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Had Enough? ...Vote Smart!

...because "staying the course" makes no sense when you're heading in the wrong direction.

Was invading Iraq a tragic mistake?

- **STARTED UNDER FALSE PRETENSES:**
 - NO connection between Iraq and 9/11 terrorists' attacks.
 - NO weapons of mass destruction found.
 - Iraq was NO IMMINENT THREAT to U.S.
 - Alienated allies and shattered international cooperation.
- **NO CREDIBLE PLANS FOR EXITING IRAQ:**
 - Our brave troops are now stuck in civil war with no homecoming in sight.
 - Billions of dollars pumped into Iraq are chronically mismanaged.
- **COSTS FAR SURPASS ANY BENEFITS THAT CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST PA CAN EXPECT FROM STAYING THE COURSE:**
 - Nearly 3,000 U.S. TROOPS KILLED and 15,000+ WOUNDED.
 - Untold thousands of Iraqi women and children killed.
 - \$300 BILLION SPENT so far on this war of choice.
 - Violence and the threat of terrorism worldwide keep INCREASING.
- **REAL SECURITY ISSUES** in the U.S. are still not addressed.
- **Rick Santorum and Phil English voted for the war every chance.**

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How secure is your family's health care?

- 46 million adults and children have NO health insurance.
- 40 percent of the middle class has NO health insurance.
- Medical expenses account for OVER 50% of bankruptcies in our country.
- Compared to other industrialized nations, the U.S. health care ranks #1 in COST and #37 in QUALITY of delivery.
- 1/3 of health care dollars goes to insurance industry profits, executive pay, stock holder dividends, payment to lobbyists, and cost of paperwork, NOT to patient care.
- Medicare and Medicaid are at risk, BUT the CEO of the second largest insurance company earned \$1.5 billion last year.
- Senator Santorum and Congressman English voted in Medicare Part D (drug prescription coverage for seniors) to make it illegal for the government to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices.
- ALL AMERICANS DESERVE AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE MEDICAL CARE.

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Having trouble paying your bills?

- Gasoline prices affect the cost of food, goods and services as well as transportation.
- Utility costs rival mortgage/rent expenses in the family budget.
- 3 million good-paying jobs lost in the last five years, owing largely to bad trade policy.
- Minimum wage is at its lowest purchasing power in 50 years, while

Congress has voted itself cost-of-living adjustments eight straight years.

- Since 2000, Erie County has LOST 4,500 LIVING-WAGE JOBS
- Wages of typical American workers rose less than one percent.
- Social Security needs equitable funding, NOT PRIVATIZATION.
- Cuts to student loans make college less affordable for middle class families.

Do you know the costs of tax cuts for the wealthy?

- Bush tax cuts, supported by Senator Santorum and Congressman English:
 - Ballooned the federal deficit
 - Gave HUGE ANNUAL TAX BREAKS TO THE WEALTHIEST ONE PERCENT
 - No more than \$100 to 88% of other Americans.
- Every baby born today owes over \$156,000 to our national debt.
- Senator Santorum and Congressman English voted to eliminate inheritance tax on estates over \$3.5 million, another tax break for the wealthiest families but
LOSS OF REVENUE FOR FUNDING WORTHY DOMESTIC PROGRAMS.
- Reduced funding of public education and critical social services
PUTS MORE FAMILIES AT RISK..

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Are you concerned about threats to the environment?

- Ten hottest years in recorded history occurred since 1991.
- Polar ice caps are melting, tundra defrosting, and glaciers disappearing.
- Destructive force of hurricanes has increased 50% in past 25 years.
- The Bush administration REFUSES to join other industrialized nations in reducing greenhouse gases.
- Since 2000, regulations ensuring air and water quality have been weakened, putting the HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN AT RISK.
- During first five years of Rick Santorum's second term in the Senate, he voted **against** environmental protection a shameful **97%** of the time.
- During the same period in the House of Representatives, Phil English voted **against** environmental protection **80%** of the time.
- Environmental protection may be the most important issue facing our generation
A BASIC CHANGE IN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR IS NEEDED.

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STEVE PORTER
for CONGRESS

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