

Humor: Wordsmithing Republican Style. From an email sent to POA. Author unknown.

ACTIVIST JUDGE, n. A judge who attempts to protect the rights of minorities against the tyranny of the majority.

ALARMIST, n. Any respected scientist who understands the threat of global warming or other environmental illnesses

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES, n. New locations to drill for oil and gas.

BALANCED, adj. 1. favoring corporations (a more balanced approach to the environment.); 2. favoring conservatives (fair and balanced reporting).

BI-PARTISANSHIP, n. When conservative Republicans work together with moderate Republicans to pass legislation Democrats hate.

CLARIFY, v. Repeating the same lie over and over again.

CLASS WARFARE, n. Any attempt to raise the minimum wage.

CLIMATE CHANGE, n. Global warming, without that annoying suggestion that something is wrong.

COALITION, n. One or more nations whose leaders have been duped, pressured or bribed into supporting ill-conceived, unne-

cessary, under-planned and/or illegal US military operations.

CONVICTION, n. Making decisions before getting the facts, and refusing to change your mind afterward.

DEMOCRACY, n. My way or the highway.

DEMOCRATIC ALLY, n. Any democracy, monarchy, plutocracy, oligarchy or dictatorship--no matter how ruthless--that verbally supports American diplomatic and economic goals.

DEREGULATE, v. To pursue greed and exploitation

DETAIN, v. Hold in a secret place without recourse to law and treat in any manner one wishes.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS, n. 1. Recession; 2. Rising unemployment; 3. Minimum-wage freeze.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY, n. When three out of five software engineers who lost their jobs to outsourcing are able to find part-time work at Wal-Mart.

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FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE, n. Christian Right Payoff

FAMILY VALUES, n. Oppression of women.

FISCAL CONSERVATIVE, n. A Republican who is in the minority

FOX NEWS, n. White House Press Office.

GIRLY MEN, n. Those who do not grope women.

HEALTHY FORESTS, n. No tree left behind.

HONESTY, n. Lies told in simple declarative sentences: "Freedom is on the march."

JOB GROWTH, n. Increased number of jobs an individual has to take after losing earlier high-paying job.

JUNK SCIENCE, n. Sound science.

MANDATE, n. What a Republican claims to possess when only 49 percent of the voting public loathes him instead of 51 percent.

THE MEDIA, n. Immoral elitist liberally-biased traitors who should leave Republicans alone so they can complete God's work on Earth in peace and quiet, behind closed doors.

NEOCONSERVATIVES, n. Nerds with Napoleonic complexes.

OWNERSHIP SOCIETY, n. A society in which Republican donors own the rest of us.

RESOLUTE, adj. Pig-headed.

SIMPLIFY, tr. v. To cut the taxes of Republican donors.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM, n. Leave no Wall Street broker behind.

TORT REFORM, n. Corporate immunity and impunity.