

# Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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## President's Byline



All politics is local. With the Biden administration in the White House, that saying has never been more true or important. Local government effects your life everyday more than the Federal government. Every time you drive on a city street, go through a traffic light, send your child to a public school, apply for a permit, or pay your property tax bill, your city government is effecting your life. Therefore, we must make sure Republicans get elected to city government.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is election day for City Council, School Board, and Collin College Board of Trustees. These elections are supposed to be non-partisan. Plano Republican Women, its president, and its campaign chair cannot endorse any candidate who is running against another Republican. However, if a Republican runs against a Democrat we can happily endorse the Republican in the race. Therefore, Plano Republican Women is proud to endorse:

- **Anthony Ricciardelli for Plano City Council Place 2**
- **Rick Smith for Plano City Council Place 8**
- **PRW's Recording Secretary, Semida Voicu for PISD Board Place 1**
- **Another one of our members, Angela Powell PISD Board Place 2**
- **Marilyn Loughray for PISD Board Place 6**
- **Jim Orr for Collin College Board of Trustees Place 7**
- **Bob Collins for Collin College Board of Trustees Place 8**
- **Andy Hardin for Collin College Board of Trustees Place 9**

Ladies, please go out and support those candidates. Go to their websites, donate to them, and volunteer for them. We must make sure these Republicans win their elections.

The races where more than one Republican is running are Plano City Council Place 4, Place 6 (Mayor), Place 7, and PISD Place 3. The following are all the candidates in those races. I have included the Democrats too, so you know who to avoid.

### Plano City Council Place 4 Candidates

- **Justin Adcock (Republican)**
- **Nassat Parveen (Democrat)**
- **Kayci Prince (Republican and current council member)**
- **Vidal Quintanill (Has not voted in any primary, because he registered to vote in Aug 2020. So we don't know which party he prefers.)**

### City Council, Place 6—Mayoral Candidates

- **PRW member, Councilwoman Lily Bao (Republican)**
- **John Muns (Republican)**
- **PRW member, Lydia Ortega (Republican)**

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# Presidents Message

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## City Council, Place 7 Candidates

- Julie Holmer (Democrat)
- Bill Lisle III (Republican)
- Chris Robertson (Republican)
- Sandeep Srivastava (Republican and VP Chair of the Denton County GOP)
- David M. Smith (Former city council member from 1993 through 1999. The current Collin County Democrat Executive Chair)

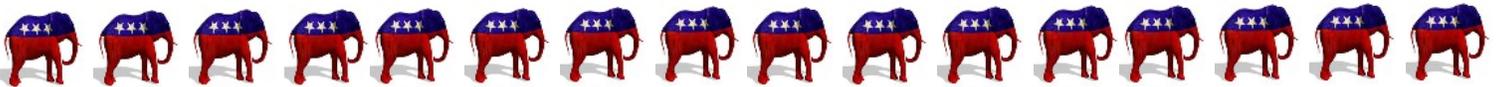
## PISD Board Place 3 Candidates

- Nancy C. Humphrey (Republican and current PISD Board member)
- Lynn Walling (Republican)

Our members are free to donate and work on the campaigns of their favorite Republican candidate in those races. I wish all the Republicans good luck. Early voting is April 19<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> and Election Day is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Lets keep our cities and schools red.

*Jennifer Groysman*

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## **Patriot Paws**

In March 2021,  
Plano Republican Women  
invited Patriot Paws to the  
March General Meeting.

President Jennifer Groysman  
presented a check to the  
organization to help them  
continue their valuable mission of  
assisting disabled American veterans.

# PRW March Meeting



## PRW April Meeting April 20th, 2021

### Guest Speakers



### Sheriff Jim Skinner and Lt. Chris Fontana

### Collin County Sheriff's Office - Human Trafficking

Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner is a 30-year law-enforcement veteran, trial attorney, and former prosecutor. Since taking office, Sheriff Skinner has implemented several initiatives, including enlarging the Patrol Section to keep pace with County growth; starting a fugitive task force with assistance from the U.S. Marshal's Service and serving or clearing thousands of aging felony warrants; forming, with seven other sheriffs, the North Texas Criminal Interdiction Unit and arresting over 130 traffickers, seizing tons of illegal drugs, seizing several military-style weapons, seizing over \$1.5 million in bulk cash, stopping three loads of human cargo, recovering just over 100 stolen vehicles, and rescuing two missing children in separate traffic stops; forming a new detention intelligence unit and gathering intelligence from the county's 1,100-bed jail, including intelligence about gangs and drug cartels; and forming a child-exploitation unit that investigates internet-based child exploitation (including participating, in May 2017, in operation Medusa, which resulted in 17 arrests, and similar operations in 2018 and 2019, which resulted in dozens of arrests and terabytes of child pornography seized). Sheriff Skinner is also a member of county committees on child advocacy, courthouse security, jail population, and local mental-health care.

Chris Fontana is currently employed as Sergeant with the Collin County Sheriff's Office Child Crimes Rural Task Force & Childrens Exploitation Unit (ICAC) in Plano, Texas. His unit investigates crimes against children for 16 agencies in Collin County (including six I SD Police Departments). This unit works with a multi-disciplinary team to investigate cases involving physical and sexual abuse of children. Chris has been with law enforcement for over 13 years and he's the team leader for the Collin County Sheriff's Office Hostage Negotiations Team. He is a Certified Forensic Interviewer through Wicklander Zuluwsky & Associates and serves as the South chapter Vice President for the International Association of Interviewers Board of Directors. He has a Master's in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University.

**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, April 16th, 2021**

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](mailto:rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org)

Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch

# March Meeting Photos





# Legislative Report



State Rep. Jeff Leach  
**ROTUNDA REPORT**  
 District 67

Dear Friends,

Another week of the 87th legislative session is wrapping up... and this one has certainly been full and eventful. I hope you're well and appreciate you reading this week's update from Austin.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** - We're past the halfway point in session and bills are beginning to move quickly through the legislative process. Just yesterday the House voted on and passed out the first five bills of the session. Additionally the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, which I chair, heard testimony on 20 bills and favorably voted out 14 bills to be heard and considered by the full House.

As a reminder, I want to make sure you are aware that the Capitol is open and you are more than welcome and encouraged to join us in-person if you wish to engage in the legislative process. There are also new and innovative ways for you to participate remotely, including registering your official position on any given piece of legislation through our public comment portal. You can find more information on how to do that [here](#).

Just yesterday, I officially laid out two additional pieces of legislation that I have authored, House Bill 1345 and House Joint Resolution 72. House Bill 1345, known as the Texas Disaster Volunteer Act, is meant to empower those who want to take time out of their work schedules to volunteer during times of disaster. Specifically, HB 1345 would allow State employees who volunteer with certain disaster relief organizations to take leave to volunteer in time of disaster without losing sick days, vacation days or pay. It is important to note that this volunteer leave is at the discretion of the employee's supervisor and can only be used for a maximum of 10 days in the fiscal year. The approved volunteer leave time for State employees' would hinge on a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor. We passed this bill out of the Texas House last session – but it died in the Senate. I'm hopeful that this session we'll get it through both chambers and to the Governor's desk

House Joint Resolution 72, known as the Texas Essential Church Act, is a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution that would prohibit a church or place of worship from being closed by any Government edict (Governor, County Judge, Mayor, etc.). The goal of HJR 72 is to protect our fundamental, God-given right to worship freely and ensure the strongest protections for our churches, our synagogues, our mosques and other places of worship and their congregations. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster and, in Texas, we did it right. But some government officials – here in Texas and elsewhere across the Nation – recklessly and callously infringed on the religious liberties of the citizens whom they swore an oath to protect. That, to me, is unacceptable, which is why I authored and filed this Constitutional Amendment. When it comes to our freedom of religion and the liberty to practice our sincerely held religious beliefs, a government official cannot and should not be able to trample on it, even in times of crisis. The Texas Senate has already passed this legislation on a largely bi-partisan basis, voting 28-2. I expect the Texas House to do the same in short order, which means that it will then be placed in front of the people of Texas in a statewide referendum this November.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Update:** Beginning this Monday, March 29th, all adults - ages 16 and up - will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Please note that while most vaccines are authorized for people 18 and older, the Pfizer vaccine is the only one authorized for people 16 and up. Importantly, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has directed vaccine providers to prioritize those that are 80 years of age or older when scheduling appointments and accommodate anyone in that age group who presents for a vaccination, whether or not they have an appointment, by immediately moving them to the front of the line. In addition, DSHS will launch a website to allow people to register for a vaccine through some public health providers beginning next week. The public will be able to enroll in the Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler to identify upcoming vaccine clinics hosted by DSHS or a participating local health department and be notified when new clinics and appointments become available. People can continue to find additional providers through the [DSHS Vaccine Information page](#).

Likewise, Collin County has many locations set up and ready to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. To find the one nearest you and request an appointment, please visit [this website](#).

**Margaritas-to-go? Yep!** We are one step closer to making margaritas-to-go permanent state law. The Texas House passed the bill making permanent the pandemic response provision that allowed businesses to responsibly and safely sell alcohol-to-go. That bill heads to the Senate, where it will continue through the legislative process. While it seems like a small change, making this provision permanent in state law ensures that businesses will not be encumbered by outdated regulations and Texans can continue to enjoy the benefits of supporting local restaurants from the comfort of their homes.

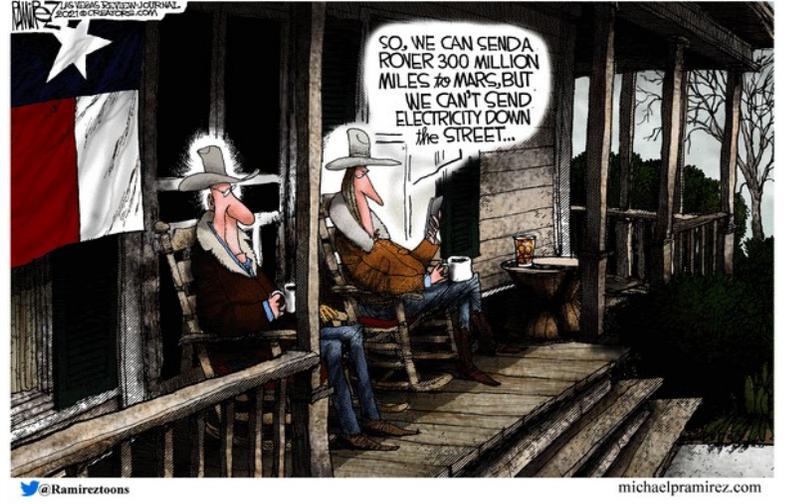
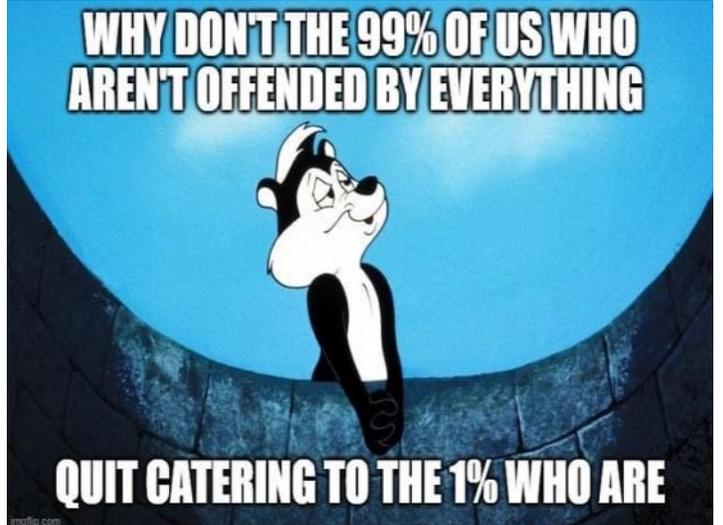
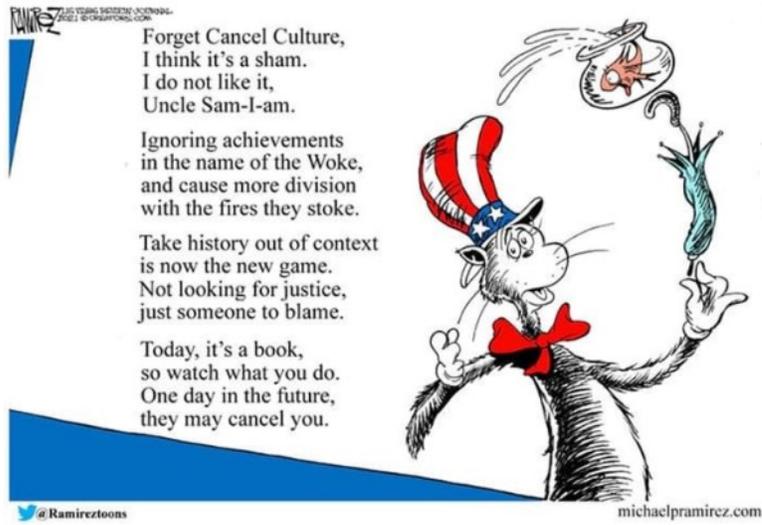
God Bless you, friends. And God Bless Texas! As always, call or e-mail me if I can serve you in any way.

All My Best,

# Political Cartoons



Pepe Le Pew only has 1 accuser. Cuomo now has 7. They canceled the wrong skunk.





# Constitutional Minute Series



*Since Congress and the President are going after guns, today we have an article showing how West Virginia is using nullification to protect the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.*

## West Virginia House Committee Passes Bill to Ban Enforcement of Federal Gun Control: Past, Present and Future

By: Mike Maharrey | Published on: Mar 24, 2021 | Tenth Amendment Center

**CHARLESTON, W. Va.** (March 24, 2021) – On Tuesday, a West Virginia House committee passed a bill that would set the foundation to end state enforcement of federal gun control; past, present and future. Passage into law would represent a major step toward ending federal acts that infringe on the right to keep and bear arms within the state.

Del. Brandon Steele along with a coalition of 10 cosponsors introduced House Bill 2694 ([HB2694](#)) on Feb. 23. The legislation would effectively end state enforcement of any federal gun control that isn't covered by state law.

On March 23, the House Judiciary Committee passed HB2694 with a do pass recommendation.

Specifically, the proposed law would prohibit a state agency or department from using money or personnel to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or aid a federal agency in whole or in part or arrest persons for federal law enforcement purposes, including any of the following:

- (1) Inquiring into an individual's ownership regarding a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition, if the act, law, order, rule, or regulation for which the individual is suspected to be in violation does not exist under the laws of this state nor is substantially similar to a law of this state;
- (2) Detaining an individual on the basis of a hold request related solely to an alleged federal firearm violation;
- (3) Providing personal information about an individual, including, but not limited to, the individual's home address or work address if that information is required for the purpose of furthering a federal firearm investigation into a violation of federal firearm law that is not otherwise unlawful in West Virginia, unless that information is available to the public;
- (4) Making or intentionally participating in arrests based strictly on a federal firearm law that differs from or is not substantially similar to a West Virginia law;
- (5) Performing the functions of an agent or officer of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, whether pursuant to any other law, regulation, or policy, whether formal or informal, if such function is to knowingly and willingly participate in any way in the enforcement of any federal act, law, order, rule, or regulation regarding a firearm accessory or ammunition if the act, law, order, rule or regulation does not exist in the laws of the State of West Virginia or is not substantially similar to a law of West Virginia;
- (6) Placing law enforcement officers under the supervision of federal agencies or employ law enforcement officers deputized as special federal officers or special federal deputies for purposes of federal firearm law enforcement unless the act, law, order, rule, or regulation for which such enforcement is sought is the same as or substantially similar to a law of West Virginia. All law enforcement officers remain subject to West Virginia law governing conduct of law enforcement officers and the policies of the employing agency;
- (7) Providing office space exclusively dedicated for federal authorities for use within a municipal or county law enforcement facility for the purpose of federal firearms regulation enforcement; or
- (8) Utilizing any assets, state funds, or funds allocated by the state to local entities on or after the effective date of this article, in whole or in part, to engage in any activity that aids a federal agency, federal agent, or corporation providing services to the federal government in the enforcement or any investigation pursuant to the enforcement of any federal act, law, order, rule, or regulation regarding a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition if the act, law, order, rule, or regulation does not exist under the laws of this state or is not substantially similar to a law of this state.

### STRATEGY

While passage into law wouldn't end all gun control in West Virginia today, it would represent a massive shift in strategy going forward. Once in effect, HB2694 would immediately do the following:

1. Ban state and local enforcement of any federal gun control measures on the books that don't have concurrent measures in law in the



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state of West Virginia.

2. Ban state and local enforcement of any new gun control measures that might come from Washington D.C. in the future that aren't on the books in West Virginia
3. Shift the focus and attention to any remaining gun control measures on the books in state law
4. Encourage gun rights activists to work in future legislative sessions to repeal those state-level gun control measures as a follow-up.

Each state-level gun control repeal would then represent a one-two punch, not only ending state enforcement, but automatically ending support for any concurrent federal gun control measure as soon as the state law repeal went into effect.

## WEST VIRGINIA LAWS

According to NRA-ILA, under West Virginia law, there is no licensing requirement for ownership of rifles, shotguns, or handguns. And no permit to carry or registration of firearms is on the books either.

The ATF has a pdf document that lists and details all state-level gun control measures in West Virginia, and would **act as a handy guide for what could be repealed in the future.**

The right to keep and bear arms West Virginia Constitution is listed in Article III, §3–22:

A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use.

## EFFECTIVE

The federal government relies heavily on state cooperation to implement and enforce almost all of its laws, regulations and acts – including gun control. By simply withdrawing this necessary cooperation, states and localities can nullify many federal actions in effect. As noted by the National Governors' Association during the partial government shutdown of 2013, "states are partners with the federal government on **most** federal programs."

Based on **James Madison's advice for states and individuals** in Federalist #46, a "refusal to cooperate with officers of the Union" represents an extremely effective method to bring down federal gun control measures because most enforcement actions rely on help, support and leadership from state and local governments.

Fox News senior judicial analyst Judge Andrew Napolitano agreed. In a televised discussion on the issue, **he noted that a single state taking this step** would make federal gun laws "nearly impossible" to enforce.

"Partnerships don't work too well when half the team quits," said Michael Boldin of the Tenth Amendment Center. "By withdrawing all resources and participation in federal gun control, states and even local governments can help bring these unconstitutional acts to their much-needed end."

## LEGAL BASIS

The state of West Virginia can legally bar state agents from enforcing federal gun control. Refusal to cooperate with federal enforcement rests on a well-established legal principle known as the **anti-commandeering doctrine.**

Simply put, the federal government cannot force states to help implement or enforce any federal act or program. The anti-commandeering doctrine is based primarily on five Supreme Court cases dating back to 1842. *Printz v. U.S.* serves as the cornerstone.

"We held in *New York* that Congress cannot compel the States to enact or enforce a federal regulatory program. Today we hold that Congress cannot circumvent that prohibition by conscripting the States' officers directly. The Federal Government may neither issue directives requiring the States to address particular problems, nor command the States' officers, or those of their political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program. It matters not whether policy making is involved, and no case by case weighing of the burdens or benefits is necessary; such commands are fundamentally incompatible with our constitutional system of dual sovereignty"

No determination of constitutionality is necessary to invoke the anti-commandeering doctrine. State and local governments can refuse to enforce federal laws or implement federal programs whether they are constitutional or not.

## WHAT'S NEXT

HB2694 now moves to the full House for further consideration.

# March Meeting Photos



## Exclusive from Gen. Flynn: 5 Lessons I Learned When the Deep State Came After Me and My Family

By Michael Flynn, March 8, 2021

You do not have to watch the news for long to see that America is rapidly changing. The downward slide can be found not only in our leadership but also in the shifting definitions of right and wrong blindly accepted by many Americans today.

Our leaders would have us believe that these changing values are inevitable and that they are good. That is why they are called “progressive.”

Yet to those of us who still believe in the immortal truths upon which America was founded, their so-called “progress” is alarming, to say the least. Sadly, some will allow this alarm to grow into defeatism. They will turn their faces away from the battle before us in hopes of finding a position to retreat to.

To those who would prefer retreat or surrender rather than the fight, I ask you one simple question: If America falls, where will you go? Where will you go to find another nation that provides the opportunities and individual guarantees of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Where will you find a nation whose founding documents guarantee a government of, by and for the people?

Name a place that offers you and your family the same or more than our United States of America. The answer is simple: There is no such place.

In spite of our downward slide, America is still the best nation on the face of the earth. This is our land, these are our people, these are our cities, neighborhoods, and streets. This is our country.

Though the battle for the soul of America is fierce before us, we cannot afford to look away in hopes of finding retreat. There will be none.

Though I may sound pessimistic, I am anything but. God enabled me to endure a years long campaign by the left to destroy me and my family. They wanted me to serve as an example to anyone who would defy the entrenched bureaucrats of the swamp.

Despite their best efforts, I stand before you as living proof that victory is absolutely possible. The very fact that we are gathered here today as American citizens free to speak and peaceably assemble should fill us with hope.

But being hopeful is not a survival plan. Hope has never won a war, nor will it win peace on the home front. In this article, it is my intention today to share with you a few lessons I learned in my battle against the dark forces that still threaten our nation today.

When fighting for truth, the most important place to start is to be well-grounded in the Truth itself. I am referring to Truth with a capital T, as in “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

Faith in God is an essential part of the fight to restore American greatness. Our personal faith is inextricably linked to our personal liberties.

Alexis de Tocqueville, the great French author of the groundbreaking work “Democracy in America,” wrote “Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention...”

“The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other.”

De Tocqueville is exactly right. Prior to America’s founding, no document in the world had directly linked the individual rights of citizens to their unique value and autonomy before an omnipotent Creator.

We should not try to commemorate our Founders’ willingness to pledge their lives, fortunes and sacred honor without also acknowledging the faith that served as the foundation for such boldness.

Faith and freedom can never be separated from one another. If you wish to have boldness in the fight for America like our Founding Fathers did, have faith in Almighty God. Trust in his power as your sword and your shield.

I must confess that I am rarely one to wear my faith on my sleeve, but fighting with the deep state taught me just how faithful our God is. Even when so many of my friends and colleagues abandoned me, God never did. In fact, going through those trials only brought him closer. Make faith an essential part of your battle strategy today.

As we root ourselves in faith, we must also root ourselves in the writings of our Founding Fathers. If we are to preserve the legacy of such great men as George Washington, John Adams and Patrick Henry, we must know what they stood for.

Anyone can learn more about our nation’s founding. Start simple. When was the last time you read the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence?

We tend to forget just how easy it is to read the Constitution from cover to cover. President Obama’s Affordable Care Act was more than 314,000 words long, but the document that frames our entire system of government is only 4,500 words in length. The average American can read it in half an hour.

Of course, if we really want to get into the mindset of our Founding Fathers, we must dig deeper. “The Federalist Papers,” de Tocqueville’s “Democracy in America,” Paine’s “Common Sense” and the writings of John Locke are all well worth the read.

America’s conception was indeed miraculous, but it was far from accidental. The men who met in Philadelphia were bold men of faith and character who risked everything to “secure the blessings of liberty.” We must learn of their sacrifice, and we must honor it.

The great pamphleteer Thomas Paine eloquently wrote in his “The American Crisis” that “What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.”

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Those words were read to the entire Continental Army by order of General George Washington, but they still apply equally to us today. Freedom requires the sacrifices of every generation.

As we build upon our faith and a clear understanding of our founding documents, we must never forget the importance of our family in the stand for truth.

When no one else would stand by my side, my wife Lori was there, just as she has been since we met at 13 years old. I married my high school sweetheart in 1981, and it was one of the best decisions I ever made.

Lori has been my rock on a sea of uncertainty. The same strength of character and conviction that made her an amazing Army wife has also equipped her to withstand the political battles of the past few years. She is my best friend. I count myself blessed beyond measure to have her by my side.

There is a reason why the forces of darkness are trying so hard to eradicate the family as we know it. They see how powerful the bond of family can be, so they want to redefine it, water it down and replace it with a dependency on the state. We cannot allow them to destroy the family. As long as marriages and families are strong, freedom will always have a fighting chance. Never concede to those who say they know how to raise your children better than you do. God entrusted the care of children to parents, not to governments.

As Ronald Reagan famously said, "Freedom is a fragile thing, and it's never more than one generation from extinction." Take Reagan's words to heart as you train up your children. Your fight for freedom today will mean nothing if the next generation does not know to keep it.

Do not think of the fight to protect our families as distinct from our fight to save America. The fight to protect the family is the cornerstone of our fight to save America. It is unlikely that anything else you do in life will be as important or as meaningful.

Looking again to our forefathers, we see that they acted courageously for the sake of future generations. We see their concern for their children and their children's children in everything they said and did.

Benjamin Franklin urged ratification of the U.S. Constitution with the reasoning that "For the sake of our Posterity we shall act heartily and unanimously in recommending this Constitution, wherever our Influence may extend, and turn our future thoughts and endeavors to the means of having it well administered."

When you fight for America, remember that you are fighting for your family (moms, dads). Make that a guiding light when you do battle against the forces of darkness.

After building the importance of family upon the foundation of faith and the founding, patriots must come to see the importance of true friendship.

John Adams called friendship "one of the distinguishing glories of man ... From this I expect to receive the chief happiness of my future life."

When I became the favorite target of the left for the crime of helping candidate Trump win the presidency of the United States and then serving as his first national security advisor, I was abandoned by many who said they were my friends.

Those who I had previously spent time with suddenly stopped calling, texting and engaging with me and my family. Only when I needed them most did they reveal their true colors. To be honest, I felt betrayed.

Yet, it was during these dark days that I discovered that I had more friends than I ever realized. Letters began pouring in from every corner of the nation, and in some cases, from around the world.

These letters, many of them from Christians and patriots I had never met, contained words of encouragement, funds for my legal defense and offerings of prayers on my behalf in my darkest hours. These were the expressions of true friends. I was so moved by these thousands of friends that I made it my mission to thank every one of them. I still treasure their letters to this day.

You may not receive thousands of letters of encouragement as I did, but you should think now about who your true friends are. If you are going to fight the battle for liberty, you must ask yourself whether the people you depend on are going to be with you when the going gets tough.

Remember, you are not alone. There are many other Americans like us who want to defend our great national heritage, but those who stand against us want to divide in order to conquer us.

Don't let them get away with it. Find your true friends and stand with them boldly. We can win this fight if we work together.

So far, I have told you the importance of faith, addressed our nation's founding and spoken to the importance of family and the value of true friendship. These are the elements I have found to be vital when everything else seems stacked against you.

Now I would like to talk about the fight. America needs fighters today. We need those who will say as President Andrew Jackson did, "I was born for a storm, and a calm does not suit me."

We need those who will stand against failed Marxist ideologies that have invaded the mainstream of our consciousness like a network of choking vines seeking to strangle the mighty American oak tree.

These vines manifest themselves through:

Social media censorship of the free exchange of ideas

Mainstream messaging that drives toward thought control

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Political correctness designed to force behavioral compliance

The selective application and weaponization of the very ideals, laws and institutions designed to protect us

Large-scale attacks on the family and on patriotism itself

These problems are big problems, but you do not have to be some D.C. superstar to be a part of the solution. Victory can be achieved through the coordinated efforts of many people doing small but courageous acts of patriotism.

Start by reaching out to those around you. Be an outspoken voice in your church and community. You will be amazed how many hearts and minds can be swayed just by calmly, intelligently and respectfully presenting a viewpoint outside of what is said in mainstream news.

Next, make it your goal to be where the action is taking place. It is commonly said that "history is made by those who show up." Take the time to go to meetings at city hall. Be a presence at your local school board meetings. Get to know your state's legislators and keep on top of what is going on at your state's capitol. Don't just complain about how elections are not conducted fairly. Be a part of the solution by petitioning or lobbying at whatever political level that suits you to strengthen election integrity laws. Contact your local party precinct about volunteering as a poll watcher. Remember, the most powerful office in the world is not the President of the United States but, on any given election day, it is a determined and patriotic precinct volunteer.

If your local officials refuse to stand for what is right, employ the ultimate weapon of the grassroots activist. Tell them that you will run against them and follow through on it. Every politician at every level fears nothing more than the possibility of losing their power. Even if the odds are stacked against you in your township or district, a strong showing from conservatives can keep your officials from straying too far to the left in the future.

However you decide to get involved, make the decision today. America needs soldiers in the fight for freedom.

No one is coming to rescue us from our problems. Some think that the judiciary will solve all of our problems, but they have proven themselves to be unreliable at best. Rather than waiting for someone else to fight for us, we must be willing to do the hard work ourselves.

The forces arrayed against us are great. They have money, power and privilege on their side. They want to force the neck of every hardworking American into the yoke of servitude and taxation. They want to force our mouths into the muzzle of Big Tech censorship and cancel culture. They want to take our children from us, forcing them to look to Big Brother government rather than those who truly love them.

Yet, for all their plans and power, the forces of darkness can still be defeated.

A friend recently gave me an interesting new perspective on a familiar chapter in American history. Remember that General George Washington commanded a small band of patriots against the greatest military force on the planet.

My friend said "His Continental Army was out-trained, out-gunned, and out-numbered by the British Regulars. The Red Coats were a hardened and well-disciplined army against whom Washington's rag-tag volunteers were no match.

"The colonies were divided over the war. Congress was practically dysfunctional during the most critical period. And in the infamous 1778 winter encampment at Valley Forge, Washington's 11,000[-man] army nearly dissolved from starvation, disease, and discouragement among the ranks!"

We all know how the story ended. Against all odds, the Americans beat the British and formed the greatest nation in world history.

It wasn't strokes of luck but divine Providence that made this possible. President Washington later charged his fellow Americans that "We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

As today's patriots, we fight for those same "eternal rules of order and right." No matter what anyone says, the character of righteousness has not changed.

Those rules were established before the foundation of the world, affirmed by our great Founding Fathers and maintained by every American generation up to this critical chapter in our history.

With these eternal truths at stake, will you fight with me now in the cause of freedom?

Will you be counted among those who cared enough to pass the torch of freedom to a new generation while it still burns bright?

There can be no retreat and no surrender. As I asked before, where will you go if America falls?

Our battleground is here. Our shield is faith. Our sword is truth.

Victory is ours if we do not cower in the face of evil and oppression.

Will you join the fight?

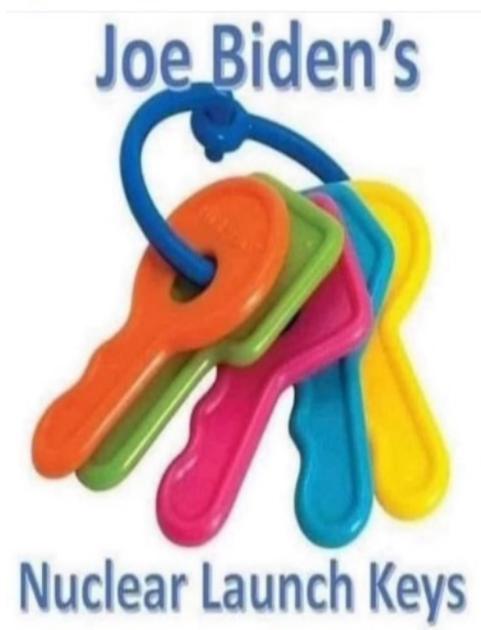
For the sake of our children and grandchildren, I pray you will.

God bless America.

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**PAYDAY CANDY BAR IS CHANGING IT'S NAME BECAUSE IT'S OFFENSIVE TO THOSE WHO DON'T WORK.**



**Maybe now that we've kept Joe busy writing his name for a week, we should move onto shapes and colors.**



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# Chairman West's Monday Message for 3.29.21

LTC Allen West - The Real American Crisis: Executive Power

## How to Boil America

*"The uncontested absurdities of today are the accepted slogans of tomorrow. They come to be accepted by degrees, by dint of constant pressure on one side, and constant retreat on the other — until one day when they are suddenly declared to be the Country's official ideology."*

— Ayn Rand

*"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."*

— Isaiah 5:20 (NIV)

Some of you may realize the meaning of the title of this week's missive immediately, others may not. It goes back to a metaphor, one you have to explain, or else the delusional progressive socialists — and PETA maniacs — will go crazy.

We simple folks ask: how does one go about boiling a frog? Remember lefties, this is a metaphor. The answer is that one catches a frog and places it in a pot of cold water, where the frog is comfortable. However, slowly you raise the temperature and the frog does not feel the change in temperature, it becomes comfortable with it. Eventually, the frog is boiled by its own lack of realization that the temperature of the water has increased.

So it is when one considers the aforementioned quote of Ayn Rand. Those uncontested absurdities which go unchallenged are accepted in degrees. And, in America, that which we would have considered absurd, once upon a time, has slowly become the accepted norm. The critical ingredient that enables this 'fundamental transformation' is the constant, incessant pressure of one side, and the complete retreat, surrender, and acquiescence, of the other side.

America is witnessing the most absurd — which is quickly becoming the official ideology of our Constitutional Republic — and it is all because a loud radical minority has been relentless. In contrast, a majority has been silent; reticent, and recalcitrant to stand on principle.

Yes, we are talking about the progressive socialist left who have enacted a decades-long plan to arrive at this point. It has been a dedicated effort to undermine every single aspect of our society — media, academia, entertainment, law schools, and politics. Now the left is targeting our military and law enforcement. Just this past week, in California, the Democrats are proposing legislation that anyone not believing in same-sex marriage and abortion should not be allowed to be law enforcement officers. Our own military is seeking to purge anyone that is not of a leftist ideology, the aim is to purge anyone with conservative viewpoints, yet leftist views are acceptable.

We are going down the path as articulated in Isaiah 5:20 (above). We have allowed the absurdity of calling good "evil" and evil "good," to permeate our society.

What is the result?

A government that issues Executive Orders telling us to allow biological males to compete against biological females. We now accept a mental condition called "gender dysphoria" as a mainstream behavior. It means that we are giving puberty blockers and hormonal adjustment therapies to our children. They are confused because we have allowed absurdity to become our national ideology. Growing up, if anyone had told me that one day Sports Illustrated would have a gender dysphoric male as a swimsuit model . . . well, you get my point.

That is why one of the Legislative Priorities for the Republican Party of Texas is ending the practice of child gender modification.

We now live in an America where we accept the dismemberment of our babies in the womb. Once upon a time, the thought of severing the spinal cord of an unborn baby in the womb would have been considered heinous and absurd. Now, it is a national ideology, a right. The "woke folk" say nothing about Planned Parenthood being founded by a white supremacist and racist. However, you are vehemently assailed if you call this apparent evil, "evil." Ending the murder of our unborn babies is another of our Legislative Priorities.

Nancy Pelosi just came out with the absurd statement that she can seat and unseat anyone she wants in Congress. Who would have ever thought that elected officials would decide who or what is essential in Texas, in America? While they were ordering small business owners to shut their businesses and lose their livelihoods, *they* never stopped getting a check . . . paid for by the taxpayers they put out of work.

We have a case going before the US Supreme Court that seeks to allow law enforcement to enter a home without a warrant, and confiscate the firearms of a legal, law-abiding gun owner. This is why constitutional carry is another of our Legislative Priorities.

We have those who believe America is just a piece of land in between Mexico and Canada where anyone can enter and vote. Speaking of which, if you disagree with the left on having voter identification, reviewing voter registration, and stopping the fraud-ridden practice of universal mail-in ballots and ballot harvesting, you are a racist.

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Yes, the absurdity of unconstitutional actions in our voting system is becoming the national ideology, to be codified into law, HR 1. This is why election integrity is our number one Legislative Priority.

All of these issues — which have been identified by our Republican base in Texas as priorities — will mean nothing if we are in constant retreat in our Republican-led legislative bodies. At some point, there have to be courageous elected officials who say no to the absurdities.

It is far beyond time for constitutional conservatives to plant their heels and say, "We shall not surrender or retreat," words that have special meaning in Texas. Those words were written by a 26-year-old named William Barret Travis. Once upon a time, surrendering, — even in the face of insurmountable odds, with the certainty of loss of life — was absurd.

Texas is the Lone Star State. It is a star that we shine brilliantly as a beacon in America. But, if we allow our light to become dark, then America will suffer. Yes, indeed, the eyes of America are upon Texas and want to know whether we will refuse the constant pressure of the progressive socialist left.

The left wants to boil America. We Texans are the ones who can end this quest, this insidious endeavor. Let's dig in our heels for this fight, and not allow the leftists to turn up the heat anymore. Let's find our courage to call evil for what it is, *evil*, and restore the light of America from this present darkness.

Steadfast and Loyal,

LTC Allen B. West (Ret.)  
Chairman  
Republican Party of Texas



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You ever looked at something and wonder how it got there?



# 13 States Just Filed a Lawsuit Against Biden

Erin Coates, March 24, 2021

Thirteen Republican attorneys general filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the Biden administration for halting oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters.

The lawsuit argues President Joe Biden's executive order on drilling permits "contravenes congressional commands" that require executive agencies to develop the "abundant energy resources on public lands."

"Those leases do more than allow America to reach its full energy-production potential — they provide significant environmental benefits because portions of the lease proceeds are invested into vital State environmental defense and restoration projects," the 13 attorneys general, led by Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, wrote.

"In fact, each year the federal government returns billions of dollars to the States and environmental reclamation projects from [Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act] and [Mineral Leasing Act] lease proceeds for critical environmental restoration and protection projects."

The suit added, "It took President Biden just seven days to confirm that neither the United States Code nor billions of dollars in environmental benefits and State revenue would constrain his stated campaign policy."

Days after the Interior Department moved against existing leases, Biden signed an executive order in January that stopped all oil and gas leasing operations, NPR reported.

"By executive fiat, Joe Biden and his administration have single-handedly driven the price of energy up — costing the American people where it hurts most, in their pocketbooks," Landry said in a statement.

Biden's Executive Orders abandon middle-class jobs at a time when America needs them most and put our energy security in the hands of foreign countries, many of whom despise America's greatness."

Landry said canceling the lease sales will reduce his state's funding under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, which provides money for coastal restoration projects, by up to \$57 million.

Other states that are part of the lawsuit are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

The Interior Department will hold a public forum on the future of oil and gas leasing on Thursday via Zoom Webinar, according to a news release.

The information gathered during the forum will be used to "outline next steps and recommendations for the Department and Congress to improve stewardship of public lands and waters, create jobs, and build a just and equitable energy future."

Biden's Interior Secretary Deb Haaland told senators during her confirmation hearing that the leasing pause wouldn't be a "permanent thing," the Washington Examiner reported.

"It's a pause," Haaland said before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

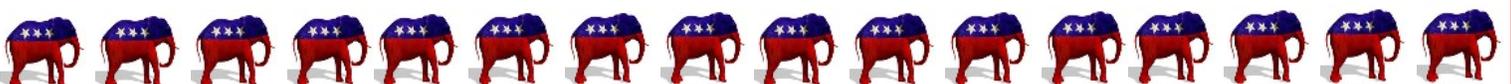
"It's not going to be a permanent thing where we are restricting all these things from something."

Twelve attorneys general have already sued Biden and other government agencies over a climate change order that would expand federal environmental regulation by examining the "social cost" of increases in greenhouse gases, according to the Washington Examiner.

"It will destroy jobs, stifle energy production, strangle America's energy independence, suppress agriculture, deter innovation, and impoverish working families. It undermines the sovereignty of the States and tears at the fabric of liberty," the suit said.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has also led 21 attorneys general in a lawsuit challenging Biden's decision to halt construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

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## Federal Agency Investigating Biden's Order to Stop Border Wall Construction

By Jack Phillips, March 24, 2021, The Epoch Times

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) confirmed reports it is investigating President Joe Biden's move in January to freeze construction of the border wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Former President Donald Trump, who made border wall construction a key 2016 campaign promise, started building the wall amid legal battles and fights with Congress. On his first day in office, Biden used his executive authority to stop building the wall even after Congress approved \$1.4 billion for the measure as part of a \$900 billion stimulus package bill to offset losses incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic in December.

Politico first reported that GAO would now launch an inquiry into whether the Biden administration had violated any laws by freezing construction, which would contravene the Constitution's law that allows Congress alone to allocate funds.

A spokesperson for the watchdog agency confirmed the report, telling The Epoch Times on Wednesday, "Yes, we received a congressional request for a legal opinion on the matter and we have accepted that request." The exact nature of the GAO investigation was not disclosed.

Some senators, who spoke to Politico, noted that Biden was a member of the Senate for decades and should know the rules.

"He was in the Congress a long time," Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) told the political news website. "He knows it's the Congress's job to authorize how the money is spent and the president's job to spend it efficiently."

The president suspended construction on his first day in office, on Jan. 20, and also rescinded several other Trump-era immigration rules. Biden termed the border wall wasteful spending.

"Like every nation, the United States has a right and a duty to secure its borders and protect its people against threats. But building a massive wall that spans the entire southern border is not a serious policy solution," Biden said in his order. "It is a waste of money that diverts attention from genuine threats to our homeland security."

The president's order further stipulated that "no more American taxpayer dollars" should be "diverted to construct a border wall," adding the federal government would conduct "a careful review of all resources appropriated or redirected to construct a southern border wall."

Meanwhile, more than 60 Republican House lawmakers and four GOP senators wrote to GAO on Tuesday.

"We are writing to be added as co-requesters of a March 17, 2021 letter, signed by 40 United States Senators, requesting the Government Accountability Office's legal opinion on the actions of the Biden Administration to suspend border wall construction and to order a freeze of funds provided by Congress for that purpose, which we believe violated the Impoundment Control Act," the lawmakers said in a letter to the GAO.

Republicans have seized on Biden's immigration orders, including the president's support of a pathway to citizenship for 11 million illegal immigrants living in the United States, and said the orders are responsible for the surge along the U.S.-Mexico border. White House officials, including Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, have said Trump left Biden a broken immigration system and they're working to fix it.

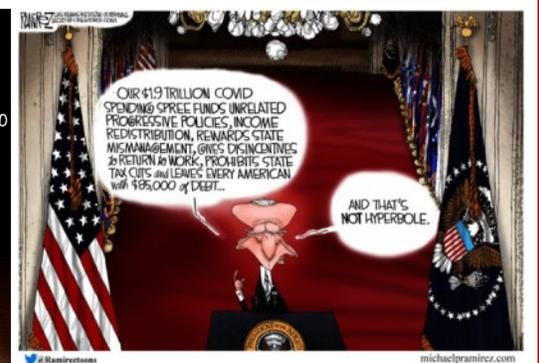
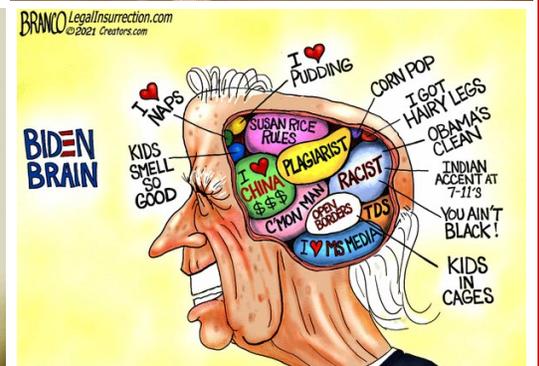
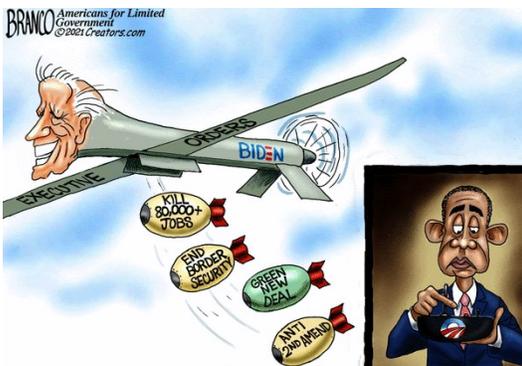
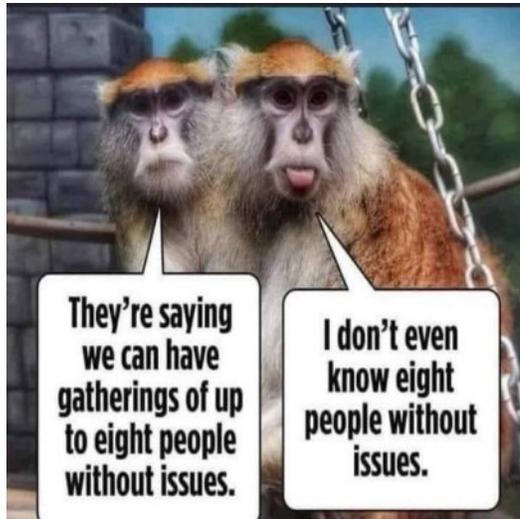
The border crisis "is the result of President Trump's dismantlement of the safe and orderly immigration processes that were built over many, many years by presidents of both parties," Mayorkas said in a TV interview Sunday.

But Trump, in a rare interview this week with Fox News, said Biden is actively working to "destroy" the United States with his orders.

"You can't take millions of people, they'll have millions of people before this mess is over," Trump said. "We want people to come in, but they have to be able to help our country. They have to come in through merit and they have to come in legally," the former commander-in-chief remarked.

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Joe Biden and the democrats want to remove any term that denotes gender. Henceforth the term "Mr President and First Lady" will be replaced with "Those two idiots in the White House".



# What is wrong with American high schools?

By Louis Wetmore, March 14, 2021 for The Liberty

Charlotte, NC — American schools have changed a lot since the 1950s, (when the USA was frequently referred to as “the envy of the world.”). They have changed and not for the better.

Education has a huge effect on the economy, and well, our schools aren’t preparing students to get good jobs, cope with life, handle their money, or even be decent people. In fact, I am not sure that is even a concern of higher education. At least not anymore.

In the 1950s, when the United States was considered the top rung of the world, only the students who were academically inclined were encouraged (sometimes threatened) to go to college.

Students who weren’t well suited for college gravitated toward careers in trades and other careers where a college education isn’t essential. That was the perceptive way of doing things, and it worked pretty well.

At some point, someone got the bright idea that “every kid should go to college.” I know Bill Clinton said it.

Now, this is important; from a psychological standpoint it should be noted that he did NOT say “Every kid should HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY to go to college.” This implies a choice.

But what he said implies that the choice has just been removed.

And that little distinction makes it incredibly easy for one to predict what is going to happen next, now that our gum’ment is involved.

Not everyone is suited for college: there are plenty of jobs that don’t require a college education. Well-paying jobs such as being a real estate agent don’t necessarily require a college education.

And trust me, my plumber at \$80 an hour (and worth it) is not concerned about making his mortgage this month.

We need plumbers. We need electricians. We need machinists. We need auto mechanics. We need farmhands.

College is not needed if you want one of those careers- Trade school is.

Forcing a kid to go to college who isn’t academically inclined will either result in him falling out of college with a huge debt, or he’ll graduate with a useless degree and with poor grades.

I realize that is a stretch on credibility, but can you imagine the damage that would occur if I am a right and we end up with a nation of brain-numb graduates that are butt-over-elbows in debt and barely qualified to work a minimum wage job turns signs for the D.O.T? I shudder to even imagine it...)

They wouldn’t be able to get a job that will justify the expense of having gone to college, much less service the debt. It’s incredibly destructive to the mentality of an individual to know that he has a college degree but not be able to use it.

Show me a college graduate waiting table at Denny’s and I’ll show you a potential serial killer. Well, actually they are more likely to be in the kitchen staff (personal experience) but you understand my point.

And surprise!-another ability effect of this push to “try to get every kid to go to college” is that to make it even somewhat possible, standards had to be lowered.

And lowered. And lowered again.

College standards had to be dropped so that kids who didn’t want to go, or belong in college but were talked into it, had some chance of passing their classes.

That lowers the quality of a college education for everyone and makes our college graduates less capable than they once were to compete with the rest of the world and to not only compete but dominate. The USA absolutely was dominating in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s and now we aren’t.

Every last one of us has seen the online test “Could you pass an 8th-grade history test given in the early 1900s? And we should be able to; they had less stuff to memorize then because it hadn’t happened yet.

The generation of people who went to American high schools in the 1950s put a man on the moon. Our current generation can’t write in cursive or drive a stick-shift.

Other countries have grabbed ahold of the concept that to compete effectively with the rest of the world you want your public schools to be top quality!

# What is wrong with American high schools?

By Louis Wetmore, March 14, 2021 for The Liberty

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Here in the US, we're actually cutting the budgets of our public schools, with no thought that a later generation of drones is going to cost us everywhere. Luckily, we are still pumping tens of millions in an individual that chases a ball around or sings some computer-generated song on a stage with autotune, so we've got that going for us.

We're cutting budgets, eliminating music, history, civics, and physical education classes-any parent can tell you that the time that they received the least amount of sass was after they had Little Johnny or Little Suzy help plow the North 40.

The kids today that don't have the benefit of those classes are not getting the well-rounded education that American kids of the twentieth century received. They are overstimulated and under-exercised, and (!) their attention spans are pretty bloody short.

Why would anyone think we can compete effectively with the rest of the world when we're lowering standards, cutting budgets, and installing mindless repetitive work (more in the mind of active babysitting than for learning) in our public high schools while other countries are improving their high schools? They seem to understand that an investment (an intelligent investment, just to be clear) will be a required move for a payoff in the future.

Finally, discipline is almost nonexistent today in American high schools.

The administrators have taken away all authority from the teachers to keep their students in line and maintain order in the classroom (something about self-esteem, which seems to be getting confused with self-respect).

The kids run wild without any real consequences-well, not yet, anyway.

They can blatantly disrespect the teachers (my mom watched a kid tear up his French book in class-no one would do anything) and get away with it.

They can make it impossible for the other kids in the class to learn and these trouble makers get away with it.

An interesting observation: if you are trying to catch crabs and you put one into a crab basket, it will escape. And probably come over to pinch you for being a jerk. But if you put one in a basket that is ALREADY full of crabs, it WON'T escape. In fact, every time it does, the other crabs will grab it and try to pull it back into the basket. It's nice to know that we have so much in common with our animal friends...)

It's making it so that competent people find teaching to be a less desirable profession to enter. Who would want to become a teacher when they know they will have no power to maintain order in the classroom? And that they are simultaneously on the hook for anything that may happen, while they are getting pay and benefits cut?

Everyone should have the privilege of going to public school, but if a child abuses that privilege in a way so that the other kids in the class aren't able to learn then the teacher has to be able to remove that distraction from the class. All the other kids need to have the opportunity to learn and be in an environment where the teacher can actually teach.

But, for some reason, we insist on polishing the pebbles while we diligently insist on dulling the diamonds.

Not preparing kids for success will lead to depression, addiction, and a host of other anti-social problems. What do you think it does to the psyche of a young person when they've done everything they were told to do so they could have a good life and it still isn't enough?

Hint: for your answer, open your eyes.

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# Texas Governor Says Biden's Border Policies 'Emboldening' Human Traffickers

BY [ISABEL VAN BRUGEN](#), March 24, 2021 Updated: March 24, 2021

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Tuesday asserted that recent decisions made by the Biden administration on the U.S.-Mexico [border](#) are emboldening human traffickers to “ramp up their criminal operations.”

In a letter ([pdf](#)) to the White House on Tuesday, the governor called on President Joe Biden's administration to investigate every unaccompanied minor crossing the U.S.-Mexico border as part of a wider effort to crack down on human trafficking.

He asked that all unaccompanied minors crossing the border be interviewed to determine whether they have been preyed on, exploited, or abused by human traffickers.

“Recent decisions by your administration are emboldening dangerous cartels, smugglers, and human traffickers to ramp up their criminal operations,” the governor asserted. “In many cases, these criminals entice unaccompanied minors into inhumane conditions and expose them to abuse and terror.”

Describing the situation at the border an “escalating humanitarian crisis,” Abbott noted that so far this year, 11,000 minors have been apprehended crossing the border into the state of Texas.

The number of minors crossing the southern border rose by 60 percent from January and February, he said, with 9,400 children apprehended last month alone.

“Those numbers continue to increase in March, with no end in sight,” Abbott wrote.

The Biden administration should “interview every unaccompanied minor coming across the border to determine if any child has been harmed, groomed, or victimized by human traffickers in any way.” Abbott called on the administration to “make clear what they are doing to prosecute human traffickers and address the surge in border crossings.”

Abbott on March 17 expanded his Operation Lone Star to [include combating human trafficking efforts](#) at high threat areas along the southern border.

The Texas governor's letter comes as photos released this week by Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-Texas) of an overflow tent facility in Donna, Texas, show extremely crowded conditions and children sleeping on the floors along with makeshift beds.

Cuellar, whose office first shared the photos with Axios, [told the news outlet](#) that one “pod” held more than 400 unaccompanied male minors. The pods are supposed to hold a maximum of 260 people, he said.

“We have a duty to investigate these border crossings so we can protect the victims of human trafficking that have already crossed our borders, crack down on the perpetrators of this heinous crime, and ensure federal policies do not allow—or even incentivize—such behavior,” Abbott wrote in his letter.

“We must send a clear message to these criminals that human trafficking will not be tolerated in America, and that we will use every available resource to stop this abuse of basic human rights.”

The letter includes a list of questions from Abbott to Biden.

Some of the questions include: How are these children coming across the border and who is helping them get here? Were these children abused or harmed in any way on their journeys? How many victims of physical abuse, sexual assault, or trafficking has the administration identified? Are you using effective DNA tests to confirm familial relations? How else are you ensuring that these children are being released to safe, trustworthy adults?

“The thought of any child suffering at the hands of human traffickers is unacceptable and irreconcilable with our values as Americans,” Abbott said. “I implore you and your administration to take swift action to crack down on this heinous crime and to protect more children from trafficking and abuse.”

The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment by The Epoch Times.

Abbott last week suggested in a [statement](#) that Biden's border policies are what turned the “humanitarian crisis” along the southern border into a “complete disaster.”

“The Biden Admin. has turned a humanitarian crisis into a complete disaster,” Abbott said on Twitter, singling out a drinking-water problem at a site used to house illegal immigrants in Midland and a “massive” COVID-19 outbreak at a facility in Carrizo Springs.

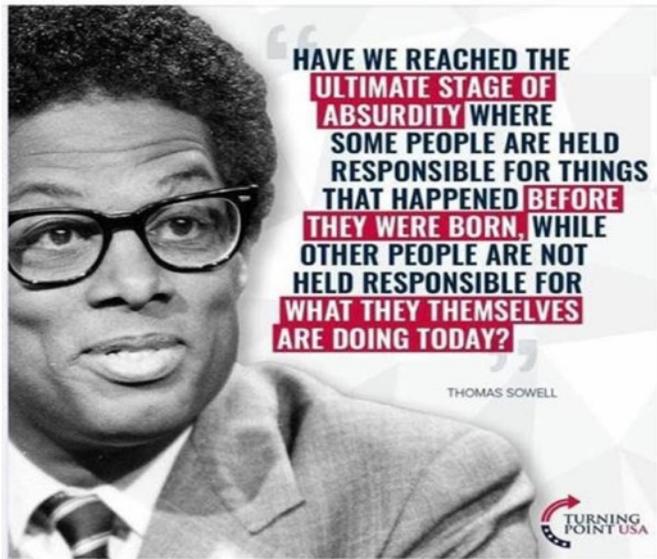
“They were unprepared for open border policies,” he added.

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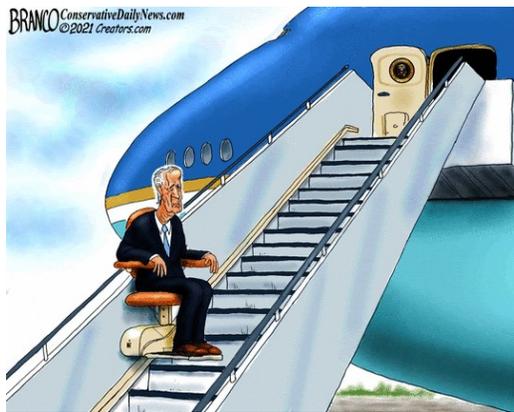
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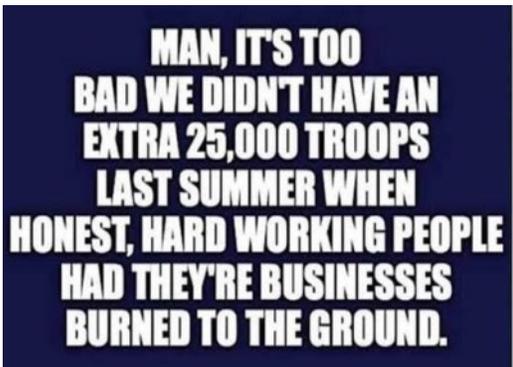
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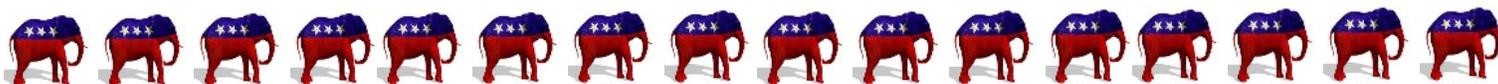
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## Political Action Hours

Greetings,

It was good to see so many in attendance at our March meeting. Thank you for completing the volunteer hours forms and for sending emails to me with your volunteer hours. If, by chance, you have not had an opportunity to send the hours, please reply to this email so I can update our hours for the first quarter of 2021.

I will be sending my report at the end of the month. We still have a little over a week to log our hours for this quarter.

Thank you for those of you who are doing the writing campaigns to the elected officials. Thank you to those of you who are attending events and doing block walks. Thank you to those of you who are engaging in phone calls and productive dialogue with others to spread the good word about our conservative platforms!

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