

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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February 2022

President's Byline



The cost of weakness is all around us, we are living in a time when petty dictators or oligarchs run unchecked by the weakness of our current president. History shows weakness in leadership never works. Prior to World War II, Chamberlain gave the Nazis parts of Czechoslovakia thinking this would stop them from grabbing more territory. We all know how that turned out, the Nazis marched through Europe unchecked, and the Japanese took advantage of the situation to expand their empire. World War II was enabled because of weakness in political leadership in the Western World.

Currently, Putin is trying to bring back the power of the former Soviet Union by retaking Ukraine. Putin is like a shark smelling blood in the water. Economic sanctions will not work because Biden has strengthened Russia by supporting the Nord Stream 2 European pipeline and by shutting down our Keystone pipeline, he has raised the cost of oil. Making Europe dependent on the Russians, funding the invasion of Ukraine by filling the Russians coffers with oil money.

What about the rest of the Western World? Can't they fill the power vacuum left by Biden. Germany has Olaf Scholz as chancellor. He is part of the German Social Democrat Party, a bunch of socialists very unlike the conservative Christian Democrat of Angela Merkel. Olaf Scholz was the Vice President of the International Union of Socialist Youth from 1987 to 1989. The Ukrainians will get no help from this socialist because he will be too busy over the next few years weakening Germany by doing out of control spending and passing dangerous leftist social reforms.

In France, President Emmanuel Macron is another liberal who will give pretty speeches and try to lecture Putin like former President Obama. Sorry guys but the power of spoken words is meaningless if there is no strength behind them.

Canada has a new dictator, a Leftist who will not tolerate political protesting in opposition to his madidates. Justin Trudeau used to be *just* the Prime Minster but in a power grab over truckers trying to stop government overreach from out-of-control COVID madidates, Trudeau has declared Martial Law on Canadian citizens. In the Feb 17th edition of the New York Post, Trudeau defended his action for evoking the "Emergencies Act" in response to trucker protests, calling the move a "last resort" as law enforcement in Ottawa have warned demonstrators of "imminent" action. A frightening pattern we are seeing also in New Zealand and parts of Australia. If you don't want what happened in Canada here, keep Leftist out of power!

These truckers have now been arrested, had their trucks seized, their bank accounts frozen, credit cards canceled and all other assets including cryptocurrency frozen. He also blocked donations to support them under an anti-terror law. The most frightening part of what happened in Canada on the Ambassador Bridge, between Detroit and Canada was the response from the US. Biden gave a half heart speech at a press conference about support-

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 3rd, 2022
PRW Board Meeting
11:30 Napolis—West Plano

Precinct Conventions
March 5th, 2022
Collin College—Frisco

Tuesday, March 15, 2022
PRW General Meeting
11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano

PRW Presidents Byline

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ing free speech and Democrat Gov. Gretchen Whitmer offered the Michigan National Guard to help Canada attack it's citizens and remove them by force from the Ambassador Bridge. All while Biden sits quiet.

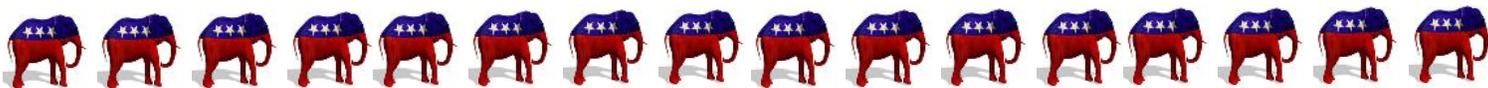
Don't like what you are seeing in the world? You shouldn't because it is what happens when leftist and socialists take over. The Democrats have been taken over by socialist with out-of-control spending, social legislation designed to destroy social norms and remove personal autonomy. Parents treated as second-class citizens to their children's education by indoctrination of liberal policies. Why, because this puts the reins of leadership in the hands of the few and discourages thinking.

Right this minute, Biden is putting the fence back around Congress in preparation for his March state of union address. Why do they need that fence? Because they are worried about "right wing" protestors like in Canada. Biden is simply **too weak** to be in the Leader of the Free World. He is Jimmy Carter 2.0.

But the winds, they are changing, we have strong conservative Republicans at every level trying to fix what is being destroyed. More people than ever are running for Republican office especially women. This year is so important, you are so important. Republican women are the backbone of this country. We support traditional family values and conservatism. We support autonomy and personal freedom through life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are community and political leaders. We are mother and grandmothers. We will hold onto our Republic and protect our Constitution. The Founders of this country were phenomenal men and women. This year it's our turn to take up the reins of freedom and hold onto them. We will not live under the yoke of weakness and oppression that socialism brings.

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Plano Republican Women 60th Anniversary Celebration

Announcements will be arriving in the mail in early March 2022. Our 60th Celebration will be held at the Plano Event Center on Saturday May 7th. Please join us to commemorate this milestone for our club. Payments can be made at the March general meeting or mailed to Plano Republican Women at P.O. Box 94046 | Plano, TX 75094-046 |. Payment needs to be received by April 12, 2022.

Members and other invited guests will also receive emails with complete information. If you have questions, please contact me debbyarrant@verizon.net.



Debby Arrant
3rd VP, PRW
60th Anniversary Chair

PRW February Meeting

PRW Meeting - March 15th, 2022

Rebekah Warwick Heritage Action for America



"Turning conservative ideas into reality by holding lawmakers accountable to their promises"

Rebekah Warwick is the Central Regional Coordinator for Heritage Action for America.

She has been with Heritage Action for over seven years, covering the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana. Prior to Heritage Action Rebekah worked for the Majority Whip of the Colorado Senate Republicans and on various local campaigns in the Denver Metroplex.

As Central Regional Coordinator, Rebekah partners with 4,000 Heritage Action Sentinels and over 125,000 grassroots activists to hold lawmakers accountable and advocate for conservative policies. She is an experienced public speaker and regularly hosts trainings with activists on how to influence the policy debates at the federal and state level. Her editorials have been published in the Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Rebekah holds bachelor's degrees in history and political science. Rebekah is married to an Army veteran and they live in Mansfield with their two daughters.

Heritage Action Mission:

Heritage Action turns conservative ideas into reality on Capitol Hill. Heritage Action holds lawmakers accountable to their promises to advance the conservative principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

They work directly with federal lawmakers inside and outside of Washington—the only way to bring about the conservative policies that hold true to our Founding Fathers' ideals. Heritage Action exists to ensure that these ideals are not only maintained but flourish, both now and for future generations.

Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

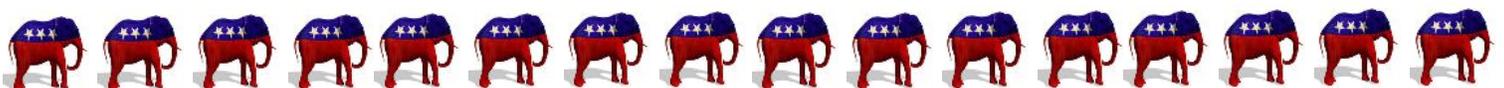
Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

**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, March 11th, 2022**

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

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

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





Legislative Report

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OFFICE OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN VAN TAYLOR

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District Updates / Upcoming Programs

- **United States Service Academy Nominations:** Congressman Taylor announced his nomination of thirty-nine students from Texas' Third Congressional District to the United States Service Academies. Applications for a nomination to attend one of our Nation's prestigious Service Academies for the Class of 2027 will be available in the coming weeks.
- **Valentines for Veterans:** Congressman Taylor joined students at Harry McKillop Elementary in Melissa to kick off his annual Valentines for Veterans program. In honor of National Salute to Veteran Patients week, Congressman Taylor invites elementary school students to create valentines that will be hand-delivered to veterans at the VA North Texas Healthcare System. Greetings can be mailed or dropped off at Congressman Taylor's Plano office by February 10, 2022.



Congressman Taylor Joins Letter to Reopen the National Personnel Records Center

- On [January 24, 2022, Representative Taylor joined over 100 of his colleagues in sending a letter to the National Archives and Records Administration \(NARA\) Archivist urging him to restore on-site personnel to full capacity at the National Personnel Records Center \(NPRC\).](#)
- The NPRC is responsible for housing a number of military personnel records that veterans and their dependents need to qualify for a range of benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.
- On January 10, 2022, NARA officials announced that the NPRC was going to revert back to a 25% in-person staff.
- This letter urges NARA to report on their plan to re-open the NPRC to full capacity and remediate the current backlog in a briefing open to all Member of the House of Representatives no later than February 7, 2022.
- This letter is in addition to Representative Taylor's support for H.R. 3710, the *RECORDS Act of 2021*, legislation that directs the NPRC to fully re-open and issue a report to Congress on efforts to eliminate the backlog of benefits for veterans.

Congressman Taylor Joins Letter Urging the IRS to Stop Fines for Taxpayers Caught in Backlog

- On January 26, 2021, Representative Taylor joined 190 colleagues in sending a letter to Treasury Secretary Yellen urging to reduce the IRS backlog and bring relief to taxpayers.
- Specifically, this letter requests the IRS consider the following measures to bring immediate relief to taxpayers, and reduce the backlog, during this tax filing season:
 - ◊ Halt automated collections from now until at least 90 days after April 18, 2022;
 - ◊ Delay the collection process for filers until any active and pending penalty abatement requests have been processed;
 - ◊ Streamline the reasonable cause penalty abatement process for taxpayers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic without the need for written correspondence;
 - ◊ Provide targeted tax penalty relief for taxpayers who paid at least 70 percent of the tax due for the 2020 and 2021 tax year; and
 - ◊ Expedite processing of amended returns and provide TAS and congressional caseworkers with timely responses.
- As of December 23, 2021, the IRS had a backlog of 6 million individual income tax returns and 2.3 million amended individual tax returns. In addition, the IRS has 2 million Employer Quarterly Tax Returns that must be processed before the nearly 500,000 amended Forms 941 can be processed.

To stay up to date on legislation or to let Congressman Taylor know your thoughts on critical issues, please sign up for Congressman Taylor's e-newsletter at VanTaylor.house.gov and follow him on social media @RepVanTaylor.

February PRW Photos





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



March is Women's History Month

Two years ago, in February of 2019 the following issues were topics in the PRW newsletter: property taxes, the border, woke-ism (though the term wasn't in use yet), climate change, socialism, school finance reform, national debt, and Federalizing voting law. And this picture. Maybe this is how AOC got the idea for her 'Tax the Rich' dress.



Women's History Month

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to society and history that is observed during the month of March in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. In the U.S., it's been officially celebrated since March of 1987.

As you read this, put yourself front and center. You are one of the women making history.

In researching for this article, I am even more impressed than I expected to be. Men may be more historically noted, but women are the backbone of America. Yes, this means you. The definition of backbone includes "the foundation or most substantial or sturdiest part of something; firm and resolute character. At the risk of sounding sexist, and though it's changed somewhat in the last 50 years, women give more than men. Women keep businesses and bosses organized. Women keep families loved and fed. Women make a house a home. Women heal, and comfort, and volunteer, and strive with love and selflessness. And though men are capable, it just isn't usually the same. Women are, by God's design, caregivers and supporters. America would not be the country it is today without these contributions. (I'll concede that men had some contributions too. ☺)

Women's History Month goes back all the way to 1978. That is when a Sonoma, California school district participated in Women's History Week during the week of March 8th. March 8th is International Women's Day, so it seemed appropriate, at that time, to begin the celebration of Women's History Week around that day. While the participation of this Californian school district in Women's History Week didn't seem all that relevant at the time, it would become very relevant a year later in 1979. That is when a 2-week long conference about women's history was held beginning July 13th, 1979. This conference was co-sponsored by groups such as the Smithsonian Institute, Sarah Lawrence College, and the Women's Action Alliance and when they learned of the celebration held in that Sonoma school district the prior year, they decided to get to work to create a National Women's History Week.

By February of 1980, their work had made it all the way to the White House and a month later, U.S President Jimmy Carter would proclaim March 8th, 1980 as National Women's History Week. During his proclamation, he stated how both men and women helped build the United States; how women are the unsung heroes of history and how their contributions are so often unnoticed by society in general. A year later, Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah and Representative Barbara Mikulski co-sponsored a Joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming Women's History Week – beginning March 7th, 1982. Over the next several years, schools all across the country began to expand Women's History Week into Women's History Month. By the time 1986 arrived, 14 states had declared the month of March as Women's History Month.

The National Women's History Project petitioned Congress in 1987 to establish a Women's History Month – which they did when they passed Public Law 100-09 on March 12th, 1987 – that designated the entire month of March as Women's History Month. Over the next several years, Congress would pass more laws that request and authorize the President to proclaim March as Women's History Month. And all U.S Presidents have issued annual proclamations to that effect ever since 1988. Today, it is celebrated by individuals and schools all over the country.



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For a sample of notable women, consider these fabulous, courageous, inventive, whimsical, alluring, revolutionary women who shaped America: Abigail Adams, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Susan B Anthony, Elizabeth Blackwell, Eleanor Roosevelt, Helen Keller, Amelia Earheart, Katharine Hepburn, Rosa Parks. These women were all born before 1930 and are in order by birth date. They all lived in our beloved America.

It is impossible to make a dent in covering even a small percentage of notable women. So I've chosen to share a small part of the story of Mary W Jackson. I recently watched the movie "Hidden Figures", and in June 2020 NASA named its Washington DC headquarters building after the late Mary W. Jackson, the agency's first Black female engineer and an aeronautics expert. (A virtual ceremony was held on February 26, 2021.)

Mary Winston was born on April 9, 1921 and grew up in Hampton, Virginia. After graduating from the all-black George P. Phenix Training School with highest honors, she graduated from Hampton Institute in 1942 with a dual degree in math and physical sciences. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha. Jackson served for more than 30 years as a Girl Scout leader. She was noted in the 1970s for helping African American children in her community create a miniature wind tunnel for testing airplanes. She initially accepted a job as a math teacher in Calvert County, Maryland. She would work as a bookkeeper, marry Levi Jackson and start a family, and work a job as a U.S. Army secretary before her aerospace career would take off.

In 1951, Jackson was recruited by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), which in 1958 was succeeded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She started as a research mathematician, or 'computer' in the segregated West Area Computing Section, at the Langley Research Center.

In 1953, she needed to take graduate-level courses in mathematics and physics to qualify to be an engineer. They were offered in a night program by the University of Virginia, held at the all-white Hampton High School. Jackson petitioned the City of Hampton to allow her to attend the classes. After completing the courses, she was promoted to aerospace engineer in 1958, and became NASA's first black female engineer.

Jackson worked as an engineer in several NASA divisions and ultimately authored or co-authored 12 technical papers for NACA and NASA. She worked to help women and other minorities to advance their careers, including advising them how to study in order to qualify for promotions. After reaching the highest level available, she continued to work at NASA to address the hiring and promotion of the next generation of female mathematicians, engineers and scientists until her retirement in 1985. Her supervisor eventually suggested she enter a training program that would allow Jackson to earn a promotion from mathematician to engineer. Because the classes were held at then-segregated Hampton High School, Jackson needed special permission to join her white peers in the classroom. Jackson completed the courses, earned the promotion, and in 1958 became NASA's first Black female engineer. For nearly two decades during her engineering career, she authored or co-authored research numerous reports, most focused on the behavior of the boundary layer of air around airplanes. In 1979, she joined Langley's Federal Women's Program, where she worked hard to address the hiring and promotion of the next generation of female mathematicians, engineers, and scientists. Mary retired from Langley in 1985.

The work of the West Area Computing Unit caught widespread national attention in the 2016 Margot Lee Shetterly book "Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race." The book was made into a popular movie that same year.

In 2019, President Donald J. Trump signed the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act that posthumously awarded the honor to Jackson, who passed away in 2005, and her "Hidden Figures" colleagues Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Christine Darden.

For more details including a list of awards and honors, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Jackson_\(engineer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Jackson_(engineer)) and these other sources: <https://www.nasa.gov/modernfigures>, <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Jackson_\(engineer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Jackson_(engineer)), <https://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/womens-history-month/>, <https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasa-names-headquarters-after-hidden-figure-mary-w-jackson>, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Mary_Jackson.



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February Quote



"I may be the first woman member of Congress, but I won't be the last."
—Jeanette Rankin

Support our Border Patrol

Collecting:

Antibacterial Wipes, Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Disposable plastic gloves (Large, XLarge), \$10 to \$20 Fast Food Gift Cards,

Gatorade (individual packets) to add to water bottles on the go.

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

Ways to Engage - Be an advocate/activist

If you are not as engaged as you want to be, please consider what else you can add to your battle plans in this fight for America. There are dozens of ways to make a difference. Now is the time for conservatives to get engaged. Being the silent majority is not working. Here are some opportunities to engage:

Contact your representatives, local, state and federal:

Call, Write, Email, Visit in person

With mid-term elections in November:

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

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

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

Be an election worker:

Poll greeter (no training required)

Election clerk (training is available)

Election judge (training is available)

City positions are critical too:

School Board, City Council, Planning and Zoning

Other ways to engage and be informed:

- Attend other meetings – You'll learn more ways to engage. You'll be more informed, you'll be entertained, and you'll be encouraged and energized by being with like-minded people.
- Heritage Action - <https://heritageaction.com/about-sentinel> - 'Sentinel' program for advocates/activists
- Plano Conservatives on <https://nextdoor.com/>
- Texas Scorecard - <https://texasscorecard.com/texas-minute/>
- Plano Citizens' Coalition - <https://planocitizenscoalition.org/>
- Texas Eagle Forum - <https://www.texaseagleforum.com/>
- True Texas Project - www.TrueTexasProject.com - also has an advocate option
- Heritage.org - <https://www.heritage.org/> - The World's Leading Think Tank for Policy Impact
- Citizens for Free Speech - www.CitizensForFreeSpeech.org - advocate arm, Citizen Ninja (training)
- Save Our Elections - www.SaveOurElections.com

Stand up. Speak out. Reach out.

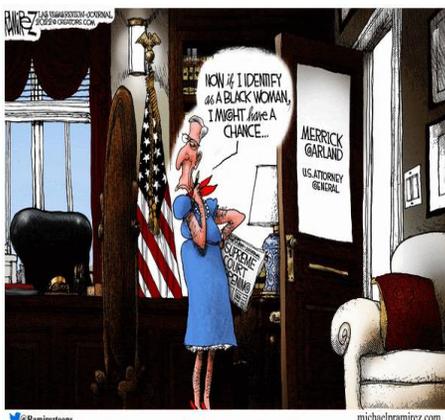
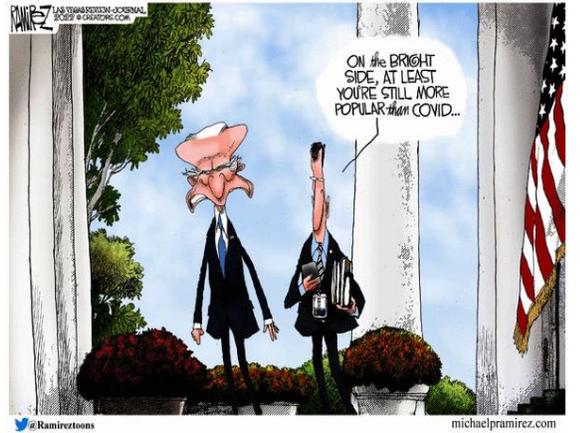
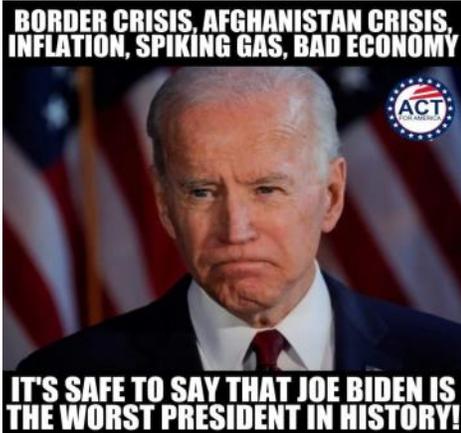
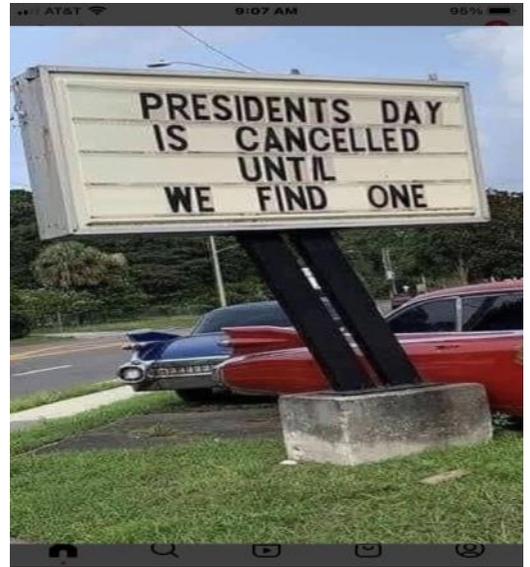
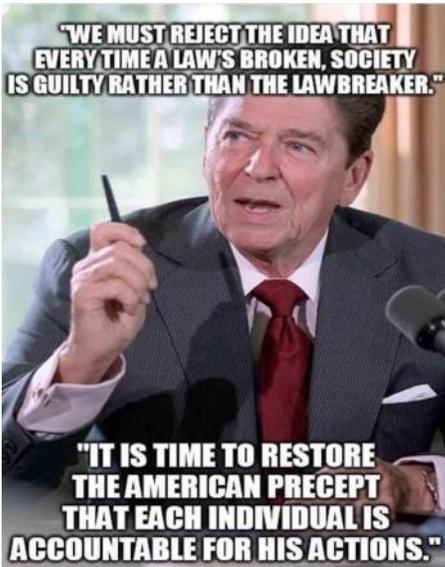
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Texas Republican Party Platform

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Political Cartoons



Constitutional Minute Series

The Myth of Marbury v Madison

By: [TJ Martinell](#) | Published on: Mar 8, 2015 |

The common understanding of the famous Marbury v. Madison case is that it established the authority of the Supreme Court to determine what the Constitution says. From there, it's held that the Court gets to determine the limitations placed on the federal government as well as the states. In short, the rest of the federal government, and the states, are bound by what the Supreme Court decides.

But is that the truth? A paper from Northwestern University School of Law Constitutional Theory Colloquium Series seeks to clear up the myths associated with the Marbury decision. In the first sentence of his 2004 paper, "[The Irrepressible Myth of Marbury](#)," Michael Stokes Paulsen sets the mood for the rest: Nearly all of American constitutional law today rests on a myth.

"A long, long time ago — 1803, if the storyteller is trying to be precise — in the famous case of Marbury v. Madison the Supreme Court of the United States created the doctrine of 'judicial review.' Judicial review is the power of the Supreme Court to decide the meaning of the Constitution and to strike down laws that the Court finds unconstitutional."

This myth, he continues, allows the Supreme Court to dictate what the Constitution means via "opinions," i.e. ex cathedra pronouncements. Though those rulings are supposed to be binding and create a firm precedent, this doesn't stop them from being overruled by future courts.

"Nearly every feature of the myth is wrong," Paulsen writes. "For openers, Marbury v. Madison did not create the concept of judicial review, but (in this respect) applied well-established principles. The idea that courts possess an independent power and duty to interpret the law, and in the course of doing so must refuse to give effect to acts of the legislature that contravene the Constitution, was well accepted by the time Marbury rolled around, more than a dozen years after the Constitution was ratified."

This was "well-recognized in the courts of many states for years prior to Marbury, was contemplated by the Framers," and defended in ratification debates.

Alexander Hamilton also addressed this in [Federalist No. 78](#), writing that the Constitution itself was supreme over any law or ruling.

The interpretation of the laws is the proper and peculiar province of the courts. A constitution is, in fact, and must be regarded by the judges, as a fundamental law. It therefore belongs to them to ascertain its meaning, as well as the meaning of any particular act proceeding from the legislative body. If there should happen to be an irreconcilable variance between the two, that which has the superior obligation and validity ought, of course, to be preferred; or, in other words, the Constitution ought to be preferred to the statute, the intention of the people to the intention of their agents. . . .(emphasis added).

Yet, Paulsen says, the power of judicial review was "never understood by proponents and defenders of the Constitution as a power of judicial supremacy over the other branches, much less one of judicial exclusivity in constitutional interpretation."

Incidentally, nowhere in the Constitution is the court given supreme authority over the other two branches. The Constitution itself, instead, was declared to be supreme, not the will of individuals holding federal office tasked with enforcing it.

Additionally, the Paulsen states that [Chief Justice Marshall's opinion on the Marbury](#) case makes no claim of judicial supremacy. Taking Marshall's statements out of context misrepresents what he and others considered the power of judicial review, which Paulsen defines as:

A coordinate, coequal power of courts to judge for themselves the conformity of acts of the other two branches with the fundamental law of the Constitution, and to refuse to give acts contradicting the Constitution any force or effect insofar as application of the judicial power is concerned."

In other words, what Marshall and other justices were arguing in Marbury v. Madison wasn't the idea of judicial supremacy, that the Supreme Court was the highest authority in the government. Their argument was that the judicial branch of the federal government derived its authority to interpret and apply the provisions within the Constitution from the Constitution itself. It did not derive its powers from the other two branches, but from the same document from which they received theirs.

Within the historical context of political science, this was a new and revolutionary idea. Marshall states that the Supremacy Clause "confirms and strengthens the principle, supposed to be essential to all written constitutions, that a law repugnant to the constitution is void; and that courts, **as well as other departments**, are bound by that instrument" (emphasis added).

"The logic of Marbury implies not, as it is so widely assumed today, judicial supremacy, but constitutional supremacy — the supremacy of the document itself over misapplications of its dictates by any and all subordinate agencies created by it," Paulsen writes.

As an example of distorted statements, he cites an oft-quoted statement from Marshall's opinion that "It is emphatically the province and duty

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of the judicial department to say what the law is.”

Taken by itself, it may sound like he is arguing for judicial supremacy. But, Paulsen claims, not only does this quote ignore relevant statements in the same paragraph, but it is just paraphrasing Hamilton from Federalist No. 78 in which he says “[t]he interpretation of the laws is the proper and peculiar province of the courts.”

Marshall goes on to write “Those who apply the rule to particular cases, must of necessity expound and interpret that rule. If two laws conflict with each other, the courts must decide on the operation of each.”

Paulsen argues that this concept of judicial independence is wholly separate from judicial supremacy, in which the Supreme Court’s opinions are considered binding on all other branches of government, including the states.

“This is a far cry from a claim of judicial supremacy,” Paulsen writes. “It is merely a statement that, when performing the judicial task calls for deciding whether an act of Congress departs from the Constitution, the courts are up to the task. It is within the judicial province to make such a determination, and to make it independently of what Congress has determined.”

If this is the case, it bears little resemblance to the modern Supreme Court, which has joined hands with the other two branches of the federal government in violating the Constitution by issuing rulings that not only uphold their unconstitutional behavior, but go beyond even its own authority.

And this is defended under the concept of judicial review, in which the Supreme Court gets to decide the legality of any legal decision regardless of what the Constitution itself says and all branches of the government are bound to enforce their decision. Almost all of these problems plaguing constitutional law, Paulsen believes, are the result of “the fundamental betrayal of Marbury’s premises and Marbury’s logic.”

Correctly read, Marbury stands for constitutional supremacy rather than judicial supremacy,” Paulsen states. “And constitutional supremacy implies strict textualism as a controlling method of constitutional interpretation, **not free-wheeling judicial discretion**” (emphasis added). While Paulsen’s critique of the Marbury Myth is insightful and refreshing, it also indirectly demonstrates a fatal flaw in the federalist system without the power of the states to check unconstitutional authority via nullification: What if the Supreme Court, or any branch of the federal government, go beyond their constitutional authority and simply issue rulings based on their own beliefs and consider them binding on the whole nation? What if all three do so simultaneously or fail to check the others?

The fear of a tyrannical courts was expressed by anti-federalist “Brutus” (likely Robert Yates, a politician and judge) who wrote in **Anti-Federalist 78-79** that there was nothing to prevent judges from supplanting the plain meaning of the text with their own misinterpretation.

There is no power above them, to control any of their decisions. There is no authority that can remove them, and they cannot be controlled by the laws of the legislature. In short, they are independent of the people, of the legislature, and of every power under heaven. Men placed in this situation will generally soon feel themselves independent of heaven itself.

Fortunately, Jefferson and Madison foresaw this problem arising, as well. They understood that the obvious problems with giving the federal judiciary the exclusive authority of enforcing the limits of the Constitution. It was on this basis they crafted the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions. In those resolutions, they declared that the states, which had created the federal government, were “duty-bound” to resist unconstitutional acts no matter which branch they originated from.

As Jefferson stated in the Kentucky Resolution:

That the several States composing, the United States of America, are not united on the principle of unlimited submission to their general government; but that, by a compact under the style and title of a Constitution for the United States, and of amendments thereto, they constituted a general government for special purposes — **delegated to that government certain definite powers, reserving, each State to itself, the residuary mass of right to their own self-government;** (emphasis added) **[T]hat the government created by this compact was not made the exclusive or final judge of the extent of the powers delegated to itself; since that would have made its discretion, and not the Constitution, the measure of its powers.**(emphasis added)

If the judiciary failed to defend the Constitution, Jefferson wrote, nullification was the “rightful remedy,” and the Myth of Marbury, which Paulsen’s paper attacks, is a perfect example of why.

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—RAND PAUL



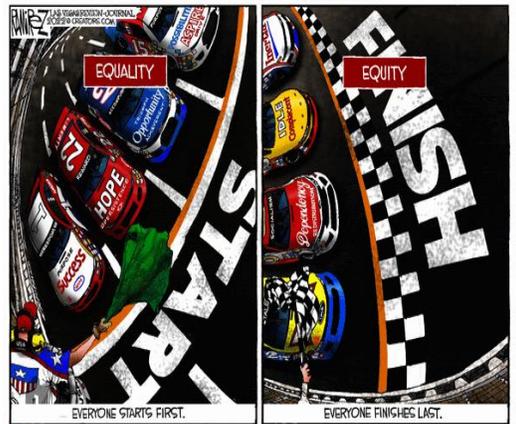
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How Bill Gates Secretly Partnered With China — And Sold Out The American People

By Seamus Bruner, DailyWire.com

Earlier this month, renowned mRNA tech developer Dr. Robert Malone sat down with Daily Wire host Candace Owens to discuss, among other things, the “mass formation psychosis” theory of COVID-19.

In a particularly illuminating exchange, Malone examined Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates’ role in the COVID-19 pandemic. Malone did not have kind words for the tech billionaire and suggested that Gates was not the brains behind Microsoft’s coding, but rather a cutthroat businessman who parlayed his domination of the computing industry into domination of the global health industry.

“Bill Gates was not a coder. He was not a software engineer. That’s not his gift,” Malone said, claiming that Gates “built Microsoft on the bones of IBM and everybody else.” Malone went on to suggest that, rather than creating and maintaining a superior product through constant innovation, Gates cornered the computing market with anti-competitive practices because he “is a monopolist....an excellent monopolist.”

After facing harsh anti-trust penalties for Microsoft’s anti-competitive practices in the late nineties, Gates set up his eponymous foundation and began funneling billions into so-called charitable initiatives. The re-branding effort was effective and over the past 25 years, Gates became an unlikely expert in everything from viruses to vaccines — despite having no background in medicine. Indeed, Gates now dominates the global health industrial complex because, according to Malone, a “tiger can’t change his stripes.”

But even before Gates became a global health expert, before he built his foundation to rehabilitate his image, and even before the Department of Justice penalized his company for anti-competitive practices, Gates engaged with America’s number one adversary.

Over the past thirty years, the American software salesman slowly but steadily built a close relationship with the Chinese communists. The decades-long relationship began with Gates issuing favorable statements for the authoritarians in Beijing which then led to a series of investments and partnerships that have proved very lucrative for the software salesman and his companies. America’s top competitor gained vast amounts of technological capabilities and intellectual property, and Gates got richer.

GATES SAID CCP CENSORSHIP WAS NOT POSSIBLE BUT MICROSOFT HELPED CCP DO IT

As my colleague Peter Schweizer details in his new book, Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win, Gates has “always underestimated the repressive nature” of the CCP due to his “techno-optimism.” By 1995, Gates was downplaying the CCP’s effort to censor the then-fledgling internet — efforts he deemed were doomed to fail unless the repressive regime planned to have soldiers looming over the shoulders of every internet user. China disagreed and began ramping up censorship efforts shortly after Gates claimed it was not possible.

Not only was Gates wildly wrong about China’s ability to censor its population, his company actively helped China do it. By 2005, the CCP had erected its notorious “Great Firewall” and Microsoft was helping them censor words and phrases like “democracy,” “human rights,” “freedom of expression,” “Tibet independence,” and “Tiananmen incident,” on the Microsoft blogging application called MSN Spaces. When a user typed one of the forbidden phrases in, Microsoft gave them an error message. According to Amnesty International, “following a request from Chinese authorities,” Microsoft banned a Chinese journalist and critic of CCP censorship Zhao Jing in December 2005.

Shockingly, at the same time Microsoft was helping the CCP ban journalists, Bill Gates was still repeating the lie that censorship was not possible. At a lecture to Stanford students in 2008, Gates told students that he did not see “any risk in the world at large that someone will restrict free content flow on the internet.” Gates was emphatic: “You cannot control the internet.” No one accuses Bill Gates of being dumb so what was his reasoning for such an absurd statement?

In addition to his own company’s facilitation of CCP censorship, Gates pushed for Google to capitulate to the Beijing anti-free speech regime. In 2010, when news that Google was fighting against China’s restrictions on search results — Gates sided with the CCP, prompting the Chinese embassy to put out a statement emphasizing that “Bill Gates bats for China.”

At the time, Gates again tried to downplay the CCP’s censorship capabilities, stating “Chinese efforts to censor the internet have been very limited.” “It’s easy to go around it,” Gates said, without offering evidence. After years of Gates repeatedly downplaying the CCP’s censorship capabilities (while actively helping to bolster them), his claim that “keeping the internet thriving [in China] is very important,” felt a bit like gaslighting.

Just last year, Microsoft was accused of censoring information about the Tiananmen Square massacre on its Bing search engine — not just in China, but also in the United States. Microsoft claimed this was due to “accidental human error.”

Outsourcing American Jobs and partnering with Chinese Military on AI

Gates’ CCP appeasement did not end with his work reinforcing the Great Firewall, however. He also helped offshore American jobs to China. Microsoft, like so many other tech companies in the late 1990’s and early 2000’s, sent hundreds of high paying jobs to China. When the government in Beijing criticized Gates for not outsourcing more American jobs, Microsoft promised to redouble its efforts.

As if helping a repressive regime stifle dissent and outsourcing American tech jobs to China were not enough, Gates also helped China gain a competitive edge in an industry with serious military implications: artificial intelligence (AI). In 2019, Microsoft partnered with a Chinese military-backed university to work on AI research.

Less than five years ago, Microsoft personnel worked with China’s National University of Defense Technology (NUDT) to produce three research papers on AI. The CCP’s Central Military Commission oversees NUDT projects and thus Microsoft benefits from “long-running links to Chinese military-funded academia,” including partnerships with various “Tech Clubs” at multiple Chinese military-linked universities. To this day, Chinese military researchers likewise benefit from Microsoft’s AI intellectual property.

More shocking than that, Microsoft actually hired People’s Liberation Army (PLA) recruits as interns at one of its research centers in Asia. Gates’ company did other favors for the Chinese military as well. Microsoft allowed Chinese government officers to access the company’s Skype servers to monitor the videoconferences and messages of civilians.

Essentially, if civilians were critical of the communist regime or planning to organize a protest on Skype, Microsoft allowed government “thought police” to

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monitor (and ostensibly interdict) this activity — an obvious human rights violation. When questioned about this egregious activity, Microsoft's Skype issued a throwaway statement: "Skype's mission is to break down barriers to communications and enable conversations worldwide."

It gets worse. In 2015, Microsoft expanded its ties with the Chinese military when it announced it would be working with the CCP's state-owned military connected conglomerate, China Electronics Technology Group (CETC). Microsoft won a huge payday through the partnership with CETC to provide "operating system technology and services for Chinese users in specialized fields in government institutions and critical infrastructure state-owned enterprises."

CETC was the beating heart of the CCP's digital military industrial complex. CETC's labs, in Schweizer's words, "designed the electronic guts for China's first nuclear bomb, as well as its guided missiles and satellites." *Computer World* and other western press outlets were critical of Microsoft's move to partner with CETC given the "very blurred lines" between the civilian and military missions of CETC and the fact that the company supplied "the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and government agencies and state-run companies with technology products."

The Microsoft-CETC deal was shady from the start. In order for the CCP's military electronics conglomerate to adopt the Microsoft platform, the latter had to make changes to its operating system (which Microsoft has admitted doing). But Microsoft has thus far refused to publicize what those "changes" were.

Microsoft was not the only Gates company working to advance the CCP's military capabilities. While Microsoft helped the Chinese communist regime's *digital* capabilities, a company that Gates launched in 2008 called TerraPower helped advance the CCP's *nuclear* capabilities.

TerraPower was a "next-generation" nuclear reactor company that ostensibly was only working civilian nuclear power technology. Gates' wanted TerraPower to become a major nuclear reactor company in China generating power for civilian use. But in 2011, TerraPower began a partnership with yet another military-linked company: China's state-owned China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC).

The American Nuclear Threat Initiative blasted CNNC for being "involved in the development of China's nuclear energy program, both civilian and military." Indeed, the State Department has repeatedly warned that the CCP leverages "its large, rapidly-growing, state-sponsored nuclear industry as a strategic tool with which to augment China's 'comprehensive national power'—both through development in the civilian sector *and* in support of a military buildup."

Gates either did not know or did not care that his efforts might help the Chinese military gain a nuclear advantage over the U.S. His partnership CNNC came to a screeching halt during the Trump administration when "policy changes" made TerraPower's relationship with CNNC untenable. The Pentagon released a list of 20 companies tied to the CCP's People's Liberation Army and CNNC's inclusion on that list forced Gates to cut ties.

But Gates was undeterred. "The TerraPower thing, that was a setback," Gates told Chinese state-run media, "but there are ways to come back and engage China in a fairly deep way later in the project."

In addition to Gates' collaboration with the communist regime's military on digital and nuclear projects, he promoted a Chinese technology company tied to the PLA. The company, Build Your Dreams (BYD), has an innocuous name but nefarious connections. The BYD, according to an Alliance for American Manufacturing study, gives the Chinese military an alarming level of access to its technology and research data.

For example, BYD boasted of its "strategic cooperation" with the China Academy of Launch Vehicle technology (CALVT) in 2018. CALVT is state owned and has the "largest research and production base of missile weapons and launch vehicles in China." Shockingly (but not surprisingly), BYD's founder and CEO moonlights as a Chinese Communist Party official. These facts alone should have been enough for Bill Gates and his close friend Warren Buffet to avoid hyping the project.

Gates Gushes over Chinese Communist Party Leadership

Gates has long been close with CCP leadership. In 2006, when the CCP's then-Chairman Hu Jintao (Xi Jinping's predecessor) came to the U.S. for an official visit with President Bush, he first met with Bill Gates at his Seattle estate. ABC News recognized the Chinese leader's priority and ran a headline: "Chinese President Meets Bill Gates First."

More recently, Bill Gates has been complimentary of current CCP Chairman Xi Jinping. "The area of science, where China is now leading a lot of ways and willing to invest," Gates said, before boasting to a Chinese state-run media outlet, "that's been something I discussed with President Xi." Gates was star-struck by the dictator and could not help but mention "impressed [he was] of how hard President Xi works." Gates gushed on: "Now [President Xi] is involved in the committee that are looking at this problem and that problem. He's quite amazing that he's able to contribute in a number of ways."

What does all this mean? Schweizer summed it up nicely. It means that one of the richest men in the world was praising the leadership of a man who runs prison camps.

To this day, Bill Gates advises the Chinese communist regime through his "lifelong" membership at the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE). The CAE is controlled by Beijing's top political body: the Chinese State Council (CSC). The CSC has an innocent sounding name but it is at the center of the CCP's power structure—particularly the CCP's military industrial complex. As a foreigner, Gates' induction to the CAE required "strict political clearance."

When Dr. Robert Malone told the Daily Wire's Candace Owens that Gates "has systematically monopolized the global health response" to the Wuhan coronavirus, he was right to be concerned. The deep ties that Gates has to the communist regime where the Wuhan coronavirus originated (the most devastating global disaster in modern history) are even more alarming than his monopolist proclivities. Gates' pattern of praise and long history of partnership with America's top adversary should disqualify him from any role — monopolist or otherwise — in the global health response to the Wuhan coronavirus.

More information on Gates' budding relationship with the Chinese Communist Party can be found in the #1 New York Times bestseller Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win, where my colleague, investigative journalist Peter Schweizer, has revealed the shocking extent to which Gates has sold out the United States.

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The Liz Cheney Delusions

Derek Hunter, February 7, 2022

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Some people simply love themselves – a lot. Others hate people to the point that it consumes them. Most of the rest of us live somewhere in the in-between. But politics isn't about the in-betweens; it's about pandering to the extremes, either for votes, money, or both. That's why the radical left has embraced Republican Liz Cheney.

No one would have expected leftists to embrace Congresswoman Cheney, especially after 20 years of describing her father as the root of all evil while accusing her of picking up his mantle. Yet, politics makes strange bedfellows.

"10,000 SIGNATURES NEEDED BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT: Stand with Liz Cheney's FULL Investigation!" screams a fundraising email from the Democratic Strategy Institute. "ADD YOUR NAME TO STAND WITH CHENEY'S FULL INVESTIGATION." And yes, that is a direct copy/paste from their email. They write the way an animal licking a keyboard might, only less intelligently because they're supposed to know better. But it gets dumber.

"Liz Cheney committed to bringing Donald Trump to JUSTICE for his role in the January 6th insurrection," they continue. "Now Trump and his right-wing loyalists are attacking Liz to stop her investigation! Without enough public support, we'll NEVER be able to make sure that Trump is punished for his crimes."

What exactly is "Liz Cheney's FULL investigation!" is never explained. Cheney isn't heading any investigation, nor has she launched one of her own. She's a single member of Congress, no more imbued with powers to launch investigations than you or I are.

She is, however, a member of Nancy Pelosi's Democrat committee harassing conservatives for the "crime" of asking questions about how a senile old man who rarely left his house managed to get 81 million votes. That's easier, I guess, than just coming up with a rational, believable explanation.

Still, the stupidity of the left and the contempt they show for their supporters wasn't nearly done.

The email continues, "So Derek, we're reaching out to Washington Democrats to show mass support for the January 6th investigation. We need [402] more Washington signatures before midnight tonight." Oh, they're just 402 "signatures" away from stopping...er, starting...um...

They don't actually say what the signatures are supposed to accomplish in the email or the "poll" clicking their link sends you to.

"Can we add your name to our petition standing with the January 6th committee and their full investigation of the insurrection?" the first "question" reads on the "petition." How does "standing with" anyone ensure Congress, which is completely controlled by Democrats, will continue to do things they're already going to continue because they have nothing else on which to campaign?

Among the "questions" asked once you click the link is this beauty, "Did you know that there are still Republicans in Congress like Marjorie Taylor Greene, Ted Cruz, and Josh Hawley 100% committed to carrying out Trump's legacy and ruining Joe Biden's presidency?"

I'm old enough to remember when every Democrat did everything humanly possible to prevent President Donald Trump from accomplishing anything and everything while he was in office. Curiously, Democrats insist Republicans roll over and take a belly rub on command.

Also curiously, this organization, and all the others, rarely, if ever, refer to Donald Trump as "President Trump." The same thing happens, by the way, on liberal cable news. Biden and Obama are always referred to as "President," at least the first time they are referenced, as is the custom, particularly when writing. (Remember this next time some leftist whines about the "lack of civility" in politics.)

This is but one of seven left-wing fundraising emails I received this week exclusively using the idea of helping Liz Cheney as the hook to get into the wallets of fellow Democrats. If it didn't work, they wouldn't do it.

Frankly, they can have her. Cheney has been a disappointment, to say the least. Not because of how she votes – one vote in the House is meaningless right now – but by how she is obviously, as evidenced by how she's a fundraising star, a tool for the left, and is doing nothing to mitigate it. Have you seen her condemn these efforts? Condemn Democrats wrapping themselves in her as "evidence" that their investigation is somehow bipartisan or honest?

No, you haven't. And you won't.

Frankly, for as often as Democrats claim Cheney to milk their supporters of money, they can have her. To pretend she's still a Republican of any consequence at this point is to be just as delusional as those emails are.

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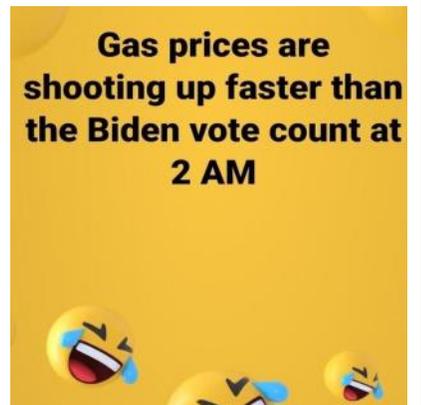
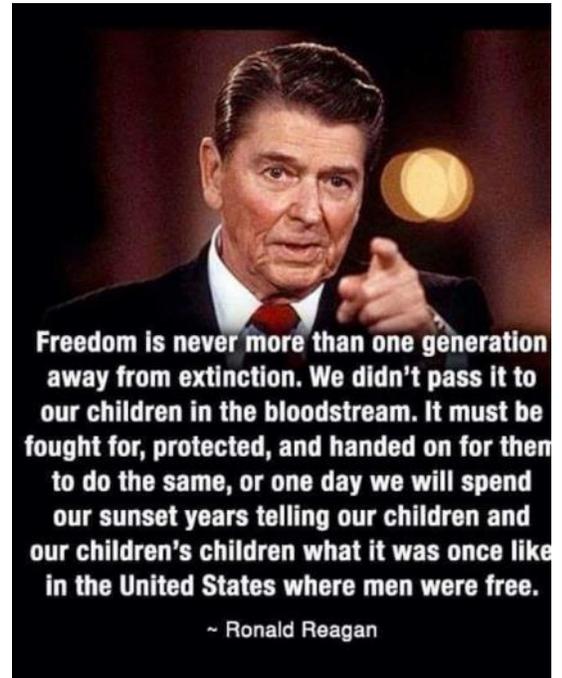


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I Have a Dream.....

Martin Luther King, Jr., August 23, 1963

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But 100 years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check.

When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men — yes, Black men as well as white men — would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds.

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt.

We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.

Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny.

And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back.

There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, when will you be satisfied? We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating: for whites only.

We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

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I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our Northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right down in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

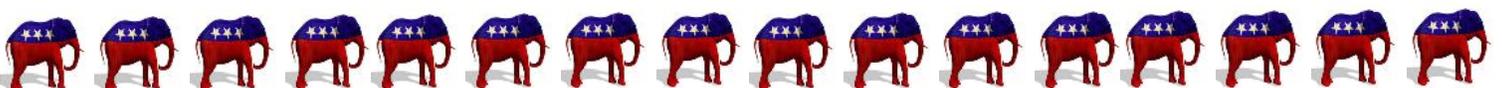
This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last.

Commentary by Catherine Gibb:

I do wonder what Dr. King would make of what is going on today. I supported the civil rights movement in Mississippi when I was in college at Mississippi State University. It was not a popular stance to take at the time. I was shocked and saddened when he was assassinated on April 4, 1968. But I believed in Dr. King's dream then and I still do today. It is so sad that so many do not know the real history of that movement thanks to the failure of our government run schools who have failed to educate but only indoctrinate young people with the false doctrines of so-called "critical race theory" and the many other names used to disguise what is really teaches: racial hatred.





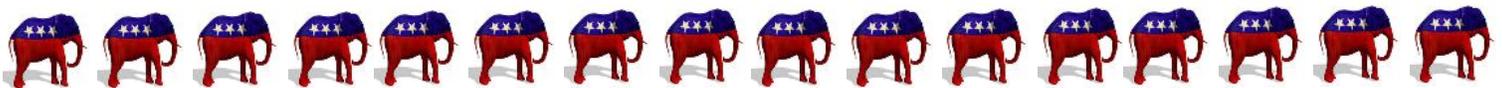
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Political Action Hours

Political Actions Hours Report

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



The 2022 GOP Primary has begun. Early voting continues until February 25th and Election Day is March 1st. You can find election information at https://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election_information/Pages/default.aspx

Remember voting and your travel time counts as political action hours. That means I should get hours from every member this month. You can turn in your hours on our website. <http://www.planorepublicanwomen.org/volunteer.html>

If you are working at the polls as a clerk or judge, you can only turn in political action hours for our work if you donate your pay back to the party. If you are poll greeting or watching, all your time counts as hours.

The primary season is always very contentious. However, when the primary is over we must come together and support every GOP candidate. You may not agree with everything that the winner of the primary has done or believes, however you will agree with our candidate more then the Democrat candidates. It is vital we keep Collin County red. Collin County still has more Republicans over Democrats. The only way we lose Collin County is if we are divided

in the general election or if Republicans stay home. So, lets get to work to keep Collin County and Texas red.

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President Biden has indicated he supports the bill and would sign it into law ***if it passes***. It will nullify any existing state pro-life laws protecting the life of the unborn.

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Dirty Truth About EV's

The Limbaugh Letter, July 2021

The future of the auto industry is electric. There's no turning back. – Joe Biden, zooming around in an electric Ford F-150 pickup (“This sucker’s quick”, pitching his \$174 billion electric vehicle [EV] “investment plan” for sales rebates, tax incentive, and grants to states, Fox Business, 5/18/21

“we need to jam on the accelerator here. We’re going to double down on our R & D in the technologies that will make EV’s easier to manufacture, easier to deploy, easier for the American people to access.”—Jennifer Granholm, Biden Energy Secretary, NBC News, 6/18/21

“I see autoworkers building the next generation of electric vehicles, and electricians installing nationwide for 500,000 charging stations along our highways.” – Joe Biden, on the “moral and economic imperative” of so-called clean energy, climate change summit speech, 4/22/21

Here we have liberal wishful thinking as federal policy. The truth is, electric cars represent less than 2 percent of the U. S. market, according to QZ, and a mere 3 percent globally. “Despite ... a record 2 million or so EVs sold Government and Bib Auto are working hand-in-glove, plug-in-socket, to force on the marker what the market clearly doesn’t want. All greased by billions in taxpayer cash and subsidies.

But let’s look at the “moral imperative” coming from these people, shall we? The moral preening and self-regard from leftists “saving the planet” from eevil fossil fuels has entire generations – Millennials and younger – mesmerized by fantasy. They envision a Disney-World-like “sustainable” planet in which everyone drives a Telsa fueled by energy as pristine as morning dew, while draped in high fashion and surrounded by chic Scandinavian design. It is amazing hubris, combined with colossal naivete and ignorance. All their “clean energy” dreams are built on filth, deprivation, forced child labor and lies. Not to mention planet-stripping pollution.

For all the globaloney about “net-zero” carbon emissions, the typical electric car contains six times more minerals than a gas-powered car, according to the International Energy Agency [IEA]. At the top of the list: minerals in EV’s rechargeable lithium-ion batteries. These ingredients don’t arrive via a mouse click, Uber, or Amazon delivery. They have to be dug out of the earth, very often in ugly ways, in poverty-stricken lands, with great pain and misery, far away from the attention of the EV’s-will-bring-utopia crowd:

Cobalt: Some 70% of the world’s cobalt is mined in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [DRC] – which is heavily reliant on child labor, much of it reportedly forced. Yes, the left’s “sustainable” and “clean-energy” electric vehicles are built on the backs of children of color – African kids who may accurately be called slaves. According to *The [UK] Daily Mail*, 40,000 children work daily in the mines of the DRC. CBS News details: “There were children digging in trenches and laboring in lakes – hunting for treasure in a playground from hell. The work is hard enough for an adult man, but it is unthinkable for a child...[C]hildren lug heavy sacks of cobalt to be washed in rivers. From as early as four, they can pick it out of a pile. Even those too young to work – dust-covered infants clinging to their mothers and playing on the dirty ground--- spend much of the day breathing in toxic fumes.”

In “The Dark Side of Congo’s Cobalt rush”, *The New Yorker* reports: “teenage boys often work perilous shifts navigating rickety shafts... Children who work in the mines are often drugged, in order to suppress hunger.” They dig the mental from the earth “using only hand tools at great risk to their health and safety, human rights groups warn,” according to *the New York Times*. “[A]utomakers and other manufacturers have committed to eliminating [this] cobalt from their supply chains, and have also said they will develop batteries that decrease, or do away with, cobalt altogether. But that technology is still in development.”

Sure, they’re “committed.” Every few months some mainstream outlet will put together an investigative piece on cobalt child labor atrocities, and it always ends with the U. S. manufacturers hand-waving the problem away, promising they don’t use those sources anymore and besides, they are unaware of any problems. And then the supply chain reverts to status quo, until the next investigative piece. Because what matters is that the cobalt gets into the electric cars, so liberals can feel good about themselves and their superior love for the planet.

In December, 2019, International Rights Advocates sued multiple companies, including Telsa, mor the maiming and deaths of multiple child minors. The lawsuit is ongoing.

Lithium. The United States is blessed with some of the world’s largest lithium reserves, according to *The New York Times*. But we only have one mini. Nevada’s Silver Peak produces 5,000 tons of lithium a year, less than 2 percent of the world supply. Instead of using our own resources, U.S. importers exploit the las environmental laws in Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile. Lithium uses enormous amounts of water in areas that can little afford it, but EV pushers don’t lose a wink of sleep over that. On 5/17/21, Telecom TV described what other countries go through so American liberals can drive with net-zero carbon pride:

Traditional lithium extraction is an energy-intensive and polluting process involving the widespread us of toxic chemicals, including tens of

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thousands of tons of sulfuric acid, leaving a detritus of hazardous waste and massive spoil heaps that can affect localities for generations after mining has ceased. Huge quantities of water are needed for the extraction process and thousands of gallons per minute are used and polluted. Contaminated groundwater is a byproduct of the process and the spoliation can endure for as long as 300 years.

According to *Wired*, "In Chile's Salar de Atacama, mining activities consumed 65 percent of the region's water ... [A]s occurred in Tibet ... toxic chemicals ... leak[ed] from the evaporations pools into the water supply. These include ... hydrochloric acid ... In Argentina's Salar de Hombre Muerto, locals claim that lithium operations have contaminated streams." But, hey, electric cars will save the earth.

Nickel. Elon Musk says Telsa would give a "giant contract" to any companies that could mine nickel "efficiently" and in an environmentally sensitive way." But in the meantime, automakers will deal with whoever they have to. Nickel, the most expensive material in electric vehicle batteries after cobalt, is processed far away from prying U.S. environmental regulators: in Indonesia. IDTechEx reports that two nickel mining companies in Indonesia use deep-sea disposal for millions of tons of raw waste material. "Many automakers are aware of the environ-mental concerns in nickel supply and that it can undermine the environmentally friendly message of the electric vehicle." Really? Polluting the ocean could undermine the environ-mentally friendly message? Only if the public finds out. And nobody backing the Green New Deal is talking.

Meanwhile, Reuters reports that "The U. S. government ... became the largest shareholder in mining investment firm TechMet, which controls a Brazilian nickel project, a Rwandan tungsten mine, and is a major investor in a Canadian battery recycler. Washington also funds research into Canadian cobalt projects and rare earths projects in Malawi..." But who cares about Malawi, so long as Joe Biden can buzz around in his election F-150.

Coal. EV fans stick their fingers in their ears when it comes to the facts about what happens when they stick their EV's plugs into the wall. "Coal tends to be the critical factor," Jeremy Michalek, professor of engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, told *The New York Times*. "If you've got electric cars in Pittsburgh that are being plugged in at night and leading nearby coal plants to burn more coal to charge them, then the climate benefits won't be as great, and you can get even more air pollution."

Clean-energy types despise coal and are determined to shut down all U.S. coal burning plants – but with no coal, there is no recharging, no cobalt-lithium-nickel batteries, and no emissions-free (ha) electric travel. Alternative energy turns out to utterly rely on fossil fuel.

And electric cars are notoriously less green, overall, than gasoline-powered vehicles. According to *The [UK] Guardian*, "the extra materials and energy involved in manufacturing a lithium-ion battery mean that at present, the carbon emissions associated with producing an electric car are higher than those for a vehicle running on petrol or diesel – by as much as 38 percent, according to some calculations. Until the electricity in national grids is entirely renewable, recharging the battery will involve a degree of dependence on coal or gas0fired stations."

Dangerous Waste. According to *The New York Times*, "while 99 percent of lead-acid batteries are recycled in the United States, estimate recycling rates for lithium-ion batteries are about 5 percent." And lithium-ion batteries not disposed of properly can be dangerous. "Throwing away a battery can seem harmless, but they are ticking time bombs in the recycling and waste world," said Tulsa Recycle Transfer Facility's Robert Pickens, after damaging fire due to "recycling contamination from a lithium-ion battery." In California, a recycling center fire from a lithium-ion battery caused \$8.5 million in damage, leading the center's operator to call lithium-ion battery fires an "existential threat" for the municipal recycling sector.

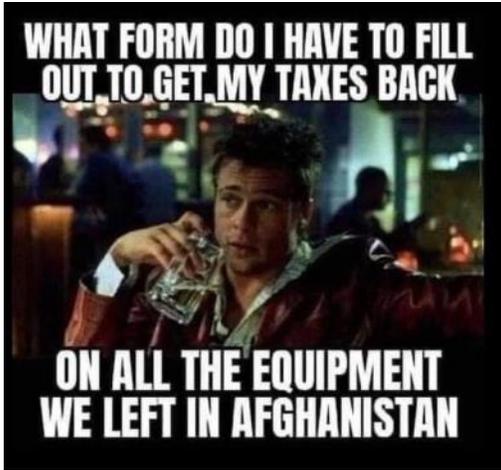
So these great virtuous EV environmentalists are actually damaging a top environmentalist precept. Recycling hardest hit.

Joe Biden campaigned on producing electric vehicle materials right here in the good ole USA. Two weeks before the election, he promised miners he would support domestic production of EV metals, according to Reuters. "Building back better involves miners," celebrated Biden supporter Rich Nolan, head of the National Mining Association, "The Biden campaign understands the need for domestic supply chains."

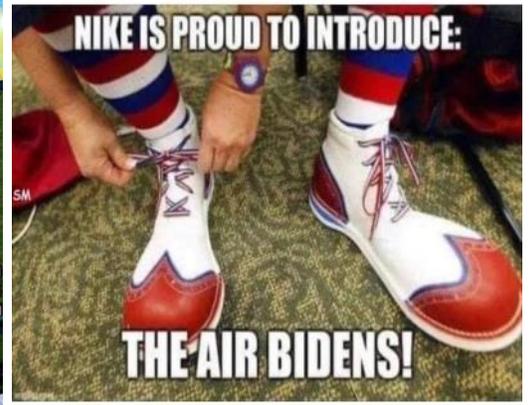
Well, oops. By the past May, the Biden Regime had done a 180, telling Reuters the U.S. will rely on "ally countries" to supply the bulk of the EV metals. Instead, "to placate environmentalists," the Administration will focus on processing battery parts domestically – "a blow to U.S. miners who had hoped Biden would rely primarily on domestically sourced metals." "It's not that hard to dig a hold," said an unnamed Biden source, defending the about-face. "What's hard is getting that stuff out and getting it to the processing facilities. That's what the U.S. government is focused on."

You mean, it's not that hard to make African children dig a hole – so you can preen about how environmentally friendly you are. Do tell us more about "environmental justice."

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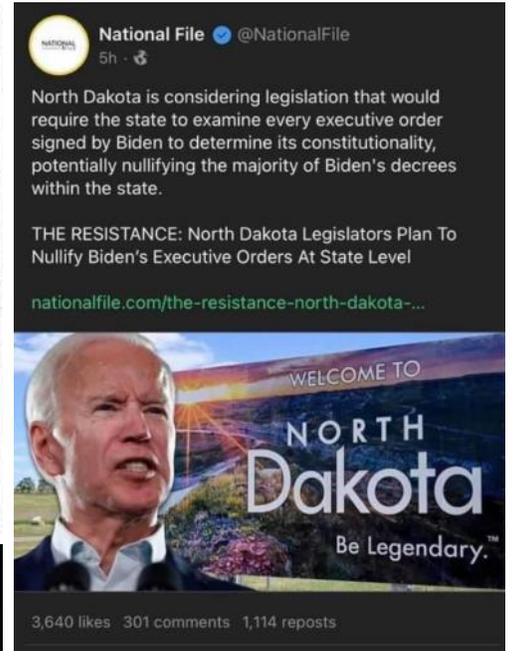
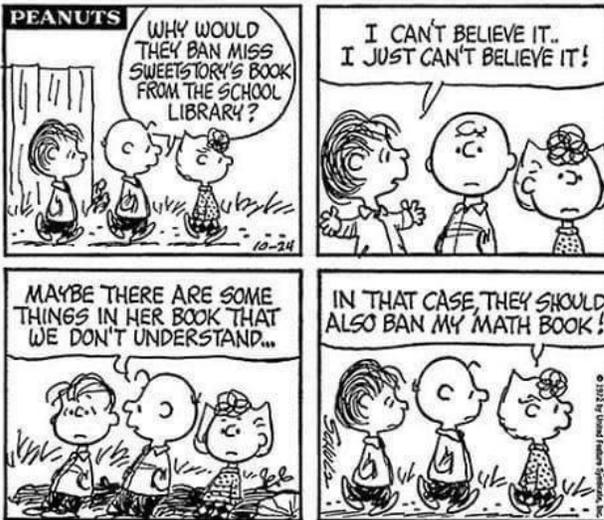
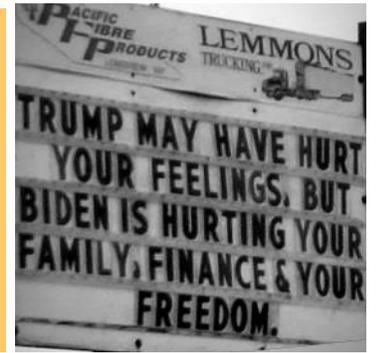
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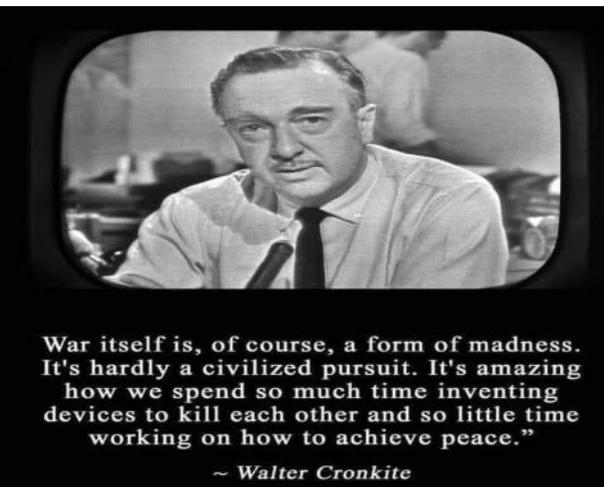
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April Fools Day is canceled this year. Because no prank is greater than the joke that is running this country right now.



Can't believe we don't have world peace after changing the name on pancake boxes and syrup bottles.



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1. We are NOT writing a new platform from scratch. We are adding, subtracting, or changing the 2020 TX GOP platform.
2. The platform is 33 pages long, has 13 sections, and 337 planks. It contains items from raw milk to Taiwan.
3. You need to read the 2020 platform. It can be found on <https://texasgop.org/platform/>
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The Resolutions Committee is hoping to bring the resolutions process into the 20th century by having people submit their resolutions online. If the tech committee can get an online form ready in time, the resolutions form will have the following information that will need to be filled out on a smart device.

Resolution Form

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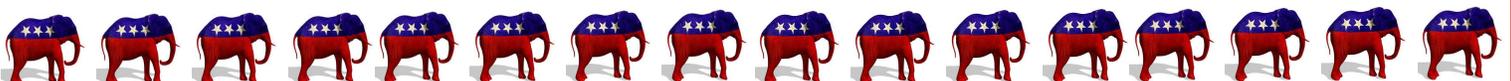
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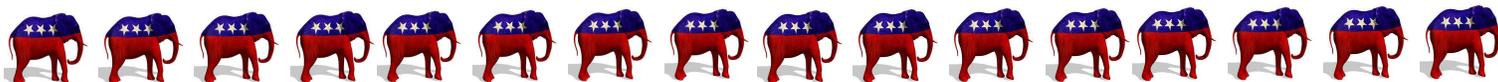
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Membership Update



**Welcome to our newest members:
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Renew NOW for 2022!

PRW Membership (new and returning members) is currently 83! Our 2022 goal is to have 100 members. We hope to have all our existing members renew and we welcome new members, so please invite and encourage your friends to join us!

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting (via cash or cheque) or can be mailed to the PRW Post Office Box. The 2022 Membership form is included in the newsletter, printed copies are available at the meetings.

Please note the new category, \$100 Patron Member (includes Single Membership)

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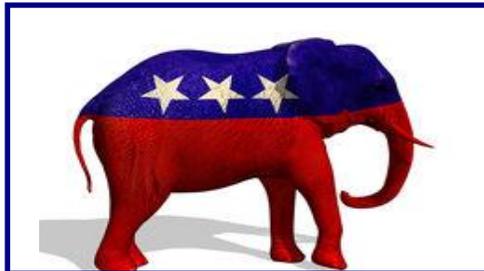
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