that time. After 9/11 everyone in this country (at least those of us that were at least a little patriotic) were behind going after Bin Laden and the others responsible for 9/11. I'm still not sure what the reason for Iraq was. I feel that no matter what the reason for Iraq was, right or wrong, once you commit to it, Get it done and win. My personal complaint about Iraq was they seemed to be tying the hands of the military and did not allow them to do what needed to be done. Now I don't know for sure but my suspicion is that Congress put many of those restrictions on them and none of the people in Congress was in a position to make those decisions not even McCain, though I suspect he would have been more open to allowing the military to do their job and not put so many roadblocks in their way, I hope I'm not giving him too much credit. I

truly believe that President Bush was doing all he could to keep this country safe. Politics is a dirty game and some of the players are more concerned with their image and what they can gain from the game financially to put the security of the country first. One thing I will say for President Bush is he honestly seemed more concerned about the country than he was about being liked by the media or Congress. I do know that President Bush and John McCain tried to do something about Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac as far back as 2002. Guess who put up most of the opposition and didn't want any regulation on them? HINT: It wasn't a Republican. It was none other than Barney Frank. He said there was no problem, they were sound and doing great. Guess what people: Had Barney Frank not interfered most of the financial mess we are in may not have happened. CONCLUSION: I blame Barney Frank for the meltdown, not President Bush. I know I'll probably get hate mail for that statement but I stand by it and if you must my email is [ataxia162@yahoo.com](mailto:ataxia162@yahoo.com) For most of President Bush's two terms we were doing pretty well financially, it seems to me that when things started going downhill it was after the mid term elections when the democrats got control of The House and The Senate.

That brings us to the election. During the primary I have to say I caught myself getting swayed by Obama, then I started asking myself questions like, Did he say anything that made sense? The sound of what he said was good but was there any substance? Can these things actually be done? Did he ever explain how he intended to do those things? What I determined was, what he said sounded good but that was all there was to it. All fluff and no substance. Then Sarah Palin came on the scene. The more they attacked her the more attention I paid to what she said. The conclusion I came to was: She had the right values! She spoke to the people yet didn't just say what some poll said people wanted to hear! People could relate to the values she talked about and I would have been more comfortable electing her President because she had experience that Obama lacked. She had values that Obama lacked. I would have preferred her over McCain because he was too moderate and eager to make concessions with the Democrats that I simply was not comfortable with..

Since the election the economy has gotten worse, the steps they have taken I'm convinced will not help and will most likely make it worse. Despite all the money put into banks, auto companies etc. and yes the first bailout was under President Bush but since Obama has been in office he has increased the spending to the point where anyone with half a brain has to see it can't continue or the country may well not survive it. I'm afraid if that agenda is not stopped we may not be able to turn things around in time. We have a Congress and Senate controlled by some of the most Liberal Left-Wing Democrats I have ever seen in my life. It is imperative that changes in the mid term election in 2010 to save the country. In the meantime everyone needs to make their voice heard in the House and the Senate. We need to let all of them know there are a large enough number of people who ARE VOTERS unhappy with their job performance and the WILL be voted out in the next election unless they can change our minds with better representation. We need to let them know that their performance to date has convinced us to NOT vote for them and it will take work on their part to change our minds and we are not brain dead robots who will fall for pretty promises! They will have to show us with real results.

What I'm asking for is everyone who reads this and agrees to pass it along but don't stop at that. I feel a sense of urgency about this so please for OUR country call, email, fax, anyway you can think of to let them know in DC and don't stop. We need to make it so clear how we feel that they will be afraid to ignore us. Do it everyday, or every week or as often as you can and ask everyone else to do it too. Tie up their phone lines, crash their server with email,

hang tea bags from the rear view mirror in your car, sign petitions, go to tea parties, talk to people, have a tee shirt made, in short use your imagination to communicate your frustration, anger and fear for your country.

I'll do everything I can and I ask you to do everything you can. We as citizens can no longer expect our Representatives to work on our behalf, we have to force them to do what they were elected to do FOR NOW!