

Elephant Talk

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President's Byline:



On December 18, 2019, the US House of Representatives impeached President Trump for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The vote to impeach passed along party lines. That alone would have our founders rolling over in their graves. This impeachment will go down as one of the most controversial and unfair in history. This impeachment has also damaged our Republic and trashed the Constitution.

When it comes to the impeachment of Donald Trump, Conservative Mark Levin and Liberal Allan Dershowitz are in total agreement; this impeachment is unconstitutional. Both Levin and Dershowitz point to the Constitution for what is an impeachable offence. They are treason, bribery, high crimes, and misdemeanors. As you can see, abuse of power and obstruction of Congress are not listed as impeachable offenses. So, the Democrat House has now created a new standard of impeachment that every President after Trump must be upheld to.

The obstruction of Congress article was created, because the Executive Branch chose to fight the House over some of the witnesses the impeachment committee called to testify. The Executive Branch has the right to go to the Judicial Branch when it has a disagreement with the Legislative Branch. To impeach a President for going to the courts gives the Legislative Branch power over the Executive Branch the framers never created. Every President since Washington has had disagreements with Congress over executive information. Washington was the first to invoke executive privilege in 1796, when he refused to comply with a request by the House of Representatives for documents related to the negotiation of the then-recently adopted Jay Treaty with Great Britain. Washington's reason was that the House does not have approval powers over treaties. Every President after has used executive privilege to deny information to Congress. The House has now made a denial of information from another branch impeachable. Every past President could have been impeached for obstruction of Congress for using executive privilege or taking Congress to court over it. This article of impeachment by the House has wiped out over 200 years of precedent, shredded the right of due process, and damaged our Republic.

The article of abuse of power is a joke. The House claimed the President abused his power by delaying aide to Ukraine, and asking the Ukraine to look into VP Joe Biden holding up aide until a Ukraine prosecutor, who was investigating a company Biden's son was working for, was fired.

The President has the power to make foreign policy. President Trump is not a fan of foreign aide. So, when he delayed giving money to the Ukraine, he was well within his authority to do it. Congress authorized the aide to be release on or before September 30th. The President released it on September 11th. This is not the first time the President has delayed aide to a nation, nor is he the first President to do so. President Obama cut aide to several nations in 2012; he refused to sell arms to the Ukraine all together.

The President is also the chief law enforcement officer. If he thought Joe Biden did something illegal, he has the power to look into it. Running for elected office does not shield a person from being investigated for wrong doing. So, the fact that Joe Biden is a Presidential candidate does not protect him.

If you watched any of the impeachment hearings, you could see how unfair and one sided they were. One clear example of this is when the Judiciary Committee had four law professors testify on what is an impeachable offence. Three on the Democrats side and one on the Republican side. Another example of how unfair the process was Republicans could not call the witnesses they wanted to; the President could not have his lawyer ask questions of the witnesses unless he waived privilege.

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January Meeting
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Presidents Message

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After watching the impeachment hearings, and learning about the impeachment clause in the Constitution, it has become clear to me that the Democrats impeached the President for partisan reasons. The Democrats have wanted to impeach Trump since he got elected. Then, they wanted to tarnish Trumps record and make it harder for him to be re-elected. This becomes even more clear, since the Speaker is delaying sending the articles of impeachment to the Senate.

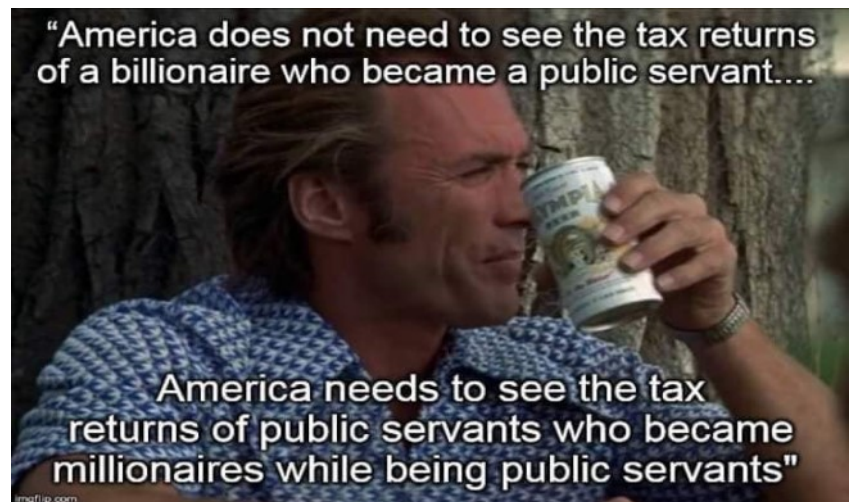
In Federalist 65, Alexander Hamilton warned about using impeachment for political reasons. "The prosecution of them, for this reason, will seldom fail to agitate the passions of the whole community, and to divide it into parties more or less friendly or inimical to the accused. In many cases it will connect itself with the pre-existing factions, and will enlist all their animosities, partialities, influence, and interest on one side or on the other; and in such cases there will always be the greatest danger that the decision will be regulated more by the comparative strength of parties, than by the real demonstrations of innocence or guilt." We see Hamilton's warning playing out today in every sense, and in this instance, the Democrats have behaved like Stalin's head of police: "Show me the man, and I will find the crime."

However, even in the darkest of clouds there is always a silver lining. The American people have seen through the Democrats scheme. In initial polls over impeachment, Americans were overwhelmingly against it. Then, as the hearings went on, the number against impeachment grew. It is clear, the impeachment of President Trump has back fired against the Democrats, revealing just how corrupt and evil House Democrats have become. This is why Republicans must come together to put an end to the Democrats rule in the House. In 2020, we must work to make sure that every Republican gets elected up and down the ballot. We must take back our government and restore our Constitutional Republic.

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LET'S SEE HERE...



January Meeting

Next PRW Meeting Tuesday, January 21st, 2020

Speaker: Congressman Van Taylor



A seventh generation Texan, Van Taylor is a family man, businessman, and decorated Iraq War Veteran. Growing up, Van earned his Eagle Scout from the future President George Bush. After high school, Van attended Harvard College from which he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in history. After graduating college, Van volunteered to serve his country and received a commission in the United States Marine Corps.

Van Taylor joined the Marine Corps Reserves to continue serving his country while earning his MBA at Harvard Business School. He served in Fourth Civil Affairs Group, graduating from the John F. Kennedy School of Special Warfare at Ft. Bragg, NC. He joined 4th Reconnaissance Battalion as a platoon commander for Charlie Company.

Two years after September 11, Van deployed to Iraq where he fought with 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company. While deployed, Van led the first platoon into Iraq for his brigade and a mission that rescued 31 wounded Marines during the pitched Battle of An Nasiriyah. For his service in Iraq, the Marine Corps awarded Captain Taylor the Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Navy Commendation Medal with "V" for valor.

Van and his wife, Anne, married after his return from Iraq and are the proud parents of three young girls: Laura, Helen, and Susie. Today, Van, his wife, and their three daughters reside in Plano near the land Van's great-grandfather farmed during the Great Depression

From April 2010 to January 2015, Van Taylor represented District 66 in the Texas House of Representatives. From January 13, 2015 – January 3, 2019, Taylor served as a Member of the Texas Senate, representing the Eighth Senate District of Texas. On January 3, 2019, Van Taylor was sworn in as a Member of the United States Congress, representing Texas Third Congressional District.

Congressman Van Taylor is proud to serve on two influential House Committees in the 116th Congress: the Committee on Homeland Security, specifically, the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Innovation (CIPI) and the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management and Accountability (OMA) and the House Committee on Education, where he serves on the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education and the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

*** NOTE NEW LOCATION ***

Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East, 3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

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

Lunch is available for **\$25.00** with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, January 17th, 2020

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



December Meeting Photos





AMERICANISM REPORT

BY CLEO MARCHESE, AMERICANISM CHAIR

Paul Revere and the Forgotten Riders of the American Revolution

It has been said history goes to the victors but history is also lost when perceived less important details are edited out. There are many unsung Americans who have done incredible things, who are almost unknown in modern times. Because of the poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, historians, poets and even history books for the past two centuries have given Paul Revere almost sole credit for alerting the colonies the British were coming on the night of April 18, 1775. The epic poem was a little too successful, like a catchy modern day jingle, it was repeated over and over until most people believed Paul Revere single handedly rode all night, over the county side waking everyone by yelling “the British are coming”.

Four men and one young woman have largely been lost in today’s mainstream history. They are known only to diehard historians and history buffs. Some not only rode that night on April 18th but others preceded Paul Revere or rode after him in more important rides to warn the local militias and colonists when the British forces approached cities and towns. They were Samuel Prescott, Israel Bissell, William Dawes, and Sybil Ludington.

Who was Paul Revere and what really happened? Paul Revere was born in Boston in 1734, his father was a French Huguenot and his mother a Bostonian. He was trained to be a silver smith from childhood but after his father died in 1754, Paul enlisted to fight in the French Indian Wars because it paid well. After a failed military expedition, he returned to Boston to take over his father’s silversmith business. He even dabbled in dentistry to supplement his income and did well for a time. But fell into financial hardship after of the Stamp Act of 1765, a new tax on all printed paper. His frustration over grew until he joined the Sons of Liberty, a grassroots group of instigators who were responsible for organizing much of the early revolution efforts.

From 1774 to the spring of 1775, Paul Revere was working for the Boston Committee of Correspondence and the Massachusetts Committee of Safety as an express rider to carry news, messages, and copies of important documents to different cities and towns. It was dangerous work, he could be hung if caught.

During the evening of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere was commissioned by Dr. Joseph Warren of Boston to ride to Lexington, Massachusetts with the news that regular troops were about to march through the northwest countryside of Boston to arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock, who were staying at a house in Lexington. Then they would march to the town of Concord, to capture or destroy military stores of gunpowder, ammunition, and a few cannons that where being kept there. Dr. Warren’s intelligence report was only half right – the British were not going to Lexington to arrest Samuel Adams or John Hancock. They were headed straight to Concord to confiscate munitions left over from the French Indian wars so they could better control the Colonies if they tried to revolt.

Paul Revere’s mission was to slip through the northern Boston areas alerting key militia members and tell American patriot leaders, John Hancock and Samuel Adams they were going to be arrested. He did not light the two lanterns in the steeple of the Old North Church in Boston to alert the local militia the British were coming. This was done by an unknown person, mostly likely his friend, Robert Newman, the sexton of the church as a backup in case Revere was unable to escape Boston.

He walked the short distance to the North End waterfront where two friends rowed him across the river to Charlestown – under the cover of darkness to slip past a British warship in the harbor. Once there, he relayed Dr. Warren’s message to Colonel Conant and the local Sons of Liberty, verifying the lantern signals they saw from the North Church tower. Two lanterns meant the British were coming by sea, one lantern that meant they were marching over land. Revere borrowed a horse to ride to the Hancock-Clark house to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock.

Revere was met with some resistant from sentries and almost not allowed to delivered his message until John Hancock recognized his voice. After he delivered his message, William Dawes arrived thirty minutes later with the same message. He and Dawes left shortly and met up with another Sons of Liberty rider, Samuel Prescott on the road from Liberty to Concord. Since the final message was critical to insure they didn’t lose the stored munitions in Concord. The three men decided to split up to avoid being captured together by the British regulars already on the road. However, Paul Revere was quickly stopped and detained before he made it to Concord by British troops. He was set free later that night but his horse was confiscated leaving him to walk back to Lexington. He never shouted the phrase “the British are coming” while riding because he was trying to be stealthy and he never finished his mission by reaching Concord.

Paul Revere remained active in the Revolutionary War but his military career was unremarkable and he was lost to history as well until Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a poem about him almost 100 years later in 1861.

AMERICANISM REPORT

By Cleo Marchese, Americanism Chair

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*Listen my children and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.*



William Dawes, the second night rider

William Dawes was born in Boston in 1745, where he was a successful tanner and a member of the Boston militia. Because of his tanning business, he frequently traveled through the country side through British stop points. Dr. Joseph Warren, had commissioned Dawes along with Paul Revere the task of riding through areas of northern Boston to Lexington to alert the colonial minutemen the British were on the move and warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock they were going to be arrest. Paul Revere had reached the Hancock–Clark house in Lexington thirty minutes before William Dawes. Legend said Paul Revere had a faster horse and road like the devil. In reality, Dawes' route was 17 miles longer than Revere's, it took him through the British check point called the Bottle Neck just before the town of Roxbury. William Dawes route was more dangerous, he slowly rode through Brookline, Brighton, Cambridge, Menotomy, and Lexington to not draw attention to himself.

From the Hancock-Clark house, Paul Revere and Williams Dawes were supposed to ride to Concord but first they meet up with Samuel Prescott. He was going to act as their guide night riding to Concord because he knew the country side very well. But on the road to Concord from Lexington, they ran into British soldiers. The three men decided to split up to increase their chances of someone making it to Concord. While trying to evade the British, Dawes tried to cut through yard of an abandon house. His horse became spooked and unseated him. Unable to find his horse in the dark and Dawes also had to walk back to Lexington.

In 1896, American poet Helen F. Moore wrote a counter parody poem about Williams Dawes to Longfellow's ode to Paul Revere to correct William Dawes being edited out of history.

*Tis all very well for the children to hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere;
But why should my name be quite forgot,
Who rode as boldly and well, God wot?
Why should I ask? The reason is clear-
My name was Dawes and his Revere.*



Samuel Prescott

Dr. Samuel Prescott was reputed to be an excellent horsemen and Concorde native who knew the local terrain. Paul Revere had arranged in advance for Samuel Prescott to be their night guide and met up with him and Dawes on the road from Lexington to Concord. Historians are unsure of how Prescott was signaled to meet them the night of April 18th. After the three men ran into British soldiers on the road, Prescott was the only one who successfully evaded the British, carrying Joseph Warren's message to Concorde and the other parts of the state.

Israel Bissell and the four day ride.

Israel "Isaac" Bissell had been a postal rider by profession. His journey started mid-April 1775 in Watertown, Massachusetts, through the western Boston country side until he arrived in Worcester, Massachusetts. His final destination was Philadelphia. He reportedly rode for four days and six hours along the Old Post Road, covering 345 miles, barely stopping. The local newspapers said he shouted, "To arms, to arms, the war has begun". Legend says he rode his first horse to death.

Bissell had carried a message from General Joseph Palmer that was reprinted in the local newspapers. Bissell's name was misspelled which was another reason his legendary ride was lost to history, it was believed for over a hundred years he wasn't a real person.

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By Cleo Marchese, Americanism Chair

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To all the friends of American liberty be it known that this morning before break of day, a brigade, consisting of about 1,000 to 1,200 men landed at Phip's Farm at Cambridge and marched to Lexington, where they found a company of our colony militia in arms, upon whom they fired without any provocation and killed six men and wounded four others. By an express from Boston, we find another brigade are now upon their march from Boston supposed to be about 1,000. The Bearer, Tryal Russell, is charged to alarm the country quite to Connecticut and all persons are desired to furnish him with fresh horses as they may be needed. I have spoken with several persons who have seen the dead and wounded. Pray let the delegates from this colony to Connecticut see this. ~ General Joseph Palmer, April 1775

Historical records show, Israel Bissell and his brother Justis later enlisted in Capt. W. Wolcott's company from East Windsor, Connecticut in July of 1776. He served in the army for only one month. Bissell also had a poem written about him by Clay Perry, a poet and historian that was similar to the style written by Longfellow.

*Listen, my children, to my epistle
Of the long, long ride of Israel Bissell,
Who outrode Paul by miles and time
But didn't rate a poet's rhyme.*

Sybil Ludington and her dangerous 40 mile night ride.

Sybil Ludington is the last of the famous Revolutionary War riders. On April 26, 1777, her father Colonel Henry Ludington sent sixteen year old Sybil out on a rainy, dark night for a forty mile round trip to rouse the local militia who had gone home for spring planting to meet at the Ludington farm by dawn. Why? Because the British soldiers had burned most of the town of Danbury to ash, after setting fire to a few store houses of supplies for the Continental army. The British soldiers has found large stores of rum, the drunken soldiers got out of hand and started to vandalize the rest of the town spreading fire everywhere.

Sybil was officially commissioned by her father, Colonel Henry Ludington who knew she was familiar with the local terrain and an excellent horse woman. She set out around 9 pm the night of April 26th on a stormy, dark night. She rode from Carmel onto Mahopac, then to Kent and Farmers Mills before returning home by first light. As she rode from farm house to house, she beat on doors with her stick shouting "The British are burning Danbury. Muster at Ludington's at daybreak!" Amazingly she had been able to avoid the British soldiers and even pulled a musket on a would be highway robber. Four hundred local militia showed up early the next day to the Ludington farm but were too late to save the town of Danbury but they were able to drive the British troops out of the area. Sybil later received a commendation from George Washington for her heroism and bravery.

A statue of Sybil Ludington still stands today in Carmel, New York along with historical trail markers detailing her famous night ride, the statue of her was sculpted by artist Anna Hyatt Huntington and was dedicated in 1961 by the Washington, DC chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Trivia:

Paul Revere did not immediately gain fame for his April 1775 "Midnight Ride." In fact he was forgotten by history until Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's 1861 poem, which greatly exaggerated Paul Revere's role.

The **Stamp Act** of 1765 was passed by the British Parliament on March 22, 1765. The new tax was imposed on all American colonists and required them to pay a tax on every piece of printed paper they used. Ship's papers, legal documents, licenses, newspapers, other publications, and even playing cards were taxed.

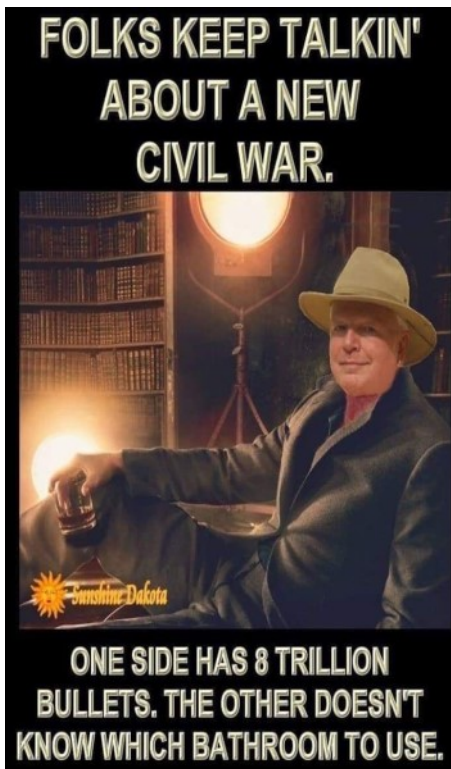
In 1967, the Daughters of the American Revolution added a plaque to the tomb stone of Israel Bissell detailing his role in the Revolutionary War.

The details of Sybil Ludington's ride were told later in 1907 by Willis Fletcher Johnson's in his book, *Colonel Henry Ludington: A Memoir*, a book-length family tribute to Colonel Ludington.

People always ask what Paul Revere's horse name was. History doesn't show him as every own a horse during this period, it was likely he rented horses for his courier job. Sybil Ludington's horse was name Star and Star's name is on the statue of Ludington in Carmel, New York along with famous stick she used to beat on doors to alert the local militia.



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Legislative Report

2019: Year In Review - Congressman Van Taylor

Representing Collin County in Congress

As we close out 2019 and prepare to welcome a new year, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you in Congress.

The United States Marines taught me the importance of servant leadership and as your Representative in Congress, I work for you. With your help, my first year in the House of Representatives focused on bringing our Texas solutions to Washington.

I have spent my first year in Congress meeting with constituents (part of my 100% constituent meeting policy), hosting Coffee with your Congressman events, reading and responding to your letters, touring local businesses and schools, introducing legislation to address your concerns, helping those dealing with federal agencies, and working across the aisle to bring real change to Washington.

Here are some of the things we accomplished together:

During this time of heightened political tensions, it's more important than ever to continue working together to implement commonsense solutions for the people of Collin County and the United States. There is a lot of work ahead to get Congress turned around, but I believe that the answer lies in the wisdom of the multitudes. By listening to each other and working together we can achieve a better America for future generations.

It is an honor to serve you in the United States Congress.

Semper Fidelis,

Van Taylor
Member of Congress

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS

100% CONSTITUENT MEETING POLICY

388

607

CASES CLOSED

CONTACTED FEDERAL AGENCIES
TO ASSIST TX03 CONSTITUENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PUBLIC FORUMS IN COLLIN COUNTY

33

168

SERVICE MEDALS
SECURED

179

SUPPORTED
BILLS

5

BILLS
INTRODUCED

412

CAPITOL
TOURS

59

SCHOOL &
BUSINESS VISITS

PERSONALLY SIGNED
CONSTITUENT LETTERS

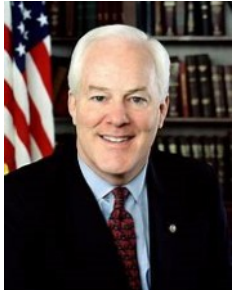
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Legislative Report



US Senator John Cornyn Op-Ed: A Banner Year for Texas in Washington

"I'm proud of the work I've done in Washington this year on behalf of Texans, and as soon as the Senate has concluded its role in the impeachment process, I'm eager to keep our list of accomplishments growing."

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) authored the following op-ed in the [Dallas Morning News](#) highlighting his legislative accomplishments for Texans in 2019:

With the first partisan impeachment vote since the Civil War complete, the spotlight will now shift to the U.S. Senate. Taking part in an impeachment trial is a solemn responsibility, and one I take extraordinarily seriously. But beneath the never-ending stream of headlines about impeachment, it's been easy to miss the stories about everything else happening in Washington. This was a busy year, and together, we've notched a lot of wins for Texas.

Last week, Congress passed two major pieces of legislation to strengthen America's military. The defense funding bill will provide a nearly \$20 billion increase over last year's funding levels, 98 new F-35 aircraft, which will be built by Texans in Fort Worth, and the largest pay raise in a decade for our troops.

This bill complements the National Defense Authorization Act, which invests in military modernization, and fully funds the B-21 bomber program for future deployment out of Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. It also approved funds for military construction projects at Corpus Christi Army Depot, Fort Hood, Camp Swift, and Joint Base San Antonio, totaling \$400 million.

Beyond the investment in our troops, this legislation also includes a number of bills I introduced to improve the quality of life for our service-members and veterans.

I've heard from active duty soldiers who thought the absentee voting process was too complicated, so they weren't able to vote. This defense spending bill included a provision I introduced to simplify the process so we can remove the barriers preventing men and women in uniform from casting a ballot.

I've also talked with Texas veterans who have fallen on hard times, and had to fight for their VA and Department of Defense disability benefits in bankruptcy proceedings, because unlike Social Security disability benefits, they aren't exempted. This legislation righted that wrong too. No veteran should be penalized for receiving the disability compensation they are rightly due.

On top of the gains for our military, I've been proud to help corral a long list of wins for Texas.

It's been more than two years since Hurricane Harvey, and folks continue to rebuild and prepare for future disasters. Sadly, some of the federal funding has gotten tangled in the Washington bureaucracy. In February 2018, Congress approved more than \$4 billion for disaster mitigation in Texas, but after more than a year, folks at home still hadn't seen a dime. This summer, Congress passed a provision I introduced requiring the Office of Management and Budget to send those, and any future funds approved by Congress, within 90 days. Earlier this year, we also approved \$4.6 billion to support communities nationwide recovering from natural disasters, including those in Texas.

Another challenge we've faced over this past year is the humanitarian crisis at the border, which hit its peak in May. Communities throughout the state were quick to lend a hand, and help do a job that should be the responsibility of the federal government. I helped secure \$30 million for local governments, states and charitable organizations to receive reimbursements for their work in response to this crisis, and nearly 40 percent of the initial funding went to Texas.

Last week the House also passed the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA, which replaces NAFTA and modernizes trade with Mexico and Canada. Once the Senate completes the impeachment process, this will be the first item on our to-do list. I've been working with the Trump Administration to ensure this agreement benefits Texas, and I secured funding for the North American Development Bank, which will provide \$215 million to improve infrastructure in our border communities.

On top of all this, we've grown the number of well-qualified federal judges confirmed under President Donald Trump to 185, including 20 outstanding Texans. We've taken steps to secure American's voting systems ahead of the 2020 election. We strengthened our fight to end the rape kit backlog, passed a landmark bill to fund autism research, and made the most significant reforms to the IRS in two decades.

I'm proud of the work I've done in Washington this year on behalf of Texans, and as soon as the Senate has concluded its role in the impeachment process, I'm eager to keep our list of accomplishments growing.

December Meeting Photos



Twas the Night for Impeachment

*Twas the vote for impeachment and all through the House
The Dems called him a liar, a scoundrel, a louse
The witnesses were questioned, their answers unclear
But the Dems were incensed and just didn't care*

*They made up some stories, they ignored many facts
They misled with their words, while they pressed their attack
And Schiff with his bug eyes, and Nandler with his naps
Pushed their agenda, while looking like saps*

*Then Articles were crafted with no criminal base
And passed unanimously by every Dem in the place
The Republicans played a part in this farce as well
By attending and legitimizing what the Dems tried to sell*

*And out on the lawn at a White House presser
There was a lady reporter, so Trump stood to address her
He led with a smile, and the gleam in his eye
Made it clear to the press corp he wouldn't be shy*

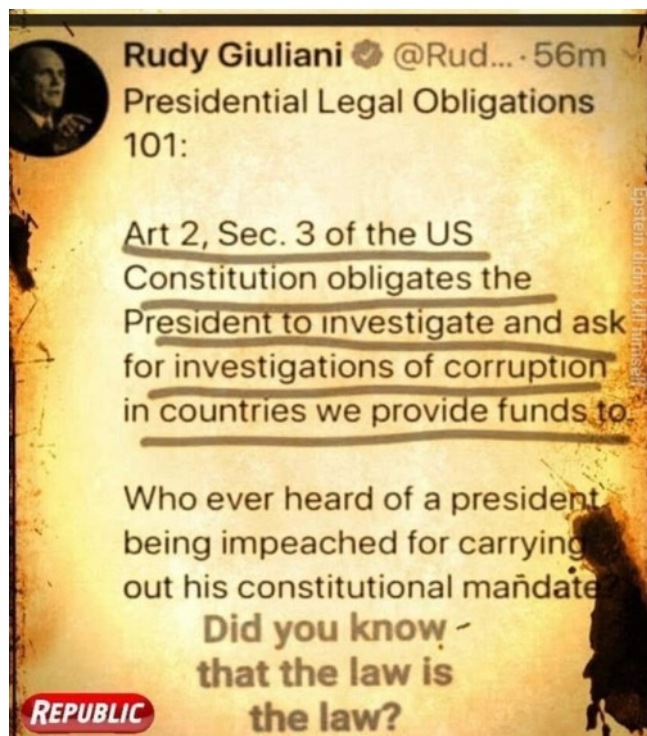
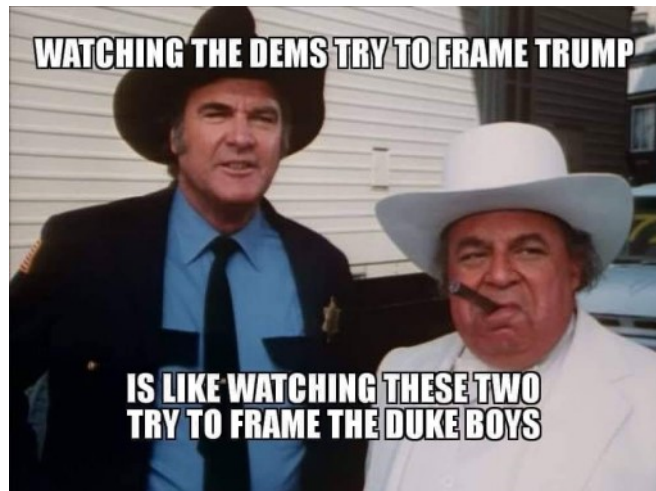
*He was calm and sincere when he called it a scam
All he wanted was justice and to expose this Dem sham
"So on to the Senate, let's see where this leads.
I've done nothing wrong, I've made no misdeeds"*

*And he smiled and he waved, and he turned then to leave
But turned back with a twinkle, touched his head, said "believe"
Then quick as a flash the names were there on his lips
Each with a nickname, now familiar old quips*

*Now, Nancy, now Adam, now Jerry and Val
Now Sheila, and Eric, and Maxine you old gal
There've been lots of Bills, so you could have passed plenty,
But instead you've now ruined your chances for '20*

*So just bring it on, let's get this thing done
But remember this day, when in November I've won
It's been a fight for three years, and you've landed no blows
So I can weather five more... I might have to, who knows*

*Still history will show I accomplished a lot
Despite the resistance your Party has wrought
So embellish your stories, cast me a villain
I'll be in the Oval Office, smiling and chillin'*



Political Cartoons

Obama: 13 Hours Waiting for Help that never came.



Trump: 13 Minutes they were wheels up and on their way to join the fight.

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Someone needs to throw water on Nancy Pelosi. I've seen The Wizard of Oz.

LIBERALS ARE SO UPSET WITH TRUMP, YOU WOULD THINK HE STOLE 90% OF THE HAITIAN RELIEF FUND, SOLD 20% OF OUR URANIUM TO RUSSIA, DELETED 33,000 EMAILS, AND LET INNOCENT AMERICANS DIE IN BENGHAZI.

Why the Left Doesn't Like Christmas

By Dennis Prager , December 17, 2019

Many on the left (as opposed to liberals) have been warring on Christmas for more than a generation. Leftists always deny there is a war on Christmas and mock those who claim there is.

There is a mind-blowing chutzpah or lack of self-awareness when people do something and yet deny that they are actually doing it. But the evidence is overwhelming. The left has stopped schools from calling Christmas vacations by that name — the name schools called them throughout American history until the last couple of decades. Almost every non-Christian school in America now calls Christmas vacation “winter break.” Fewer and fewer Americans, stores, companies or media wish people a “Merry Christmas,” preferring the neutered “happy holidays” (despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of Americans celebrate Christmas). And in but one generation, virtually every American business has gone from having a “Christmas party” to having a “holiday party.”

Having written in the past about the falsehood of “Merry Christmas,” “Christmas vacation” and “Christmas party” not being “inclusive,” I will not reiterate the point here. Suffice it to say that it takes a breathtaking level of narcissism for a non-Christian to be offended by mentions of Christmas and a breathtaking level of meanness to seek to deprive the vast majority of fellow Americans of the public mention of their holiday.

Rather, I want to try to explain why this has happened.

The “inclusive” argument is so absurd — I am a religious Jew and cannot even fathom being offended or feeling “not included” by an invitation to a Christmas party — that there have to be other, or at least additional, reasons for the left’s neutering of Christmas.

There are.

One is that the left sees in Christianity its primary ideological and political enemy. And it is right to do so. The only large-scale organized opposition to the left comes from the traditional Christian community — evangelical Protestants, traditional Catholics and faithful Mormons — and Orthodox Jews. Leftism is a secular religion, and it deems all other religions immoral and false.

From Karl Marx to Vladimir Lenin to George Soros, the left has regarded religion in general and Christianity in particular as the “opiate of the masses” — a drug that dulls the masses into accepting their oppressed condition and, thereby, keeps them from engaging in revolution.

The left understands that the more people believe in Christianity (and Judaism), the less chance the left has to gain power. The left doesn’t concern itself with Islam, because it perceives Islam as an ally in its war against Western civilization, and because leftists do not have the courage to confront Islam. They know that confronting religious Muslims can be fatal, whereas confronting religious Christians entails no risks.

Second, the left regards Christianity in America as an intrinsic part of American national identity — an identity it wishes to erode in favor of a “world citizen” identity. The left has not only warred against Christmas; it has sought to undermine other national identity holidays. For any number of reasons, not only including the left, Americans no longer celebrate George Washington’s birthday (it has de facto been replaced by the utterly meaningless “Presidents Day”) or Abraham Lincoln’s birthday, as they did when I was a child, my father was a child and his father was a child. The only American celebrated in a national holiday is Martin Luther King Jr., which is acceptable to the left since he is not white. One proof of the left’s desire to undermine specifically American national holidays is its war on the two remaining specifically American holidays: July Fourth and Thanksgiving.

The left deems Thanksgiving a historical fraud and an immoral celebration of “genocide” of the American Indians — which is what American children are now taught in many American public schools. And “happy Thanksgiving” has been replaced by “happy holidays.” As for July Fourth, The New York Times is leading the undermining of the celebration of America’s birthday by declaring that the real founding of America was 1619, the year, The Times asserts, African slaves first arrived on the American continent.

Of course, there is still Veterans Day and Memorial Day, but they are not specifically American national holidays; just about every country has such holidays.

But Christmas is a problem for the left. It celebrates religion, and it does so in quintessentially American ways (take American Christmas music, for example).

The third and final reason is that the left is joyless. Whatever and whomever the left influences has less joy in life. I have met happy and unhappy liberals, and happy and unhappy conservatives, but I’ve never encountered a happy leftist. And the further left you go, the more angry and unhappy the people you will encounter. Happy women and happy blacks, for example, are far more likely to be conservative than on the left.

Christmas is just too happy for the left. “Holly, jolly” is not a left-wing term.

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**IN REALITY
THEY'RE NOT AFTER ME
THEY'RE AFTER YOU**



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So, tell me *again*
how conservatives and
Tea Partiers are the "dangerous" ones?



LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT...



BIDEN BLACKMAILED UKRAINE WITH A BILLION IN TAX DOLLARS TO DROP AN INVESTIGATION INTO HIS SON, AND DEMOCRATS WANT TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT TRUMP SIMPLY FOR ASKING IF IT WAS TRUE?

**I SHOULD TELL HILLARY THAT
SANTA KNOWS SHE KILLED EPSTEIN**



**THEN I COULD TAKE SANTA'S JOB AND
HAVE ALL THOSE KIDS JUMP ON MY LAP**



"It is dangerous to let the voters decide Trump's fate"

- Nancy Pelosi



PRW—2019 Year In Review



January Speaker: Neal Katz, Executive Director Collin County GOP

Topic: Analysis of 2018 Midterm Election Results & Strategy going forward
Celebrated all Republican leadership in Congress and in Austin from Collin County



Let's not forget...

FBI was with Her.
CIA was with Her.
DOJ was with Her.
Twitter was with Her.
Facebook was with Her.
Hollywood was with Her.
B.O. Admin was with Her.



Trump and We the People
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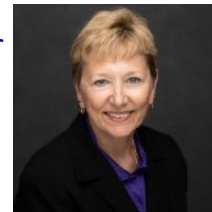
February Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Good, Host of the popular educational podcast, "Ask Dr. B. Good!"

Project Report: **Overseas Coupon Program**
488 coupons sent= (to Osan Air Force Base approx., \$488.00)

Patriot Paws: \$525.00 donated

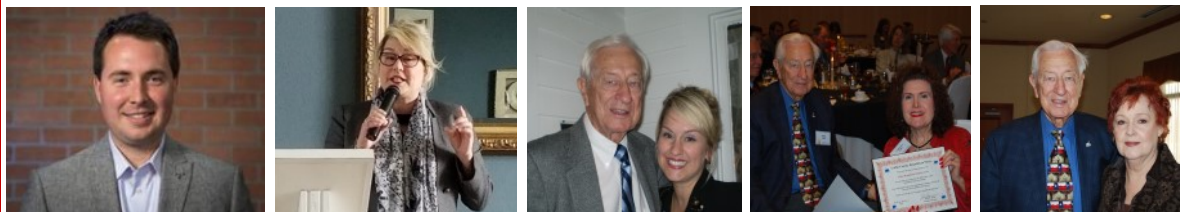
Operation Christmas Cards for Troops: 50 cards (sent to Task Force; Sinai, Egypt)

Plano Christmas Cops: 36 new toys (new toys used by the Plano Police and Fire Departments throughout the year)



March Speaker : Ross Kecseg - Property Taxes in Texas

Said Farewell to Congressman Ralph Hall



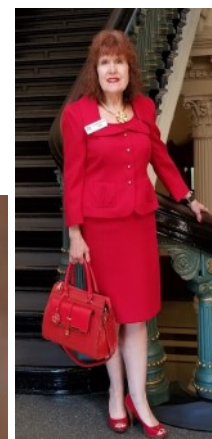
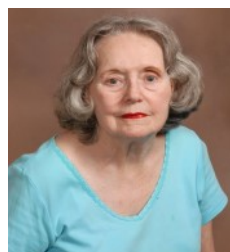
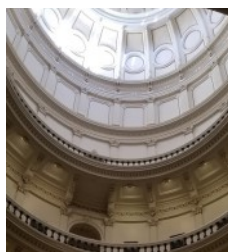
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April Program: Plano City Council Candidate Forum

Bid Farewell to long time member Dottie Ragley

TFRW Legislative Day in Austin



What is so hard to understand!
I was a bartender before getting elected to congress. Now at 29 years old.....



I am an expert in economics , environmental science, and constitutional law.

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May Speaker: Dr. Laura Presley of True Texas Elections
Topic: Cracking the Code of Electronic Voting Corruption in Texas
Texas House of Representatives Gavel Out "Sine Dine"
After Historically Successful Legislative Session

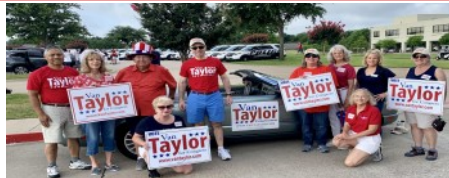


Victory in the Plano City Council Race

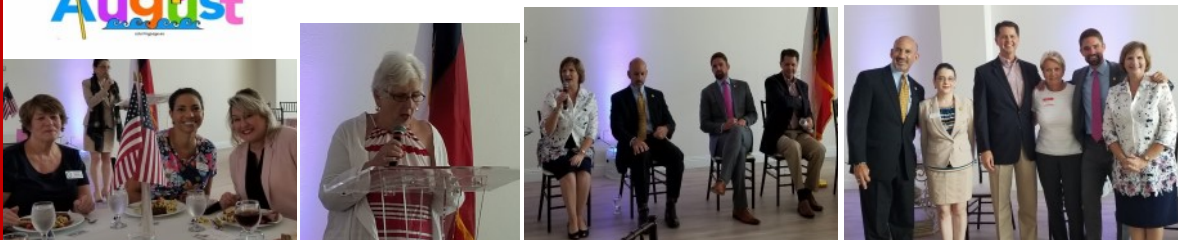
A Texas analysis and summary of the Mueller report and Democrats' efforts in one sentence: "While we recognize that the subject did not actually steal any horses, he is obviously guilty of trying to resist being hanged for it."



Plano Republican Women and Friends Walk 4th July Parade with Congressman Taylor
Keep Collin County Red



August Speakers: Collin County House of Representatives Delegation
Topic: Legislative Session Update



September Speaker: Nick Adams, Founder of FLAG
Topic: Green Card Warrior, detailing his journey to America
NFRW 40th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis



The great state of Texas, and our amazing Texas Republican Women won the award for most volunteer campaign hours between 2017-2018. We had a total of 1,465,479 hours worked by the Republican Women here in Texas.



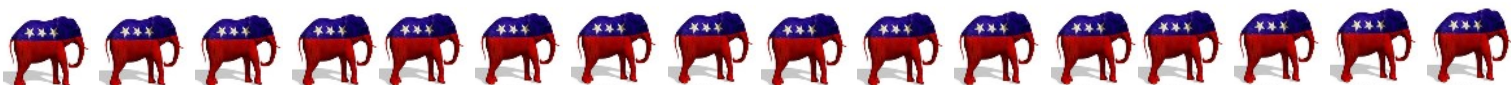
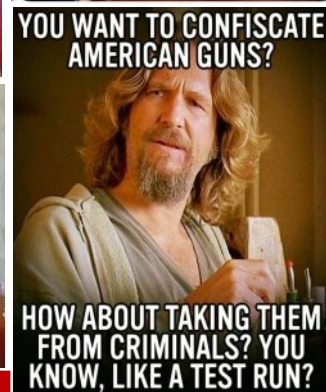
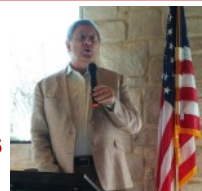
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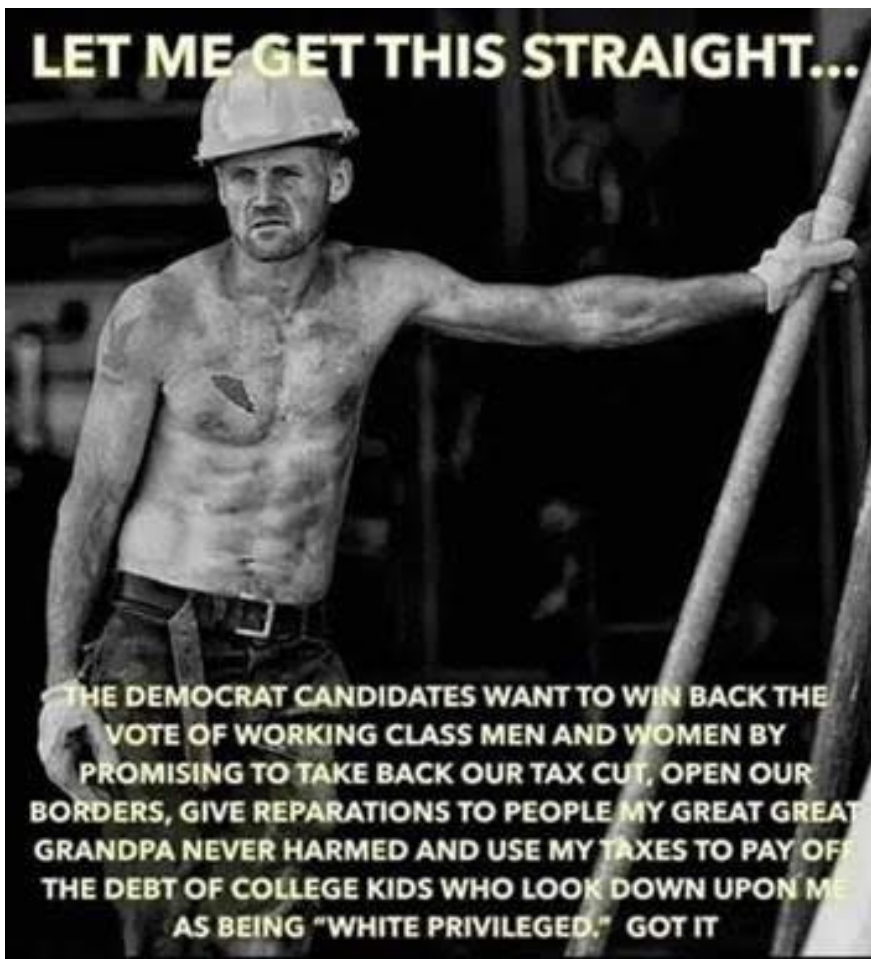
October Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Allen B. West
Topic: Lt. Col. West believes it will be principled constitutional conservative policies, not politics, which secures a sound economic future for Americans
President Trump Make America Great Again Rally
Texas Federation of Republican Women 32nd Biennial Convention - Galveston, Texas



Speaker: Tom Giovanetti –Institute for Policy Innovation
Caring for America-Donation of toys to Plano Xmas Cops



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