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President Obama's Zingers

(posted by Steven W. Baker / SteveB, Apr. 12, 2012)

I think these show just how reasonable, restrained, and diplomatic the Big Guy is, but maybe that's just me...

"Obama's Top 20 Jabs at the GOP" by Politico

Apr. 12, 2012, (<http://www.politico.com/gallery/2012/04/obamas-top-20-jabs-at-the-gop/000060-000590.html>)

Since taking office, President Barack Obama has unleashed dozens of arrows at Republicans, sometimes calling them out individually by name, sometimes just as a party. Here are 20 of his best barbs.

1. Over: "We're not campaigning anymore. The election is over." — Obama, Feb. 25, 2010, to Sen. John McCain at the health care summit.
2. Along for the ride: "We don't mind the Republicans joining us. They can come for the ride, but they gotta sit in back." — Obama, Oct. 25, 2010, during a midterm election campaign stop in Rhode Island.
3. Armageddon: "I'm not exaggerating, leaders of the Republican Party, they called the passage of this bill Armageddon! Armageddon. End of freedom as we know it. So after I signed the bill, I looked around to see if there were any asteroids falling, or some cracks opening up in the Earth. Turned out it was a nice day." — Obama, March 25, 2010, at an Iowa City rally promoting health care.
4. Marvelous: "He said that he's very supportive of this new budget. And he even called it 'marvelous,' which is a word you don't often hear when it comes to describing a budget. It's a word that you don't often hear generally." — Obama, April 3, 2012, speaking at the Associated Press annual meeting in reference to Mitt Romney's support of Rep. Paul Ryan's budget.
5. 'Radical': "In fact, that renowned liberal, Newt Gingrich, first called the original version of the budget 'radical' and said it would contribute to right-wing social engineering." — Obama, April 3, 2012, referencing Newt Gingrich's line about the Paul Ryan budget during his speech at the AP luncheon.
6. Democrats and Republicans: "Democrats are an opinionated bunch. You know the other side, they just kind of sometimes do what they're told." — Obama, Oct. 20, 2009, during a fundraiser in New York City.

7. 'I won': "I won." — Obama, Jan. 23, 2009, to Republicans during a meeting with congressional leaders about his stimulus package, according to sources familiar with the conversation.
8. People of color: "We have a lot in common. He is a person of color. Although not a color that appears in the natural world." — Obama, May 9, 2009, making fun of John Boehner at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner.
9. Pawlenty: "Tim Pawlenty's not here, but he's hit the campaign trail hard. And to be honest, I think the American people are going to have some tough questions for Tim. Specifically, 'Who are you and where do you come from?' Which is okay — two years into my presidency and I'm still getting those questions." — Obama, March 12, 2011, joking about former Minnesota Gov. candidate Tim Pawlenty during his speech at the 2011 Gridiron Club dinner.
10. Columbus: "If some of these folks were around when Columbus set sail, they must have been founding members of the Flat Earth Society... They would not have believed that the world was round." — Obama, March 15, 2012, speaking at Price George's Community College in Largo, Md. about Republicans' rhetoric on gas prices and energy.
11. Troubled asset: "Michael Steele is in the house tonight. Or as he would say, 'In the heezy.' Wassup? Michael, for the last time, the Republican Party does not qualify for a bailout. Rush Limbaugh does not count as a troubled asset, I'm sorry." — Obama, May 9, 2009, making fun of then RNC chair Michael Steele at the 2009 White House Correspondents' Association dinner.
12. Drilling: "Well, the American people aren't stupid. They know that's not a plan, especially since we're already drilling. That's a bumper sticker. It's not a strategy to solve our energy challenge. That's a strategy to get politicians through an election." — Obama, Feb. 23, 2012, during an address on energy policy at the University of Miami.
13. The Donald: "Now I know he's taken some flak lately, but no one is happier to put the birth certificate matter to rest than The Donald. And that's because he can finally get back to focusing on the issues that matter, like 'Did we fake the moon landing?' 'What really happened in Roswell?' And, 'Where are Biggie and Tupac?'" — Obama, April 30, 2011, at the 2011 White House Correspondents' Association Dinner, mocking Donald Trump.
14. Huntsman: "First of all, let me just say I think Ambassador Huntsman has done an outstanding job as ambassador for the United States to China. ... And I'm sure that him having worked so well with me will be a great asset in any Republican primary." — Obama, Jan. 19, 2011, when asked about Jon Huntsman's possible presidential bid at a news conference with China's President Hu as Huntsman was seated in the front row.
15. Moats: "You know, they said, 'we needed to triple the border patrol.' Well, now they're going to say we need to quadruple the border patrol, or they'll want a higher fence. Maybe they'll need a moat. Maybe they'll want alligators in the moat." — Obama, May 20, 2011, speaking about the stance of Republicans on border enforcement.
16. Rutherford B. Hayes: "One of my predecessors, President Rutherford B. Hayes, reportedly said about the telephone: 'It's a great invention but who would ever want to use one?' That's why he's not on Mt. Rushmore." — Obama, March 15, 2012, in Largo, Maryland, knocking the 19th century Republican president, who by the way, was a fan of the telephone and the first president to have one in the White House.
17. Jobs bill: "We're going to break up my jobs bill — maybe they couldn't understand the whole thing all at once." — October 17, 2011, during an address in Asheville, North Carolina, referencing how Congress would vote be voting on "bite-sized" parts of his jobs bill.
18. Land of Lincoln: "And my message to all the candidates is, 'Welcome to the land of Lincoln,' because I'm thinking maybe some Lincoln will rub off on them while they are here." — Obama, March 16, 2012, speaking at a fundraiser in Chicago about how Abraham Lincoln, the country's first Republican president, pushed for large, federally funded projects.
19. Commander-in-chief: "What's said on the campaign trail, those folks don't have a lot of responsibilities. They're not commander-in-chief. When I see the casualness with which some of these folks talk about war, I'm reminded of

the costs involved in war.” — Obama, March 6, 2012, hitting his Republican opponents on their rhetoric concerning war with Iran during a Super Tuesday press conference.

20. Trojan horse: “It’s a Trojan horse. Disguised as [a] deficit-reduction plan, it’s really an attempt to impose a radical vision on our country. It’s nothing but thinly veiled Social Darwinism.” — Obama, April 3, 2012, speaking to news executives about the House Republicans’ budget at the annual meeting of The Associated Press.

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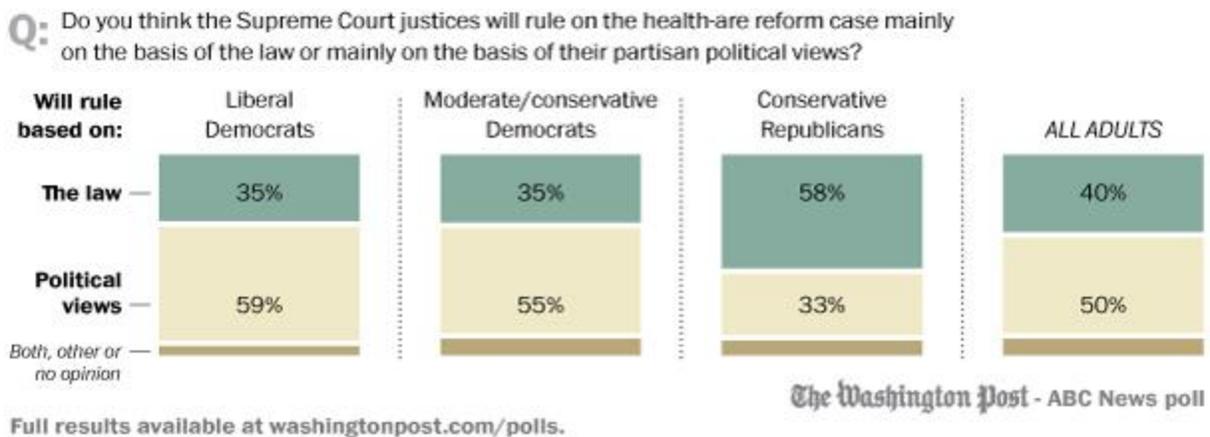
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"Poll: More Americans Expect Supreme Court's Health-Care Decision to be Political" by Robert Barnes and Scott Clement, *The Washington Post*

Apr. 11, 2012, (http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/poll-half-of-americans-expect-supreme-courts-health-care-decision-to-be-political/2012/04/10/gIQAOoqW9S_story.html)

More Americans think Supreme Court justices will be acting mainly on their partisan political views than on a neutral reading of the law when they decide the constitutionality of President Obama's health-care law, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.



Half of the public expects the justices to rule mainly based on their "partisan political views," while fewer, 40 percent, expect their decisions to be rooted primarily "on the basis of the law." The rest say both equally or do not have an opinion.

The court held a historic three days of oral arguments on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act last month, and its ruling probably will come just before the court adjourns at the end of June. The poll shows little enthusiasm

for the Obama administration's position that the law, passed by the Democratic Congress in 2010, should be upheld in full.

Only a quarter of Americans choose that as the desired outcome. Thirty-eight percent would like the entire law thrown out; 29 percent would like the court to strike the requirement that individuals obtain health insurance and to keep the rest of the law.

Only 39 percent of Americans support the health-care overhaul in general, the lowest percentage since the Post-ABC poll began asking the question.

The public's perception of the court is closely tied to partisan and ideological leanings. Almost twice as many conservative Republicans think the court will decide on the basis of the law rather than politics, 58 to 33 percent. Liberal Democrats are more skeptical, saying by an equally wide margin that the court will put politics first.

Just over half of political independents think the court will base its ruling on partisan predispositions. This includes similar numbers of independents who support and oppose the health law.

Only about half of Democrats want the entire law upheld. Nearly two-thirds of Republicans want all of it thrown out.

The court's ideological and partisan divide is pronounced. For the first time in generations, the court's five conservatives were nominated by Republican presidents, while the four-member liberal bloc was nominated by Democratic presidents.

The poll was conducted April 5 to 8 among a random national sample of 1,103 adults. Results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

(Polling director Jon Cohen and polling manager Peyton M. Craighill contributed to this report.)

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Art

Re: "Poll: More Americans Expect Supreme Court's Health-Care Decision to be Political" (reply to MarthaH, above)

I'm always a little suspect of these polls of what - 0001 % but we will see. I keep trying to look at the bill from different angles and see nothing essentially wrong with it.

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SteveB

"Low-Wage Jobs to Blame for Slow Economic Recovery"

Wages need to be raised, but get ready for inflation...

"Low-Wage Jobs to Blame for Slow Economic Recovery" by Eileen Appelbaum, NationofChange

Apr. 10, 2012, (<http://www.nationofchange.org/low-wage-jobs-blame-slow-economic-recovery-1334121574>)

Slower-than-expected employment growth in March 2012 has brought the halting pace of economic recovery into sharp focus again. Nearly three years since the recession officially ended in June of 2009, 12.7 million people are still out of work and unable to find a job—a figure that rises to 22.8 million if workers who have given up looking but still want to work and those employed part-time because of the poor economy are included. Demand for goods and services has been slow to recover—consumer spending has been hampered by a loss of housing wealth, continued high unemployment, and economic insecurity while government spending has been hamstrung by political infighting in Washington. The job growth that has occurred has been largely concentrated in very low wage occupations. Economic theory—and common sense—tells us that high unemployment will persist until demand picks up. Businesses are not going to increase the pace at which they hire workers until the pace of spending increases.

Despite the obvious employment gap that results from the shortfall in spending, some observers contend that it is a mismatch between the skills of unemployed workers and the skills employers require that is responsible for the

continuing high unemployment. Many of the ills of the labor market have been attributed to a supposed hollowing out of the job distribution—to "job polarization." Indeed, the claim that middle-skill/middle-income jobs in the United States are disappearing while jobs at the top and bottom of the occupational ladder are growing has been put forward as the explanation for four decades of wage stagnation for men. Today, the claim that employers have good jobs but can't find workers with the right skills to fill them has gained currency in the popular press. Yet such an imbalance between supply and demand would cause wages to rise in those occupations, and no such increase in pay can be observed.

Now a new study attributes the jobless recoveries following recent recessions to such job polarization. The study's authors argue that jobs in the middle of the skill and income distribution disappear during recessions and fail to come back during recoveries. How real is job polarization?

The job polarization thesis is widely attributed to work by David Autor and his colleagues. But as Autor makes very clear, it is only the decade of the 1990s that can be characterized by a hollowing out of middle-skill jobs. In that decade, according to Autor, employment growth was most rapid in high-skill jobs, was modestly positive in low-skill jobs, and was modestly negative in middle-skill jobs. From 1999 to 2007, in contrast, Autor finds that employment growth was concentrated in the bottom third of the skill distribution, a pattern that has persisted through the recovery from the 2007-2009 recession and that is expected to persist to 2020.

Looking at the nature of job growth as economic recovery took hold, the National Employment Law Project found that lower-wage occupations—retail sales persons, office clerks, food prep workers, and stock clerks topped this list—grew by 3.2 percent from the first quarter of 2010 through the first quarter of 2011, and mid-wage occupations grew by 1.2 percent, while higher-wage occupations declined by 1.2 percent. Occupational projections to 2020 tell a similar story. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that five of the top six occupations with the most job growth from 2010 to 2020 will be low-wage jobs that require little or no post-high school education—retail sales persons, home health aides, home care aides, office clerks general, and food prep and serving workers. Personal care aides and home health aides are also the two fastest growing occupations according to these projections.

Thus the job polarization of the 1990s has been replaced in the last dozen years by job growth that is dominated by occupations in the bottom tier of the skill and wage distributions. This trend is likely to continue in the absence of policies that increase demand more broadly in the economy and that improve wages and working conditions for the millions of workers—mainly women—in the occupations that are growing. Low wages in the expanding occupations limit gains in consumer spending and hamper more robust job growth.

20120411-03	12:54	SteveB	OWS: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY!!!"
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Sounds like dangerous rhetoric to me! What do the rest of you think of this? Am I getting conservative?

"MAYDAY, MAYDAY!!!" by "Occupy Wall Street", NationofChange [??? -SteveB]

Apr. 11, 2012, (<http://www.nationofchange.org/mayday-mayday-1334157032>)

To the activist, the rebel, the revolutionary, the dreamer. To all who believe in a better world. To those who have found their voice, and those voices that have been met with the sniper's bullet. To those whose voices have been taken from them. To the peaceful who have been met with brutality and violence, the loving who have been met with hatred. Those who beg for understanding, but are met with ridicule. The free thinkers, the questioners, the dissenters, those who have woken up, and now rattle the chains that have held us down. To the freedom fighters all around the globe.

Raise your fists, break your chains. Shake the world under your feet, and make a noise so loud, that the 1% will cower in their marble halls. For the time of The People has come. Those who consider themselves our masters will find themselves standing in the path of a force the likes of which the world has never seen. For the world relied on our compliance. Our silence, our sheepish ways of living how we are told, for our acceptance of the oppressor's so called power. But this power was an illusion. Yes the power did not lie in the bank accounts, the pockets of CEOs,

the chambers of Ivory towers under lock and key. No. the power has been with The People. The people who survive day to day. The children who cry at night from the pains of hunger, the students who dreams were stolen from them, or sold at prices so high, there is no hope of escape. Those who face violence and weaponry, and defend themselves with nothing but an idea. But it is this idea you see, that makes them strong. An idea cannot be beaten. An idea cannot be gassed, or shot. For it lives in our very souls, and no matter what stands against us, this idea cannot be destroyed.

So my fellow people, rise up without fear. Take back what is rightfully yours. This world belongs to you. You are powerful. You are a force so strong that Mother Nature herself cowers in your presence. This world will bend to your demands, and begin anew. Our battle cries will be heard in every street, echo off every building, and shatter the very foundations of all those who enslave us. For we are many. We are strong. We are awake. We are above your fear mongering, you who seek to silence us. You cannot threaten us with lies of alarm and panic. Your words are mist that dissipates as we march. Though the night may be long, and the oppressive darkness may seem so deep, that the dawn seems an impossible distant dream, we shall march. We will take to the streets, and march on until we reach a dawn that mankind has never been witness to. This dawn will produce a light so strong that the fear hatred and doubt in our hearts will vanish like the early morning dew upon a blade of grass. Our hearts will instead be a raging inferno that cannot be extinguished. Fear us you 1%, for we are coming, and we are already here. We are many, and We are one. We are here, and everywhere. We are united and cannot be divided. You are no longer our masters, and we no longer bend to your will.

My fellow freedom fighters. Do not despair. No laws can choke out the fire that is already raging around this world. They will ridicule you, they will fight against you. Your peaceful actions will be met with such force, it may seem as if there truly is no chance. But I am telling you now. This fear is the sound of the world changing. It is the sound of the wings of change ushering in a new era. The People's era. Do not despair youth of this world. This new world belongs to you. We will carry this world into the light of truth and equality. Our time has come. Your time has come. Stand with me my brothers and sisters, it is time to celebrate. No longer feel your pain and sufferings. For the world is changing. Yes, the old world is slipping away, and in its stead a new world has arisen. The world as it truly should be. Be strong, my comrades, and we shall see the dawn of the People.

Solidarity to the freedom fighters across this world.

Join us on May 1st to take the streets: <http://www.maydaynyc.org>, <http://occupytogether.org>.

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SteveG

"Explosive: Monsanto 'Knowingly Poisoned Workers' Causing Devastating Birth Defects"

"Explosive: Monsanto 'Knowingly Poisoned Workers' Causing Devastating Birth Defects" by Anthony Gucciardi, NationofChange

Apr. 11, 2012, (<http://www.nationofchange.org/explosive-monsanto-knowingly-poisoned-workers-causing-devastating-birth-defects-1334156412>)

In a developing news piece just unleashed by a courthouse news wire, Monsanto is being brought to court by dozens of Argentinean tobacco farmers who say that the biotech giant **knowingly poisoned them with herbicides and pesticides and subsequently caused "devastating birth defects" in their children.** The farmers are now suing not only Monsanto on behalf of their children, but many big tobacco giants as well. The birth defects that the farmers say occurred as a result are many, and include cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, psychomotor retardation, missing fingers, and blindness.

The farmers come from small family-owned farms in Misiones Province and sell their tobacco to many United States distributors. The family farmers say that major tobacco companies like the Philip Morris company asked them to use Monsanto's herbicides and pesticides, assuring them that the products were safe. Through asserting that the toxic chemicals were safe, the farmers state in their claim that the tobacco companies "wrongfully caused the parental and infant plaintiffs to be exposed to those chemicals and substances which they both knew, or should have known, would cause the infant offspring of the parental plaintiffs to be born with devastating birth defects."

The majority of the farmers in the area used Monsanto's Roundup, an herbicide with the active ingredient glyphosate that has shown to be killing human kidney cells. What's more, the farmers say that the tobacco companies pushed Monsanto's Roundup on the farmers despite a lack of protective equipment. In other words, these farmers — many in dire economic conditions — were being directly exposed to Roundup in large concentrations without any protective gear (or even experience or skills in handling the substance). Still, the farmers say the tobacco giants required the struggling farmers to 'purchase excessive quantities of Roundup and other pesticides'.

Most shocking, the farmers were ordered to discard leftover herbicides and pesticides in locations in which they *leached directly into the water supply*. With Monsanto's Roundup already known to be contaminating the groundwater, this comes as a serious threat to pure water supplies.

The farmers end their landmark case with an explanation as to why the tobacco companies allowed Monsanto's herbicides and pesticides to be unloaded on the small family farms in such vast quantities and purchased in excessive amounts. In their claim, the farmers state that the tobacco companies were "motivated by a desire for unwarranted economic gain and profit," with zero regard for the farmers and their infant children — many of which are now suffering from severe birth defects from Monsanto's products.

20120411-05	14:26	SteveB	Re: "Explosive: Monsanto 'Knowingly Poisoned Workers' Causing Devastating Birth Defects" (reply to SteveG, above)
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This photo is from the article, above.

Can anyone explain to me why, if Republicans care so much about fetuses, why don't they seem to want to do anything to protect them from harmful chemicals?

Instead, whatever the huge corporations want to do, there are the Republicans aiding and abetting them. One almost never hears even expressions of concern from Republican politicians. Nothing can ever be scientifically proven to them. Nothing! Fetuses be damned! World be damned!



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"Herman Cain Video Shows Man Pecked to Death by Chickens" by Luke Johnson, Huffington Post

Apr. 11, 2012, (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/11/herman-cain-video-chickens_n_1419050.html?ref=email_share)

Former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain has released yet another bizarre video. In his latest video, entitled "Chicken," the "average American taxpayer" who is "feeding big government" is pecked to death as he feeds chickens.

The clip is reminiscent of a famous scene in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" when children are pecked by crows as they try to run for shelter. However, Hitchcock's scene used much more sophisticated special effects.

Past videos have included a bunny being shot and a goldfish dying in open air. The *modus operandi* of these videos is to use graphic metaphors of death and animals, narrated by a young girl to advance a conservative viewpoint.

20120411-09	19:36	Art	"Allen West: I've 'Heard' 80 House Democrats Are Communist Party Members"
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Here we go again! Please pass the ketchup, Sen. McCarthy...

"Allen West: I've 'Heard' 80 House Democrats Are Communist Party Members" by Jennifer Bendery, Huffington Post

Apr. 11, 2012, (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/11/allen-west-democrats-communist-party_n_1417279.html?ref=email_share)

(WASHINGTON) As many as 80 House Democrats are communists, according to Rep. Allen West (R-Fla.).

West warned constituents at a Tuesday town hall event that he's "heard" that dozens of his Democratic colleagues in the House are members of the Communist Party, the *Palm Beach Post* reported. There are currently 190 House Democrats.

West spokeswoman Angela Melvin later defended West's comments -- and clarified to whom West was referring.

"The Congressman was referring to the 76 members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. The Communist Party has publicly referred to the Progressive Caucus as its allies. The Progressive Caucus speaks for itself. These individuals certainly aren't proponents of free markets or individual economic freedom," Melvin said in a statement to The Huffington Post.

West's campaign also sent over the transcript of the actual exchange that took place during the town hall to show that West was asked directly about the role of communists in the House.

Moderator: What percentage of the American legislature do you think are card-carrying Marxists or International Socialist?

West: It's a good question. I believe there's about 78 to 81 members of the Democrat Party who are members of the Communist Party. It's called the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

Some members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus confirmed that they are not, in fact, members of the Communist Party.

[What a damned shame they would have to do that, or even think they had to. This dude is skum! –SteveB]

"I can confirm that Congresswoman Baldwin is not a communist," said Jerilyn Goodman, spokeswoman for Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.), a vice chair of the caucus.

"Chellie is a Democrat, a farmer and a Lutheran but no, she is not a Communist," said Willy Ritch, spokesman for Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-Maine), also a vice chair of the caucus.

During the same event, which took place at Jensen Beach, the freshman Republican said President Barack Obama wouldn't have a public debate with him over their policy differences because he was "scared." The president was in Florida on Tuesday giving remarks about the economy and holding campaign events.

"I really wish that, standing here before you, was Allen West and President Obama," West said, according to the *Palm Beach Post*. "We could have a simple discussion. But that ain't ever gonna happen."

When an audience member asked why, West said in "a mocking voice" that it was because Obama "was too scared."

WATCH West's comments in the video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6J6z7g5Ojg&feature=player_embedded.

UPDATE: 5:30 p.m. -- Congressional Progressive Caucus Co-Chairs Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) later criticized West's "outrageous" claims:

Calling fellow Members of Congress 'communists' is reminiscent of the days when Joe McCarthy divided Americans with name-calling and modern-day witch hunts that don't advance policies to benefit people's lives," Grijalva and Ellison said in a joint statement. "We hope the people of Florida's 22nd Congressional District will note that he repeatedly polarizes the American people instead of focusing on their interests.

CORRECTION: A previous version of this post stated that West made the remarks at Florida Atlantic University. He made the statement at Jensen Beach.

20120411-07	18:59	GaryF	"Somali Pirates Refuse to Board Cruise Ships"
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"Somali Pirates Refuse to Board Cruise Ships" by Andy Borowitz, Borowitz Report

Nov. 11, 2010, (<http://www.borowitzreport.com/2010/11/11/somali-pirates-refuse-to-board-carnival-cruise-ships/>)

(Cite 'Unsafe Working Conditions'. Fire, Capsizing Top Pirates' Concerns, Spokesman Says)

MOGADISHU In yet another public relations setback for the beleaguered cruise industry, Somali pirates today said they would no longer board cruise ships, citing "unsafe working conditions."

"If the cruise ship industry thinks that it's going to be business as usual between them and the Somali pirates, they need to have their heads examined," said Somali pirate spokesman Sugule. "We Somali pirates may be bold, but we're not crazy."

The pirate said that the recent fire that crippled the cruise ship Azamara Quest "has sent a shiver through the pirate community."

"We Somali pirates face enough risks without dealing with boats bursting into flames," he said. "And don't get me started on capsizing. If you want to call us rats deserting a sinking ship, so be it."

When asked if the Somali pirates might attempt to board cruise ships in the future, he responded, "I am telling me hearties that if they were thinking of pillaging a cruise ship of its booty over Easter Break, they should make alternative plans."

Carol Foyler, a spokesperson for cruise industry, said that the cruise ship companies "would be working overtime to win back the pirates' trust."

In the meantime, Ms. Foyler said, the industry would be unveiling a new slogan in the weeks to come: "Come for the fun, stay for the raging inferno."

20120411-10 23:59 SteveB Photo: Somali Pirates! Arrrrgh!

From SteveB (Apr. 11, 2012, 12:59 pm)—Somali Pirates! Arrrrgh!

<http://www.saveourseafarers.com/somali-pirates-extend-their-modus-operandi.html>

<http://www.transportgooru.com/2009/06/for-5790-you-can-go-on-pirate-hunting-luxury-cruises-along-the-somali-coast/>

<http://somalipirate.livejournal.com/>

<http://topics.time.com/somalia/articles/5/>



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Steven W. Baker (SteveB), Editor/Moderator

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