

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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President's Byline : All Politics is Local



By the time you read this, early voting for our local elections will have started. When I lived in New Jersey, I didn't give local politics much thought. I would follow state and federal issues very closely, but the only time I thought about city politics was when I went to vote. NJ has partisan elections, so I just voted for the Republicans without even knowing who the candidates were. Since NJ is a blue state, republicans usually lost. I never had to deal with zoning issues, because any undeveloped land left in NJ was protected as green space. The only issue we ever had locally was taxes, which always went up every year. So, I never went to a council or school board meeting.

When I moved to Plano, I had to focus on city politics. Non-partisan elections forced me to do my homework on each candidate. I started to see Plano adopt Agenda 21 policies, and Plano's landscape changed. Land that once had horses and cows on it, now have apartments. Skyscrapers are being built on top of farms. Our roads and schools have become over crowded. Plano is starting to lose its suburban feel. Some Plano residents like the changes while, others want to keep Plano a suburb.

With the 2017, local elections we have the opportunity to decide the future of our city and schools. Will most people vote to keep Plano a suburban community, or will people vote to urbanize it? We also have the Collin College Trustees and bond propositions to vote on. We can vote for or against going into massive debt (bond propositions) that will raise our taxes. In order to make an informed decision on who to vote for, we have to do our research on each candidate. Yes, that takes time, but this is where we live. Local elections affect our lives more than the Presidential election. However, most people don't vote in local elections. We are lucky if 5% of registered voters go and vote. We cannot let this continue. So, do your homework, and tell your neighbors about each candidate. Most importantly, we must go vote. We cannot let a small number of voters decide the future of our city. I hope on election night, I see a record breaking turn out. That is the only way to get politicians to listen. So, make your voice heard and go vote.

Jennifer Groysman
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The History of the United States, as Told by Young Democrats

By: Katrina Trinko

PHILADELPHIA—Young Democrats appear to be part of the coalition championing that dictum from William Faulkner: “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.”

I expected the youth caucus meeting at the Democratic National Convention, which I attended Wednesday, to focus almost entirely on current liberal concerns such as student loans, jobs, LGBT issues, and climate change. (Given the near absolute lack of mentions of terrorism on the convention’s main stage, I wasn’t so naïve that I expected any talk about the Islamic State terrorists or national security.)

But this was no MSNBC event, and far from leaning forward, two of the three participants on a panel went on extended diatribes about the United States’ history to a room with enough empty chairs to satisfy an army of Clint Eastwoods.

Sitting about half a mile from Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed, I got a whirlwind course in Liberal History 101.

“We understand that we have never had a fully participatory democracy,” said Catalina Velasquez. “We understand that democracy, the way it’s defined in the United States, has been about contracting, disenfranchising. The more we disenfranchise, the better. And we are tired of it.”

Velasquez is the director of Young People For, a group that declares on its website that it is “taking a stand for progressive values.” Earlier in the event, Velasquez got enthusiastic applause after boasts of being “undocumented and unafraid” and “transgender and unashamed.”

Nor was the earlier statement the sum of Velasquez’s criticisms about the United States.

“We are really looking introspectively about how this country came about,” Velasquez said. “This country’s built off the backs of native, indigenous people, the genocide of such. This country’s built off the backs of black people ... this country is built on the backs of immigrant labor.”

Velasquez added: *And we are tired, and we are tired because history continues to repeat itself over and over again. We are not seeing the change and we are being told to wait. And we don’t want to wait. We’re ready and we’re coming.*

Velasquez then proceeded to tick off how long it had taken different groups to be able to vote in the United States.

“And some of us who are undocumented, let’s not forget, are still fighting for suffrage rights.”

Curiously—or perhaps not curiously, given that Eleanor Roosevelt is still enough in the good graces of the left to be given an enthusiastic shoutout by Meryl Streep on the convention’s main stage—there was no mention of the Japanese being thrown into internment camps by Franklin Roosevelt.

At any rate, I’m under no illusion that the history of the United States is free from injustice, immorality, and bad decisions.

But what was striking about the account Velasquez gave was, by my memory, the complete absence of any mention of the strikingly great parts of our country’s history. (And of course, the view that somebody who came to the United States illegally should not only be entitled to live here, but also to vote.)

It was unmentioned how the U.S. championed freedom, how our Founding Fathers created a government system that sought both to avoid mob rule and to push citizens to truly govern themselves, to have a government of, by, and for the people, and to have a founding document that recognized the equality of men.

There was no discussion of how the United States had promoted freedom abroad, and had helped other nations with both financial resources and our soldiers’ lives. There was no consideration of how many immigrants had fled lands where opportunity was limited and found the United States to be a place where they and their children and their children’s children could truly live the American dream.

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While Velasquez focused on the more distant past, another panelist offered a narrative (equally depressing) about the past few decades. Nelini Stamp, who describes herself as an “organizer,” “agitator,” and “believer in community centered liberation” in her Twitter bio, detailed her views on past presidents:

Our parents saw [Ronald] Reagan, saw what happened, and then when ... [Bill] Clinton gets elected, and everybody's like ‘Oh, we're here, this is amazing.’ And then we had [George W.] Bush. Eight years of Bush. And we went to war. We started to prioritize Washington [over] ... Main Street. In 2008, we bailed out the banks instead of breaking them apart and they stole 60 percent of the wealth of African-American communities.

But don't think Stamp's dislike of the banks bailout means she has any empathy for or interest in exploring the views of the tea party:

A lot of folks thought ... Obama gets elected, we kind of packed up. We were like ‘Oh, black president, yes, like I'm so happy.’ And then the tea party came along. And a lot of people thought we were this post-racial society and the tea party came along, and ... white supremacy starts to become on the rise.

“If we don't have a black liberation, black movement in this country ... we won't get anything accomplished,” Stamp added.

Nor was it just young Democrats who championed a narrative obsessed with America's imperfections.

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., who is 47, appeared at the event. Booker quoted “the late, great Langston Hughes,” a poet who flirted with communism at one point, to discuss America. Booker focused on these lines from Hughes' 1935 poem “Let America Be America Again”:

*O, let America be America again—
The land that never has been yet—
And yet must be—the land where every man is free.
The land that's mine—the poor man's, Indian's, Negro's, ME—
Who made America,
Whose sweat and blood, whose faith and pain,
Whose hand at the foundry, whose plow in the rain,
Must bring back our might dream again. ...*

*O, yes,
I say it plain
America never was America to me,
And yet I swear this oath—
America will be!*

“Let us swear that oath,” Booker concluded. “Let us stay strong in faith.”

Stamp also grounded her call to young adults in her historical perspective.

“We are the warriors and ... the visionaries of the Great Society that people talked about in the past, of that New Deal that went unpromised for communities of color,” she said.

“So I think that the reason we're going through this is because it's just history leading up to this moment where we need to take it.”



April Plano Republican Women Meeting



**Next PRW Meeting:
Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

**Lt. Col. Roy White
Director
Truth in Texas Textbooks**

Location: [Reflections on Spring Creek,](#)
1901 East Spring Creek Parkway

Time: 11:15 am: Check-in
11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

PRW membership is not required to attend our meeting Lunch at the meeting is available with RSVP for \$20 in cash or check payable to PRW

[Caring for America:](#) Add a contribution to your lunch ticket to benefit [Patriot Paws](#)



Legislative Report by Toni Anne Dashiell

RNC National Committeewoman



Today: 3 Articles to Read

Trump presents sweeping tax reform plan that lowers rates, simplifies code

The White House announced the outlines of an ambitious tax reform plan Wednesday that envisions deep cuts in the rates paid by American families and businesses — and top aides warned naysayers against doubting President Trump's ability to get it done.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/apr/26/donald-trump-presents-sweeping-tax-reform-plan/>

Americans think Trump is changing Washington

A CBS News poll released Wednesday found the majority of Americans believe President Trump is having an effect inside the Beltway and is not letting the political culture change him.

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/americans-think-trump-is-changing-washington/article/2621405>

Trump: Nothing more important than being a teacher

President Donald Trump has recognized the National Teacher of the Year, and says nothing is more important than being a teacher. Sydney Chaffee, a humanities teacher at Codman Academy, a public charter school in Boston, holds the honor for 2017. Trump says it's "really something special" that the winner is from a charter school. Charter schools are publicly funded but privately operated, and Trump supports creating more of them.

<https://apnews.com/b44e5466c7374aa8b775c7ed1a3cf4f2/Trump:-Nothing-more-important-than-being-a-teacher>

Today: 3 Things to Know

Tax Reform

The U.S. tax code is overcomplicated and fails to create enough jobs, or provide relief to middle class families.

President Trump is proposing the largest tax cut for individuals and businesses in U.S. history.

- It will simplify the tax code, incentivize investment and growth and create jobs.
- It will provide historic tax relief for middle income families and small business owners.

Individual Reform

- Tax relief for American families, especially middle-income families:
- Reducing the 7 tax brackets to 3 tax brackets of 10%, 25% and 35%
- Doubling the standard deduction
- Providing tax relief for families with child and dependent care expenses

Simplification:

- Eliminate targeted tax breaks that mainly benefit the wealthiest taxpayers
- Protect the home ownership and charitable gift tax deductions
- Repeal the Alternative Minimum Tax
- Repeal the death tax
- Repeal the 3.8% Obamacare tax that hits small businesses and investment income
- Business Reform
- 15% business tax rate
- Territorial tax system to level the playing field for American companies
- One-time tax on trillions of dollars held overseas
- Eliminate tax breaks for special interests

Process

- Throughout the month of May, the Trump Administration will hold listening sessions with stakeholders to receive their input.
- Working with the House and Senate, the Administration will develop the details of a tax plan that provides massive tax relief, creates jobs, and makes America more competitive – and can pass both chambers.

Legislative Report



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North Korea Briefing

- Past efforts have failed to halt North Korea's unlawful weapons programs and nuclear and ballistic missile tests. With each provocation, North Korea jeopardizes stability in Northeast Asia and poses a growing threat to our Allies and the U.S. homeland.
- North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons is an urgent national security threat and top foreign policy priority. Upon assuming office, President Trump ordered a thorough review of U.S. policy pertaining to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).
- On Wednesday, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joe Dunford, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Secretary of Defense James Mattis, and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats briefed Members of Congress on the review.
- The President's approach aims to pressure North Korea into dismantling its nuclear, ballistic missile, and proliferation programs by tightening economic sanctions and pursuing diplomatic measures with our Allies and regional partners.
- We are engaging responsible members of the international community to increase pressure on the DPRK in order to convince the regime to de-escalate and return to the path of dialogue. We will maintain our close coordination and cooperation with our Allies, especially the Republic of Korea and Japan, as we work together to preserve stability and prosperity in the region.
- The United States seeks stability and the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula. We remain open to negotiations towards that goal. However, we remain prepared to defend ourselves and our Allies.

Executive Order: Reviewing Abuses of the Antiquities Act of 1906

Top Line:

- The Antiquities Act of 1906 authorizes the president to declare federal lands of historic or scientific value to be "National Monuments" and thereby restrict the types of uses to which those lands can be put.
- Past administrations have overused this power and designated large swaths of land well beyond the areas in need of protection.
- Designating too much land for a national monument harms the economies of communities near the affected land by eliminating grazing, timber harvesting, and mining opportunities.
- This means fewer jobs and opportunities for local residents.
- The President believes that local communities must be heard – they must have a voice in how their lands are being used.

This Executive Order directs the Department of the Interior to review prior monument designations and suggest legislative changes or modifications to the monument proclamations.

This Executive Order:

- Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a review of monuments designated in the last 21 years that are more than 100,000 acres or that were designated with insufficient input from affected communities.
 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to make recommendations to the President on whether a monument should be rescinded or resized.
 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to consult and coordinate with, as appropriate, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the heads of any other executive departments or agencies concerned with areas designated under the Act.
 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to consult and coordinate with the Governors of States affected by monument designations or other relevant officials of affected State, Tribal, and local governments.
 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to provide an interim report to the President within 45 days of the date of the order.
- Directs the Secretary of the Interior to provide a final report to the President within 120 days of the date of the order.

This Executive Order Does Not:

Strip any monument of a designation.

Loosen any environmental or conservation regulations on any land or marine areas.

Poll of U.S. Muslims Reveals Ominous Levels Of Support For Islamic Supremacists' Doctrine of Shariah, Jihad

[Press Releases](#) | June 23, 2015 | [The Muslim Brotherhood in America](#), [Understanding the Shariah Threat Doctrine](#)

According to a new nationwide online survey (Below) of 600 Muslims living in the United States, of those polled a significant minority embraces the supremacist notions that could pose a threat to America's security and its constitutional form of government.*

The numbers of potential jihadists among the majority of Muslims who appear not to be sympathetic to such notions raise a number of public policy choices that warrant careful consideration and urgent debate, including: the necessity for enhanced surveillance of Muslim communities; refugee resettlement, asylum and other immigration programs that are swelling their numbers and density; and the viability of so-called "countering violent extremism" initiatives that are supposed to stymie radicalization within those communities.

Overall, the survey, which was conducted by The Polling Company for the Center for Security Policy (CSP), suggests that a substantial number of Muslims living in the United States see the country very differently than does the population overall. The sentiments of the latter were sampled in late May in [another CSP-commissioned Polling Company nationwide survey](#).

According to the just-released survey of Muslims, **a majority (51%) agreed that "Muslims in America should have the choice of being governed according to shariah."** When that question was put to the broader U.S. population, the overwhelming majority held that shariah should not displace the U.S. Constitution (86% to 2%).

More than half (51%) of U.S. Muslims polled also believe either that they should have the choice of American or shariah courts, or that they should have their own tribunals to apply shariah. Only 39% of those polled said that Muslims in the U.S. should be subject to American courts.

These notions were powerfully rejected by the broader population according to the Center's earlier national survey. It found by a margin of 92%-2% that Muslims should be subject to the same courts as other citizens, rather than have their own courts and tribunals here in the U.S.

Even more troubling, is the fact that **nearly a quarter of the Muslims polled believed that, "It is legitimate to use violence to punish those who give offense to Islam by, for example, portraying the prophet Mohammed."**

By contrast, the broader survey found that a 63% majority of those sampled said that "the freedom to engage in expression that offends Muslims or anybody else is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and cannot be restricted."

Nearly one-fifth of Muslim respondents said that the use of violence in the United States is justified in order to make shariah the law of the land in this country.

Center for Security Policy President, Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., observed:

The findings of the Center for Security Policy's survey of Muslims in America suggests that we have a serious problem. The [Pew Research Center](#) estimates that the number of Muslims in the United States was 2.75 million in 2011, and growing at a rate of 80-90 thousand a year. If those estimates are accurate, the United States would have approximately 3 million Muslims today. That would translate into **roughly 300,000 Muslims living in the United States who believe that shariah is "The Muslim God Allah's law that Muslims must follow and impose worldwide by Jihad."**

It is incumbent on the many American Muslims who want neither to live under the brutal repression of shariah nor to impose it on anybody else to work with the rest of us who revere and uphold the supremacy of the U.S. Constitution in protecting our nation against the Islamic supremacists and their jihad.

Obama, the Democrats' desperation and Organizing for Action

By Scott S. Powell, Mar 11, 2017

If you think you're going crazy from non-stop news coverage of unruly behavior and disruptive protests across the country since Donald Trump was elected president, rest assured there are veiled reasons for the current madness.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael Goodwin asserts the "Trump Derangement Syndrome" is no temporarily insane reaction, but rather "a calculated plan to wreck the presidency, whatever the cost to the country."

Just one week before Trump was inaugurated, then-President Obama issued an extraordinary executive order, contrary to longstanding policy, to allow the NSA to share with the FBI and CIA and 14 other agencies filled with Obama holdovers, data and communications of private American citizens — collected without warrants, court orders, or congressional authorizations.

This created and formalized a leak mechanism, setting the stage for a "rolling coup" against the Trump administration. The first head to roll was Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, who was taken down within two weeks of becoming national security adviser.

Political correctness remains so dominant in language and culture in the U.S., that no one dares utter the word "sedition." Unbeknownst to most Americans, Barack Obama is the first ex-president in 228 years of U.S. history to structure and lead a political organization, a shadow government, for the explicit purpose of sabotaging his successor — duly elected President Donald Trump.

The primary vehicle of this campaign is Organizing for Action (OFA), legally founded in January 2013 by First Lady Michelle Obama and her husband's 2012 campaign manager, Jim Messina, with input from longtime Obama adviser David Axelrod.

Being respectful and accepting loss when your team doesn't win — essential for the functioning of any electoral representative democracy and a fundamental lesson every child used to learn through competitive sports — has been destroyed by the left and appears no longer relevant for many in today's millennial generation.

It was telling that so many millennials embraced Bernie Sanders, not because his socialist platform was workable, but rather because their attitudes had been so conditioned by traditional and social media and by educational institutions in the U.S., which embrace all things progressive while giving short shrift to the virtues of the American story and its animating ideas.

Those ideas have always been workable because they revolve around freedom that ties rights to responsibilities, the creative power of free markets, and the benefits of a Constitution that mitigates government abuse through separation of powers while also ensuring stability through the rule of law.

The modus operandi of OFA comes right out of Obama's support and sympathy for Marxism and his background as a left-wing community organizer. It's a combination of agitation and propaganda — much like old-style Soviet agitprop and Chicago-based Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals.

For Alinsky, the rules start with an ends-justifies-the-means quest for power, which can entail lawbreaking, deception, and concealing the true revolutionary agenda; militant obstructionism; and deflecting debate on substance while relentlessly attacking the character and legitimacy of the opponent.

Agitprop is synonymous with community organizing in that both focus on stirring up public grievance over an issue for the purpose of mobilizing that constituency to join like-minded people to protest and demonstrate, which provides made-for-TV drama scenes portraying "extemporaneous" mass protests that in turn get transmitted to millions through the media. This feedback loop is a key driver of fake news.

For instance, immediately following President Trump's late January executive order temporarily banning refugees and visitors from seven lawless states that harbor terrorists, OFA kicked into action, mobilizing people to "spontaneously" demonstrate, causing utter chaos at nearly a dozen of the busiest airports across the country. Hardly spontaneous, it was in fact staged, courtesy of ex-President Barack Obama.

Ditto for what happened in late February with members of Congress at town hall meetings across the country. A week before the town halls started, OFA released its "Congressional Recess Toolkit," a training manual for activists and demonstrators, invoking them to go in groups and get to meeting halls early and "spread out ... throughout the front half of the room, (which) will make the perception of broad consensus a reality for your member of congress." So perception drives fake news which is intended to drive reality.

Many have wondered why Obama didn't follow the tradition of almost every other ex-president and depart Washington after his term was up. Instead, he moved into large home in Washington, D.C.'s Embassy Row. Ramping up a hydra-headed organizational effort through OFA out of his 8,200-square-foot walled mansion in Washington to protect the left's gains and to sabotage the electoral victory of Donald Trump is simply a natural progression for Obama.

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Obama is no fool and he understands — having encouraged Black Lives Matter and the war on police and law enforcement, having facilitated ballooning welfare rolls and doubling student debt to \$1.35 trillion, having presided over a flood of immigrants illegally crossing the southern border, and having pushed unprecedented deficit spending that added nearly \$1 trillion annually to the federal debt and doubling that debt in eight years to \$20 trillion — that the U.S. is nearer collapse than at any previous time. And every Marxist knows that socialist transformation first requires collapse of the old order.

Obama has not only been trained in Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals, but he's familiar with the "crisis strategy theory" of Richard Cloward and Frances Fox Piven, two neo-Marxists who taught at Columbia University, where Obama later studied.

For Cloward and Piven, the left's easiest route to socialist transformation is to overload the welfare state, which will trigger an insolvency crisis and financial collapse. Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) and former Rep. Steve Stockman (R-Texas) both concur, having stated that Obama was "playing out of the Cloward-Piven theory" by "attempting to flood the border with illegals."

As author Paul Sperry writes in the New York Post, "Obama has an army of agitators — numbering more than 30,000 — who will fight his Republican successor at every turn of his historic presidency. And Obama will command them from a bunker less than two miles from the White House."

Obama's OFA Washington headquarters is now the nerve center that coordinates 250 offices nationwide, which together with its Chicago-based sister organization, the Community Organizing Institute (COI), plans to facilitate the "training (of) more than 2 million youths in Alinsky street tactics" and carry out plans "to stage 400 rallies across 42 states to attack Trump and Republicans over ObamaCare's repeal."

This week, London's Daily Mail, reported that "Barack Obama's close confidante Valerie Jarrett has moved into his new DC home, which is now the nerve center for their plan to mastermind the insurgency against President Trump."

Recent funding records are not available, but in just its first two years, OFA took in more than \$40 million, according to IRS filings. Not surprisingly, OFA's major donors are also members of George Soros's Democracy Alliance, which is a donors' consortium of the left-wing super rich devoted to radical political change.

Daniel Greenfield, the award-winning Shillman Journalism Fellow at the Freedom Center, believes "OFA will be far more dangerous in the wild than the Clinton Foundation ever was." Since OFA has all the contact-information assets of Obama's predecessor 2008 and 2012 campaign organization, Organizing for America — which include 30 million email addresses, 3 million donors and 2 million active participants — there should be no underestimating OFA's potential influence, especially with an uncritical media covering it up.

But in the end, the majority of Americans are not easily fooled. Their common sense was the key factor in electing Donald Trump, an unconventionally bold leader with the courage to take on corruption in the media and in the Washington establishment.

Trump's victory was in part the result of peeling off many traditional Democrats affiliated with labor in the Rust Belt states. But now with Obama's highly irregular operations in the form of a shadow government, its reckless actions that compromise national security and institutionalize leaks of private citizen and classified information, the Democratic Party is likely in for more attrition. Should it be found that the Obama administration was aware of wiretaps directed against Republican presidential candidate Trump, the Democratic Party will face a crisis that makes Nixon's Watergate pale in comparison.

Although Jimmy Carter is widely viewed as the worst Democratic president, Obama has singlehandedly done more to damage the Democratic Party in eight years than the GOP could have ever hoped or planned — an unprecedented, staggering net loss of 1,042 state and federal Democratic seats, among Congress, state legislatures, governorships and the presidency. Many state-level Democratic Party leaders are now in open revolt against Obama's OFA, which they see operating clandestinely without coordination or accountability, and funded from controversial "end of America" extremist sources like George Soros.

Contrary to the early vocal critics among the establishment elites, a.k.a. the "Never Trumpers," it now looks like the Republican Party has more backbone and may prosper under Donald Trump, whose leadership was recently showcased in his first major speech to a joint session of Congress and in his hand-picked A-team cabinet.

It is the Democratic Party — which is weak, divided, ideologically rigid, and lacking in common sense, devoid of courtesy, and even hateful and desperate — that is looking more like the endangered species, thanks in large part to Barack Obama, his Chicago ways, and his Organizing for Action.

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A Nation Once United, Now Divided

By Catherine Gibb

A week or so ago, I picked up the January 2002 edition of the magazine Biography. We subscribed to that magazine until it folded in 2003 and I kept some of the issues. I have been re-reading the issues I kept. The January issues always had Biography of the Year profiles and it was no surprise that this particular year included the following: (1) Rudy Giuliani, (2) George W. Bush (3) Uniformed Heroes (4) Civilian Heroes and others. But what came to my mind as I read through these was how united we were as a country after 9/11 and, sadly, how divided we are now, just 16 years later. Barack Obama, with the help of George Soros and other billionaires, is conducting a “shadow government”, our colleges and universities are full of “snowflakes” who are too young to remember what it was really like when those towers fell and besides that, they have been “indoctrinated” instead of educated, so it would seem that many of them simply hate this country and everything it stands for, and the liberal press is so biased that I rarely believe anything they print or that comes out on CBS, NBC, or ABC and certainly nothing that CNN and MSNBC put out. Even Fox News, with a few exceptions, is not as “fair and balanced” as it once was. We are truly in 2 camps: those that love this nation, know its true history and what a miracle of God it was that this nation came to be and those who know nothing about history, pretty much hate everything we stand for and want to silence those who disagree with them completely.

At every level of government, our freedoms are being attacked, our culture shredded and the ‘anything goes’ crowd howls on a daily basis. There is no civility. Screaming and cursing are how these folks communicate and if you get in their way or disagree, they will beat the hell out of you if given the chance. Just look at the Town Hall meeting that Senator Van Taylor and Representative Matt Shaheen held. I wasn’t able to attend, but friends who were there told me it was chaos. This is now how the left is going to behave – like a bunch of hooligans. It does remind me of the sixties and sadly that is when the seeds of this all began and we are really beginning to see how far we have fallen.

Do I see hope for the future? Yes, I do, but we as citizens of this nation must be willing to stand up for what we believe. Donald Trump cannot save this country without our help! We cannot ever give the left an inch because that is how we got here in the first place. Many of our churches have failed us because they have been more concerned with “offending” some of their congregants and possibly losing their tax-exempt status than standing up for what is right. We have allowed the ACLU and the fear of being sued to stifle freedom of speech and freedom of religion in our schools and workplaces. As always, we have a choice. Mine will be to never give up and never give in. What will your choice be?

Candidates for PISD Board of Trustees Forum at Our April Meeting



THE CIVIL WAR IS HERE

The left doesn't want to secede. It wants to rule.

By: Daniel Greenfield

A civil war has begun.

This civil war is very different than the last one. There are no cannons or cavalry charges. The left doesn't want to secede. It wants to rule. Political conflicts become civil wars when one side refuses to accept the existing authority. The left has rejected all forms of authority that it doesn't control.

The left has rejected the outcome of the last two presidential elections won by Republicans. It has rejected the judicial authority of the Supreme Court when its decisions don't accord with its agenda. It rejects the legislative authority of Congress when it is not dominated by the left.

It rejected the Constitution so long ago that it hardly bears mentioning.

It was for total unilateral executive authority under Obama. And now it's for states unilaterally deciding what laws they will follow. (As long as that involves defying immigration laws under Trump, not following them under Obama.) It was for the sacrosanct authority of the Senate when it held the majority. Then it decried the Senate as an outmoded institution when the Republicans took it over.

It was for Obama defying the orders of Federal judges, no matter how well grounded in existing law, and it is for Federal judges overriding any order by Trump on any grounds whatsoever. It was for Obama penalizing whistleblowers, but now undermining the government from within has become "patriotic".

There is no form of legal authority that the left accepts as a permanent institution. It only utilizes forms of authority selectively when it controls them. But when government officials refuse the orders of the duly elected government because their allegiance is to an ideology whose agenda is in conflict with the President and Congress, that's not activism, protest, politics or civil disobedience; it's treason.

After losing Congress, the left consolidated its authority in the White House. After losing the White House, the left shifted its center of authority to Federal judges and unelected government officials. Each defeat led the radicalized Democrats to relocate from more democratic to less democratic institutions.

This isn't just hypocrisy. That's a common political sin. Hypocrites maneuver within the system. The left has no allegiance to the system. It accepts no laws other than those dictated by its ideology.

Democrats have become radicalized by the left. This doesn't just mean that they pursue all sorts of bad policies. It means that their first and foremost allegiance is to an ideology, not the Constitution, not our country or our system of government. All of those are only to be used as vehicles for their ideology.

That's why compromise has become impossible.

Our system of government was designed to allow different groups to negotiate their differences. But those differences were supposed to be based around finding shared interests. The most profound of these shared interests was that of a common country based around certain civilizational values. The left has replaced these Founding ideas with radically different notions and principles. It has rejected the primary importance of the country. As a result it shares little in the way of interests or values.

Instead it has retreated to cultural urban and suburban enclaves where it has centralized tremendous amounts of power while disregarding the interests and values of most of the country. If it considers them at all, it is convinced that they will shortly disappear to be replaced by compliant immigrants and college indoctrinated leftists who will form a permanent demographic majority for its agenda.

But it couldn't wait that long because it is animated by the conviction that enforcing its ideas is urgent and inevitable. And so it turned what had been a hidden transition into an open break.

In the hidden transition, its authority figures had hijacked the law and every political office they held to pursue their ideological agenda. The left had used its vast cultural power to manufacture a consensus that was slowly transitioning the country from American values to its values and agendas. The right had proven largely impotent in the face of a program which corrupted and subverted from within.

The left was enormously successful in this regard. It was so successful that it lost all sense of proportion and decided to be open about its views and to launch a political power struggle after losing an election.

The Democrats were no longer being slowly injected with leftist ideology. Instead the left openly took over and demanded allegiance to open borders, identity politics and environmental fanaticism. The exodus of voters wiped out the Democrats across much of what the left deemed flyover country.

The left responded to democratic defeats by retreating deeper into undemocratic institutions, whether it was the bureaucracy or the corporate media, while doubling down on its political radicalism. It is now openly defying the outcome of a national election using a coalition of bureaucrats, corporations, unelected officials, celebrities and reporters that are based out of its cultural and political enclaves.

THE CIVIL WAR IS HERE

The left doesn't want to secede. It wants to rule.

By: Daniel Greenfield

It has responded to a lost election by constructing sanctuary cities and states thereby turning a cultural and ideological secession into a legal secession. But while secessionists want to be left alone authoritarians want everyone to follow their laws. The left is an authoritarian movement that wants total compliance with its dictates with severe punishments for those who disobey.

The left describes its actions as principled. But more accurately they are ideological. Officials at various levels of government have rejected the authority of the President of the United States, of Congress and of the Constitution because those are at odds with their radical ideology. Judges have cloaked this rejection in law. Mayors and governors are not even pretending that their actions are lawful.

The choices of this civil war are painfully clear.

We can have a system of government based around the Constitution with democratically elected representatives. Or we can have one based on the ideological principles of the left in which all laws and processes, including elections and the Constitution, are fig leaves for enforcing social justice.

But we cannot have both.

Some civil wars happen when a political conflict can't be resolved at the political level. The really bad ones happen when an irresolvable political conflict combines with an irresolvable cultural conflict.

That is what we have now.

The left has made it clear that it will not accept the lawful authority of our system of government. It will not accept the outcome of elections. It will not accept these things because they are at odds with its ideology and because they represent the will of large portions of the country whom they despise.

The question is what comes next.

The last time around growing tensions began to explode in violent confrontations between extremists on both sides. These extremists were lauded by moderates who mainstreamed their views. The first Republican president was elected and rejected. The political tensions led to conflict and then civil war.

The left doesn't believe in secession. It's an authoritarian political movement that has lost democratic authority. There is now a political power struggle underway between the democratically elected officials and the undemocratic machinery of government aided by a handful of judges and local elected officials.

What this really means is that there are two competing governments; the legal government and a treasonous anti-government of the left. If this political conflict progresses, agencies and individuals at every level of government will be asked to demonstrate their allegiance to these two competing governments. And that can swiftly and explosively transform into an actual civil war.

There is no sign that the left understands or is troubled by the implications of the conflict it has initiated. And there are few signs that Democrats properly understand the dangerous road that the radical left is drawing them toward. The left assumes that the winners of a democratic election will back down rather than stand on their authority. It is unprepared for the possibility that democracy won't die in darkness.

Civil wars end when one side is forced to accept the authority of the other. The left expects everyone to accept its ideological authority. Conservatives expect the left to accept Constitutional authority. The conflict is still political and cultural. It's being fought in the media and within the government. But if neither side backs down, then it will go beyond words as both sides give contradictory orders.

The left is a treasonous movement. The Democrats became a treasonous organization when they fell under the sway of a movement that rejects our system of government, its laws and its elections. Now their treason is coming to a head. They are engaged in a struggle for power against the government. That's not protest. It's not activism. The old treason of the sixties has come of age. A civil war has begun.

This is a primal conflict between a totalitarian system and a democratic system. Its outcome will determine whether we will be a free nation or a nation of slaves.

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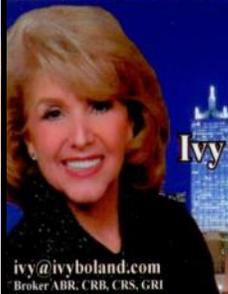
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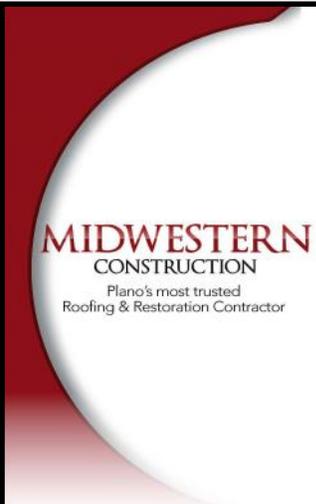
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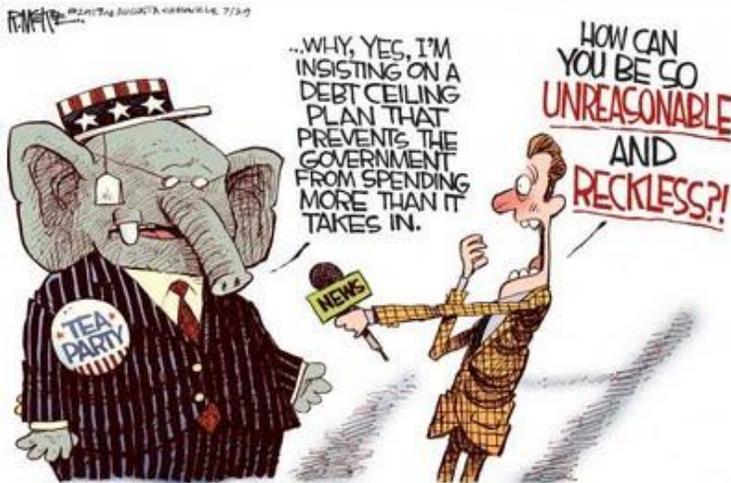
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