

## 'What is government if words have no meaning?'

—JARED LOUGHNER'S  
NONSENSICAL QUESTION TO  
REPRESENTATIVE GIFFORDS AT A  
2007 CONSTITUENTS' MEETING

## A Scene of Senseless Waste

THE FIRST BULLET STRIKES GIFFORDS IN the head, tunnels through the left side of her brain and exits. As the woman who would not answer his nonsensical question in 2007 slumps to the pavement, Loughner begins spraying 30 additional rounds into the crowd. Within a few seconds, 18 more people are wounded, six of them mortally. Christina Green

Loughner's question is "nonsensical" because he didn't use the word "consequences". But if you just blurt-out; "words have consequences", well that's speaking their language. Words can have consequences.

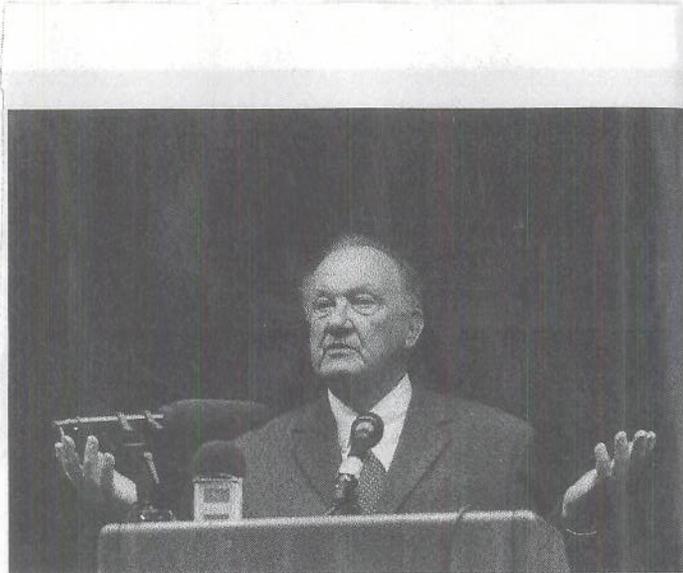
## Not welcome in Arizona (too bad)

In March, 2010, Sarah Palin posted a map on her PAC site showing locations of politicians up for re-election whom she felt needed to be replaced. My congresswoman, Gabrielle Giffords, was targeted, literally, in a rifle sight. I'm sure Palin didn't intend for her symbolism to be taken literally, but nonetheless, Giffords and 18 others were shot yesterday. Six people were killed. Palin did not take down the map until yesterday, after the shooting. Ms. Palin — words have consequences. Your words contributed to the poisoning of the political atmosphere, and your words led to this tragedy. I'm aware you and your family have expressed interest in possibly moving to Arizona in the future. You are not welcome here.

—Maggie McQuaid,  
former Alaskan  
Bisbee, Ariz.

(former Alaska resident?)

"Speaking out" or speaking up?



**Speaking out** Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik decried extremist rhetoric, then was criticized for going too far