

Elephant Talk

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President's Byline : Memorial Day



Between the day we honor our Mothers and the day we honor our Fathers is Memorial Day, the day we honor those who gave their lives to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. First celebrated in 1868 to honor those who lost their lives in the Civil War, the date was chosen to not coincide with any of the battles of that war so as to honor all equally. It was celebrated by decorating their graves with flowers and was originally called Decoration Day.

While this land is one of religious freedom and no "established church" it is definitely founded on Judo-Christian principles as found in the bible. The family is the key unit of society. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." (Gen 2:24) "Neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man in the Lord." (1 Cor 11:11).

No one loves a child more or understands them better than their own mother or father, and no one motivates a man or woman more to do their best and be their best than their own child. Thus the nation will flourish when the raising of children is in the hands of their parents, rather than the school or other government agency. This is the sort of nation that so many brave soldiers have died for and we celebrate on Memorial Day.



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

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The History of Memorial Day

By: Karin Stedman

Memorial Day, as we know it today, is truly an American holiday. It is always observed on the last Monday of May and honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. However, it was originally known as Decoration Day, and has changed over the years to include much more than was initially intended.

It originated in the years following the Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, and claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history. Due to the number of casualties, it required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries, which probably helped to prompt the observances that followed.

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of "Decoration Day", as he had called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

By the late 1860s, citizens all over America were holding springtime tributes to honor these countless soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and holding prayer services. It's hard to know how exactly this tradition originated but it is presumed that many different communities may have independently initiated these types of memorial gatherings.

Waterloo, New York, which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866, hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. One hundred years later, in 1966, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. Many Northern states held commemorative events and continued these traditions annually. By 1890, each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. During World War I, however, the United States found itself in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first observance. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May, creating a three-day weekend for federal employees. This change went into effect in 1971 and also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Cities across America host Memorial Day parades each year, incorporating military personnel as well as members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Volunteers place American flags on graves in national cemeteries.

Memorial Day differs from Veterans Day in that Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. Many Americans observe Memorial Day each year by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Whether it's a prayer or a parade or a family picnic, take time out to remember and honor our heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day or any day of the year. They deserve to be honored and always remembered.

Sources: www.history.com; www.wikipedia.org

You Can Do Business With Terrorist Regimes or With Texas, But Not Both

By: Senator Van Taylor

Since I passed the original Iran Divestiture amendment in 2013, over \$9 million in state taxpayer dollars have been divested from Iran. To further solidify Texas' commitment to the American-Israeli partnership as an essential component of our national security strategy, I authored two bills now headed to Governor [Greg Abbott](#) for signature. The principle is simple: Companies that choose to profit from business with Sudan, Iran, or a foreign terrorist organization will do so without the support of Texas taxpayers.

Passing both Chambers by a combined vote of 348-3, the Legislature was clear and emphatic: Texas stands with our long-time and faithful ally Israel.



I will never forget the first time I walked into the 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company's Headquarters at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The building has a memorial to some of the 220 Marines killed by Iranian terrorists in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983. The inscription read, 'They Came in Peace.' A few months later, while I was deployed as a Marine in northern Iraq, my unit confronted Iranian-funded agitators, spies and anti-American protesters.

Texas' divestment policies, which includes some prohibitions on the investment of public funds in Iran, have both tangible and symbolic significance. To date, over \$9 million in state taxpayer dollars have been divested from Iran. This policy serves as a sign of Texas' commitment to an American foreign policy rooted in unwavering support for Israel, our strong ally in a dangerous and volatile Middle East.

While politicians in Washington failed to stop former President Obama's disastrous Iran deal, Texas — under Gov. Greg Abbott's leadership — again led the way. After meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in January, Abbott stated, "As governor, I am a steadfast supporter and friend to the State of Israel — and the state of Texas' policies will reflect that. That is why today I am announcing action to ensure Texas maintains its Iran divestiture policy despite the federal government's deal. Further, I am calling for new legislation that will strengthen Texas existing divestiture laws and ensure Texas taxpayer funds do not enrich Iran."

To further address this issue and solidify Texas' commitment to the American-Israeli partnership as an essential component of our national security strategy, I authored two bills now headed to Abbott for signature. The principle is simple: Companies that choose to profit from business with Sudan, Iran, or a foreign terrorist organization will do so without the support of Texas taxpayers.

Importantly, this was not a partisan issue. Recognizing the commonsense premise that taxpayer dollars should not aid companies profiting off terrorist regimes or organizations seeking to kill Americans or destroy our way of life, these bills earned overwhelming support within the Texas Legislature, passing both chambers by a combined vote of 348-3.

[Senate Bill 253](#), the Terror State Divestiture Act, builds on Texas' current Iranian and Sudanese divestiture standards to encompass all state funds, rather than just retirement funds. This change would apply to funds in the state treasury and public investment pools.

[Senate Bill 252](#), the Terror State Contracting Divestiture Act, prohibits a state agency, city, county, school district, public university, special district and the Legislature from contracting with a business for goods or services, including public works projects, if that business is engaged in business operations with the Sudanese or Iranian governments, or a foreign terrorist organization designated by the U.S. State Department. While state retirement systems cannot invest in companies that do business with the Sudanese or Iranian governments, nothing prevents state agencies and political subdivisions of this state from using taxpayer dollars to contract with these same companies. This change to Texas' contracting law closes the contracting loophole while ensuring that taxpayer dollars do not go to terrorist business partners.

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By: Senator Van Taylor

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Upon Abbott's signature, these two bills put companies on notice: If you want to do business in Texas with government at any level, you cannot also do business with or invest in a terrorist regime.

This legislation is powerful and unambiguous. If you want to contract with a Texas government entity to build a bridge, develop oilfields, sell gasoline, design plans for a water district, or a host of other projects, Texas taxpayers expect that you are not selling those same services to prop up the Iranian or Sudanese governments or a terrorist organization.



If Texas were its own nation, it would represent a top 10 world economy. Given Texas' economic standing, this action could mirror the impact of a similar required implemented by a nation with an economy the size of Italy, Brazil, or Canada. Taking Texas' vast energy resources into account, these divestment measures could have a very significant and possibly worldwide effect.

The Legislature is clear and emphatic: Texas stands with our long-time and faithful ally Israel.

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August Plano Republican Women Meeting

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

**PRW does not have monthly meetings
in June and July**

Members will receive emails about special events during the break.

Plano Republican Women Proudly Endorse Anthony Ricciardelli For Plano City Council, Place 2



**Early Voting for June 6
Runoff Elections
begins May 30**

Vote for Anthony Ricciardelli

**For information on the 2017 Collin County
Local Runoff Elections
Early Voting Times and Locations
as well as Candidate Information
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Proud to Endorse Republican Anthony Ricciardelli!

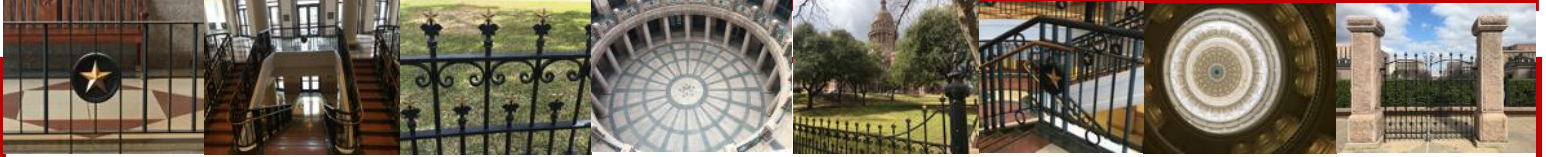
Deeply Disappointed that Others Chose to Endorse a Democrat

By Catherine Gibb

I am deeply and profoundly disappointed that at least 3 people who claim to be Republicans have publicly endorsed Anne Bacchus for Plano City Council (<http://www.annforplano.com/endorsements.html>). While city council and school board elections are supposed to be non-partisan, the Collin County Democrat Party has weighed in from the very beginning and has publicly endorsed various Democrat candidates along with the Republicans that they apparently feel will vote more in line with what they support. One of the Republicans whose name is prominent on Ms. Bacchus's website attended at least 2 PRW meetings (one was our City Council Forum) and each time claimed that he was a "conservative". If he can endorse a Democrat in any race, considering what the Democrat Platform stands for, I can unequivocally say that he is NOT CONSERVATIVE. Back when

Wendy Davis ran against Greg Abbott for governor I was interviewed by the Texas Tribune who wanted to know if I would consider voting for her and my answer was "no, not even if she was running for dog catcher." The reporter asked me why I felt that way. It's pretty simple, values of the Democrat Party are not my values and core beliefs. That party has moved so far to the left that it is very hard to find any common ground with what they believe in and I believe in as a conservative Republican. I remember watching the National Democrat Convention when they voted on whether or not to put God in their platform. They voted by voice vote and each time it was actually voted down, but the person in charge of the vote said that it had passed on the third try and God made it into their platform. It was obvious that the folks at the convention voted against it, but it was included. And because their very flawed candidate Hillary Clinton lost her bid to become President of the United States they have become totally unhinged. So, no, I definitely don't understand Republicans that would endorse much less vote to put someone who believes whole-heartedly enough in the Democrat Party enough to be a precinct chair on the Plano City Council. Local politics profoundly affect our lives. If you are unhappy with the direction that Plano is going in, you have an opportunity to stop it by electing Anthony Ricciardelli (<http://anthonyforplano.com/>) to the City Council and then making a choice between Rick Smith (<http://www.rickforplano.org/>) and David Downs (<http://www.voteplano.com/about-david>) both Republicans, but each with **very different visions** for Plano.

Legislative Report



Congressman Sam Johnson - 3rd District of Texas

5 / 4 / 17 [Sam Johnson Statement on House American Health Care Act Vote](#)

5 / 4 / 17 [Sam Johnson Introduces Bill to Ensure IRS Provides Veterans Access to Health Care Tax Credits](#)

5 / 1 / 17 [SAM JOHNSON Introduces Bill to Repeal Unfair Health Care Requirement for Returning-to-Work Wounded Warriors](#)

85TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS - Senate Press Release

(AUSTIN) — Memorial Day marks the end of the 85th Regular Session, but lawmakers could find themselves in Austin during the summer to deal with some unfinished business. After a bill to extend the Texas Medical Board died due to conflicts between the House and Senate in the waning days, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick wants Governor Greg Abbott to call a special session to deal with two of his top priorities that didn't make it to the governor's desk: property tax reform and the so-called "bathroom bill". Only the governor can call an extra session and only he can set the topics eligible for legislation in it. Abbott said at a bill signing on Monday that he will announce a decision about a special session later in the week.

Over the weekend, the House and Senate passed a final version of the state budget, authorizing \$107.7 billion to pay for state services for the next two years. Despite the tight revenue forecast, its author says the budget will fund the state's critical priorities and put more money into education, mental health care and Child Protective Services. "This budget is fiscally responsible," said Senate Finance Committee Chair and Flower Mound Senator Jane Nelson. "It essentially is flat compared with the current one, but it makes progress in several key areas."

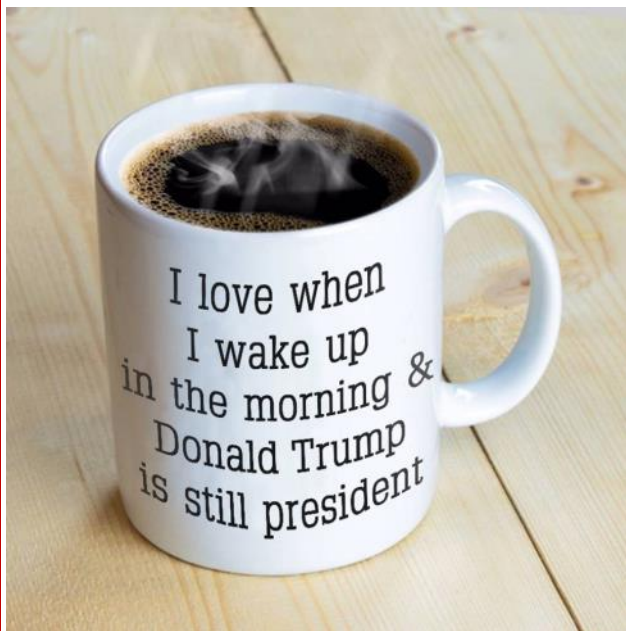
Also over the weekend, the Legislature gave final approval to sweeping reforms to the agency that oversees child welfare in Texas. SB 11, by Georgetown Senator Charles Schwertner, would continue the process of privatizing parts of foster care, moving to a community based model that seeks to keep children in their communities and expedite their medical care. There's also \$500 million set aside in the budget to hire more caseworkers, in addition to the \$160 million spent over the interim to hire more employees and give raises to existing workers.

Here's a look at some of the other key pieces of legislation that passed this session:

- SB 4, by Lubbock Senator Charles Perry, would outlaw so-called "sanctuary city" policies in Texas. These are formal or informal policies set by city officials that preclude cooperation with federal immigration officials. Police departments would also have to comply with federal immigration requests to extend detention for suspected criminal immigrants. This bill has already been signed by the Governor and is set to become law on September 1.
- HB 62, sponsored by Laredo Senator Judith Zaffirini, would ban texting while driving in Texas. This bill still awaits action by the Governor.
- SB 5, by Houston Senator Joan Huffman, would make changes to the state's Voter ID law after a court struck down parts of it. It would allow a person to sign an affidavit stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining a photo ID and cast a regular ballot. It still needs to be signed by the Governor.
- SB 8, by Georgetown Senator Charles Schwertner, was amended in the House to become an omnibus abortion regulation bill. It would require that fetal tissue be given a proper burial or cremation after an abortion, would ban a certain type of second-trimester abortion and would reaffirm the ban on partial birth abortions in Texas and give state officials the power to prosecute violators. SB 8 is awaiting action by the Governor.
- SB 12, by Dallas Senator Royce West, would create a \$25 million grant program to help local law enforcement entities pay for high-caliber resistant body armor. This was signed by the Governor.

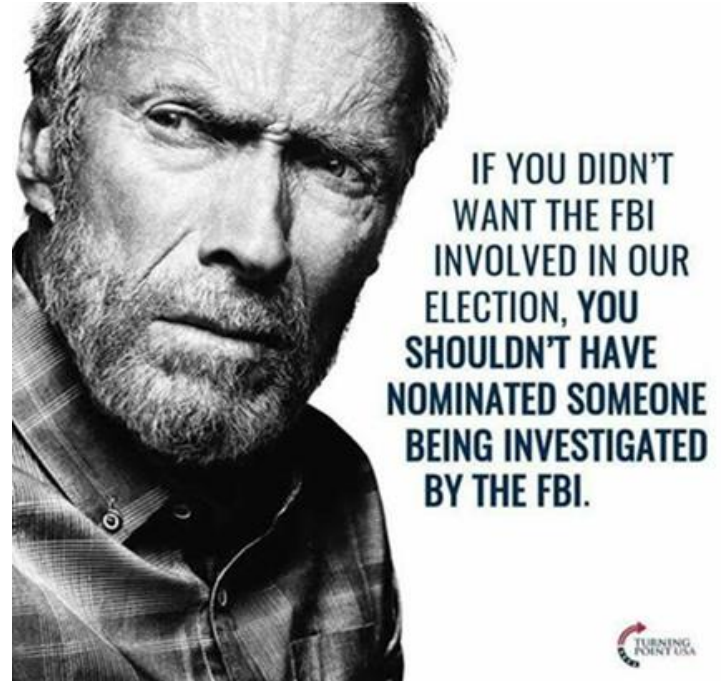
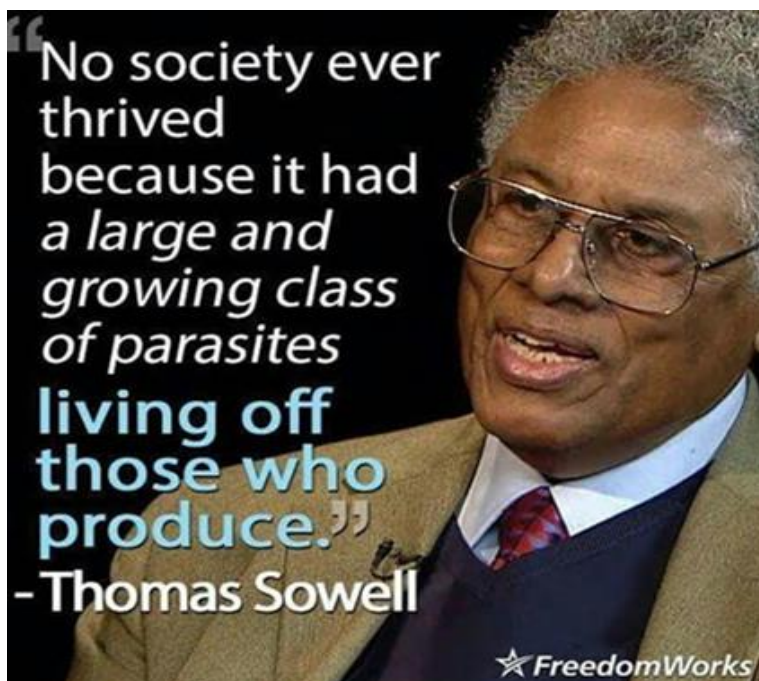
Before gaveling out for the final time, Patrick praised the Senate for its hard work over the last 140 days. "It's an honor to serve with all 31 of you," he said. "You did great work for the people of Texas, particularly in the area of child protective services and child-care." Absent a special session, the Legislature will meet next in January 2019. Until then, the Senate stands adjourned sine die.

Political Cartoons



IT WAS ME! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR DONALD TRUMP GETTING ELECTED, NOT THE RUSSIANS, NOT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

IT WAS ME! I VOTED FOR HIM!



Citing Obama IRS Abuses, Judicial Watch and Allied Educational Foundation File Amici Curiae Opposing Federal Attempt to Force Public Disclosure of Nonprofit Donors

(Washington, DC) – Judicial Watch announced today it joined with the Allied Educational Foundation (AEF) in filing an *amici curiae* brief with the U.S. Supreme Court arguing against a lower court’s decision requiring the Independence Institute to report the names and addresses of donors after the organization ran an advertisement the Federal Election Commission (FEC) deemed “electioneering” under the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (*Independence Inst. v. Federal Election Commission* (No. 16-743)).

Judicial Watch and AEF argue that the forced disclosure of supporter names will “chill and deter speech”:

If allowed to stand this decision will chill and deter speech. As set forth below, *Amici* know firsthand that disclosure, or even the threat of disclosure, may impair the ability of organizations – in particular, of conservative organizations – to conduct issue advocacy....

The fear of negative consequences arising from public disclosure expressed by those contemplating donations to conservative organizations are founded on recent events. As has been widely reported, monetary support for conservative causes, when disclosed, can subject individuals and organizations to attack and retaliation.

The *amici* brief was filed after a three-judge panel in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled in favor of the FEC, which had charged the Independence Institute, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that sponsors in-depth studies of critical social and economic issues, with running a radio ad supporting federal sentencing reform and encouraging citizens to contact their representative, Senator Mark Udall (D-CO).

At the time, Udall was running for re-election. The FEC deemed the ad an “electioneering communication,” which meant that the organization making it had to report the names and addresses of all donors giving more than \$1,000 – simply because it had produced an issue advertisement naming an elected official. The three-judge panel said the ad triggered the disclosure requirements under BCRA, on the grounds that the ad directed the audience to contact their Senators to express support for proposed legislation.

In their *amici* brief, Judicial Watch and AEF strongly countered the FEC’s charge and subsequent District Court ruling designating the material an “electioneering communication”:

The Court reached this conclusion even though the advertisement made no reference to the Senator’s candidacy, did not advocate the election or defeat of the Senator (expressly or otherwise), and referenced the State’s other U.S. Senator, who was not then up for reelection. As a result of this decision, organizations that are not engaged in any express advocacy could be subject to the BCRA’s disclosure requirements....

Amici submit that the district court’s decision raises important issues of constitutional law, and that it will have substantial adverse effects on nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organizations only concerned with policy issues, not the outcome of elections.

Citing their own “firsthand knowledge” concerning the harassment of conservative contributors, Judicial Watch and AEF specifically pointed to the recent activities of the IRS in its targeting of conservative organizations applying for tax-exempt status:

[S]taff inside the Internal Revenue Service began targeting applications for tax-exempt status filed by conservative non-profit groups. What followed was one of the most troubling instances in recent memory of public officials using government resources to try to silence political opponents.

After widespread reports and Congressional inquiries regarding selective targeting of conservative organizations, the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (“TIGTA”) audited the unit responsible for processing applications by

I just got some **TERRIFYING** news I must share with y'all

By: Allen West

Yes, I know, the entire media focus is on the firing of FBI Director James Comey. The conspiracy theories are abounding, and yet, we haven't seen any definitive evidence warranting any investigation of the Trump administration regarding Russia. Now, as we shared yesterday, there is abundant proof Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama engaged in collusion with Russia, along with Obama foreign electoral involvement.

I just find it glaringly hypocritical for the liberal progressive media to obfuscate and ignore those instances. It's as though the progressive leftists believe the American populace to be so stupid that we don't lucidly see their hypocrisy. All one has to do is tune into any of the liberal progressive media outlets and observe their insidious slant.

And while the media cycle is ablaze with this non-story, and the inane search for a Russian windmill, the global security situation continues to plummet into a disturbing state...and very close to home.

As reported by the [Phoenix Business Journal](#), *"Mexico is the world's second most dangerous country, according to a new study. Only Syria is more a deadly conflict zone and Mexico is more dangerous than Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq and other global hot spots, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Mexico's drug wars and violence between cartels resulted in 23,000 deaths last year."*

Mexico is Arizona's largest trading partner and the two share a 300-mile border. Commerce and trade as well as immigrants, smugglers and drug cartels traverse that border. There are also plenty of tourism links between Arizona and Mexico's resort and beach towns. "The death toll in Mexico's conflict surpasses those for Afghanistan and Somalia. This is all the more surprising, considering that the conflict deaths are nearly all attributable to small arms. Mexico is a conflict marked by the absence of artillery, tanks or combat aviation," said IISS CEO and Director General John Chipman. The IISS study shows 157,000 people died in armed conflicts in 2016 down from 167,000 in 2015."

Yes, can you imagine this? We have a combat zone more intense and deadly than Afghanistan on our southern border. And these liberal progressive chuckleheads are decrying a border wall? Let me explain a certain fact, which appears to mean little to our somewhat unhinged leftist Americans. Walls, or security obstacles, provide a proven modicum of security. Just ask the Israelis about building a wall separating themselves from the nomadic Arabs terrorists calling themselves "Palestinians."

A simple study can demonstrate the reduction in Islamic terror attacks against the nation of Israel, a Jewish state fighting for its existence. There is no law and order in Mexico, and one could almost make the assertion that it is a failed state, unable to provide security for its citizens.

Are we to accept this along our porous and vulnerable southern border? Are the leftists so callous and dismissive of Americans who live along what has now become one of the most dangerous borders in the world? Also, it's not just the threat of the TNCOs (Transnational Criminal Organizations) — the drug cartels — but also the threat of Islamic jihadist infiltration into America, aided by the TNCOs. Just as Israel must contend with Hamas tunnels out of Gaza — and yes, Mexico is more dangerous than the Gaza strip — we here in America have a steady flow of Islamists entering our nation. We've written here before about the assessment of the US Southern Command J2 Intelligence officer who stated that 10 percent or 30,000 of those detained illegally crossing our southern border were from states listed as terrorist sponsors or having Islamic terrorist groups within their borders. Yet still we have chucklehead judicial activists who block a temporary, 90-day, travel halt from these very same countries. What special kind of stupid are liberal progressive socialists?

And it's not just the threat along our border, which the left wants to be "open," but also the emerging threats showing up deep within our nation. In New York we have a serious problem with the gang MS-13, whom we should designate a domestic terrorist organization and crush them. We shared here the of MS-13 savagery in the brutal beating and killing of two young teenage girls in Long Island. Oops, sorry, these are just "dreamers" who have a right to be in America, and live off the largesse of honest American taxpayers.

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organizations seeking tax-exempt status under I.R.C. §§ 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4). TIGTA's report on the matter showed that there had been a deliberate, systematic targeting of conservative groups.

"To be clear, Congress can't pass a law that trumps the First Amendment," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Politicians who control government want to suppress Americans from even uttering their names around election time. No matter whether it is the FEC or the IRS, the government should stop trying to intimidate Americans. This might be good politics but it strikes at the heart of the First Amendment and government accountability."

The Allied Educational Foundation is a charitable and educational foundation dedicated to improving quality of life through education. In furtherance of that goal, the Foundation has engaged in a number of projects, which include, but are not limited to, educational and health conferences domestically and abroad. AEF has frequently partnered with Judicial Watch to fight government and judicial corruption, and to promote a return to ethics and morality in the nation's public life.

Assisting Judicial Watch is T. Russell Nobile of Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A. in Jackson, MS.

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As well, we have these liberal progressive mayors, sheriffs, and even legislators as we reported here on Monday regarding Sacramento, California, who openly embrace "sanctuary city" status and harbor criminal illegal aliens coming to us from the second most dangerous country in the world.

Please, I am begging you progressive socialists, explain this to us. Help us to understand your ill advised and misplaced emotion rooted in a Bizarro World logic. Could it possibly be that the leftists in America have some deep-seated death wish and want to see our nation undermined and destroyed? And what are they to gain from all of this? Look at many of our urban areas and witness the lawlessness and control by gangs while good American citizens live in fear having been disarmed by the progressive leftists that control these cities and states.

Yes, I have a .38 revolver, a .380, a 9mm, a 40cal, a Remington 870 tactical shotgun, a Spikes Tactical Crusader AR-15, an F1 .223 carbine pistol, and a Sig Sauer MPX 9mm carbine...why? Because I live in a county where the commission voted 4-1 on a resolution to be a sanctuary county, yes, Dallas County. And not too far away there were two Islamic jihadists gunned down after they drove here from Arizona to kill Americans...and the FBI knew all about it. For me, that's a very good reason to have fired James Comey.

The left wants us to be subservient, and subjects to their coercion, intimidation, and fascist nature. But even more disconcerting is that the left knows the barbarians aren't just at the gate, they're within the walls. And they want us to be unprotected from this violence and scourge...so we can end up being gunned down like people in Venezuela. America has to wake up, as we have a country to our south that is second only to the place which houses groups like ISIS, Jabhat al-Nusra, Hezbollah, and the Iranian Quds Force.

While we're being distracted, worrying about the mythical Russian influence into our elections, a violent combat zone has developed on our southern border, but I suppose this is also Donald Trump's fault, like the collapsing Obamacare. And where there is violence and chaos, there are Islamic jihadists seeking to exploit the situation...which is why all of a sudden we hear about beheadings and IEDs being used south of our border.

Patriots, arm yourselves and make ready, as it appears our safety and security is truly our individual responsibility. If this doesn't alarm you, what will? Perhaps we need to redeploy our forces out of Afghanistan, Iraq, the horn of Africa, and elsewhere and employ them along our southern border. Of course the left will castigate me as fear mongering, and that's just another way they deny the problem and assail the messenger delivering the clarion call. Mexico is a dangerous place, that is fact, but often, facts to liberal progressives are like sunlight to vampires.

Get Out of My Class and Leave America

By Mike Adams

Author's Note: The following column is comprised of excerpts taken from my first lectures on the first day of classes this semester at UNC-Wilmington. I reproduced these remarks with the hope that they would be useful to other professors teaching at public universities all across America. Feel free to use this material if you already have tenure.

Welcome back to class, students! I am Mike Adams your criminology professor here at UNC-Wilmington. Before we get started with the course I need to address an issue that is causing problems here at UNCW and in higher education all across the country. I am talking about the growing minority of students who believe they have a right to be free from being offended. If we don't reverse this dangerous trend in our society there will soon be a majority of young people who will need to walk around in plastic bubble suits to protect them in the event that they come into contact with a dissenting viewpoint. That mentality is unworthy of an American. It's hardly worthy of a Frenchman.

Let's get something straight right now. You have no right to be unoffended. You have a right to be offended with regularity. It is the price you pay for living in a free society. If you don't understand that you are confused and dangerously so. In part, I blame your high school teachers for failing to teach you basic civics before you got your diploma. Most of you went to the public high schools, which are a disaster. Don't tell me that offended you. I went to a public high school.

Of course, your high school might not be the problem. It is entirely possible that the main reason why so many of you are confused about free speech is that piece of paper hanging on the wall right over there. Please turn your attention to that ridiculous document that is framed and hanging by the door. In fact, take a few minutes to read it before you leave class today. It is our campus speech code. It specifically says that there is a requirement that everyone must only engage in discourse that is "respectful." That assertion is as ludicrous as it is illegal. I plan to have that thing ripped down from every classroom on campus before I retire.

One of my grandfathers served in World War I. My step-grandfather served in World War II. My sixth great grandfather enlisted in the American Revolution when he was only thirteen. These great men did not fight so we could simply relinquish our rights to the enemy within our borders. That enemy is the Marxists who run our public universities. If you are a Marxist and I just offended you, well, that's tough. I guess they don't make communists like they used to.

Of course, this ban on "disrespectful" speech is really only illusory. The university that created these speech restrictions then turns around and sponsors plays like *The Vagina Monologues*, which is loaded with profanity including the c-word – the most offensive and disrespectful word a person could ever possibly apply to a woman. It is pure, unadulterated hypocrisy.

So, the university position can be roughly summarized as follows: **Public university administrators have a First Amendment right to use disrespectful profanity but public university students do not.** This turns the First Amendment on its head. The university has its free speech analysis completely backwards. And that's why they need to be sued.

Before we go, let us take a few minutes to look at the last page of your syllabus where I explain the importance of coming to class on time, turning off your cell phone, and refraining from talking during lectures. In that section, I explain that each of you has God-given talents and that your Creator endowed you with a purpose in life that is thwarted when you develop these bad habits.

Unbelievably, a student once complained to the Department chairwoman that my mention of God and a Creator was a violation of Separation of Church and State. Let me be as clear as I possibly can: **If any of you actually think that my decision to paraphrase the Declaration of Independence in the course syllabus is unconstitutional then you suffer from severe intellectual hernia.**

Indeed, it takes hard work to become stupid enough to think the Declaration of Independence is unconstitutional. If you agree with the student who made that complaint then you are probably just an anti-religious zealot. Therefore, I am going to ask you to do exactly three things and do them in the exact order that I specify.

First, get out of my class. You can fill out the drop slip over at James Hall. Just tell them you don't believe in true diversity and you want to be surrounded by people who agree with your twisted interpretation of the Constitution simply because they are the kind of people who will protect you from having your beliefs challenged or your feelings hurt.

Second, withdraw from the university. If you find that you are actually relieved because you will no longer be in a class where your beliefs might be challenged then you aren't ready for college. Go get a job building houses so you can work with some illegal aliens who will help you gain a better appreciation of what this country has to offer.

Finally, if this doesn't work then I would simply ask you to get the hell out of the country. The ever-growing thinned-skinned minority you have joined is simply ruining life in this once-great nation. Please move to some place like Cuba where you can enjoy the company of communists and get excellent health care. Just hop on a leaky boat and start paddling your way towards utopia. You will not be missed.

Thank you for your time. I'll see most of you when classes resume on Monday.

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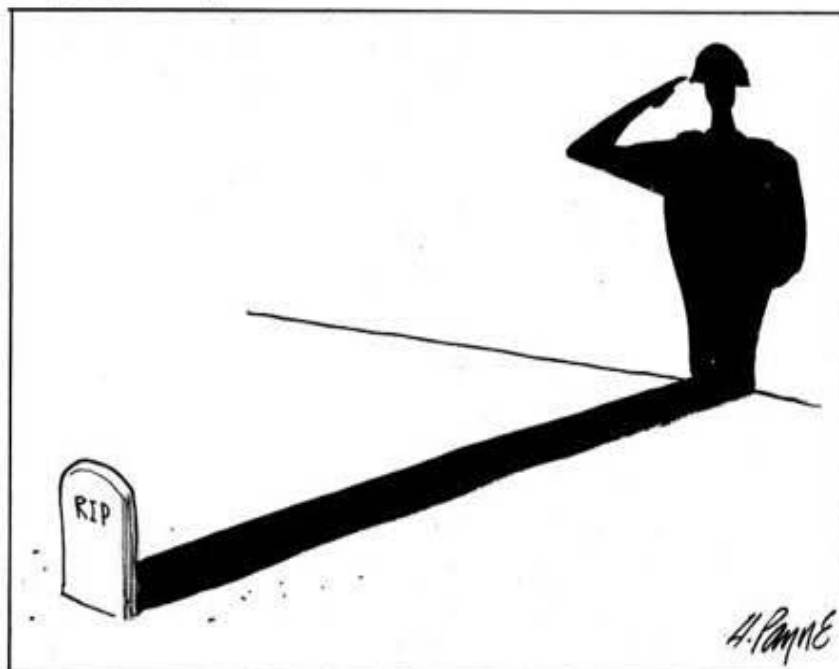
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