

**PROGRESSIVES  
ARE LIKE BEAUTIFUL CHINESE  
WISTERIA VINES**

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## Chinese Wisteria

Pretty flower!

The vine says, “I will grow and produce lovely fragrant flowers here on the forest floor. Or in your back yard, even... All I needs is a small plot of soil and some water.”

## Progressives

Nice ideas!

Progressives say they’ll give us scientific administration of our government, making it serve us better and more efficiently. All they need are a few votes and our patience.





## **Linden Tree – 45+ feet tall**

The tree is lovely and strong, having grown in this place for over 200 years, weathering storms, fires, and draughts. It is a hearty veteran, though young compared to some trees.

## **The United States of America – Constitutional Republic**

The nation is lovely and strong, having grown in this place for over 200 years, weathering storms, fires, and draughts. It is a hearty veteran, though young compared to some nations. The US Constitution is the oldest active Constitution on the planet, and our capitalistic individualist civil society has produced the greatest advances in global wealth, health, and prosperity of any society in human history.

## Tolerance

Willing to help the little vine growing at its roots, or maybe just tolerant of the insignificant little being, the tree allows its neighbor to climb aboard, sharing its strength and height to get the vine into the sunlight where it can photosynthesize and flourish!

## Tolerance

Willing to help the Progressives growing up in our ranks, or maybe just tolerant of the insignificant little movement, the great nation allows even wicked adversarial political doctrines to climb aboard; sharing its strength and affluence to get their ideas into the press and education institutions where they can metastasize and flourish!



A young Oriental bittersweet vine makes its way up a tree trunk on Marilyn Keller's Southeast Cedar Rapids property on Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Oriental bittersweet has been an especially big problem for the trees on her land, killing dozens of mature trees over the past year and a half. (Liz Martin/The Gazette)

# Progressive Consequences

“The hard woody vines...” “...twine tightly around host tree trunks and branches and cut through the host tree bark, eventually girdling and killing it. On the ground, new vines germinating from seed or sprouting from rootstocks form dense thickets that smother and shade out native vegetation and impede natural plant community development. As girdled trees die, canopy gaps are created which increase the amount of sunlight reaching the forest floor. While this may temporarily favor some native species, it also stimulates vigorous growth and spread of [the vines]. ”  
<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/wifl.htm>



## **Are Progressives intentional in their overwhelming things? – to what ends?**

Further reading:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloward%E2%80%93Piven\\_strategy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloward%E2%80%93Piven_strategy)

There's not a better example from a Progressive about exactly what Progressives are going to do to the Constitution than the most recent one from Nancy Pelosi on trying to pass their "health care reform": "We'll go through the gate, the gate's closed. We'll go over the fence, the fence is too high. We'll pole vault in if that doesn't work we'll parachute in, but we're going to get health care reform passed for the American people." That gate and fence that Pelosi and others talk about is THE Thorn of Progressives. That Thorn is the U.S. Constitution.

Internet source: FireAndreMitchell.com article, "The Thorn for Progressivism"  
<http://www.fireandreamitchell.com/2010/01/31/the-thorn-for-progressivism/>

Photo courtesy of <http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2010/05/18/more-kudzu-blues-now-the-invasive-vine-is-increasing-air-pollution/>

# No vines!



A healthy oak tree ready to stand against common storms, draughts, and grassfires.