

**From:** jeremiah r dandoy  
**To:** Urquhart, Steve,  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 2:44:48 PM  
**Subject:** Congressional Maps  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Senator Urquhart:

As a resident of your district and a former member of the cabinet of a Republican Governor in Utah, I want you to know that I support the Garber map being introduced by Rep. King. It is the most logical map of all I have seen with respect to being compact (not gerrymandered), keeping together communities of interest, and providing the least amount of division of the large urban counties.

Suzanne Dandoy, M.D.

**From:** Leonard Plaizier  
**BC:** Steve Urquhart, Steve Urquhart  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 4:27:57 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting Plan Submitted Plan ID 68408 "Fair 4 Utah Counties and Cities" - With LINK  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Please consider the "Fair 4 Utah Counties and Cities" plan (ID 68408).  
A Compromise Plan Like No Other!

<http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-plaizier-fair-4-utah-counties-and-cities>

Thank you  
Leonard

**From:** Rob Bishop  
**BC:** Steve Urquhart, Steve Urquhart  
**Date:** 10/12/2011 10:40:01 PM  
**Subject:** Some thoughts on redistricting from Congressman Bishop  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Senator:

The redistricting process in the Utah Legislature is messy and cumbersome. No one ever likes the lines drawn. A redistricting process done by a so-called independent redistricting commission would be messy and cumbersome. No one would ever like the lines drawn.

The difference between the two options is that the Legislature – no matter how many caucus meetings they may hold – must ultimately make an open presentation and hold an open vote. They must explain their decisions and be accountable at the next election. Redistricting commissions don't. They may make a public presentation, but have no requirement for explanation nor in any way are they accountable to voters.

Where non-elected redistricting commissions work, it is often due to a quirk of personalities, such as in Washington State where the leading Republican and Democratic members have served for multiple cycles and try hard not to upset the status quo. In Arizona, their commission produced a very partisan and highly criticized map. Even the inappropriately self-named "Fair Boundaries" organization in Utah used the former director of the Democratic Party who produced – surprise – boundaries favorable to Democrats. A commission is far from a panacea, independent, or non-partisan.

The basic problem with a non-elected redistricting commission is the base philosophy. The Progressive Era in American history provided a philosophical change of attitude toward government. The Founders had faith in lay government – man's ability to govern himself. The Progressive Era argued for governing of the people by experts whose work would seemingly be based on science. (Of course, this was the Era when Communism was also the daring, new government philosophy, but I digress.) Resorting to so-called experts has produced massive national bureaucracies such as the EPA (always right even when state DEQ scientists prove their data flawed), the SEC (experts about Wall Street), the Federal Reserve Board (experts about money), and the NLRB (experts about keeping jobs from going to South Carolina), and so on and so forth.

For some it is easy to demagogue the Legislature, but given the option I much prefer to have districts altered by someone in a public position on the House and Senate Floors - even if I don't fully agree with the alteration - rather than by the all-powerful wizard behind the curtain.

Allow me to comment on three related but tangential subjects:

A) "Community of interest" is basically a sham phrase used to hide real desires. It has been charged by some, for example, that St. George has nothing in common with Salt Lake City therefore they should not be in the same district. Actually, St. George doesn't really have that much in common with Provo or Ogden or Logan or even Cedar City; but St. George has to be with someone. One public witness at a Redistricting Committee Meeting seemed to claim that maybe places like St. George and

**From:** Q Dang  
**To:** Dang, Q  
**BC:** Steve Urquhart  
**Date:** 10/13/2011 7:35:18 PM  
**Subject:** Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Dear Senator,

As a citizen of Utah, I urge you to VOTE NO on the current map being discussed in the House.

I have studied the maps and I would suggest to you that the best map, based on contiguousness and compactness, is the Garber Citizen Map (modified, sponsored by Representative Brian King).

<http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-rep-king-garber-modified-king>

Please vote for this compromise map. I know you have worked very diligently for the people of Utah, and I thank you for it.

Sincerely,  
Quang Dang

**From:** Ellen Brady  
**BC:** Steve Urquhart, Steve Urquhart  
**Date:** 10/7/2011 1:43:36 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
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Dear Representative or Senator:

I am pleased that the legislature has 'stepped back to take another look' relative to redistricting, as it was clear from the map under consideration at that time did not represent the concerns of many Utah citizens. That is, the map did not keep communities of interest intact in any meaningful sense of the word. Specifically, the 'pizza slice' approach to Salt Lake County completely disenfranchised that population by carving it into four pieces and linking three to rural areas with enough population to overpower the urban voice.

Unfortunately, it appears that the 'revised' plan, developed behind closed doors and without public input only worsens the situation by linking the new District 4 to rural areas as well. This approach serves no one well -- urban or rural -- and represents a total travesty that can only be described as blatant gerrymandering for partisan gain. The comments of Becky Lockhart and others chastising questioners who dared suggest that this approach disenfranchised voters and weakened democracy by replying that 'this is a Republic' (don't you know stupid) and 'no Republican or Democrat' will be deprived of a vote under this plan' only underscores the blatant disregard of this legislature for those you are supposed to represent and a lack of understanding of many prior court rulings that underscore the importance of preserving communities of interest in order to protect the ability of those groups to be effectively heard. Additionally, claims that you 'listened to the public' have been nullified by your subsequent redrawing of the lines behind closed doors and the destruction by some members of email communications relevant to the process. Prior to this, efforts to silence the voice of Utahns by creating impossibly high barriers to citizen petitions only further underscores this disregard. The voices of the many thousands who signed a petition asking for an independent redistricting commission have been ignored. I am confident that, had the bar not been set quite so high and had online signatures been acceptable, the initiative would have been on the ballot and would have passed.

Please astonish me and truly step back far enough to consider and implement a plan that does not disenfranchise the urban majority population of this state. We will be heard -- if not now, at the ballot box come November.

**Ellen**

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**From:** Brent Hall  
**To:** IPSON, Don  
**CC:** Last, Brad, Clark, David, Vickers, Evan, Urquhart, Steve, Larkin, Shauna Jo, ,  
**Date:** 10/4/2011 12:02:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Congressional Redistricting Map  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

Thank you very much, Don. I thought you would want to know how your name was being used in a way that did not make sense to me. I hope you will get a chance to clarify the truth with the media. I actually heard it on the radio where they just usually repeat other sources.

Thank you for representing us so well. I'll sure support you against any heat from the Democrats. They are the ones who want to gerrymander to save a seat.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2011 11:50 AM

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**Subject:** Re: Congressional Redistricting Map

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Again The local media have not talked to me about the proposed map or OUR reasons for supporting it. I will follow up with you in person and discuss this, thanks for the heads up. I want Our own representation as much or more than anyone else.

This map was defeated in committee by the Senate

>>> "Brent Hall" <[Brent@hintonburdick.com](mailto:Brent@hintonburdick.com)> 10/4/2011 10:40 AM >>>

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**From:** Ellen Brady  
**BC:** Steve Urquhart, Steve Urquhart  
**Date:** 10/3/2011 10:40:14 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
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Dear Utah Legislator:

I'm writing to protest the current redistricting plan. The notion that rural and urban districts should be 'blended' is absurd, as it results in districts that represent neither set of interests well. And in this case, it seems specially designed to silence the voice of the most populous area in the state -- Salt Lake County. As a resident of Salt Lake County, which is now split into four districts, I can assure you that I personally feel totally disenfranchised by the current plan. Specifically, I now reside in the newly formed District 4, drawn by all accounts to ensure the election of Rep Carl Wimmer to Congress. He does not and never will reflect my positions on issues that affect me personally or, more broadly, this country, Utah, or Salt Lake County. Representation is more than one-person-one vote. It also involves ensuring that areas of mutual interest are left intact such that they have a collective voice that can be heard. Salt Lake County will be deprived of that representation in Congress, should you adopt the plan before you.

Ellen

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**From:** Sandy Peck  
**To:** , Office, League  
**BC:** Steve Urquhart  
**Date:** 10/2/2011 7:55:16 PM  
**Subject:** SPEAK UP FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING! Contact your legislator! Rally at the Capitol Monday!  
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**ACTION ALERT!**

**CAN YOU SPEAK UP FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING?**

**Action Alert : REDISTRICTING SPECIAL SESSION MONDAY!**

**The Utah Legislature meets this Monday October 3 to enact a redistricting plan for Utah's 4 Congressional seats, the Utah House of Representatives, Utah Senate and State School Board.**

This spring Utah citizens rallied to tell the Legislature that their revisions to the GRAMA law were too radical.

Now it's time to tell them that their last minute proposal to gerrymander the state and overturn the election of Congressman Jim Matheson by putting his voters into other congressional districts is too radical. All Utahns want to be represented in Washington.

**Let your legislators know what the Redistricting Committee has done wrong:**

- 1. The process:** According to Senator Ben McAdams, D-Salt Lake and Redistricting Committee member: **"A map was drafted in secret, sprung on the committee by surprise in the middle of a meeting, adopted two days later by the committee and is heading for approval by the legislature on Monday.** They learned nothing from their failed attempt to repeal open government laws a few short months ago. They did it again with this map that seeks to overturn the election of Jim Matheson. . ."
- 2. Committee principles:** **The committee has not fairly applied their adopted principle of reasonably compact districts.** CDs 1, 3, and especially 2 are spread over large areas, but CD 4 is a small area in the heart of Salt Lake County. **CD 4 also violates the Committee's goal of every district being partly rural.** By population and land use, CD 4 is almost completely urban.
- 3. The public's principles:** **Public testimony has supported not splitting communities of interest and honoring city boundaries.** Yet Holladay, for example, a small city of 60,000 residents, is split among 3 of the 4 CDs.
- 4. Political party considerations:** **The public believes that political party data about voters should not enter into redistricting.** The committee tells us that it does not have party data on its computers, but we know they have access to it from party officials. And their approved districts would clearly increase Republican incumbent advantage over Democrats.
- 5. Voter turnout:** **The public has reminded the committee many times that if voters are put in districts where their candidates have virtually no chance to win, they see no point in voting. This may not be the legal definition of disenfranchisement, but that's the real result.** *(According to a September 29 Salt Lake Tribune article Utah is in 48<sup>th</sup> place for per cent of qualified citizens voting in the last election. Only 11.8 per cent of Utahns aged 18-24 voted in the last election—dead last in the country.)*

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

**You can look at the maps here**

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**Join with fellow Utahns to rally for fair redistricting in the Capitol at 11:30 a.m.  
Monday**

**The Legislature is NOT listening so its time to raise the volume!**

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The League of Women Voters supports meeting strict anti-gerrymandering standards including:

- prompt judicial review
- basic equality among districts
- district lines that honor local political boundaries
- district lines that are compact
- district lines that are not drawn for the purpose of advantage or disadvantage of any political party, incumbent, or any person or group
- lines that do not dilute voting strength of any minority
- lines that do not consider addresses of incumbents, political affiliation of registered voters, previous election returns, or demographic information other than population should not be used in redistricting.

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**To:** Lockhart, Becky, King, Brian, Webb, Curt, Watkins, Christine, Gibson, Francis, Froerer, Gage, Sumsion, Kenneth, Brown, Melvin, Newbold, Merlynn, Hendrickson, Neal, Menlove, Ronda, Barrus, Roger, Kiser, Todd, Heiner, Kim, Christensen, Allen, Osmond, Aaron, McAdams, Ben, Anderson, Casey, Hinkins, David, Liljenquist, Dan, Thatcher, Dan, Davis, Gene, Stephenson, Howard, Adams, Stuart, Valentine, John, Stevenson, Jerry, Mayne, Karen, Morgan, Karen, VanTassell, Kevin, Hillyard, Lyle, Robles, Luz, Dayton,

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Don't Pizza Slice the Districts

Please, Utah Republicans, don't be greedy. It should be enough that you maintain a safe majority in most of the state, but it's not honest or just to jiggle the boundaries to disenfranchise the Democrats in SLC, the one area where they are the majority. That's not democracy -- that's just bullying. Be honest and be content with your actual majorities. Let Democrats in Salt Lake have a chance to exercise their actual majority. In other words, don't pizza-slice the Democratic majority in SLC to make sure their votes will never count.

I live in Orem, and so I know my vote for a Democratic representative will never have much of a shot, but that's because my neighbors are all Republicans, and fair is fair. But if I lived in Salt Lake, where most of my neighbors were fellow Democrats, I would expect a reasonable chance of electing a Democrat as representative, because fair is fair.

The pizza slice proposal to defeat that basic democratic principle (small-D democratic!) is cynical and political. Please, show you have some honor and backbone, and do the right thing.

Marco Davis  
Orem UT

**From:** Craig Shuler  
**To:** Urquhart, Steve  
**Date:** 10/1/2011 4:36:51 PM  
**Subject:** Illogical congressional districts  
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Thanks to all the redistricting committee's hard work. The more you look at the maps, the more you realize what a hard job it is.

But please vote no on the approved Sumsion 6A gerrymander. Sumsion 6A is awful! It is apparently gerrymandered for no honest reason.

Southern Utah should be with Provo, not south Davis County!

North, south, east and west parts of the state should be kept together. The Salt Lake area deserves 2 congressional districts. I think you need to go back to the Congress Garber D Plan or something else that keeps districts in each of the four directions and splits Salt Lake County in no more than two districts.

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**From:**  
**To:** McAdams, Ben, Bramble, Curtis, Hinkins, David, Thatcher, Dan, Davis, Gene, Stephenson, Howard, Adams, Stuart, Valentine, John, Mayne, Karen, Morgan, Karen, VanTassell, Kevin, Hillyard, Lyle, Dayton, Margaret, Madsen, Mark, Waddoups, Michael, Jones, Pat, Knudson, Peter, Okerlund, Ralph, Romero, Ross, Reid, Stuart, Jenkins, Scott, Urquhart, Steve, Niederhauser, Wayne, liljenquist, dan, christensen, allen, , , ,  
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As much as we do not like gerrymandering -- creating arms instead of enclosing the district in a compact area -- it is a worse thing to draw the lines with political careers in mind. Politics should be the last consideration. We do not elect people to serve themselves, to further their own interests, but we elect them to serve us, the people. Here's hoping that when the special session opens this coming week, you will reject the notion of making any district more electable for any individual, or more Republican or Democratic just so that party can elect more of its candidates.

Please set aside your own desires, your own wants. Please do not consider helping your friends on the Hill by making it easier for any of them. The politician may be out of office in two years (or less), but the boundaries will remain for 10 years. Please, instead of considering the benefits you can achieve for any political party, consider how you can help the people. Instead of trying to silence any group of people, by watering down their power by placing them in districts where they will be the minority, please look to grant as many people a voice as possible. Certain groups -- whether we speak of the Democratic Party or rural interests or whoever -- represent the majority in their areas. Give them their own district, then. Give them a voice, the opportunity to elect their own person, instead of silencing their voice by placing them in a district that has more voters who believe differently than they do.

We often say, "I do not agree with what you are saying, but I will fight for your right to say it." Here is the moment when you can prove you meant that, if you should ever have said it.

The pizza approach might have reasonably clean boundaries, but its strength is its weakness. I have heard it has gained favor for mixing urban and rural, thus forcing the elected official to represent both interests. But, if it results in all the representatives being from the cities -- none from the rural areas -- are you really ensuring representation of both? You are not. You are, to a degree, disenfranchising your rural voters.

Rural areas by definition are less populated. They are going to have a minority representation regardless. Even if we could take the most rural parts of our state and round them together in a single district, that would give them but one representative. The urban areas would have the other three. Why make it any harder on them by slicing them in with urban areas so they end up with no elected official of their own at all?

I'm hoping you do not do that to our rural areas. Might gives the power to do wrong, but it does not give the right.

**From:** Steven Goold  
**BC:** Steve Urquhart, Steve Urquhart  
**Date:** 9/29/2011 11:00:34 AM  
**Subject:** Please don't play politics!  
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## Daily Herald

### IN OUR VIEW

# A really bad pizza recipe

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In the effort to redraw Utah's congressional districts, two of the three Utah County-based lawmakers on the commission charged with making a proposal say they like what's been dubbed the "pizza slice" plan.

That's the plan with the points of the new congressional districts in Salt Lake County.

Never mind that this plan would water down Utah County's clout in Washington, without any compensating benefits. And never mind that these lawmakers are supposed to represent their local constituents.

The alternative to pizza is doughnuts. This approach would create poorly named "doughnut holes," or zones encompassing one or more of the main urban areas: Salt Lake County for sure, Utah County being the next obvious choice, and Davis County and its environs a third possibility. In some of these plans, the new Utah fourth district would cover a lot of the state's rural areas.

Note that a district comprising Utah County and a few other small chunks would focus a U.S. representative's attention squarely on this valley. You'd think that area lawmakers would naturally

**From:** Mickey Gallivan  
**To:** Dee, Brad, Galvez, Brad, Webb, Curt, Butterfield, David, Pitcher, Dixon, Froerer, Gage, Draxler, Jack, Peterson, Jeremy, Perry, Lee, Ray, Paul, Greenwood, Richard, Menlove, Ronda, Wilcox, Ryan, Christensen, Allen, Osmond, Aaron, McAdams, Ben, Anderson, Casey, Hinkins, David, Liljenquist, Dan, Thatcher, Dan, Davis, Gene, Stephenson, Howard, Adams, Stuart, Valentine, John, Stevenson, Jerry, Mayne, Karen, Morgan, Karen, VanTassell, Kevin, Hillyard, Lyle, Robles, Luz, Dayton,

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The final Congressional Redistricting proposal now before you is nothing short of cynical. It virtually disenfranchises the remaining few voters who dare to disagree with the majority and now, finally removes any incentive to even go to the polls. The majority owns 80% of our congressional delegation, 76% of the State Senate and 77% of the House. Now you are about to vote to squash what few remain out of your control, just because you can. Greed is destroying the American economy. And greed is about to destroy Utah democracy. Don't be surprised when nobody shows up to vote. What's the use?

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**From:** "Keven Stratton, Sutherland Institute"  
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**Date:** 9/27/2011 7:46:37 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting: Doughnut holes & pizza slices  
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Dear Friend,

Next Monday (Oct. 3), the Utah Legislature will meet in special session to finalize the much-discussed redistricting process. To better facilitate understanding of this process, the state has put together a new website:

### [RedistrictUtah.com](http://RedistrictUtah.com)

I invite you to take a minute to familiarize yourself with the redistricting maps and [let your legislator know](#) your opinion.

Cheers!

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P.S. Join us on Oct. 12 for our new *Responsible Citizen Course: In Defense of the Family*. See below for details.

### New Class: In Defense of Family

Join us Wednesday, Oct. 12, for our brand-new *Responsible Citizen Course*:

**In Defense of the Family:  
Why Family Policy Matters  
and What You Can Do About It**  
**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Sutherland headquarters  
([click here for a map](#))

**Cost:** \$10 for the public, but free for members of the



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Responsible Citizen Exchange.

In this class, William Duncan, director of Sutherland's Center for Family and Society, will discuss why protecting the family makes good policy sense and how you can get involved in the cause.

**[Click here to register.](#)**



**Your Pursuit of Happiness Contest**

 Win 2 Tickets to Brian Regan

We're giving you the chance to win two fantastic tickets (14th row, middle) to see Brian Regan live in Salt Lake City at Abravanel Hall on Friday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Why do we care about happy? Because that's what we try to do: We at Sutherland Institute advocate for conservative principles because they have been proven through the centuries to be the best way for people to be, well, happy. Principles such as limited government, personal responsibility, free markets, private property, charity, religion and family.

To be eligible for these tickets, you simply need to submit

a picture of yourself doing something that makes you happy. Get your friends to vote for your pic, and we'll all make the person with the most votes really happy.

The contest ends Sept. 29, so [click here](#) to submit your pic, tell your friends to vote for you and get ready for a night of pure happy with Brian Regan.

## A License for Hair Braiding?

Should Utahns have to obtain a state license to do landscape architecture, paint nails or braid hair? The state currently requires professionals in these fields, and many others, to obtain a license to work here legally. Some state legislators would like to do away with these rules.

Watch the video report below to hear what Utah State Representative Holly Richardson (R-Pleasant Grove) and others have to say about it.



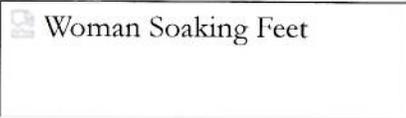
A license for hair braiding?

## Not What This Woman Wants

I find myself grinding my teeth every time the "[What A Woman Wants Show](#)" billboards pop up around the Salt Lake Valley. The sales expo aimed at women is a legitimate event, the art on the billboards is cute, and there's nothing wrong with

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the services. What bothers me is the implication in the marketing: Women love nothing better than to shop and spend lots of time on their appearance.

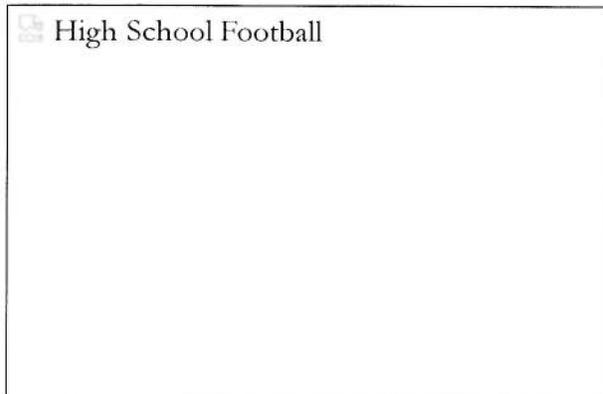


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### UHSAA Rule Slams Door on Opportunities for Student

Earlier this year, we warned that the new transfer rule for student-athletes instituted by the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) would discourage student-athletes from taking advantage of open enrollment. The recent case of Conner Martinez is one example of how this new rule penalizes students who want to attend the best school available to them.

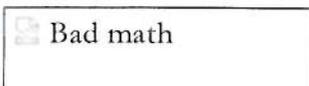
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### Obama Jobs Plan: Math or Class Warfare?

During last Monday's press conference from the Rose Garden of the White House, President Obama used a nifty sound bite to describe his new jobs proposal. He said, "This is not class warfare, it's math." And then, it seems, he forgot the math and preached class warfare.

Is it math or class warfare when he says, "We shouldn't



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 Bad math

middle class. ... For us to solve this problem, everybody, including the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations, have to pay their

fair share ... Middle class families shouldn't pay higher taxes than millionaires and billionaires"?

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## One More Hidden Cost of Welfare?

As we've noted before, government welfare programs generally carry a hidden cost beyond that paid by taxpayers - a cost paid by the recipients, in whom dependency and a loss of independence are fostered.

An interesting new study in the Journal of Family and Economic Issues suggests that dependency on government largesse may carry an additional cost, this one for recipient spouses. The study involves a survey of Utah couples and found: "Individuals that experienced the combination of earning less than \$20,000 per year while receiving government assistance had significantly lower levels of overall marital satisfaction and commitment than individuals receiving government assistance with higher incomes and individuals who have never received government assistance."

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