

A message from the Chairman -

Call me a skeptic, but ...

Call me a skeptic, but I wonder if there just may be a method to the Obama administration's seemingly deliberate decision to sit on the sidelines and passively watch the BP oil spill disaster get worse and worse.

Shortly after taking office, Obama's #1, Rahm Emanuel, was quoted as saying that one should never let a good crisis go to waste. What he meant by that was that progressives (those seeking to enlarge the size and scope of the federal government) should look at each new crisis as an opportunity to make the argument for expanding the government's size and scope of control over wherever the crisis has occurred.

Put another way, don't solve the problem. Use the problem.

The skeptic in me looks at the actions (or, rather, inactions) of the Obama administration in letting the BP oil spill disaster grow and grow and wonders whether this is that philosophy in action – don't solve the oil spill problem, use the oil spill problem.

Is there anyone who seriously thinks the Obama administration won't now use the oil spill crisis to argue for expanding the size and scope of the federal government's control over oil exploration, the environment, wetlands, etc.?

A side note – has Louisiana learned nothing? I turn on the television and watch Louisiana politician after Louisiana politician weeping like little school girls as they complain about the federal government's failure to come to Louisiana's rescue. Do you not remember Katrina? Man up Louisiana! Don't wait for the federal government. Take charge yourselves. If EPA officials get in the way, have your state troopers escort them to the Mississippi state line. Again I say, man up Louisiana!

- The Chairman