

## ACROSS HOW WELL DO YOU REALLY KNOW ILLINOIS? PUZZLE QUESTIONS

- 1 Illinois' top power broker, House Speaker, State Democratic Party chair, 3rd to governor's seat. Welcome to the Machine.
- 3 Former and current legislators must be held accountable for their out of control \_\_\_\_ and intentionally raiding pension funds.
- 6 Cultural Marxism is the liberal Democrat's socialist \_\_\_\_ for government as an industry that harms our free market economy.
- 9 The state of Illinois is operating on maxed \_\_\_\_ credit, borrowed against our children's future tax "revenues" yet to be paid.
- 10 Principled patriotic citizens should \_\_\_\_ up to the plate to help take back our state, our counties and our country in 2012.
- 12 The Chicago Democratic Machine has virtual one party political \_\_\_\_ of our state and legislative districts for nearly a decade.
- 13 Fiscally responsible conservatives want to \_\_\_\_ spending and not give in to Pat Quinn's demands to raising the debt ceiling.
- 14 Machine cronies choose to work city, county or state jobs, \_ whatever they're told by their political sponsors on election day.
- 15 If the Illinois \_\_\_\_ and senate were run like most of our houses, a majority of them would be taken to the woodshed.
- 16 List hopping in a \_\_\_\_ is a fraudulent way that top seniority members keep seniority, claiming lay off on the 19th day of work.
- 19 Over abused yet effective diversion issue used if a minority appears an underdog, seeking sympathy or losing the argument.
- 20 I get so aggravated hearing what the Chicago Democrats have done to ruin our state, county, suburbs, and now our \_\_\_\_.
- 21 Our right to bear arms, legislation to permit concealed carry of a registered \_\_\_\_ by law abiding citizens with an FOID card.
- 22 Democrats and union leaders seek to \_\_\_\_ the economy hoping conservatives will flee, giving them control over jobs and lives.
- 23 The dirty little \_\_\_\_ is that media Democrats don't want you to hear about proactive legislation that Republicans offer up.
- 25 Pat Quinn craves inflation. With higher \_\_\_\_ prices, the same tax percentage returns a much higher amount of tax revenue.
- 26 I decided to run for office because I was \_\_\_\_ of excessive spending, waste, system abuse and mismanagement in our state.
- 28 Police union demands Chicago hire more police, rewards higher seniority officers by moving them out of high \_\_\_\_ areas.
- 29 During the 2010 elections, many liberal Democrats fought hard to appear conservative to \_\_\_\_ the independent voters.
- 31 Regulatory costs of \$1.75 \_\_\_\_ dollars absorb 11.9 percent of the U.S. GDP, estimated at \$14.649 trillion in 2010.
- 33 Legislators should run Illinois the way that we manage our household budgets, balancing paychecks with \_\_\_\_ and spending.
- 35 Parents should be able to use their \_\_\_\_ that are paid toward education to enroll their children in any school of their choice.
- 36 Illinois historically is a \_\_\_\_ state, yet by a skewed map drawing process, Democrats have crafted a larger majority for decades.
- 38 Legislators who are lawyers shouldn't pass laws that create the demand for more lawyer work, best rationale for \_\_\_\_ reform.
- 39 Most ordinary citizens who don't have connections are tired of the status quo, \_\_\_\_ to play, corrupt Chicago way politics game.
- 40 Pat Quinn's spending \_\_\_\_, forcing higher taxes to create more temporary infrastructure construction jobs for labor unions.
- 41 Illinois needs to open its books and let a forensic \_\_\_\_ be done to root out waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement and duplicity.
- 42 Leaders need to earn our \_\_\_\_ with real honesty and integrity, badly neglected terms by oxymorons in Illinois government.
- 45 For three years we've seen \_\_\_\_ losses, salary cuts, shortened work weeks, business closings, bankruptcies & foreclosures.
- 47 \_\_\_\_ public sector free pensions for government employees, put in a 401k style retirement investment like the rest of us have.
- 48 Downgraded last December, Illinois has the worst credit \_\_\_\_ in state history, and second only to California in its poor credit.
- 49 History and common sense show tax \_\_\_\_ stimulate economies, money in the pocket is money spent in our local economies.
- 51 Since liberal Democrats made civil unions legal for their gay special interests, maybe now they'll stop \_\_\_\_ the taxpayers.
- 52 Are you tired of leaders who feel they can govern and \_\_\_\_ against the will of the people. Just say NO to legislative immunity.
- 53 To make \_\_\_\_ vote count I must vote, make no excuses, and understanding it's a precious privilege many countries don't have.
- 54 Democrats are afraid of upsetting their special interest pressure \_\_\_\_ supporters that put them in and keep them in office.
- 56 1773 - the \_\_\_\_ Party, a principled protest and the only remaining option the people had to defend their constitutional rights.
- 57 2011 Illinois legislative maps were gerrymandered solely by \_\_\_\_ Democrats, with no input from Republican officeholders.
- 58 Look at everything our government does, how and why it's done, and ask WHY we are \_\_\_\_ doing some of these things at all?
- 59 We need more common sense thinking ordinary citizens to step up to the plate and \_\_\_\_ for elected office in our state.
- 63 Illinois would benefit from smart philosophies of Six Sigma and Lean manufacturing used in business to help root out \_\_\_\_.
- 65 Ever since September 11th, 2001, downtown Chicago has been on a heightened alert for \_\_\_\_.
- 66 If you complain about state government but don't vote, then get registered! You hold the key and \_\_\_\_ is the time to turn it!
- 68 Our Medicare system is full of legislative loopholes, lack of follow up, scams, waste, \_\_\_\_, abuse and mismanagement.
- 69 Eliminate \_\_\_\_ taxes & restrictions, let private sector companies grow our state's free market economy, creating more jobs!
- 72 The Democrat Machine will \_\_\_\_ care of those who help keep them in office with city, county or state jobs and a hefty pension.
- 73 \_\_\_\_ are the taxpayer, the state credit card company, the citizen, the voter, the most neglected in the state governance game.
- 77 Let's begin fixing our state by cancelling huge, lucrative non-critical crony contracts and terminating all elected official \_\_\_\_.
- 79 Why have Democrats so willingly \_\_\_\_ our state for their own political gain and the benefit of family, friends and cronies?
- 81 Illinois recently passed legislation allowing more \_\_\_\_, claiming they'll add to pension funds, I mean fix the budget shortfall.
- 85 Pace Suburban \_\_\_\_ System merged with Chicago Transit Authority, to enable merged CTA workers to move to the suburbs.
- 87 Our current economic conditions have hurt our \_\_\_\_, our businesses, our quality of life and our state and local economies.
- 88 95-5-1 95% taxpayers pay 5% crony federal, state, county, city workers to keep 1% Democrat leaders jobs, a \_\_\_\_ scheme.
- 91 Despite lobbying by city and state officials as well as the President, \_\_\_\_ De Janeiro beat out Chicago for the 2016 Olympics.
- 95 Governor Quinn makes it clear that his agenda favors his \_\_\_\_ in public sector unions, not ordinary workers and taxpayers.
- 96 If Chicago city workers are allowed to move to the suburbs, border edge exclusive neighborhood real \_\_\_\_ prices will freefall.
- 97 ILLEGAL immigration is a huge \_\_\_\_, sanctuary cities and amnesty diminish what LEGAL immigrants have done the right way!
- 100 Illinois \_\_\_\_ a Fair Map Amendment, legislative map drawing providing representation of regions, not quotas of demographics.
- 102 State workers worry about how legislators will \_\_\_\_ the budget crisis, having believed their pensions were a golden guarantee.
- 104 Largest city in Illinois, socialist Democratic Machine birthplace, killed manufacturing in favor of public sector jobs & tourism.
- 105 Failing schools \_\_\_\_ to parents, raising student's grades to state and federal levels, creating feel good levels and graduates.
- 108 The Illinois Governor Recall Amendment that passed in 2010 is a \_\_\_\_ amendment that allows voters to recall the governor.
- 109 \_\_\_\_ Democrats living the Chicago way of clout, influence, loyalty, and power are far out of touch with ordinary Illinoisians.

## DOWN HOW WELL DO YOU REALLY KNOW ILLINOIS? PUZZLE QUESTIONS

- 1 In the real business world, decision makers lose their jobs, benefits, pensions, and go to jail for fiscal and ethical \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ by our elected officials, who have increased borrowing and attempts to raise the debt ceiling / spending caps.
- 3 State capitol, known for out of touch leaders elected with the help of pressured public and private sector union memberships.
- 4 Chicago Machine \_\_\_\_\_, old school socialists, determined to spread their style of Cultural Marxism to the rest of the country.
- 5 Reducing state spending and cutting taxes gives taxpayers more freedom and less reliance on state \_\_\_\_\_ for services and aid.
- 6 Personal \_\_\_\_\_ on a candidate or elected official's credibility during an election has become a political bloodsport in our state.
- 7 Illinois has many \_\_\_\_\_ power plants in operation today, the most clean and efficient supply of power, unless you live in Japan.
- 8 Governor Rod Blagojevic seated Roland Burris in Barack Obama's senate seat by \_\_\_\_\_, denying voters of a special election.
- 11 Any ruling class state legislator or administrator who doesn't realize that their power and authority come from us, the citizens.
- 17 Our state \_\_\_\_\_ tax is highest in the nation, a huge investment in our state worker's pensions, I mean our future generations.
- 18 Illinois must maintain the \_\_\_\_\_ of the voting system, our freedom to vote as we choose, by not tracking voter ballot selections.
- 24 State borrowing is creating a tsunami of increasing debt over the heads of our \_\_\_\_\_, the next generations of Illinois citizens.
- 27 Corrupt status quo politics of the Chicago area and Cook County \_\_\_\_\_ from the good reputation of the rest of this great state.
- 30 Liberty, independence, immunity from tyrannical leaders, exercise of free will and responsible choice, citizenship privilege.
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ has turned part-time public service into a full-time job, a lifetime of employment, early retirement, guaranteed pension.
- 34 Public Aid 'free money' card, TANF cash assistance, SNAP food stamps, for demographic, geographic & financial hardship.
- 37 Illinois should \_\_\_\_\_ ILLEGAL immigrants by US law, make unconstitutional Safe Haven cities, dual citizenship, and amnesty.
- 39 If we \_\_\_\_\_ in a real two party system, we'll maintain a check and balance over any one party agenda domination of our state.
- 40 Cook County has a long \_\_\_\_\_ history of handing out Chicago Machine style patronage jobs to family, friends and cronies.
- 42 Democrats who speak of \_\_\_\_\_ actually hope for invisibility of their smoke and mirror ways, now you see it, now you don't.
- 43 Union members have \_\_\_\_\_ with out of touch leaders, "They're just suits who don't know what it's like to be on the working side!"
- 44 Four words have chased businesses away from Illinois for over 50 years: taxation, litigation, unionization, burdensome \_\_\_\_\_.
- 46 With skyrocketing gas and oil prices, we should encourage US oil companies to \_\_\_\_\_ here and now, maybe even in our state.
- 49 Current Worker's \_\_\_\_\_ 'reform' doesn't address fraudulent claims, and doesn't reduce the long drawn out time settling a claim.
- 50 Residents' taxes are \_\_\_\_\_ courting tourism to downtown Chicago parks and infrastructure, 5% of city 95% of residents pay for.
- 51 A decline in union membership this past \_\_\_\_\_ won't stop dues being used as union leaders' political donations & slush funds.
- 55 The Democrat state legislature refuses to make the tough but necessary financial decisions needed to \_\_\_\_\_ the state budget.
- 60 In 2010, most states overwhelmingly voted \_\_\_\_\_ fiscally conservative common sense Republican's into office. Why not Illinois?
- 61 Lifetime career politicians have no clue how ordinary people live through struggles in our lives, they're not one of \_\_\_\_\_!
- 62 Former Chief of Staff for Barack Obama, now Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel said, "Never let a good \_\_\_\_\_ go to waste."
- 64 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Medicaid and Public Aid systems are common place and virtually written into the rules of the game by design.
- 65 Liberal Democrats have a disdain for our freedom of religion and our system of law that is rooted in the \_\_\_\_\_ commandments.
- 67 Under the mis-leadership and agenda of President Barack Obama, socialist liberals welcome the \_\_\_\_\_ of bigger government.
- 70 Congress legislated a national healthcare \_\_\_\_\_ mandate dubbed 'ObamaCare' on states, over 70% of citizens don't want it.
- 71 Illinois Democrat's \_\_\_\_\_ decision, raise taxes, borrow money instead of making tough decisions to fix the broken system.
- 74 United States President from south side of Chicago, said to be Hawaiian born, lived in socialist countries much of his youth.
- 75 Unions intimidate and \_\_\_\_\_ their members as not-so-volunteer boots on the ground armies for Democrats in Illinois elections.
- 76 \_\_\_\_\_ unions, homosexual marriage, and gay rights are systematically eroding our right of freedom of religion and conscience.
- 77 If Illinois can dismiss old school Democrats' failed corrupt \_\_\_\_\_ of the past, common sense (and businesses) might return.
- 78 \_\_\_\_\_ liberals would legalize civil unions, add casinos, and pass a Dream Act for ILLEGAL immigrant's children within a week.
- 80 \_\_\_\_\_!!! The common sound most Illinois taxpayers like you and I make when we first open up our property tax bills.
- 82 Some leaders want an Airport built in Peotone. They've tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the land rights of farmers by condemnation of their farms.
- 83 Nearly every \_\_\_\_\_ and mailing piece Democrats sent Independent voters in 2010 neglected to mention they were a 'Democrat'.
- 84 Family members, friends, allies, volunteers seeking government cush employment and a hefty pension for political loyalty.
- 85 In Chicago Democratic precincts, the ward \_\_\_\_\_ has power and influence to make or break your city job if you rock the boat.
- 86 Area of Chicago where Democratic Machine was born, mecca and political center of the cronyism and corruption universe.
- 87 For The Good Of Illinois founder Adam Andrzejewski pursues a \_\_\_\_\_ audit of state spending, hiring, procurement, & contracts.
- 89 LINK cards, public aid debit card for food stamps and cash assistance paid for by taxpayers, should be a photo \_\_\_\_\_ card.
- 90 Blagojevic wouldn't bow to unions, but \_\_\_\_\_ did, and he continues to impress their leadership with his never ending support.
- 93 Many hourly workers still haven't seen a full 40 hour a week paycheck, and \_\_\_\_\_ is virtually non-existent.
- 94 Illinois legislators need to just say "\_\_\_\_\_!" to increased spending, raising the debt ceiling and to public sector union lobbyists.
- 95 \_\_\_\_\_ values are conservative principles of a married father and mother unit, common sense building blocks of moral society.
- 98 We need to determine the \_\_\_\_\_ or Return On Investment for taxes we've paid in but our legislators have recklessly spent.
- 99 Nicknamed former Governor and talk show host, removed from office, put on trial, outsider to Madigan & Quinn's machine.
- 101 \_\_\_\_\_ what? Democrat's desensitizing response to Republican's accusations of unethical, illegal or unconstitutional wrongdoing.
- 103 It's sad when state taxes are so high that citizens are finding it difficult to afford to put food on the table for their family to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 106 West coast US state that equals or surpasses the enormous fiscal problems, bad credit rating and poor leadership of Illinois.
- 107 \_\_\_\_\_ well! Liberal Democrat attitude on taxpayer outrage over who's to blame for astronomical public sector teacher pensions.

Questions? Comments? Agree or disagree? Looking for answers? So are the rest of us, it's a mess here in Illinois. Let me know how well you did or how far you made it. E-mail me: RichGrabowski4@aol.com - I welcome the exchange. Impress me. If you can complete the puzzle, mail a copy to: Rich Grabowski, P.O. Box 536, Oak Lawn, IL 60454.