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NOBODY asked me, but the 2012 election will be more important than the one in 2008.

Important as it is that President Obama be reelected; it is even more important that Republican Congressional and gubernatorial candidates across the country are returned to private life.

I sat, alone, and watched the ’08 election returns on TV and was moved, nearly to tears, as Barack Obama and his family acknowledged the election result.

Since then, I have been infuriated by the arrogance, insensitivity and racism of Republican politicians. They steadfastly refuse to discharge their responsibilities as legislators and address the country’s issues that they created.

For years, in the name of “a global economy”, the corporate bosses, who own our political process, have been moving jobs out of the country. Now, their politician/lackeys are stepping up efforts to crush American unions and roll back rights gained over years of strikes and dedicated political activity.

The people in places like Pakistan, The Philippines and China who now make our clothes, electronics and home furnishings work without health insurance, sick days, vacation and maternity leave.

The goal appears to be to reduce the American worker to that level. Already, large employers like Walgreen’s and Target make extensive use of part timers so that health insurance is not mandatory. Spend enough time unemployed and you will accept any paid work. OR, you can “work” outside the law until you get caught and become the cash cow for the towns where the major employer is the prison that’s being built to house you.

On a parallel track, efforts are underway to limit the right to vote for more and more citizens. Today, 1 in 9 black men between 18 and 24 are in the correction system and well on their way to never voting again. Election Day registration is under threat in a number of States. Careful analysis of the Obama victory has been carried out. Not only is the redrawing of voting districts taking place; but Pennsylvania is trying to alter the relationship between the popular vote and the Electoral College.

Pay attention! The 1% has someone in every job they need done. Their lackeys in government need to be returned to private life for OUR health and safety.