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Bob Williams is the Founder and Senior Fellow of the Freedom Foundation and is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of fiscal and tax policies, election reform and disaster preparedness. He served as an auditor at the Pentagon and Post Office for the U.S. Government Accountability Office. He served five terms in the Washington State Legislature and was the 1988 Re-

publican nominee for governor.

Because of his unique experience and expertise, Bob is a regular guest on talk radio and has appeared on numerous television investigative reports including The O'Reilly Factor (FOX), Lou Dobbs Tonight (CNN), Ron Reagan, Jr. (MSNBC), and ABC World News Tonight. In addition, he has testified before both houses of Congress on several occasions, and worked with White House staff on implementing Presidential directives at the state level.

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**VIEW FROM THE CHAIR ...  
DICK PILLING**



Don't look now but the "*I am offended*" crowd remains on the offense. And, predictably, downright offensive.

This is a grouping of minorities that differ in some way from the mainstream and are quick to erupt in righteous indignation at every imagined affront... who demand that the majority obsequiously kowtow to their uniquely held positions or characteristics... and loudly insist on abject apologies from whoever ventures a critical opinion.

For instance, these are the people that comprise the 15% of the US population yet demand that the other 85% cease insulting them by saying "Merry Christmas"... like those few professional race baiters that scream bigotry whenever someone notes that blacks are 7 times more likely than people of other races to commit murder... or the 30% of the population that bemoan racism when the other 70% points out our President's stunning incompetence.

The trouble is, most of the time, ridiculous though it may seem, the minority holds sway over the majority who usually makes some public amends for the, usually, unintentional and, quite possibly, imagined insult. But not always...

For instance GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance against Discrimination) recently took offense to Duck Dynasty patriarch Phil Robertson's candid comments regarding his opinion of the gay lifestyle and demanded that the A&E TV network drop Phil from the program.

Initially, GLAAD'Ss bullying tactics worked until Duck Dynasty fans – the duckers – took offense to GLAAD's offense, and decided not to "duck" the issue but to make a stand. After all, why should spokespersons for a mere 3% of the population prevail over the rest of the nation? A&E, quickly visualizing the lost profits relative to the ducks leaving their nest, has now reversed their position and Phil will remain with the program. Notwithstanding GLAAD's continuing umbrage...

I think the telling blow was Phil Robertson' contention that he was going to stand on his principles and that A&E could do whatever they wanted. As for GLAAD, it appears that he didn't really give a duck what they did...

Nor should he...



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# Water Water Everywhere...

*This editorial is about Whatcom and Skagit Counties. We are facing similar water curtailment issues here in Clallam County.*

From [www.whatcomexcavator.org](http://www.whatcomexcavator.org)

As you probably know, there is no shortage of rain in western Washington. What you may *not* know is that some people are trying to gin up the idea that water is scarce around here; that we're on the brink of a water shortage (or something), and (*wait for it*) that water needs to be rationed by a cadre of self-appointed busybodies and shake-down artists. Radical curtailment of both access to water and land use are being actively discussed right here in Whatcom County (*and Clallam County*). Is there a target on private landowner's backs? Yes, indeed there is.

WE suppose further that you know water isn't consumed; it's recycled.

Every drop of water that has ever been drunk, polluted, used to generate electricity, irrigate crops, or anything else – is still present on planet Earth. We're drinking the same water that was swallowed and subsequently "recycled" by millions of people over the centuries. Mother Nature is the greatest recycler of all.

Well (no pun intended), WE were alerted to this story (it's about Skagit County, but don't think Whatcom County is very far behind; it isn't):

## Got WATER? Maybe Not

*Private water well owners' rights were just usurped by a WA Supreme Court case decision. For now, the Department of Ecology says they will not shut down anyone's private well. What about in the future? If the State controls private water rights they control much, much more.*

*There is a petition circulating that needs lots of signatures. If you choose to sign it, please pass it on through email, Facebook, Twitter, etc. A maximum number of signatures is needed to impress upon our state senators and representatives that corrective legislation is needed. Our neighbors in rural Skagit County and throughout the state have a right to the water on their land.*

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## Clallam GOP picks 3 for prosecuting attorney's position

At the December Central Committee, the PCOs reviewed and heard from 4 possible candidates for the position of Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney, after the position was vacated. The vote was taken, and the following three individuals have been chosen to move forward to the Commissioners for the final pick. They are (in alphabetical order): Mark Nichols, Will Payne, and Robert Strohmeyer.

The current Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney, Deb Kelly (R), resigned her position due to family health issues as of Dec. 31, 2013, leaving the position open for the remainder of her term. According to law, the Clallam County Republican Party (CCRP) Central Committee, made up of elected and appointed PCOs, was required to turn in the names of three candidates to the County Commissioners, from which they will choose one to serve out the term. (The office comes up for reelection in 2014.)

Chairman Dick Pilling sent out an invitation to any attorney interested via the local bar association, and four responded.

Next it will be up to the Commissioners to choose who will become the acting Prosecuting Attorney until the next election.

### NOTICE:

Notice has been given and the Amendments to Bylaws for the Clallam County Republican Party Central Committee will be voted upon at the Jan. 20, 2014 Central Committee meeting at GOP Headquarters, 7 p.m. The are available to review at:  
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# Water Water Everywhere...

**Please sign the petition in support of basic legal access to water for rural citizens in the Skagit Watershed. We support a balanced approach, but it must include water for tax-paying citizens!**

*Please send this to everyone (including organization membership lists) you know that are supportive of water for rural farmers and landowners across the state. While our problem here presents a unique set of past circumstances, it is a statewide issue. Let our legislators know we need a legislative solution now.*

*The body of the petition reads:*

“Legal access to well water has been eliminated for 6,000 rural farmers and landowners in the Skagit Watershed because of an exclusively written 2001 Instream Flow Rule and relentless Swinomish Tribal litigation. The Department of Ecology is tasked to regu-

late water for ALL citizens and they have not been able to effectively do their job.

“As a result of this unconstitutional action, most of Skagit County is presently subject to a building moratorium creating extreme economic hardship and uncertainty. Thousands of citizens, who did everything in accordance with the law, are now faced with losing everything.

“This is completely unnecessary, unprecedented and scientifically unsupported. The Skagit River Basin is the third largest on the West Coast, and one of the least populated areas in the Puget Sound Basin. These extreme measures are not in place anywhere in Washington State, let alone the well-watered west side of the mountains.

“We need the Washington state legislature to amend the Skagit River Basin's

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2001 Instream Flow Rule that, without scientific support, arbitrarily eliminated basic access to water for thousands of rural citizens. We support a compromise-based and habitat-protecting approach, but it must include water for the needs of tax-paying citizens. We expect your support to restore landowners' rights!”

*The link to the petition is: <http://www.change.org/petitions/washington-state-legislature-provide-water-for-rural-landowners-in-skagit-watershed>*

As you know, the Sequim-Dungeness Valley has been severely restricted in the use of domestic water because of this same Instream “Rule”. If we help our neighboring counties, we help ourselves as well.

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**Polar Ice Caps are Global Warming Deniers**

Southern Hemisphere polar ice extent set new records this week, combining with fairly average Northern Hemisphere polar ice extent to set the final stages of a year marked by above-average global polar ice extent. Polar ice caps, apparently, are global warming deniers, attacking the science of alarmist global warming predictions.

Average Southern Hemisphere polar sea ice extent during November 2013 was nearly 1 million square kilometers above the long-term average.

When polar ice happens to be below average in a given year, global warming alarmists cite the annual departure from the long-term mean as proof of a human-induced global warming crisis. During years like 2013, when polar ice extent is above the long-term average, global warming alarmists are largely silent on the topic.

Importantly, even if the years with below-average polar ice extent began to form a meaningful trend, this in itself would not constitute a global warming crisis. Polar ice retreat would merely reflect warming temperatures, even if the warming is modest and benign. During recent years when global polar ice extent has been below normal, it has been Northern Hemisphere polar ice – floating in the Arctic Ocean – driving the global trend. When floating sea ice melts, it does nothing to raise global sea levels.

Southern Hemisphere polar ice, resting primarily on the Antarctic continent, has been consistently expanding during the 30-plus years since NASA/NOAA satellites first began precisely measuring polar ice extent.

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 WHAT IS  
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**Looking ahead at 2014**

As we prepare to head into possibly one of the most important election years if there is to be a change in the direction of our State and nation, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and make a difference.

There are openings for the position of precinct committee officer (PCO) or precinct captain where you can participate on behalf of your precinct as part of the governing body of the county GOP and help get out the vote when the time comes; you can run for public office; you can act as a volunteer to work for candidates in any number of ways; or you can serve on a campaign team. There are many other options for making a difference!

Please consider becoming active in the GOP if you aren't already!

If you are interested in becoming more active, please contact Dick Pilling, Chair, at [DickPilling@ClallamRepublicans.org](mailto:DickPilling@ClallamRepublicans.org).

# Return of the Buffer Wars

According to the Washington Farm Bureau (WFB) News, representatives of Washington's agricultural community are deeply concerned about new buffer requirements being placed on producers who receive federal funding. The "big, dumb buffer" proposal of the 1990s has resurfaced in response to the recent "Treaty Rights at Risk" paper from the Northwest Indian Fish Commission (NWIFC), which demands stringent buffers to "address water quality and fish protection where agricultural activities occur along streams." Apparently working behind the scenes with the tribes, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is now prescribing extreme fixed-width buffers.

Once again state and federal agencies are ignoring the science that proves smaller, smarter buffers accomplish as much as these larger federally endorsed buffers. Officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the WA State Dept. of Ecology (DOE) have agreed to condition federal water quality funding they allocate on producer acceptance of the NMFS buffers.

The NMFS buffer standards are not reasonable, says the WFB. First, they are not based on sound science applied in the agricultural context. They are instead based on forest highland "studies". Second, they represent an unwarranted regulatory

overreach. Depending on the stream type, the NMFS standards could demand total buffer widths of 400 feet! (200 on each side). These uncompensated buffers could remove from ag production nearly 5 acres of prime land per buffered mile.

These large buffers were debunked more than 10 years ago by Dr. John Pizzimenti, and were also rejected as unworkable and lacking in scientific basis. They were further rejected because they will further threaten local food production. Now they are back, and the fight against unelected, unaccountable bureaucratic rules begins once more..

# Thoughts from Ronald Reagan...

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

Man is not free unless government is limited.

The problem is not that people are taxed too little, the problem is that government spends too much.

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

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# A Country Founded by Geniuses but Run by Idiots

by Jeff Foxworthy:

If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for entering and remaining in the country illegally, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If you have to get your parents' permission to go on a field trip or to take an aspirin in school, but not to get an abortion, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If you MUST show your identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy liquor, or check out a library book and rent a video, but not to vote for who runs the government, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If the government wants to prevent stable, law-abiding citizens from owning gun magazines that hold more than ten rounds, but gives twenty F-16 fighter jets to the crazy new leaders in Egypt, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If, in the nation's largest city, you can buy two 16-ounce sodas, but not one 24-ounce soda, because 24-ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by

idiots.

If an 80-year-old woman or a three-year-old girl who is confined to a wheelchair can be strip-searched by the TSA at the airport, but a woman in a burka or a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head searched, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If a seven-year-old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is cute, but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government regulation and intrusion, while not working is rewarded with Food Stamps, WIC checks, Medicaid benefits, subsidized housing, and free cell phones, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If the government's plan for getting people back to work is to provide incentives for not working, by granting 99 weeks of unemployment checks, without any requirement to prove that gainful employment was

diligently sought, but couldn't be found, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

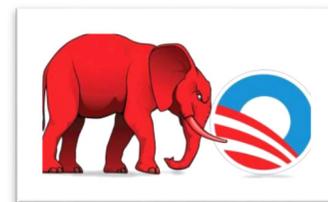
If you pay your mortgage faithfully, denying yourself the newest big-screen TV, while your neighbor buys iPhones, time shares, a wall-sized do-it-all plasma screen TV and new cars, and the government forgives his debt when he defaults on his mortgage, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If being stripped of your Constitutional right to defend yourself makes you more safe according to the government, you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

What a country!

How about we give God a reason to continue blessing America!

*(submitted by Barbara Bentley)*



Here's wishing you and your families a wonderful New Year—with the hope of "change" toward better representatives in our government, more individual liberty, less big government, and health and prosperity!

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January 11, 2014 – RWCC – Installation – Lunch meeting – Garden Café, Port Angeles.

January 20, 2014 – Central Committee Meeting

January 21, 2013 – Issues meeting – 8 a.m. – Mariner in Sequim.


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