

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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January 2022

President's Byline



A Gallup poll earlier this month found that just 40% of Americans approve of Joe Biden's job performance while 56% disapprove. That equates to a 16-point percentage gap, the largest of his presidency so far. *"It's disappointment after disappointment. It hasn't stopped,"* says Frank Luntz, a political pollster who's conducted several focus groups with independent voters over the past six months.

The latest January Gallup poll this year after Biden's address to the nation, shows 47% of voters lean republican and only 42% lean democrat. In January of 2021, 49% of voters said they leaned Democrat. Only 40% said they leaned towards the republican party. This is a 14 %-point shift in just one year. The largest poll shift Gallop has seen in its 30 years of polling.

Frank Luntz, said on *The National Desk* on Jan 20th, "This is not an embrace of the republican party, simply a rejection of Joe Biden and the democrats handling of the economy". But is that true? Let's look at what people are upset about.

The Democrats promised a strong economy and we have the highest inflation since 1982, after Reagan came into office inheriting the mess Jimmy Carter made.

Joe Biden promised the American people a sense of security and a reduction in crime. A lot of people voted for him just because they were afraid after the Summer Riots of 2020 that caused over 3 billion dollars in damage, hundreds of law enforcement officers were injured across the nation and dozens of people not just police officers were killed by Democrat shock troops under the banners of ANTFA and BLM. Crime in American cities has risen exponentially since last year because of the soft on crime policies by the Left in Democrat controlled cities.

Illegal immigration has soared to the highest recorded level under Biden's Open borders policies. We have seen 1.6 million people pouring over our borders in 2021, more than quadruple the number in 2020. The highest annual total on record according to the US Border Patrol. Human trafficking is at an all-time high. Infants and children found abandoned by the coyotes once they have made the minimum incursion into the US.

We have raging COVID numbers higher than in 2020 under this president. Strangely, Democrats are no longer demanding we shut the economy down, just forcing vaccine madidates onto citizens. Private businesses and government contractors are firing employees who won't comply including workers who have had COVID. Even though the CDC has finally acknowledged recovering from the virus offers more natural immunity than a vaccine.

Biden gave himself an A rating in his presidential address. But 37% of Americans gave him an F rating in a Politico poll of voters. His other grades are 18 % for a C rating and 12% give him a D. Even 1 in 4 Democrats gave Biden an F.

Americans are suffering while Biden takes academic, socialist ideological solutions and tries to apply them to real world problems. Pundits says the Democrats and Biden have a messaging problem. I say

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 1st, 2022
PRW Board Meeting
11:30 Napolis—West Plano
Tuesday, February 15,, 2022
PRW General Meeting
11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano
Lincoln Day Dinner
February 24, 2022
South Fork Ranch

PRW Presidents Byline

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they don't. When people tell you who they really are, you should listen. Democrats are currently worried about the mid-term and will soon moderate their messaging at every level.

Republicans and Independents should remember their actions, look at your finances and say, Am I better off than I was a year ago. Does this feel like Obama 2.0 on steroids?

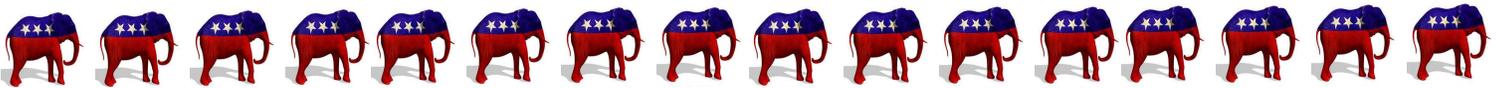
Some people say, the Democrat party has changed. These aren't your parents' Democrats. Has it? As a Black woman, I always remember the Democrat party standing for racist policies and repression by destroying neighborhoods while pretending someone else is stopping them from helping their constituents.

Fast forward to 2022, and we have racism targeted towards whites not blacks. Hispanics and blacks despite the empty promises of the Dems are expected to vote for them in lock step. Parents are treated as aggressors by public school districts when they question Critical Race Theory. They use lies like "white nationalism" to turn attention away from the systematic failure of their policies.

As we move forward as a nation, I ask every Republican woman to be on offense not defense. Do not let yourself be branded by the Democrats. Espouse your republican views and family values proudly. Find candidates who appeal to you and support them in the Primaries and General election. We need strong leaders moving forward, not bench riders. Bring friends to meetings so they can learn what the Republican party is all about. Volunteer as much as you can before and after the Primaries. Arm yourself with facts, stop accepting lies about what conservatism is. Remind everyone you meet to VOTE like their FREEDOM depends on IT, because it DOES!

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60th Anniversary Party Planning has begun!

Plano Republican Women was founded in July 1962 by a group of 25 women. We are quickly approaching our landmark anniversary date and would like to honor and celebrate the ladies (and gentlemen) in our club who came before us and those who continue to pave the way for Republican activism in Collin County.

Our club will be hosting a 60th Anniversary Celebration at the Plano Event Center in the evening on Saturday May 7, 2022. Members and invited guests will receive an invitation in the mail or at the February general meeting. Additional details to follow.



Debby Arrant
3rd VP, PRW
60th Anniversary Chair

PRW Feburary Meeting



PRW Meeting - February 15th, 2022

Rep. Matt Shaheen - District 66 Legislative Update and Opportunities ahead for the Texas Republican Party

Representative Matt Shaheen serves the citizens of District 66 in the Texas House of Representatives, which covers portions of Plano, Frisco, Prosper and Celina. He currently sits on the House Committees on Constitutional Rights & Remedies, Human Services and State Affairs. Previously Matt served five years as a Collin County Commissioner.

Mr. Shaheen has consistently been ranked as one of the most conservative members of the Texas Legislature and has earned recognition from organizations across the state for his efforts fighting for family values, such as the traditional family and pro-life legislation. Matt and his wife Robyn have been married for 28 years, and are blessed with three children. They attend Prestonwood Baptist Church where Matt serves as a Deacon, greeter, and volunteers at the church's crisis pregnancy center. Representative Shaheen is a native of Virginia where he received his Bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon College and won All Conference honors in football. He also holds a Master's degree from SMU.

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Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

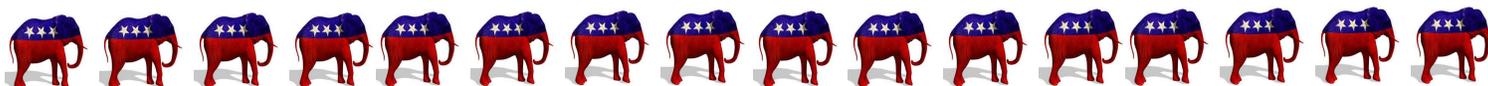
Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

**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, February 11th, 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



Governor Abbott Delivers Remarks at Border Security Briefing In Weslaco

January 27, 2022 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today delivered remarks at a border security briefing in Weslaco attended by eleven state attorneys general from across the nation. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw also delivered remarks at the briefing. Governor Abbott emphasized the importance Texas' collaboration with other state attorneys general to secure the border and to keep our communities safe, noting that border security is a national issue that affects all Americans — not just Texans. The Governor also proposed an action item to attorneys general to crack down on social media outlets that facilitate human trafficking.

"Texas is responding in full force to the Biden administration's failure to address the disaster at our border, and our efforts are made stronger by the collaboration with other state leaders from across the country," said Governor Abbott. "Like Texas, the attorneys general here today are working night and day to provide the safety and security Americans demand and deserve, and I thank them for their support and continued efforts to secure our border and to keep communities across America safe."

The following attorneys general were in attendance:

Alaska Attorney General Treg Taylor
 Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
 Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita
 Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt
 Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch
 Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen
 Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor
 South Dakota Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg
 Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton
 Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes
 West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey

Governor Abbott has taken significant action to secure the border in the wake of the federal government's inaction. Those actions include:

Signing laws that provide \$3 billion in funding for Texas' border security efforts
 Launching Operation Lone Star and deploying thousands of National Guard soldiers and Department of Public Safety troopers
 Creating a system to arrest and jail illegal migrants trespassing or committing other state crimes in Texas
 Signing a budget authorization to build the border wall in Texas
 Signing a law to make it easier to prosecute smugglers bringing people into Texas
 Signing 9 laws cracking down on human trafficking in Texas
 Signing a law enhancing penalties for the manufacturing and distribution of fentanyl
 Issuing a disaster declaration for the border crisis
 Issuing an executive order preventing non-governmental entities from transporting illegal immigrants
 Taking legal action to enforce the Remain in Mexico and Title 42 policies in Texas
 Building the Texas border wall to combat illegal immigration and stop the smuggling of drugs and people



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We sure have a lot to be thankful for in Texas. Today I'm going to be sharing the latest about our Texas electric grid and oil and gas industry.

This week the Texas Oil and Gas Association released their [annual report](#). They reported that in 2021, in spite of the tough economic times, their industry in Texas paid \$15.8 billion in state and local taxes and state royalties. This staggering amount of \$43 million in taxes and royalties paid each day of the year is a result of revenue from oil and natural gas production, pipelines, refineries and LNG facilities. We, as a state, are grateful for the economic impact that these industries add to our economy. Our Texas Rainy Day Fund is a result of this robust industry.

In the world of reporting, apparently a news outlet did a chicken little "the sky is falling" article about the availability of natural gas in the event of another winter storm. Evidently the information was so incorrect (the numbers cited were supposed to be 1 million and they said 1 billion!) that the Texas Railroad Commissioners sent out a letter to correct the record: "Many media reports beat the warning drums of a dire situation with the state's natural gas production last weekend. That is incorrect.....The Permian Basin also saw a recent acceleration in drilling and completion activities. Since the start of the fourth quarter of last year, Permian operators have added more than 30 rigs to the basin, bringing the total to an estimated 300 in the week ended Dec. 29. In November, the number of wells drilled surged to a 19-month high at 300. From August to November, well completions averaged more than 400 per month – the highest since first-quarter 2020, based on data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration...Processed, dry gas that is already in storage, ready to flow to homes and facilities, including power plants, is critical. It can lessen the impact of potential gas market or production fluctuations. As of mid-December ahead of this winter season, the state had approximately 448 billion cubic feet of working gas already in underground storage...." For the full letter I've included the [link here](#).

Why such a strong reaction to a news story? Because after our Legislature passed the bills related to weatherizing and preparing for future electric grid strains, the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC), the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM), and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) have been working feverishly to accomplish the required goals of the newly established Texas Electricity Security and Mapping Committee. The initial report of their progress was delivered to us recently, with the final report due on September 1. Feel free to read the 60-page Report, (which will give you an idea of the reading I do as a legislator on a regular basis). For those who don't care to read the whole report, here's the bottom line: they have already identified best practices, ways to implement better winterization, and ways to build future infrastructure to withstand the elements. They have also begun to map and build a database of the critical facilities across the state. By the way, the critical infrastructure mapping information will not be available to the public so that our grid is protected from those who would do it harm.

At the end of December, ERCOT sent a news release detailing their work inspecting more than 300 electric generating sites around the state. Remember, ERCOT and the PUC are sort of the air traffic controllers of our Texas Electric grid: They don't produce electricity, but they are to make sure that the supply and demand are working in concert so that we can turn on the lights. According to their information, most of the sites have already met or exceeded the new weatherization standards. The ERCOT roadmap and weatherization rules were established in October, so they have made significant progress since then.

For those who live in Allen, the City of Allen will be holding an ERCOT Town Hall meeting on January 24 at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers. ERCOT's Interim President and CEO Brad Jones will be there in person (you may also watch online) to fill everyone in on the latest news about the Texas electric grid and answer questions.

So, here's to hoping we never have another winter like last year, but preparing for it just the same.

I'm honored to serve you in the Texas House. Thank you, my friends for that privilege.

State Representative District 89



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT - January 2022



District Update -Congressional App Challenge:

Congressman Taylor announced the winners of Texas' Third District's 2021 Congressional App Challenge and will recognize them at a local reception this month. The winning team from Frisco will also be recognized with other nationwide winners in Washington, DC this spring.



Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Resolution Disapproving of CMS Vaccine Mandate

- On December 9, 2021, Representative Taylor and hundreds of his colleagues joined Representative Jeff Duncan (SC-03) in introducing House Joint Resolution 67, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the vaccine mandate issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- On November 5, 2021, CMS finalized a rule mandating vaccinations for all Medicare and Medicaid providers. This mandate comes during a time when health care providers are struggling with staffing shortages and capacity issues to meet the needs of the ongoing pandemic and providing routine care.
- Specifically, this resolution would nullify the CMS mandate.

Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Parents Bill of Rights Legislation

- On December 2, 2021, Representative Taylor joined Representative Julia Letlow (LA-05) in cosponsoring H.R. 6056, the *Parents Bill of Rights Act*, legislation that clarifies that parents have a right to know what their children are being taught in school.
- Specifically, the legislation is built on five core principles that would apply to all schools nationwide who receive federal funding.
 - Parents have the right to review their school's curriculum, reading materials, and state academic standards.
 - Parents have the right to lawfully engage with their local school board and educators.
 - Parents have the right to see a school's budget and spending, including detailed information about revenues and expenditures.
 - Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy.
 - Parents have the right to keep their child safe and be updated on any violent activity at school.

Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation to Bring Transparency to COVID FOIA Requests

- On December 16, 2021, Representative Taylor joined Representative Chip Roy (TX- 21) in supporting H.R. 6321, the *Answer COVID FOIAs Now Act*, legislation to require current outstanding COVID-related Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to be completed within 100 days.
- The introduction of this legislation comes after reports the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requested fifty-five years to complete the Public Health and Medical Professionals for Transparency's FOIA request for the data FDA relied upon to license Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.
- FOIA provides the public with the right to request access to records from any federal agency. The law requires federal agencies to respond to information requests within twenty business days. However, the time it takes to fully complete the information request will vary based on complexity.
- Specifically, this bill would ensure COVID-related FOIA requests are expedited and completed within 100 days. COVID-related FOIAs are those related to:
 - A drug or medical device to treat, prevent, or mitigate COVID-19;
 - Gain-of-function or potential pandemic pathogen (P3) research;
 - A policy, rule, or standard requiring vaccination of individuals.

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.

January PRW Photos





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



Engage to Support Conservative Values

Patriotism

I love America.

I love the God-inspired Constitution and the God-given freedoms that generations have stood for and fought for.

I love the values and morals that America has been slowly losing for decades.

I love that even though there has been strife and discord, Americans continue to work, individually and together, to improve themselves and their country, to solve and resolve, to grow and to improve.

So, I consider myself a patriot.

An article from The Conversation says, "'Patriot' is a common enough word, but its modern use is often nebulous. The word 'patriot' has an obvious appeal. It's difficult to argue against a person or group's love of their country and their willingness to take action to defend it." Some liberals and Trump detractors have attempted to make 'patriot' a bad word. We can't let the propaganda that is seen in the media taint true patriotism. One aspect of patriotism is loyalty. Another aspect of patriotism is vigilance.

Two years ago, in January of 2019 the following issues were topics in the PRW newsletter: AOC, taxpayer-funded lobbyists, abortion, transgenderism, and anti-religious bigotry. Does that sound familiar? This a confirmation of the need for non-stop vigilance.

Consider what Samuel Adams said about patriots. "If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin." - Samuel Adams

President's Day

The 2022 Presidents' Day is February 21st. The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following the death of George Washington in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance to honor this great patriot, President Washington. While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until 1879 that President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the whole country. It became "President's Day" in 1971 as part of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. President's Day is often marked by celebrations across the nation and by reenactments. (Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/presidents-day>)

Show your love of America by displaying a flag. It's the ultimate symbol of our freedom.





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by Ellen Leyrer



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Engage by VOTING! Early voting starts 2/14; election Day is 3/1.

The sample ballot will not be available until after Frisco's election on January 29th.

You can look for it at https://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election_information/Pages/default.aspx.

Support our Border Patrol

Collecting:

Antibacterial Wipes, Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Disposable plastic gloves (Large, XLarge), \$10 to \$20 Fast Food Gift Cards, Gatorade (individual packets) to add to water bottles on the go.

Please drop off at Collin County GOP, 2963 W, 15th #2987, Plano, TX 75075, www.CollinCountyGOP.org, 972-312-9959

Ways to Engage - **Be an advocate/activist**

If you are not as engaged as you want to be, please consider what else you can add to your battle plans in this fight for America.

There are dozens of ways to make a difference. Now is the time for conservatives to get engaged. Being the silent majority is not working.

Here are some opportunities to engage:

Contact your representatives, local, state and federal:

Call, Write, Email, Visit in person

With elections coming up:

Precinct Chair – There are several vacancies, and this is a big opportunity.

Volunteer for candidates - phone calls and block walking, having a sign in your yard

Campaign, Donate, Become a Voter Deputy Registrar – you can register people to vote.

Be an election worker:

Poll greeter (no training required)

Election clerk (training is available)

Election judge (training is available)

City positions are critical too:

School Board, City Council, Planning and Zoning

Stand up. Speak out. Reach out.

Want to buy American?

Made in America - <https://www.madeinamerica.co/pages/thelist>

Texas Republican Party Platform

<https://texasgop.org/platform/>

Other ways to engage and be informed:

Attend other meetings – You'll learn more ways to engage. You'll be more informed, you'll be entertained, and you'll be encouraged and energized by being with like-minded people.

- Heritage Action - <https://heritageaction.com/about-sentinel> - 'Sentinel' program for advocates/activists
- Plano Conservatives on <https://nextdoor.com/>
- Texas Scorecard - <https://texasscorecard.com/texas-minute/>
- Plano Citizens' Coalition - <https://planocitizenscoalition.org/>
- Texas Eagle Forum - <https://www.texaseagleforum.com/>
- True Texas Project - www.TrueTexasProject.com - also has an advocate option
- Heritage.org - <https://www.heritage.org/> - The World's Leading Think Tank for Policy Impact
- Citizens for Free Speech - www.CitizensForFreeSpeech.org - advocate arm, Citizen Ninja (training)
- Save Our Elections - www.SaveOurElections.com

Constitutional Minute Series

Perilous Times: Understanding Treason and Sediton

By: Judge Andrew Napolitano | Published on: Jan 20, 2022 |

These are perilous times. They are made worse by the government's political reaction to lawless behavior, which is a greater threat to personal liberty than the behavior it seeks to punish.

Last week, the feds obtained an indictment of 11 members of the Oath Keepers for their role in trashing the Capitol building and attempting to interfere with the functions of government on Jan. 6, 2021. The evidence of their guilt of trashing and obstruction is manifest. The hooligans who invaded the Capitol were lawless by any rational standard. But did they really agree to overthrow the government by force? Here is the backstory.

The history of British monarchs staying on their inherited thrones is the history of the suppression of dissent. The favorite tool for suppression was charging dissidents with treason. Treason was whatever threatened the government's stability from the perspective of the government.

In 1535, St. Thomas More, a former Lord Chancellor of England — the precursor to the modern Prime Minister — was convicted of treason and beheaded for remaining silent when the king and Parliament commanded him to speak.

The punishments for treason were horrific and always included the convict's death, often preceded by his public dismemberment.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution were familiar with this history and sought to prohibit its repetition in America. They did so by defining treason in the Constitution. "Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them aid and comfort."

Treason is the only crime defined in the Constitution. James Madison, who drafted the Constitution, insisted that the definition of treason be in the founding document so that neither Congress nor the president could manipulate it to their own ends as British monarchs and parliaments had done.

Not deterred by the constitutional language they had sworn to uphold, the federalist Congress and President John Adams crafted a substitute crime in 1798 and called it sediton. It made criminal any "false, scandalous or malicious writings against the government of the United States." This was intended to suppress dissent, and evade the high bar established in the Constitution for proving treason.

Thus, the same generation — in some cases, the same human beings — that had just written in the First Amendment that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech" did just that. And they used it to prosecute their political opponents, including infamously, Rep. Matthew Lyon of Vermont who mocked President Adams' waistline.

The Federalists were so accustomed to the use of this tyrannical tool that a lame duck federalist Congress and President Adams repealed it after Thomas Jefferson was elected president and while the anti-Federalists were waiting to assume control of Congress, lest it be used by the incoming government against them. Yet, one of Jefferson's first acts as president was to pardon Rep. Lyon.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson offered legislation to suppress dissent during World War I, and Congress enacted it. The socialist firebrand Eugene V. Debs was convicted of sediton, a conviction upheld by the Supreme Court, for publicly denouncing the war.

Wilson and his Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer ruthlessly used the Sediton Act of 1918 to suppress dissent. They prosecuted college students who sang German beer hall songs and read the Declaration of Independence aloud in public. Their theory was that dissent dissuaded young men from registering for the draft, and thus had the potential for impairing America's war effort, and thus constituted sediton.

The statute under which Debs and others were convicted is essentially the same statute under which the Oath Keepers were indicted last week. It also prohibits any conspiracy to overthrow the government by force. A conspiracy is an agreement by two or more persons to commit a crime, where at least one of those persons took a material step in furtherance of the agreement.

But the essence of conspiracy consists of constitutionally protected behavior — speech and thought, and that makes it legally dubious and practically difficult for the government to prove.

The last federal sediton case was brought against a Michigan militia in 2010. The indictment was dismissed by a federal judge who ruled that the defendants' hateful and threatening words and outlier agreements were protected speech and did not evince a realistic plan to overthrow the government by force.

In the indictment against the Oath Keepers, the feds have outlined in great detail the communications among them in the months preceding

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Jan. 6. The detail is so great that the FBI must have had an undercover agent or cooperating witness embedded in the group. This leads to a host of other problems for the government. What did the feds know, and when did they know it? How and why did they let it lead to destruction and death?

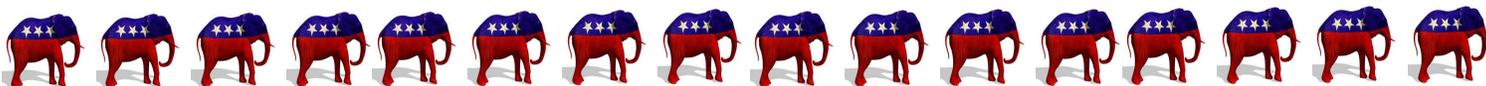
The Oath Keepers have insisted that they never intended to use violence and only wanted to make a political point — a point that the government hates.

Prosecuting speech is dangerous business. Violence is certainly not constitutionally protected, but hate speech is. As recently as 1969, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled that all innocuous speech is absolutely protected, and all speech is innocuous when there is time for more speech to rebut it.

Even the feds don't claim that the Oath Keeper defendants are somehow criminally liable for the behavior of others present at the Capitol. Rather, they claim that 11 persons — 11! — agreed to overthrow the government by force. Can an agreement that is impossible to perform legally constitute a conspiracy? Only those who hate the politics of the 11 could seriously believe that it can.

The government should prosecute only crimes that have caused harm, not words and ideas that it hates, for they are protected by the First Amendment that the government has sworn to uphold. Whose words and ideas will the feds prosecute next?

Andrew P. Napolitano [send him mail], a former judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, is the senior judicial analyst at Fox News Channel. Judge Napolitano has written seven books on the U.S. Constitution. The most recent is Theodore and Woodrow: How Two American Presidents Destroyed Constitutional Freedom. To find out more about Judge Napolitano and to read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit creators.com.



Hello members,

Lincoln Day Dinner is just around the corner. Sitting with your club is fun and a great way to socialize during Lincoln Day Dinner. If you would like to sit with PRW at one of our club tables. Please mail a check for \$125.00 per person to our treasurer, Lynn McCoy by **Thursday, February 17th**. Checks need to be made out to: **PRW**

Mailing Address:

Lynn McCoy, 5109 Coachman Court, Plano, TX 75023



Keynote Speaker: Glenn Beck

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Silent Auction Open @ 6pm

General/VIP Receptions @ 6pm

Dinner @ 7pm

Historic Southfork Ranch • Parker, TX

3700 Hogge Dr, Parker, TX 75002

Learn more at:

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Political Cartoons



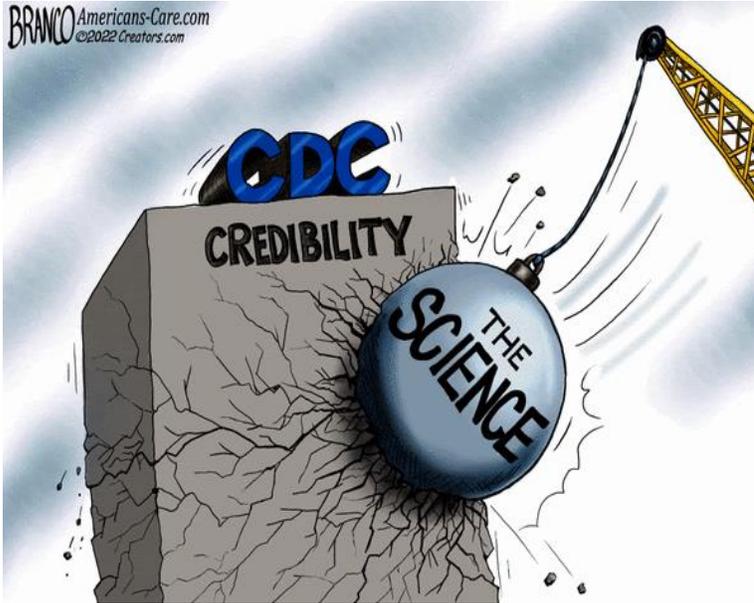
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PARKER: More Government, Less Religion – The Progressive Doctrine

By Star Parker, Jan 1, 2022 DailyWire.com

One great mystery is the persistent refusal of those on the left to abandon what is clearly not true.

That is, that the means for reducing the burden of poverty is more government spending.

It all really started in the 1960s under President Lyndon B. Johnson. He declared in his State of the Union address in January 1964 an “unconditional war on poverty in America.” Despite tens of trillions of spending since then, poverty remains, and so does the conviction of progressives that it can be wiped out with government spending.

Worth recalling is that the avalanche of government spending launched in the 1960s was followed in the 1970s by runaway inflation.

We now face the latest round of this misguided idea with the expansion of the Child Tax Credit in the Build Back Better Act — now derailed thanks to Sen. Joe Manchin.

Fellow Democrats are now all over the beleaguered senator for allegedly not caring about child poverty.

Build Back Better would have increased the credit from \$2,000 per child to \$3,000, or \$3,600 for children under 6.

In a particularly destructive move, they detached any work requirement from receiving the Child Tax Credit.

A team of University of Chicago economists estimates providing a new generous Child Tax Credit, with no work requirement, would result in 1.5 million parents leaving the workforce.

More government, less work. This is somehow the answer that Democratic Party leadership is serving up to us for how to build a better future for our nation.

Where does the passion of Democrats really lie — in improving lives of Americans or in dramatically expanding government?

Equally revealing is what does not interest progressives at all.

A little more than a decade ago, Ron Haskins and Isabel Sawhill at the Brookings Institution publicized what they called the “success sequence.”

The success sequence consists of three steps in behavior to avoid poverty. Complete at least a high school education, work full time, and wait until age 21 before getting married and then having children.

According to testimony of Haskins in the U.S. Senate in 2012, those following the “success sequence” have a 2% chance of being in poverty and a 75% chance of reaching the middle class.

But the success sequence doesn’t much interest progressives because the focus is about individuals taking personal responsibility for their lives in a free country. The “personal responsibility” part and the “free country” part have little standing in the Democratic Party.

Also of little interest to our progressive friends is that larding down our economy with massive amounts of government retards economic growth. Why would anyone think slow economic growth is good for the poor, let alone any American?

As Americans allow themselves to be convinced that government is the answer to their lives, they become more likely to abandon faith and religion, which provide the light and principles for individuals to take control of their own lives.

New data from the Pew Research Center shows the toll that secularization is taking on our country.

According to Pew, 63% of Americans in 2021 identify as Christians, compared with 78% in 2007. In 2021, 29% indicated they have no religion, compared with 16% in 2007. Whereas in 2007, 56% said religion was “very important” in their lives, in 2021 this was down to 41%.

Perhaps as we close out 2021, we should again recall the words of America’s first president, George Washington, in his farewell address.

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. ... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

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The History of the Filibuster and Why We Need To Keep It

OP Ed From the US Senate Website and Jennifer Groysman

Whether praised as the protector of political minorities from the tyranny of the majority, or attacked as a tool of partisan obstruction, the right of unlimited debate in the Senate, including the filibuster, has been a key component of the Senate's unique role in the American political system.

The tactic of using long speeches to delay action on legislation appeared in the very first session of the Senate. On September 22, 1789, Pennsylvania Senator William Maclay wrote in his diary that the "design of the Virginians . . . was to talk away the time, so that we could not get the bill passed." As the number of filibusters grew in the 19th century, the Senate had no formal process to allow a majority to end debate and force a vote on legislation or nominations.

While there were relatively few examples of the practice before the 1830s, the strategy of "talking a bill to death" was common enough by mid-century to gain a colorful label—the filibuster. Derived from a Dutch word for "freebooter" and the Spanish "filibusteros"—to describe the pirates then raiding Caribbean islands—the term began appearing in American legislative debates in the 1850s. "I saw my friend standing on the other side of the House filibustering," commented Mississippi's Albert Brown on January 3, 1853. A month later, North Carolina senator George Badger complained of "filibustering speeches," and the term became a permanent part of our political lexicon.

The earliest filibusters also led to the first demands for what we now call "cloture," a method for ending debate and bringing a question to a vote. In 1841 the Democratic minority attempted to run out the clock on a bill to establish a national bank. Frustrated, Whig senator Henry Clay threatened to change Senate rules to limit debate. Clay's proposal prompted others to warn of even longer filibusters to prevent any change to the rules. "I tell the Senator," proclaimed a defiant William King of Alabama, "he may make his arrangements at his boarding house for the [entire] winter." While some senators found filibusters to be objectionable, others exalted the right of unlimited debate as a key tradition of the Senate, vital to tempering the power of political majorities.

Filibusters became more frequent in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, leading to serious debate about changing Senate rules to curtail the practice. At that point the Senate had grown larger and busier, and the sheer amount of work to be done in each session meant that a filibustering senator could disrupt the progress of the body and gain concessions from senators who wanted to get their bills passed.

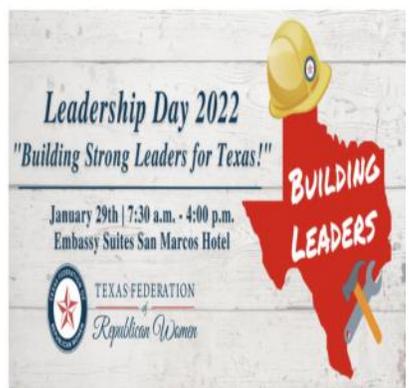
In 1917, with frustration mounting and at the urging of President Woodrow Wilson, senators adopted a rule (Senate Rule 22) that allowed the Senate to invoke cloture and limit debate with a two-thirds majority vote. This rule was first put to the test in 1919, when the Senate invoked cloture to end a filibuster against the Treaty of Versailles. Even with the new cloture rule, however, filibusters remained an effective means to block legislation, since a two-thirds vote was difficult to obtain. Over the next four decades, the Senate managed to invoke cloture only five times. Filibusters proved to be particularly useful to southern Democrat Senators who sought to block civil rights legislation, including anti-lynching bills. Not until 1964 did the Senate successfully overcome a filibuster to pass a major civil rights bill. Nevertheless, a growing group of senators continued to be frustrated with the filibuster and pushed to change the cloture threshold. In 1975, the Senate reduced the number of votes required for cloture from two-thirds of senators voting to three-fifths of all senators duly chosen and sworn, or 60 of the current 100 senators. Today, filibusters remain a part of Senate practice, although only on legislation. {A Democrat controlled} Senate adopted new precedents in the 2010s to allow a simple majority to end debate on nominations. (United States Senate).

Today the Democrats want to get rid of the filibuster, so they can pass an unconstitutional election law to control our elections. If we lose the filibuster the Democrats will be able to pass any crazy bill they want. Also we can kiss any hope of bipartisan bills in the future goodbye.

One of the reasons for the Senate, James Madison explained, was to be the great "anchor" of the government. To the framers themselves, Madison explained that the Senate would be a "necessary fence" against the "fickleness and passion" that tended to influence the attitudes of the general public and members of the House of Representatives. George Washington is said to have told Jefferson that the framers had created the Senate to "cool" House legislation just as a saucer was used to cool hot tea. One of tools used to cool legislation was the filibuster. Without it legislation would be rushed through.

The Senators from Texas are against ending the filibuster, but we still need to email them about saving it. They need to know we support their view. If you have family or friends in other states, tell them to write to their Senators to keep the filibuster. To keep the Republic we must keep the filibuster.

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Why State Bans & Flipping School Boards Won't Stop Critical Race Theory

By Carole Hornsby Haynes, Ph.D. September 22, 2021

My recent article published by [Texas Scorecard](#) has alarmed thousands about the federal funding of Critical Race Theory in public schools via the American Rescue Plan 2021. In their panic to get rid of the federal funding, people are turning again to state legislators for yet another bill and to state attorney generals to enforce current [state bans](#). Parents have organized to flip school boards. Yet these are not the solution.

Bans have been passed by a number of states yet are being ignored by many. The powerful NEA teacher's union is funding lawsuits to shut down CRT critics. Emboldened teachers are publicly declaring their right of freedom of speech to teach whatever they want without parents knowledge. Some states have penalties for violations of their CRT bans while others, like Texas, have [no enforcement mechanism](#) at all. In Texas, CRT is banned only in [social studies classes](#).

Flipping school boards is also a futile activity because the local trustees have limited authority to make substantive changes. I predict that, in the end, Critical Race Theory will follow a path similar to that of Common Core.

Historical Parallel

Four states, including Texas, refused to adopt Common Core. In my home state of Texas, our legislature banned Common Core, but without an enforcement mechanism because what is taught is legally under local control. As a result, the national standards slipped in the back door and even into some of the state's curriculum standards. Common Core is found in both public and charter schools as well as in some private and religious schools under various names, including "career and college standards."

Despite a public firestorm when student academic performance spiraled downward after the implementation of Common Core, the left wing curriculum standards were not abolished at the local or state level. Instead, they were codified at the federal level in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Although touted as ending the draconian No Child Left Behind and returning educational control to the states, the bill actually cemented federal control or influence.

Not only did ESSA codify Common Core, it changed the [primary purpose of education](#) from academic to social and emotional learning (SEL).

Government schools are using progressive methods including SEL to instill a new value system including socialism, population control, radical environmentalism, LBGQT+, social justice, anti-Americanism, anti-Christianity, moral relativism, and Marxist ideology.

The Origins of SEL

The public assumes SEL is just the latest education fad. However, psychologists as far back as the early 20th century were tinkering around with children's minds, trying to figure out how to condition them for specific behaviors. Colleges of education are especially fond of teaching about Pavlov's dogs to show how children can be "trained" like animals to obey commands.

John Dewey, the dean of American progressive education, believed the classroom should be used to manipulate the minds of children for social and political change at the expense of academic learning.

Dewey was highly impressed with Soviet education that trained children to live and work in a collectivist society. He introduced similar techniques in American education to train students for the workforce instead of providing a broad academic education. The progressive buzz words have become mainstream in public education: group work, collaboration, group consensus, and problem-based learning (PBL).

SEL was key in [Marc Tucker's](#) plan to centralize education and change it from academic to workforce training for a nationally planned and managed economy. His German-based master plan, which was laid out in the infamous "Dear Hillary letter," was implemented by Goals 2000, School-to-Work Act, and Workforce Investment Act. After decades of this socialist-style education, the American workforce has gone from being the best educated in the industrialized world to the least well educated.

SEL Connections to Occultists

The term "[social and emotional learning](#) (SEL) was coined in 1994 at a meeting hosted by the [Fetzer Institute](#), founded by New Age guru John Fetzer. Fetzer was obsessed with [Alice Bailey](#), the controversial occultist and organizer of the Lucis Trust. Robert Muller, former assistant secretary-general of the U.N., authored the World Core Curriculum that introduces students worldwide to occult thought. A member of the Lucis Trust, his underlying philosophy was based on the teachings of Alice Bailey.

SEL In Federal Programs

SEL first gained a foothold in federal law in the 1990s with President Clinton's [Goals 2000](#) which were designed to change student attitudes, values, and beliefs. States had to adopt the statute's National Education Goals to get federal funding through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). With the reauthorization of ESEA in 1994, the federal government now required statewide curriculum standards and tests.

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This opened the door to more federalized control of education through No Child Left Behind, Race to the Top/Common Core, and Every Student Succeeds Act. SEL was key in all of these.

Clinton's Goals 2000 was reauthorized under President Bush as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) which, with its heavy handed federal intrusion, included mental health grants for young children. The Obama administration allocated more than \$150 million in mental health grants to test and collect personal data of K-12 students. Under Texas' Governor Abbott, mental health clinics have been added to public school campuses. Now we're seeing government taking more control with vaccination clinics on campuses.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which replaced NCLB provides numerous opportunities for SEL funding through Title I, Title II, Title IV, Title VI, and Title VIII.

State pre-K standards are frequently aligned to Head Start and the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) politicized Practices that use Critical Race Theory terminology. Through Head Start and NAEYC, SEL is key in most American early childhood programs with CRT being pushed into early childhood education.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) – the “nation's report card” – is now testing for social-emotional characteristics in violation of federal law and privacy under the U.S. Constitution.

SEL: Vehicle for CRT

Various provisions of ESSA either encourage or even require the inclusion of SEL in schools. All SEL programs include sexuality, gender, race, racism, class, and the nuclear family. SEL psychological manipulations maneuver students into accepting the racist narrative of Critical Race Theory and Black Lives Matter.

The teacher union's NEA Global Learning Fellow and teacher, Wendy Turner, is quoted, “SEL is the foundation, the heartbeat of the classroom.” Logically then, CRT must be the “foundation, the heartbeat of the classroom.”

The federal government is pushing SEL and Critical Race Theory into public schools through the American Rescue Plan 2021 that allocates \$122.7 billion in grants for reopening schools. The requirement is that the school must spend at least 20% on SEL and “free, antiracist therapy for White educators” to get the grant.

The SEL Money Tree

SEL has become a gargantuan business. For vendors, adding CRT programs means new sales. At the district and school levels, these programs are supported by a top heavy staff with six-figure salaries. For investors, SEL is a golden goose.

CASEL, one of the leading companies promoting SEL and Critical Race Theory, is funded by the usual left wing billionaires: Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, and Robert Wood Johnson.

The company's website boasted, “CASEL is committed to advancing equity and excellence in education through social and emotional learning.” (This statement has now been removed from the website's homepage.) With the negative publicity about the CRT code word “equity,” the term is no longer on the homepage but can be found elsewhere, such as in the titles of webinars, “SEL as a Lever for Equity and Social Justice.”

It appears that CASEL is committed to advancing the Marxist ideology that is disguised as social and emotional learning.

Can Parents Opt Out of SEL Assignments?

Opting one's child out of SEL assignments sounds simple enough. In reality, it's virtually impossible. The U.S. Department of Education's handbook, “Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs,” (page 11), explains that SEL is not only taught explicitly but is integrated broadly within the learning process.

“The teaching of social and emotional skills can be woven into how teachers design instruction and the kinds of learning opportunities they provide to students. Such learning can be developed through explicit instruction in social, emotional, and cognitive skills (including intrapersonal and interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, and decision-making) and integrating social and emotional skills, habits, and mindsets within classroom lessons and activities.”

Conclusion

Conservatives claim they want limited government and personal freedoms. Yet they continue to call for more laws to get rid of problems created by Democrats who seize power and control any way they can, regardless of the legalities or morality. Conservatives go to court to right the wrongs of the radical left only to find the judges are progressive socialists also.

As parents learn the truth about SEL and its ties to CRT, they assume that state bans, flipped schools boards, and opting out of SEL assignments are the solution. Yet none of this will stop SEL and Critical Race Theory. As you can see above, SEL is already deeply entrenched in public education including early childhood programs. With billions of dollars at stake if SEL/CRT programs are dismantled, big business is not about to walk away from the cash cow of government education.

The founding principles of our republic will be restored only by the grassroots taking control. People should continue to form local groups and descend in droves upon school board meetings to hold the members accountable. Freedom of Information Act Requests for all kinds of information should be filed en masse.



Caring For America

Cathie Alexander, Caring For America Chairman

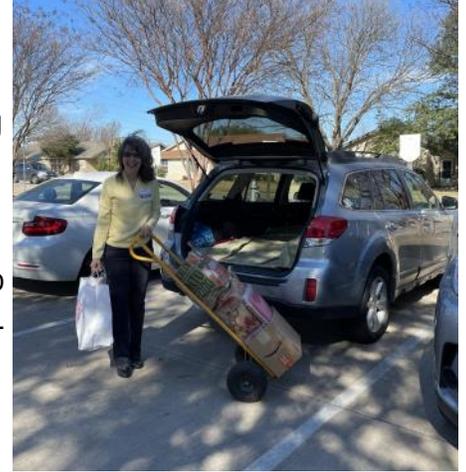


In October, November and December of 2021, Plano Republican Women held a school supply drive for our yearly Caring for America Project. Referred to as the Brown Bag Project, the school supplies were donated to a PISD, Title 1, elementary school on Tuesday January 11, 2022. Members delivering the supplies were Cathie Alexander, Caring for America Chair, Jessica Bartnick and Debby Arrant.



Why do Title 1 schools need our help? PISD defines Title 1 schools as those with a high "percentage of students receiving free or reduced cost meals and students that have demonstrates a need for services." "...Students generally receive (supplementary) instruction in small groups of ten or less by a highly qualified teacher. PISD states a strong component of Title 1 schools is that "Each campus works with families to support student success..."

I am very proud of PRW members, coming alongside the teachers, staff and students to help them successfully finish out the academic year by providing needed supplies. Debby Arrant, Jessica Bartnick and I delivered the supplies to very appreciative school staff.



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Political Action Hours

Political Actions Hours Report

By Jennifer Groysman

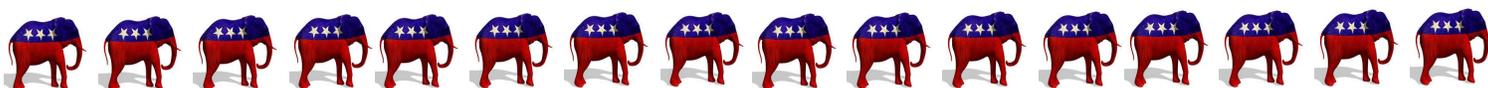
What Counts as Political Actions Hours?

- Being a Election Judge, Clerk or Poll Watcher count ONLY if pay is turned over to a GOP organization.
- Voting and travel time to and from the polls.
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- Male associate members may count volunteer hours and must follow the same rules which apply to regular members. They may NOT turn in those same hours to another TFRW club.
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We Won't Be Silent

Commentary by Catherine Gibb

This is a continuation of the Commentary by Catherine Gibb that was in the December 2021 Newsletter. *Commentary by Catherine Gibb: In this the month that Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, it seemed appropriate to include the article below in light of what has been going on in our nation for some time but has reached a dangerous point in 2020 and 2021. I hope you will take the time to read it and pass it along to friends and family. As it is rather long, we will finish this article taken directly from The Founders Bible and complete it in January.*

We Won't Be Silent— Part Two

A member of this organization (National Liberal League; see December 2021) was Robert Ingersoll, known as the national evangelist for atheism. To garner public support for these positions, he engaged in deliberate revisionism (the rewriting of history to make it appear godless—a practice still regularly engaged in by secularists today), asserting:

*Our government should be entirely and purely secular.... So our fathers said: "We shall form a secular government...." The Declaration of Independence ...denied the authority of any and all gods.... [They] agreed that there should be only one religion...and that was the religion of patriotism. Our fathers founded the first secular government that was ever founded in this world."*³⁴

Of course, Ingersoll's claim is a lie, proven even by the Declaration of Independence itself, which openly acknowledges God in four separate locations; additionally, thousands of the writings and official acts of the Founding Fathers further repudiate his claim. Nevertheless, Ingersoll and his fellow travelers persisted in their false assertions, thus following the axiom attributed to Dr. William James (1842—1910), the "Father of Modern Psychology," that "There's nothing so absurd that if you repeat it often enough, people will believe it." Unless a standard for truth is once again raised above the misinformation and revisionism, James's axiom is likely to come true. The false revisionist claims of liberals and secularists, faithfully and unrelentingly repeated over the past century, are now routinely accepted as undisputed fact. The Bible warn: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

Today, many secularist and liberal organizations are actively at work in America to fulfill the vision of Thomas Paine, Robert Ingersoll, the National Liberal League, and others of that worldview. These groups include the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Americans United for Separation of Church and State (AU), Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF), American Atheists (AA), People for the American Way (PAW), Moveon.org, Media Matters, etc. not to mention academia and most university professors. Significantly, current polling shows that liberal professors in American outnumber all other types of professors by a margin of six to one. 35

Strikingly, when one reviews the 1878 "Demands of Liberalism," one quickly realizes that those demands could have easily been penned just last week, for they are still the commonplace language of today's liberals and secularists. In fact, the more the liberals claim to be progressive, evolutionary, and modern in their support of fundamental change, the more they remain the same as they have always been. The timelessness of their rhetoric simply demonstrates that the conflict is really the spiritual one described three thousand years ago in Psalm 2.

So, while the heathen rage, what is the Church meant to do? Clearly, all that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. We can decry the encroaching darkness all we want. We can even believe that the hostile climate to Christianity is evidence that the End Times are near. But, as it so well expressed in 2 Kings 7:3, in the midst of a community under siege, "Why do we sit here until we die?"

Those with a pro-God worldview must become reengaged in society. They must not only vocally and politically reassert their support and approval for the public religious liberties expressions that Americans have enjoyed and cherished for four centuries, but they must also denounce those who attack and seek to abolish those liberties and expressions. If we do not, we will continue to lose them by default—by silence and inactivity. Remember that even though God told His people that He had given them the Promised Land, they still had to keep fighting the giants. In fact, the lesson of the children of Israel clearly demonstrates that if you don't like fighting, get used to living in the wilderness; but if you want to enjoy the richness of what God has promised, learn to battle hostile forces. We must stand up and do all we can to preserve the national treasures God has placed into our hands.

Matthew 11:12 declares, "from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force." So do we grab our guns and pitchforks and take to the streets and win this culture war? Is that what that is about? No. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). We are meant to engaged, not sitting on the sidelines. Sometimes it is wisdom to know that "a gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (Proverbs 15:1). Other times, as was true of Paul, our prayer should be that of asking for boldness that we might declare the mystery of the Gospel "as [we] ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:20).

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And what do we do, when in the mist of our “going forth and proclaiming this good news,” we are met with the kind of tyrannical, hostile resistance described at the beginning of this article? What then? Thankfully, we are not left without a clear Biblical example of just this very thing. Acts 4:1-31 and 5:12-42 provide us with a situation remarkably similar to the increasing hostility we are witnessing today. You will find it a very inspiring and encouraging read. Having been jailed, interrogated, threatened, and commanded to not speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus, Peter and John answered, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:19-20). And when they were released, they returned to their companions, and when they heard this, they all lifted their voices to God with one accord and referenced the very same verse from Psalm 2 and how the heathen rage and conspire against the Lord and against His Christ and prayed, “And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus” (vv.29-30).

The answer? “And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness” (v. 31). May that be one of our same expectations today. The disciples could not and would not be silent. But as opposed to just picking a fleshly fight and stirring up strife, they gathered together and cried out to God for an outpouring of His Spirit. May we do the same, and when we have gathered together and lifted our voices in one accord, perhaps the very place where we are will yet be shaken, and God’s presence will be manifestly evident for all to see.

Perhaps one of the most convincing proofs to an unbelieving world that the Father did in fact send Jesus, and that all this is true, is the simple encouragement that Jesus gave to His disciples: “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). A loveless church is perhaps the single greatest reason for the advancement of the liberal agenda. It is high time we employed our most powerful weapon of all: genuine love unleashed upon a dying and hurting world. Welcome to the new Great Awakening!

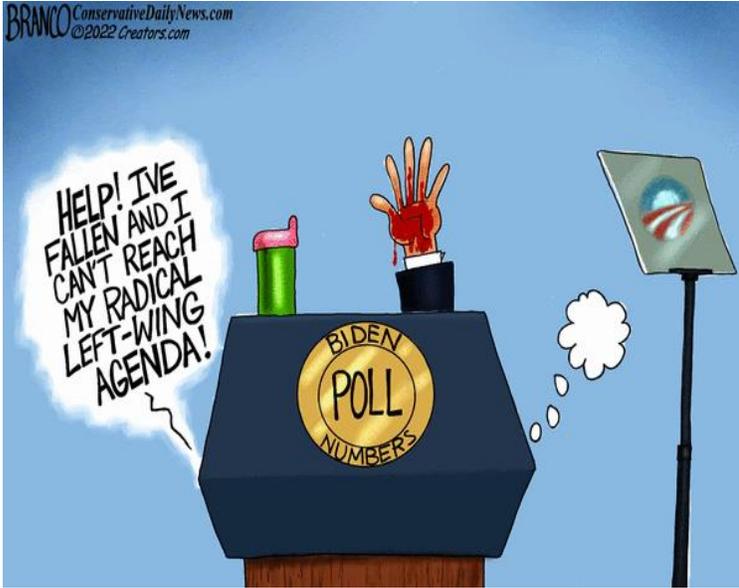
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Why the Left Cannot Let Go of Jan 6

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The left cannot let go of Jan. 6. Indeed, it has fixated upon, exploited and exaggerated the riot to discredit and destroy the Trump presidency in the history books and to prevent Donald Trump from ever running or being elected president again. On first read, I thought the Times was conceding its obsession and describing its mission. For the editorial began by bewailing yet anew the “horrifying” event, “the very real bloodshed of that awful day,” the “once-unthinkable trauma.”

Still, a year later, said the Times, “the Republic faces an existential threat,” as the “Capitol riot ... continues in statehouses across the country, in a bloodless, legalized form that no police officer can arrest and that no prosecutor can try in court.”

“We should stop underestimating the threat facing the country. ... (our) democracy ... is in grave danger.”

What the Times is saying is that the electoral reforms being enacted democratically in red states — requiring voter IDs, for example, and subject to judicial review — are a Republican continuation of the Capitol riot.

Why cannot our liberal media let it go? Why does the distortion and hysteria about Jan. 6 seem to grow with each retelling?

Now, undeniably, as I wrote in a column the next morning, Jan. 6 was “The Worst of Days for Trump & Trumpists.”

“The worst of the day’s events for Trump came when a segment of a friendly crowd of 50,000 he just addressed concluded its march down the Mall to the U.S. Capitol by smashing its way into the building and invading and occupying the Senate and House chambers.

“Members of Congress were forced to flee and hide. A protester, an Air Force veteran, was shot to death by a Capitol cop. Vice President Mike Pence, who was chairing the joint session, was taken into protective custody by his Secret Service detail. Doors were broken open. Windows were smashed, and the building was trashed ...

“What Americans watched was a mob occupation and desecration of the temple of the American Republic.” I added, “And the event will be forever exploited to discredit not only Trump but the movement he led and the achievements of his presidency.”

That last line understated what an obsession Jan. 6 has become for the nation’s establishment and media elite.

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Though Trump was exonerated by the Senate of the impeachment charge brought by Nancy Pelosi’s House, the House select committee wants to try Trump again and again in the court of public opinion and wants President Joe Biden’s Department of Justice to find some crime with which to charge and convict him.

There are other reasons the left cannot let go of Jan. 6.

Democrats have no other issue on which to run this November.

The Biden presidency has produced an uninterrupted string of disasters: the Afghanistan withdrawal debacle, the Texas border crisis, inflation, an explosion of gun violence and murders setting records in Democrat-run cities, failure to produce an adequate federal response to the delta and omicron waves of COVID-19.

Again, Jan. 6 was a riot, involving assaults on Washington and Capitol cops and the disruption of a formal congressional procedure to validate the electoral vote victory of Joe Biden.

But was Jan. 6 really the planned coup, the terrorism, the sedition, the armed insurrection, the attempt to overthrow the U.S. government?

Was Jan. 6 really comparable to Pearl Harbor and 9/11, during each of which 3,000 Americans went to their deaths in an hour’s time and major wars followed — as Vice President Kamala Harris said yesterday?

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If so, why, a year after Jan. 6, 2021, has no one been charged with inciting a rebellion, sedition, treason, armed insurrection, plotting a coup, or a takeover of the government of the United States?

Thus far, all the charges prosecuted and punished are consistent with a riot, which is what Jan. 6 was. Comparisons of this three-hour mob action to Pearl Harbor and 9/11 are almost sacrilegious.

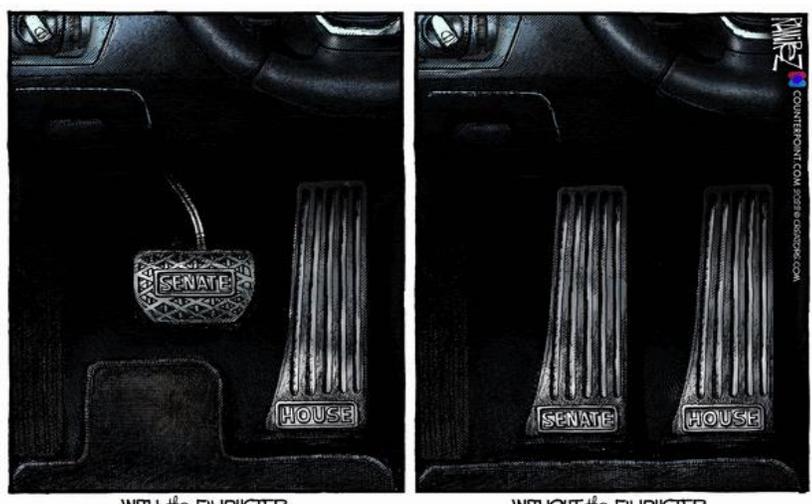
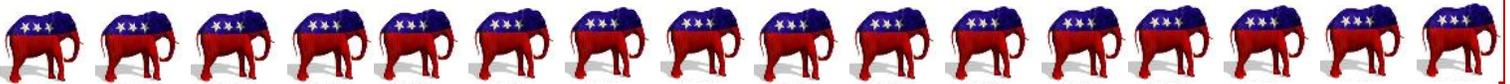
Was that QAnon shaman occupying the chair in the Senate chamber really the moral equivalent of Mohamed Atta ramming an airliner into the World Trade Center or Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto plotting the Dec. 7 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor?

Another reason for the left to paint up the horror of that day is that the perpetrators of Jan. 6 were not the radical left who battled cops and burned and looted Seattle, Portland, Milwaukee and scores of other cities in the aftermath of George Floyd's killing.

They were the "deplorables" of Trump, the populists of the American right, against whom any slander is justified.

Question: If the left is so terrified of Trump it feels it must prevent him from even running again, by imposing a criminal conviction, what does that say about the left's belief in American democracy?

What does that tell us about the left's trust in the people?



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Stigmatizing the Unvaxxed and Unboosted

By Dr. Joseph Mercola, January 5, 2022

STORY AT-A-GLANCE

- In a horrifying altercation, a German police officer denounced the humanity of the unvaccinated. This is but one sign that mass formation psychosis is at work
- “Mass formation psychosis” is the explanation for how the Germans accepted the atrocities by the Nazi party in the 1930s, and it’s the explanation for why so many around the world support medical apartheid and the dehumanization of the unvaccinated now
- The stigmatization of the unvaxxed is all the more irrational when you consider that the COVID shot doesn’t prevent infection or spread of the virus. “Fully vaxxed” individuals are just as infectious and “dangerous” as the unjabbed
- While high-level officials continue to use the term “pandemic of the unvaccinated,” suggesting the COVID-jabbed play no role in the epidemiology of COVID-19, there’s ample evidence that the “fully vaccinated” have a relevant role in transmission and outbreaks
- For example, in Massachusetts, 469 new COVID-19 cases were identified during July 2021. Of those, 346 (74%) were either fully or partially jabbed, and 274 (79%) were symptomatic. This proves the COVID jabs cannot end the pandemic, and may in fact be preventing it from dying out naturally
- You know you’ve entered a twilight zone of insanity when a police officer tells you you’re a criminal simply because you’re unvaccinated. That’s exactly what happened the other day in Germany. The police officer insisted the unvaccinated man was “a murderer” because he “might infect someone,” and that he’s “not a human.”
- The bizarre altercation was posted on Twitter December 12, 2021, (see above). In response, the unvaccinated man tells the cop he’s the one who has “lost all humanity.” Indeed. Who thought we’d ever see the day when individuals are marked as “murderers” and “not human” based on vaccination status alone?
- It’s beyond irrational. But then again, insanity does not obey reason, and according to professor Mattias Desmet, a Belgian psychologist, the world has indeed been hypnotized into a state of mass psychosis.¹
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You Cannot Comply Your Way Out of Tyranny

- The stigmatization and dehumanization of the unvaxxed is all the more irrational when you consider that the COVID shot doesn’t prevent infection or spread of the virus. Those who have received one, two or even three doses are STILL contracting the infection, and at ever-increasing rates, and are spreading it to vaxxed and unvaxxed alike.
- Outbreaks among “fully vaccinated” populations, isolated on cruise ships, for example, have occurred on several occasions, proving the shots fail to prevent outbreaks. The COVID-jabbed are clearly just as “dangerous” and likely to “kill” their fellow man as those who are unjabbed.
- When either decision — the decision to get the jab or decline it — results in you posing the exact same level of risk to others, how can anyone say that one is more dangerous than the other? Anyone still capable of clear, level-headed thinking will see that it doesn’t add up.
- Unfortunately, most countries are experiencing a mass delusional psychosis. They have been manipulated into believing highly irrational absurdities. The same psychological operation was at work in the 1930s, when Jews, the old and infirm, and the mentally and physically handicapped were dehumanized and blamed as carriers of disease and other social ills.
- In the short video above, Auschwitz survivor Marian Turski, now 94 years old, describes the incremental dehumanization and ostracizing that took place in Nazi Germany, ultimately ending in the Holocaust. Now, we stand before the same fork in the road yet again. Many, like the German police officer, are choosing the well-trodden road of repeated history.

Stigmatizing Unvaccinated Is Unjustified

- November 20, 2021, The Lancet published a letter by Gunter Kampf, titled “COVID-19: Stigmatizing the Unvaccinated Is Not Justified.”² “In the USA and Germany, high-level officials have used the term pandemic of the unvaccinated, suggesting that people who have been vaccinated are not relevant in the epidemiology of COVID-19,” Kampf writes.

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- However, he adds, “There is increasing evidence that vaccinated individuals continue to have a relevant role in transmission.” He goes on to cite statistics from Massachusetts, where 469 new COVID-19 cases were identified during July 2021. Of those, 346 (74%) were either fully or partially jabbed, and 274 (79%) were symptomatic.

People who are vaccinated have a lower risk of severe disease but are still a relevant part of the pandemic. It is therefore wrong and dangerous to speak of a pandemic of the unvaccinated. ~ Gunter Kampf

- The cycle threshold values used during PCR testing were also similarly low regardless of COVID jab status (median 22.8 cycles, which minimizes the risk of false positive results), “indicating a high viral load even among people who were fully vaccinated,” Kampf notes. These data are clear evidence that the COVID jabs cannot end the pandemic, and may in fact be preventing it from dying out naturally. Kampf continues:³
- *“In the USA, a total of 10,262 COVID-19 cases were reported in vaccinated people by April 30, 2021, of whom 2725 (26.6%) were asymptomatic, 995 (9.7%) were hospitalized, and 160 (1.6%) died. In Germany, 55.4% of symptomatic COVID-19 cases in patients aged 60 years or older were in fully vaccinated individuals, and this proportion is increasing each week.*
- *In Münster, Germany, new cases of COVID-19 occurred in at least 85 (22%) of 380 people who were fully vaccinated or who had recovered from COVID-19 and who attended a nightclub.*
- *People who are vaccinated have a lower risk of severe disease but are still a relevant part of the pandemic. It is therefore wrong and dangerous to speak of a pandemic of the unvaccinated.*
- *Historically, both the USA and Germany have engendered negative experiences by stigmatizing parts of the population for their skin color or religion.*
- *I call on high-level officials and scientists to stop the inappropriate stigmatization of unvaccinated people, who include our patients, colleagues, and other fellow citizens, and to put extra effort into bringing society together.”*

Human Today, Not Human Tomorrow

- It’s important to realize you cannot comply your way out of this tyranny. If you choose to get the COVID shot because you don’t want to be stigmatized, there can be no end to your compliance to future boosters, no matter what the cost to you or your family.
- In short order — a handful of months at most — you will suddenly and arbitrarily be deemed an unvaccinated menace to society again, even though you’ve already had one, two or three kill shots.
- None of that will matter. You get no brownie points for past compliance. At six months past your second or third dose, your status will go from green to red, from human to not human, literally overnight. You’re “unvaccinated” again, until or unless you get another booster. This cycle will continue until you’re dead. Are you game? Is that how you want to spend the rest of your life?

COVID Shots Keep the ‘Pandemic’ Going

- More than 80 studies have confirmed that natural immunity to COVID-19 is equal or superior to what you get from the jab.⁴ This conforms to well-established medical science, so it’s no surprise. It’s as it should be.
- But for the first time in modern medical history, natural immunity is being portrayed as having no benefit whatsoever. Even worse, those with natural immunity are being labeled as dangerous and are shunned and even fired from their jobs for failing to get a shot.
- Only the jabbed are protected and can protect others, health authorities now claim — even though it’s those with natural immunity who are most protected and don’t pose a risk to others.

The reality and truth, though, is that natural immunity is long-lasting, protects against all variants and will not contribute to the creation of variants. The same cannot be said for the COVID jab. We now have clear evidence the shots offer, at most, six months’ worth of protection, after which the relative risk reduction drops to zero.

As just one example among many, a Swedish study⁵ published October 25, 2021, found that while the jabs initially lowered the risk of hospitalization, their effectiveness rapidly waned.

- The Pfizer jab went from 92% effectiveness at Day 15 through 30, to 47% at Day 121 through 180, and zero from Day 201 onward.

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- The Moderna shot had a similar trajectory, being estimated at 59% from Day 181 onward.
- The AstraZeneca injection had a lower effectiveness out of the gate, waned faster than the mRNA shots, and had no detectable effectiveness as of Day 121.

This and other studies showing waning immunity were discussed in a December 9, 2021, New England Journal of Medicine interview.⁶ As noted in that interview, the Delta variant, which is significantly different from the initial SARS-CoV-2 strain, can infect fully jabbed individuals, and its ability to do so increases over time, as the effectiveness of the shot rapidly wanes.

Aside from waning efficacy, the fact that the virus is mutating within “vaccinated” populations also forces it to develop the capacity to circumvent the COVID jab. In short, the deck is stacked against those who rely on the COVID shot to protect them. In the long term, it’s a hopeless situation, as we cannot inoculate our way out of an endemic with a product that doesn’t prevent infection and spread!

Sadly, NEJM, rather than promoting science, toes the line of the official mainstream narrative and suggest boosters are the answer. They should know better, which raises suspicions that conflicts of interest likely impact their clinical judgment.⁷

Lindsey Baden, one of the interviewees, has received grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Trust — three institutions that more or less openly support medical tyranny and totalitarian rule by a biosecurity-based police state.

The Gravity of Our Situation

In the video above, Dr. Chris Martenson interviews Desmet about the gravity of our situation, seeing how it’s rooted in a grossly self-destructive psychiatric condition — and one that permits totalitarianism to flourish. [[The video is referenced below if you want to look at it.](#)]

According to Desmet, the mass formation psychosis now appears so widespread that global totalitarianism may be unavoidable. He believes it’ll take over, as we’re seeing in a number of countries already.

The German police officer denouncing the humanity of the unvaccinated is a shining example of the brainwashing propaganda that supports and strengthens the totalitarian state, and allows inconceivable atrocities to be committed in broad daylight. The question is, what can we do to limit the damage?

First and foremost, we must continue to provide true and accurate information to counter the false narratives. Some who aren’t yet fully hypnotized may still be routed back to sanity. Speaking out can also help to limit the atrocities the totalitarian regime is emboldened to implement, because in totalitarianism, atrocities and crimes against humanity increase as dissent decreases.

We can also substitute fear of the virus narratives with narratives that highlight an even greater fear — fear of totalitarianism. That’s a far greater threat to you and your children, by far. Try to appeal to people’s memory. Remind them of the freedoms they grew up with. Do they really want to be responsible for leaving their children with zero freedom to think and act for themselves?

Also, join with other dissenters into larger groups. This gives the larger majority who aren’t fully hypnotized but too fearful to go against the grain an alternative to going along with the totalitarians.

Lastly, start building parallel structures within your local communities that address the four underlying conditions that allowed mass formation psychosis to develop in the first place, namely poor social bonding, lack of meaning in life, free-floating anxiety and discontent, and free-floating frustration and aggression.

A parallel structure is any kind of business, organization, technology, movement or creative pursuit that fits within a totalitarian society while being morally outside of it. Once enough parallel structures are created, a parallel culture is born that functions as a sanctuary of sanity within the totalitarian world.

By rebuilding society, starting locally, into one where people feel connected and valued, the foundational psychological conditions for totalitarianism are undermined and ultimately eliminated. That’s the grand challenge facing all of us.

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Governor Abbott Debuts Texas Border Wall In Rio Grande City

December 18, 2021 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today held a press conference debuting the construction of the Texas border wall in Rio Grande City — just six months after he announced Texas would build its own border wall. The press conference took place in front of the first phase of the wall being built on state land managed by the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

The Governor was joined by GLO Commissioner George P. Bush and Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) Chairman Steven Alvis, who spoke of the progress made to secure our southern border by building the Texas border wall. Senator Kelly Hancock, Representative James White, Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw, and Texas Military Department Adjutant General Tracy Norris and Deputy Adjutant General Monie Ulis were also in attendance.

On June 16, Governor Abbott [announced](#) the State of Texas' plan for the border wall and [authorized](#) the transfer for \$250 million as a down payment to launch construction. He also [directed](#) the TFC to hire a program manager to oversee its construction. In September, a program manager was [selected](#) to lead the process of planning and executing the border wall. The Governor also [signed House Bill 9](#) into law that month, providing an additional \$1.8 billion in state funding for border security, including border wall construction.

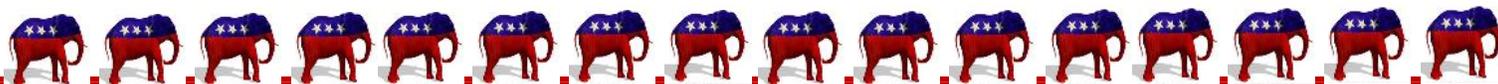
"The State of Texas has taken comprehensive action to secure our southern border and address the border crisis while President Biden has sat idly by," said Governor Abbott. "In June, I promised Texans that we would step up in the federal government's absence and build our own border wall. We have wasted no time in the six months since that promise was made, and I am proud to announce that construction of the Texas border wall is now underway. Today not only represents the first phase of the Texas border wall, but it also serves as a major milestone in our efforts to combat illegal immigration, stop the smuggling of drugs and people, and keep our communities safe."

To learn more about the progress made building the Texas border wall or to voluntarily donate to the project, visit borderwall.texas.gov.

Governor Abbott has taken significant action to secure the border in the wake of the federal government's inaction. Those actions include:

- Signing laws that provide \$3 billion in funding for Texas' border security efforts
- Launching Operation Lone Star and deploying thousands of National Guard soldiers and Department of Public Safety troopers
- Creating a system to arrest and jail illegal migrants trespassing or committing other state crimes in Texas
- Signing a budget authorization to build the border wall in Texas
- Signing a law to make it easier to prosecute smugglers bringing people into Texas
- Signing 9 laws cracking down on human trafficking in Texas
- Signing a law enhancing penalties for the manufacturing and distribution of fentanyl
- Issuing a disaster declaration for the border crisis
- Issuing an executive order preventing non-governmental entities from transporting illegal immigrants
- Taking legal action to enforce the Remain in Mexico and Title 42 policies in Texas

"The Biden Administration has abandoned its responsibilities to secure the border and Texans are suffering as a result," said Governor Abbott. "The problems along the border are only getting worse due to President Biden's inaction. Property is being destroyed, deadly drugs and illegal weapons are being smuggled into communities throughout the state, law enforcement is having to redirect their resources, and county judges and mayors are facing skyrocketing expenses. Texas is doing more than any state has ever done to protect the border, but it is clear that more is needed. In the Biden Administration's absence, Texas is stepping up to get the job done by building the border wall. Through this comprehensive public safety effort, we will secure the border, slow the influx of unlawful immigrants, and restore order in our border communities." Governor Greg Abbott





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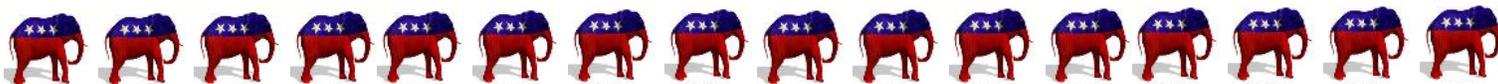
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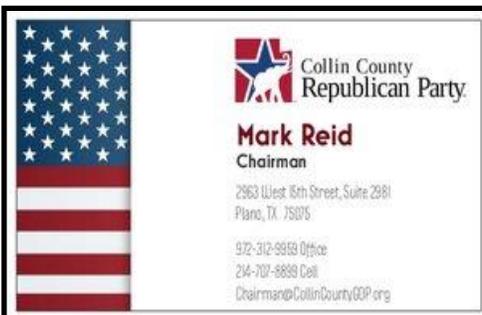
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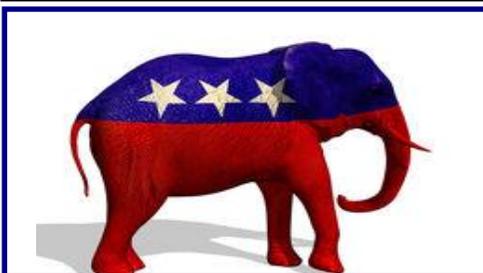
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Member Birthdays:

Ann Harrington	2/12
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Reva Bartlett	2/28

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_____ \$45 Full Active Membership with Spouse

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

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Sponsors:

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

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_____ \$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

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

TOTAL: _____ Check #: _____

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Address _____
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(except June, July & December)

Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

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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,

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