

## TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"

# OBAMA WANTS MANDATORY CITIZEN VOTING! BUT IS THAT REALLY WHAT HE'S AFTER?



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### *Here's what provoked me:*

*There have been quiet suggestions recently of making voting easier in the U.S. Also, we are beginning to hear rumblings of mandatory voting – and even non-citizen voting. Don't these concepts conflict with one another?*

### *Here's my response:*

#### **Obama Wants Mandatory Citizen Voting! But is that really what he's after?**

Last week in Cleveland Obama made a suggestion of mandatory voting. This, in his opinion, would negate the need for huge sums of money in politics. He thinks it would be “fun” to consider amending the Constitution for this purpose.

OK, I can get my mind around that concept – but isn't he forgetting that if voting is a requirement for “citizenship,” there has to be an effective means of monitoring and comparing voting records with citizenship status. I guess that's where “voter ID” requirements come in. But ..... he's adamantly opposed to that concept. If there's no proof of citizenship required to show up and vote, how can you then, uh ..... effectively monitor the, uh ..... well, you see my dilemma!

Wait a minute, you don't suppose ..... since he's committed to making voting easier for people ..... maybe he's NOT suggesting voting be mandatory for citizenship. Maybe he's on the verge of a new transformative idea! Non-citizen voting rights would eliminate the need for any sort of registration or voter ID or monitoring.

Or, perhaps Rep. Ellison has his attention. Ellison recently stated: “Now I also think we need to make voting easier. It should be easier ..... I've often asked myself why you should have to register to vote.”

Vote whenever you want; online perhaps; anytime during the month of November might work. Should voting be made so easy that it is reduced to a simple “show of hands”?

Be wary, fellow citizens! Your worth is waning!