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David Bossie, President of Citizens United

### [Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission](#)

*Can the government ban all political books & films made with corporate money?*

In March, the Supreme Court heard the case of *Citizens United vs. the Federal Election Commission*.

To the surprise of everyone present, the Deputy Solicitor General claimed the federal government has the right to ban political books and films.

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Will the court side with the government — or strike down decades of campaign finance reform?



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**Our Guest: Ilya Shapiro**

Ilya is a senior fellow in constitutional studies at the [Cato Institute](#), and editor-in-chief of the [Cato Supreme Court Review](#).

He regularly provides commentary on legal and political issues for Fox News, CBS, and other TV and radio outlets.

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Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez

September 24, 2008

### [The Importance Of Free Trade](#)

Exclusive interview with U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Carlos Gutierrez



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Free trade is a perennial election year topic, and 2008 is no exception.

Especially as the economy falters, both Democrats and Republicans are debating what impact free trade agreements like NAFTA and CAFTA have on U.S. jobs. Who are the winners - and losers - when tariffs are lifted? Does "free trade" equal "fair trade"? Are the big global conglomerates the only beneficiaries, or does free trade help small businesses as well?

Get an inside perspective on what free trade really means for the American economy in this exclusive interview with Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez.

Time: 17 minutes

#### **About Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez**

Secretary Gutierrez was born in Havana, Cuba in 1953, and came to the United States with his family in 1960.

He joined the Kellogg Company in 1975 as a sales representative, and worked his way up to CEO in 1999 and chairman the next year.

Secretary Gutierrez was sworn into office in 2005 and is a core member of President Bush's economic team. He oversees a diverse Cabinet agency with some 38,000 workers and a \$6.5 billion budget focused on promoting American business at home and abroad.

Secretary Gutierrez played a key role in the passage of CAFTA-DR, a landmark agreement that strips away trade barriers, expands export opportunities and boosts hope and opportunity throughout Latin America.

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Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Shannon

September 11, 2008

### [An Inside Look At U.S. Diplomacy](#)

Exclusive interview with Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Shannon



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"Diplomacy" is a word we hear a lot, but we don't often get the chance to talk with the people who practice it for a living - people like Thomas Shannon, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

Now you can get an inside look at how U.S. diplomacy actually works, as IBD editorial writer Monica Showalter talks with Ambassador Shannon about the role of the State Department in dealing with controversial issues and leaders throughout Latin America.

Time: 32 minutes

### About Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Shannon

As Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Thomas Shannon is the top diplomat for Latin America. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and refers to himself as a "dusty roads" diplomat, having dedicated years to countries struggling to make democracy real for their people.

During his career, Assistant Secretary Shannon has held a number of key posts throughout world, including Special Assistant to the Ambassador at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil...Country Officer for Cameroon, Gabon...Director for Inter-American Affairs at the National Security Council...and Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela.

Mr. Shannon holds a Doctorate and a Master's degree in politics from Oxford University, and a B.A. in Government and Philosophy from the College of William and Mary.

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Alaska Governor  
Sarah Palin

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July 11, 2008

### [To Drill Or Not To Drill](#)

Exclusive interview with Alaska Governor Sarah Palin



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As oil and gas prices soar, the debate over whether to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge has taken center stage. To get the *local* perspective, IBD spoke with Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, a firm proponent of developing domestic resources.

Hear Governor Palin discuss why we need to start drilling now...how designating polar bears as an endangered species could impact development...and the possibility of being named as John McCain's running mate.

Time: 27 minutes

### About Governor Sarah Palin

In office since December 2006, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin has been a strong advocate of increasing oil and gas production from domestic resources. She recently urged members of Congress to enact legislation that would allow development in a small portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, assuring them it would be conducted in a responsible and environmentally safe manner.

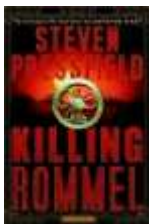
Governor Palin is also chair of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, a multi-state government agency that promotes the conservation and efficient recovery of domestic oil and natural gas resources while protecting health, safety and the environment. She also serves as

vice chair of the National Governors Association Natural Resources Committee.

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Steven Pressfield



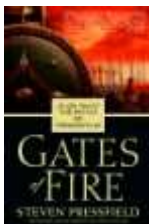
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### **About Steven Pressfield**

Steven Pressfield is one of the world's premiere writers of historical fiction. He is the best-selling author of *Gates of Fire*, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* and has just published his latest novel, *Killing Rommel*.

Steven is known for his ability to accurately portray, in intense detail, the military and human aspects of war. He served in the Marines in the mid-1960s, and his work is now taught at West Point, Annapolis, and is on the Commandant of the Marine Corps' Reading list.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Steven Pressfield and his work.



Jonah Goldberg

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### [Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left, From Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning](#)

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"Fascist" is a term liberals often use to denounce Republicans and their policies. But which side *really* has the most in common with Fascist ideology?

Author and columnist Jonah Goldberg joins IBD's Monica Showalter to discuss the relationship between European Fascism and the politics of the American Left.

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#### About Jonah Goldberg

Jonah Goldberg is a contributing editor for the National Review and a founding editor of the National Review Online. He has written about politics and culture for a wide range of publications, including the New Yorker, the Wall Street Journal, and the Weekly Standard. You can see him as a guest on shows such as "Good Morning America," "Larry King Live," "Nightline," and "Hardball with Chris Matthews."

Mr. Goldberg has also just published his latest book, entitled *Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left, From Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning*.

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Richard Lindzen

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Exclusive interview with MIT Professor of Meteorology, Dr. Richard Lindzen



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We're all familiar with the politics of global warming. But what about the actual science? Is global warming real? Is man causing it? Will changing your light bulbs save the world?

Dr. Richard Lindzen, a dynamic meteorologist at MIT, joins IBD's Kerry Jackson to discuss the myths and misconceptions of climate change.

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#### About Dr. Richard Lindzen

Dr. Lindzen is a professor of meteorology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He pioneered the study of how ozone photochemistry, radiative transfer and dynamics interact with each other, and is currently developing a sophisticated climate model to test whether the proper treatment of cumulus convection will significantly reduce climate sensitivity to the increase of greenhouse gases.

Dr. Lindzen is a recipient of several awards, including the American Meteorological Society's Meisinger and Charney Awards, and the American Geophysical Union's Macelwane Medal. He is a member of the National Research Council's Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate and is a Distinguished Visiting Scientist at the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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James Gattuso  
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With the defeat of the recent immigration bill and the commercial failure of Air America, Democrats have been calling for the revival of the Fairness Doctrine. But what exactly is the Fairness Doctrine? How would it be implemented? What affect would it have on political discourse and free speech?

Senior Research Fellow James Gattuso of the Heritage Foundation joins IBD's Terry Jones to discuss the history and future of this controversial issue.

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### **About James Gattuso**

James Gattuso handles regulatory and telecommunications issues for The Heritage Foundation as a Senior Research Fellow in its Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies. He recently published an article on the Fairness Doctrine, entitled "[Back to Muzak? Congress and the Unfairness Doctrine](#)".

Prior to joining Heritage, Gattuso was Vice President for Policy at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and served as the Deputy Chief at the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Plans and Policy.

Gattuso's commentary has appeared in FOXNews.com, The Hill, The Los Angeles Times, USA Today and The Washington Times.

Learn more about James Gattuso and the Heritage Foundation at [www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org).



Assemblyman  
Chuck DeVore

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## [Global Warming and Nuclear Power](#)

Exclusive interview with California Assemblyman Chuck DeVore



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Can California achieve drastic reductions in CO2 emissions without crippling the economy - and without turning to nuclear energy?

California Assemblyman, Chuck DeVore talks to IBD's Wes Mann about global warming, alternative energy, and the inconvenient truths facing the state as it tries to dramatically reduce carbon emissions by 2020.

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### **About Chuck DeVore**

California Assemblyman DeVore represents the 70th Assembly District in Orange County. Chuck serves as a Republican Whip, and was honored as the 2007 Mickey Conroy Legislator of the Year.

Before his election in 2004, Chuck was Vice President at SM&A, an aerospace engineering and management services firm. Chuck served as a Reagan White House appointee in the Pentagon from 1986 to 1988, where he helped develop the Arrow Anti-Ballistic Missile program. He also worked as Senior Assistant to Congressman Chris Cox (now chairman of the SEC) and was a City Commissioner in Irvine, California from 1991 to 1996.

Chuck is also the author of the internationally acclaimed novel, [China Attacks](#).

Learn more about Assemblyman DeVore at his website, [www.ChuckDevore.com](http://www.ChuckDevore.com).



Cyrus Nowrasteh

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August 20, 2007

## [The Path To 9/11: The Inside Story](#)

Exclusive interview with writer/producer Cyrus Nowrasteh



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IBD Associate Editor Terry Jones talks with Cyrus Nowrasteh, writer and producer of the controversial ABC mini-series, *The Path To 9/11*. The film caused a stir in 2006 when former Clinton administration officials and congressional leaders pressured ABC to cancel or re-cut the film.

Hear Nowrasteh discuss the myths and misconceptions surrounding the film - and the ongoing battle to release it on DVD.

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### Key Players (Actor Portrayals)



National Security  
Advisor  
Sandy Berger



CIA Director  
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August 2, 2007

### [In The Words Of Our Enemies: An Interview with Author Jed Babbin](#)


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IBD Associate Editor Terry Jones talks with best-selling author Jed Babbin about his latest book, *In The Words of Our Enemies*.

A must-read for anyone who wants to understand how the other side thinks, Babbin's work exposes what dictators and demagogues around the world are saying about America - in their own words.

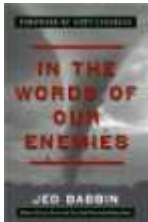
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#### About Jed Babbin

Babbin is the editor of Human Events and [HumanEvents.com](http://HumanEvents.com). Babbin often serves as guest-host for some of the nation's most popular radio personalities, including Hugh Hewitt, Bob Bennett and Laura Ingraham. He also served as a deputy undersecretary of defense in President George H.W. Bush's administration.

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Chris Cox  
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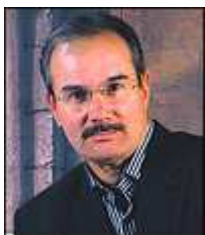
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#### About Chris Cox

Appointed by President George W. Bush, Cox has served as Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission since August 2005.

During his 17 years in Congress, Cox chaired a number of committees and task forces, including the House Policy Committee, the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Task Force on Capital Markets. He also served as Senior Associate Counsel to President Reagan from 1986 to 1988. Chairman Cox was born October 16, 1952, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He and his wife Rebecca have three children.

You can find out more about Chairman Cox and the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).



July 10, 2007

### [Exposing The Real Che Guevara with Author Humberto Fontova](#)


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IBD's Monica Showalter interviews Humberto Fontova, author of *Exposing The Real Che Guevara: And The Useful Idiots Who Idolize Him*. You'll hear Fontova reveal:

- How Che imprisoned more people per capita than Stalin
- Why Michael Moore's portrayal of Cuban health care is pure fiction
- How Hugo Chavez is borrowing from Castro's playbook today in Venezuela

...and more

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#### **About Humberto Fontova**

Humberto Fontova was born in Havana, Cuba and emigrated to the U.S. in 1961. He grew up in New Orleans and is the author of four books, including "Fidel: Hollywood's Favorite Tyrant" (2005) and "Exposing The Real Che Guevara: And The Useful Idiots Who Idolize Him" (2007). Fontova has appeared on countless political and news shows, including Hannity & Colmes, The O'Reilly Factor with Bill O'Reilly, Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher, and more. Visit Humberto's website at [www.hfontova.com](http://www.hfontova.com).

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