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After the recent election there was a rush of Republicans wishing the Obama administration success. I'm not sure if they really meant it or not, but for the record I do not wish Obama to be successful in much of what he wants to do, because it is bad for the country. I wish the country success and I wish no harm for Obama and his family, but many of his plans should be resisted and, whenever possible, prevented from succeeding. He wants to bring European style socialism to this country, which is dangerous to our freedom. Unfortunately, the [Bush] administration

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seems to have started us down the road to socialism with its response to the financial crisis. No doubt, the Europeans will admire us for imitating them, but personally, I feel more comfortable when the haughty, over-regulated, and under-worked Europeans don't like us. It bothers them that we don't do things their way and are more successful because of it. If

Europe were such a great place, our ancestors wouldn't have left there in droves in the first place.

Obama wants to change laws to give unions the upper hand in dealing with the business. During the last several decades, a proper balance has been

achieved between the power of business and unions in most parts of the country. One place where it hasn't been achieved is Detroit and we are seeing how well things work there when unions are allowed to dominate business.

Obama is likely to try to impose more restrictions on gun owners, despite statistics that show that more gun restrictions, the higher the crime rate, for the obvious reason that criminals can be much bolder if they are fairly sure that their intended victims are not armed.

Of course, the left-wing control freaks will keep spreading the myth that human activity causes global warming, despite the fact that there really is little warming, that what there is, is part of a well-known natural cycle over

which we have no influence and that carbon dioxide, which is often blamed for causing warming, increases after the earth warms, not before, and therefore couldn't possibly cause it.

The new administration's chief of staff has already observed that the economic crisis should not be "wasted." What he meant by that was that if people can be sufficiently alarmed about the economy, it will be a good time to slip through lots of power grabs that have nothing to do with the crisis on the pretext that they do.

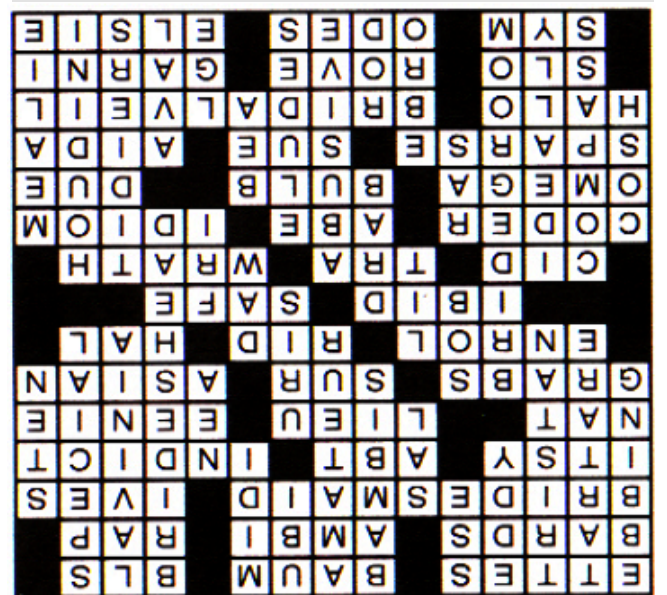
We are apt to lose a lot of our freedoms (and money) in the next four years. We all need to oppose this as much as possible, but we must always remember that it is not enough to be against things. Those opposed to

more government power grabs must propose positive programs of their own to deal with the country's problems without destroying its freedoms.

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