

## A FEW OF DR. LARA M. BROWN'S QUOTES:

*With those kind of advantages -- and in the absence of a scandal such as the 2005 raise debacle -- the likelihood of incumbents losing is so low that they'd have to be "power-hungry, paranoid and kind of foolish to engage in illegal activities. Their misdeeds are really disproportionate to the threats that are really in the environment."*

- referring to the Pennsylvania "Bonusgate" scandal where incumbents paid some campaign workers with state funds in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, June 17, 2010  
(<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10168/1066268-454.stm>)

*"Obama is eventually hurting Obama by employing Clinton to be his partisan wrangler in this election."*

- referring to President Barack Obama sending President William J. Clinton to campaign for vulnerable Democrats in the 2010 cycle in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, June 13, 2010  
([http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/opinion/columnists/zito/s\\_685669.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/opinion/columnists/zito/s_685669.html))

*"If we borrow money from China to give money back to individuals to spend (in the form of tax cuts or tax credits), will their spending eventually go back to China because they use it to make purchases at stores such as Wal-Mart?"*

- referring to the stimulus bill in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, February 15, 2009  
([http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/opinion/columnists/zito/s\\_611622.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/opinion/columnists/zito/s_611622.html))

*"The gender gap persisted not because women chose the Democratic Party. But men moved to the Republican Party, and women essentially stayed. Palin gives these women who are culturally conservative an opportunity to say, 'Wow, someone represents me.'"*

- referring to Governor Sarah Palin's appeal among pro-life women and conservative Catholics in *The Christian Science Monitor*, September 18, 2008  
(<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2008/0918/churchgoing-catholics-returning-to-gop-fold>)

*"Ford, especially, overstepped his bounds and made himself sound like he would be — well, like he would be what Dick Cheney is today"*

- referring to President Gerald Ford's "intervention" in President Ronald Reagan's campaign in 1980 in the *New York Times*, December 23, 2007  
([http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/23/weekinreview/23healy.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/23/weekinreview/23healy.html?_r=1))

*"Why the freezer? Why not the mattress?"*

- referring to the \$90,000 recovered by the FBI from Representative William Jefferson's freezer in the *Los Angeles Times*, May 23, 2006 (<http://articles.latimes.com/2006/may/23/nation/na-jefferson23>)