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When my Conrail friends moved here in 1999/2000, I advised all of them to go anywhere but Duval County unless they could afford private school.

The top-dogs who decide where corporations move to, likely send their children to private schools, but the worker bees need more and better public schools, not fewer.

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Gov. Rick Perry of Texas is already cutting education funding, which will cost my son and daughter-in-law their jobs most likely.

Both are highly motivated, dedicated teachers, and with 20-plus years of experience, are paid more than freshly hatched from college teachers.

Likewise it is the case in Florida.

We need to let Scott know that he is not king. The only way we can is by voting against his wishes in 2012.

I didn't vote for him, and he is my governor in name only.

He needs to quit drinking the Cato and Reason Institute tea before it is too late.

Less education and more highways are not the answers.

Jerry H. Sullivan,

Jacksonville

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By **Bulldog3** | 05/11/11 - 05:25 am

The high speed rail idea was bad for Florida and bad for our nation's pocketbook. Just another government project that would not be financially sustainable. We cannot do that anymore. In 10 years we will be thanking Gov. Scott for not falling for it.

Bulldog3

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The Florida department of transportation, not a liberal bunch said the train would have made money and private

By **guerric** | 05/11/11 - 05:34 am
 Businesses were lined up to take over any cost overruns so they could run it. This was a win win that would have created thousands of jobs and in this economy don't you roll the dice on that. This also wasn't going to be built for the citizens of Florida per se, this was being built for the tourists that we used to bring in. Finally Florida is a transportation donar, it would have been nice to see that money spent in Florida.

As for the cuts in education, it is just shameful.

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By **Bluegill4444** | 05/11/11 - 07:08 am

Apparently no state was stupid enough to take that high speed rail money...all the strings attached...unfunded future costs...etc...so Obummer gave it to Amtrak..just another losing government program...

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By **E7Juliet** | 05/11/11 - 09:16 am

Ignoring the paid rabble rousers here, Mr. Sullivan you make excellent points. Democrats are learning a painful lesson now and for the next 3 years to not sit on their hands come election day!

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By **John Galt in Exile** | 05/11/11 - 09:32 am

Good work, Governor! You just keep on doing what I hired you to do.

"The world will change when you are ready to pronounce this oath:

I swear by my Life and my love of it that I will never live for the sake of another man, nor ask another man to live for the sake of mine." –John Galt

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By **just thinking** | 05/11/11 - 09:59 am

Scott is bad for business, education, and the people of Florida. With all the tourists who visit Orlando from all over the world, refusing the high speed rail between there and Tampa will cost a lot of tourist and local dollars. The money is already gone, taken by other states to upgrade and add more service to their rails. By reducing school funding and diminishing teachers, he is telling business leaders who may want to relocate here, that education is not a top priority in this state. Good luck with that one. And, from a party who wants the government to "keep out of our business", they sure want to get involved in woman's rights to choose, drug testing state workers, trying to stop people from voting, trying to pass an Arizona immigration law, (by the way, Rubio is an anchor baby), and all kinds of other silly rules that white men of the south think they know best about. People better wake up soon, unions are next. They want us to be like China. Work in a sweat shop, shut up, and no rights to bargain for better wages and conditions. Be very careful what you wish for. Last but not least, his crowd think's it a great idea to change medicare to a "voucher system"...Sorry, NO VOUCHERCARE FOR FLORIDIANS, ain't gonna happen.

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By **taxi69** | 05/11/11 - 01:56 pm

Politicians like the idea of cutting education because it is easier to lead idiots into the path of their own destruction.

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By **takeres** | 05/12/11 - 08:34 am

@Just thinking....sorry but poll after poll shows that the FAR majority of Americans are for ILLGEGAL immigration reform. You can try to paint the picture that Arizons type laws are radical but most are in favor of it and YOU are in the MINORITY. I personally know many who consistently vote Democrat who are for stopping this blatant breaking of our laws.

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Immigration - if so many people are in such support of the Arizona style bill - how come the Florida Legislature ran away from it? And they ensured that businesses that hire illegals are absolved from any responsibility. Seems to me those



By **Tabmoc** | 05/12/11 - 10:23 am

Train - there is no doubt that not accepting the funds to build the high speed rail has no real impact on tourism. Those same people who today rent cars in Miami and Tampa to go to Disney will still rent cars to go to Tampa and Disney. The issue is, would the trains have been used - certainly. One thing for sure, with no one turning shovels of dirt to build it - those are jobs we'll never see. Florida unemployment will come down, though, as more people leave the state to move north where the jobs are. You can't stay here unemployed forever.

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By **angie** | 05/12/11 - 11:00 am

Texas received some of the highspeed rail funding that Scott rejected.
iirc - it's for the Houston area.

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By **angie** | 05/12/11 - 11:08 am

It really is despicable that the Florida legislature opposed eVerify!

But as long as U.S. companies can violate U.S. law by hiring illegals - and continue making big campaign donations to politicians to continue kicking the immigration reform can down the road....nothing will change.

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By **Conservative4life** | 05/12/11 - 11:16 am

Yeah Angie, Houston, where Texas is preparing to lay off 30% of it's education workforce. I have a friend there who just received a BA for teaching and she can't find a job because they are laying off teachers. And no Angie, NO ONE took the HSR money. It was laced with federal government controls and stipulations. If the fraking fed would simply grant states money for things WITHOUT tagging it with conditions, the country would run a LOT better. The federal government is like that obnoxious nosing neighbor that is always in everyone's business and runs to the neighborhood management committee trying to get things passed for their own interest. Stay the Freak out of our lives and the world will be better.

Immigration, very simple. It's a law, you break it, you should be accountable like any other lawbreaker. Don't care about compassion, rough conditions, or any other excuse. If I need money I don't go and rob a bank. Pack em and ship em en masse to the country of origin. Done. Then cut off unemployment since jobs will be available. Easy as that.

Bringing the light of truth to the darkness of liberal lies.

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By **angie** | 05/12/11 - 11:33 am

Con4Life>>>And no Angie, NO ONE took the HSR money.

Several states were awarded \$10B for highspeed rail projects, including the \$2B that Scott rejected.

btw - Texas has a \$25B budget deficit - and the Stimulus funding that Texas received for Education - well, Gov. Perry used the funding for something else.

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By **Tabmoc** | 05/12/11 - 01:38 pm

Conserv - you probably won't get this 'cause they've seemed to bury the article now - but actually Rick Scott of Wisconsin declined the high speed rail money, then went back on his hands and knees and weeping, said "can't I please have some for a new station in Milwaukee. Please, oh please, I really need that money for a new station in Milwaukee. I know it's not a high speed rail station, but a new station for the old tracks to go to Chicago. Please! Please! Wah, wah, wah."

And the Federal Government listened and said - "NO!"

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