

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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September 2019

President's Byline:



As I write this, a transcript of a phone call between President Trump and the President of the Ukraine was released. You may be wondering why the President would release the transcript of a phone call between him and a foreign leader? The Democrats claimed that the President tried to bribe the Ukraine during this phone call, and alleged our President told the Ukraine that the US would not give foreign aide to them if they did not help President Trump find out dirt on former VP Joe Biden. Before the transcript was released Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry against the President on this allegation, basically making an actuation before having any proof to back it up.

The transcript shows, however, that Trump never mentioned money for dirt on Biden. The two Presidents did talk about corruption, which has been a problem for Ukraine in the past and the new Ukrainian President wants to fix it. He even said, "We want to drain the swamp." In speaking about corruption our President mentioned that, "There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution so if you could look into to it... It sounds horrible." The stopped prosecution the President was talking about was a reference to Joe Biden threatening to pull aide from the Ukraine, if they did not stop the prosecutor who was investigating Joe Biden's son and the Ukraine company he worked for. Biden is on video bragging that this threat worked, the prospector was fired and the investigation stopped. Interestingly, Joe Biden is not the only politician who threaten to take money from the Ukraine. According to the Daily Wire, "Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) and Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT) wrote a letter to Ukraine's prosecutor general, Yuriy Lutsenko, expressing concern at the closing of four investigations they said were critical to the Mueller probe. The Washington Post outlined, "In the letter, they implied that their support for U.S. assistance to Ukraine was at stake."

According to some lawyers, there is nothing illegal about what the President said in that phone call. The President has a responsibility to the nation to make sure that a possible crime committed by one of our citizens against another nation is investigated.

Even though the Democrats have egg on their face over this phone call, they are doubling down on impeachment. Even though they don't have any proof of a crime by the president, they are still pushing for impeachment. They hate President Trump so much nothing else matters but impeachment. It is all they have been focusing on for the past three years. The budget, health care, gun safety, the trade deal with Canada and Mexico, infrastructure; all of it is pushed aside for attempts at Trump's impeachment.

This shows the Democrats' priorities; they hate the President more then they love the country. They did not like the results of the election, and will do everything they can to get him out of office, forgetting the people who need the Congress to pass a trade deal for their lively hood. The Democrats will even go as far to manufacture wrong doing to impeach the president.

If the Democrats continue to focus all their energy on Trump instead of America's people, the Democrats are going to sink even further than they already have. Either they will continue to blind people and voters to the real issues that need to be dealt with, or they will continue to push people and voters away from them to the GOP and parties that have shown and/or proven to truly want to care for America, it's economy, and its people.

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Calendar of Events

Board Meeting
October 1st, 11:30

October Meeting
October 15th

Jennifer Groysman

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October Plano Republican Women Meeting

NOTE: We are no longer meeting at Reflections on Spring Creek
October Location: Napoli's Italian Restaurant , 2865 McDermott Rd suite 235, Plano, TX 75025



Next PRW Meeting:

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Allen B. West

Lt. Col. West believes it will be principled constitutional conservative policies, not politics, which secures a sound economic future for Americans – with growth, opportunity and returning the promise of the American dream for this generation and those to come.

He is the third of four generations of military servicemen in his family. During his 22- year career in the United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel West served in several combat zones and received many honors including a Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, one with Valor device, and a Valorous Unit Award. In 1993 he was named the US Army ROTC Instructor of the Year.

In November of 2010, Allen was elected to the United States Congress, representing Florida's 22nd District. As a member of the 112th Congress, he sat on the Small Business and Armed Services Committees and was instrumental in passage of the 2011 and 2012 National Defense Authorization Acts.

He is a Fox News Contributor, Senior Fellow of the Media Research Center, former Director of the Booker T. Washington Initiative (BTWI) for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, and author of Guardian of the Republic: An American Ronin's Journey to Family, Faith and Freedom, Hold Texas, Hold the Nation: Victory or Death, and the forthcoming We Can Overcome: An American Black Conservative Manifesto.

He is the former Executive Director of the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas Texas. West is an avid distance runner, a Master SCUBA diver, a motorcyclist, and in his spare time he enjoys cheering his beloved Tennessee Volunteers..

Lt. Col. West is a commissioned officer in the Texas State Guard. Lt. Col. West is a legacy life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member of the American Legion, life member of the Association of the United States Army, the Society of the First Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, and 101st Airborne Division. He is Patriot Life Member (Benefactor) and Board of Directors member of the National Rifle Association and Life Member (Benefactor) of the Texas State Rifle Association. Lieutenant Colonel West is an inductee into the University of Tennessee Army ROTC Hall of Fame. He is on the Board of Advisors of Amegy Bank, Dallas Region. In 2016, Lt. Col. West was appointed by Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission.

Location: Napoli's Italian Restaurant - West Plano Location, North-East Corner Independence and McDermott
2865 McDermott Rd suite 235, Plano, TX 75025

Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, **11:30 am:** Meeting, Lunch & Program

PRW membership is not required to attend our meeting

Lunch is available with RSVP for \$20 in cash or check payable to PRW

RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, October 11th, 2019

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting

We welcome guests and visitors to our General Meeting. Members, please bring a friend!

To RSVP send an email to: rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch





IMPEACHMENT: PAST AND PRESENT

By Cleo Marchese, Americanism Chair

Impeachment, one simple little word has caused a lot of controversy in the past and now in the present. Unfortunately, most people know very little about it. What is an impeachable offense? Why was it added to our Constitution? When should it be used?

The official definitions from Merriam-Webster's dictionary: 1. to charge with a crime or misdemeanor specifically: to charge (a public official) before a competent tribunal with misconduct in office. 2. to cast doubt on especially: to challenge the credibility or validity of.

It can be argued that in our nation's history both definitions of impeachment have been applied to past and certainly our current president. Some have committed real crimes and for others it is used as a tactic to block or slow the other party's political agenda.

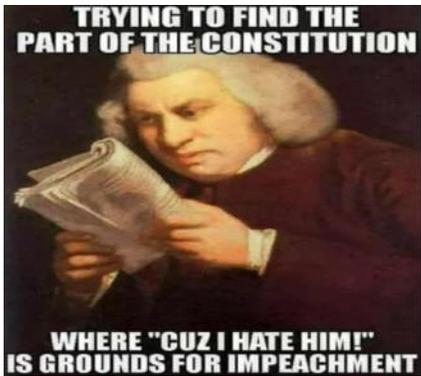
The legal definition of the Impeachment Clause in the U.S. Constitution empowers the House of Representatives to impeach the President, Vice-President or other civil officers of the U.S. from their office for committing offences like treason, bribery, or other "High Crimes and Misdemeanors." The Senate has the power to remove the person from office.

One of the most hotly debated parts of our Constitution by the Framers was impeachment. Our constitution is full of checks and balances. Impeachment is the ultimate check of presidential power. This series of checks and balances was argued for by Constitutional heavyweights such as James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, James Wilson and Gouverneur Morris in the 1787 convention in Philadelphia. Alexander Hamilton wrote about it again in The Federalist paper after the convention.

The threat of impeachment remains the ultimate power check, at least in theory, against the abuse of power. Unfortunately it has been discussed and used in times of political controversy as well. Since 1787, nineteen federal officials have been brought up on impeachment charges by the House of Representatives, with eight people convicted after a Senate trial. All eight people impeached were judges, who faced charges of perjury, tax evasion, bribery, and in one case, during the Civil War supporting the Confederacy.

Only two Presidents have faced impeachment trails, both were Democrats, Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton. Both faced Senate trials, but we acquitted. They did not get the two-thirds guilty votes required for removal. Andrew Johnson was acquitted in March of 1868 of violating the previous year's Tenure of Office Act. His presidency started the beginning of the party "spoils system" in American politics. In which supporters and patrons are given government appointments based on support. Before he faced impeachment proceeding, he has the dubious honor of surviving the first assassination attempt of a sitting president in 1835.

The second was Bill Clinton, who in 1998 was acquitted of perjury and obstructing justice in relation to the Monica Lewinsky scandal. An unpaid 21-year-old intern whom he had an 18 month affair, mostly in the Oval office starting in November 1995. Clinton was charged with two articles of impeachment, for lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstruction of justice. He also lied on national television about the affair to the American People. Clinton famously said, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky." Democrats like to say Clinton was impeached for his affair, he was not. It was for lying under oath!



Some people mistakenly believe Richard Nixon was impeached but he resigned over the Watergate scandal and was granted an unconditional pardon by his successor Gerald Ford.

So what has Trump done since he has been in office that has so enraged the Democrats to attempt to drag him from office? I would argue he has committed the crime of being successful. The Washington Examiner listed in 2018, the 289 accomplishments of President Trump in just 20 months of public office. The Washington examiner called it, his relentless promise keeping. Promise keeping seems to be in short supply in Washington today and any politician who keeps their promises finds themselves on the hit list of other political rivals. He has added 4 million jobs in all areas including minorities, women, veterans and youth. He fixed the aluminum, steel, and coal industries. The steel industry had to reopen old plants just to keep up with orders. He stayed tough on illegal immigration, increasing MS-13 gang arrests by 83% in one year. Trump has reducing the cost of taxes and regulations on businesses, bringing some businesses back from overseas and giving much needed tax relief to small business. He has rebuilt our military, added funding to the VA and created the Veterans Choice Program so veterans can see doctors outside of the VA system. Clearly the Democrats see these as "High Crimes".

Confidence in the economy and consumer spending is at a two decade high, the median income for most middle class households has risen 3.3%. He is strong on health care, signing deregulations of the medical industry in many areas including cancer so end stage cancer patients can seek experimental treatment. Trump signed the first Perkins CTE reauthorization since 2006, authorizing more than \$1 billion for states each year to fund badly needed vocational and career education programs. He has expedited high priority infrastructure projects, combated opioids, and is a Law and Order president. He has added 24 US Circuit Court judges and two Supreme Court judges. He has worked to reform the criminal justice system, implemented Operation Cross Country to combat human trafficking that rescued over

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By Cleo Marchese, Americanism Chair

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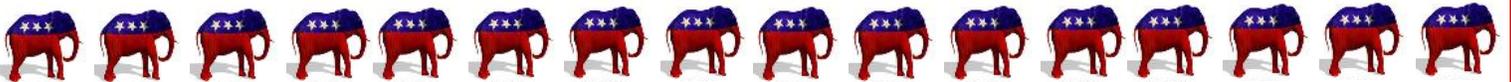
200 people to date. He has tried over and over again to fix our failing immigration system. He has repaired parts of the border wall and built new border walls by finding the funds in other areas. On foreign policy, he is the first US president to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel by moving the US embassy to Jerusalem. He oversaw the historic North-South Korean Summit, where Kim Jong-Un is the first North Korean leader to visit South Korea in decades.

On the day the Democrats filed to impeach President Trump, he was at the UN advocating worldwide religious tolerance, advocating support for Christians being persecuted in Iran and Christians and Muslims persecuted in China. He called attention to the people in crisis in Venezuela, living under brutal socialism and even the decriminalization of homosexuality in backwards part of the world where they are still hung or burned at the stake. Clearly an abuse of presidential power!

Let go over his personal failings: 1. He honestly expected everyone in Washington to care about the American people as much as he does. 2. He thought anyone in Congress would be a patriot. 3. He is no boy scout but he has been a public figure for decades, so this was no surprise. 4. He has no political experience so he has had to hit the ground running and learn fast which makes his accomplishment even more impressive. 5. He loves to Tweet. 6. People say he is not presidential because he is not as polished as Obama. Really? Who cares. 7. He is overconfident. I have never seen anyone who didn't have a lot confidence become president.

What Democrats are doing now is not what the Framers of the Constitution had in mind. Our Founding Fathers weren't boy scouts either, many were tough minded men who went toe to toe with the British Empire, the largest empire in history and brought them to their knees. They would be dismayed with the Democrat party acting like angry lords and ladies of a monarchy because a commoner has ascended to the throne by the will of the people. They would be horrified the Press uses the freedom given to them in the Constitution, to act as royal town criers for the monarchy. We have a president who really cares about the American people as a whole. Not a group to section off into warring factions to be exploited by an unfeeling, political organization that uses each group's problems to hold power. We are better than this as a nation and a people. America is the greatest country the world has ever seen. I hope we do not silence one of her greatest modern day champions out of stupidity, jealousy and petty politics.

In short, the Democrats have not produced one shred of evidence this president has committed a single "High Crime or Misdemeanor". Which brings us back to the second definition of impeachment, to cast doubt on especially to challenge the credibility or validity of someone. This is what the Democrats are trying to do before our next election!



Trivia:

- Andrew Jackson was known for the Indian Removal Act which forcibly relocated most Native American tribes in the South to Indian Territory, it is also called the Trail of Tears because of the number of people who died during the relocation from starvation and disease.
- Andrew Jackson is also the only president to pay off all US debt.
- Bill Clinton has 17 allegations of rape or affairs starting from his governorship in Arkansas to the White House as president.
- The Bill Clinton portrait where he is in a blue dress found in Jeffrey Epstein's estate was called The Devil in a Blue Dress, painted by artist Nelson Shanks. It originally hung in the National Portrait Gallery but pressure from the Clintons had it removed.
- The impeachment of Andrew Jackson was very shocking at the time because he was only the 7th president of the United States and a former veteran of three wars. The Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the First Seminole War.

Political Cartoons

**On tonight's episode of
"I-hate-America,"**



**more dumb ideas and
promises of free stuff.**

**LIVE
BREAKING
NEWS**

After a review of the
democratic debates.
The Russians no longer
feel the need to
interfere in the
2020 elections.

**PLEASE
DON'T
DRINK
OR
DRIVE
OR
TEXT
OR
VOTE
DEMOCRAT**

**IN ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER INFESTATION
OF RIDICULOUS LIBERAL IDEAS AND POLICIES,
LIBERALS ARE BEING ASKED TO STAY PUT IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE QUARANTINE ZONES.**



**IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE YOUR ZONE, BECAUSE
TAXES ARE TOO HIGH, SCHOOLS SUCK AND
CRIMINALS RUN THE PLACE, REMEMBER YOU
VOTED FOR THAT CRAP, SO JUST SIT YOUR ASS
BACK DOWN AND ENJOY WHAT YOU CREATED.**

DNC Resolution Champions Faithless, Condemns Faithful

By: Michael Haverluck, September 3, 2019

The Democratic National Committee has declared the Democratic Party the party of the “religiously unaffiliated” in a resolution it passed championing the values of secular America as inclusive, while condemning religious liberty and Americans of faith as repressive and discriminatory.

“The resolution passed Saturday at the DNC’s summer meeting in San Francisco affirmed the religiously unaffiliated as sharing their values and being ‘the largest religious group within the Democratic Party,’” the Washington Examiner reported. “The unanimously passed resolution also criticized ‘religious views’ and ‘religious liberty’ that threatened minority groups.”

Declaring war on religious freedom?

During the DNC’s summer meeting in the City by the Bay, it embraced atheists and those not identifying with any faith as constituting its dominant group, while tagging religious Americans and their religious freedoms as a threat suppressing the overwhelming majority of its party that holds secular values.

“WHEREAS, the religiously unaffiliated demographic has tripled in the last two decades – now representing 25% of the overall American population and 35% of those under the age of 30,” the DNC resolution states. “[R]eligiously unaffiliated Americans overwhelmingly share the Democratic Party’s values, with 70% voting for Democrats in 2018, 80% supporting same-sex marriage, and 61% saying immigrants make American society stronger; and ... the religiously unaffiliated demographic represents the largest religious group within the Democratic Party, growing from 19% in 2007 to one in three [33%] today.”

The resolution goes on to portray nonreligious Americans as victims of the religious liberties upon which America was founded centuries ago when Europeans fled across the Atlantic to worship God and practice their faith according to their sincerely held religious beliefs – without government interference or persecution.

“WHEREAS, the nonreligious have often been subjected to unfair bias and exclusion in American society – particularly in the areas of politics and policymaking, where assumptions of religiosity have long predominated,” the resolution claims. “[T]hose most loudly claiming that morals, values and patriotism must be defined by their particular religious views have used those religious views – with misplaced claims of ‘religious liberty’ – to justify public policy that has threatened the civil rights and liberties of many Americans, including but not limited to the LGBT community, women and ethnic and religious/nonreligious minorities.”

It goes on to tout the Democratic Party as one of inclusion and the Republican Party as one of exclusion as it looks to usher in all those who shun values based in the Bible and other religious codes of morality.

“WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is an inclusive organization that recognizes that morals, values and patriotism are not unique to any particular religion, and are not necessarily reliant on having a religious worldview at all,” the DNC document reads. “[N]onreligious Americans made up 17% of the electorate in 2018 and have the potential to deliver millions more votes for Democrats in 2020 with targeted outreach to further increase turnout of nonreligious voters.”

The resolution concludes by pointing out the secular values embraced by Democrats running for – and serving in – office, insisting that Democrats must lead the way as America pulls away from biblical and other faith-based beliefs to embrace secular humanism – where morals are relative to the individual person and right and wrong are not determined by God.

“WHEREAS, a record number of openly nonreligious candidates are running for public office,” the resolution concluded. “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE recognizes: 1) The value, ethical soundness, and importance of the religiously unaffiliated demographic – a group of Americans who contribute in innumerable ways to the arts, sciences, medicine, business, law, the military, their communities, the success of the Party and prosperity of the Nation; and 2) That religiously unaffiliated Americans are a group that – as much as any other – advocates for rational public policy based on sound science and universal humanistic values and should be represented, included and heard by the Party.”

Not the Dems’ first swipe at God

A similar indication of the Democratic Party’s shift away from God and biblical values was made at the midpoint of the Obama administration, when attendees at the party’s convention seven years ago jeered, booed and shook their fists at the mention of God.

“During the 2012 Democratic convention, Democratic National Convention chairman Antonio Villaraigosa was booed by delegates after a resolution was pushed through inserting the words ‘God-given’ into the party platform, along with recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel,” the Washington Examiner’s John Gage recounted. “The resolution was supposed to pass on two-thirds voice vote, and Villaraigosa had to call

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for the vote two times after the crowd ended up being divided before another official told him to ignore the delegates and approve the resolution on the third voice vote.”

At the time, Democrats were backtracking while addressing the fact that it had divorced its entire agenda from God.

“The resolution came after no reference to God was in the original party platform,” Gage noted. “Then-DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz said the omission was not intentional.”

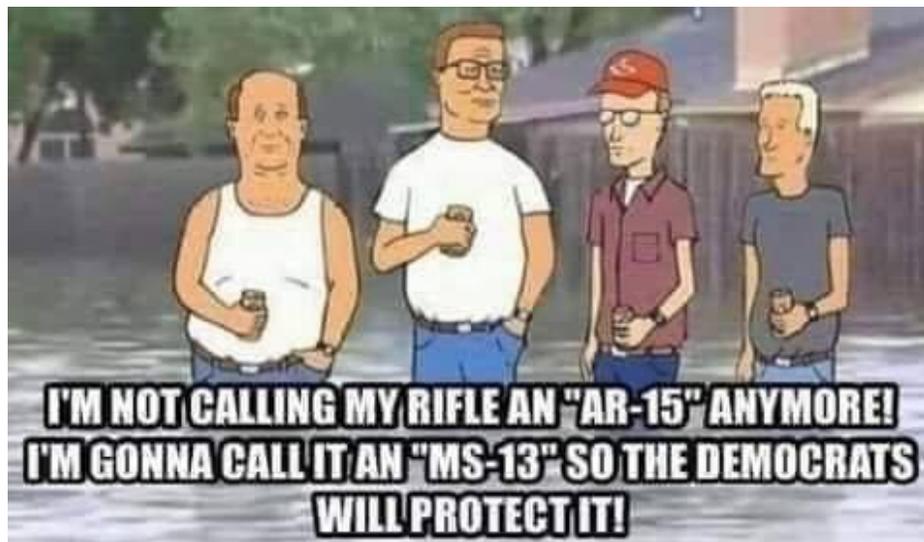
Patchwork

As the Democratic Party isolates itself from Christians and other religious adherents while it shifts further and further from biblical values, an attempt was made to keep faithful liberals blue.

“In June, the DNC – in apparent acknowledgement that the party has a ‘God problem’ – hired a religious outreach director,” [WND recounted](#). “Rev. Derrick Harkins – who held a similar position in 2012 – is former senior vice president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, which recently celebrated ‘rejoicing in the queerness of God.’”

With such progressive theology, an overwhelming majority of Bible-believing Christians have swayed toward President Donald Trump and the Republican Party, which have unabashedly fought Democrats to protect biblical values on a number of fronts over the years.

“Democrats have alienated themselves from many religious voters by promoting abortion and same-sex marriage,” WND pointed out. “In 2016, Trump won 80 percent of the white evangelical vote.”



They Own 13 Homes & are Worth \$61M



And, They are Discussing Income Inequality

Ponder that.

Liberalism Then and Now

Mark Bauerlein, March 10, 2019

If you go back just a few decades, here is what liberals believed:

1. Everyone should be judged as an individual. To see someone as a representative of a group is to stereotype him.
2. People have a right to privacy, which means that what they do in their personal lives isn't relevant to their public and work lives.
3. Free speech is the basis of a free society.
4. Journalists should act as nonpartisan watchdogs monitoring the halls of power.
5. Western civilization is the story of freedom and equality spreading to more and more people in the world.
6. The United States is a city on a hill.
7. Scientific findings should be examined on apolitical grounds of validity and method.
8. One must accept the results of fair elections.
9. The best art transcends politics.

We must stand up for the working man.

Those positions weren't controversial back then, but they are worse than controversial now.

Here is what 21st-century liberals believe:

1. Everyone should be judged as a member of an identity group.
2. Anything you say on Facebook may be sent to your employer with a demand you be terminated.
3. Speech is violence. Free speech must be curtailed so that historically disadvantaged peoples won't be further harmed.
4. Journalists must become partisans when they object to the politics of the persons they cover.
5. Western civilization is a legacy of white supremacy.
6. The United States was built on slavery and genocide.
7. Scientific findings must be judged by their political implications.
8. The election of someone who is abominable must be overturned.
9. All art is political, and the best art reinforces progressive goals.

The working man in America is a drain on innovation and dangerous to the environment.

One remarkable thing about these reversals is that liberals who supported the former have switched to the latter without apology or concern. College professors who once insisted that sexism in hiring stop and men and women be judged impartially don't hesitate to agree that women should receive favorable treatment. Liberals who previously affirmed that social science research demonstrated that racist beliefs were false have no problem with activists demanding that studies which have reached politically incorrect conclusions be suppressed. Democrats who favored a southern border wall 10 years ago oppose it now because the context has changed—and context is everything.

It's not that liberalism has changed, though. We now see that liberalism never was a specific set of beliefs. It was a disposition, a certain pliable and progressive attitude toward things.

If you thought liberals prized freedom of conscience as a bedrock principle, after seeing the Little Sisters of the Poor hauled into the Supreme Court by the beloved Obama Administration you realize that liberals were ready to abandon that principle as soon as the winds of propriety blew in another direction. The prime liberal virtue is flexibility, not liberty or dignity or equal opportunity. We have problems, they maintain, not because people hold the wrong opinions, but because they hold those opinions too firmly. If everyone would just lighten up and relax and pull back a little, tensions would ease, polarization would decrease, and we could get along. The great enemy is dogmatism of any kind.

Changing one's mind, then, isn't a sign of cynicism or mendacity. It's maturity, in the liberal's eyes. Conservatives who accuse them of hypocrisy and think they've scored a point are wasting their breath. The only thing that will sway a liberal to change his mind is the premonition that the winds are shifting once again.

Liberals have favored leftist breezes in the compromise game, to be sure, but that's only because leftists control the wind machines of Hollywood, academia, Silicon Valley—the popular culture writ large. They loathe and fear Donald Trump because they sensed, quite accurately and from the start, that he would undo the concessions of the recent past and make the future more adversarial.

Trump puts liberals in a hard spot. Other Republicans, ever-conceding one issue after another, pleased liberals who found leftists pushing them on a dozen fronts in the Obama years. A soft Republican leadership helped liberals pacify the Left and keep the status quo more or less intact. President Trump ruined the whole set-up. The solution to the liberals' Trump problem, however, isn't removal of the president. His ascent signals too many people fed up with liberal flexibility (and leftist aggression). Liberals better change their "art of the deal" if they want the establishment house they've built since the mid-20th century to survive.

Legislative Report



House Passes Congressman Van Taylor's Legislation

Washington, September 26, 2019

H.R. 3246 Provides Certainty and Protections for Traveling Families

WASHINGTON – Today, bipartisan legislation introduced by United States Congressman Van Taylor (TX-03) to provide more certainty to parents traveling with baby supplies such as breast milk and formula was passed by the United States House of Representatives.

Earlier this year, after hearing from constituents at his Coffee with your Congressman Event, Congressman Van Taylor introduced H.R. 3246, the *Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act* to ensure the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) consistently and correctly enforces regulations pertaining to the screening of breast milk, baby formula, and nursing products.

H.R. 3246 was brought before the House of Representatives for consideration on Thursday, September 26, 2019 **where it passed by unanimous consent.**

Following passage of his legislation, Congressman Taylor said, **"After listening to a concerned mother at my Community Coffee public forum in June, I was eager to provide certainty to parents when traveling with breast milk, baby formula, and nursing products. Despite established, clear procedures, families across the United States have faced unnecessary frustration and difficulties when flying."** He went on, **"I applaud House passage of this commonsense legislation and thank Congresswoman Rice, Ranking Member Rogers, Chairman Thompson, and Senator McSally for their bipartisan support and efforts to help provide certainty regarding TSA regulations to families traveling with children."**

Specifically, H.R. 3246 requires the Comptroller General to review TSA's implementation of current legislation as well as the effectiveness of the Agency in ensuring screening protocol clarity and screening consistency relating to the screening of formula and breast milk. Finally, the bill requires the Comptroller General to issue recommendations for improving TSA's overall screening practices for such products.

H.R. 3246, the *Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act* has broad bipartisan support and has been endorsed by March of Dimes, the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"The *Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act* modernizes DHS by ensuring established protocols are equally enforced while maintaining the safety of travelers," House Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member Mike Rogers (AL-03) said. "I applaud Congressman Taylor for his leadership on this issue."

Background

While formula, breast milk, and juice in quantities greater than 3.4 ounces have been permitted in carry-on luggage by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for years, enforcement of such screening procedures has been inconsistent, causing confusion and headaches for parents across the United States traveling with or without their children.

In order to provide parents with more certainty when traveling, Congress enacted the *Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening (BABES) Act* in 2016. However, parents traveling with breast milk, baby formula, and nursing products are still receiving inconsistent treatment from TSA when going through airport security. Whether traveling through specific airports not following clearly defined protocol or as a result of individual TSA Agents disregarding official procedures, parents across the nation are left confused and inconvenienced.

After hearing about the issue from constituents attending his Coffee with your Congressman Event, and receiving statements from dozens of Collin County parents, Congressman Taylor began researching the issue and appropriate solutions. His legislation will provide parents the certainty needed when traveling with critical supplies for their children.

More information on H.R. 3246, the *Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act* can be found [online](#). Text of the legislation is available [here](#).

A 7th generation Texan, Congressman Van Taylor is a dedicated family man, successful businessman, and decorated Marine Officer. Taylor served Collin County both in the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate. Today, Taylor is proud to serve on the House Committee on Education and Labor as well as the House Committee on Homeland Security



NFRW Photos

The National Federation of Republican women had their 40th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 26th through the 29th. Jennifer Groyzman and Catherine Gibb attended on behalf of our club.

The great state of Texas, and our amazing Texas Republican Women won the award for most volunteer campaign hours between 2017-2018. We had a total of 1,465,479 hours worked by the Republican Women here in Texas. PRW and three other Collin County Republican Clubs won the NFRW Diamond Achievement Award.



More Proof That Voter Fraud Is Real, and Bipartisan

Jason Snead, August 27, 2019

A California jury on Aug. 23 convicted a Mexican citizen of identity theft and voter fraud. Two decades ago, Gustavo Araujo Lerma took on the identity of a deceased U.S. citizen and proceeded to vote illegally in a number of U.S. elections. But Lerma didn't vote for who you might expect.

Lerma is a Republican and an ardent backer of President Donald Trump. His lawyers even held up as evidence at trial a letter from Trump and Vice President Mike Pence thanking him for his support.

If nothing else, Lerma's conviction is further proof that the incentives to commit voter fraud are truly bipartisan. Heritage Foundation experts have long pointed out that voter fraud is not particular to one party or ideology. At its core, people cheat in elections to further their preferred causes or to advance their own careers, and there's nothing inherently conservative or liberal about the desire to win.

That's hardly a shocking revelation. Lerma is the latest—but hardly the first—Republican to be caught and convicted of election crimes. In fact, The Heritage Foundation's voter fraud database contains many examples of fraud perpetrated by people on the political right.

Nevertheless, whenever a right-leaning vote fraudster is identified, liberal activists and politicians relish needling conservatives over the alleged hypocrisy. They did it last year, when widespread absentee ballot tampering tainted the results of the race in North Carolina's 9th Congressional District. (A special election for that seat will be held on Sept. 10.)

Some outlets are doing it now with the Lerma case, pointing out the irony that Trump—who has claimed that he most likely would have won the popular vote in 2016 if millions of illegal votes had not been cast against him—actually benefited from this very type of fraud.

But those reactions—though par for the course in today's divisive politics—miss the point entirely.

If liberal politicians, pundits, and publications want to devote their time and attention to election integrity, they are welcome to—and should. But they ought to be focusing less on the party affiliation of the fraudster, and more on finding solutions to combat the fraud they perpetrate.

After all, whenever voter fraud occurs, it undermines the electoral process for everyone. Fortunately, we know what policies work to combat voter fraud. Voter identification laws and programs to clean up wildly inaccurate voter rolls help to verify that only eligible individuals are voting, and that they are casting ballots in the jurisdictions where they actually reside.

Interstate cross-check programs, meanwhile, compare state voter rolls and help to identify duplicate registrations and single out double-voters. These policies are not only common sense, they are urgently needed. A 2012 Pew study found that one out of every eight voter registrations were inaccurate, with 2.8 million people registered in two or more states.

Across the nation, hundreds of counties have more registered voters than residents. In June, California began a process of removing a staggering 5 million inactive registrations from its rolls—but only after it was sued by Judicial Watch.

It's impossible to deny that individuals are exploiting vulnerabilities in the election process. The Heritage voter fraud database contains 1,217 proven instances of fraud, but that list isn't comprehensive.

These cases—which are most likely just the tip of the iceberg—range from ineligible noncitizens casting illegal ballots to corrupt politicians buying votes and rigging their own elections.

Unfortunately, unless it's a Republican committing the fraud, many liberal politicians and activists routinely insist that voter fraud is a figment of conservatives' imaginations—or they assert that it's so rare it's inconsequential.

Yet, elections have been overturned due to fraud—sometimes, because of only a small handful of illegal ballots.

Liberals label policies such as requiring IDs at the polling place “racist,” and casually extend that derisive label to anyone who supports them.

The data are not on their side. Consider the latest from the PewResearch Center: In 2018, voter participation surged, and “last year's midterm voters [were] the most racially and ethnically diverse ever.”

According to the Census Bureau, black, Hispanic, and Asian voter turnout all increased by double digits from 2014 to 2018. In Georgia—where Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams refused to concede defeat because of supposed “voter suppression”—black voter registration increased by more than 6 percentage points from the prior midterm, and actually topped white voters in percentage terms, 68.4% compared with 66.8%.

The bottom line? Accusations of voter suppression have no basis in fact. So why, then, do we keep hearing them? For some politicians and activists, election integrity is just too politically valuable. Turning the sanctity of the ballot box into a racially charged wedge issue animates the base, tars their opponents, and provides a convenient scapegoat for Election Day defeats.

Voters deserve better than cynical gamesmanship, and that is especially true when it comes to protecting the integrity of the electoral process.

Lerma's conviction is a reminder that voter fraud can be committed on a bipartisan basis. Support for policies to combat it should be equally bipartisan.

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SURPRISE!!! SURPRISE!!!

CALIFORNIA Legislative Year Is Now Closed

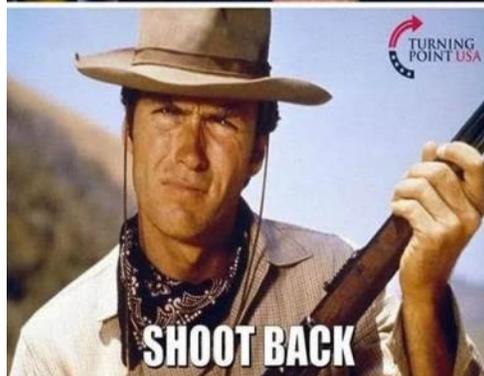
So what did they accomplish during this high pressure year in Sacramento?

Here are some of the highlights of the session:

- * **Passed Cap-n-Trade Tax** which will increase gas 0.63 to 0.93 cents a gallon and the taxes that go with it.
 - * **Proposed increase** on a new tax every residence will pay for tap water!
 - * **A \$3.46B parks bond** to pay for parks in "disadvantaged communities". The debt service alone will be over \$200 million a year. The good news is some money goes to help fix the Salton Sea which should have always been a State responsibility!
 - * **Law to release any lifer** (murder, rape, child molestation, etc.) who is 60 years old and has already spent 25 years in prison! Charles Manson would have qualified if he just waited a few months before dying; and the Menendez brothers that murdered their parents could be released in about 12 years? Victims?... What victims?
 - * **A new \$ 50 charge on all residents living in a mobile home parks** to address "living condition enforcement" in those parks? What the hell does that mean? As if having to live in a mobile home park isn't bad enough? **Regressive tax on the poor?**
 - * **Requires Tesla to either unionize** with the United Auto Workers Union, or forfeit State incentives to buy their electric cars! May-be **political blackmail** doesn't count as breaking any law. Unions are loving it. "Watch out solar companies.. They may be coming after you next!!!"
- Hang tight Elon!
- * **Reduce from a felony to a misdemeanor** the purposeful intent to transmit the AIDS virus to an unknowing partner
 - * **Give preferential treatment to prisoners** convicted of serious crimes that are less than 25 years old because their brains are not mature enough to understand right from wrong. Whaaat?
 - * **A bill to require our true sex be omitted** from drivers licenses? Whaaat?
 - * **Free legal services for illegal immigrants..** Of course!
 - * **Establish safe "injection zones"** run by government to oversee people injecting heroin!

Of course no rules about filth and street living...probably part of the NEW California life style.

Yep, it all passed!!



Lord please
don't let Trump
say coffee is
good. The
Democrats will
ban it and I'll
die



White men are
the problem in
America!

Then why are you
trying so hard to
look like one?

7 Reasons Taylor Swift Shouldn't Support Equality Act

Monica Burke, August 27, 2019 for the Daily Signal

Editor's note: Taylor Swift is speaking out about her support for the Equality Act, legislation passed by the House earlier this year that, if enacted, could affect everything from bathrooms to pronouns to women's sports to parental rights.

Accepting her award for her video, "You Need to Calm Down," Swift noted the award was based on votes. "So you voting for this video means that you want a world where we're all treated equally under the law, regardless of who we love, regardless of how we identify," the singer said Monday night at the MTV Video Music Awards. "You Need to Calm Down" includes lyrics such as "Cause shade never made anybody less gay" and "Why are you mad when you could be GLAAD? (You could be GLAAD)."

"At the end of this video, there was a petition, and there still is a petition, for the Equality Act, which basically just says we all deserve equal rights under the law," Swift added. "And I want to thank everyone who signed that petition because it now has half a million signatures, which is five times the amount that it would need to warrant a response from the White House."

Here is a reprint of an article, first published in The Daily Signal March 14, that explains the consequences Americans could face because of the Equality Act.

Most Americans don't want a nationwide bathroom requirement, health care mandate, or "preferred pronoun" law based on gender identity, but congressional Democrats seem to think it's time to impose them. Nancy Pelosi delivered Wednesday on her promise to introduce the so-called Equality Act, which would elevate sexual orientation and gender identity to protected classes in federal anti-discrimination law. Although that may sound nice in theory, in practice sexual orientation and gender identity policies at the state and local level have caused profound harms to Americans from all walks of life.

How might a sexual orientation and gender identity law on the federal level, as introduced in the House and Senate, affect you and your community? Here are seven ways:

1. It would penalize Americans who don't affirm new sexual norms or gender ideology.

Jack Phillips' case went all the way to the Supreme Court after the Colorado Civil Rights Commission accused the bakery owner of discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation when the self-described cake artist declined to create a custom cake to celebrate a same-sex wedding. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop, but left the law in question, the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, intact. Until last week, Phillips was in court again defending himself against the same agency under the same law.

The day after the Supreme Court ruled in Phillips' case, Autumn Scardina, a lawyer who identifies as transgender, requested that he create a "gender transition cake." After Phillips declined, the state Civil Rights Commission found probable cause under the law that the baker had discriminated on the basis of gender identity.

Thankfully, the commission last week dropped the case, and Phillips agreed to drop his own lawsuit accusing the state agency of harassing him for his Christian beliefs. Phillips is just one of many Americans who have lost income because of their belief that marriage is between one man and one woman. Others cases involve florists, bakers, photographers, wedding venue owners, videographers, web designers, calligraphers, and public servants.

These cases are just the beginning. The same policies used to silence disagreement over marriage can be used to silence disagreement over the biological reality of sex.

2. It would compel speech.

Virginia high school teacher Peter Vlaming lost his job for something he did not say. A county school board voted unanimously to fire the veteran teacher over the objections of his students after he refused to comply with administrators' orders to use masculine pronouns in referring to a female student who identifies as transgender.

Vlaming did his best to accommodate the student without violating his religious belief that God created human beings male and female, using the student's new name and simply refraining from using pronouns altogether. Unfortunately, the school still considered this a violation of its anti-discrimination policy.

Incidents like these would increase under federal policy proposed in the Equality Act. Both federal and private employers could face costly lawsuits if they fail to implement strict preferred pronoun policies. Employees could be disciplined if they fail to comply, regardless of their scientific or moral objections.

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3. It could shut down charities.

Foster care and adoption agencies, drug rehabilitation centers, and homeless centers already face challenges under state and local policies on sexual orientation and gender identity.

In Philadelphia, just days after the city put out an urgent call for 300 additional families to foster children, the city halted child placements by Catholic Social Services because of the organization's belief that every child deserves both a mother and a father. Although same-sex couples have the opportunity to foster children through the state or every other agency in Philadelphia, the city canceled its contract with Catholic Social Services. The agency's approved foster homes remain available while children languish on the waiting list.

A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law would make this situation a national phenomenon, which would spell disaster for the 437,500 children in foster care nationwide.

Other charities would be affected, too.

In Anchorage, Alaska, a biological male born Timothy Paul Coyle goes by the name of Samantha Amanda Coyle. On two occasions, Coyle tried to gain access to the city's Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center, a shelter for homeless, abused, and trafficked women. In one attempt, authorities said, Coyle was inebriated and had gotten into a fight with a staffer at another shelter, so Hope Center staff paid Coyle's fare to the emergency room to receive medical attention. Coyle sued the center for "gender identity discrimination."

A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law could force any social service organization to open up private facilities—including single-sex bathrooms, showers, and sleeping areas—to members of the opposite sex.

4. It would allow more biological males to defeat girls in sports.

Two biological males who identify and compete as women easily defeated all of their female competitors in an event at the Connecticut State Track Championships. Transgender athlete Terry Miller broke the state record in the girls' 100-meter dash. Andraya Yearwood, also transgender, took second place. Selina Soule, a female runner, not only lost to the biological males in the championships but also lost out on valuable opportunities to be seen by college coaches and chosen for scholarships. Soule said about the 100-meter event: "We all know the outcome of the race before it even starts; it's demoralizing."

A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law would defeat the purpose of Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, which is supposed to guarantee women equal educational and athletic opportunities. Under radical gender identity policies, female athletes have sustained gruesome injuries at the hands of male competitors. In high school wrestling, female athletes have forfeited rather than compete against transgender athletes on testosterone. A federal law could set girls' and women's sports back permanently at every level.

5. It could be used to coerce medical professionals.

Under state sexual orientation and gender identity laws, individuals who identify as transgender have sued Catholic hospitals in California and New Jersey for declining to perform hysterectomies on otherwise healthy women who wanted to pursue gender transition. If these lawsuits succeed, medical professionals would be pressured to treat patients according to ideology rather than their best medical judgment.

The Obama administration tried to coerce medical professionals into offering transition-affirming therapies through a regulation in the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare. That move was stopped in the 11th hour by a federal judge. However, that could all be set back in motion if a national law imposes a nationwide health care mandate regarding gender identity.

6. It could lead to more parents losing custody of their children.

The politicization of medicine according to gender ideology will create more conflicts among parents, doctors, and the government. A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law would jeopardize parental rights nationwide. In fact, the current issue of the American Journal of Bioethics includes an article arguing that the state should overrule the parents of transgender children who do not consent to give them puberty-blocking drugs.

This has already happened. In Ohio, a judge removed a biological girl from her parents' custody after they declined to help her "transition" to male with testosterone supplements. After the Cincinnati Children's Hospital's Transgender Health Clinic recommended these treatments for the girl's gender dysphoria, the parents wanted to pursue counseling instead. Then the county's family services agency charged the parents with abuse and neglect, and the judge terminated their custody.

Similar cases are proceeding through the courts with children as young as 6 years old. Meanwhile, studies show that 80 to 95 percent of children no longer experience gender dysphoria after puberty. Politicizing medicine could have serious consequences for children who are exposed to the unnecessary medical risks of drastic therapies.

A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law would make these cases more common.

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Nine Things to Know about Birthright Citizenship

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President Donald Trump's announcement that he's considering an executive order on birthright citizenship has raised questions and much interest in the 14th Amendment. Here are some the basic things you should know about birthright citizenship.

1. Universal birthright citizenship is a misinterpretation of the 14th Amendment ("All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.") and is inconsistent with the intent of the amendment's framers.
2. Based on the legislative history at the time, the 14th Amendment's framers intended to give citizenship only to those who owed their allegiance to the United States and were subject to its complete jurisdiction, primarily the newly freed slaves, who were lawful permanent residents.
3. Owning allegiance to the United States and being subject to its complete jurisdiction means being "not subject to any foreign power" and excludes those only temporarily present in the country.
4. Most legal arguments for universal birthright citizenship point to the Supreme Court's 1898 decision in *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*, which challenged the government's decision to deny re-entry to a U.S.-born child of foreign nationals who were legally present and permanently residing in the United States.
5. *Wong Kim Ark* stands only for the narrow proposition that the U.S.-born children of lawful permanent resident aliens are U.S. citizens. It says nothing with respect to the U.S.-born children of illegal or non-permanent resident aliens.
6. In the famous *Slaughter-House* cases of 1872, the Supreme Court stated that this qualifying phrase was intended to exclude "children of ministers, consuls, and citizens or subjects of foreign States born within the United States." This was confirmed in 1884 in another case, *Elk vs. Wilkins*, when citizenship was denied to an American Indian because he "owed immediate allegiance to" his tribe and not the United States.
7. American Indians and their children did not become citizens until Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. There would have been no need to pass such legislation if the 14th Amendment extended citizenship to every person born in America, no matter what the circumstances of their birth, and no matter who their parents are.
8. Neither the Supreme Court nor Congress has clarified that the U.S.-born children of illegal or non-permanent resident aliens are U.S. citizens; federal law (8 U.S.C. §1401) simply repeats the language of the 14th Amendment.

The president has the constitutional authority to direct executive agencies to act in accordance with the original meaning of the Citizenship Clause, and to direct agencies to issue passports, Social Security numbers, etc., only to those whose status as citizens is clear under the current law.



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7. It would enable sexual assault.

A complaint under investigation by federal education officials alleges that a boy who identifies as "gender fluid" at Oakhurst Elementary School in Decatur, Georgia, sexually assaulted Pascha Thomas' 5-year-old daughter in a girls' restroom. The boy had access to the girls' restroom because of Decatur City Schools' transgender restroom policy. School authorities refused to change the policy even after Thomas reported the assault. Eventually, she decided to remove her daughter from school for the girl's emotional well-being and physical safety.

A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law would give male sexual predators who self-identify as females access to private facilities, increasing the likelihood of these tragic incidents. It could also make victims less likely to report sexual misconduct and police less likely to get involved, for fear of being accused of discrimination.

The proposed Equality Act could impose a nationwide bathroom policy that would leave women and children in particular vulnerable to predators. It actually would promote inequality by elevating the ideologies of special-interest groups to the level of protected groups in civil rights law.

The Equality Act defies the purpose of anti-discrimination laws. The original Civil Rights Act was enacted to protect African-Americans from being denied access to material goods and services. The Equality Act, by contrast, would be used as a sword to attack people and force them to adopt new ideologies about human sexuality.

This extreme and dangerous legislation would create unprecedented harms to businesses, charities, medical professionals, women and children, and entire families. The writing is on the wall: The Equality Act is anything but.

To Pay for Reparations, Will Democrats Sue Themselves?

By: Larry Elder, March 7, 2019

After the election and re-election of the country's first black president, who would have thought that, less than two years later, leading Democrats would seriously debate paying blacks reparations for slavery?

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi supports a bill that would set up a commission to consider reparations, which she says is "One of the things that we can do not only just in terms of trying to make up for a horrible, sinful thing that happened in our country in terms of slavery, but for our country to live up to who we think we are." She added: "We have to reduce the disparity in income in our country. We have to reduce the disparity in access to education in an affordable way in our country, reduce the health disparities in our country."

But two years ago, President Barack Obama called reparations a political nonstarter. "It is easy to make that theoretical argument," Obama said in an interview. "But as a practical matter, it is hard to think of any society in human history in which a majority population has said that as a consequence of historic wrongs, we are now going to take a big chunk of the nation's resources over a long period of time to make that right."

President John F. Kennedy took the same positions. Asked in 1963 about race-based affirmative action for blacks, Kennedy said: "I don't think we can undo the past. In fact, the past is going to be with us for a good many years in uneducated men and women who lost their chance for a decent education. We have to do the best we can now. That is what we are trying to do. I don't think quotas are a good idea. I think it is a mistake to begin to assign quotas on the basis of religion or race or color, or nationality. ... On the other hand, I do think that we ought to make an effort to give a fair chance to everyone who is qualified, not through a quota, but just look over our employment rolls, look over our areas where we are hiring people, and at least make sure we are giving everyone a fair chance, but not hard-and-fast quotas. We are too mixed, this society of ours, to begin to divide ourselves on the basis of race or color."

Slavery in America ended more than 150 years ago.

Neither former slaves nor slave owners are alive today. Furthermore, columnist and radio host Michael Medved says that only about 5 percent of whites have any sort of "generational" connection to slavery. "The importation of slaves came to an end in 1808 (as provided by the Constitution), a mere 32 years after independence, and slavery had been outlawed in most states decades before the Civil War," wrote Medved in 2007. "Even in the South, more than 80 percent of the white population never owned slaves. Given the fact that the majority of today's non-black Americans descend from immigrants who arrived in this country after the War Between the States, only a tiny percentage of today's white citizens — perhaps as few as 5 percent — bear any authentic sort of generational guilt for the exploitation of slave labor."

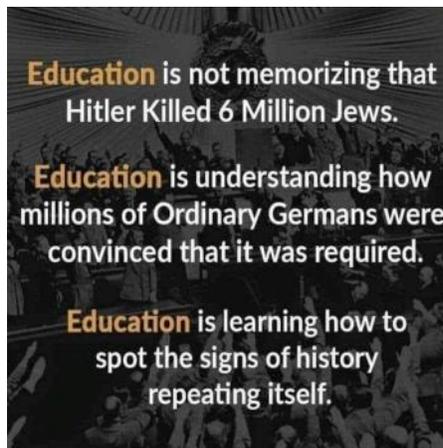
Finally, what about the role of the Democratic Party in slavery, Jim Crow and the resistance to ending them? Republican President Abraham Lincoln, elected on an anti-slavery platform, signed the Emancipation Proclamation and led the North in its victory over the South at the cost of at least 620,000 soldiers dead on both sides. Democrats opposed the 13th Amendment, which freed the slaves, the 14th Amendment, which conferred citizenship on them, and the 15th Amendment, which gave them the right to vote.

During the debate over the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Democrats, including Sen. Al Gore Sr., orchestrated a record-breaking 60-day filibuster in an attempt to block the bill from coming to a vote. By percentage, more Republicans in the House and the Senate voted to pass the bill than did Democrats. Republican Sen. Everett Dirksen received an honor, 40 years after his death, from his hometown's local chapter of the NAACP for his work navigating the bill through the Senate. When Republican Rep. Bill McCulloch of Ohio announced his retirement, he received a handwritten letter from former first lady Jackie Kennedy, who thanked him for his role in the bill's passage. Kennedy, who considered the bill a legacy of her husband, wrote: "Your integrity under such pressures is what makes our political system worth fighting for and dying for. Please forgive the emotional tone of this letter — but I want you to know how much your example means to me. It is a light of hope in an often dark world, and one I shall raise my children on as they grow older."

To pay for reparations, does the Democratic Party intend to sue itself for damages?

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Teach your kids about socialism by making them clean the bathroom

Then, pay them 10 dollars
Then take 7 of those dollars

And give those seven dollars to their sibling who didn't work

I bet your child won't be a socialist for long.

No-One's Life Matters. That's Why There Are Mass Shootings

By David Goldman August 7, 2019

Writing in the left-wing [Forward](#) website today, Cathy Young warns the Left to take its own violence seriously:

...It has been a staple of conventional wisdom that the real danger comes almost entirely from the far right...But is that still true today? We don't know if Connor Betts, the 24-year-old Ohio man who killed nine people (including his own sister) and wounded 27 more when he opened fire on a crowded street in Dayton on Sunday, had any involvement with Antifa. But Betts's Twitter [trail](#) makes it clear that he was a hardcore leftist who embraced some fairly extreme ideas—and, in some cases, advocated violence toward political enemies in Antifa-style language.

Good for Ms. Young, who declines to join the chorus blaming President Trump for the last two atrocities. Never mind that the five worst mass shooting incidents took place outside the United States, or that more mass shootings occurred during the Obama presidency than under Trump. But that leaves us with the question: Why are there mass shootings?

Mass shootings are a special form of suicide. The shooter never expects to survive. But the shooter combines self-hatred with group hatred. Hate becomes so melded with the shooter's identity that he determines to take as many people as he can with him. They are of the same order as the pilot who crashed a Germanwings airliner into the Alps in 2015.

Emil Durkheim's 1897 diagnosis of "anomic suicide" describes the Columbine perpetrators as well as the 2016 San Bernardino attack by Muslim fanatics, the "right-wing" shooter in El Paso and the "left-wing" shooter in Dayton. They are individuals cut off from society, destabilized by change and despairing of their own place in the world. Such monsters always have been among us. But now we are cultivating such monsters by destroying the ties that bind us to each other, to our past and to our future.

Everyone used to matter. No-one matters anymore, not at least in the postmodern dystopia of invented identity. In the good old days we mattered because each of us was radically unique. We were unique as members of a congregation standing before the God who made us, and unique as parents watching over the children we had brought into the world. We knew that each of us had a singular purpose, first because God does nothing in vain. We hoped to make the previous generation proud of us, and the next generation worthy of its predecessors. Each of us had a mission that no-one else could carry out for us, and that mission was to raise children who were uniquely ours, and with whom we had a unique rapport through bonds of intimacy that no master's degree in psychology could replace.

Everyone used to know who they were. We did not shop for an identity in the alphabet soup of postmodern sexuality, but bore the identity we inherited. We honored the aged and raised the young. Life was tragic but triumphant. We might grow frail and die but our children, our community, and above all our country carried something of our mortal existence into an indefinite future. Our brief time on earth had purpose. We could expect a modicum of joy among all the tears.

No more. The liberal consensus now tells us that we are free to invent our own identities—not only free to do so, but required to do so on pain of public shaming, because the entirety of the past is polluted by racism, colonialism, misogyny, Islamophobia, and so forth. Our past supposedly is a Black Museum of abuses by the white patriarchy, and no stone may be left atop another in our fervor to raze it. Like the Taliban in Afghanistan, the Left seeks to destroy every recollection of the past, not because our ancestors were so wicked, but rather because it wants to clear the ground for its Frankenstein-like experiments in the creation of a New Man. That is what Mao did in the 1960s during China's horrible Cultural Revolution. A Chinese acquaintance comments, "Now America is having its own Cultural Revolution."

Yet we also are told that we are irrelevant specks of carbon circling one star among billions in our galaxy, which is one galaxy among billions in a universe which cares nothing about the brief flickering of our existence. Our brain is a machine whose functions soon will be mimicked by artificial intelligence. The brain scientists and evolutionary biologists tell us that our freedom is an illusion. Our lives don't matter, because there is nothing we possibly might do that could matter. We have nothing but the illusion of freedom, directed towards arbitrary whims.

The ruling liberal dogma tells us that the past was an unrelieved pageant of oppression against people of color, women, and other victims. We are the first "woke" generation, and everything that preceded us is to be abominated. If we abominate our ancestors, why should we bear children who will invent their own identities by abominating us? Nothing will be left of our mortal existence when we die, but there is worse: Long before that we will grow old and irrelevant, with nothing to do in the absolute loneliness of old age except to wait for death. We fear the waiting as much as we fear death itself. No wonder that tech billionaires are obsessed with preventing aging and even death, as Tad Friend reported in a creepy 2017 [New Yorker](#) essay. They aren't fooling anyone, least of all themselves.

We peruse the alphabet soup of sexuality and wonder which app to swipe to find a moment's respite from abysmal, aching loneliness. We look in the mirror with contempt for our own illusions. We know that we aren't fooling anyone, and we know that everyone who sees us laughs behind our back at our pretensions. The harder we try to construct an identity, the greater our fear of being found out for a fraud. That is why we require identity *politics*. What we cannot possibly achieve as individuals we hope to do as a collective, by censoring any

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utterance that might call into question our counterfeit identity. This censorship goes to extremes of absurdity, for example, the case of Access Hollywood host Mario Lopez who was fired for advising parents not to make a determination of preferred gender for their children at the age of three. Identity politics on the right, for example "white nationalism," work exactly the same way that identity politics do on the left.

If our identity is an arbitrary choice, life has no meaning. A randomly chosen "meaning" is no meaning at all. "Meaning" implies a unique meaning. If we can pick a letter, any letter on the LGBTTTQQIAAPAGPGB spectrum (not my invention), or any intersection of gender and ethnic combinations, our life has *no meaning in particular*, and we are condemned to a wraith-like existence in a perpetual present with neither past nor future. That is a formula not just for misery but for despair, not "woke" so much as a waking nightmare. Our lives don't matter, and neither do those of anyone else. It's no surprise that the occasional lunatic fed on the identity politics of left or right decides to put himself out of his misery and take other meaningless lives with him.

High suicide rates in failed cultures are common. Neolithic peoples that encounter the modern world suffer from extreme anomie. Members of Brazil's Guarani tribe have a suicide rate 34 times the national average, the highest in the world. The crisis of Muslim cultures has produced a fearfully large number of individuals willing to kill themselves in order to kill civilians of another Muslim sect, not to mention Americans or Israelis. Our Cultural Revolution has the same effect: We have hollowed out the sense of purpose in life that formerly sustained us and reduced large parts of our population to atomized lost souls. It's not surprising that individuals with severe psychological problems lose all restraint and turn into killers.

I find it especially loathsome that the liberal ideologues who have done everything in their power to undermine family allegiance, congregational devotion and patriotic loyalty now blame the problem on guns.

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Who was responsible for protecting America from Russian interference during the 2016 election?

The answer:

CIA Director John Brennan
DNI James Clapper
FBI Director James Comey
AG Loretta Lynch
President Obama

But Trump is the only one who has to answer for it?

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...Says the Presidential Candidate Who Was **Arrested** For Burglary & DUI



I've Had 2 Abortions. Here's Why I Support Alabama's Pro-Life Law

By: Leslie Dean, May 19, 2019

I'm an unlikely person to be supporting Alabama's new pro-life law. I was pro-choice for many years, and as a young woman I had not one, but two abortions.

Both of my abortions would have been illegal under Alabama's new law passed last week. The law bans abortion at all stages and allows an exception only to save the life of the mother. Other states like Missouri and Louisiana aren't far behind Alabama—and I applaud them all.

I've come a long way to get to this position. As I mentioned, I was once pro-choice. In 1972, I actually joined a high school walk-out march protesting the fact that Planned Parenthood wasn't allowed to do a presentation at our school.

After graduating from nursing school, but before receiving my license, I was working in a hospital in Maryland. One evening, I was asked to assist a doctor with some procedures. I was not aware that this hospital did second trimester abortions until I arrived on the floor and was given my assignment.

There were three women there—all had been given saline injections into their uterus, and then placed on Pitocin drips to encourage contractions.

I spent the majority of time with one of the women, a 29-year-old who shared with me the circumstances behind her decision to abort. She had come home early from work the day before, and caught her husband on their living room couch having sex with another woman.

She said she left the house, and in her extreme hurt and anger decided the best way to get back at him was to tell him she had a miscarriage brought on from the shock of what she had witnessed. He would never know she had actually aborted their child.

Shortly after sharing this, her contractions became close enough that the doctor and I took her to the treatment room, where she began to push and eventually delivered a small baby boy a little larger than the size of my hand.

The doctor estimated him to be between 19-20 weeks. His body had been badly burned, and the expression on his face was unmistakably one of intense pain. He was still alive.

The doctor explained if the eyes were not "fixed" we may need to resuscitate. As he held up the baby to check the eyes, the mother saw him and began to scream uncontrollably: "Oh, God, what have I done?"

Declaring the eyes were fixed, he dropped the baby in a bucket on the floor where I saw it moving and gasping for breath, and then died. The mother became hysterical and had to be medicated.

I ended up going home sick. Eight months earlier, my husband and I had chosen abortion so I could finish nursing school, and the reality of that decision now weighed heavily on me.

That marriage ended, as is often the case in relationships involving abortion. I remarried, had a child, and when I soon became pregnant with a second, my husband claimed he wasn't ready, and I aborted again.

This time, I fought for the baby, but went ahead with the abortion after he threatened to leave me. I believed the doctor when he told me the baby had no heartbeat or body form, and I went through with the procedure—though every fiber in me was unsure.

Two years later, now pregnant with a child we wanted, I had ultrasounds done regularly. I was shown a sonogram of my baby—at the same age as the two I aborted. It had arms, legs, a distinctive heartbeat (separate from my own), and most of all, was moving constantly as I watched.

The horror I felt when I realized I had been lied to—not once, but twice, and by different doctors—was overwhelming.

The regret was crushing. And the anger was immeasurable.

I found forgiveness when a dear friend introduced me to Jesus. I found healing in a post-abortive recovery group, and I found purpose in promising to keep other women from being lied to and deceived as I had been.

I am now a nurse manager at a pregnancy center, and have been trained to do ultrasounds on the clients who come to us for help. Daily, I see the shock, and then the tears of women as they realize the child they were getting ready to abort is alive and moving within them—and has a beating heart!

One young 16-year-old told me, "The baby's heartbeat is so much faster than mine! It has its own heartbeat, separate from me! So it's not my body, it's his! I would be getting rid of him!"

Pretty profound wisdom for a teenager.

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I've Had 2 Abortions. Here's Why I Support Alabama's Pro-Life Law

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This is why women need to know the truth. They deserve to make an informed decision about such a consequential thing. They deserve the facts—not pro-choice talking points that are riddled with lies and deceptions. They deserve the whole truth.

The pain on the face of the baby I helped abort, and the pain of his mother as she realized what she'd done, should never have happened. It should never be something either of these human beings experienced.

The rhetoric on the other side says that post-abortion trauma doesn't exist, that women don't regret their abortions. I know that's a lie. But what was worse for me was finding out the truth after the lie. The betrayal and regret almost destroyed me.

I commend the legislation being passed in states like Alabama, Missouri, and Georgia. These latter two states are advancing bills to ban abortion from when a heartbeat is detected. This means doctors will have to perform sonograms to see if the baby has a heartbeat, and then the mother will see her child.

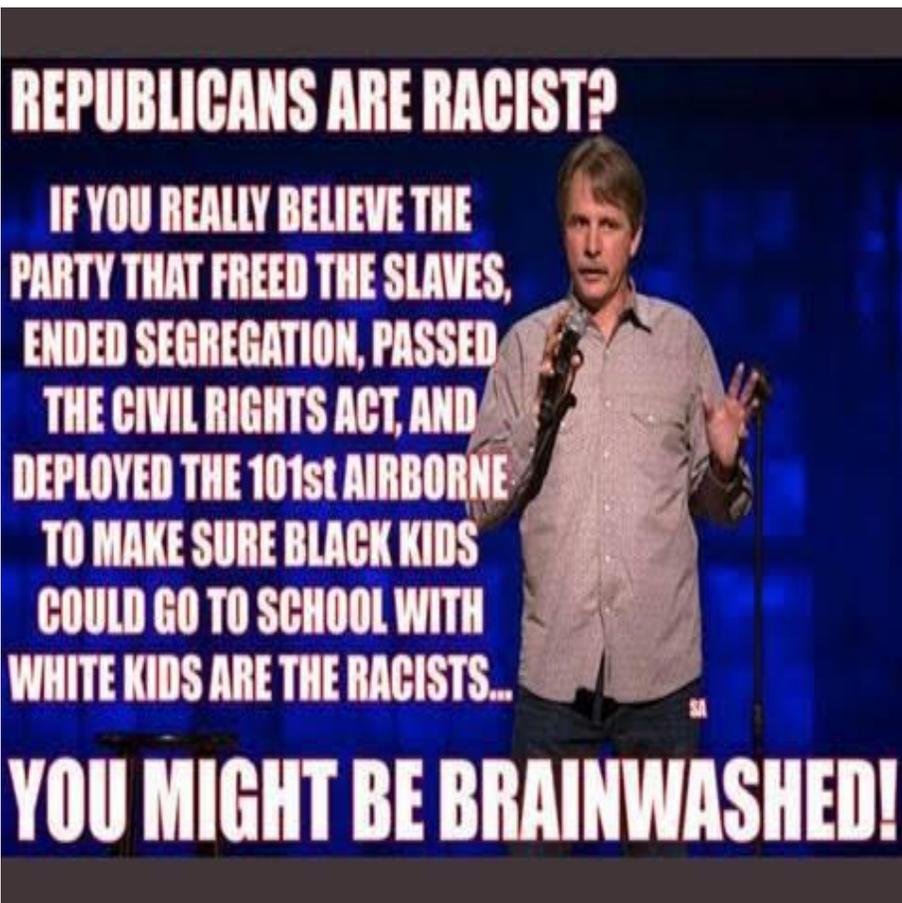
That is a very compelling piece of information for a woman. She deserves that opportunity so she will know the truth. Her baby is alive, and all it needs to someday become a person—just like her—is time to grow.

I also believe the adoption option needs to be made more accessible and affordable. High schools should offer more education about this so that kids can know the truth about open adoption and the safety of intensive background checks.

There are, of course, those who throw out the argument of rape: "Should a woman have to birth her child if she's been raped?" To that I respond: Why should a woman suffer an act of violence twice? Abortion is an act of violence, too. And for an abortion to be successful, someone has to die.

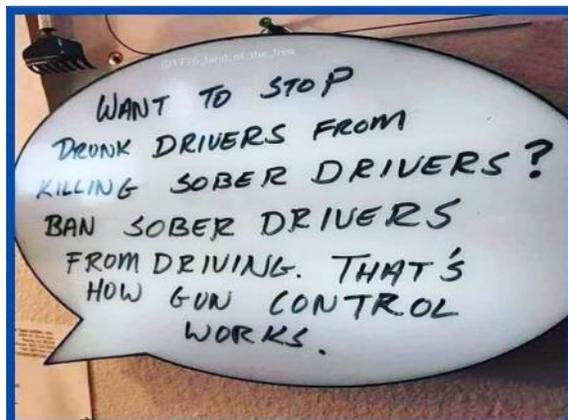
I promise you, at some point, the mother will realize that her child was killed, and it will overwhelm her. She will want to know why she wasn't told the truth.

Women need the truth. Women deserve the truth. That's the true definition of caring for women's health.



Ronald Reagan said:

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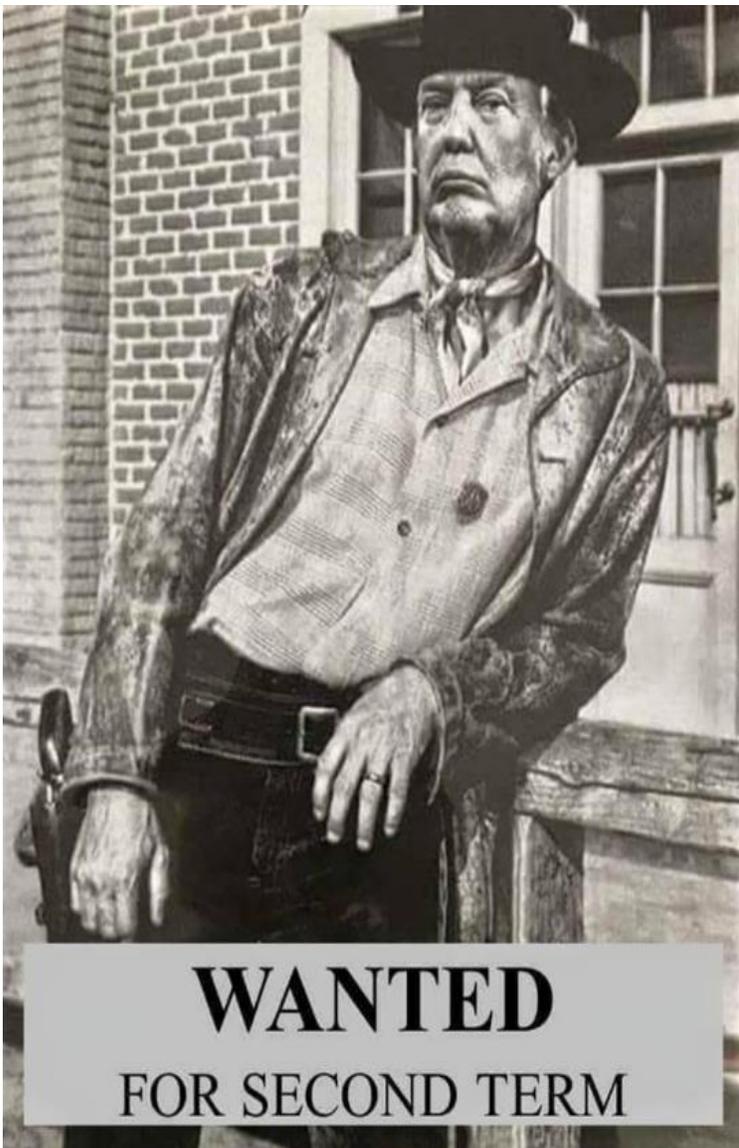
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