

# **RHINEBECK REPUBLICAN REFLECTIONS**

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## **AMERICAN ENEMY #1**

Up until a decade ago, Democrats and Republicans worked within the framework of the Constitution to address the various issues of the country. The big difference was that the Democrat solutions usually included greater government control than the Republican solutions. The ultimate solution to any given matter typically involved the two parties reaching across the aisle to form a compromise. And, with each compromise, governments incrementally grew and gained more control over economic and social matters.

Then, many Democrats began to diverge from the Constitutional framework to advance the ideals of socialism or communism. At the core of these leftist ideals is the disdain for personal prosperity coupled with special treatment and advantage for the ruling elite. Today, compromise is rare, Democrats seem to be either liberals or leftists and Republicans seem to be either conservatives or liberals.

Leftists don't seem to have any viable policies; thus, they try to gain or hold onto power through misinformation, obstruction, emotional ploys, hypocrisy, and disregard for the rule of law. Some Leftists truly believe their ideals while others simply abet the Left to expedite their personal financial enrichment. Regardless of their motives, many Leftists regularly pollute the American education systems, professions or governments that employ them.

Vigilance and peace through strength usually hold our enemies at bay. However, the most dangerous enemies of the U.S.A. are the Leftists among us. They actively undermine the American values by weakening and ignoring our Constitution. They are embedded throughout our society cloaked as Liberals, but their allegiance is not to our country, but to the Left.

## **THIS NOVEMBER**

This year's midterm elections are the most important elections in decades. The Democrats want to raise taxes, stifle the economy, undo the reforms of the last year and a half, erode our standard of living, and implement Leftist policies and practices. They use false polls, cover-ups, constant attacks against the President, and meaningless rhetoric to energize their base and to convince you to stay home on Election Day. Please don't fall for it and don't be complacent. Get out and VOTE for our candidates on Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup>!

### **Our State, County and Federal Candidates**

NYS Governor: Marcus J. Molinaro	<a href="http://Molinaroforny.com">Molinaroforny.com</a>
NYS Senate: Sue Serino	<a href="http://SueSerino.com">SueSerino.com</a>
DC Family Court: Karen Hagstrom	<a href="http://Hagstromforfamilycourtjudge.com">Hagstromforfamilycourtjudge.com</a>
DC Surrogate Court: Michael Hayes	<a href="http://Judgemichaelhayes.com">Judgemichaelhayes.com</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District: John Faso	<a href="http://JohnFaso.com">JohnFaso.com</a>

➤ Check the County GOP Calendar for events and news:

[Dutchesscountyrepublicancommittee.org](http://Dutchesscountyrepublicancommittee.org)



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## **THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LIBERALS AND LEFTISTS**

Prager University posted a video that helps to differentiate between liberals and leftists. The following table summarizes that video:

<b><u>LIBERALS</u></b>	<b><u>LEFTISTS</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RACE</b> – skin color is insignificant, racism is the belief that color is significant, and support racial integration.</li> <li>• <b>CAPITALISM</b> – committed to free enterprise as the only way to lift great numbers of people out of poverty and oppose socialism.</li> <li>• <b>NATIONALISM</b> – believe in nation-state identity and borders.</li> <li>• <b>U.S.A.</b> – believe America has imperfections but is the last best hope for the world.</li> <li>• <b>FREE SPEECH</b> – believes all speech should be allowed even if they disagree with it.</li> <li>• <b>WESTERN CIVILIZATION</b> – celebrate and protect western moral, philosophical, artistic, musical and literary achievements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RACE</b> – skin color is significant, racism is the denial of that significance, and support racial segregation.</li> <li>• <b>CAPITALISM</b> – oppose capitalism and advocate for socialism.</li> <li>• <b>NATIONALISM</b> – oppose nationalism, advocate for class identity and elimination of borders.</li> <li>• <b>U.S.A.</b> – believe that the LEFT is the last best hope for the world and that America is racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, violent, and imperialistic.</li> <li>• <b>FREE SPEECH</b> – believes that only speech that they agree with is allowable.</li> <li>• <b>WESTERN CIVILIZATION</b> – believe that is no better than any other civilization and is just a euphemism for white supremacy.</li> </ul>

**As a Liberal, as an American, and as a Jew, I far more fear the Left than the Right.” – Alan Dershowitz**

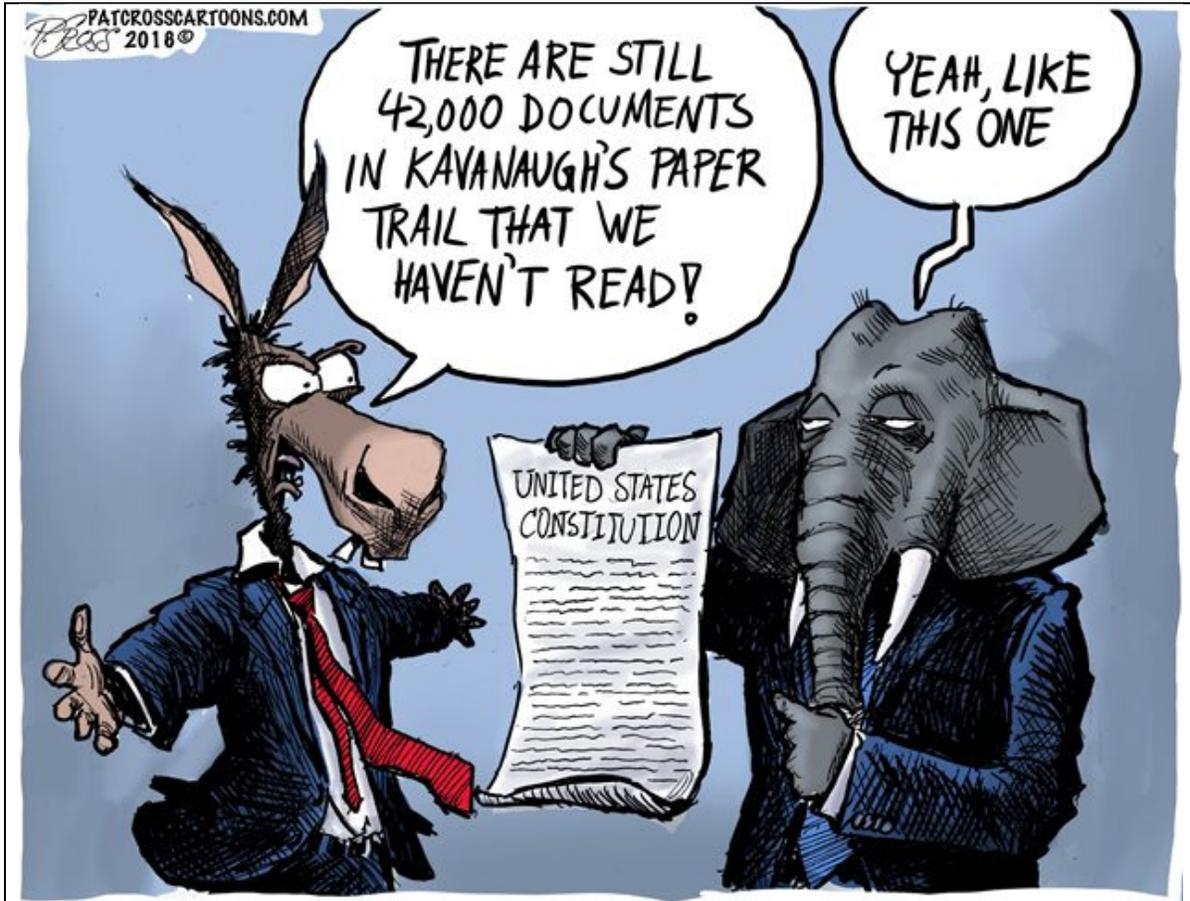
## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP**

According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services web site: “Below you will find several rights and responsibilities that all citizens should exercise and respect. Some of these responsibilities are legally required of every citizen, but all are important to ensuring that America remains a free and prosperous nation.”

<b><u>RIGHTS</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom to express yourself.</li> <li>• Freedom to worship as you wish.</li> <li>• Right to a prompt, fair trial by jury.</li> <li>• Right to vote in elections for public officials.</li> <li>• Right to apply for federal employment requiring U.S. citizenship.</li> <li>• Right to run for elected office.</li> <li>• Freedom to pursue “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and defend the Constitution.</li> <li>• Stay informed of the issues affecting your community.</li> <li>• Participate in the democratic process.</li> <li>• Respect and obey federal, state, and local laws.</li> <li>• Respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others.</li> <li>• Participate in your local community.</li> <li>• Pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities.</li> <li>• Serve on a jury when called upon.</li> <li>• Defend the country if the need should arise.</li> </ul>

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**The Fence Test** adapted from Jeff Foxworthy - If you ever wondered which side of the fence you sit on, this is a great test!

If a Republican doesn't like guns, he doesn't buy one.	If a Lefty doesn't like guns, he wants all guns outlawed.
If a Republican is a vegetarian, he doesn't eat meat.	If a Lefty is a vegetarian, he wants all meat outlawed.
If a Republican is down-and-out, he thinks about how to better his situation.	If a Lefty is down-and-out he wonders who is going to take care of him.
If a Republican doesn't like a talk show host, he switches channels.	If a Lefty doesn't like a talk show host, he demands that the host be shut down.
If a Republican is a non-believer, he doesn't go to church.	If a Lefty is non-believer, he wants any mention of God and religion silenced.
If a Republican decides he needs health care, he goes about shopping for it, or may choose a job that provides it.	If a Lefty decides he needs health care, he demands that the rest of us pay for his.
If a Republican is unhappy with an election, he grumbles and goes to work the next day.	If a Lefty is unhappy with an election, he burns down a Starbucks, throws rocks at cops and takes two-weeks off for therapy.
If a Republican reads this, he'll have a good laugh.	If a Lefty reads this, he'll be "offended."

**QUESTION of the Month: Is there really a swamp in Washington, in Albany, in Rhinebeck?**

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## LAWN SIGN PROJECT

We're putting together a lawn sign that reflects our values. The first draft is depicted below. We'd like to hear your comments and suggestions before we start printing the signs. Please send comments and suggestions to Bruce Washburn at [Bruce353@aol.com](mailto:Bruce353@aol.com).

Side 1	Side 2
<p><b>The USA is unlike any other nation.</b>  <b>The Constitution is our foundation.</b>  <b>We have a constitutional republic.</b>  <b>Citizens control the government.</b>  <b>Our Constitution protects us.</b>  <b>As citizens, we have rights.</b>  <b>As citizens, we have duties.</b></p> <p>Government corruption, waste and overreach are intolerable.  <b>All types of bigotry are unacceptable.</b>          Government must be economically viable to be sustainable.  <b>Political freedom and economic freedom are indivisible.</b>          All citizens must be treated equally under the rule of law.  <b>Our constitutional system must be preserved uncompromised.</b></p>	<p><b>Want to be safe and secure.</b>  <b>Want peace through strength.</b>  <b>Want to be prosperous individuals.</b>  <b>Want a prosperous economy.</b>  <b>Want honest government.</b>  <b>Want efficient government.</b>  <b>Want effective government.</b></p> <p>Want schools that educate but don't inculcate.  <b>Want safeguards to protect private sector funded programs.</b>          Want courts that adjudicate but don't legislate.  <b>Want accountable officials, employees and programs.</b>          Want effective, efficient environmental, social &amp; trade policies.  <b>Want to value and respect all citizens.</b></p>

## LOCAL CRUMBS

### ***Should the Town construct fair and accurate budgets as specified by the State***

***Comptroller?*** Budgets are estimates of expenses and revenues for the upcoming year and are used to establish tax levies for the town's two tax bases, inside the village and outside the village. Over the last four years, the Democrat supermajority on the Town Board has imposed excess taxes totaling of \$254,012 inside the village and \$434,347 outside the village by using misrepresented estimates.

### ***Should the Town give tax breaks to certain individuals?***

For instance, a former village trustee and state senator bought a house in September of 2009 for \$525,000 and sold it in March of 2018 for \$670,000. The assessed value of the house of \$314,000 never changed. By not recognizing the change in market value, the town government shifted tax burdens totaling \$43,738 (village, town, county, school district) to other taxpayers.

## GET INVOLVED

Americans get involved because our system of government is of, for and by the people. Our system of government depends on citizens voting in elections and running for office. You can also attend a fundraiser; put up a lawn sign; be a poll watcher; help with phonebanks; host a meet and greet; or be a neighborhood captain. Have you ever thought about running for office? There will be many opportunities to do just. If you are the least bit interested in running for office or would like to get more involved with the party, please contact: RRC Chair – Bruce Washburn [Bruce353@aol.com](mailto:Bruce353@aol.com) 876-2244

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our website is:  
[www.rhinebeckrepublicans.com](http://www.rhinebeckrepublicans.com)

Our Facebook page is:  
[www.facebook.com/RhinebeckRepublicans](https://www.facebook.com/RhinebeckRepublicans)

### Your Election District Representatives:

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	REPRESENTATIVE
1	Thomas Traudt	Tracy Krawitt
2	Kimberley Williams	Bruce Washburn
3	James Coughlan	Bob Babirad
4	Pete Blevin	Elijah Bender
5	Jeff Cotter	Herman H. Tietjen
6	Marie Farrell	Frank Intervallo
7	Linda Murray	Richard Murray