

Save America....
S.T.O.P. Obama Tyranny
National Coalition



PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE TEA PARTIES AND AGAINST DEFAMATION

Whereas the Tea Party movement -- and the citizen-patriots who comprise it -- is one of the best hopes for restoring constitutional government to the United States

Whereas the Tea Parties have rallied and mobilized millions of Americans to oppose the president's attempts to socialize the economy -- and to fight for lower taxes, balanced budgets and fiscal responsibility

Whereas Tea Party activists have been subjected to an unprecedented campaign of lies, distortion and vitriol, most recently by the NAACP, which called on them to "expel the bigots and racists in your ranks"

Whereas the foregoing represents a cynical attempt to manipulate minority voters and exploit their fear in the upcoming election

Whereas the establishment media rarely misses an opportunity to smear the Tea Parties -- including suggesting that calls to restore the Constitution and "take our country back" are covert appeals to racism -- logic so twisted that it defies reason

Therefore, we the undersigned conservative leaders and communicators resolve:

That, far more than the NAACP, it is the Tea Parties that resemble the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and '60s -- with its dedication to grassroots activism, working for peaceful change, adherence to religious values and faith in our system of government and the common decency of the American people

That any movement as large and diverse as the Tea Parties will inevitably include individuals who will sometimes act inappropriately, but -- on the whole -- speakers and activists at Tea Party rallies have behaved with admirable restraint and dignity, while expressing anguish over the direction in which our nation is headed

That we stand in solidarity with the Tea Parties' goals of lower taxes, less government and adherence to the Constitution and vision of the Founding Fathers, as articulated in the Declaration of Independence

That we call on Tea Party critics to debate the issues on their merits rather than resorting to slander and name-calling in an attempt to discredit a movement of genuine patriots who are exercising their First Amendment rights and fulfilling their duties as citizens.

Signed

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