

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

April 2022

President's Byline



Since the beginning of the Biden Administration, we have seen significant increases in gas prices. The White House blames Vladimir Putin and the oil and gas industry for price gouging. The first myth, Putin, can easily be dismissed. Gas prices have been increasing rapidly since Feb. 2021, long before Russia invaded Ukraine. I spoke with an industry insider who has worked in the oil and gas industry since 1981 because I feel news outlet are giving us an over simplified view.

Why are gas prices so high? The first day in office, Biden killed the Keystone XL pipeline and suspended all new drilling leases on federal lands. The existing leases they did issue were not on very active lands. As supply dropped and demand rose. Oil prices rose quickly. On April 15th, the Biden administration said they would resume selling leases for drilling oil and gas on federal lands, but with a major reduction in the number of acres offered and an increase in the royalties' oil and gas companies must pay to drill. More low-quality leases. For example, 7 out of 10 of the oil leases are useless and the remaining 3 are in very hard areas to get oil out the ground. Also on April 25th, the Biden administration reversed a Trump administration plan that would have allowed the government to lease more than two-thirds of the country's largest swath of public lands in the Arctic for oil and gas drilling. An oil rich area.

Biden calls the oil and gas companies greedy and unpatriotic. This administration is driving them out of the market on purpose by strangling off investors and banks. They are stopping new projects using endangered species acts and stringent environmental laws to stop exploration, even on private land. He expects them to use their profit margins to drill instead of making money and gives them "crapy" lands to drill on.

Why can't they drill offshore instead? When you are 50 miles off the coast, it is considered state land. Anything past those 50 miles in the ocean is consider federal lands. Unfortunately, the lucrative oil is 200-250 miles out. It's takes one year to design an offshore drilling facility and 3-5 years for construction. They are 30 feet in length between decks (floating skyscrapers) and on average go 10,000 feet or more into the water. New drilling structures cost hundreds of millions. Big companies like ExxonMobil will not spend money on offshore oil rigs because by the time one structure is completed, they may only get 5-10 years use out of it or none because of changing political winds.

This started the decline of "mom and pop" drilling outfits. ExxonMobil never set foot in Texas (to drill) until offshore oil dried up from over-regulation from the Obama administration. Since the 70's, farmers leased their land to these "mom and pop" drilling outfits. Mom and pop companies had just scratched the surface at 900 ft in West Texas. In 2010, they discovered a large oil reserve in Midland. It was more than they expected. They found the Eagle Ford Shale and the Permian Basin. Deep oil and a lot more than they thought. ExxonMobil and Chevron could extract shale oil at depths from 5,000 -20,000 feet and hit more oil faster. Smaller companies couldn't compete.

What are the effects of Biden's policies? Here in Texas, at \$ 100 a barrel. People are coming out of retirement to work in different facets of the oil and gas industry. But it is not enough. The U.S. imports 52% of our oil from Canada, 11% from Mexico and 7% from the Saudis at a premium price. The rest of our imported oil comes from dirty, cheap oil producing countries like Angola, and Russia. We are increasing carbon emission by moving oil and gas with trucks, trains, or ship tankers. The United States was one of the premier producers of clean oil and natural gas in the world during the Trump administration. We were energy independent, and oil was \$30- 40 a barrel. When Biden cut off our oil production, Russia filled that vacuum, so Biden help fund the war on Ukraine

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Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022
PRW Board Meeting
11:30 Napolis—West Plano
- 60th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, May 7th
- Tuesday, May 17th, 2022
PRW General Meeting
11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano
- GOP Primary
Runoff Election
Tuesday, May 24, 2022

PRW Presidents Byline

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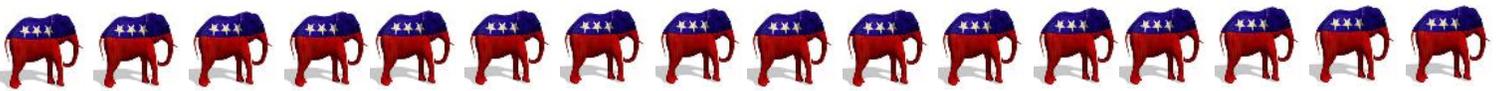
and weakened our reputation on the world stage.

Biden has been pushing electric cars as the solution. He doesn't seem to understand oil powers the electric power plants. If electric vehicles become widely used, we could potentially have brown outs at night while all the new electric cars are charging. Plus, electric cars have expensive batteries made from strip mining of heavy metals from countries like China that need to be replaced every 5 years at an average cost of \$20,000. We are essentially using oil to charge electric cars to give the appearance of being eco-friendly. The US is a hungry engine that needs to be feed and wind and solar are not the answer. The bottom line, Democrats have no solutions, their polices only create economic hardship and chaos. Marxist theories have no place in our economy or lives. Republicans do care about the planet. We also care about people, jobs, and energy independence. This November must be a landslide for so many reasons. We need to get back to normalcy, and common-sense capitalism.

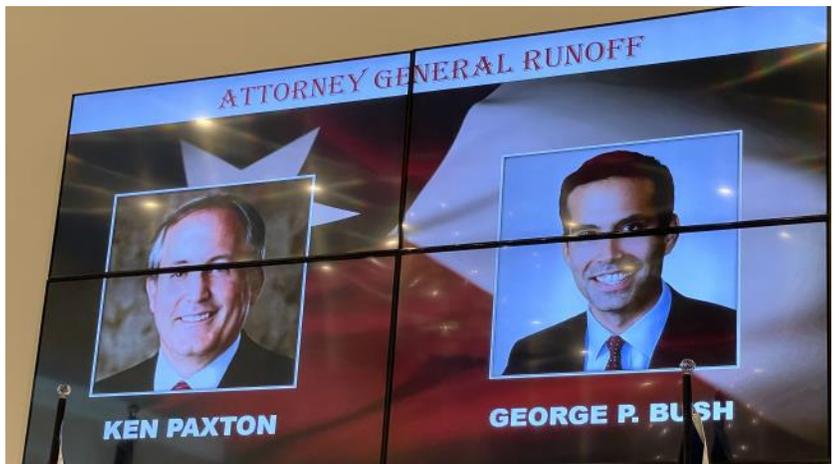
"I would give up my career to be energy independent BECAUSE at \$ 30 a barrel, I'm going home." - Robert Whiteside, oil industry executive

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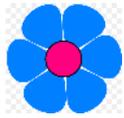


Primary Runoff Candidate Forum April 13, 2022 @ Frisco Hall





"CHEERS TO 60 YEARS!!!!"



Plano Republican Women's 60th Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Plano Event Center on Saturday May 7th, 2022.



THANK YOU to our members and guests who have rsvp'd YES. Reservations are now closed.

We will be having a plated meal served by the Plano Event Center, a cash bar, a D.J. with 60's music, dancing, and a few surprises.

Mighty Photo Booths <https://www.mightyphotoboosts.com/> will be there taking photos and will print pictures strips for us on the spot. Check-in starts at 6pm. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:45pm followed by a short program of presentations. We'll be showing our club's history in pictures all night long.

Attire: This is intended to be a fun evening where you can wear your favorite outfit from the 60's. Whether you come in attire from the early 60's, or mid 60's or the late groovy 60's.. it's all fine! Do you still have something vintage from the back of your closet? Wear that!



If you are not a fan of dressing up, that is perfectly fine. You can come business casual (shirt and slacks, etc.) and there will be props you can slip on at the photo booth so can leave with a fun picture.



For ideas on how to dress watch "SPEAKING OF FASHION: Early 60'S VS. Mid 60's vs. Late 60's here: SPEAKING of FASHION: Early 60s vs. Mid 60s vs. Late 60s <https://youtu.be/N-cfQYa3kY0>



One last thing...there is still time to send me a picture of yourself from the 60's. *But hurry please.* I'm gathering those pictures and it will be attached to our 60th Anniversary slideshow.



We really look forward to seeing everyone. Thank you for celebrating our 60th Anniversary with us!
Contact me at debbyarrant@verizon.net with any questions.



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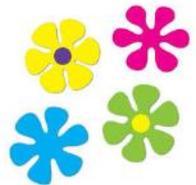
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PRW May Meeting



PRW Meeting - May 17th, 2022

Dr. Richard A. Johnson III, Ed.D

Texas Public Policy Foundation

"Stopping CRT: Practical Skills for Activists"

Richard A. Johnson, Ed.D., is the director of the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Booker T. Washington Initiative, which examines the effects of public policy on African-American communities.

Previously, Johnson served as a chief of staff in both municipal and state governments. As chief of staff for a Houston City Council member, he played a significant role in drafting and navigating policies related to public safety, public works, and housing and community development. During the 85th and 86th Texas Legislatures, he served as a chief of staff and a senior policy analyst for a House member and worked on education, public safety, healthcare, and workforce development legislation.

An educator for more than 20 years, Johnson has extensive experience in teaching and research. He worked as a research assistant at the University of Texas Mental Science Institute, studying the efficacy of counseling and pharmacological therapy on cocaine and heroin addicts. He began counseling inner-city adolescent males and founded an academy for troubled boys which provided education, discipline, and residential substance abuse treatment. In 2007 he began teaching and researching in the areas of psychology and academic performance.

Johnson was the president of the Louisiana Prison Chapel Foundation for nearly two decades, building more than 20 churches inside prison walls. In addition, Johnson served as the co-founder and second president of 100 Black Men Metropolitan Houston, vice president of development for 100 Black Men San Antonio, and co-chair of the education committee of the NAACP, Houston.

Johnson served in the U.S. Army after college, obtaining the rank of sergeant. He was selected to play for the All-Army basketball team.

A Texas native, Johnson has an Ed.D. in education administration and an M.A. in clinical psychology from Texas Southern University. He received a B.A. in history and government from Wiley College.

Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

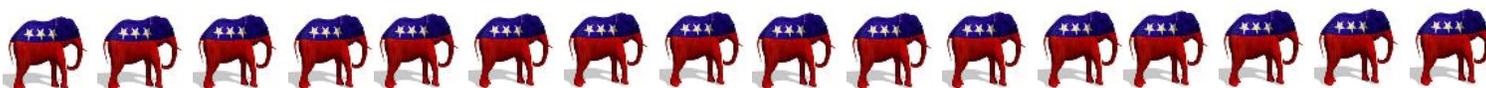
Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

**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, May 13th, 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



PRW April Photos



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE LAWMAKERS

- ✓ Protect students and teachers from discrimination, being compelled to hold any view that violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and participation in trainings and seminars that promote racially essentialist doctrines and practices.
- ✓ Citizens can bring a right of action against any public institution engaged in racial discrimination.
- ✓ All members of the public are given comprehensive access to school curriculum materials including lists of textbooks, and teacher-created assignments and worksheets, along with content that educators use for teacher professional development training sessions.
- ✓ Empower families by enacting universal education savings accounts so that parents can choose an education that aligns with their values.



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Cornyn, Cardin, Wicker, Shaheen Praise House Passage of Lend-Lease Bill for Ukraine

Posted 04/28/2022

U.S. Senators John Cornyn (R-TX), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Roger Wicker (R-MS), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) released the following statements after the House of Representatives passed their *Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act*, which would authorize the President to enter into lend-lease agreements with Ukraine to provide additional categories of military equipment to protect civilians:

“Ukrainian forces have demonstrated unbelievable strength and bravery, and we must again serve as the arsenal of democracy and ensure they have the full range of resources necessary to defend their sovereignty,” said Sen. Cornyn. *“This legislation will be a game-changer for Ukraine, and I’m grateful to my House colleagues for recognizing its importance and quickly sending it to the President’s desk.”*

“Democracy and the sovereignty of an independent nation are at risk as Ukraine does all it can to fend off the unprovoked and deadly assault from Russia,” said Sen. Cardin. *“As the United States continues to support Ukrainian defenses, I’m proud of the bipartisan, bicameral support our bill received to streamline the president’s ability to further bolster Ukraine’s defenses, defend innocent civilians and protect our frontline NATO allies who may be Putin’s next targets. Ukraine must prevail against this horrific Russian aggression.”*

“We should be doing everything possible to assist our courageous friends in Ukraine, especially as Russia launches a new phase of attacks,” Sen. Wicker said. *“Enhancing our ability to loan and lease military equipment to Ukraine is essential to helping Ukraine fight back. I am glad to see the House recognize how important this measure is. Congress has done its job, and I urge President Biden to sign this bill immediately.”*

“Every lever must be pulled to help Ukraine defend itself against Putin’s campaign of terror, which is slaughtering innocent civilians and reaping destruction across Ukraine. I’m encouraged to see the number of bipartisan bills clearing Congress to that end, which now includes my legislation with Senator Cornyn to expedite the process of moving military equipment to the frontlines,” said Sen. Shaheen. *“I’ll continue to work across the aisle in support of our Ukrainian partners and to hold the Kremlin accountable for its crimes against Ukraine. The U.S. must continue to lead the global response to assist Ukraine and in fierce opposition to Putin’s tyranny, which is targeting Ukraine today and continues to pose a threat to liberal democracies around the world.”*

In addition, the legislation is cosponsored by Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Gary Peters (D-MI), Deb Fischer (R-NE), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), Roy Blunt (R-MO), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Tim Scott (R-SC), Angus King (I-ME), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Susan Collins (R-ME), Steve Daines (R-MT), Roger Marshall (R-KS), and Joni Ernst (R-IA).

Background:

As part of his *Arms Export Control Act* and *Foreign Assistance Act* authorities, the President can currently lend and lease defense articles to U.S. partners and allies when it is in the United States’ national security interest. However, bureaucratic barriers and other limitations make these authorities impractical for the current crisis facing Ukraine.

This enhanced lend-lease authority would be specific to Ukraine to help remove obstacles to lending arms to Ukraine. It would not create a new program but would streamline the President’s current authority to lend the defense articles necessary to defend civilian populations in Ukraine. In addition, this legislation would:

- Require the President or his designee to establish expedited delivery procedures for any military equipment loaned or leased to Ukraine to ensure timely delivery to Ukraine; and
- Remain in effect upon enactment for two years, with the possibility of Congress extending the authority if needed.

This legislation was passed by the Senate earlier this month and now heads to the President’s desk to be signed into law.



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Cornyn: Biden's Border Inaction Fueling Crime Spike, Drug Overdoses Nationwide - Posted 04/28/2022

Once cartel members and their gang associates get drugs across the border, where do they go? Well, they go to Chicago. They go to Detroit. They go to Atlanta. They go to New York. They go to San Diego. They go to virtually every community in our country.

"It's not just a border problem. This affects every single community in our country."

"If the Biden Administration doesn't want to lead in the effort, at least they can allow those of us here in the Congress to come up with ideas like my bipartisan, bicameral Border Solutions Act to try to address this crisis that we cannot tolerate any longer."

Today on the floor, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) discussed the consequences of the Biden Administration's inaction on the situation at our southern border and its impact on crime and illegal drug trafficking. Excerpts of Sen. Cornyn's remarks are below, and video can be found [here](#).

"An aspect of the border crisis that is not been sufficiently discussed... is the connection between the flood of illegal drugs coming across the border, not just with 100,000 drug overdose deaths we experienced in America last year, but also with crime and gangs and guns in every community across the United States."

"It seems like there's a new headline every day about acts of violence in cities across our country."

"Rising crime rates have caused many leaders to change their tune on this idea, this crazy idea called 'Defund the Police.'"

"Because defunding the police is dangerous."

"Customs and Border Protection encountered more than 200,000 migrants along the southern border last month alone, the highest number in more than two decades. The total number of migrant encounters over the last 12 months exceeds 2.2 million."

"You might be tempted to ask, 'What in the world is going on? Why are things changing?' I want to make one thing clear though: I'm in no way suggesting that all of these individuals coming across the border are dangerous criminals. Many of them are economic migrants looking for a better life, something we all understand."

"But there are definitely people coming across the border who are dangerous criminals primarily associated with the drug cartels who threaten public safety in every city in America every day."

"And they fight for territory, for market share. They commit other property crimes, other crimes of violence - carjacking, larceny, armed robbery - in order to fuel their need for money."

"So once cartel members and their gang associates get drugs across the border, where do they go? Well, they go to Chicago. They go to Detroit. They go to Atlanta. They go to New York. They go to San Diego. They go to virtually every community in our country where they are then distributing to people to feed addictions, which result in overdoses and death."

"It's not just a border problem. This affects every single community in our country."

"This is happening on a daily basis in every community in our country, which is contributing to the spike in violent crime and the public's reasonable concerns that they've expressed about it, including boneheaded ideas like defunding the police."

"In recent years, the number of drug overdose deaths caused by synthetic opioids, including fentanyl, have skyrocketed and so have the seizures of fentanyl at the border - virtually all made from precursors from Asia, primarily China, shipped to Mexico, manufactured there in an industrial operation which can make a fentanyl tablet look a lot like some other medication that you might take."

"Many people, too many people, have died thinking they were taking a drug for some condition only to find out it was laced with fentanyl, and resulting in their drug overdose death."

"The drugs pouring across our border make this a public health crisis as well, and the criminals sneaking across our border who are distributing these drugs in our communities all across the country are a public security crisis, a public safety crisis."

"The unlicensed guns that the gangs use to protect their territory makes this a gun violence crisis as well."

"I would argue through some of the policies promulgated by Director Mayorkas that [President Biden] has actually made it worse. He's made it more attractive to come and attempt this dangerous journey from their home into the United States. He's made it easier, given the business model of the cartels, to get more of those drugs across the border and into our communities, contributing to the crime wave that's shocking so many people."

"If the Biden Administration doesn't want to lead in the effort, at least they can allow those of us here in the Congress to come up with ideas like my bipartisan, bicameral Border Solutions Act to try to address this crisis that we cannot tolerate any longer."



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Governor Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas

Operation Lone Star Seizes Over 300 Million Lethal Doses Of Fentanyl, Continues To Secure The Border

April 22, 2022 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard are continuing to work together to secure the border, stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas, and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal behavior between ports of entry in response to the federal government's unwillingness to address the border crisis.

Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, multi-agency efforts have led to more than 236,000 migrant apprehensions, along with almost 14,000 criminal arrests — and more than 11,300 felony charges. Over 3,800 weapons and almost \$30 million in currency have been seized. In the fight against fentanyl, DPS has seized over 300 million lethal doses throughout the state.

Operation Lone Star continues to fill the dangerous gaps left by the Biden Administration's refusal to secure the border. Every individual who is apprehended or arrested and every ounce of drugs seized would have otherwise made their way into communities across Texas and the nation due to President Biden's open border policies.

Governor Abbott Announces Arrival Of Tenth Bus Of Unlawful Migrants At U.S. Capitol

April 22, 2022 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today announced the arrival of the tenth bus transporting a group of unlawful migrants to Washington, D.C. from Texas. The Governor announced this busing strategy earlier this month as part of the state's aggressive actions to secure the border in the wake of President Biden's decision to end Title 42 expulsions.

Under the Governor's direction, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has chartered buses to transport migrants to Washington, D.C. The migrants have been from the countries of Angola, Brazil, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

"Thanks to the State of Texas, President Biden will be able to immediately meet the needs of migrants he is allowing to cross our border by busing them to his backyard," said Governor Abbott. "The Biden Administration's failed efforts to secure the border are appalling. By busing migrants to Washington, D.C., Texas is sending a clear message: we should not have to bear the burden of the federal government's inaction to secure the border, and the Lone Star State will do whatever it takes to keep Texans safe."

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 Texas Department of Public Safety troopers
- Arresting and jailing illegal migrants trespassing or committing other state crimes in Texas
- Allocating resources that include acquiring 1,700 unused steel panels to build the border wall in Texas
- Signing a law to make it easier to prosecute smugglers bringing people into Texas
- Signing 15 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 in Texas
- Taking aggressive action to secure the border as President Biden ends Title 42 expulsions, including enhancing vehicle inspections and busing migrants to Washington, D.C.
- Signing memoranda of understanding between the State of Texas and the States of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo León, and Tamaulipas to enhance border security measures that will prevent illegal immigration from Mexico to Texas

[Read more on additional actions taken by the Governor to secure the border through Operation Lone Star.](#)

Political Cartoons

This is what happens when you order a President through the mail.



ONE YEAR LATER
NOTHING IS BUILT
NOTHING IS BACK
NOTHING IS BETTER





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



As American as Apple Pie

In America, May means summer. Summer means outdoors and sports and picnics, things that make me think of family. What could be more American? When I think of America, family automatically comes to mind, whether it's picnics or kids' soccer. The founders and their followers fought for freedom for themselves and their families. Is it such a long way from the families of those in 1773 to our families of today? They wanted to worship freely, to live by fair government and to work hard for prosperity. Their values were God-driven. America's families have thrived on godly values, self-governing and capitalism.

Strong families are the backbone of a strong and prosperous nation. The family is the nucleus of civilization and the basic social unit of society. Aristotle wrote that the family is nature's established association for the supply of mankind's everyday wants. Research clearly shows that the institution of the family is the first form of community and government.

"If we have stronger families we will have stronger schools, stronger churches, and stronger communities with less poverty and less crime. The family is the linchpin of society, both economically and socially."

- Daniel Patrick Moynihan

May also means local elections. What could be more American than voting? What do families and local elections have in common? While it may not be your first thought to tie local elections to families, it has become blindingly apparent that local elections are critical. If we don't have that fair government in our schools and cities, then our values, prosperity, and God-given freedoms are at stake. We've seen how insidious changes have devalued family and morals and work ethics. Studies prove that the nuclear family and good values are directly tied to the strength of our country and to Americans' individual successes and happiness.

Very importantly, May also means Memorial Day - the time we remember and honor those who gave their lives for our freedoms. What could be more American than honor and bravery? Take time to reflect on these hard-earned freedoms and those we owe them to.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was sometimes observed by placing flowers on military graves.



The poppy has become a symbol of Memorial Day. Wearing a red poppy on Memorial Day began with a World War I poem. In the spring of 1915, bright red flowers began poking through the battle-ravaged land across northern France and Flanders (northern Belgium). Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who served as a brigade surgeon for an Allied artillery unit, spotted a cluster of the poppies shortly after serving as a brigade surgeon during the bloody Second Battle of Ypres. The sight of the bright red flowers against the dreary backdrop of war inspired McCrae to pen the poem, "In Flanders Field," in which he gives voice to the soldiers who had been killed in battle and lay buried beneath the poppy-covered grounds. Later that year, a Georgia teacher and volunteer war worker named Moina Michael read the poem in Ladies' Home Journal and wrote her own poem, "We Shall Keep the Faith" to begin a campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute to all who died in war. The poppy remains a symbol of remembrance to this day.

(The image is by a long-time friend of mine named Wallace Leon Hughes.)

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 mid-term elections in November:

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.



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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

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
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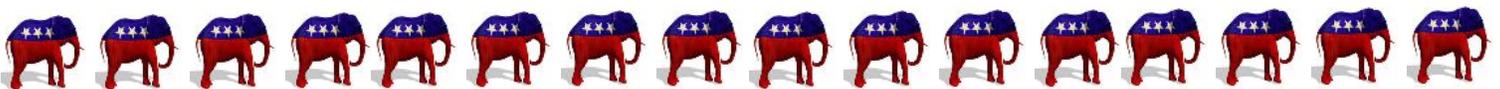
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Want to buy American?

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

Texas Republican Party Platform

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



PRW Post Card Writing Campaign Team for TFRW.

Team leader is Pam Varney-Terrell.

The ladies in the picture are Reva, Debbie, Pam, Judy, Ushma and Candy.



Constitutional Minute Series

Before Stacking A Court - 6 Facts You Need To Know About Our US Supreme Court

By KrisAnne Hall, JD

Over the years there have been a few presidential administrations who have proposed adding additional seats the Supreme Court. Court packing is not a new or novel proposal. However, if the American people are to allow their federal politicians to increase, or decrease, the number of Supreme Court justices, it is essential that we understand how this high court was created and its proper limited and defined authority as established by the Constitution.

Those who ratified our Constitution were deeply concerned about the tendency for courts to expand their authority over time and they did everything they could to ensure that America would not be ruled, as Britain often was, by an Oligarchy of judges. Whether you have 3 justices or 13 is not as important as making sure those justice stay confined to the boundaries of their authority as delegated by the Constitution. If we have justices that believe their authority is supreme, if Americans are taught to believe that the Supreme Court is the ultimate authority to their own power and the power of the federal government, we will have created, not by fact but by error, the very government our founders separated from.

Americans, whether liberal or conservative, must know these six facts about the Supreme Court and the Constitution that created it.

1. "The powers not delegated to the federal government...are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Tenth Amendment

The Tenth Amendment of the Constitution makes it clear; if a power is not specifically delegated to the federal government is a power that is reserved to the States. Powers that have not been specifically delegated to the federal government are not powers the federal government can lawfully exercise. The powers delegated to the courts are enumerated in Article 3 of the Constitution and thorough read of Article 3 proves there are powers specifically not delegated to the Supreme Court so they will remain at the State level. In fact, the majority of judicial authority was to remain at the State level without federal court involvement. The legal proof of this comes from those who ratified the Constitution, the true authority for the meaning and application of the Constitution.

"The great mass of suits in every State lie between Citizen & Citizen, and relate to matters not of federal cognizance." Madison to Washington 18 Oct. 1787

"The foundation of this assertion is that the national judiciary will have no cognizance of them, and of course they will remain determinable as heretofore by the state courts only, and in the manner which the state constitutions and laws prescribe.: -Federalist #83

2. "...the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; ...shall be the supreme Law of the Land." Article 6 sec 2

Only laws created by the federal government that are made pursuant to constitutionally enumerated powers are the "supreme Law of the Land." Laws created by Congress, executive orders created by the executive branch beyond that delegation of power have no force or legal binding power over the States or the people; i.e. it is not the supreme Law of the Land. The language of Article 6 section 2 establishes that any law made by Congress that is inconsistent with the Constitution, in this case outside delegated power, is an invalid law, not binding upon the States or to the people. There are many proofs of this principle in the texts of those who created the federal government, here are just two:

"No law, therefore, contrary to the Constitution can be valid." -Federalist #78

"...for the power of the Constitution predominates. Any thing, therefore, that shall be enacted by Congress contrary thereto, will not have the force of law. -James Wilson, Pennsylvania Ratifying Convention, 1787

Additionally, Article V of the Constitution outlines the only legal way the Constitution can be amended and judicial opinion is not one of those ways. Therefore, if the Supreme Court renders an opinion that is contrary to the Constitution, that opinion ought to be seen by the people as "null and void" as well. As Article 6 clause 2 establishes, the judges of the States are not bound by any act that is established outside the authorization of the Constitution.

3. "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States"

Although we often hear people refer to Supreme Court Opinions as the "law of the land" that is Constitutionally incorrect. The writing of law is a power exclusively held by Congress. Court Opinion cannot be law without violating the express limits separation of powers established by the Constitution. A violation of separation of powers is a per se violation of the Constitution which renders the court opinion invalid (see #2).

Violations of separation of power were of the utmost concern to the drafters of the Constitution. James Madison explains, quoting Montesquieu, Spirit of Laws (1748), in Federalist #47:

"there can be no liberty where the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person, or body of magistrates," or "if the power of judging be not separated from the legislative and executive powers,"

Montesquieu, Spirit of Laws, warns of the consequences of allowing the judiciary to violate separation of powers to be violated:

"Again, there is no liberty, if the judiciary power be not separated from the legislative and executive. Were it joined with the legislative, the



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life and liberty of the subject would be exposed to arbitrary control; for the judge would be then the legislator. Were it joined to the executive power, the judge might behave with violence and oppression."

4. "The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority;" Article 3 sec 2 cl 1

The power of the Supreme Court is limited to matters "arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties" made "under their Authority." If a power is not specifically delegated it is not a matter over which the Supreme Court has jurisdiction. Article 3 of the Constitution specifically enumerates those powers. The Constitution is not a document of government "can'ts," it is a document of government "cans." If the power is not specifically delegated, it is not authorized. Hear the words of Alexander Hamilton in Federalist 78:

"...an affirmative grant of special powers would be absurd as well as useless, if a general authority was intended." -Federalist #83

To those who ratified the Constitution this was simple logic, but it is a very important fact that is misconstrued and disregarded all too often in modern America. Therefore, using reason, fact, and logic we must conclude Supreme Court Opinions regarding State land, Environment, Education, Firearms, etc... are not binding upon the States. To claim otherwise violates the Tenth Amendment, Article 3, and Article 6 section 2 of the Constitution. (See #1)

5. The Supreme Court is Designed to be the Weakest Branch of Government

When you look at Article 3 you will notice the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court is very limited and very specifically established. As a matter of fact as the Constitution and newly proposed federal government was being debated, Alexander Hamilton explained:

"The judicial authority...is declared by the constitution to comprehend certain cases particularly specified. The expression of those cases marks the precise limits beyond which the federal courts cannot extend their jurisdiction..." - Federalist 83

"The judiciary on the contrary has no influence over either the sword or the purse, no direction either of the strength or of the wealth of the society, and can take no active resolution whatever. It may truly be said to have neither Force nor Will, but merely judgment; and must ultimately depend upon the aid of the executive arm even for the efficacy of its judgments..." -Federalist 78

"It proves incontestably that the judiciary is beyond comparison the weakest of the three departments of power..." -Federalist 78

6. The Supreme Court is Not the Ultimate Authority on Any Federal Authority... Including its own.

For the Supreme Court to be the arbiter of its own power asserts that the federal government's only limitation is its own judgement and will. Such a premise would negate the very existence of the Constitution that created the federal government. The judiciary is just as limited in its power by the Constitution as the other two branches of government.

James Madison explains the limitation of the power of the Judiciary in his Virginia Assembly Report of 1800:

"If the decision of the judiciary be raised above the authority of the sovereign parties to the Constitution [States]... dangerous powers, not delegated, may not only be usurped and executed by the other departments, but that the judicial department, also, may exercise or sanction dangerous powers beyond the grant of the Constitution...consequently, that the ultimate right of the parties to the Constitution, to judge whether the compact has been dangerously violated, must extend to violations by one delegated authority as well as by another--by the judiciary as well as by the executive, or the legislature."

Thomas Jefferson, 1812:

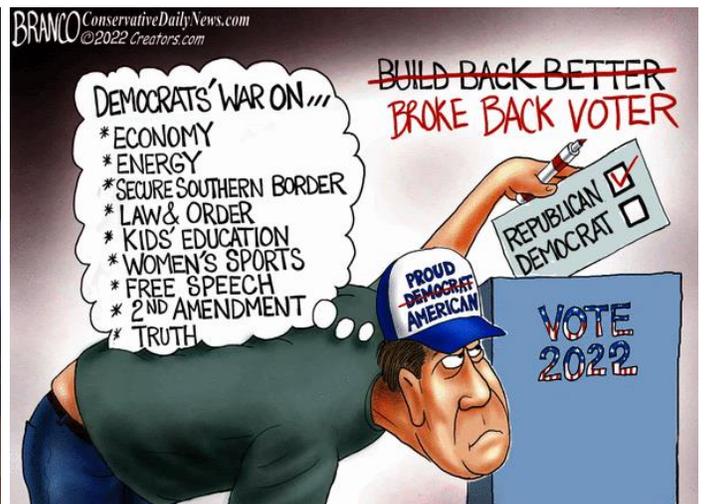
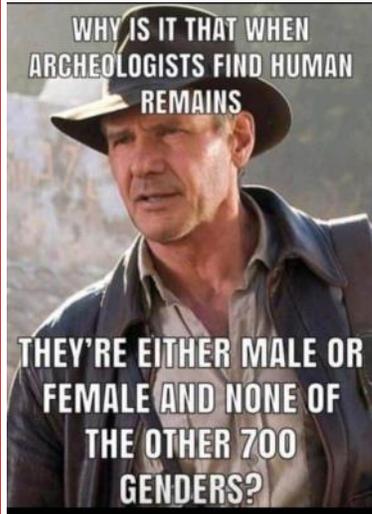
"The great object of my fear is the federal judiciary. That body, like gravity, ever acting, with noiseless foot, and unalarming advance, gaining ground step by step, and holding what it gains, is engulfing insidiously the special governments into the jaws of that which feeds them...government will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we Separated."

Courts don't issue rulings, Kings issue rulings. Courts issue Opinions and when those Opinions are not consistent with the Constitution those opinions are no more binding upon you than your next door neighbor's opinions.

In short, it really doesn't matter how many Supreme Court justices we have. What matters will they follow the limited and defined delegation of power as those who created that authority intended and hold the other branches within those same limits? If they answer to that question is "yes," then pack away. We know, however, the politicians who are seeking to "pack the court" are not doing so to get judges who will be true to the Constitution. These politicians seek to manipulate the people and the laws for their political favor by seating activist judges who will ignore the standards over their own authority to increase the power and influence of those who put them in power. Americans of all political ideologies must see the long term damage of this action and deny our members of Congress that authority. To ignore these self-evident truths will ensure Jefferson's warning becomes prophecy and will reconstruct the Supreme Court into the "venal and oppressive government from which" they separated.

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AT NO POINT IN HISTORY HAVE THE PEOPLE FORCING OTHERS INTO COMPLIANCE BEEN THE GOOD GUYS.



American Majority, Not a Republican Majority: Part I

Newt Gingrich

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Commentary

This is the first of four columns outlining the potential for a dramatic shift in the American political and governmental system. These columns are dedicated to turning a temporary opportunity into a permanent change that can create a stable reform government for several generations.

The combination of Big Government Socialism, woke radicalism, a governing performance disaster, and weak personalities at the top of the Democratic Party is creating an opportunity for a new American majority to emerge that brings together everyone who rejects all three components—and supports common sense efforts to create a better country for everyone.

Our polling at [The American Majority Project](#) (available to everyone) makes clear that [free market capitalism](#) beats Big Government Socialism by 59 percent to 16 percent. If forced to choose swing voters pick free market capitalism by 82 percent to 18 percent.

Woke cultural issues are even more decisively in a minority. By 67 percent to 20 percent Americans oppose transgender men competing in women's sports. An overwhelming 75 percent believe there are only two genders.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. There is even more common ground in America.

- Some 84 percent favor parents having the right to see everything their children are being taught in school.
- By the same margin, Americans think American ideals are worth fighting for.
- By 79 percent to 12 percent, Americans favor religious freedom.
- By a similar 77 percent to 12 percent, Americans oppose the canceling and censoring of people and speech.

An amazing 91 percent oppose racial discrimination, and only 6 percent think people should be given preference due to their race.

What is emerging is the potential for an American rather than a Republican majority.

If everyone who opposes Big Government Socialism and leftwing woke ideology can work together, there is enormous potential to get good things done. This potential requires [Republicans](#) to think much more broadly about their language, proposals, and actions.

Done correctly, the 2022 and 2024 elections can bring together Republicans, Independents, and anti-left [Democrats](#) into a grand coalition comparable to the one President Franklin Delano Roosevelt created in the 1930s (which in many ways has defined our politics for 90 years).

Building an American majority does not require accepting the policies of the Left. There are tens of millions of Democrats who are tired of high food and gas prices, rampant crime, the collapse of the border, the inconsistencies of leftwing bureaucrats. This American majority can reject every element of the Left and still be a broad coalition of Republicans, Independents, and anti-left Democrats.

The members of the American majority are those who favor common sense solutions to the challenges that face America and oppose those who, for their own hard left ideology, try to force unworkable solutions down American throats.

The key ideas for this new American majority were developed and explained by Ronald Reagan, a Democrat-turned-Republican. As a movie star, Reagan knew his following was much broader than the Republican Party—which according to Pew Research after Watergate had dropped to 21 percent of all Americans by 1975. Internal polls at the Republican National Committee were even more disheartening, with only 17 percent identifying as Republican. There was a real danger that the GOP would become a minority party.

It was clear that a base mobilization campaign would get nowhere with a base that small. There had to be a base broadening campaign, and former Gov. Reagan understood this imperative.

Then-candidate Reagan, speaking at the second Conservative Political Action Conference in 1975 said:

“A Republican Party raising a banner of bold colors, no pale pastels. A banner instantly recognizable as standing for certain values which will not be compromised. Yes, we must broaden our base, but let's broaden it the way we did in 1972, because those Americans — Democrats and Independents and Republicans — are still out there looking for a banner around which to rally. And we have what they want, what they're seeking. But they don't know that. And sometimes I wonder if we know it.”

Reagan's vision of “no pale pastels” repudiated the Republican establishment's desire to take the GOP to some kind of mushy middle, where Republicans could pretend to be frugal liberals and could be intimidated into accepting the establishment's dumbest and weirder ideas.

When Reagan's vice president, George H.W. Bush, was behind by 19 points in May 1988, there was a temptation to “move to the middle.”

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But the Reagan spirit was still there. The strategy was adopted to expose Gov. Michael Dukakis for the liberal he was. After five months of defining Dukakis as a Massachusetts liberal, Bush won with 54 percent, which meant that one-out-of-four voters switched between May and November. That was the power of Reagan's bold colors.

After the damage done by Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Nancy Pelosi, and Chuck Schumer, there has never been a more opportune time for a bold colors GOP. Done correctly, it will attract millions of Independents and anti-left Democrats. Then, in 2023 and 2024—if the Republican majorities in the House and Senate govern with an American majority attitude rather than a narrower Republican majority attitude—there will be an opportunity to win in 2024 with a campaign that attracts everyone but the hard left.

Many Republican governors already understand the power of articulating solid conservatism while solving problems with common sense and focusing on helping people improve their lives. The key is for GOP House and Senate candidates and members (and their staffs) to learn this. They must create both the campaign in 2022 and the opening round of governing as a majority in 2023. The examples of the Republican governors and the Republican Congress should create an opportunity for the Republican presidential candidates to compete for the nomination of an American majority movement—not just a traditional Republican Party.

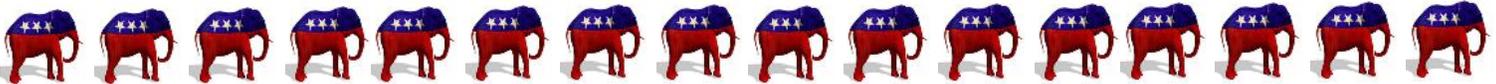
The difference between an American majority and a Republican majority is so important to the future of the country that I am dedicating four consecutive columns to outline how it can work.

The next column will be on President Reagan, his approach to governing, and his re-election. Then in the third column, I will turn to the bipartisan nature of the Contract with America. I'll explain how it helped us win a majority for the first time in 40 years—and then win re-election for the first time in 66 years (since 1928). Finally, the fourth column will outline the polling data from the American Majority Project, which indicates the potential for a citizen's majority that transcends the traditional parties.

From *Gingrich360.com*

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Virtual Election Integrity Training

Ladies,

Please see the free virtual election integrity (election workers) training (three options) in the email below. We have a big need for election workers - poll watchers, election clerks, and more.

Rebekah Warwick, Heritage Action Central Region Coordinator, who spoke at our meeting Tuesday has let us know about three virtual trainings that we can take. If you want sign up for one of these trainings please use the link below.

Blessings, Ellen

Three virtual trainings have been scheduled over the next few weeks (and more to come!), and you have the option to **pick the training date and time that works for you.**

During this one hour training, we review Texas Election Code, how to recognize fraud and irregularities, and the roles we can each play to uphold the security and integrity of our elections.

Topic: Election Integrity - Virtual Training

**When (pick one) : Thursday April 28 @ 7pm CDT
Monday May 2 @ 7pm CDT
Monday May 9 @ 12pm CDT**

Where: From the comfort of your home via Zoom!

Sign Up for a Training: <https://forms.gle/WZqKGS6vyXcsQa47A>

Guest GOP Elected Official Article

PROPOSITION 1 AND 2 ON MAY 7TH BALLOT

Ladies,

Two very important propositions will appear on the May 7th ballot seeking to amend the Texas constitution. Because early voting begins Monday, April 25th (see Important 2022 Election Dates), it is important that we help get this information out to family and friends and encourage them to vote in favor of both ballot propositions (there may be other important issues on your local ballot, so everyone should be heading to the polls for the May 7th election).

We'll get the easy one out of the way first. Proposition 2 is a no-brainer, plain and simple. It increases the homestead exemption by \$15,000 for public school purposes. We would think most property owners would be in favor of this! Proposition 2 (SJR 2, 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session) provides:

"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."

Please encourage everyone to vote FOR Proposition 2.

The wording of Proposition 1 has resulted in some serious head scratching by those who have read it. Proposition 1 states:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."

School districts are statutorily limited as to how much they can tax per \$100 valuation. HB 3 (2019) and Proposition 1 would allow the legislature to further reduce the statutory limit the school district can use for taxing purposes, thereby resulting in a reduction of taxes individuals pay to the school district. Based on information received from Senator Bettencourt, the author of both of the proposed constitutional amendments on the May 7th, 2022 ballot, SJR 2 (87th Legislature, 2nd Called Session) if passed by the voters will accomplish:

HB 3 from the 86th Legislature (2019) compressed school maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rates across the board EXCEPT for 65 and over (65+) or disabled because their tax rate already was lower than the new compressed rate for everyone else.

This amendment will provide for the same PERCENTAGE reduction for a 65+ or disabled individual's school district tax rate that everyone else received in 2019.

Because of the complexity of the 65+ or disabled exemptions that are further explained in the linked press release, some homeowners with the 65+ or disabled exemptions won't see the full benefits until additional legislative action is taken in 2023.

In addition, if there is additional school M&O tax rate compression provided by HB 3 in the future, individuals with a 65+ or disabled exemption will receive the same percentage tax rate deduction automatically if this amendment passes. See Sen. Bettencourt Press Release

The bottom line from the people who were on the drafting end of the resolution that put this amendment on the ballot is that individuals with a 65+ or disabled exemption on their home will receive a reduction on school district property taxes if the proposition passes. Moreover, if voters pass propositions 1 and 2, no school district will lose funding as any lost local revenue will be replaced by the state.

Please share this important information with your family and friends, encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming May 7th election, and to vote FOR Proposition 1 and FOR Proposition 2. By sharing your knowledge, you help TFRW build strong leaders for Texas and show how TFRW leads.



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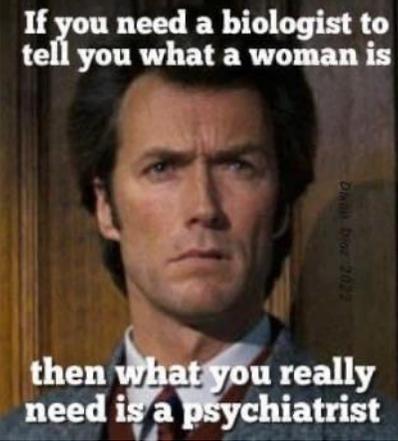
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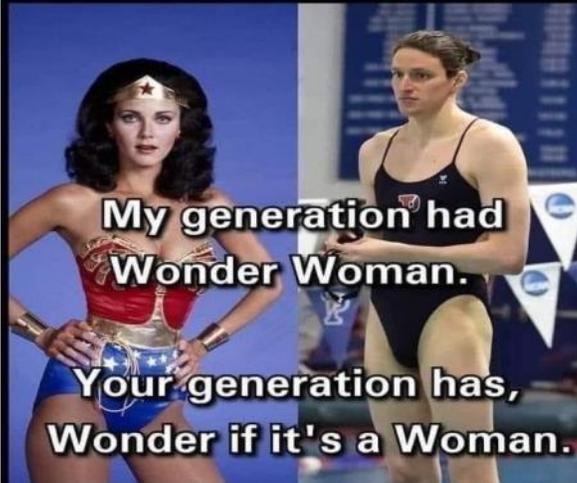


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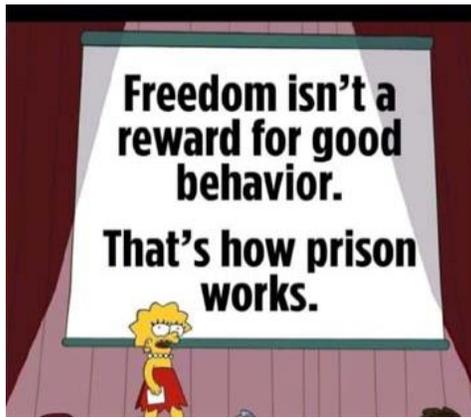


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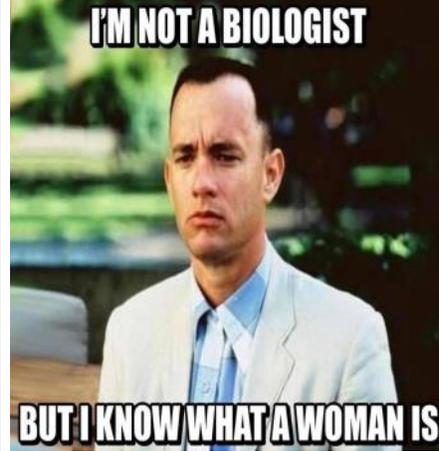
Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.

RONALD REAGAN

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I'M NOT A BIOLOGIST



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American Majority, Not a Republican Majority: Part 2

Lessons From President Reagan

Newt Gingrich
April 22, 2022

Commentary

To really understand the American majority that we can build, we must understand the one that emerged to support President Ronald Reagan.

Further, it is essential to understand how much Reagan had learned from President Richard Nixon and the emerging, massive, anti-left majority that first appeared in 1972.

Understanding the Rise of Nixon

In the years preceding Nixon's presidency, leftwing values combined with [big government](#) bureaucracy and massive income transfers had created a disaster. There were nearly [160 riots](#) in the summer of 1967, and the Black Panthers openly called for the assassination of police (at least 19 were killed). Leftist activists committed more than 2,500 domestic bombings in 1970 and 1971 (averaging five per day).

Rational people started to react to the chaos. The development of a new American radicalism to replace the New Deal coalition of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was captured brilliantly in Tom Wolfe's 1970 article on "Radical Chic" and his other essays parodying the Left's absurdity.

Theodore White, in his "Making of the President 1972" argued that the radical Sen. George McGovern found it impossible to appeal to mainstream [Democrats](#) because the liberal ideology had become a liberal theology. The earlier FDR-liberal politicians had been able to compromise and to consider public opinion and practical realities. The new theologians of the Church of Leftwingism were rigid in their positions. And those positions were totally unacceptable to a substantial number of Democrats and virtually all Independents and [Republicans](#).

Furthermore, the rise of the hardline leftists was connected to the rise of Big Government Socialism in President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. As Charles Murray and Marvin Olasky outlined in "Losing Ground" and "The Tragedy of American Compassion," respectively, it was the Great Society which broke with historic American norms in favor of leftwing ideological stubbornness.

So, the rise of Big Government Socialism and radical leftwing culture in the late '60s and early '70s began a dramatic shift in political support for popular conservative, pro-American ideas.

President Nixon had been through a harrowing series of races starting with losing a virtual tie in 1960 to Sen. John F. Kennedy, then a shocking loss (48.8 percent to 51.9 percent) in California to incumbent Gov. Pat Brown. Finally, he had won election by a stunningly narrow margin in a three-way race in 1968, Nixon (43.4 percent) beat Democrat Vice President Hubert Humphrey (42.7 percent) and independent Gov. George Wallace (13.5 percent).

However, just four years later, in 1972, Nixon won a stunningly big victory with 60.7 percent to Sen. George McGovern's 37.5 percent. Nixon then won re-election by a slightly bigger margin than President Reagan would in 1984 (58.8 percent).

Reagan Was Watching

Reagan instinctively understood the need for an American majority rather than a Republican majority.

Reagan's first great national televised political speech was the Oct. 27, 1964, "A Time for Choosing" speech on behalf of Sen. Barry Goldwater's campaign. In that speech, Reagan clearly indicated he was speaking for more than the Republican base: "I have spent most of my life as a Democrat. I recently have seen fit to follow another course. I believe that the issues confronting us cross party lines."

In Reagan's own race for Governor of California in 1966, he outlined the case for welfare reform, lower taxes, and combatting leftwing radicals on academic campuses. He did so as a "citizen candidate" reaching far beyond the Republican base. In this first race, Reagan received 57.5 percent to Gov. Pat Brown's 42.3 percent (an 8.7 percent improvement over Nixon's vote just four years earlier). Reagan was broadening the base, not just mobilizing it.

Reagan continued to reach out to an audience far bigger than the Republican Party. In 1975, when only 17 percent of voters identified with the GOP, a narrow base mobilization strategy was a guarantee of defeat. Reagan knew that and acted accordingly.

He was following strategies of educating and leading the public which he learned in his eight years at General Electric. This era of his life was captured brilliantly in Thomas Evans' book "The Education of Ronald Reagan: The General Electric Years and the Untold Story of His Conversion to Conservatism."

At the 1975 Conservative Political Action Conference, Reagan called for the kind of boldness he had displayed in his first governor's race. He said:

"A Republican Party raising a banner of bold colors, no pale pastels. A banner instantly recognizable as standing for certain values which will not be compromised. Yes, we must broaden our base, but let's broaden it the way we did in 1972, because those Americans — Democrats and Independents and Republicans — are still out there looking for a banner around which to rally. And we have what they want, what they're seeking. But they don't know that. And sometimes I wonder if we know it."

Reagan's efforts to broaden from a Republican majority to an American majority continued. Consider the opening of his speech to the 1976 Republican National Convention: "I'm going to say fellow Republicans here but those who are watching from a distance—all those millions

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of Democrats and Independents who I know are looking for a cause around which to rally and which I believe we can give them.”

As the Republican nominee in 1980, Reagan continued to follow a base broadening strategy and worked to bring his party with him. I participated in the first Republican Capitol Steps event on Sept. 15, 1980. I was the House Republican organizer collaborating with Republican National Committee Chairman Bill Brock to get it done. Never had a presidential candidate joined with his party's congressional candidates to pledge specific actions.

The historic nature of the day was captured by David Broder, whose [entire column is worth reading](#). Broder wrote:

“The implicit message of Monday's ceremony is that there can be only one government in Washington at a time and that if voters want Reagan to lead it effectively, they have to go all the way with the GOP That is an honest statement, and it is as commendable for the Republicans to dramatize it as it is risky.”

The House and Senate candidates joined then-Gov. Reagan and then-Ambassador George H.W. Bush in pledging to:

1. cut spending on Congress as signal to the rest of the government;
2. cut government spending and reduce waste, fraud and abuse to fight inflation;
3. cut individual income taxes across the board and develop incentives for savings, investment, and capital recovery to put the country back on road to prosperity;
4. encourage more private investment and permanent jobs—especially in our central cities
5. strengthen our national defense.

More than 250 incumbents and candidates stood with the Reagan-Bush team and made these pledges. The impact was clear on Election Day when the GOP picked up 12 Senate seats and won control of the upper chamber for the first time since 1954. No one had expected a Republican Senate majority (just as virtually no one would expect a Republican House majority in 1994). It was proof of the power of a tidal wave to exceed expectations.

Despite the Republican victory, President Reagan continued to reach out to Democrats to create an American majority. On the key vote on his three-year tax cut—the centerpiece of his economic recovery plan—48 Democrats joined with 190 Republicans to provide a majority in the House. In the Senate, 37 Democrats joined with 52 Republicans to pass the tax cuts.

The term “Reagan Democrats” began to be used, and his appeal to Independents and moderate and conservative Democrats was a key part of his success.

President Reagan emphasized the broad nature of his coalition in his [victory statement for the tax cuts](#): “The victories we have just won do not belong to any one individual, one party or one administration.

“It is a victory for all the people. A strong bipartisan coalition in the Congress—Republicans and Democrats together—has virtually assured the first real tax cut in nearly 20 years. It also has removed one of the most important remaining challenges to our agenda for prosperity.”

This effort to broaden the base and bring together as many Americans as possible would continue throughout President Reagan's eight years in office.

His debt to all Americans came through again in his [farewell address in January 1989](#):

“Ours was the first revolution in the history of mankind that truly reversed the course of government, and with three little words: ‘We the People.’ ‘We the People’ tell the government what to do; it doesn't tell us. ‘We the People’ are the driver; the government is the car. And we decide where it should go, and by what route, and how fast. Almost all the world's constitutions are documents in which governments tell the people what their privileges are. Our Constitution is a document in which ‘We the People’ tell the government what it is allowed to do. ‘We the People’ are free. This belief has been the underlying basis for everything I've tried to do these past eight years.”

Reagan explicitly acknowledged the American people as the key to all his victories. He asserted: “what few people noticed is that I never won anything you didn't win for me. They never saw my troops, they never saw Reagan's regiments, the American people. You won every battle with every call you made and letter you wrote demanding action.”

Today's Republicans have an opportunity to rebuild the Reagan American majority. They would do well to study how he did it with simple clear language: “tear down this wall,” “evil empire,” “we win, they lose”—simple, clear understandable, and to the point.

In the next column, I will explain the 1994 Contract with America as a base broadening American majority strategy that stood on the shoulders of Reagan's leadership. *From Gingrich360.com*

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Self-Destructive Disney Finds a New (More Permanent) Way to Terrify Children

Roger L. Simon, April 1, 2022, Updated April 5, 2022

Commentary

Remember the Evil Queen in Disney's animated classic "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (1937)? "Mirror, mirror, on the wall ..." and all that? She was pretty scary—but not nearly as scary as what Disney is doing today.

It's hard to conceive how twisted and immoral Disney Studios—where I once worked on two feature films—has become, but I'll let the estimable [Chris Rufo of City Journal](#) explain what went on at one of the company's meetings, dubbed the "Reimagine Tomorrow Conversation Series":

"In a featured presentation at the meeting, executive producer Latoya Raveneau laid out Disney's ideology in blunt terms. She said her team was implementing a 'not-at-all-secret gay agenda' and regularly 'adding queerness' to children's programming. Another speaker, production coordinator Allen Martsch, said his team has created a 'tracker' to ensure that they are creating enough 'canonical trans characters, canonical asexual characters, [and] canonical bisexual characters.' Corporate president Karey Burke said she supported having 'many, many, many LGBTQIA characters in our stories' and reaffirmed the company's pledge to make at least 50 percent of its on-screen characters sexual and racial minorities."

Oh, good. And lest you think the theme parks will be spared, such fogeyish, discriminatory terms as "ladies," "gentlemen," "boys," and "girls" are to be eliminated in favor of making family excursions to Anaheim and Orlando "magical and memorable for everyone," evidently including 4-year-old transexuals.

One can imagine—"reimagine tomorrow," in their parlance—that the nightly procession of Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, et al. that traditionally ended an evening at Disneyland will now resemble the annual Gay Pride Parade in West Hollywood or even the Fulton Street Fair that's the highlight of San Francisco's "Leather Pride Week."

What's going on here—other than the destruction of Western civilization as we knew it, leavened by a rather significant dollop of sickening [child abuse](#)?

Well, part of it is evidently rage at Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis's new Parental Rights in Education Bill that's called the "Anti-Gay Bill" by the braindead choir in the mainstream media (I even saw it in a supposedly neutral AP headline), although the words "gay" or "homosexual" aren't mentioned even once in the legislation, which has the obvious intention that children only learn about sexuality of any kind in an age-appropriate manner.

We might add that while this is going on, education in our country, in general, is execrable. Our kids may be being force-fed some "[woke](#)" version of sexuality, but they sure aren't learning much about reading and math.

Schools everywhere are giving up on the SATs. They might as well. The tests were already dumbed down and readjusted significantly about 20 years ago, when the average score, meant to be 500, had fallen into the low-400s.

As for Disney, it's important to remember that this isn't just a one-off collection of wokeys enjoying their minimal power at a secret meeting (with contents that are only known because of a leak, obviously for fear that it will be found out and that people will stop attending their offerings).

The Walt Disney Co. is, next to Comcast, the biggest entertainment and communications company in the entire world. They own not only Walt Disney Studios, but also Walt Disney Animation Studios, Pixar, Marvel Studios, Lucasfilm, 20th Century Studios, 20th Century Animation, and Searchlight Pictures.

Further, the company's Wikipedia page gives more details on its wide reach:

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So that conversation at the "Reimagine Tomorrow Conversation Series" has ramifications for virtually every citizen on planet Earth, sooner or later.

We can only hope that its content will be trumpeted far and wide, because most parents, we can assume, would be appalled. Unless the company is truly self-destructive, it will have to stop.

One wonders too what Chinese leader Xi Jinping thinks of all this, if he does, at this point. (There are Disneylands in Shanghai and Hong Kong.) He probably is already having a laugh at all this woke nonsense, as is, undoubtedly, Russian President Vladimir Putin. If there ever were a sign of American weakness, this is it.

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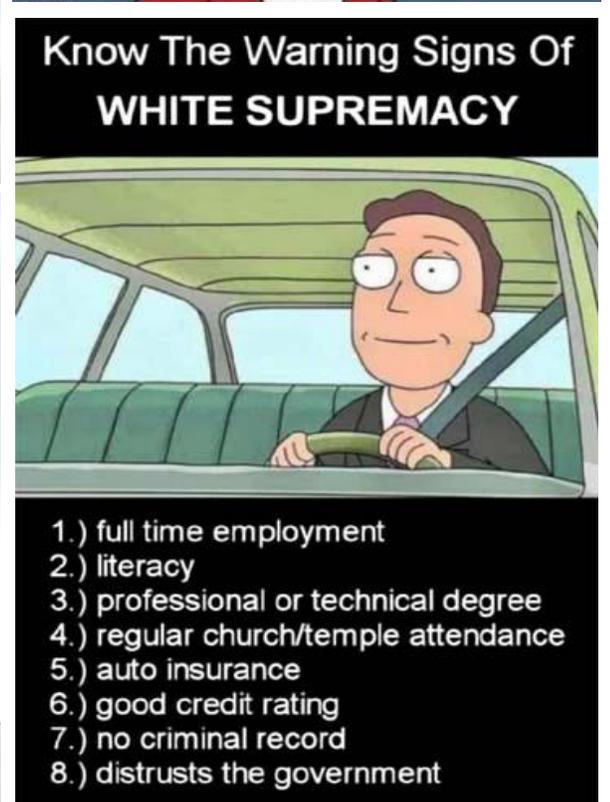
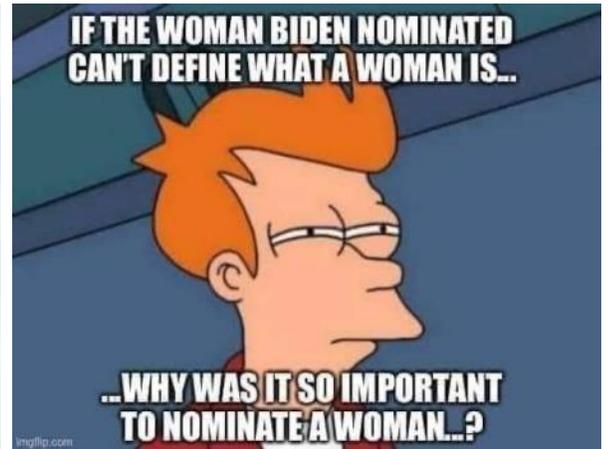
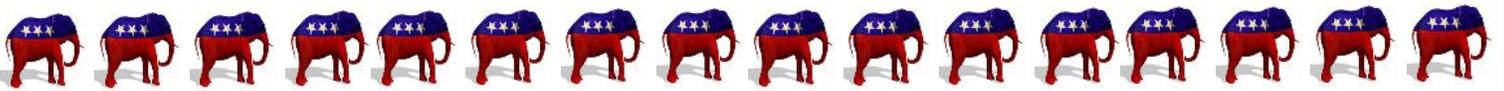
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And finally, we wonder what old Walt would think. He had his issues, as we know. But he was creative and original, way more creative than these woke dorks. They couldn't produce a film on the level of "[Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs](#)" or, for that matter, write a song as optimistic and beautiful as "[When You Wish Upon a Star](#)" to save their you know whats. Roger L. Simon is an award-winning novelist, Oscar-nominated screenwriter, co-founder of PJMedia, and now, editor-at-large for The Epoch Times. His most recent books are "The GOAT" (fiction) and "I Know Best: How Moral Narcissism Is Destroying Our Republic, If It Hasn't Already" (nonfiction). He can be found on GETTR and Parler @rogersimon.

In fact, what they're doing, the havoc they're making, may ultimately be motivated by envy of that incredible artistry of the Hollywood and the Disney that was.

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Why Is CDC Trying to Put a Mask on Your Face Again?

Jeffrey A. Tucker, April 22, 2022, Updated April 23, 2022

Commentary

We know the wicked truth about Chairman Mao's "[Let a Hundred Flowers Bloom](#)." He said this in 1957 while inviting anyone to criticize the Communist Party. There were cheers all around and the criticisms were unleashed. This lasted six weeks, after which many of the biggest critics were shot. It was a bait and switch.

It's a brilliant tactic for evil regimes. Ferret out the enemy and then make them go away.

That's not exactly what happened this week but the analogy works. A judge in Florida this week [struck down](#) the Biden administration's transportation mask mandate. The opinion was highly technical and turned entirely on issues of administrative law. The judge ruled that the Public Health Service Act of 1944, the first ever to give the quarantine power to the federal government, did not authorize the imposition of universal [mandates](#) on what is really an article of clothing in the name of "sanitation."

Instead, what appeared to happen here was entirely arbitrary. The Biden administration wanted [masks](#) and the CDC imposed them, including with criminal penalties. For a full year, travelers have been hectored and threatened at every turn.

After the court decision, a hundred flowers bloomed in the form of air-born celebrations from coast to coast.

Will it last? Not if our rulers in D.C. get their way.

But let's be clear about something. It's about masks but more. The mask is a metaphor for all the controls, restrictions, impositions, mandates, closures, and resulting wreckage of the past two years. People hate them because they are so personal. More precisely, they are depersonalizing, which is precisely how the lockdown period of American history has felt the entire time.

We are our faces, to others and ourselves. Take that away and what are we? We are tools. We are pawns. We are lab rats for their experiments. Masks are dehumanizing because they are supposed to be. The mask has [a very long history](#) as a tool of subjection and enslavement. We all know this intuitively.

Therefore, the opportunity to throw it off was glorious. One evening an entire nation of travelers celebrated. Celebrating even more were the airline staff, flight attendants, and pilots. They have lived two years in these ridiculous things, which have nowhere been proven to work to crush a virus. Emancipation from them was a welcome relief. So too for workers around the country, whose interests have been consistently disregarded.

We found ourselves in the position of caste-like scenes in restaurants around the country: customers dining happily while being served by masked workers. This is inconsistent with the democratic and commercial ethos.

All the airlines as well as Amtrak announced it quickly, perhaps as a way of making it impossible for the Biden administration to roll it back. Even Biden himself said that the new rule is that everyone should do what they want. I guess he didn't get the memo.

Hold one just one minute, said someone in the administration. We need to find out what the Department of Justice says. Then the Justice Department [immediately kicked](#) it to the CDC: they are in charge of "The Science" and so we'll wait.

"The Department of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) disagree with the district court's decision and will appeal, subject to CDC's conclusion that the order remains necessary for public health. The Department continues to believe that the order requiring masking in the transportation corridor is a valid exercise of the authority Congress has given CDC to protect the public health. That is an important authority the Department will continue to work to preserve...."

If CDC concludes that a mandatory order remains necessary for the public's health after that assessment, the Department of Justice will appeal the district court's decision."

What's this about? The plaintiff Health Freedom Defense Fund issued a [sharp statement](#):

"DoJ's statement is perplexing to say the least and sounds like it comes from health policy advocates not government lawyers. The ruling by the US District Court is a matter of law, not CDC preference or an assessment of "current health conditions."

In the early days of the Biden administration, the PR decision at the top was that it would always "follow the science," a statement that the new president said many times. This was supposed to be different from the Trump administration, at least after the summer of 2020 when the CDC lost control over the political side of the executive state.

On one hand, following The Science sounds good. However, if the "science" really means the bureaucracies and hence this slogan is just another way of passing the buck, there is a problem. The bureaucracies are unaccountable, and typically default to the safest and changeless route to preserve their power over the population.

Even so, following the DOJ's announcement, there must have been moments of panic at the CDC. They had the hot potato and didn't know

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what to do with it. Finally they settled on the usual strategy: they threw it to an anonymous committee. Then the committee came out with a statement unsigned by anyone in particular.

Instead of citing The Science, or claiming that they knew for sure that masks were great for people, the [statement](#) started with the following sentence: "To protect CDC's public health authority ..." Notice that this doesn't say to protect public health. It says public health AUTHORITY. Those are certainly different things.

In any case, the decision was made. The CDC "has asked DOJ to proceed with an appeal." Ah, there we go: throw that potato back at a different agency. The CDC has merely asked! So now the DOJ will appeal, as forced by the sloganeering of the Biden administration and the deference to the CDC. The results will certainly be terrible for the administration because the next court will agree with the previous court that there was never any legal basis for the mandate in the first place.

They could also issue a stay. That would be catastrophic for the Biden administration. Public anger would be out of control. Mao got away with this because he had total power. Biden does not. In fact, his [poll numbers](#) are awful. I've personally never seen an example of a sadistic government that is simultaneously politically masochistic. In other words, these people not only do not understand what's good for the country; they don't even know what's good for themselves!

The words of the CDC statement are the chilling part. They care about their authority first and foremost, even only. This seems to be the view pervasive in Washington today, as a Cold Civil War heats up between the states and with Washington. Every day grows more intense. Every day, the conflict becomes more raw and brutal. There seems to be no end in sight because there will be no rollbacks, no apologies, no regrets, no admission that their "authority" was an overreach all along.

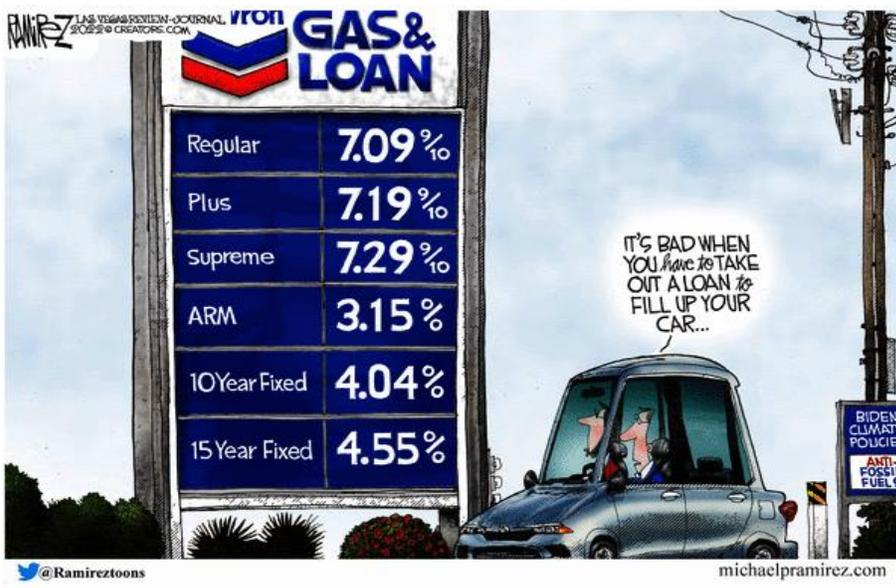
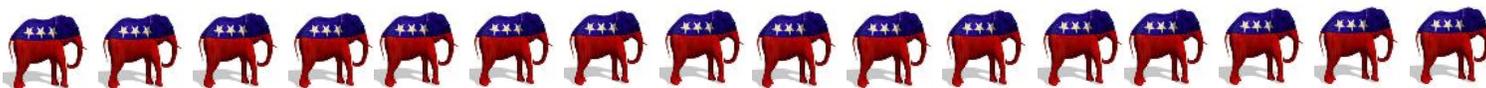
Will governments have learned their lessons? Look around! We live in a world burdened by extremely arrogant and immovable public agencies that have lost public trust. The administrative state is right now as angry as the public is at them. There is a peaceful solution here but it doesn't seem to be on the table.

If I've learned anything new over the last two years, it's about the strange way in which the ruling class is impervious not only to actual research but also to the will of the people, even when it shows up in devastating polls. They seem not to regard the celebrations after the judge's decision not as a corrective but a challenge to overcome.

It's all about... authority. Not public health but public-health *authority*. Who is in charge? That's what's really at issue. They say them and we say us.

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Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



Political Action Report By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman

Did you know we have an election on May 7, 2022? Voters will be asked to amend the TX Constitution Our parent organization, TX Federation of Republican Women, sent out information about the two proposed amendments. The following red text is from TFRW explaining both propositions.

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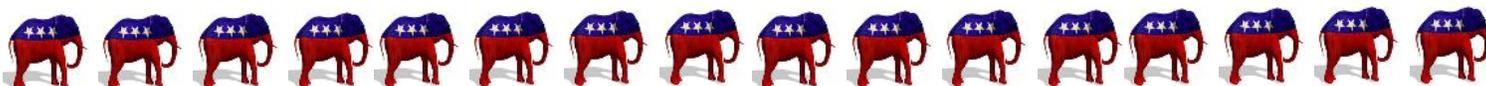
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For more information on Propositions 1 and 2 Please go to page 17 and read the full article from Kit Whitehill, TFRW President and Robbi Hull, TFRW VP Legislation.

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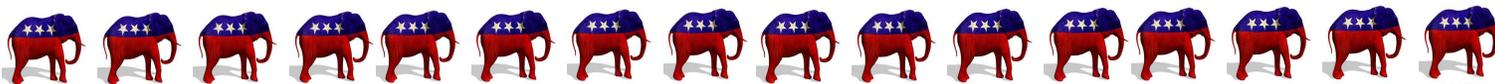
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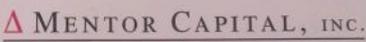
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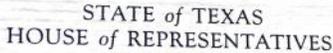
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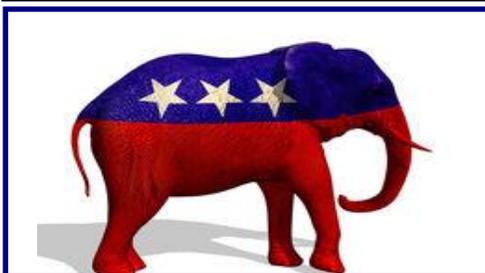
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_____ \$100 Silver: Ad in the Newsletter & listing on the Website **OR** Webpage image w/link to your website

_____ \$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

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 _____



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



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

