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The news from and about Egypt led to rather droll posts from Power Line's [Paul Mirengoff](#). Here's the first suggesting this is the end of amateur hour.

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Not fans of Lurch, The Boston Herald has some fun.

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Turning to President Bystander's economic mess, [CNS News](#) tells us we have passed a record 54 months of 7.5% unemployment.

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The Atlantic lets us know what liberals think of the job numbers.

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Jennifer Rubin thinks the part time employment and the climate push are related.

*The addition of 195,000 non-farm payroll jobs (plus upward revisions in past months) is nothing to sneeze at. It is some confirmation that sequester has not sent the economy careening, as the White House warned. But the biggest story here is the part-time unemployment numbers.*

*The U-6 number (unemployed, part-time employed and underemployed) took a statistically alarming jump from 13.8 to 14.3 percent. Coupled with 322,000 part-time jobs and 1 million workers who abandoned the job market.*

*Why all this part-time employment? It is hard to avoid the conclusion that it is related to Obamacare, which places burdens on employers for each full-time worker. Had the Obama administration not attempted triage by delaying the employer mandate, the numbers could well have been expected to worsen (and still could).*

*If we want to arrest the flight from the job market and give a boost to full-time jobs, we should at the very least do no more harm. Freezing Obamacare and foregoing anti-growth climate change legislation would be helpful. Instead of raising energy costs, domestic energy development is the no-brainer move, but one the president appears incapable of adopting. ...*

The ABC agents' bust and jailing of the UVA coed is back in the news according to [Instapundit](#).

*... These agents should be fired, and probably prosecuted. And if Virginia wants to move into the 21st late 20th century, it could abolish its Alcoholic Beverage Commission.*

*UPDATE: Reader Karl Bock writes: "Besides getting us pretty riled up here in Charlottesville, this is another example of the continued nationwide trend towards the militarization of bureaucracies at the federal, state and local level. Armed ABC agents running a parking lot sting operation aimed at underaged drinkers is just calling down a potential tragedy. There is simply no reason for those guys to be armed under those circumstances. It's not like they were raiding stills up in the hollers of Nelson County." Indeed.*

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## **Jewish World Review**

### **The Princess and the Brotherhood**

by Mark Steyn

After midday prayers on Wednesday, just about the time the army were heading over to the presidential palace to evict Mohammed Morsi, the last king of Egypt was laying to rest his aunt, Princess Fawzia, who died in Alexandria on Tuesday at the grand old age of 91. She was born in 1921, a few months before the imperial civil servants of London and Paris invented the modern Middle East and the British protectorate of Egypt was upgraded to a kingdom, and seven years before Hassan al-Banna founded the Muslim Brotherhood.

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And so the "Arab Spring" ricochets from one half-witted plot twist to another. Morsi was supposedly "the first democratically elected leader" in Egypt's history, but he was a one-man-one-vote-one-time guy. Across the Mediterranean in Turkey, Prime Minister Erdogan could have advised him "softly softly catchee monkey" — you neuter the army slowly, and Islamize incrementally, as Erdogan has done remorselessly over a decade. But Morsi the "democrat" prosecuted journalists who disrespected him, and now he sits in a military jail cell (next to Mubarak's?). And so the first army coup in Egypt since King Farouk's ejection in 1952 is hailed as a restoration of the idealistic goals of the "Facebook revolution," although General Sisi

apparently has plans to charge Morsi with "insulting the presidency." That's not a crime any self-respecting society would have on its books — and anyway the Egyptian presidency itself is an insult to presidencies. Morsi's is the shortest reign of any of the five presidents, shorter even than the first, Mohamed Naguib, who was booted out by Nasser and whose obscurity is nicely caught by the title of his memoir, *I Was an Egyptian President*.

In the 2011 parliamentary elections, three-quarters of the vote went to either the Muslim Brotherhood or their principal rivals, the Even More Muslim Brotherhood. So, statistically speaking, a fair few of the "broad-based coalition" joining the Coptic Christians and urban secularists out on the streets are former Morsi guys. Are they suddenly Swedish-style social democrats? Human Rights Watch reports that almost 100 women were subjected to violent sexual assault over four days in Tahrir Square, which suggests not. The *Jerusalem Post's* Caroline Glick argues that the coalition that's supplanted the Muslim Brothers will wind up controlled by neo-Nasserite fascists.

For my part, I would bet Egypt's fate will be largely driven by its fiscal ruin. Morsi is a good example of what happens when full-blown Islamic rule is put into effect in a country without the benefit of oil. He's your go-to guy when it comes to ramping up the clitoridectomy rate, but he's not so effective when it comes to jump-starting the economy. In February, the government advised the people to eat less and cut back the food subsidy to about 400 calories a day — which even Nanny Bloomberg might balk at. Amidst all the good news of the Morsi era — the collapse of Western tourism, the ethnic cleansing of Copts, the attacks on the Israeli embassy, sexual assaults on uncovered women, death for apostasy, etc. — amidst all these Morsi-era success stories, even a Muslim Brother has to eat occasionally. Egyptians learned the hard way that, whatever their cultural preferences, full-strength Islam comes at a price. Egypt has a wheat crisis, and a fuel crisis, and the World Food Program estimates that 40 percent of the population is suffering from "physical or mental" malnutrition. For purposes of comparison, when King Farouk was overthrown in 1952, Egypt and South Korea had more or less the same GDP per capita. Today Egypt's is about one-eighth of South Korea's.

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Ninety years ago, Fuad I's kingdom was a ramshackle Arab approximation of a Westminster constitutional monarchy: Even in its flaws and corruptions, it knew at least what respectable societies were supposed to aspire to. Nasser's one-party state was worse, Mubarak's one-man klepto-state worse still, and Morsi's antidote to his predecessors worst of all — so far. You can measure the decay in a tale of two consorts. After she left the shah, Princess Fawzia served as the principal hostess of the Egyptian court. In tiara and off-the-shoulder gowns, she looks like a screen siren from Hollywood's golden age — Hedy Lamarr, say, in *Her Highness and the*

*Bellboy* (1945). Sixty years later, no Egyptian woman could walk through Cairo with bare shoulders without risking assault. President Morsi's wife, Naglaa Ali Mahmoud, is his first cousin, and covered from head to toe. If you were a visiting foreign minister, you were instructed not to shake hands, or even look at her. If you did, you'd notice that the abaya-clad crone bore an odd resemblance to the mom of the incendiary Tsarnaev brothers. Eschewing the title first lady, she preferred to be known as "first servant." Egypt's first couple embodied only the parochial, inbred dead end of Islamic imperialism — what remains when all else is dead or fled.

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But military control propped up by Saudi economic support is not a long-term answer. For one thing, it's far from clear that the Saudi regime will remain in power over that term.

In my opinion, the long-term answer, if Egypt has one, resides in the rise of freedom and democracy as Islamism recedes (waves of that sort of religious fanaticism tend to). Unfortunately, with the Saudis behind them, it's far from clear that the Egyptian military will take even baby steps in the direction of freedom and democracy.

We see here another significant failure of the Obama administration. Instead of trying to work with the military — the only force capable of countering the Muslim Brotherhood — to ease Egypt down the road to freedom and democracy, Obama bet on the Brotherhood, a losing horse and an evil one.

Presumably, he thereby earned the contempt of the military, which is now in charge. At a minimum, he ensured that the military will take its cues from the anti-democracy Saudis.

But as I said, this may be better, all things considered, than the alternative right now. It's not easy to disagree with Goldman's assessment that the judgment of Prince Bandar is preferable to that of John Kerry, Susan Rice, or John McCain.

## Power Line

### State Department denies that Kerry was on yacht during Morsi's ouster [UPDATED With State Dept. Admission]

by Paul Mirengoff

[Mosheh Oinounou](#) of CBS has tweeted a photo of John Kerry's yacht, the "Isabel," and claimed that a CBS producer spotted Kerry on board Wednesday, the day of Mohammed Morsi's ouster. According to Oinounou, when the producer shouted "Morsi," she received no response.

However, the State Department denies that Kerry was on his yacht during the crisis. And it insists that, although he wasn't in Washington at the national security team meetings on Egypt, he participated "by secure phone and was and is in non-stop contact with foreign leaders, and his senior team in Washington and Cairo."

Such participation is not inconsistent with yachting. Thus, it doesn't matter if Kerry was on the "Isabel," though the idea is amusing.

Indeed, it doesn't really matter whether Kerry participated in the Washington meetings. We're not talking about William Seward, John Hay, or Dean Acheson here. We're talking about the guy who believed that the key to a successful U.S. policy in the Middle East was to work with Bashar al-Assad.

Nor is it likely that even the giant diplomats of the past could have contributed anything of consequence in this context. By Wednesday, the U.S. had already sidelined itself due to the previous poor decisions of the Obama administration.

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Here, for those who are interested, is John Kerry's yacht, Isabel. Is this the same one he parked in Rhode Island to avoid Massachusetts' onerous tax? I assume so. Liberals are so funny: it never seems to occur to them that they are not the only ones who will modify their behavior to avoid taxes.



Hey, no one ever denied that marrying for money can bring you...money.

## **Boston Herald**

### **Experts: John Kerry's credibility could sink with boat flap**

by Chris Cassidy □ and Erin Smith

John F. Kerry's credibility took on more water on the second day of his Nantucket vacation flap, as the State Department backed off its initial denial the embattled secretary of state was yachting during the Egyptian military coup — and President Obama tweeted a photo of himself kayaking in a hat, sunglasses and polo shirt.

The Herald reported yesterday that Kerry spent the Fourth of July cavorting on his island getaway even as chaos from the military's ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi rocked Egypt.

In the wake of the Herald story, a State Department spokeswoman admitted yesterday that Kerry was "briefly" aboard his \$7 million luxury craft, the Isabel, on the day of the coup, after previously insisting the yacht sighting was "completely inaccurate."

"While he was briefly on his boat on Wednesday," State Department spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said, "Secretary Kerry worked around the clock all day."

The Herald front-page story captured a series of photos of Kerry paddling a kayak in shorts and a polo shirt. Then yesterday Obama posted his own kayaking photo on Twitter, tweeting, "Have a great weekend."

It was unclear whether the president's tweet was mocking Kerry or supporting him. The White House deferred comment to Organizing for Action, which runs Obama's Twitter handle and did not return emails and calls for comment.

Meanwhile, Islamist protests over Morsi's ouster erupted in violence that left at least 30 dead and more than 200 wounded.

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Kerry's team has insisted he's been working full-time on Egypt.

On Wednesday alone, they said, he took part in a National Security Council meeting with the president and called dignitaries from Norway, Qatar, Turkey and Egypt, as well as placing five calls to Ambassador to Egypt Anne Patterson.

## CNS News

### 54 Months: Record Stretch of 7.5%+ Unemployment Continues

by Terence P. Jeffrey



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In the Obama era, the unemployment rate peaked at 10.0 percent in October 2010. It did not dip below 9 percent until October 2011, when it hit 8.9 percent. From August to September 2012, it dropped from 8.1 percent to 7.8 percent—the first time during Obama's tenure it went under 8 percent.

Since then, the lowest it has gone has been 7.5 percent—the rate it hit in April. But after April, it ticked back up to 7.6 percent in May and stayed at 7.6 percent in June.

Prior to Obama's presidency, the longest stretch of national unemployment at 7.5 percent or higher, as reported by the BLS, was 32 months from September 1981 through April 1984. From August 1981 to September 1981, unemployment climbed from 7.4 percent to 7.6 percent. It then stayed above 7.5 percent until April 1984, when it was at 7.7 percent. In May 1984, it dropped to 7.4 percent.

On January 10, 2009, Christina Romer, who was President-elect Barack Obama's top economic adviser, and Jared Bernstein, who was Vice President-elect Joe Biden's top economic adviser,

[published a report](#) predicting that if Obama's proposed stimulus plan were enacted the unemployment rate would not top 8 percent.

In a [February 2013 report](#) on the impact of Obama's stimulus law—the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)—the Congressional Budget Office said that it estimated the law would have the net effect of increasing federal budget deficits by \$830 billion between 2009 and 2019.

CBO also estimated that the stimulus had the impact in the last quarter of 2012 of lowering “the unemployment rate by between 0.1 percentage points and 0.4 percentage points.”

## **Breitbart**

### **[Only 47% of Adults Have Full-Time Job](#)**

by Mike Flynn

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The market's positive reaction to Friday's report is another sign of how far our economic expectations have fallen. If today the same proportion of Americans worked as just a decade ago, there would be almost 9 million more people working. Just in the last year, almost 2 million Americans have left the labor force. With a majority of the population not holding a full-time job, it isn't surprising that economic growth has been so weak.

In June, the number of Americans who wanted to work full-time, but were forced into part-time jobs because of the economy, jumped 352,000 to over 8 million.

The Jobs' Report is increasingly measuring only a part of the American economy. While Friday's report was better than expected, it only measures those who are working or actively looking for work. There is a growing number of Americans slipping through the cracks of the job market.

## **NY Post**

### **[Work nos. just aren't working](#)**

by Terry Keenan

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Underemployment is when people are working fewer hours than they would like to, and that number rocketed from 13.8 percent of the work force in May to 14.3 percent last month.

Little wonder: The monthly payroll survey shows that just 130,000 full-time jobs have been added so far this year, versus 557,000 part-time positions.

Meantime, at least 2.7 million Americans work a temporary job. With 12 million Americans officially unemployed, 8 million involuntarily working part-time and 2.7 million juggling temp positions, a fifth-grade math student could tell you that more than 20 million of us don't have a job in the traditional understanding of the term.

No wonder Wall Street didn't know what to make of the employment numbers on Friday, with the major indices swinging wildly into both negative and positive territory.

## **The Atlantic**

### **Please Don't Be Satisfied With This Jobs Report**

***The labor market continues to be consistently, maddeningly mediocre.***

by Jordan Weissmann

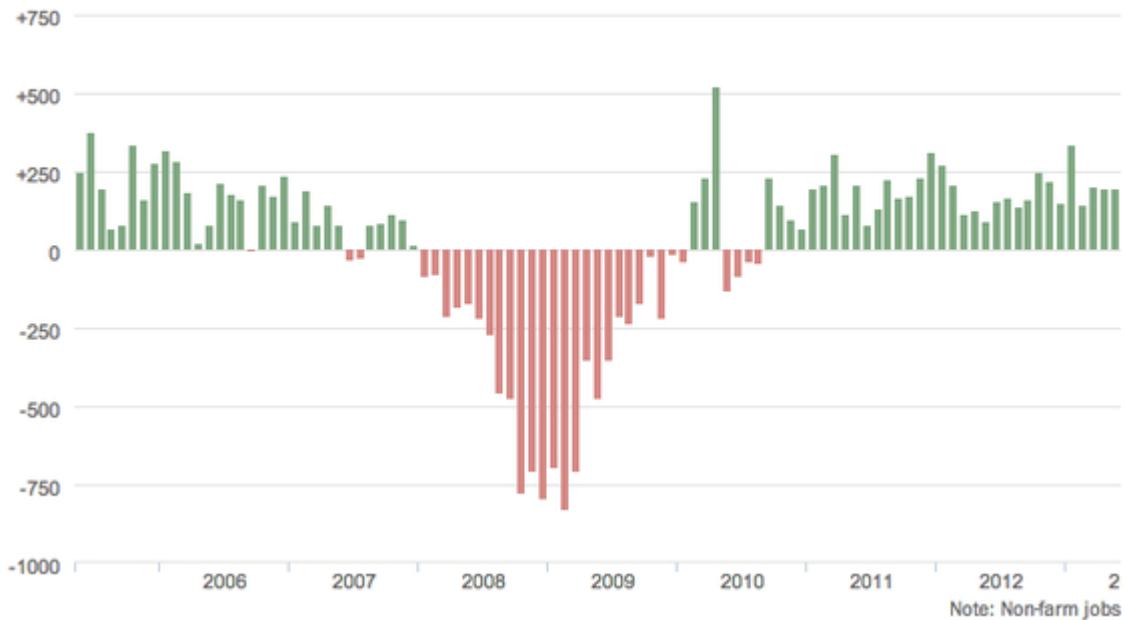
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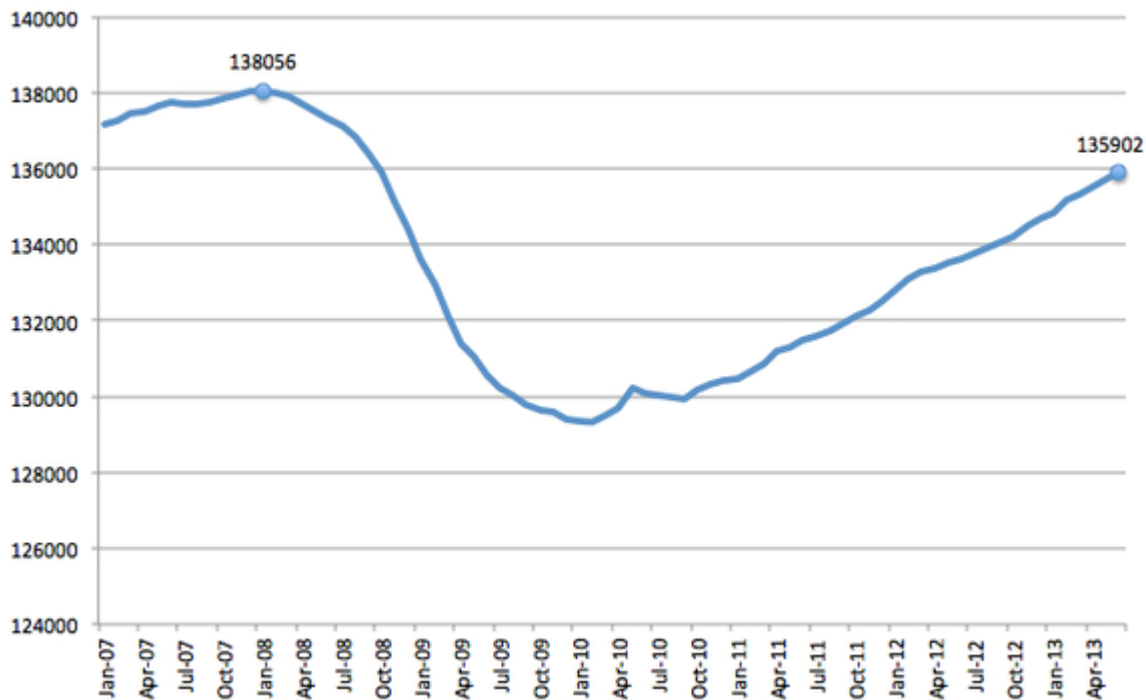
## U.S. jobs gained or lost

In thousands, seasonally adjusted



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## Total Nonfarm Employment, Jan. 2007 - June 2013



When you account for new workers entering the labor market, the Hamilton Project [projects](#) it will still take us more than 7 years to get back to full employment at our current pace -- assuming we miraculously avoid hitting another recession during that time.



You can see the weakness of the job market all over the current report as well. The government's broadest underemployment measure, known as U-6, jumped from [13.8 percent to 14.3 percent](#), thanks a huge leap in the number of employees working part time because they couldn't find full-time work. Meanwhile, hiring in middle-income industries was weak. Construction employment only rose 13,000. Manufacturing payrolls fell, right along with state and federal government. And the economy is making up for it largely with retail and restaurant work.

We've had a few months of decent news. It's no reason for anybody to be satisfied.

## Right Turn

### [Jobs numbers, Obamacare worries](#)

by Jennifer Rubin

The addition of 195,000 non-farm payroll jobs (plus upward revisions in past months) is nothing to sneeze at. It is some confirmation that sequester has not sent the economy careening, as the White House warned. But the biggest story here is the part-time unemployment numbers.

The U-6 number (unemployed, part-time employed and underemployed) took a statistically alarming jump from 13.8 to 14.3 percent. Coupled with 322,000 part-time jobs and 1 million workers who abandoned the job market.

Why all this part-time employment? It is hard to avoid the conclusion that it is related to Obamacare, which places burdens on employers for each *full-time* worker. Had the Obama administration not attempted triage by delaying the employer mandate, the numbers could well have been expected to worsen (and still could).

If we want to arrest the flight from the job market and give a boost to full-time jobs, we should at the very least do no more harm. Freezing Obamacare and foregoing anti-growth climate change legislation would be helpful. Instead of raising energy costs, domestic energy development is the no-brainer move, but one the president appears incapable of adopting.

Republicans want to revise the tax code, but the cost of that — a tax increase — greatly outweighs any benefit. They would therefore be wise to focus on these policies: energy development, regulatory relief and immigration reform (which decreases the debt and increases GDP). If the private sector revives, the deficit will take care of itself.

The Obama administration looks at the private sector to feed endless government growth and to carry out its social and economic policy (in health care, the financial sector). It has weighted private employers down, adding one burden after another, and tried to game the marketplace (e.g. green jobs). It is therefore constricting and distorting the markets in ways it never anticipated and inspiring defensive actions (outsourcing, part-time employment) by shell-shocked employers.

The part-time employment phenomenon illustrates the flaw at the center of the liberal welfare state: No economy can thrive with an oppressive welfare state that sucks more and more money from the productive sector and tries to micromanage employers. Band-Aids (e.g. a year postponement in the employer mandate) aren't going to cure the patient; only a new administration with a different economic philosophy can accomplish that.

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#### **[MORE ON THAT VIRGINIA SCANDAL:](#)**

[911 calls released in ABC bust of UVa student.](#)

Agents suspected one of the women was underage and carrying a case of beer, ABC said. Instead, it was LaCroix sparkling water. The women said they didn't know the agents were officers. Six agents closed in at the height of the incident. One drew a gun.

Frightened, University of Virginia student Elizabeth Daly, 20, drove her and her roommates out of the lot, grazing two agents with her SUV, according to court records.

None was hurt, but that netted Daly a night in jail on charges that were withdrawn more than two months later. The case has cast ABC into a storm of scrutiny since word of it broke in The Daily Progress a week ago.

ABC officials said last week they are reviewing the incident for a second time. The frantic call, placed from the SUV as the women drove off planning to find a police station, helped spur prosecutors to drop the case. . . . ABC has declined to identify the agent who drew his weapon.



These agents should be fired, and probably prosecuted. And if Virginia wants to move into the 21st late 20th century, it could abolish its Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

UPDATE: Reader Karl Bock writes: "Besides getting us pretty riled up here in Charlottesville, this is another example of the continued nationwide trend towards the militarization of bureaucracies at the federal, state and local level. Armed ABC agents running a parking lot sting operation aimed at underage drinkers is just calling down a potential tragedy. There is simply no reason for those guys to be armed under those circumstances. It's not like they were raiding stills up in the hollers of Nelson County." Indeed.



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