Dear Friends,

When I last wrote, I was headed to London with Pat and Shelley where he was to debate in the affirmative that “Churchill was more of a liability than an asset to the free world”. As I told Shelley, I thought she might need help bringing home the body.

It was a short but fantastic trip. The day before the debate, we spent hours in the Churchill War Room Museum. It was amazing. So much history all laid out in the underground rooms that were British Command Central for most of the war. I highly recommend this stop if you ever get to London.

The debate was held at a huge auditorium across from Westminster Abbey—crowd capacity: 2,000, and that night the hall was packed. Pat was partnered with two British historians and they debated three other British historians. Pat opened the debate with a powerful nine-minute attack on Churchill’s judgment and decisions as related to the two World Wars. He closed his opening with a statement that went like this: “Today we prosecute as war criminals men responsible for actions similar to Churchill.” Nice touch, Pat. The two historians on his side were nearly high fiving him when he returned to his seat.

The audience was cordial, but twenty-to-one against him. While all panelists were well informed, those opposing Pat often responded to his specific accusations with generalities. They would make some clever little remark like, “I am shocked that Mr. Buchanan would blame World War II on England. I always thought it was Hitler who started the war!” or “This is outrageous! What Mr. Buchanan says is rubbish!” The crowd loved it, but it wasn’t much of a rebuttal.

It was such an exciting evening. There was Pat, in England, making a devastating case against their most admired leader. He’s so gutsy; and after hearing the best British minds respond to him, I am all the more certain that Churchill, Hitler and the Unnecessary War is a must read for anyone interested in the truth.

A few thoughts on events here in the USA: On the one hand, we’re making incredible strides. Millions of Americans are engaged, going to town hall meetings and tea party rallies protesting a government gone...
Thank you, Sarah!

Opposition to Obama’s health care plan has hit an all time high. According to a recent Rasmussen poll 56% of Americans now oppose Obamacare, with 44% strongly opposed. Only 43% support it. The death panels planned for us did it in—poetic justice.

Clueless in White House

Recently our President proclaimed our fiscal affairs have been “brought back from the brink. [The] economy is on the rebound, the recession is over, maybe.” This followed a statement by Mr. Bernanke that the recession was over. All this good news as the AP was reporting that “Forty-two states lost jobs last month, up from 29 in July, with the biggest net payroll cuts coming in Texas, Michigan, Georgia and Ohio.”

Coming Soon to a Country near You?

The UK Times reported recently, “People who emit more than their fair share of carbon emissions are having their pay docked in a trial that could lead to rationing being reintroduced via the workplace after an absence of half a century. Britain’s first employee carbon rationing scheme is about to be extended, after the trial demonstrated the effectiveness of fining people for exceeding their personal emissions target. Unlike the energy-saving schemes adopted by thousands of companies, the rationing scheme monitors employees’ personal emissions, including home energy bills, petrol purchases and holiday flights. Workers who take a long-haul flight are likely to be fined for exceeding their annual ration unless they take drastic action in other areas, such as switching off the central heating or cutting out almost all car journeys. Employees are required to submit quarterly reports detailing their consumption. They also set a target, which reduces each year, for the amount of carbon they can emit. Those who exceed their ration pay a fine for every kilogram they emit over the limit.”

Castro’s Ecology Lesson

Buried in the Science Pages of the New York Times on September 21, 2009, William J. Broad relates that, in the early 1980s, Fidel Castro suggested a Soviet nuclear strike against the United States. With some not-so-veiled references to Reagan’s “trillion-dollar arms buildup,” and his branding of the Soviet Union as “an evil empire,” the writer lends some justification to the proposal.

Mr. Castro dropped the idea when the Soviets explained the devastating ecological consequences on Cuba of such an action.
berserk. They are intent on taking back this country. But there are snakes in the grass intent on using this movement to return power not to the people but back to the Republican establishment. If this happens, we lose everything, including our country.

To succeed, the rebellion must produce candidates with fresh faces—populists who share our outrage for the arrogance of Washington, individuals who will fight for American workers and American families. We need primaries to nominate candidates that aren’t owned by party leaders, powerful special interests, nor Corporate America.

Last year 75 percent of Americans believed the country was headed in the wrong direction and they threw out the bums—Republican bums. Obama and his comrades misinterpreted the victory, believing it was all about them, and proceeded to impose a big government leftist agenda on a conservative nation. Now voters are ready to throw out this new set of bums.

Enter the Republican establishment. They sold this country out when they were in power and can’t ever be trusted again. But they see an opening and are setting the stage for their own return. They are handpicking candidates—Bush-likes and Bush-lites—to run against conservatives in primaries. Many are retreads, all are available for purchase. Then the party endorses them, fills their coffers with millions from corporate PACs and special interests, pressures party regulars to get in line, and sends word to the grass roots candidates: “Drop out—you can’t win.”

Their game plan: shut out conservatives and populists. But if candidates who run for office because they love their country are marginalized by the party elite in favor of career politicians beholden to party leaders, we are lost—and so is America.

Look at the Senate races. The National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC), led by Senator John Cornyn, has already endorsed in half a dozen Republican primaries, with more to come. Solid conservatives with great credentials—new faces, future leaders, threats to the party elite—were already announced candidates in many of these races. But Cornyn and his cronies aren’t about to let the rank and file choose the candidates—too risky. A man of the people might slip through and too many of them could lead to government by the people.

In Florida, the NRSC endorsed Governor Charlie Crist, an Arlen Specter Republican, who is running against a young conservative Cuban-American, Marco Rubio. Rubio was a long shot, but the NRSC endorsement so outraged conservatives nationwide it breathed new life into his campaign.

In Colorado, District Attorney Ken Buck, a tough prosecutor of illegal aliens, was gaining traction in his campaign for US Senate. Enter John McCain. He called Jane Norton, former Lt Governor and state chairman of his presidential bid, and convinced her to run against Buck, promising the NRSC endorsement, plenty of money, and a lock on the nomination. Le Moine Dowd, a grass roots activist, summed it up perfectly: “Do we want the NRSC deciding our candidate? Does this action by the NRSC make the primary election irrelevant? Does it make the Colorado Republican Party irrelevant?”

In Ohio, Rob Portman, a former pro-amnesty congressman and Bush trade rep, announced his bid for the US Senate earlier this year. Then Tom Ganley, a conservative businessman from Cleveland, infuriated by the massive uncontrolled spending of Washington, decided to run. Mortal sin, declared the party, which told this self-made successful businessman to get out of the race, that “the U.S. Senate isn’t an entry level position.” The NRSC endorsed Portman and are in full campaign mode. (Do these nitwits really think one of the architects of the Bush policy that sent our jobs overseas is going to win the general election in a state with 11% unemployment?)

This same scenario is being repeated in a dozen other states. The political bosses of our party are adamant that our candidates look and talk like them—the kind that will get in line behind them. Leaders that rise up out of the rebellion and run for office will be a problem for them. So the snakes are out to stop them.

The rebellion must start to focus on producing candidates that do represent the American people in Washington—then we must rally behind them and defeat the establishment candidates in the primaries. If that doesn’t work—we must field candidates to run as independents in the general. Our country is too important to let the establishment of either party continue to have their way with her.

— Bay Buchanan
Is American Coming Apart?
By Patrick J. Buchanan

Flying home from London, where the subject of formal debate on the 70th anniversary of World War II had been whether Winston Churchill was a liability or asset to the Free World, one arrives in the middle of a far more acrimonious national debate right here in the United States.

At issue: Should Barack Obama be allowed to address tens of millions of American children, inside their classrooms, during school hours?

Conservative talk-show hosts saw a White House scheme to turn public schools into indoctrination centers where the socialist ideology of Obama would be spoon-fed to captive audiences of children forced to listen to Big Brother - and then do assignments on his sermon.

The liberal commentariat raged about right-wing paranoia.

Yet Byron York of The Washington Examiner dug back to 1991 to discover that, when George H.W. Bush went to Alice Deal Junior High to speak to America's school kids, the left lost it.

"The White House turned a Northwest Washington junior high classroom into a television studio and its students into props," railed The Washington Post. Education Secretary Lamar Alexander was called before a House committee. The National Education Association denounced Bush. And Congress ordered the General Accounting Office to investigate.

Obama's actual speech proved about as controversial as a Nancy Reagan appeal to eighth-graders to "Just say no!" to drugs.

Yet, the episode reveals the poisoned character of our politics.

We saw it earlier on display in August, when the crowds that came out for town hall meetings to oppose Obama's health care plans were called "thugs," "fascists," "racists" and "evil-mongers" by national Democrats.

We see it as Rep. Joe Wilson shouts, "You lie!" at the president during his address to a joint session of Congress.

We seem not only to disagree with each other more than ever, but to have come almost to detest one another. Politically, culturally, racially, we seem ever ready to go for each others' throats.

One half of America sees abortion as the annual slaughter of a million unborn. The other half regards the right-to-life movement as tyrannical and sexist.

Proponents of gay marriage see its adversaries as homophobic bigots. Opponents see its champions as seeking to elevate unnatural and immoral relationships to the sacred state of traditional marriage.

The question invites itself. In what sense are we one nation and one people anymore? For what is a nation if not a people of a common ancestry, faith, culture and language, who worship the same God, revere the same heroes, cherish the same history, celebrate the same holidays, and share the same music, poetry, art and literature?

Yet, today, Mexican-Americans celebrate Cinco de Mayo, a skirmish in a French-Mexican war about which most Americans know nothing, which took place the same year as two of the bloodiest battles of our own Civil War: Antietam and Fredericksburg.

Christmas and Easter, the great holidays of Christendom, once united Americans in joy. Now we fight over whether they should even be mentioned, let alone celebrated, in our public schools.

Where we used to have classical, pop, country & Western and jazz music, now we have varieties tailored to specific generations, races and ethnic groups. Even our music seems designed to subdivide us.

One part of America loves her history, another reviles it as racist, imperialist and genocidal. Old heroes like Columbus, Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee are replaced by Dr. King and Cesar Chavez.

But the old holidays, heroes and icons endure, as the new have yet to put down roots in a recalcitrant Middle America.

We are not only more divided than ever on politics, faith and morality, but along the lines of class and ethnicity. Those who opposed Sonia Sotomayor for the Supreme Court and stood by Sgt. Crowley in the face-off with Harvard's Henry Louis Gates were called racists. But this time they did not back down. They threw the same vile word right back in the face of their accusers, and Barack Obama.

Consider but a few issues on which Americans have lately been bitterly divided: school prayer, the Ten Commandments, evolution, the death penalty, abortion, homosexuality, assisted suicide, affirmative action, busing, the Confederate battle flag, the Duke rape case, Terri Schiavo, Iraq, amnesty, torture.

Now it is death panels, global warming, "birthers" and socialism. If a married couple disagreed as broadly and deeply as Americans do on such basic issues, they would have divorced and gone their separate ways long ago. What is it that still holds us together?

The European-Christian core of the country that once defined us is shrinking, as Christianity fades, the birth rate falls and Third World immigration surges. Globalism dissolves the economic bonds, while the cacophony of multiculturalism displaces the old American culture.

"E pluribus unum" - out of many, one - was the national motto the men of '76 settled upon. One sees the pluribus. But where is the unum? One sees the diversity. But where is the unity?

Is America, too, breaking up?