## **Tea Party Befriended**

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Why is the TEA Party movement such an enigma for those with progressive-elitist points of view? Progressive elitists are similar to biblical Pharisees and Sadducees who didn't get Jesus' parables.

In Jesus' case the prophets had long ago foretold His critics would not get 'it.' Fair and Balanced: Jesus (New Testament) quotes Isaiah (Old Testament), "You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; and you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; for the heart of this people has become

In the vernacular we say, "none so blind as one who will not see."

dull...."

The TEA Party movement is not a religious

movement, though many in the movement are faithful believers.

The TEA Party movement is not a political party or even prelude to becoming a political party. TEA Partiers are fed up with political parties!

vilify! That's what's driving the progressive-elitists crazy.

Of course, the lamestream media (Sarah Palin's characterization) continues to tell half the TEA Party story, reiterating what TEA Partiers are just happens to be diametrically different from the other broadcast / cable news lockstep perspective. If one wants the whole picture, one has to gather news from differing perspectives, otherwise one is deceiving him

or her self. Same is true of newspapers and other news sources.

Back to the TEA
Party movement:
TEA Partiers are fiscal conservatives
who are fed up with
big government, particularly in Washington. TEA Partiers
ognize both Republi-

recognize both Republicans and Democrats are to blame.

TEA Partiers believe Washington not only doesn't have answers to problems like HealthCare reform and the economy, but Washington IS the problem in many cases.

Progressive-elitists believe Washington can defy laws of economics and spend its way out of debt. TEA Partiers say, "Stop spending us into terminal debt!"

TEA Partiers are not campaigning for reducing government. They are actually working to reduce the size of government. Big difference between campaigning and working (see "difference between campaigning and governing" for further details).

TEA Partiers believe businesses, particularly small and medium size businesses are the backbone and drivers of the American economy. Based on this belief, Partiers believe American businesses can bring us out of these poor economic times IF Washington will just get out of the

way, i.e. lowering taxes (vs. progressive-elites' ideas of raising taxes in a recession), allowing poor business practices to fail (no more bailouts – try bankruptcy), and restoring confidence in the Dollar by stopping wasteful spending on bottomless bureaucratic money pits.

The TEA Party movement sprung up spontaneously and autonomously in thousands of communities across America when Chicago thugs and Beltway bullies defied the Constitution. In conservative America, "them's fightin' words!"

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That's the point progressive-elitists fail to grasp.

Even after the inaugural national convention, the TEA Party movement still has no recognized central person, authority, or office. No one to blame or

'against' and highlighting the most politically incorrect within the movement. Who would have thought the lame-stream media would have a political perspective or agenda?

FOX News certainly has a political perspective. It

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