

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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November 2021

President's Byline



What a difference a year makes. Last November the US was energy independent, gas prices were low, GDP grew by 33.1% in the third quarter, the supply chain was working, and inflation was only up 1.2%. Today we are energy dependant, gas prices are high, GDP only grew 2% in the 3rd quarter, we are having major supply chain problems, and inflation is up 6.2% (a number we have not seen since 1990). The economic differences between November 2020 and November 2021 is striking and is totally President Biden's fault. How can one person cause all this economic chaos? By putting policies into effect that directly cause inflation.

President Biden's energy policy has reduced the supply, and potential supply, of oil in the US. This has once again made us dependent on oil from nations who are controlled by OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries). Since we have to once again buy oil from nations that are a part of OPEC, that reduces the global supply which raises the price.

Biden's COVID policies have also caused inflation. It is generally caused by too much money chasing too few goods. Another way to look at it is too much demand but not enough supply. This causes prices to go up.

This brings us to our supply chain problems. We have goods that are not getting from the manufacturer to the store shelves. Whether it is goods sitting on ships off the coast of CA that can't dock, or goods waiting to be off loaded into a warehouse, the cause of the jam in the chain is simply too few workers. That is caused by the federal government paying people to stay home, something it started doing after the lock downs began in order to slow the spread of COVID. Even though the nation has opened, the Biden Administration is still paying people to stay home.

Another reason for the worker shortage, is Biden's and employer's COVID shot mandate. People are refusing to get the shot and getting laid off.

Lastly, inflation is also caused by government printing too much money. When government prints too much money it reduces its value, and our government is now printing money to give to people. It is spending so much money that other nations are no longer loaning us money. This has not stopped politicians from spending, though, as amazing as that sounds. As such, our Federal Reserve is now left to loan money to the government.

Biden's monetary policy has been a disaster for the economy. I have never seen a President do so much harm to the US and America's wallets in such a short time. The only way we can stop the bleeding is to work hard to take back the Congress and keep Texas government Republican in 2022.

The 2022 primary season has started. Work to get out the vote for your candidates, but whoever wins the nomination must get our full support. If we are going to take our nation back, and keep our state, we must get every Republican elected from the top of the ticket to the bottom.

Jennifer Groysman

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Calendar of Events

December 9, 2021 -
Plano Republican Women
Hanukkah/Christmas Party
6 pm
@ Saltgrass in East Plano

There will be no Board
Meeting in December

PRW Christmas and Hanukkah Celebration

Annual Christmas and Hanukkah Celebration for Plano Republican Women

Thursday, December 9th, 2021

Start Time: 6:00 P.M.

Saltgrass Steak House

3320 Central Expressway Plano, TX 75074



Please join us for our Annual Christmas and Hanukkah Celebration
at Saltgrass Steak House on Central Expressway.

We will have our swearing in of the new **2022 Board**.

Tickets per individual are \$15

RVSP by Dec 2nd by paying at the Nov. Meeting or

Mail your check to Catherine Gibb.

Appetizers will be served. You may purchase dinner
or alcoholic drinks directly from the restaurant if desired.

New: Silent auction with beautiful paintings by artist Nancy Fagan.
See her work at www.yellowdotartist.com/prints/americanflagwallart



PRW January Meeting



PRW Meeting - January 18th, 2022

Katrina Pierson
"A Vision for Republicans Going Forward"
and
"Working with President Trump"

Katrina Pierson is an experienced crisis communications and public relations consultant who has represented private corporations, non-profit's, political campaigns, and multi-million dollar super PAC's since founding PCG in 2013.

She has appeared regularly on the Fox News Channel, CNN, MSNBC, Newsmax, and across all major news networks. She has been quoted in every national newspaper along with several international outlets including the countries of China, London, Switzerland and Germany. She is a well known social media influencer, public speaker, reality TV personality, political analyst, inventor, and broadcast media contributor.

Katrina campaigned for congress in the 32nd district of Texas, becoming Governor Sarah Palin's first endorsement of the 2014 election cycle.

In 2020, Katrina oversaw the multi-million dollar national coalition program for President Donald J. Trump's reelection campaign which led to historic support of minorities for a Republican presidential candidate since the 1960's.

Ms. Pierson was previously appointed to healthcare and transportation boards by local governments that served Dallas County, she served on the TTPC Advisory Board to the Texas Legislature, and also served on the Texas Lieutenant Governor's Advisory Board for state issues. Ms. Pierson's accomplishments were formally recognized during the 83rd Texas Legislature.

Katrina obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Dallas. She currently resides in Garland, Texas.

Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

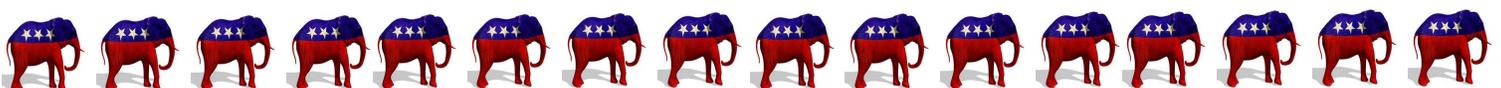
Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

Lunch is available for \$25.00 with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival
 RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, January 14, 2022

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





Legislative Report



Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott



Governor Abbott Approves Funding To Launch Election Audit Division Within Texas Secretary Of State's Office

November 19, 2021 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today approved a Legislative Budget Board proposal transferring the funding needed for the Texas Secretary of State's office to establish a new Election Audit Division. This division will be conducting comprehensive forensic audits in the State of Texas. Currently, the Texas Secretary of State is conducting the largest forensic audit in the country. The Governor requested these funds on Thursday. The Lt. Governor and Speaker issued a proposal for the transfer this morning and the Governor approved it.

"Ensuring the integrity of our elections is critical to our democracy, and the Texas Secretary of State's office deserves the resources and support needed to thoroughly complete this ongoing task," said Governor Abbott. "The people of Texas must have trust and confidence in the election process, as well as the outcomes of our elections, which is why the state of Texas will transfer funding needed so that the Texas Secretary of State can create a division dedicated entirely to this important issue."

Governor Abbott Urges President Biden To Protect American Assets And Secure Southern Border In Talks With Mexico

November 17, 2021 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today sent a [letter](#) urging President Joe Biden to begin an aggressive dialogue during his upcoming meeting with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador regarding border security and recent operational threats against American energy companies by the Mexican government. President Biden and President López Obrador are set to meet at the White House on Thursday, November 18.

"As a result of the inaction by your administration and the Mexican government, I launched Operation Lone Star in early March to help secure the border and combat the smuggling of people and drugs in Texas," reads the letter. "I urge you to engage the Mexican government about ways to prevent the smuggling of individuals, drugs, and the continued flow of illegal immigrants into Texas. Additionally, I urge you to take action to protect American assets from seizure by the Mexican government, potentially in violation of international trade laws. Accordingly, I ask that your administration immediately engage in a dialogue with Mexican officials to discuss the immediate withdrawal of the Mexican military from U.S. owned business interests and convey that no further actions to undermine energy development, production or transmission activities will continue."

The Wall Street Journal [recently reported](#) that the Mexican National Guard was deployed to shut down fuel storage assets owned by Texas-based Monterra Energy. Other American companies face similar operational threats, remain closed, and are under the supervision of the militarized police force despite their continued efforts to work with Mexican regulators.

Governor Abbott Challenges OSHA's COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

November 15, 2021 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today filed a petition in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit challenging the COVID-19 vaccine mandate imposed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). In the petition, the Governor urges the court to vacate OSHA's unlawful mandate and confirm that his Executive Order GA-40 is not preempted.

"This Court should vacate OSHA's Mandate, which 'runs afoul of the statute from which it draws its power and likely, violates the constitutional structure that safeguards our collective liberty,'" reads the petition. "OSHA is trying to deliver on President Biden's empty threat that 'if these governors won't help us beat the pandemic, I'll use my power as President to get them out of the way.' Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-40 need not yield to President Biden's unconstitutional power grab."

Governor Abbott Touts Limited Government, Individual Liberty, Free Enterprise At Goodman Institute Gala In Dallas

November 9, 2021 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today delivered remarks touting limited government, individual liberty, and free enterprise in the State of Texas at The Goodman Institute for Public Policy Research Gala in Dallas. The Governor also received the Institute's Antony Fisher Award at the event, which honors the recipient for excellence in promoting entrepreneurship, community service, limited government, individual liberty, and free enterprise.

During his remarks, the Governor also touted the Lone Star State's robust economy and world-class business climate that continues to attract businesses and families. In addition, Governor Abbott highlighted achievements of the 87th Legislative Session and thanked the Institute for their leadership to promote free markets and personal liberty in Texas and across the nation.

"Texas proudly leads the nation in so many ways because we continue to advance common sense reforms and limited government policies," said Governor Abbott. "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognized the need to not only protect the health of Texans, but to also protect their livelihoods. As a result, Texas is leading America's economic recovery. During the 87th Legislative Session, we passed laws that keeps Texas the promised land for businesses and families, including securing COVID-19 liability protections, providing property tax relief, cutting regulations, and expanding telehealth and broadband access across the state. Charting a course towards a healthier, more prosperous future in the Lone Star State would not be possible without the hard work of policy leaders like John Goodman and the Goodman Institute, and I look forward to our continued work together to keep Texas the beacon of freedom and prosperity in America."



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OFFICE OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN VAN TAYLOR

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Congressional Veteran Commendation Ceremony: Congressman Taylor honored fifteen deserving veterans at the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation (CVC) Ceremony on Saturday, October 30th in Plano. To learn more about this nominations-based program recognizing the wartime sacrifices and peacetime community involvement of TX-03 veterans, please visit VanTaylor.house.gov.

Congressman Taylor Meets with Border Patrol and DPS in Rio Grande Valley

On October 11, 2021, Representative Taylor met with United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents to tour a migrant processing facility in Donna and a temporary outdoor processing site in McAllen.

Representative Taylor also met with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for a boat tour of drug and human smuggling routes. CBP officials have stated 1.5 million people illegally crossed along the southwest border in FY21, which is three times as many in FY20.

Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation Prohibiting IRS from Surveilling Bank Accounts

On October 15, 2021, Representative Taylor cosponsored H.R. 5586, the *Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act*. Specifically, the bill would prevent any new requirements on banks to disclose information on individuals' private bank account deposits or withdrawal activity to the IRS.

In order to pay for the \$3.5 trillion budget resolution currently being negotiated in Washington, the Biden Administration has proposed forcing financial institutions to report transactions for accounts over \$600 to the IRS every year.

Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation Addressing NPRC Veteran Backlog

On October 26, 2021, Representative Taylor cosponsored, H.R. 3710, the *RECORDS Act of 2021*, legislation that directs the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) to fully re-open and issue a report to Congress on efforts to eliminate the backlog of benefits for veterans. NPRC is responsible for processing veterans' service records necessary for veterans to access benefits.

In November 2020, Representative Taylor lead a letter with 233 members of Congress urging the NPRC to implement new policies so that they may resume processing military personnel, health, and medical records requests and address the growing backlog of requests due to the closure of the facility amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the NPRC has not fully reopened and maintains a growing backlog.

Congressman Taylor Joins Letter Calling to Reopen Social Security Offices

On October 12, 2021 Representative Taylor joined colleagues in sending a letter to the Social Security Administration and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) urging them to work together to immediately develop a plan to reopen in-person Social Security services in more than 1,500 locations around the nation.

Most Social Security field offices have been closed for in-person services due to the pandemic. The lack of in-person appointments has made it difficult for individuals and seniors to apply for and receive proper benefits, appeal errors, and request new Social Security cards.

To stay up to date on legislation or to let Congressman Taylor know your thoughts on critical issues, please sign up for Congressman Taylor's e-newsletter at VanTaylor.house.gov and follow him on social media @RepVanTaylor.

November PRW Photos





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Jessica Bartnick



A December Tradition Called Kwanzaa.

What is it? And Why Was It Created in 1966?



Happy Holiday Season Plano Republican Women and Friends. There are many holidays being celebrated during the months of November and December, and so much time we get to spend with family. Some of the times may be stressful, and some of the times may be full of excitement. Or maybe it becomes a blast after we bring out the spiked cider. Regardless of your Holiday festivities, we have much to celebrate during these months! This article is not going to focus on Christmas or Hanukkah tradition or history, we are going to focus on Kwanzaa. Which I would guarantee you have heard of before but are not aware of the history.

First let's ask the question, what religion is Kwanzaa? It is not considered a religious holiday. Some consider it an alternative to Christmas; however, it does not represent the birth of Christ. Kwanzaa is more of a cultural holiday that represents a historical moment.

How long has the tradition of Kwanzaa been around? Kwanzaa began in 1966. A black nationalist named Maulana Karenga, created the holiday as a way of uniting and empowering the African American community in the aftermath of the Watts Riots. (The Watts Riots were a large series of riots that lasted for days in Los Angeles. These riots were the result of two stepbrothers who were pulled over by a police officer, the driver of the car failed a sobriety test. This man was afraid to go to jail, so he started to resist arrest and fought with the police officer, and then his brother joined in the fight against the police officer. The drivers of the car who were breaking the law were black and the police officer was white, which caused the riots based on 'social justice.') Maulana Karenga became a college professor and named his holiday from the Swahili phrase kwanza, 'first fruits'. He admitted adding a second 'a' because of seven children who each wanted to represent a letter of his created holiday, so he called Kwanzaa.

When is Kwanzaa celebrated? Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration that will begin on December 26, 2021 and will end on January 1, 2022. Those who honor Kwanzaa light a candle to represent each day, and the candle holder is called a kinara.

As we all gather around the Christmas Tree, Menorah, or kinara this holiday season, may you enjoy the comfort and tradition that your family holds near and dear. As we sing our songs and celebrate with family, may your holiday season be full of joy!

Happy Holidays! Praying for a prosperous and healthy 2022 to all of you!

Written by:

Jessica Bartnick

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Political Action Hours

Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!

If you were unable to attend the November meeting and have hours to report for November,

please go to our website to log the hours. Remember,

if you attend functions that educate and promote moving our conservative values forward

you can count that as well as other activities such as block walking, phone calling, and patriot bridge brigade activities.

Report your Political Action Hours to our website www.planorepublicanwomen.org



Constitutional Minute Series

Why the Ninth Amendment is my Favorite

By Burnie Thompson

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. - Amendment IX

In the beginning, there was the *Ninth Amendment* and the Ninth Amendment was the beginning of these United States. It's the genesis of America.

If we start the story at the beginning, we understand that all the rights in the universe belong to the people, as Constitutional scholar *KrisAnne Hall* likes to say. And these rights came from our *Creator*.

From that, the people created government and gave it certain powers to guarantee our rights. It's important to remember that only the people have rights because rights come from God rather than from people.

That's why government possesses no rights, but only powers delegated by the people. This is an important distinction because men can't rightfully take away what our Creator has given us. But people can properly take away any power it has delegated to the government.

On the flip side, men can't grant each other rights because we're not the Lord. And government can't grant each other more power because it's not the people. That which is created is not superior to its creator.

This line of reasoning is known as "Rules of Construction" in legal arguments. "They tell us how to 'construe' the powers delegated to the federal government," explains *Michael Maharrey*, communications director with the *Tenth Amendment Center*.

That's what makes the Ninth and *Tenth Amendments* in the *Bill of Rights* different than the first eight, which list and guarantee individual rights. Instead, they are statements of first principles.

KrisAnne Hall calls the Ninth Amendment "the most important clause in the entire *Constitution*" because it's the foundation upon which all the rest stand.

It's also important to understand what the Constitution is, and what it does. The Constitution is a compact among the States that primarily does three things: (1) It sets up the structure of our federal government; (2) It limits the power of our federal government; and (3) It guarantees our rights against government encroachment.

The States (representing the people) strengthened our sovereignty by creating the federal government to essentially be an ambassador to other nations, a referee among the States, and an armed guard for national defense.

All this emphasis on personal liberty makes these United States unique in the history of nations.

America was founded on ideas that put the people above the government. The first is a theological maxim that we are all born free and in God's image. Inherent in our humanity is Liberty, and it came from our Creator. Second, is the political application of a Constitutional Republic that puts the Rule of Law above the Law of Rulers.

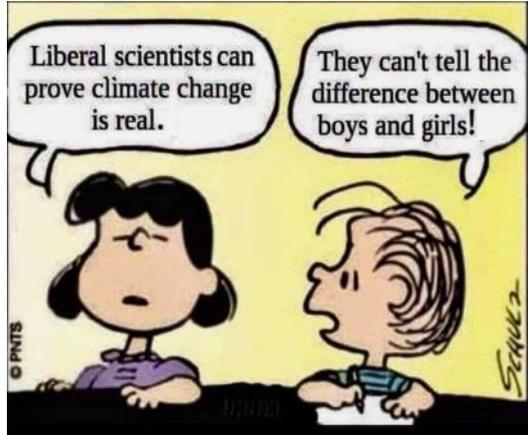
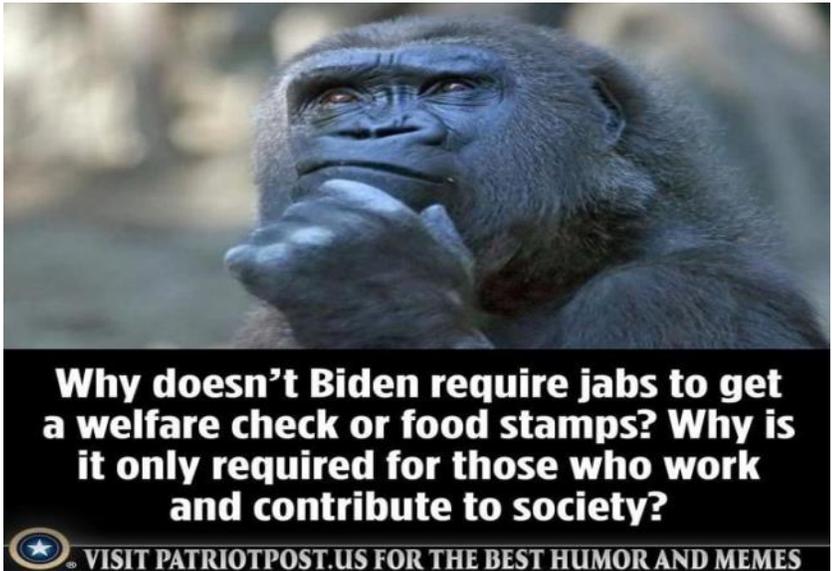
The Ninth Amendment is that rock-solid foundation we can stand upon to remind politicians that all rights belong to the people. And that it's government's job to protect those rights.

After all, we were here first. And then the States. And then the federal government. And the rules of construction dictate who's the boss and who's the servant.

So when any government servant tells us to move from that rock of Liberty, it's our job to plant our feet firmly where they belong and say, "No - YOU move."

*This article is on the website www.krisannehall.com The writer is the host of *The Burnie Thompson Show*®. He is a watchdog journalist in Panama City Beach, Fl. and talk-radio host from 2007-2020.*

Political Cartoons



Texas Hospital Suspends Doctor's Privileges After She Voices Concerns Over Vaccine Mandates

Jack Phillips, November 15, 2021, Epoch Times

A Texas hospital announced that it has suspended the privileges of a doctor who posted concerns on social media about COVID-19 vaccine mandates and suggested that ivermectin may be able to treat the virus.

Dr. Mary Bowden, an ear, nose, and throat doctor at Houston Methodist Hospital, posted what was called “dangerous misinformation” that’s “not based in science” about the virus, the hospital announced on Twitter. The firm didn’t elaborate on the so-called misinformation and didn’t explain how her social media claims aren’t scientifically factual.

“Dr. Mary Bowden, who recently joined the medical staff at Houston Methodist Hospital, is using her social media accounts to express her personal and political opinions about the COVID-19 vaccine and treatments,” Houston Methodist, which drew national headlines for becoming one of the first hospital systems in the United States to mandate vaccines for all its employees earlier in 2021, wrote on Twitter.

Patty Muck, a spokesperson for the hospital, confirmed to media outlets over the weekend that Bowden’s privileges were suspended.

“The physician’s privileges at Houston Methodist have been suspended,” Muck wrote in an email to the Washington Post.

When contacted by The Epoch Times, a separate spokesperson for the hospital sent a statement that echoed several of its Twitter posts. The spokesperson didn’t elaborate on the suspension.

Last week, Bowden wrote on her Twitter account that “vaccine mandates are wrong” and included a screenshot of a message that apparently came from an individual who told her that “what the government is doing to its citizens in the United States is incomprehensible.” She also used her account to suggest that the anti-parasitic drug ivermectin may be able to treat COVID-19 symptoms.

In recent weeks, podcaster Joe Rogan and Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers both publicly confirmed that they took ivermectin after they were each diagnosed with COVID-19. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) haven’t recommended the drug to be used for treating the virus.

“Ivermectin might not be as deadly as everyone said it was. Speak up!” Bowden said on Nov. 10.

Bowden’s attorney, Steve Mitby, told local media outlets that the doctor has treated more than 2,000 COVID-19 patients and said she isn’t against vaccines.

“Like many Americans, Dr. Bowden believes that people should have a choice and believes that all people, regardless of vaccine status, should have access to the same high-quality health care,” Mitby said.

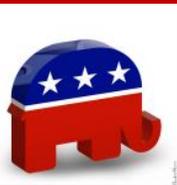
Speaking to local media outlet Click2Houston, Bowden, who also runs her own private practice, BreatheMD, said she had a “great relationship” with Houston Methodist.

But the “issues with vaccines and ivermectin really go against patient autonomy and their right to choose their treatment,” she said.

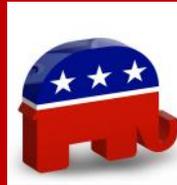
“All of my comments are backed by clinical experience,” Bowden told the Houston Chronicle. “I have been open seven days a week since the pandemic began, performing over 80,000 COVID tests and treating over 2,000 patients with COVID.”

Mitby’s law firm didn’t respond to a request for comment by press time.

Jack Phillips is a breaking news reporter at The Epoch Times based in New York.



Catherine Gibb's Father Honored by Congressman Taylor



Ceremony Honoring First Lieutenant William Jennings Bryan Duncan

Congressman Taylor presents Catherine Gibb with an original Prisoner of War medal for her father 1st Lt. Duncan



On Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. we had the honor of celebrating the posthumous award of the Prisoner of War Medal to the family of First Lieutenant W.J. Bryan Duncan. The celebration was held at the Flags of Honor Event where over 1,000 US flags were displayed, each with the history of one of our veterans.

Bryan Duncan joined the United States Army Air Force on September 7, 1940 and served until July 3, 1946. He was promoted from Private eventually to 1st Lieutenant and served as the Quarter Master, where he commanded and supervised personnel engaged in transporting ammunition and food supplies by pack animals. He supervised the care, conditioning and feeding of horses and mules in the Unit when he was arrived in Manila on November 1, 1941, having been on the last ship of soldiers to be sent there.



On the morning of April 9, 1942, following three months of intense battle and no hope of reinforcements, approximately 75,000 American troops on the Bataan Peninsula of the Philippines surrendered to the Japanese. 1st Lt. Duncan was among those captured and these men were then subjected to the Bataan Death March, a tortuous march of more than 65 miles in tropical temperatures of over 100 degrees, given no food or water, and rarely rested for 7 days. Thousands died and those who didn't were sent to various prisoner of war camps. 1st Lt. Duncan was one of many that were sent to Camp Cabanatuan.



Toward the end of the war, the Japanese were exterminating the prisoners in the various camps. It was determined that there would be an attempt to rescue the survivors in Camp Cabanatuan, who were just days away from being murdered by the Japanese. On January 30, 1945, the 500 survivors were rescued by Colonel Henri Mucci, Captain Robert Prince and the 6th Ranger Battalion of the U.S. Army. Philippine guerillas were instrumental in this rescue, the most successful POW rescue in history. This rescue inspired the 2005 movie *The Great Raid*.

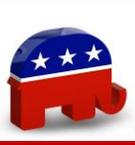
The Prisoner of War Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was authorized by Congress and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on November 8, 1985. Since this medal was not in existence in 1946, this was an original presentation to Catherine and her sister, Liz Duncan on behalf of their father.





Plano Republican Women In The News

By:Debby Arrant, Awards Chair



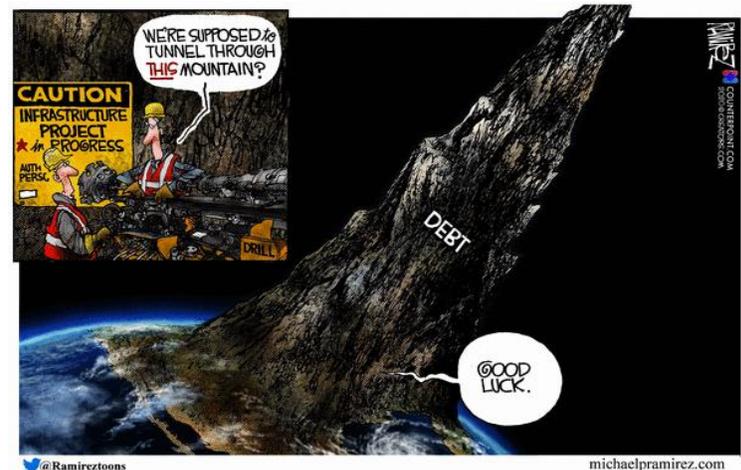
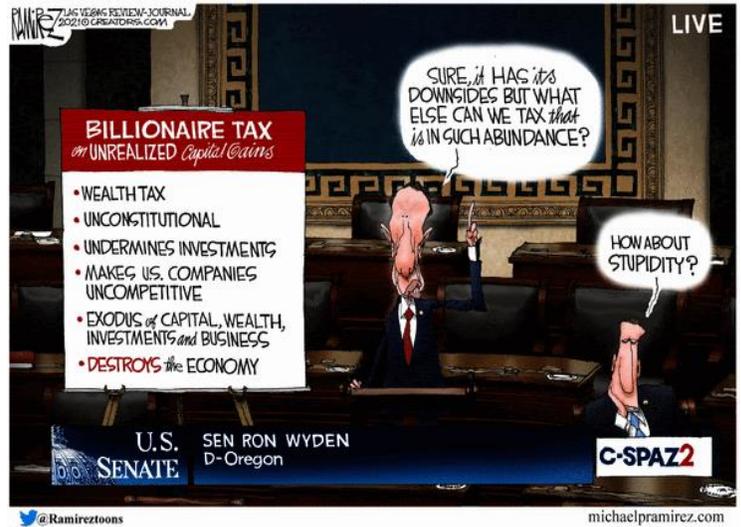
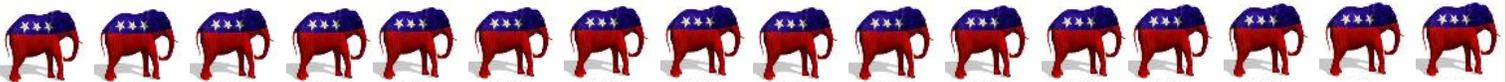
Governor Abbott Appoints Ward to State Commission on Judicial Conduct

November 22, 2021 | Austin, Texas | Appointment

Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Kathy Ward to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct for a term set to expire on November 19, 2027. The commission regulates the conduct of the state judiciary, including the power to recommend for retirement, censure, suspension, or removal of a judge from office.



Kathy Ward of Plano is an education technology and education consultant. She is a former morning drive time radio talk show co-host and now co-hosts two podcasts and produces multiple shows on the JPK Broadcasting Network. She currently volunteers as an appointed member of the School Based Improvement Council for Plano Academy High School. She previously served as a Plano Independent School District Special Education Lead Teacher and was appointed and then elected as a Collin County Commissioner. Ward received a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of North Texas.



A Victory Against Tyranny

Charlotte Allen, November 23, 2021, Epoch Times

Commentary

On Nov. 17, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), complying with a federal court order, suspended enforcement of its COVID-19 mandate that would have forced about 31 million unvaccinated Americans working for private businesses essentially to choose between getting themselves vaccinated against the virus or jeopardizing their jobs.

The order, issued by the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision on Nov. 12, was a constitutional victory against using the power of the federal government to dictate people's individual health decisions. But it was also something more: a moral victory against the Biden administration's unrelenting campaign, fully supported by the mainstream media, to punish people for dissenting from the administration's particular medical stance on COVID.

It was, in short, a victory against tyranny. I write this as someone who promptly got vaccinated as soon as the vaccines became widely available and would urge others to do so as well. But there are people who object, whether for religious reasons (there's no specific religious exemption in the OSHA mandate), or because they have already had COVID-19 and are naturally immune, or because they don't want to be experimented on with vaccines hastily rushed to approval. The last category may account for the outsize proportion of blacks resisting vaccination; they have long memories of the Tuskegee syphilis experiments. Many of these people are health workers and first responders who put their lives on the line during the first, highly ravaging months of COVID-19 in early 2020. They deserve respect for their personal decisions.

But the Biden administration's response has been, let's show 'em who's boss. The text of Biden's Sept. 9 [speech](#) announcing his intention to crack down on vax-refusers reads like a despot's edict: "We've been patient, but our patience is wearing thin."

He sounded like the King in The Wizard of Id. Since there's no constitutional or statutory cover for the federal government to order individuals directly to get the shots, he ordered OSHA, whose domain is workplace safety, essentially to manufacture one. On Nov. 4 OSHA duly issued an "emergency" mandate ([pdf](#)) telling all private businesses with more than 100 employees to require their workers either to be vaccinated or to undergo weekly COVID-19 tests, often at their own expense, and to wear masks throughout the workday—or get fired. The masking requirement alone would stigmatize vax-noncompliers as pariahs to be shunned. [Fines for noncompliance](#) could total nearly \$14,000 per incident, including failure to keep vaccination records, with up to 10 times the penalty for "willful" flouting of the mandate. Employers would have two months, until Jan. 4, 2022, to set up vax-or-test protocols.

Two days later, on Nov. 6, the Fifth Circuit, in a lawsuit filed by five states along with companies, individuals, and religious groups, issued a temporary stay on enforcing the mandate. The White House breezily announced that it had no intention of complying with the order.

"If OSHA can tell people to wear a hard hat on the job, to be careful around chemicals, it can put in place these simple measures to keep our workers safe," Biden's chief of staff, Ron Klain, [declared](#).

White House Deputy Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre advised employers to go ahead with requiring their employees to get vaccinated or tested regardless of what the court said.

The mainstream media reveled in the administration's defiance. [Vox](#) dubbed the three Fifth-Circuit judges "right-wing" and said the stay was "premature, improper, and appears to be motivated by partisanship." "How about saving lives?" asked [Washington Post](#) columnist Ruth Marcus. Some commentators, such as [The Atlantic](#)'s David Frum, urged the federal government to get even more punitive in its stance against the unvaccinated: Why not bar them from flying or taking trains and buses? (In fact, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) has introduced [just such a bill](#).) Why not deny them student loans? "Will blue America ever decide it's had enough of being put medically at risk?" Frum asked.

The Fifth's Circuit's Nov. 12 decision, extending the stay until a full trial on the merits, threw a bucket of cold water on this idea that the federal government can do whatever it wants to force its citizens to comply with its favored medical strategies—and punish them for not doing so.

The lead opinion ([pdf](#)), by U.S. Circuit Judge Kurt D. Engelhardt, pointed out that the OSHA mandate obviously had little to do with workplace safety, nor was it a genuine "emergency" measure. It excluded businesses with 99 employees—aren't they as at much risk of contracting COVID-19 from the unvaccinated as their friends who work for businesses with 100 employees? The Biden administration had

A Victory Against Tyranny

Charlotte Allen, November 23, 2021, Epoch Times

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simply “pored over the U.S. Code” looking for some statute that might enable it to bypass the Constitution and impose a national vaccine mandate directly, Engelhardt wrote. And it came up with the Occupational Safety and Health Act, enacted in 1970 to deal with slippery factory floors and exposure to toxic chemicals. The OSHA mandate “grossly exceeds OSHA’s statutory authority,” Engelhardt said.

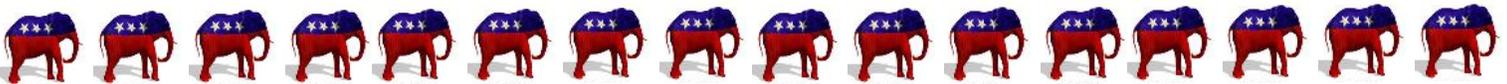
The Constitution makes it clear that the federal government is a government of limited powers, and it’s especially limited in its ability to impose direct obligations upon its citizens. The Fifth Circuit’s ruling made it clear that these limits are real. And fortunately, as the Fifth Circuit also made clear, the federal government is limited in its ability to issue decrees that would destroy the livelihoods of, or make social outcasts of, dissenters from prevailing ideologies, medical or otherwise.

Of course, as might be expected, the Biden White House is still pretending that court rulings don’t mean anything, and that businesses should pretend likewise and forge ahead to meet the Jan. 4 vaccination deadline.

“That was our message after the first stay issued by the Fifth Circuit,” White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters on Nov. 18, the day after the deadline got suspended. “That remains our message and nothing has changed.”

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Fear Is Deadlier Than Viruses

Dennis Prager, November 23, 2021, Epoch Times

As I see people still walking around with masks, even outside, I am amazed at what the fear-mongering federal government, media and Big Tech has been able to do to this once free nation. The commentary that follows is an indictment of this and I, for one, am done with masks mandates, vaccines mandates and any other ludicrous mandates that Biden has up his sleeve. If we continue to give in to this tyranny our freedoms will be gone forever. This is my opinion and I am not speaking for Plano Republican Women.

Catherine Gibb

Commentary

The most famous words of Franklin Roosevelt, America's longest-serving president, were, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

One wonders if any world leader would or could say that today. We live in the Age of Fear.

All of my life, I thought love and hate were the two most powerful human emotions.

But owing to recent events, I have changed my mind.

I now understand that for most people, *fear* is the strongest emotion.

In fact, I've come to realize that it is possible to get people to do anything if you instill enough fear in them. Specifically, irrational fear.

Fear of COVID-19, for example, is rational. But media and governments induced irrational fears. That's why millions of healthy people stayed indoors for a year or more, why a vast number of people wore masks while walking or sitting alone outdoors, and why so many parents did not allow their young children to play with other children for a year or more, even though the COVID-19 mortality rate among children was considerably less than the flu's mortality rate among children.

All of this was caused by irrational fear. It turns out that fear is not only more powerful than love and hate; in most people it is more powerful than reason. And when it is, it is far more destructive—to the individual and to society—than rational fear.

What is rational fear? When a soldier fears going into battle, that is rational. Soldiers cannot allow fear to control their behavior, but their fear is not irrational. If a mugger points a gun at you, it is rational to feel fear. If you are diagnosed with cancer, it is rational to experience fear.

Rational fear is not necessarily a bad thing. It is irrational fear that does the most harm—to yourself, to others and to all of society.

The Salem witch trials of the 17th century exemplified irrational fear leading to evil: the killing of women who were believed to be witches.

You would think that the Enlightenment of the 18th century, with its focus on reason and science, would have led to a great lessening of irrational fear.

It hasn't.

To cite a number of examples, an unknowable (but not small) number of Americans—usually among the best educated—prohibited their parents from seeing their grandchildren, either because the grandparents or the grandchildren were not vaccinated. They did this despite the fact that the number of young people infected with COVID-19 was close to zero and despite the fact that there were extremely few cases of children infecting adults. Sweden kept its schools open for all students under the age of 16 throughout the pandemic, and studies have since confirmed that the risk to Swedish teachers of infection by students was extremely low. Such is the power of irrational fear.

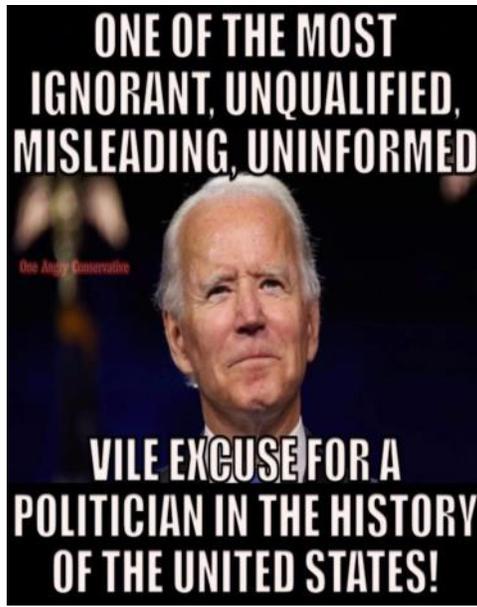
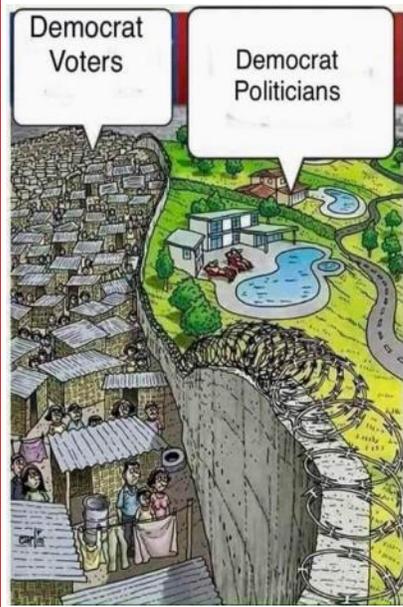
To take another contemporary example, many people have decided not to have children because they fear that a warming planet represents an "existential threat" to life. Now, it is rational to be concerned about climate change, but it is irrational not to have children because of it. And it gets even more irrational. Their parents often support this decision, despite their deep yearning to be grandparents.

Irrational fear is also a major source of hatred. People hate what they fear. It was Germans' irrational fear of Jews—people who made up under 1 percent of the German population—that led to the unique evil known as the Holocaust.

Given the awful power of fear, what can you do to be less fearful?

The first thing you must do is determine whether your fears are rational or irrational.

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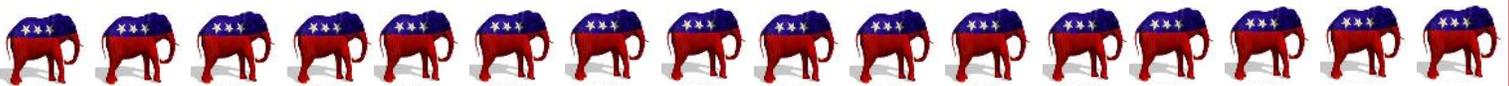
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Gay Pariahs, Unvaccinated Pariahs, the Left, and the Truth

Dennis Prager, November 16, 2021, Epoch Times

Commentary

Last week in an interview on Newsmax, I said:

“During the AIDS crisis, can you imagine if gay men and intravenous drug users, who were the vast majority of the people with AIDS, had they been pariahs the way the non-vaccinated are? But it would have been inconceivable. And it should have been inconceivable; they should not have been made pariahs. But this (banning those not vaccinated from bars, restaurants, salons, etc.) is kosher, this is OK.” The reason I raised the comparison of gay men and IV drug users as pariahs to the current-day unvaccinated is that I took for granted that those two groups, were, in fact, made pariahs at that time. My whole point was they were not made pariahs *in the same way the unvaccinated are today*. No AIDS-infected people were the subject of government-issued edicts to bar them from private businesses such as restaurants, bars, and hair salons.

Had gay men and IV drug users never been made pariahs in the beginning of the AIDS crisis, there would have been no point in raising them as a point of comparison. To any honest person hearing or reading that statement, it is therefore clear that I did not say gays were not pariahs during the AIDS crisis. I said the opposite: I said that they should *not* have been made pariahs and that it should have been inconceivable to make them pariahs. I compared gays as pariahs then to the unvaccinated as pariahs today. I said they were not pariahs “like the unvaccinated are today.” There’s a reason people use qualifiers.

The Left went into its standard mode of operation—lie, smear, get hysterical, and incite the mob.

Some examples:

MSNBC devoted a segment to what I said. They played the Newsmax video of me—but, tellingly, they played only part of what I said. They dropped, “And it should have been inconceivable; they (gays) should not have been made pariahs.” If you watch the video of me speaking as played on MSNBC, you actually see me mouthing those words, but MSNBC made sure you can’t hear me say them. Dropping those words changes the entire meaning of what I said.

And change the meaning of what I said is precisely what The Independent, Slate, Politifact, the Advocate, Media Matters, The Bulwark writers and every other [left-wing](#) individual and organization that covered this story did.

Gays with AIDS were indeed pariahs, and some awful things were done to and said about them. This was especially true in the first years of the AIDS outbreak, and especially after Dr. Anthony Fauci announced that AIDS may be transmittable through casual household contact (rather than solely by the exchange of body fluids), and most especially after the media hyped the myth that AIDS was as easily transmitted and common among heterosexuals as it was among gay men and intravenous drug users. As a result, many Americans panicked.

Consequently, almost everyone with AIDS—not only gay men—were rendered pariahs. One of the most famous examples was Ryan White, a 10-year-old boy who was not gay (to anyone’s knowledge), who was kicked out of school in 1986 because he had contracted AIDS from a tainted blood transfusion.

Now let’s compare that pariah status to that of the unvaccinated today.

Were there government mandates to fire every gay man with AIDS, as there are today for every company in America with 100-plus employees?

Did government edicts deprive AIDS patients of their incomes and pensions? Were gay policemen, nurses, and firefighters fired?

Was there a ban on gay men (with or without AIDS) entering movie theaters, restaurants, hair salons, etc., unless they could prove they did not have AIDS? Such bans exist at this moment on the unvaccinated.

Was there any talk about banning anyone with AIDS from using all public transportation? Such a ban on the unvaccinated exists in Canada and is being seriously discussed by the Biden administration. Last week, Austria barred unvaccinated people who do not have natural immunity from restaurants, hotels, hair salons and large public events.

Here’s more on the treatment of the unvaccinated:

The former premier of New South Wales, Bob Carr, has called on the Australian government to follow Singapore’s decision to discontinue free COVID-19 treatment for unvaccinated patients. He said it was time unvaccinated Australians should be forced to “pay for your willful stupidity.”

Gay Pariahs, Unvaccinated Pariahs, the Left, and the Truth

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Howard Stern said: "I'm really of mind to say, 'Look, if you didn't get vaccinated and you got Covid, you don't get into a hospital.'"

MSNBC host Mehdi Hasan supports segregating the unvaccinated and denying them access to basic goods and services.

Noam Chomsky said that the unvaccinated should be pushed into isolation. When asked how the unvaccinated would then be able to get food, Chomsky responded, "How can we get food to them? Well, that's actually their problem."

"Noam Chomsky is trending because he wants to get tough on people who choose to stay unvaccinated," Mehdi Hasan said on MSNBC. "Good for him."

Leana Wen, a visiting professor of health policy at George Washington University, Washington Post columnist, and medical analyst for CNN, told Chris Cuomo on CNN:

"We need to start looking at the choice to remain unvaccinated the same as we look at driving while intoxicated. You have the option to not get vaccinated if you want, but then you can't go out in public."

Jimmy Kimmel said this: "Dr. Fauci said that if hospitals get any more overcrowded, they're going to have to make some very tough choices about who gets an ICU bed. That choice doesn't seem so tough to me. Vaccinated person having a heart attack? Yes, come right on in, we'll take care of you. Unvaccinated guy who gobbled horse goo? Rest in peace, wheezy."

My comments were about the government-imposed pariah status of the unvaccinated today; they in no way denied the social pariah status of gays with AIDS in the 1980s. But facts do not matter to the angry and the hate-filled.

Tim Miller, writer-at-large for The Bulwark, said on the MSNBC program that featured my Newsmax interview:

"His (Prager's) revisionist history is a central tenet of right-wing victimhood. They love the victim status ... and to pretend like the suffering of people didn't exist."

Miller simply lied about what I said. I never pretended the suffering of people didn't exist. I compared the pariah status of the unvaccinated today to the pariah status of gays during the AIDS epidemic and said the former is worse. That is demonstrably true: Not one of these commentators cited an example of government or commentators calling for banning AIDS victims from working, from eating out, from getting a haircut or a plane ticket or from receiving medical care.

As noted above, every left-wing outlet that covered the issue lied:

The Independent: "Right-wing radio host claims gay men weren't 'pariahs' during Aids crisis—but unvaccinated are now."

Poynter Institute for Media Studies: "Dennis Prager's claim that it was 'inconceivable' that gay men were seen as 'pariahs' in the 1980s is extraordinarily inaccurate."

Politifact (a so-called fact-checker): "To suggest that gay men and intravenous drug users were not considered pariahs during the AIDS crisis of the 1980s is entirely inaccurate We rate the statement Pants on Fire."

The Advocate (perhaps the most long-standing and prominent gay site): Like MSNBC, it dropped the last two sentences when it quoted me.

Tampa Bay Times headline: "The Pants on Fire claim that it was 'inconceivable' gay men were seen as 'pariahs.'"

Another writer at The Bulwark, Jonathan V. Last, asked: "Is Dennis Prager Stupid or Evil?" To support this, he printed the truncated quote of what I said, just like MSNBC and the others.

Why did the Left lie about what I said?

For two reasons.

The first is something I have known and written about since I studied communism in graduate school: Neither liberty nor truth is, or has ever been, a left-wing value. Both are liberal values, and both are conservative values. But neither is a left-wing value.

The second is that on the Left, victim status is everything. Only left-wing approved groups can be deemed victims, and gays are, of course, one of those groups. Whatever the price—including truth—the Left must maintain its monopoly on victimhood.

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GOP Elected Official Guest Column



Greetings,

This Veterans Day, I recognized Texas' and America's veterans for their dedicated service to our country at the City of Houston's 'Houston Salutes American Heroes Veterans Day Celebration.'

Texas has played a crucial role in defending our great nation, and my hometown of Houston has the second largest veteran population in the nation, with roughly one-fifth of Texas' veterans. I am honored to represent the roughly 1.4 million veterans in the Lone Star State.

At the event, I joined Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, city officials, several of my Congressional colleagues, and leaders from Hope for The Warriors, a non-profit for service members who have been wounded in action and their families, along with the families of our fallen heroes, and Helping a Hero, a non-profit organization that builds homes for veterans wounded in the post-9/11 War on Terror.

There, we paused to honor the sacrifices made by millions of Americans in uniform on behalf of this great nation. It was an honor to be there celebrating the men and women who took the oath to defend our nation against every enemy, foreign and domestic. They are the ones who preserve our liberties. They are the ones who keep America that shining city on a hill.

As Americans, it's easy to take for granted the blessings we have and the freedoms we enjoy—the freedom to start a business, the freedom to raise your kids, the freedom to speak, the freedom to worship, the freedom to keep and bear arms. All of those freedoms are integral to who we are as Americans. None of them would exist were it not for the heroes we honored this week.

America's veterans gave so completely, whether in combat operations and in far off war zones, or missing cherished family moments throughout the years in order to serve. On behalf of 29 million Texans, to every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, and Guardsman: Thank you. Your service made a difference. Your sacrifices have made this country great.

We owe you an immeasurable debt of gratitude.

God bless you and your families, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

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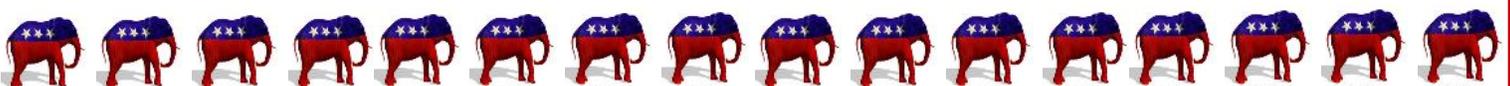
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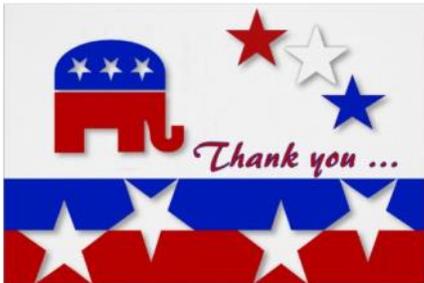


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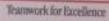
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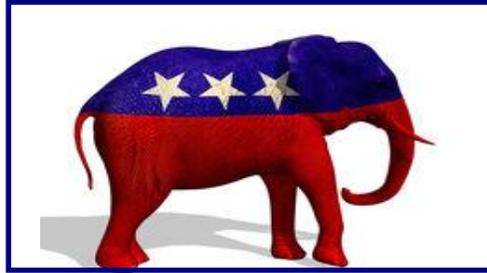
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Robyn Shaheen	12/3
Juanita Flint	12/25





Please mail this form with your check made payable to PRW:

Plano Republican Women
P. O. Box 940461
Plano, Texas 75094

CORPORATE CHECKS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

PLANO REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP/SPONSOR FORM

Year: 2022

Memberships:

_____ \$40 Full Active Single Membership (PRW receives \$15, TFRW and NFRW receive \$25)

_____ \$45 Full Active Membership with Spouse

_____ \$25 Associate Membership - for Men or Active Members of other Republican Women Clubs

_____ \$20 Young Affiliate (young woman, age 10-17)

_____ \$100 Patron Member (includes Full Active Single Membership)

Sponsors:

_____ \$200 Platinum: Business card ad in Directory & Newsletter; PRW Webpage image w/link to your website & associate membership* for your spouse

_____ \$150 Gold: Newsletter Ad, PRW Webpage image w/link to your website & spouse associate membership*

_____ \$100 Silver: Ad in the Newsletter & listing on the Website **OR** Webpage image w/link to your website

_____ \$75 Bronze: Ad in the Membership Directory/listing on the Website

*if your spouse is not a member of another TFRW club, she can be a member of PRW

** Please complete this form entirely and mail in, along with 3 business cards

Additional (Optional):

_____ \$10.00 Magnetic PRW Name Tag _____ \$4 Mail Delivery of the annual PRW Membership

TOTAL: _____ Check #: _____

Please provide the information to be included in the PRW Membership Directory

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____
Street City Zip code + 4

Phone numbers: (home) _____ (Office) _____ (Cell) _____

Email* _____ Precinct# _____ Birthday (month & day) _____

Associate Member Spouse Email* _____ Birthday (month & day) _____

* Email is used for newsletters and other PRW announcements

The information requested below is required by the Texas Ethics Commission:

Occupation _____ Employer _____



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Plano Republican Women

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

Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway

Plano, TX 75074

11:15 am check-in

11:30 am meeting, lunch and program

Lunch is \$25 payable to PRW (Cash or Check) at the door.

You do not have to have lunch to attend,

But please RSVP to

rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

