

What's really important escapes Americans' attention

Americans are outraged.

At least that's what Jake Coyle said in last Saturday's Daily News.

"Petitions with thousands of signatures were launched," Coyle wrote. "The response, roughly equivalent to news of the apocalypse, was undoubtedly out of proportion."

That could be true – but it was reassuring to hear that people can still be passionate about issues that truly matter.

Like many of you, my initial response was "Well, it's about time!"

Before reading any further, I sat the paper down on the table, picked up my coffee mug and began to speculate on what could possibly have so many Americans up in arms.

Are we finally getting fed up with the shenanigans in Washington? Perhaps the threat of yet another potential government shut-down has pushed many of my fellow citizens over the edge.

Or maybe it's the certain doom that will accompany the implementation of Obamacare that has so many teed off. Whose cockamamie idea was it that everyone should have access to decent health care?

Perhaps it's this global warming thing that everyone except those wacky scientists knows is a complete hoax that has us in a tailspin. When reality doesn't match what I want to believe, I know I get peeved.

Finally, it occurred to me that our contempt might have more to do with global events. The situation in the Middle East doesn't seem to be getting any better; when are we going to send in the troops?

When I glanced back at the paper, however, I realized the cause for the outrage was actually much worse than anything I could have imagined.

Apparently Ben Affleck has been chosen to be the next Batman.

Definitely time to take to the streets.

It's nice to know our priorities as a society are solidly intact. Howard Beale would be proud.

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