

Elephant Talk

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President's Byline



We only have one month left of the 87th TX Legislature session, and at the time I am writing this, all of the Republican legislative priorities still have not made it to the Governors desk for his signature.

At the 2020 Texas State Republican Convention, the delegates passed eight priorities for the TX Legislator to pass in this session. Those priorities are....

- **Election Integrity**
- **Religious Freedom**
- **Children and Gender Modification**
- **Abolition of Abortion**
- **Constitutional Carry**
- **Monument Protection**
- **School Choice for All**
- **Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying**

Some of these have passed the House but not the Senate, while one has passed the Senate but not the House. Those that passed the House are Constitutional Carry (House Bill 1927), and Election Integrity (HB 574) which deals with increasing penalties for elections violations.

In the Senate, Banning Tax-Payer Funded Lobbying (SB 10) passed.

Other bills relating to the priorities have been filed, referred to committees, and are stuck there. Some have gotten a public hearing, voted out of committee, and are waiting to be put on the schedule for a floor vote. In the past, bills died waiting for a date to be brought to the House or Senate floors.

We must make sure that good bills are passed out of committees and get a vote on the floor. We must let our elected officials know that we are not going to be happy with them if they run out the clock, and don't let bills dealing with legislative priorities pass.

Please let your House Legislature, State Senator, the TX Speaker, and Lt Governor know you want our legislative priorities to pass. For specific bill numbers and status go to <https://www.texasgop.org/lp-bill-list/>

To contact the TX Speaker go to <https://house.texas.gov/members/speaker/>

For the Lt Governor go to <https://www.ltgov.texas.gov/>

For your Legislature and Senator you can find their contact info in our directory. If you are not sure who represents you go to <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>

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Calendar of Events

May Board Meeting
TBA

May Meeting
May 18th

Jennifer Groszman

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PRW May Meeting



PRW May Meeting May 18th, 2021

Abraham George **Senate District 8 SREC Committeeman** **Legislative Update**

Abraham George is a business owner, family man and a servant leader. Born and raised in India and legally immigrated to United States in 1996 when he was 16 years old. He was born as a "Pastor's Kid" his parents currently serve as Christian missionaries in India.

He advocates commonsense approach to public policy, properly managed immigration, and believes lower taxes on businesses and individuals will create better jobs, lower unemployment rates, and stronger economy.

He has served as the Board member of Collin County Conservative Republicans, Vice Chairman for Collin County Republican Party and Currently serve as the SREC Committeeman for Senate District 8. He is assigned to Legislative Priorities Committee, Auxiliary and Coalitions Committee, and is the chair of Religious Freedom Priority for Republican Party of Texas. He is married to Jeena, a registered nurse, and they have two children attending PISD, Eleven-year-old daughter Sarah, and seven-year-old son Abel.

Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

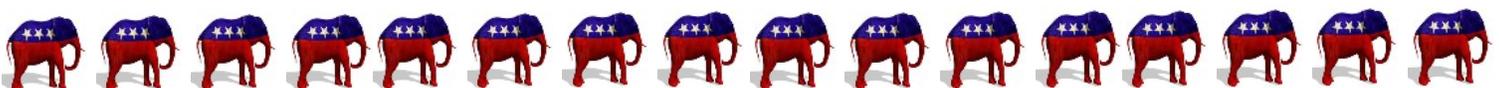
Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

**Lunch is available for \$25.00 with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, May 14th, 2021**

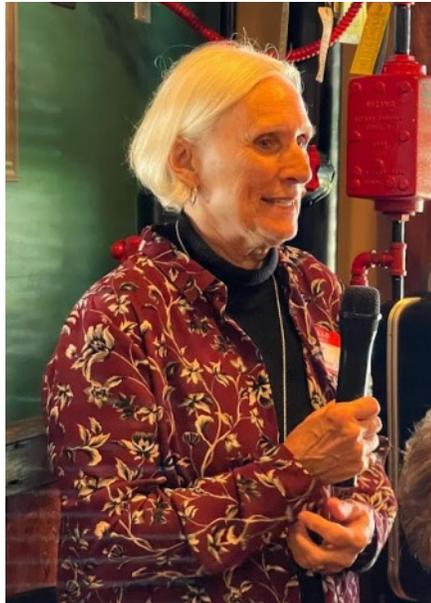
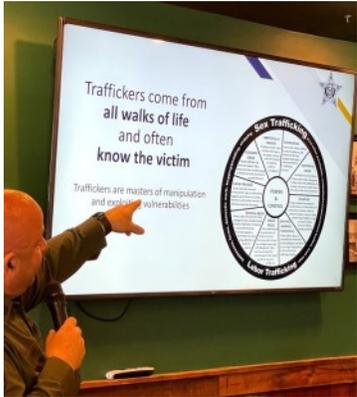
RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting
We welcome guests and visitors to our General Meeting. Members, please bring a friend!

To RSVP send an email to: rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

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



April Meeting Photos





Legislative Report



Dear Friends,

Another week is behind us and I'm happy to report it's been a productive one, including the passage of multiple bills safeguarding the Texas Miracle and setting our state on a path to an even brighter future ahead. Here's the rundown...

THE BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET - Last night, after over 10 hours of floor debate and nearly 240 amendments, I was proud to join a unanimous Texas House in voting for the passage of our biennial state budget. The total two-year budget, totaling nearly \$245 billion, is fiscally conservative while fully funding the priorities and core competencies of our state government. After working for many months with my legislative colleagues to craft the budget, I'm happy to report that I kept the promises I made to you, the citizens I am elected to serve and advocate for.

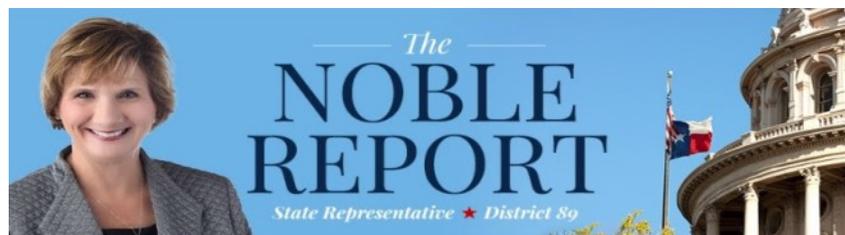
We fully funded public education. We strengthened public safety, including over \$800 for border security. We invested in healthcare, including over \$1 billion to community mental health programs for adults, children and crisis services. We invested smartly in our infrastructure. We fully funded the state's "Alternative to Abortion" program, meeting women and their families at the point of their need with necessary resources and services.

And we did all of this - and much more - without raising taxes or fees on hardworking Texans - just like we promised we'd do. At this point, the House and Senate will confer on the differences between our two budgets and work diligently in the remaining days of session to get a smart, conservative, bold budget to the Governor's desk by the time session adjourns in late May.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - STATE PARKS FOR OUR HEROES: I'm happy to report that HB 1341 - which will provide free entry to Texas State Parks for active military, veterans, law enforcement and first responders - passed UNANIMOUSLY in the Texas House yesterday. This isn't just about not having to pay a fee, this is about giving our veterans and first responders access to the therapeutic qualities our state parks can offer them. Thank you to all of our state's heroes - especially to my dear friend Matt Foster who deserves credit for this great idea - for all you do to keep us safe, secure and free.

LOOKING AHEAD: In the next 7-10 days we can expect to hear a number of important bills including many bills that I have authored. This includes my legislation protecting our businesses, healthcare institutions, churches and non-profits, schools and others from frivolous lawsuits relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as House Bill 19, my legislation cracking down on commercial vehicle lawsuit abuse while at the same time providing a fair, reliable framework for injured Texans to be able to have their day in court to seek justice. We'll also take up and consider many bills on education, healthcare, our fundamental liberties and freedoms and public safety.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY! - My office is now accepting applications for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP), an educational scholarship opportunity for a deserving Texas student aspiring to serve through military service. Additional details outlining the TASSP application process and requirements may be found [here](#).



I can't believe there are now only 38 days left in the 87th Texas Legislative Session. So much yet to do, so little time.

For a bill to have a chance of making it onto the House Calendar, the time is running out for it to get heard and voted out of committee. Therefore, we heard a lot of bills in both Ways & Means and Human Services this week. We also

held several "formal" meetings for all my committees. A "formal" is when we don't have an agenda except to vote out bills. These are held at odd times but are usually fairly quick meetings.

Once a bill is voted out of committee, it takes several days for the committee report to be completed and sent to the Calendar Committee. Once it is sent to the Calendar Committee, it may then be selected to be put on the House Calendar (this is when it is voted on by our body). The Calendar Committee folks are very popular right now on the House Floor because we need at least one of them to champion



Legislative Report

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our bills that are on their potential list. I currently have 8 bills that are somewhere in this process: voted out of committee and sent to the Calendar Committee. Working to get these bills set is a top priority for me.

This week the House did a couple of big bills.

First, there was a 24 page “clean up” bill for House Bill 3, which we did last session, to fund schools. You might remember that bill: Texas completely redid the formula for financing schools and bought down a significant part of property owners’ school tax bill. On Wednesday, we not only looked at the bill as presented, but we also considered 23 proposed amendments to that bill. This was a good bit of the floor debate on Wednesday.

Yesterday, we tackled a Constitutionally mandated task for the Legislature: passing our State’s budget for the next two years. (By the way, this is something that our Federal Government hasn’t done in 20 years. I’m not Texas bragging, but then again, maybe I am.) It wasn’t that long ago that the outlook for our Texas budget looked bleak, but I must say that the economic recovery in Texas is making this task easier than I anticipated. We did cut approximately 4.5% from the budget that we passed two years ago, but fully funded education and other Constitutional obligations.

Having a balanced budget that meets our Constitutional and spending limits is a monumental task that begins well before we ever meet in Austin in January. Those who serve on the House Appropriations Committee spend many hours combing through all the needs before the budget ever gets to the House Floor. The budget is broken down into 12 different parts, called Articles. The House Committee has sub-committee chairs who oversee various Articles, so the work is divided into working groups who really know what they’ve approved. I’m grateful for all the work they do on our behalf.

Now comes the tricky part: if what a Representative wanted, or needed for a bill, wasn’t included in the budget, they must file a “rider” or an amendment to the budget. Yesterday, we had to deal with 240 proposed Amendments. That makes for a long day, but it was actually shorter than I anticipated. We fended off amendments that would have funded abortion providers and expanded Medicaid (I’ve written more on that below). The House version of the budget was finally passed at 10:25 last night.

I wanted to mention a couple of things that have popped up in questions from constituents this past week.

First of all, Texas, in a 20-year bipartisan effort, has had a waiver with the federal government to provide healthcare choices for those on Medicaid. These waivers, dating back to the Obama administration, have been widely successful in keeping our rural hospitals funded and also in giving our Medicaid recipients choices and access to their care. Our current waiver was set to expire on September 30, 2021, and was extended for an additional 10 years near the end of Trump’s term. Last Friday, the Biden Administration announced that they were canceling this extension. This is an \$11 billion blow to our state, our indigent care, and our Texas hospitals in rural areas. This is on top of all the costs we are incurring as a state because of the border situation. Texans, no matter their financial status, want three things when it comes to healthcare: affordability, access, and control over their choices. Let me be clear: adding able-bodied folks to our Medicaid rolls will not help our vulnerable and needy population already on Medicaid. Nor will it help folks get care, since so few doctors accept Medicaid. A number of states such as Ohio, California, and New York that have expanded Medicaid are now struggling to pay for other priorities in their state budgets--like public education and transportation infrastructure--as the costs have greatly exceeded expectations and enrollment has far outpaced projections. California had \$32B in cost overruns (278% over its projected costs), Ohio had over \$7B in overruns (nearly double projected costs), while both Ohio and NY have had to propose hundreds of millions in cuts to Medicaid because of budget shortfalls. We will continue to seek to renew our waiver prior to the September 2021 expiration, so that our neediest and most vulnerable Texans will continue to have access to the care they need.

The second of these issues that I’ve heard from constituents about is the funding from the Covid money from the Federal Government. Much of the first two allotments (passed during the Trump Administration) were used to keep our schools fully funded and to “hold harmless” for three semesters. “Hold harmless” means that schools were given funds for their usual number of students enrolled, even if they didn’t enroll during this past year. For many of our area schools, this was a significant increase in funds, and without it, the schools would have been left in a terrible bind. The questions I’ve heard concern the funds that were allocated most recently. These funds have not yet been sent to Texas. It is my understanding that these funds have not yet been sent to any state, as we all await guidance on how these funds may be allocated to education and other Covid cost needs around the state. It is a much-discussed topic around the Capitol on who will have the authority to distribute these funds once the guidance is clear and the funds have been sent to Texas. I’ll be following these decisions closely as we want our schools to be made as whole as possible following the crazy year they have endured.

It comes as a surprise to some of you that I actually write these Noble Reports myself. In last week’s report, I talked about House Bill 1927 and erroneously gave Rep. Matt Krause the credit as the author of that bill. The correct author is, of course, Rep. Matt Schaefer, and though they share a first name, and are good friends, they are not interchangeable. The funny part is that no one pointed out my mistake: I literally woke up in the middle of the night and realized my own error. Oh well.

I’m excited to be coming home later today for a few hours with my family. There won’t be many more opportunities left to do that in the days ahead.

Till next time.....

Candy Howe

Political Cartoons

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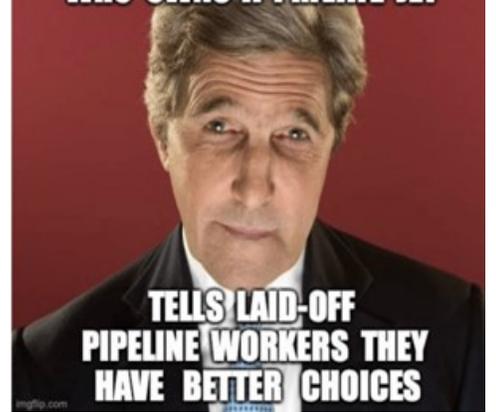
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JOURNALISM



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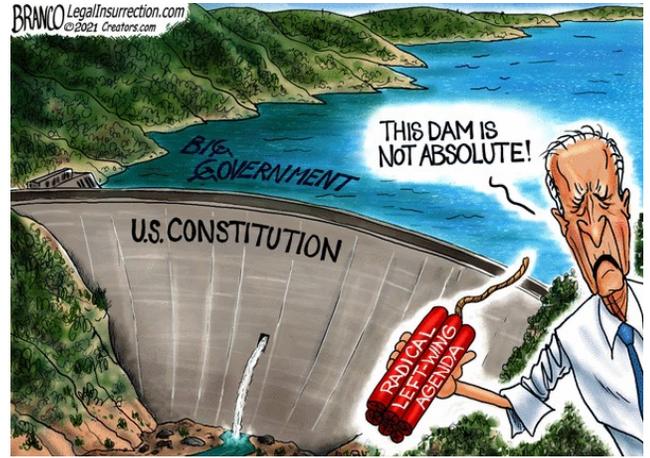
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Constitutional Minute Series

The General Welfare Clause is not about writing checks

By: Mike Maharrey | Published on: Aug 28, 2014 |

When challenged on the federal government's constitutional authority to create welfare programs, meddle in education or run a national healthcare system, progressives will almost always appeal to the "general welfare clause."

Huffington Post columnist Paul Abrams demonstrated this line of thinking in a March 9, 2011, piece.

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 grants the United States government the unqualified and unlimited power to raise and spend money, for example, to: provide healthcare for the elderly (or for everyone); provide old-age pension; build roads, bridges, train tracks, airports, electric grids, libraries, swimming pools, housing; educate our children, re-train the unemployed, provide pre-school and day care; fund public health projects; invest in and conduct basic research; provide subsidies for agriculture; save the auto industry; create internets (sic); and, yes, Tea Party Senator Mike Lee (R-UT), even provide emergency aid from natural disasters, and so forth. All subsumed under the authority to spend for the general welfare.

The term "general welfare" actually appears twice in the Constitution. We find it first in the preamble and then in the opening line of Article I Sec. 8.

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States;

These words create something of a dilemma. Either the founders didn't really intend to create a general government of limited powers, or the general welfare clause doesn't really mean unlimited federal authority to do things beneficial to the nation as a whole.

The fact that the framers followed up the general welfare clause in Article I Sec. 8 with specific enumerated powers indicates the latter – a qualification on federal authority. If they had intended Congress should have the power to do virtually anything and everything to promote the general welfare, they wouldn't have bothered to include specific powers.

James Madison made this very point in a letter to James Robertson dated April, 20, 1831.

With respect to the two words general welfare, I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators.

Yes, promoting the general welfare falls among the responsibilities of the federal government, but it must do so within the scope of the specific powers delegated.

During the ratification debates, anti-federalists who opposed the Constitution, voiced fears that people like Abrams would come along and assert that the term "general welfare" granted unlimited power to the federal government. Supporters of the Constitution swore it would not. Even Alexander Hamilton, the framer most in favor of expansive federal power, conceded as much in Federalist 83.

This specification of particulars [the 18 enumerated powers of Article I, Section 8] evidently excludes all pretension to a general legislative authority, because an affirmative grant of special powers would be absurd as well as useless if a general authority was intended.

Madison specifically addressed the anti-federalist fears in Federalist 41.

For what purpose could the enumeration of particular powers be inserted, if these and all others were meant to be included in the preceding general power? Nothing is more natural nor common than first to use a general phrase, and then to explain and qualify it by a recital of particulars. But the idea of an enumeration of particulars which neither explain nor qualify the general meaning, and can have no other effect than to confound and mislead, is an absurdity, which, as we are reduced to the dilemma of charging either on the authors of the objection or on the authors of the Constitution, we must take the liberty of supposing, had not its origin with the latter.

Madison further illuminated the intended meaning of the general welfare clause in a letter to Edmund Pendleton dated 1793, pointing out that the phrase was lifted from the Articles of Confederation and was intended to retain its meaning in the new Constitution.

If Congress can do whatever in their discretion can be done by money, and will promote the general welfare, the Government is no longer a limited one possessing enumerated powers, but an indefinite one subject to particular exceptions. It is to be remarked that the phrase out of which this doctrine is elaborated, is copied from the old articles of Confederation, where it was always understood as nothing more than a general caption to the specified powers, and it is a fact that it was preferred in the new instrument for that very reason as less liable than any other to misconstruction.

So the words general welfare must mean something other than a grant of power for Congress to do whatever it pleased. What exactly did the framers mean?

Two words in the clause hold the key. **General** and **common**. The phrase simply means that any tax collected must be collected to the benefit of the United States as a whole, not for partial or sectional (i.e. special) interests. The federal government may promote the general welfare, or common good, but it must do so within the scope of the powers delegated and without favoritism.

April Meeting Photos



Bidens Neglect to Say 'Jesus' During Easter Message, Use It to Push Vaccine

Commentary by Isa Cox, April 5, 2021

These days, a growing number of Christians opt to refer to Easter Sunday as “Resurrection Sunday” to distinguish it from the cultural traditions of egg hunts, spiffy hats and brunch.

Our president of the United States, who we have been emphatically assured is a [Devout Catholic](#)[™], meanwhile, made no mention whatsoever of any resurrection or anyone who may have once been resurrected during his first Easter Sunday address.

He did manage to include gratuitous language on the ongoing pandemic, however, and adamantly urged Americans to get the coronavirus [vaccine](#).

This was a choice he and his handlers in no way felt was at all irreverent, divisive or provocative as millions of the nation’s Christians were celebrating their most sacred holiday, apparently.

Yes, Biden failed to mention the Lord Jesus Christ in his Easter comments to the nation, but he did manage to mention Pope Francis, although this seems to have had more to do with the pontiff’s support for vaccination than it did the particular day of the liturgical calendar.

First lady [Jill Biden](#) joined her husband as he wished Americans the “warmest Easter greetings” by way of a video posted to the official presidential Twitter account.

Biden mentioned in passing a “most holy day” as he squinted at the teleprompter, heroically executing his albeit slightly [slurred words](#) with near-complete coherence, for once, although his spouse appeared somewhat anxious he could at any time fall headfirst into yet another headline-grabbing slip of the tongue.

The first couple offered Americans words of the most general and benign nature about “light shining in the darkness” as Christ is described in the Gospel of John. Rather than this light as the good news of Christ’s atoning sacrifice and victory over sin and death, the first couple seemed to think this “light” was rather the hope that we will overcome coronavirus if we all cooperate and get our jabs.

Dr. Jill said that the “traditions of Holy Week” take us on a “journey from sorrow to salvation,” although what this journey is and who went on it are not mentioned. Moreover, the use of the word “traditions” signaled heavily that this was not inherent, fundamental truth that Americans are celebrating on Easter Sunday, but rather the kind of unoffensive, squishy ideas like “hope” and “peace” that progressives like to reference when trying to be generous to those of devout faith.

It was at this point that the halfhearted attempt to pay homage to a major Christian holiday converted into a PSA as Biden piped up again to take a firm and bold stance on a major ethical debate within broader Christendom.

“We share the sentiments of Pope Francis, who has said that getting vaccinated is a moral obligation, one that can save your life and the lives of others,” he declared, almost defiantly of anyone who would dare suggest otherwise.

“By getting vaccinated and encouraging your congregations and your communities to get vaccinated, we not only can beat this virus, we can also hasten the day when we can celebrate the holidays together again,” he continued.

Well, there went any inkling that this was really just a nice, heartfelt Easter message from the first family amid one of the most divisive periods of American history.

This is not the first time that Biden has sidestepped a mention of a person of the triune God on a Christian high holiday.

The now-first couple’s [Christmas message](#) in 2020 was similar. While then-President Donald Trump’s address on the holiday pointedly began, “More than 2000 years ago, God sent his only begotten son to be with us,” Biden’s simply celebrated our “common humanity” and “what we were called to do for one another.”

The rest of the sanitized holiday message made no mention of *who* calls and was better suited for Americans who prefer placating niceties in lieu of an established moral worldview than it was for devout Christians.

It might concern you that the president of the United States is pushing a major Christian holiday to encourage a widescale government vaccination program.

It absolutely should concern you that he felt more emboldened to politicize this message than he did dare to mention the name of the Lord he claims to serve.

The Democrats prefer these politically correct platitudes to fundamental truth because at the end of the day, their party platform is predicated on statism rather than theism, the latter of which the American system was founded on.

Biden has made clear what he believes the American public should revere — the state, not the God who gave us the rights the Founding Fathers intended to limit the state from infringing.

King Lays Out Bill to Keep Outside Cash From Influencing How Texas Elections Are Run

By Erin Anderson|April 9, 2021

In 2020, at least \$36 million in “ZuckBucks” went to targeted local election administrators in Texas. Zuckerberg funneled \$400 million to local election administrators nationwide.

Lawmakers heard public support on Thursday for a ban on using private money to administer Texas elections—a practice that had an unprecedented influence on voting in 2020.

“This is a new phenomenon that I think should be very disturbing to anyone,” State Rep. [Phil King](#) (R–Weatherford) told the House Elections Committee at a [public hearing](#) on [House Bill 2283](#), his bill to [keep outside money from influencing how Texas elections are run](#).

King said elections should be administered with government funds that are transparently appropriated through a government process, with uniform rules and disclosures about how the money is spent.

But without rules on the books prohibiting the practice, third parties were able to inject unlimited amounts of cash into select local election offices in the run-up to last year’s presidential election, opening the door to outside influence and creating an unfair distribution of voting resources.

In 2020, county election administrators across Texas received [at least \\$36 million in outside cash](#) from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, in the form of grants to “promote safe and reliable voting” during the Chinese coronavirus outbreak.

The Texas grants were part of \$400 million Zuckerberg funneled to local election administrators across the country, primarily through the Center for Tech and Civic Life, a nonprofit run by Obama-era Democrat political operatives.

In Texas and elsewhere, the huge cash infusions boosted budgets of select election offices, skewing turnout and results in targeted areas—largely Democrat-controlled urban centers. While grants financed by the social media mogul went to 115 of the state’s 254 counties, the bulk of [Texas’ ZuckBucks](#) went to election offices in Dallas and Harris, Democrat-dominated counties that account for almost a quarter of all registered voters in the state.

[Dallas County received \\$15 million](#), the largest grant awarded and more than double the annual budget of the county’s elections department. Harris County received \$9.6 million. “Because states didn’t have the policies in this bill, one billionaire was able to play an outsize role in election administration in almost every single state,” said Alli Fick with Opportunity Solutions Project, testifying for HB 2283.

“These grants were touted as meeting the challenges presented by COVID-19, but much of it went to non-COVID items like social media advertising,” Fick said.

Harris County election officials used some of their ZuckBucks to set up [“drive-thru” voting](#)—something Texas law doesn’t allow for. Counties also used the extra cash to boost mail-ballot voting, a process more vulnerable to fraud and manipulation that Democrats want to make universal, and on general “voter outreach” messaging.

HB 2283 would prohibit county election administration offices from taking contributions from any private third party or spending money not appropriated by their local governing body. King said a revised version of the bill (called a committee substitute) allows in-kind contributions of food and cash donations up to \$1,000 if approved by the commissioners court.

“What we’re worried about is millions of dollars coming into Texas from outside sources,” King said. “Everything in government should be very transparent,” he added. “This is not transparent.” King said Denton County declined to accept the private money to avoid even the appearance of undue influence and because “elections must be fair and equal.”

Elections Director Keith Ingram testified the Texas secretary of state’s office also turned down ZuckBucks. “We never for a moment considered taking one of those grants,” Ingram told the committee. “We didn’t want the appearance of impropriety.”

Robert Green with the Travis County Republican Party said King’s bill “deserves complete bipartisan support” because of the potential for manipulation and undue influence. Travis County’s Democrat elections administrator received \$1.1 million in ZuckBucks.

Other Republicans who spoke at the hearing agreed with Green, while representatives of the Texas Democrat Party and Libertarian Party of Texas opposed the bill, saying election offices are underfunded and local officials can be trusted to spend outside cash without bias.

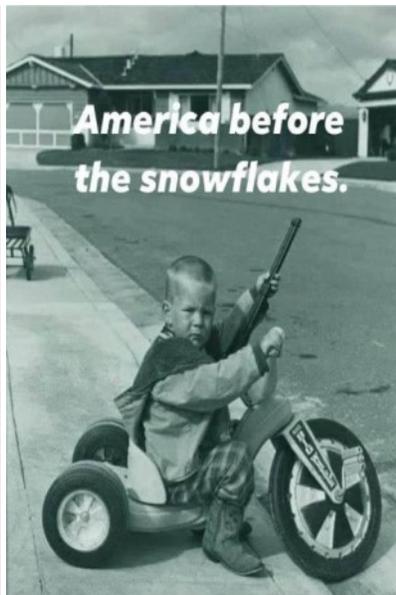
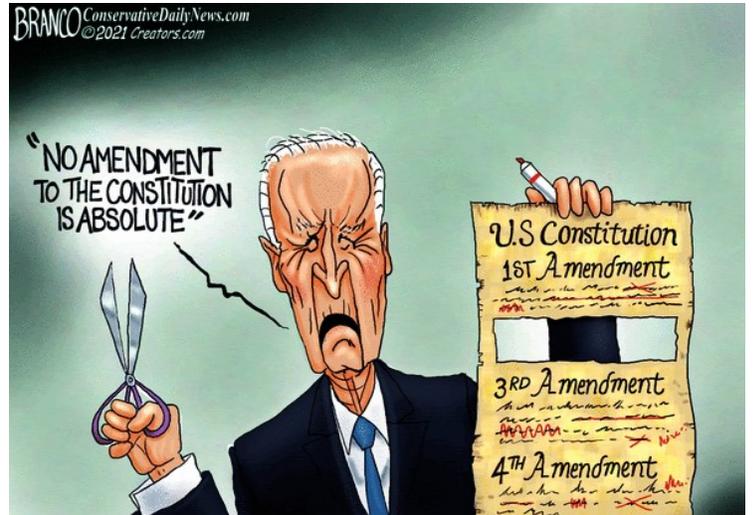
King said it doesn’t matter where the money comes from; using private cash to administer Texas elections bypasses transparency and accountability and opens the door to outside influence. “This is just bad for the election process.”

Several states have passed or are considering similar bans. Prohibitions on private third-party funding of elections are also part of other election integrity bills working their way through the Texas Legislature, including Republican-priority omnibus [Senate Bill 7](#).

King said he will amend HB 2283 to clarify state funds and federal grants are not precluded, then committee members will vote on whether to advance the bill during a future meeting.

Texans can [contact their representatives](#) and [Elections Committee members](#) to comment on the bill. Details about bills, along with resources to help citizens participate in the legislative process, are available at [Texas Legislature Online](#).

Political Cartoons



Chairman West's Monday Message for 4.12.21

LTC Allen West - The Real American Crisis: Executive Power

The Absolutism of Tyranny

"So long as we govern our nation by the letter and spirit of the Bill of Rights, we can be sure that our nation will grow in strength and wisdom and freedom."

-- President (General and Texan) Dwight D. Eisenhower

"No Amendment is absolute."

-- Resident (and career politician) Joe Biden

Good Monday morning to everyone! The two aforementioned quotes tell us all we need to know about the abysmal depths to which we have devolved in America. Yes, there is a great difference between a man who served his nation in uniform and rose to the rank of General and became President, and the current resident of the White House.

Eisenhower took an oath to the Constitution of these United States of America and completely understood the letter and spirit of our rule of law. Sadly, today there are current and former Generals -- such as SecDef Lloyd Austin -- who seem to have forgotten their oaths to the Constitution as they support an ideology that stands in sharp contrast to those immutable principles.

What Joe Biden asserted last week should disturb every American, well, at least those who are not mindless lemmings, progressive socialists. Joe Biden, and his delusional laughing sidekick Kamala Harris, embrace a notion that they can cancel our individual rights with a stroke of a pen. The first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America are referred to as our "Bill of Rights," individual rights. If Joe and Kamala truly believe that no amendment is absolute, then we can only deduce the following: Tyranny and totalitarianism are absolute.

Biden's comment is not one of unity, but one of conformity, something we wrote about in [previous](#) Monday Messages. The last time Americans faced such a tyrannical perspective was with a fella named King George III. It is unconscionable that anyone calling himself an American president would say such an absurd thing, and the reason [I will no longer refer to Joe Biden as such](#) . . . unless he apologizes to the American people.

Biden's comments came as he was declaring Executive Orders that have an undermining effect on our Second Amendment rights. And, resident Biden should understand that no Executive Order can negate our constitutional rights unless he deems himself now Dictator Biden in his deranged mind.

Consider this: if no amendment is absolute, then do we have *any* First Amendment rights? I suppose our freedom of religion, speech, expression, and the right to petition our government for redress of grievances are subjective, open to debate, or elimination based upon another Executive Order.

Biden's support for a national Red Flag Law means that he doesn't see our Fourth Amendment right as absolute either. Hheck, just go ahead and declare Antifa the new Brown Shirts, or Gestapo, and have them knock on doors, without a warrant, and seize legally owned firearms of law-abiding citizens.

And our sovereign States can just forget that whole Tenth Amendment folly, right? After all, no amendment is absolute so the federal government can just be the repository of all power, and nothing is "reserved to the States and the People."

Hey, since no amendment is absolute, then I suppose that means the Democrats can once again institute slavery. Why not, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments -- all passed by Republicans -- that freed slaves, made them citizens, gave them equal protection under the law and the right to vote, can be taken away with the stroke of an Executive Order signature as those amendments are not absolute.

Women, what happens to the Nineteenth Amendment -- again, supported by and advanced by Republicans -- giving y'all the right to vote? Biden says it is not absolute.

Hey Joe, since no amendment is absolute, then let's dump that Sixteenth Amendment:

"The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

So all your rhetoric about raising taxes for your insidious leftist policies, well, we say "no." Oh, I get it, your definition of what is absolute only applies to the leftist ideological agenda, of which individual liberty, freedom, and sovereignty do not exist.

Why must Joe Biden's statement of "no amendment is absolute" resonate with us here in Texas? Because Texas must be the embodiment of America, it must reflect the insights derived from the quote of a native born Texan, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Texas has to stand against such totalitarian absolutism in order to give America the fighting chance to survive this onslaught.

This is why our 87th legislative session is *vital*, along with our eight Legislative Priorities, plus the one deemed the "Chairman's Priority."

Chairman West's Monday Message for 2.1.21

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election integrity, monument protection, religious liberty, constitutional carry, ending the murder of unborn children, ending child gender modification, school choice, ending taxpayer-funded lobbying, and curtailing executive overreach. These must be passed out of the House and Senate and signed into law.

America needs Texas to be Texas: strong, resolute, and defiant in the face of tyranny.

Joe Biden has clearly shown those of us here in Texas that he cares little about our safety, security, and sovereignty. He has abdicated his duty and responsibility to defend our Republic and has opened our borders to an illegal immigration invasion, as well as enabling terrorist infiltration. He wants us disarmed and does not see our rule of law, and our individual rights as 'absolute.'

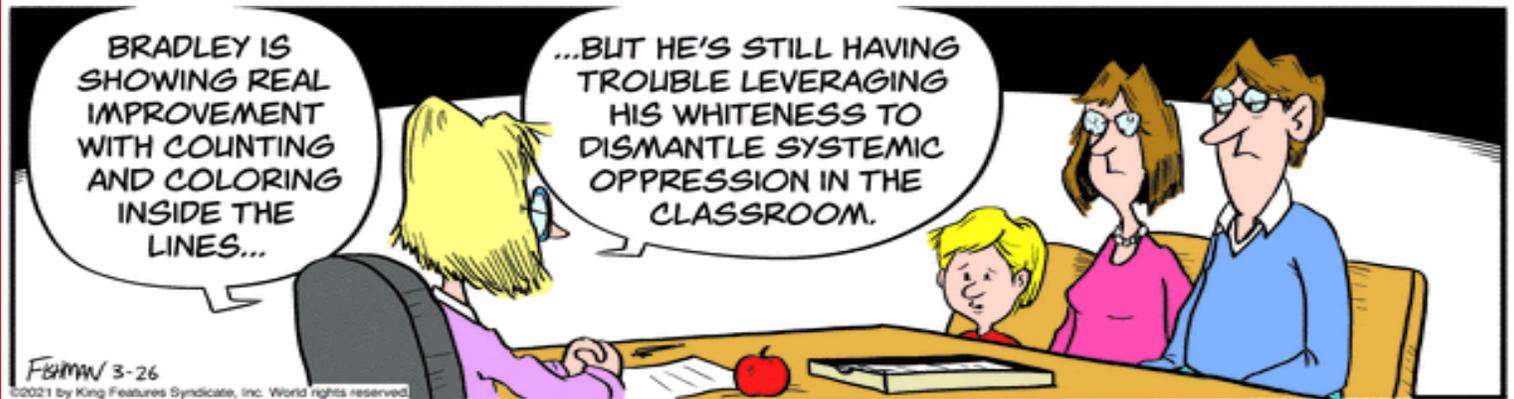
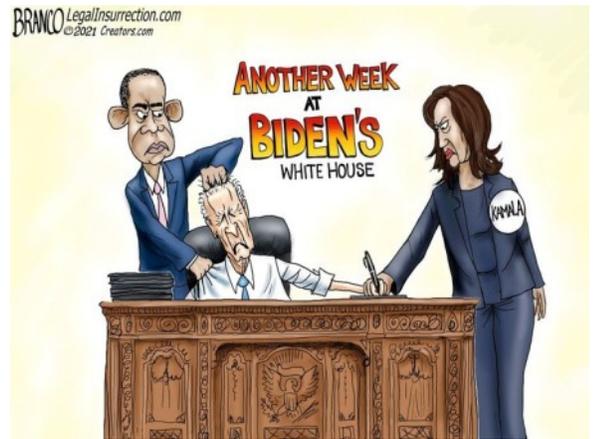
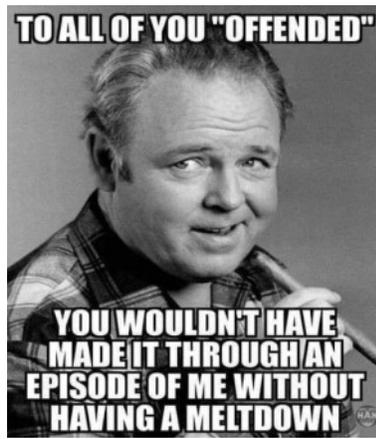
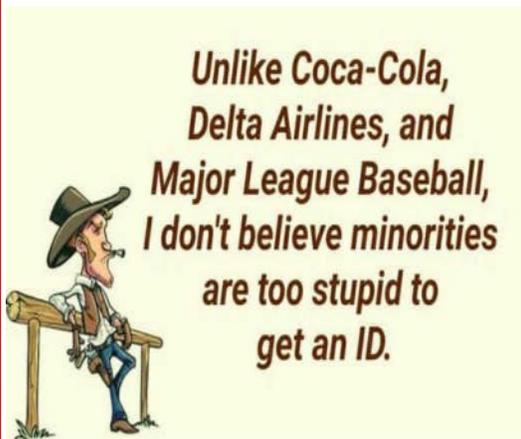
We should not be surprised. After all, he did cancel the 1776 Project and supports the nonsensical [Critical Race Theory](#) that holds the view that America was established in 1619.

Jimmy Carter has now lived long enough to see two individuals be worse than he was as an occupant of our White House. Carter may have been weak and ineffective, but I never saw him as a danger to the very foundation of our Constitutional Republic. Barack Hussein Obama and Joe Biden are. And, we will not surrender or retreat to this dangerous philosophy of governance that believes it can subjectively determine which of our constitutional Bill of Rights they accept . . . or any of our Constitution for that matter. Biden's, Obama's, next target is Article III of our Constitution, the judicial branch.

Just know this *absolute* fact: when Texas leads, America succeeds.

Steadfast and Loyal,

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Texas House Speaker is Choosing Not to Protect Women's Sports

By [Jacob Asmussen](#) | April 23, 2021

The speaker has obstructed proposed laws to protect women's sports—but citizens still have time to act.

AUSTIN — As school-aged girls across the country face the threat of men stealing their sports scholarships and opportunities, one of Texas' top state officials has been obstructing proposed laws to protect young women's athletics.

In the Texas House, there are currently two proposed laws to stop male competitors from intruding on women's sports teams.

House Bill 4042 would ensure male students would not be allowed to compete on specific women's K-12 interscholastic athletic teams, while a similar bill, **House Bill 1458**, would clearly define school athletic teams—including higher education—as “only students of the same biological sex; or students of both biological sexes.”

“A biologically male student may not participate in an athletic team ... that is designated for participation by only biologically female students,” reads HB 1458.

However, Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan has thus far set up the proposed laws to fail in the legislative process.

Regarding HB 1458, Phelan sent the proposal to his appointed House State Affairs Committee—where his appointed chairman, State Rep. **Chris Paddie** (R–Marshall), has done nothing on the bill for nearly two months despite citizen lobbying.

Phelan sent HB 4042 to his appointed House Public Education Committee—where his appointed chairman, **Democrat State Rep. Harold Dutton** (Houston), hosted a hearing but thus far has not allowed a committee vote on the bill.

“That bill is probably not going to make it out of committee,” Dutton **told** Hearst Newspapers this week. “We just don't have the votes for it. ... But I promised the author that I'd give him a hearing, and we did.”

“I believe this bill is critically important to protect fair play in women's sports,” said HB 4042's author, State Rep. **Cole Hefner** (R–Mount Pleasant). “I appreciate Chairman Dutton giving this bill a hearing and believe it deserves an up- or downvote.”

Phelan also appointed the members of that committee—six Democrats and seven Republicans—with one of the Republicans, State Rep. **Dan Huberty** (Kingwood), already indicating he will join Democrats in voting against the protections for women's sports.

Furthermore, the Texas Senate actually passed their **identical companion version** of the bill, but Phelan then sent that to Dutton's public education committee as well. As additional background, Phelan was one of only three Texas House Republicans to receive a **positive grade from Equality Texas**, a pro-LGBT advocacy organization.

The proposed laws come amid a growing wave of policies and stories across the country imperiling women's athletic opportunities and even scholarships.

The NCAA currently allows biological men to compete in girls' sports and is even threatening to move championship games away from Texas if state lawmakers chose to pass the bills protecting women.

There is also a growing number of unjust instances, such as Connecticut high school track and field athletes Selina Soule, Chelsea Mitchell, and Alanna Smith, elite women runners who have missed out on regional and state athletic opportunities, college scouts, and potential scholarships because men were allowed to intrude in their sport. Two biological male students entered and dominated their field, winning 15 women's track championships that were previously held by nine different women. Mitchell lost state championship titles to a male athlete four times.

“Title IX was designed to eliminate discrimination against women in education and athletics, and women fought long and hard to earn the equal athletic opportunities that Title IX provides,” **said** Christiana Holcomb, legal counsel for the nonprofit Alliance Defending Freedom. “Allowing boys to compete in girls' sports reverses nearly 50 years of advances for women under this law. We shouldn't force these young women to be spectators in their own sports.”

“It is a physiological fact that men and women are built differently,” reads an ADF **article**. “Men have more muscle mass, larger hearts, and greater bone density.” “Simply reducing hormone levels—the prescription most sports have adopted—does not solve the problem,” said tennis legend Martina Navratilova, who **wrote** that a biological man competing as a woman is “insane” and “cheating.” “A man builds up muscle and bone density, as well as a created number of oxygen-carrying red blood cells, from childhood. Training increases the discrepancy.”

“Girls deserve to compete on a level playing field,” concluded Holcomb. “Forcing female athletes to compete against boys is grossly unfair and destroys their athletic opportunities.”

More than 30 states are considering similar laws, but the Texas Legislature is running out of time in its legislative session, with only 37 days left to consider and pass new laws.

Concerned citizens may **contact their state representatives.**

Meet the Candidate Informal Coffee





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Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!

All the best,

*Diane Perkins, Political Action Chair
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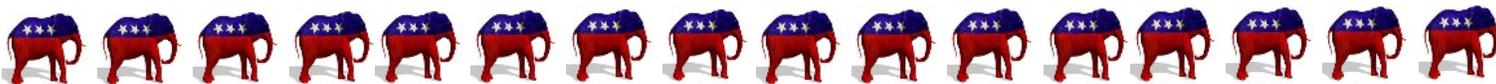
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