

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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President's Byline : November 6, 2018, the Election for the Heart & Soul of this Country

By the time this newsletter is published Early Voting will have reached its second and final week, ending on Friday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. We will have just 3 days to make sure we get every person who loves this country to the polls to vote a straight Republican ticket. Absolutely every vote counts and while it does seem lately that every election is a critical election, well it is because EVERY ELECTION HAS CONSEQUENCES. Just think where we would be if in 2016, things had turned out differently. That is enough to give me nightmares. But the election of Donald J. Trump as President of the United States has given me hope for our country. And it has exposed the Democrat Party for what it truly is: a bunch of radical socialists who want to take this nation down. Prominent Democrats and members of Congress have encouraged violence and anarchy, but you don't hear them denounced by the media who take conservatives to task for calling Antifa and their supporters a "mob." It started with Maxine Waters who encouraged her supporters to go after Republicans. Cory Booker, Eric Holder and Hillary Clinton have also jumped on that bandwagon. And they aren't the only ones encouraging this behavior.

As a result of all this rhetoric, Ted Cruz and his wife Heidi were accosted while trying to have dinner in a Washington restaurant and Susan Collins has received death threats for her support of Justice Kavanaugh.

In mid-October, two Republican candidates for state office in Minnesota were physically assaulted: state representative Sarah Anderson was punched in the arm last week after confronting a man who was destroying Republican candidates' yard signs. According to the *Washington free Beacon*, Anderson said he charged her saying "Why don't you go kill yourself?" (1)

Shane Mekeland, a first-time Republican candidate for the state legislature, suffered a concussion over the weekend after he was sucker punched while meeting with constituents at a local restaurant. (1)

"I was so overtaken by surprise and shock, and if this is the new norm, this is not what I signed up for," said Mekeland, who has suffered from memory loss and sensitivity to light since the incident. (1)

The Democrats are quite simply unhinged. Is what they represent the country you want to live in and have your children and grandchildren grow up in. They have been trying to destroy Donald Trump since even before he was elected and now, being aided and abetted by almost every media source in this country, it is a constant drumbeat and their rage is apparent and palpable. And yet President Trump keeps right on going, taking his message out to the people and accomplishing more in less than a year than many presidents have done in a full term. I pray every day for President Trump and Vice President Pence and I hope you are doing the same. I believe that indeed Donald Trump is *God's Chaos Candidate* (2) If we want President Trump to be able to fulfill his campaign promises, we must turn out the vote in Collin County and all over this great country. I want to be able to go to sleep on November 6th knowing the citizens of this great nation voted wisely: Republicans held the House (or even increased their majority) and increased their majority in the Senate. To do that, every single one of us must vote. But we can't stop there: make sure your family and friends vote and encourage them to get their friends out to vote. We know that Democrats, including dead ones, will be voting, some more than once, if at all possible. We are the last line of defense. We do outnumber the Democrats; we just have to out vote them!!!

<https://www.nationalreview.com/news/two-minnesota-republican-candidates-assaulted/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z4u2494vHI> (Book by Dr. Lance Wallnau)

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Calendar of Events

Board Meeting
November 8th

October Meeting
November 20th

Special thanks to Lisa Babb for Timeline of Woman Suffrage by States.

November Plano Republican Women Meeting



Next PRW Meeting:

Tuesday, October 20th, 2018

Speaker: Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner

Topic: Tracking Down Child Predators

Jim Skinner is a 27-year law enforcement veteran, attorney, former prosecutor and now the Collin County Sheriff. Before being elected, Sheriff Skinner served as a police officer, a narcotics task force coordinator, a detective, the Chief Investigator for New Mexico's 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office, a Special Prosecutor, and then as the 2nd Assistant District Attorney and Chief of Special Prosecutions for the Collin County District Attorney's Office.

Jim Skinner is a Master Peace Officer. A former member of the Board of Directors for the North Texas Crime Commission, Skinner serves on their Legislative Affairs Committee. Sheriff Skinner is an active member of the National Sheriffs' Association where he serves on their Public Affairs Committee. Sheriff Skinner also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, and co-chairs their Legislative Committee. In Collin County, Skinner serves on the Board of Directors both for the Collin County Meals on Wheels and the Collin County Child Advocacy Center. A U.S. armed forces veteran, Sheriff Skinner serves as the Judge Advocate for the Bill Bryant Post 110 of the American Legion, in McKinney, TX.

Jim Skinner was featured in August 1996 Reader's Digest, article "To Catch Three Thieves." This article explains Skinner's actions in bringing to justice three men who stole over \$58 million from US and Canadian senior citizens by illegal telemarketing scams. Skinner was also featured in the The Prosecutor Magazine, in an article titled "Violating the Public's Trust." This article detailed the 18-month grand jury investigation and two months of trial in the complex corruption prosecution of a longtime Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney. Sheriff Skinner's Twitter handle is @SheriffSkinner.

Location: Reflections on Spring Creek

1901 East Spring Creek Parkway

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 the Friday before the meeting

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

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

include your name in your email and say if you will/will not be having lunch



PRWC - October Meeting Photos

State Senator Van Taylor thanked the members of Plano Republican Women who have been working for his Campaign for Congress and for the Collin County Victory effort.



By the time the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920, women in many states and territories already had the right to vote.



AMERICANISM REPORT

By Lisa Babb, Americanism Chair

The Fight For The Right

‘The right is ours. Have it we must. Use it we will.’ – Elizabeth Cady Stanton

“I shall never again beg my rights, but will come to Congress each year and demand recognition of them.” – Susan B. Anthony

The Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution: *“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of sex. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”*

Visualize this scene. A courageous speaker standing in front of a mob at a convention; a mob that for three solid hours greeted all speakers with sneers, hisses, shouting and stamping, often howling, “Shame, shame, shame on you!” A mob that so disrupted the proceedings that the organizers were forced to say “owing to the turmoil we have no fair report of the proceedings” and even “the representatives of the press could not catch what was said.” These were not Democrats at the Kavanaugh confirmation in 2018. Rather, these agitators were at the National Suffrage Convention in New York in 1853, a convention later tagged “the Mob Convention,” which was held to address reforms such as the anti-slavery and abolitionist efforts and the movement for woman suffrage. Horace Greeley later made comments to the effect that the antagonists had no case to present other than their hisses and blackguard yells. Carrie Chapman Catt’s commentary, in her book, was unequivocal, *“Mobs seem a divine instrument for the furtherance of good causes. No mob ever destroyed an idea, but many a mob had given one a fresh impulse and this one sent every delegate home with her soul afire.”*

The United States Constitution, adopted in 1789, did not explicitly define the boundaries of suffrage, thus leaving much of its citizenry to face more than a century of hurdles before discrimination against all citizens was explicitly prohibited through a series of amendments to the Constitution. In 1917, Carrie Chapman Catt orated, *“It was the United States which first established general suffrage for men upon the two principles that ‘taxation without representation is tyranny’ and that governments to be just should ‘derive their consent from the governed.’ The unanswerable logic of these two principles is responsible for the extension of suffrage to men and women the world over. In the United States, however, women are still taxed without ‘representation’ and still live under a government to which they have given no consent.”*

On May 21, 1919, a Republican representative, James R. Mann from Illinois, and chairman of the Suffrage Committee, proposed to the House in favor of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment ending the denial to women of the right to vote. Every year since 1878, when it was first presented by California Republican Aaron A. Sargent, this amendment had been presented in vain. The House overwhelmingly supported the amendment by over two-thirds of the House majority. Congress passed the 19th Amendment on June 4, 1919, by two votes over the required two-thirds majority. The amendment was ratified by Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, followed by Kansas, New York, and Ohio. Tennessee tipped the scale in favor of ratifying the vote, as the 36th state to approve the amendment. The amendment was certified on August 26, 1920, by US Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

Carrie Chapman Catt later posed this question, *“Why did a cause of such inevitability whose best recommendation was that its ablest opponents seemed unable to give a coherent argument against it, remain stalled for so many agonizing decades?”*

One answer came from Ida Wells-Barnett, famous for her formidable anti-lynching campaigns, *“When principle and prejudice come into collision, principle retires and leaves prejudice the victor.”* Another came from Carrie’s own wry statement to the League of Women Voters in 1921, *“No party adopts an idea until it believes it will gain more votes than it will lose by it.”*

The demand for women’s suffrage emerged from the broader movement for women’s rights. In 1848, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Ann McClintock, and Martha C. Wright formally organized the Seneca Falls Convention to publicly discuss the social, civil, and religious disabilities faced by women. Taking the Declaration of Independence as her guide, Elizabeth submitted that “all men and women had been created equal” and went on to list eighteen “injuries and usurpations” - the same number of charges leveled against the King of England - “on the part of man toward woman.” Stanton also drafted eleven resolutions, arguing that women had a natural right to equality in all spheres. The ninth resolution included the assertion that it was the duty of women to secure for themselves the right to vote. The convention passed a resolution in favor of women’s suffrage despite opposition from some of its organizers, who believed the idea was too extreme. Elizabeth stood firm when challenged. *“But I persisted, for I saw clearly that the power to make the laws was the right through which all other rights could be secured.”*

Until 1860, suffragists had great reason for optimism for a quick solution. The Civil War slowed efforts but suffrage activists lectured and petitioned the government for the emancipation of slaves with the belief that, once the war was over, women and slaves would be granted the same rights as the white men. The 1868 ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment proved an affront to the women’s movement; it defined “citizenship” and “voters” as “male,” and raised the question of whether women were considered citizens of the United States at all. The exclusion of women was further reinforced with the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870, which enfranchised black men. Disagreement over these Amendments, and an inability to agree on whether the vote was best reached piecemeal by state-by-state efforts, or all at once by a federal constitution amendment split the women’s movement. In New York, Stanton and Anthony established the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) while Lucy Stone, Julia Ward Howe, and Henry Blackwell organized the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA) in Boston. These two groups later reunited in 1890 to form the National American Woman

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The case of New Jersey:

In 1776 New Jersey gives the vote to women owning more than \$250.
Later the state reconsidered and women were no longer allowed to vote.



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Suffrage Association (NAWSA) under the leadership of Elizabeth Stanton. Elizabeth was followed by Susan B. Anthony, then Carrie Chapman Catt. Carrie was president for the final victory.

Suffragists pressed on with the battle but now found themselves pitted against “an invisible enemy”. Support secured through tremendous effort was effectively undermined at all levels. Later federal investigation revealed, *“Those invisible influences that were controlling elections; that invisible and invincible power that for forty years kept suffragists waiting for the woman’s hour; for forty years circumvented the coming of suffrage; that power that made Republican leaders hesitate to fulfil their promises to early suffragists; restrained both dominant parties from endorsing woman suffrage; kept Legislatures from submitting suffrage amendments; and organized droves of ignorant men to vote against suffrage amendments at the polls when its agents had failed to prevent the submission of the question, was, manifestly, the power that inhered in the combined liquor interests.”*

The response to continued defeats was the firm admonition from Carrie Chapman Catt - *“Roll up your sleeves, set your mind to making history and wage such a fight for liberty that the whole world will respect our sex.”*

Susan B. Anthony, at age 84, in 1904, undaunted in her last public words, *“Failure is impossible.”*

When national victory finally came in 1920, seventy-two years after the first organized demand

in 1848, only one signer of the Seneca Falls Declaration - Charlotte Woodward, a young worker in a glove factory - had lived long enough to cast her ballot.

Carrie Chapman Catt ruefully synopsisized, *“To get the word male in effect out of the constitution cost the women of the country fifty-two years of pauseless campaign thereafter. During that time they were forced to conduct fifty-six campaigns of referenda to male voters; 480 campaigns to urge Legislatures to submit suffrage amendments to voters; 47 campaigns to induce State constitutional conventions to write woman suffrage into State constitutions; 277 campaigns to persuade State party conventions to include woman suffrage planks; 30 campaigns to urge presidential party conventions to adopt woman suffrage planks in party platforms, and 19 campaigns with 19 successive Congresses. Millions of dollars were raised, mainly in small sums, and expended with economic care. Hundreds of women gave the accumulated possibilities of an entire lifetime, thousands gave years of their lives, hundreds of thousands gave constant interest and such aid as they could. It was a continuous, seemingly endless, chain of activity. Young suffragists who helped forge the last links of that chain were not born when it began. Old suffragists who forged the first links were dead when it ended.”*

We, the women of the United States of America, are the beneficiaries of the immeasurably precious legacy of these indomitable women, most of whom did not see their dream realized, but passed the torch fearlessly, never doubting that future generations would see it to fruition and never questioning that would be worthy of their sacrifice. These are Carrie’s words but they are the bequest from all fighters for woman suffrage to us.

The vote is the emblem of your equality, women of America, the guarantee of your liberty. That vote of yours has cost millions of dollars and the lives of thousands of women. Money to carry on this work has been given usually as a sacrifice, and thousands of women have gone without things they wanted and could have had in order that they might help get the vote for you. Women have suffered agony of soul which you can never comprehend, that you and your daughters might inherit political freedom. That vote has been costly. Prize it!

The vote is a power, a weapon of offense and defense, a prayer. Understand what it means and what it can do for your country. Use it intelligently, conscientiously, prayerfully. No soldier in the great suffrage army has labored and suffered to get a “place” for you. Their motive has been the hope that women would aim higher than their own selfish ambitions, that they would serve the common good.

The vote is won. Seventy-two years the battle for this privilege has been waged, but human affairs with their eternal change move on without pause. Progress is calling to you to make no pause. Act!

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Women of the Suffrage Movement – Jane Addams

Woman and the Republic – Helen Kendrick Johnson

The Life and Work of Susan B. Anthony – Ida Husted Harper

Susan B. Anthony – Rebel, Crusader, Humanitarian – Alma Lutz

The Lives of the Constitution – Joseph Tartakovsky

In 1797 New Jersey made history by recognizing the right of women to vote. The New Jersey Assembly passed the 1797 voting law, recognizing the right of women to vote across the state. New Jersey women voted in large numbers until 1807, when the Assembly passed a law limiting suffrage to free white males.

October PRWC Meeting



Young Enemies Within Movement

By Lloyd Marcus, September 11, 2018

For decades we have allowed the American left (public education, Hollywood, Democrat party and fake news media) to indoctrinate our children; teaching them that America sucks and is the greatest source of pain and suffering for people both here and abroad. We're still allowing leftists to mold and shape our kids into their anti-Christian radical progressive image as early as preschool. <https://bit.ly/2Nsk9PT>

Consequently, we have young adults in positions of power and influence who literally hate their country. Like sleeper-cells, leftists' young enemies-within operatives are seeking to bring down America as founded by any means necessary; openly advocating violence and treason. <https://bit.ly/2NupCWu>

Mega millionaire pro-football player, Colin Kaepernick is an operative of leftists' young enemies-within movement. Nike executives who gifted Kaepernick hero-status for hating his country are also members of the young enemies-within movement. Facebook and Twitter are active members of the movement, boldly censoring conservative, patriotic and Christian speech claiming such talk is hateful. <https://fxn.ws/2DFpAUq>

Starbucks executives believe leftists lie that America is overrun with rabid racists. Therefore, Starbucks sales clerks were instructed to lecture customers about race when ordering coffee. I suspect Starbucks clerks only lectured white customers. <https://bit.ly/2NWVUqd>

Upon suggesting that a millennial family member visit Mt Rushmore while visiting South Dakota, that person's venomous response was, "I wouldn't go across the street to visit those guys." Clearly, public school taught my young white relative that the men carved in Mt Rushmore were evil racist white slave owners.

Watching the "Jeopardy" TV show, I learned that the new African American museum in Washington DC features a display of bricks with the names of slaves owned by Thomas Jefferson. The exhibit makes the point that Jefferson was a hypocrite for owning slaves and saying, "All men are created equal." To ignore Jefferson's great achievements to dedicate an entire exhibit on the fact that he owned slaves, which was legal, is purposed to demonize this Founding Father and America in the minds of our youths.

Young corporate executives believe and pander to leftists' negative view of America. This is why we see corporate advertising supportive of lies such as that America is destroying the planet and cops routinely murder blacks.

Leftists have instilled in our youths the lie that people around the world have too little because evil, greedy and selfish Americans have too much. This is why many youths believe it is only fair that we open our borders to whomever wishes to enter. And how dare we expect immigrants to assimilate; speak English and embrace capitalism! Youths believe defending our borders against the invasion of illegals is racist and hateful. Our kids have also been taught the lie that Christians, conservatives and Republicans are haters obsessed with suppressing women and minorities.

Corporate executive operatives of the young enemies-within movement believe a majority of Americans share leftists' disdain for their country. This is why the NFL originally rallied behind Kaepernick leading the charge of pro-football players taking a knee in protest of our National Anthem.

The NFL protest is really highly paid privileged celebrities giving our military (active and veterans), our brave men and women in blue and America their middle fingers. It is stunning that NFL executives originally thought supporting such disrespect was a good idea.

The American left's demonizing of America in the minds of our youths has worked so well that openly socialist <https://bit.ly/2Qhage7> and even communist candidates are winning elections. <https://bit.ly/2wXqWqv> "Yutes" love socialist presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

Everywhere you turn, we are witnessing young enemies-within operatives' vitriolic no-holds-barred unprecedented attacks on our president, our nation's best interest, our traditional principles and values, our Constitutional rights and national security.

It is mind-boggling that without any evidence, leftists have successfully falsely branded Trump the same as Hitler in the minds of many of my fellow blacks. In reality, Trump is the best thing for blacks since sliced bread. Black unemployment is at historic lows. <https://bit.ly/2MbX6V1>

I am encouraged that young blacks are on the national stage informing blacks about the American left's deceptions and betrayals. <https://bit.ly/2vgkWXij>

More Christians are finally becoming salt, pushing back against leftists' war on our culture. Christians blocked a California bill which would have made it illegal to council people unhappy with their same sex attraction. <https://bit.ly/2oQsvDa> Passing of the bill would have led to jailing pastors for their biblical sermons. Twenty years ago, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act received bipartisan support, signed into law by Bill Clinton. Today, Democrats are vehemently warring against our religious liberty, ruining peoples' lives and throwing them into jail for their faith. <https://bit.ly/2CABRFx>

Young enemies-within operatives are demanding the repeal of our 2nd Amendment right to bear arms. <https://bit.ly/2oQtFi0>

One evening, I was at the Dancing Water Fountain Bellagio in Las Vegas. Around a thousand people were gathered watching the Continued on Page 8

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spectacular dancing waters accompanied by Whitney Houston's amazing rendition of our National Anthem. I was confident the crowd would erupt in enthusiastic applause and national pride at the end. Shockingly, the crowd remained relatively quiet, not particularly moved. I thought, Dear Lord, what have they done to America in the minds of these young people? Public education teaches students that patriotism is racist; that the concept of American-Exceptionalism is rude, arrogant and insensitive to the rest of the world.

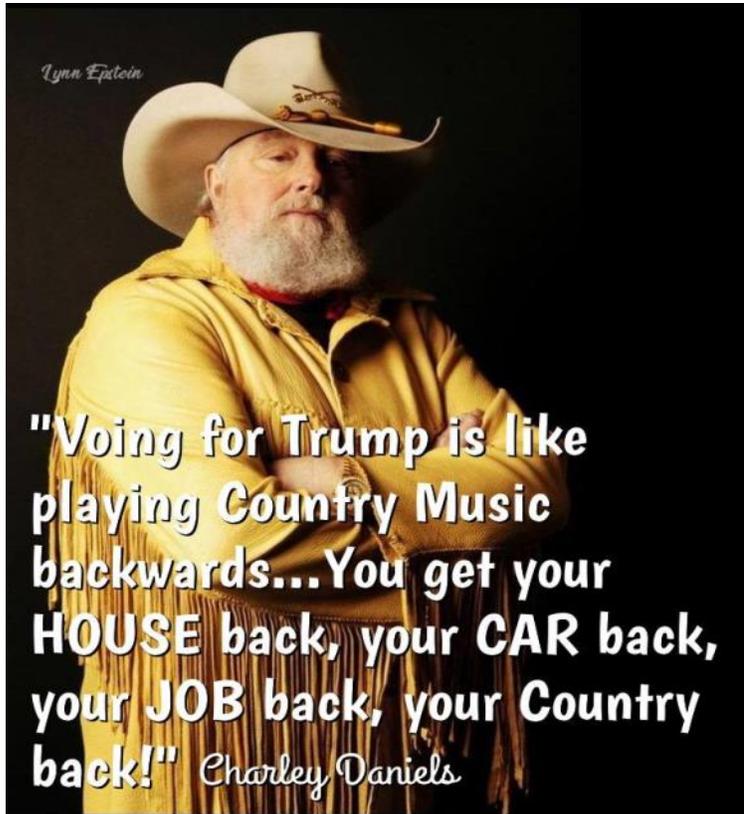
Far too many young people believe opposing leftists' transformation of America in any way is hateful, racist and mean. No one wants to be thought of as hateful. As such, many older Americans have surrendered to leftists' attacks on our nation. They passively allow leftists to indoctrinate our kids to become young adult leftist sleeper-cell operatives.

Tragically, many youths now embrace leftists' version of utopia, in which government dictates behavior and controls every aspect of our lives, including who lives or dies. In leftists' utopia, counter-culture behavior is celebrated, while traditional principles and values are frowned upon and deemed extreme. Disturbingly, many of our youths are infected with entitlement mindsets.

California's new sex-ed curriculum includes a study guide for the transgender children's book, "I Am Jazz" and a "sexual health toolkit" which instructs kids about anal penetration, lube and using fruit as sex toys. California parents are forbidden to opt-out their children. <https://bit.ly/2J7yxHF> Young leftist enemies-within operatives are behind this outrageous child abuse.

I am pleased to report that conservatives and Christians are fighting back, producing movies <https://www.alienthro.com>, TV series and other entertainment to break leftists' stronghold on the hearts and minds of our youths. <https://www.rwpvideo.org> If the GOP loses the house in November, our progress will come to a screeching halt.

Lets keep the GOP in control of congress to continue Trump's liberation of America; moving us onward and upward. <https://bit.ly/2wXCKZZ>



The following territories provided full voting rights to women before statehood:

1869 Territory of Wyoming
1883 Territory of Washington
1913 Territory of Alaska

1870 Territory of Utah
1887 Territory of Montana

PRWC at Work



The following states granted women the right to vote prior to the 19th Amendment:

1890 Wyoming
 1910 Washington
 1914 Montana, Nevada

1893 Colorado
 1911 California
 1917 New York

1896 Utah, Idaho
 1912 Arizona, Kansas, Oregon
 1918 Michigan, Oklahoma, South Dakota

PLANO'S CONTEMPT FOR TAXPAYERS ON FULL DISPLAY

That taxpayers are funding their own opposition is egregious, and should stop.

October 26, 2018 by [Salvador Ayala](#) From Empower Texans

Contempt for Plano taxpayers is on full display after a recent item on the city council's consent agenda raised eyebrows among residents.

The controversy stems from "**Item R**" on the **October 22 agenda**, which appears to authorize the city manager (or their designee) to engage in lobbying activities on behalf of the city. While lobbying is a normal function of government, the practice of using taxpayer dollars for lobbying is generally **frowned upon** by constituents. Even more so when that lobbying promotes anti-taxpayer measures, as is the usual case.

That agenda item reads as follows: "To adopt the 2019 Legislative Program for the City of Plano, Texas; directing the City Manager or his designee to act with regard to the City's 2019 Legislative Program."

Unsurprisingly, the city's 2019 Legislative Program makes clear that maximizing the taxing authority of the city is paramount, and seeks to "protect municipal revenue such as property taxes, sales taxes, right-of-way revenues, service fee, and court fines."

Largely due to skyrocketing property values, property tax bills go up concurrently when a city refuses to adopt the effective tax rate—the rate that would keep your bill the same as last year. Rising property taxes are putting people out of their homes, and curtailing their growth has become a top issue in the state.

In fact, just last month Plano City Council approved a **4.5 percent tax hike**. In a 5-3 vote, the council ensured that the average Plano homeowner will see a 40 percent increase in their city tax bill over five years.

During the last legislative session, measures were offered that would empower voters with an automatic tax election when cities raise their taxes by four percent or more. Though they met with defeat in the Texas House, the governor and many lawmakers plan to revive those reforms in the coming 86th session.

It stretches credulity to claim that a city employee lobbying against tax reform is in any way beneficial to taxpayers in that city, especially when it comes to property taxes. That Plano taxpayers are *funding* their own opposition is egregious, and should stop.

Ironically, as bills are also filed to combat the practice of tax-funded lobbying, government employees and officials like Plano's city manager can be expected to lobby against those reforms on the taxpayer's dime as well.



In these states women could vote for President prior to the 19th Amendment:

1913 Illinois 1913
 1917 Nebraska, Ohio, Indiana, North Dakota, Rhode Island
 1919 Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Tennessee, Wisconsin

Fabricating Hate Crimes Is a Byproduct of Victimhood Ideology on College Campuses

By Jarrett Stepman

Anna Ayers, a student government leader at Ohio University, reported finding threatening messages in the drawer of her desk a few weeks ago.

Ayers, an LGBT student, said the three notes were “hateful, harassing,” according to The Post Athens, a student-run news outlet, and made specific attacks on her sexual identity.

“Senate will never be the same for me,” Ayers told The Post of the notes, the first of which she said appeared Sept. 27 in her desk at the Student Senate. “The friendships will continue to grow, and our successes will always evoke pride, but the memory of my time in senate and at OU will be marred by this experience. We will all have a memory of a time when this body failed one of its own.”

The incident caused a stir on campus. The problem was, that stir was based on a lie.

Police quickly concluded that no hate crime had taken place, and that Ayers actually had written the notes to herself.

The authorities charged Ayers with a misdemeanor, to which she pleaded not guilty. She is no longer a student at the university.

Incidents like this have become a strikingly common trend in the past few years, especially on college campuses.

While most alleged hate crimes on campus go unsolved, it is hard to ignore the fact that so many hoaxes have occurred.

A variety of motivations may prompt a student to make up a hate crime, but one thing is for certain: The overwhelmingly dominant ideology on college campuses celebrates victimhood, even above achievement, and achievement itself is worthless without victimhood.

If one doesn't maintain some kind of victimhood status, your opinion is worth less, your accomplishments are dismissed, and your success is written off as the product of privilege.

It's no wonder Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., continues to maintain that she has Native American heritage—which Harvard Law School once openly celebrated—despite the thinnest of evidence that she has any connection to the Cherokee tribe.

For students seeking attention and accolades from peers on a modern college campus, it may make sense to create the false impression that you have become the victim of a hate crime or some other kind of oppression.

This is especially true given how quickly the stories are exploited for political effect by social justice warriors and an eager media, regardless of whether the stories are actually true.

The infamous 2014 report by Rolling Stone magazine on an entirely made-up rape at the University of Virginia is a prime example. The media soaked up and ran with the story about a violent rape on campus that turned out to be a bizarre scenario created by a troubled student.

Portraying American college campuses as bastions of rape, misogyny, and homophobia is almost laughable, but that is the story activists wanted to run with.

Unfortunately, the number of prominent bogus incidents creates a “boy who cried wolf” effect where people begin to stop believing such stories out of hand because so many have been fake.

“I would say now 80 percent of the events that happen on campus are hoaxes or pranks,” Laird Wilcox, author of the book “Crying Wolf: Hate Crime Hoaxes in America,” told Fox News. “It's a place where consciousness of discrimination, sexism, and homophobia is at a peak, and when there's nothing happening, and they need something to happen, they can make it happen.”

This makes it even worse when crimes really do take place.

We must consider what all of this means for American society, that those who attend our elite universities are so saturated with the victimhood ideology that it seems better to create stories of oppression to get attention rather than strive for excellence or individual accomplishment.

We've now told generations of young Americans that it's better to be oppressed and fight oppression—real or fake—than develop oneself to do the great things we should expect from our nation's “elite.”

Yet, in cases where it appears actual discrimination is taking place, such as in Harvard admission policies that critics allege are biased against Asian students, it is excused away as defending race-conscious “diversity.”

Why is this?

It's because we've wrapped up identity politics and victimhood ideology into a toxic stew that both dehumanizes and leaves its adherents with little personal satisfaction.

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Fabricating Hate Crimes Is a Byproduct of Victimhood Ideology on College Campuses

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Identity has overcome individual merit as the barometer for what we put on a pedestal.

Now, we are too busy knocking off their pedestals those who have actually accomplished great things to focus on what we will do to make ourselves and future generations better off than we are.

This monumentally destructive ethos is eating away at the integrity of our schools and the fabric of our country.

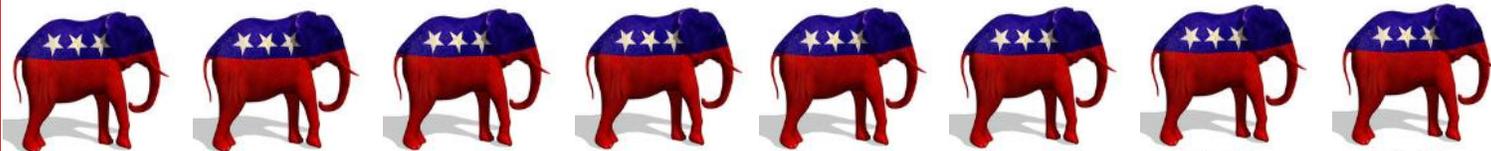
If we want fewer hate crime hoaxes on campus, perhaps we need to change what is openly valued in academia, to focus on achievement rather than knapsacks of privilege and ladders of oppression.

That's not likely to happen any time soon.

No wonder Americans are in a populist mood.

COMMENTARY BY

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Interesting perspective from a social media post

Most folks know that I despised Hillary, but was somewhat dismayed that the alternative was Trump. Trump for me was the lesser of two evils, but that's water under the bridge. I stumbled into this article about a Gold Star Mom, and figured I'd share.

Billy and Karen Vaughn are the parents of fallen Navy SEAL, Aaron Carson Vaughn (SEAL Team VI). On August 6, 2011 Aaron was killed in action in the Tangi River Valley of Afghanistan when a chopper (call sign Extortion 17) carrying thirty Americans was shot from the sky. Let me tell you, when a Gold Star Mom speaks, people listen. These moms have endured unimaginable loss and have earned the right to a bully pulpit. They are not some fawned over TV show host or starlet. GSMs are the stuff that made America truly great, raising kids who understand the meaning of "the last full measure of devotion."

Here are her words:

Sometimes God uses the no-nonsense, salty sailor to get the job done. Appreciating what the man is doing doesn't mean we worship the salty sailor or even desire to be like the salty sailor. It doesn't even mean God admires the salty sailor. Maybe He just knows he's necessary for such a time as this.

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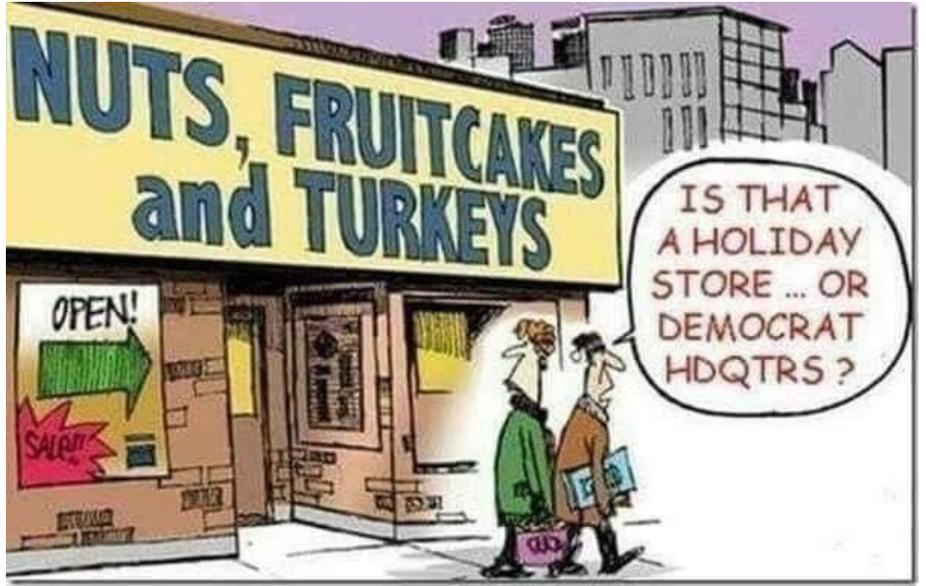
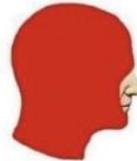
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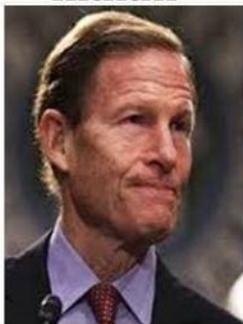
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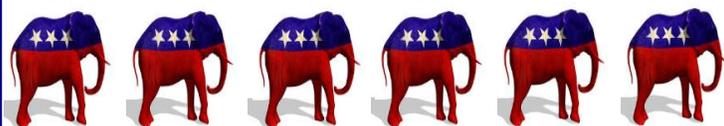
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Plano Republican Women

**meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month
(except June, July & December)**

Reflections on Spring Creek

1901 East Spring Creek Parkway

just 1½ blocks east of Central Expressway in Plano

11:15 am check-in

11:30 am meeting, lunch and program

Lunch is \$20 payable to PRW (Cash or Check) at the door.

You do not have to have lunch to attend,

But please RSVP to

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