

## Anaphora

### The Tea Party

#### -1- Dunk the Notion

Dunk the notion the Tea Party is a leaderless grassroots movement  
not a fake-grassroots movement astro-turfed by Big Money,  
seeded by the Internet and Fox News.

Dunk the notion this Tea Party protest movement is new.  
There have been populist, anti-immigration, anti-tax groups in the past  
motivated by fear of displacement.

Dunk the notion that this Tea Party is a party.  
Maybe this Tea Party is more an antea-party  
which may or may not be your cup of tea.

Dunk the notion that the Tea Party represents us all.  
Statistically Tea Partiers are more likely to be  
white males from the South and west, more educated,  
older, wealthier, conservative, Republican or Libertarian,  
attend religious services, listen to Sarah Palin and Glenn Beck,  
carry a gun and mention cross-hairs sites.

Dunk the notion that evangelical Christian values should  
alter the boundaries between church and state  
and dictate national policy for our diverse populace.  
Tea Party Express called Allah—a Monkey God.

Dunk the notion that the Tea Party represents American values  
held by all Americans. They oppose the health bill,  
but favor Social Security and Medicare costs borne by tax-payers  
since it especially aids their age group.  
They have racist, homophobic, anti-immigration policy tendencies,  
don't trust Big Government, distrust the impact of Global Warming,  
feel threatened by the national debt and terrorism.

Dunk the notion natural teas are not diverse:  
white, black, red.....green  
loose or bagged.

#### -2- Tea

Tea prefers acidic soil.  
Tea is grown mostly in Asia not the USA.  
Tea is processed wilted or un-wilts there

fully or partially oxidized.

Teas are mostly blended in bags for better taste, higher price.

Tea is highly sensitive and absorbs environmental pollution.

Tea research is needed to determine optimal amounts  
of tea consumption for possible health.

In the US 80% of tea is consumed as cold-iced tea.

Dunk their notion their slogan **Taxed Enough Already**  
refers to all Americans. They keep the focus  
on reducing taxes ( for the wealthy).

Obama reduced taxes for 95% of Americans.

### -3- Tea Partiers

Tea Partiers are like leprechauns that have found their pot of gold  
at the end of a rainbow and horde it.

Tea Partiers oppose bailouts for the financial sector, TARP.  
the deficit, yet these policies were ambushed on us by Bush.

Tea Partiers tend to oppose Row vs Wade, same-sex marriages, civil unions  
want to ease gun-control laws, reduce the role of Big Government.

Tea Partiers wants to bag big pockets.

Tea Partiers fancy tri-cornered hats,  
wave yellow "Don't tread on me" flags  
and carry signs like Tea Party founder Dale Robertson's  
"Congress=slave owner. taxpayer=nigger."

"Tea bag the liberal Democrats, before they tea bag you"  
"Push the tea over the edge of the boat."

"Stop Big Government" "What would Jefferson do?"  
"Taxation is Piracy" "Keep your hands off my body."

"Remember dissent is patriotic" often  
spitting and shouting racist and homophobic slurs.

Tea Partiers are tea-bagged with the Tea Party Express,  
Tea Party Nation, Freedomworks, dontGO,  
Americans for Prosperity, Tea Party Umbrella, Tea Party Patriots,  
protesting "hydra-headed" fiscal and constitutional concerns,  
combining social issues with conservative Christian beliefs.

Tea Partiers, this is a tea party of frustration and fear  
after we just voted in a party of hope. "Yes We Did"  
"People powered—together we made history".

Tea Partiers, tea parties are passe.

Today's tea parties are not formal, afternoon teas,  
or high society receptions.

Today's Tea Partiers wave tea bags at politicians,

mail tea bags to their representatives  
toss a box of tea bags over the White House fence.

Tea bags have a brand and flavor printed on them.

Maybe their tea parties are more like children's tea parties  
with stuffed animals and dolls.

Tea Partiers, this Tea Party is not your Boston Tea Party  
taxation without representation, dumping tea in the sea.  
This Tea Party is more the tea party in Alice in Wonderland  
attended by Mad Hatters fantasizing our Wonderland  
back to something they think it was. But it wasn't better.

Tea Partiers want to bag big government, taxes for the wealthy,  
the health care bill because they feel the nation is on the wrong track to socialism.  
They worry more about the economy than social issues.  
Bailouts and stimulus plans are "porkulus."

Tea Partiers want to go back to the original Constitutions  
created by our Founding Fathers—an un-amended Constitution  
not addressing our racist, sexist, unjust past.  
This fundamentalist way of thinking believes the founding documents are gospel  
and our founding fathers are rolling in their graves at what has come to pass.  
I wonder about the mothers and slaves  
who were left out of these founding documents.

Tea Partiers like to tea bag policy.  
But after seizing the name Tea-Baggers,  
they found in the name-calling game  
the term Tea-Baggers dipped in favor  
after some sexual, tea for two connotations surfaced via Internet.  
Scrotums stuffed in mouths and others' faces.

Tea Partiers fear we face great peril with terrorism,  
economic collapse, overpowering government,  
the ominous threat of debt.

They feel the government is taking over everything—  
the banks, the automobile.

They want their freedom back. 1% freed for greed.  
They want to return the country to what it used to be  
forgetting what changes we have made  
for greater equality and freedom.

Tea Partiers, is it time for a tea party?  
Just what are you drinking in?  
Who should be invited? Only the highly skeptical,  
negative, energized for their self-interests?  
Aren't we all allowed the freedom to choose the ingredients in our lives?  
Fill our own cups with individual choices?  
Tea Partiers, what's tea have to do with it?  
Are you just tea-ed off?  
    tea-m?  tea-r ?  tea-ch?  
They fear they'll lose everything they hold dear.

Tea Partiers, the Boston Tea party rebellion  
launched a nation from the clutches of England.  
This Tea party tries to dunk our nation with their fears  
of a godless, one-world socialist dictatorship  
run by the United Nations.

Tea Partiers, dunk your own tea bags.  
Your napkins soak up multiple spills.  
Watch what you put on our saucers..  
Do only you get milk and sugar in your tea?

Tea Partiers, Henry Fielding suggests  
“love and scandal are the best sweeteners of tea.”  
Who picks up the Tea Partiers tabs?

#### -4- Tea Bags

Tea bags contain tea leaves.  
While the tea is brewed it is easier to dispose of the leaves.  
A paper label removes the bag  
and identifies the variety of tea.

Tea bags traditionally have been square and rectangular.  
More recently they are circular and pyramidal.  
Empty tea bags allow customers to fill them  
with their own tea leaves.  
Decorative tea bags are collected around the world.

#### -5- Dunk the Notion Tea Partiers

Dunk the notion you always have to immerse our country in hot water.  
Consider the slam dunk. Scoring from a lofty position.  
All is not Texas tea, Tea Dome scandals.  
Tea Partiers tee-off many people.  
Tea Partiers do not suit all to a Tea.

I reject any invitations to your Tea Party.  
I'm partial to hot cocoa.  
I'm part of the 99% represented by Occupy.

Dunk the **n**ation in negativity and you drain positive change.  
Strain their tea bags against their silver spoons,  
toss them into compost for a better environment for all.  
Steep hope with fairness and justice.

Read for the future  
from un-bagged, loose,  
free, green tea leaves.

**Anaphora:**

1. An anaphoric word, catch-phrase or expression ties a poem together.
2. Usually repeated at the beginning of the line.
3. You repeat meaningfully to hold the poem thematically and stylistically.