

## **Congressional Republican Leadership Appears to be in a Budget Process that Ignores the Message From the Voters (What are you doing about this?)**

I have said here many times that the problems in the Federal Government are primarily because We the People think all we have to do is Vote and then go about our business. That ain't so!!!! (Yea, I know – bad grammar.)

So here I am again, like a broken record, telling everyone we need to rise up off of our individual tooshes and get pro-active. If we who complain simply sit, complain to ourselves and one another, and nothing more then you can bet the Republicans will take the easy road and do nothing about Obama's immigration decree even though they have the Power of the Purse to shut Obama down. Either they are too spineless or they too much agree with Obama – makes no difference in the end because if Obama wins then we have forever lost this Nation.

What is particularly rotten is Obama's use of a "Memo" instead of an Executive Order such as the following two Memos:

- Creating Welcoming Communities and Fully Integrating Immigrants and Refugees,
- Modernizing and Streamlining the U.S. Immigrant Visa System for the 21st Century, and
- FY 2015 Refugee Admissions.

(These and other Orders and Memoranda may be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/executive-orders>.)

I have informed Congressman Goodlatte that the SVTPP does not think it is difficult to conclude that many of these Actions do not simply 'accidentally intrude on exclusive responsibilities the Constitution bestowed on Congress but rather deliberately seek to capture them and render the Congress impotent. Certainly such Actions are NOT constitutional. The puzzling, frustrating, and fearful aspect is that Congress has allowed the actions to take place without challenge of and retribution on the Executive Branch.

There are at least three recourses available to Congress: Impeachment, Litigation, and the Financial Purse. Some of what Obama has done deserves Impeachment and with the Republicans controlling both chambers of Congress it is within the realm of reality. But the Congressional Republicans have no stomach for Impeachment. Likely at some point in the future the price the Nation will pay for this "Shrinking Violet Syndrome" will be larger than the cost for not being Politically Correct. But we will go no further with discussion of this choice.

Litigation has advantages and disadvantages, the former being the establishment of truth within the Constitution. The latter is that it is likely to take so much time and effort that even if the Republicans have the starch to carry it through the "horses will be out of the barn and well on their way to being feral."

The Power of the Purse is a more immediate and effective recourse. Already though within Congressional Republican circles, especially that of the Leadership, wimpish howls and wringing of hands has begun with the claim that this will not work. In light of the November 21, 2014 Congressional Research Memo given to Senator Sessions Congress does have the power to block funds that Obama will need for providing work permits to over 4 million illegal aliens. (See <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2014/11/25/Exclusive-Congressional-Research-Service-Congress-Has-Power-To-Block-Funding-For-Obamas> and <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/congress-can-block-exec-action/article/2556718>.)