

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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President's Byline



One month after the reversal of Roe vs Wade, we have seen a lot of over reaction from the Left. From dangerous stalking and harassment of conservative Supreme Court justices to Leftists spreading incorrect information on emergency procedures like ectopic pregnancies. Most people never believed Roe vs Wade would be overturned and the decision returned to the states. It is probably one of the biggest political victories of our lifetime and arguably one of the greatest humanitarian efforts as well.

As conservatives we believe in the sanctity of life. Babies in the womb are no exception but with the reversal of Roe vs Wade we have had a backlash of unexpected repercussions. More than 60 million babies have been killed since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973, most of them African American. Liberals claim we are not reproducing at a fast enough rate. This is one of the reasons we need Open Borders. But if you look at the legacy of abortion, you can see that uncontrolled abortion has decimated certain populations and caused us to lose an important part of the work force because every child lost was a potential contributing member of society, future parent, and grandparent.

Many media outlets reported Pro-Abortion women are going on a sex strike until abortion is reinstated nationwide. Ironically, this is the one thing that can save more babies lives. Another enterprising young lady mailed her menstrual blood to the Supreme court with an expletive laced note. The saddest thing to happened is young women in their 20s with the encouragement of Liberals around them are getting sterilized because they don't want to chance becoming pregnant and not be able to abort the baby....ghoulish. Some even said this was a "rape baby" prevention, even though pregnancy by rape is less than 1% of all abortions. This story was reported the last two weeks of July on CNN.com, NY Post, MSN.com, LA Times, Fox News, and many other mainstream news outlets.

Then there were the overreactions from Democrat politicians and the media. Maxine Waters calling for the harassment of Supreme Court justices at a rally surrounded by adult women screaming and whipped into a dangerous mob. Maxine Waters said, *"To hell with the Supreme Court, we will defy them!"*

On CNN, Ana Navarro used members of her own family with Autism and Downs Syndrome as perfect examples for why abortion is needed in our country. Stacey Abrams when interviewed on Fox said, *"There should be no restrictions on abortion all the way up to birth and it's a medical decision."* President Biden attacked the Supreme Court during a news conference in Madrid on June 30th. He accused the judiciary of "outrageous behavior" in overturning Roe v. Wade. He also supports Senate Democrats changing the 60-vote filibuster to codify abortion rights. Claiming this is a violation of a women's right to privacy protected by the Constitution. This is how Roe was shoe horned into a constitutional "right" years ago.

There were numerous calls on social media to harm conservative Supreme Court justices, but social media platforms were slow to take them down. A California man, Nicholas Roske, traveled from California to Maryland several-weeks ago in an alleged plot to kill Brett Kavanaugh in his home. So, in matter of weeks we have learned what Liberals really think, no babies lives matter under any circumstances. Babies are just inconvenient.

Kari Lake, candidate for Arizona Governor posted a video of a violent riot in downtown Phoenix with the usual Leftist burning and destruction of property on June 25th. She tweeted. *"The left is showing everyone what a REAL "Insurrection" looks like right now in Downtown Phoenix. This is domestic terrorism. The Arizona national guard should have been deployed hours ago. Arrest these animals immediately. They are out for blood."*

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Calendar of Events

REMINDER
PRW Board Meeting
August 2nd
Napoli's Italian Restaurant
11:30

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, August 16th, 2022
PRW General Meeting
11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano

PRW Presidents Byline

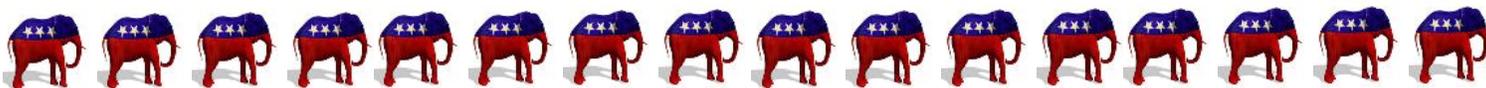
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Even other world leaders chimed in, Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said "Very concerned about implications of [the Supreme Court] decision on #RoeVWade and the signal it sends to the world,". "Banning abortion never leads to fewer abortions, only to more unsafe abortions." Really? Thank you De Croo for that mindless, lockstep liberal sentiment. Adding to this are numerous Hollywood liberals tweeting or posting videos about how many abortions they have had or how unsafe they feel without "reproductive" health care.

Let's examine what real reproductive health care is. We live in the Golden Age of birth control. Yes, every woman deserves the right to control her reproductive health. That has never been disputed, just the method. There are many options for women from birth control pills, IUDs, vaginal rings, shots, sub dermal implants to patches. We should be asking ourselves, why is the Left treating women like idiots. Too stupid to use birth control or protect themselves from STDs, another serious complication of unprotected sex. What benefit is the Left getting from keeping women in the dark about true control of their lives and bodies. Planned Parenthood lists 12 different types of contraception on their website, but you would never know they offer anything besides an abortion, the answer to failed protection of reproductive health. Ironically, most polls don't support this knee jerk reaction to Roe vs Wade. Instead, most reproductive age women say they are more worried about the economy, the cost of food, gas, baby formula and clothes.

This week we had the certification of the Supreme Court decision on Roe vs Wade. That will start the Texas Trigger law countdown to ban almost all abortions. I feel removing abortion from modern society will not send us backward but forward. Young women should be rescued from Liberal brain washing that gives the illusion of sexual freedom without costs. Planned Parenthood should start focusing on what their name says. Helping people plan, not killing for the sake of hedonism. A society that kills its children as an answer to poverty, causal sex or sexual violence cannot move forward for so many reasons. I am glad the conservative justices decided to correct the mistake of Roe vs Wade.

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Neal J Katz

NOVEMBER 23, 1954 – JULY 25, 2022

Neal J Katz, age 67, of Plano, Texas passed away on Monday, July 25, 2022. Neal was born November 23, 1954 in New York City, NY.

The Loss of an Incredible Republican Treasure

A loyal friend, an incredible wealth of knowledge, a patriotic spirit and a remarkable human being - that is Neal Katz. Like many of you I have know and worked with Neal for over 4 decades. In all that time I can truly say he was the best of all of us. He knew how to calm tempers, smooth ruffled feathers, which box everything was in, where the key to the store room was and exactly what it took to make the Collin County Republican Party the best run and most effective organization in the country.

Over the years he served as Precinct Chairman, Election Judge, Vice Chairman of the CCRP, and worked on the Ballot Board. He served on almost every Republican County and Senatorial Convention committee at one time or another. He served as our SREC Committeeman for years and wrote the most amazing reports to keep us all informed. Neal served the Republican Party of Texas in many capacities and served for years as the CCGOP Executive Director. Neal was the recipient of the John McVeigh Award, the highest award given by the CCRP for lifetime signification contributions to the Republican Party.

We will forever be grateful for the countless candidates he counseled and trained, the back room deals he brokered to bring us together, the Lincoln Day Dinners he ran, the Victory phone banks and community block walks he organized, the funds he raised and kept track of , not to mention all the reports he had to file. How he kept us all going in the same direction at the same was a true talent.

This world is definitely a better place because Neal was here and his legacy will live on for decades to come. He will be dearly missed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Denise Voss

PRW August Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING: August 16, 2022

Jon-David Wells of The Wells Report BORDER SECURITY

Jon-David Wells, host of The Wells Report, picked up his Texas State Guard uniform and his combat boots and becomes First Sergeant John D. Wells of the Texas State Guard. Wells had been activated by the Texas Military Department to take part in a multi-month deployment. This means, like so many other guard families, putting aside his professional career as one of America's most popular conservative talk show host in service of his fellow Texans. Jon-David spent over six months on the Texas border working with the Border patrol under the current Biden Era Immigration Crisis. He will be speaking about what is really going on. His first hand account of human trafficking, drugs, the cartels and the Humanity Crisis at our Southern Border.

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

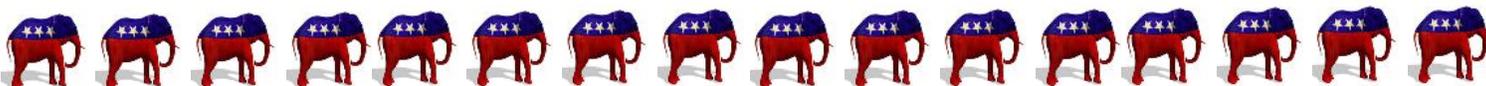
**Lunch is available for \$25.00 with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, August 12th, 2022**

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



CPAC 2022 in Dallas is coming up on August 4th- 7th. Don't forget to get your tickets.

Please click the below link for more information and registration.

We have a 70% discount code for your tickets.

Use discount code: prestonwood

[CPAC Texas 2022 | August 4-7 | Home \(eventscloud.com\)](https://www.eventscloud.com/CPAC-Texas-2022)

PRW 60th Anniversary Dinner at Texas Restaurant





Legislative Report



This week I'm going to cover three items that have been in the news: the Texas electric grid, the Uvalde report, and the Texas budget. It's been a busy week!

I recently posted a video I took while driving through the Texas panhandle. The wind turbines were not turning at all the day I took the video. In fact, none of the wind turbines, from the New Mexico border through more than 200 miles of prime Texas wind turbine country, were turning enough that day to produce any electricity. I set off a storm (pardon the pun) with that video: it was shared more than 1.2k times. I stated that "weather-dependent energy is not consistent and always unpredictable." The comments that my post generated made me realize that it might be time, once again, for a Texas Grid 101 class.

90% of Texas is on its own grid ([check out the map here](#)) including most of our largest cities. I'm going to repeat something here that I've said before, something a lot of people can't seem to grasp: **The state of Texas does not own or operate any energy producing plants.** Not one gas powered plant, not one windmill, not one coal plant, not one nuclear power plant or any other power producing plants. The state of Texas (under [ERCOT](#)) is sort of the air traffic controller of the various energy producers, with the goal of making sure that the electricity gets from where it is generated to where it is used (homes and businesses). The Public Utility Commission's job is to map the infrastructure so that we know where the generation is happening and where the critical needs are in the state. The [production](#) of electricity is mostly privately owned (and accountable to investors) and generated at more than 1000 different locations around the state.

Here's where this all gets tricky. You, as a consumer, pay for the transmission to your home, and the cost to build the infrastructure. Investors build and maintain the variety of power plants, and you, the customer, pay for that as well. For years, the federal government has been giving huge incentives to build solar and wind. Our own Texas 313 waivers, though never the purpose of those waivers, have, unfortunately, also made it too easy to cash in on building wind turbines and getting tax incentives on that build (this loophole, fortunately, will expire soon). Bottom line, even when wind turbines are not creating and adding any electricity to our grid, they have been generating money for their investors. Wind and solar are much more volatile in price: very cheap when the sun is shining and the wind is blowing, but they can get very expensive- five to ten times the volatility of more traditional power methods- when there is a scarcity of sun or wind. That volatility in price is what we are now seeing on our electric bills. So, as a power investor, which investment are you going with? One that is reliable no matter the weather (such as natural gas) but can not assure the investor a return on that investment, or one that, because of the incentives, is a sure return but not dependable for the grid? Sadly, the electric customer is the loser in this equation.

[Wind and Solar](#) work when the wind is blowing and the sun is shining. But what about at night, or, as we saw last week, when the wind is still? If we continue down the road of wind and solar power, and want to improve the stability of our grid (as we do with more reliable forms of energy) it is my opinion we must require those producers of wind and solar to build in storage capacity for that power. Currently, most of the weather-dependent energy must be transmitted and used as it is being generated. If you would like to read more, I found this article to be quite interesting: [As Heat Waves Strain The Power Grid, Texas Must Fix Subsidy Problems.](#)

The Texas House of Representatives Investigative Committee on the Robb Elementary Shooting released their [report](#) on Sunday. It's a long (82 pages) and heartbreaking read, but a necessary read prior to making any major changes on how we address school safety and security and deal with mass shooters. Someone asked me earlier this week "who has to take the blame for what happened in Uvalde?" That question only causes folks to try and protect their own reputation- and we've certainly seen a lot of that in the aftermath. Instead, the question should be "what can we learn and what can we do better to prevent another Uvalde from ever happening again?" I believe this question goes a long way in getting us as a state where we need to be. Arriving at that point requires a frank assessment of what happened, what could have been done differently to prevent this tragedy, and what we need to do moving forward to make sure it never happens again.

Finally, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar released an outstanding forecast for the state's economy [when he estimated an increase of \\$13.75 billion](#) over what he had previously projected. Texas' strong rebound includes increases in almost every sales tax category resulting in revenue averages of more than \$3 billion in each of the last 15 months. Our Severance Tax revenue (mostly from oil & gas) has also skyrocketed, after a terrible dip back in 2020. The projected SURPLUS revenue anticipated at the end of 2023 is a whopping \$26.9 billion- after funds dedicated to the Rainy Day and Transportation Funds have been allocated. This gives me hope that we will be able to buy down the Maintenance and Operation portion of every property owners' school tax bill (the largest portion of everyone's property tax) and return that money to where it belongs – taxpayers! Thanking God for a strong Texas economy and a state budget that includes constitutional spending limits. Let's get those funds back to taxpayers.

Till next time...

State Representative, District 89

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[Cornyn Praises Senate Passage of CHIPS Funding](#)

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This funding will help kick start domestic production of these semiconductors in a way that will prevent a vulnerability of our supply chain since 90 percent of those advanced semiconductors currently come from Asia.

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WASHINGTON – Today on the floor, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) gave the following remarks after the Senate passed funding for his *CHIPS for America Act*, which will restore semiconductor manufacturing back to American soil. Excerpts of Sen. Cornyn's remarks are below, and video can be found [here](#).

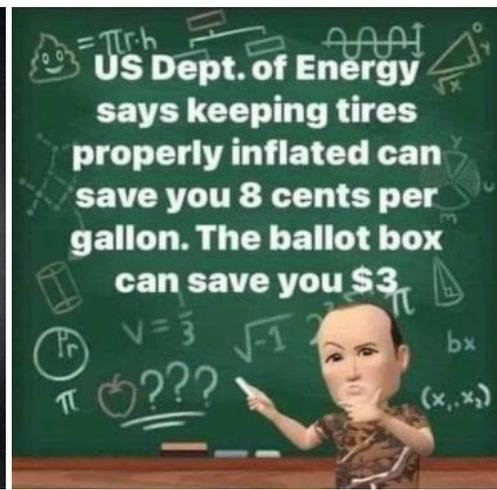
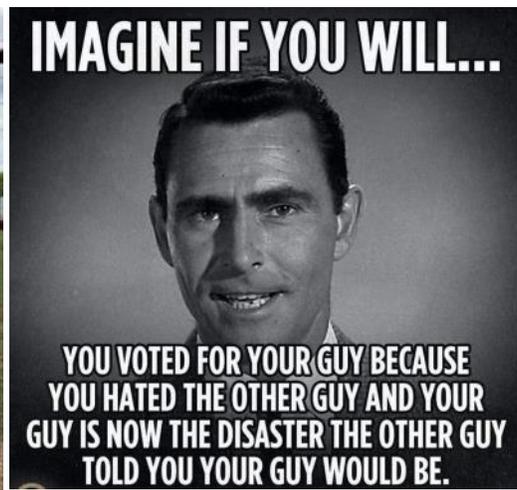
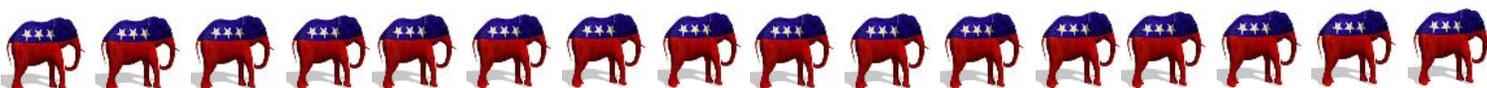
"This funding will help kick start the development of these microprocessors, these chips that go into everything from your cell phone, to the F-35, to the Javelin and Stinger missiles that we send to Ukraine to defend their country from Russian aggression."

"This funding will help kick start domestic production of these semiconductors in a way that will prevent a vulnerability of our supply chain since 90 percent of those advanced semiconductors currently come from Asia."

"One other benefit to this bill is that it could create roughly 185,000 jobs every year as these new facilities are constructed. Long-term, it could bring another 280,000 jobs on-line. Once these foundries are operational, they will supply made-in-America semiconductors that can be used on everything from smartphones, to cars, to airplanes, to missile defense systems."

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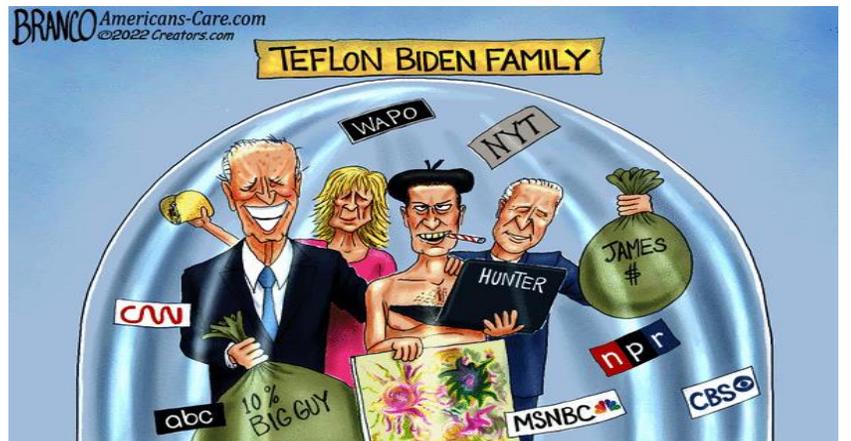
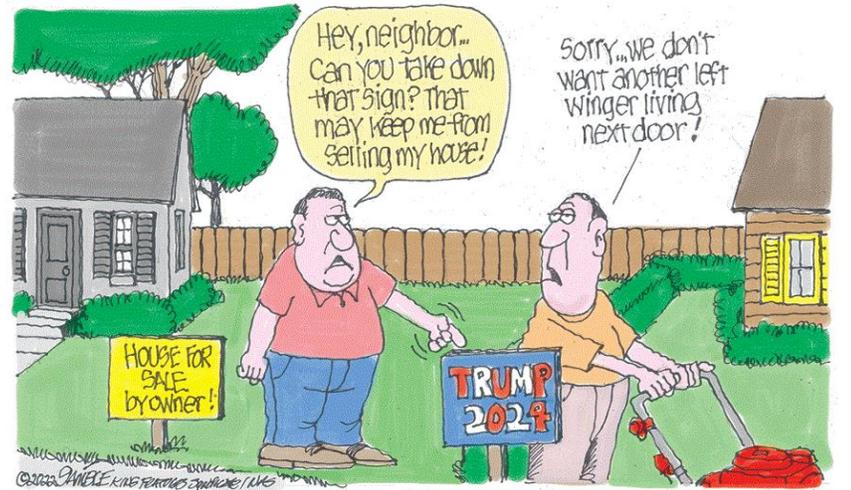
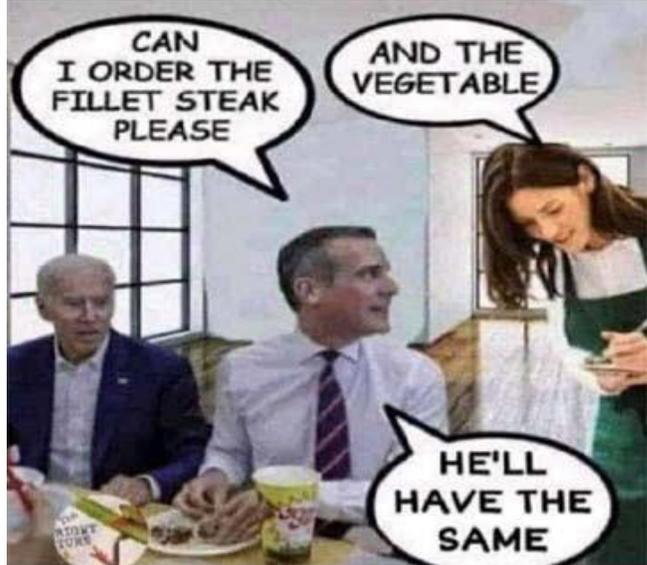
Political Cartoons



"Building a Wall will violate the rights of millions of illegals."

— Nancy Pelosi

Yes, she actually said that.



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(adj.) A state of awareness only achieved by those dumb enough to find injustice in everything except their own behavior.

Why is talking sexually in the workplace considered sexual harassment to adults...but talking about sexuality to children K-3 at school considered essential???



AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



Women's Suffrage

August 18, 1920, ratification of the 19th Amendment, Women's Right to Vote. Imagine the joy and relief felt by women all over America and especially by the Suffragettes, those who worked so hard and suffered so much for so long to bring this about. The facts are dry; these women's stories are compelling.

Achieving this milestone required a long and difficult struggle; victory took nearly a century of agitation and protest. Beginning in the 1820's and 1830's in the U.S., several generations of supporters lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied, and practiced civil disobedience to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the Constitution. Protests propelled the suffrage movement.

In 1848, the movement was becoming more widely known. **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and **Lucretia Mott** organized the **Seneca Falls (New York) Convention** to discuss the problem of women's rights. The movement gathered steam in the 1850's, but lost momentum when the Civil War began.

Susan B. Anthony and other supporters of women's suffrage were bitterly disappointed after the Civil War, when Congress excluded gender from the list of categories that could not be used to deny voting rights in the 15th Amendment. With a constitutional amendment stalled in Congress for decades, suffragists focused their efforts on the states, where they were able to make gradual progress.

In 1869, a new group called the **National Woman Suffrage Association** was founded by **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and **Susan B. Anthony**. They began to fight for a universal-suffrage amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Even before the 19th Amendment was ratified, forbidding the United States or any state from denying or abridging the right to vote to any citizen "on account of sex," 30 states and one territory allowed women to vote in at least some elections. Even after ratification of the 19th Amendment, many women of color were subject to various types of voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The amendment to allow women the right to vote was introduced in 1878 and again in 1887 but was voted down.

Wyoming was the first state to grant voting rights to women, and the first state to elect a female governor. **Nellie Tayloe Ross** (1876-1977) was elected governor of the Equality State, Wyoming's official nickname, in 1924. And from 1933 to 1953, she served as the first woman director of the U.S. Mint.

By 1896, 4 states allowed women to vote (UT, ID, CO, WY). Eastern states were slow to get on board.

Also in 1896 - Black suffragists organized a group of women including **Harriet Tubman**, **Frances E.W. Harper**, **Ida B. Wells-Barnett**, and **Mary Church Terrell** forming the **National Association of Colored Women Clubs** (NACWC). They faced discrimination from white suffragists and were barred from the 1901 and 1903 NAWSA conventions.

Disagreements over strategy between competing suffrage organizations threatened to cripple the movement more than once. This animosity eventually faded, and in 1890 the **National Woman Suffrage Association** and the **American Woman Suffrage Association** merged to form the **National American Woman Suffrage Association** (NAWSA). Its membership, which was about *seven thousand* at the time it was formed and eventually increased to *two million*, making it the largest voluntary organization in the nation. It played a pivotal role in the passing of the Nineteenth Amendment. Susan B. Anthony, a long-time leader in the suffrage movement, was the dominant figure in the newly formed NAWSA. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was the organization's first president.

In 1910 **Alice Paul** joined NAWSA and played a major role in reviving interest in the national amendment. After continuing conflicts with the NAWSA leadership over tactics, Paul created the **National Woman's Party** (1916). It focused on more radical, militant tactics—hunger strikes and White House pickets, for instance - aimed at winning dramatic publicity for their cause. Its most notable event was the 1917–1919 **Silent Sentinels** vigil outside the gates of the White House. The organization staged numerous demonstrations and regularly picketed the White House, among other militant tactics. As a result of these actions, some group members were arrested and served jail time. There's no record of all the women who marched for their rights on March 3, 1913 - indeed, reports of the number in the parade vary from 5,000 to more than 8,000, and many of those thousands of names are lost to history. But we do know of some of the prominent people who were there, women who made equality the fight of their lives. (As of January 1, 2021, NWP has ceased operations as its own independent non-profit and has assigned its trademark rights and other uses of the party's name to the **Alice Paul Institute**.)

Carrie Chapman Catt, first-time president, implemented a strategy of recruiting wealthy members of the rapidly growing



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women's club movement. When she became president again in 1915, NAWSA began to operate more as a political pressure group than an educational group. Catt mobilized state and local suffrage organizations all over the country.

Starting in 1910, some states in the West began to extend the vote to women for the first time in almost 20 years. Idaho and Utah had given women the right to vote, but southern and eastern states resisted.

Between 1910 and 1918, the Alaska Territory, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington extended voting rights to women.

Also during this time, through the **Equality League of Self-Supporting Women** (later, the **Women's Political Union**), Stanton's daughter **Harriot Stanton Blatch** introduced parades, pickets and marches as means of calling attention to the cause. These tactics succeeded in raising awareness and led to unrest in Washington, D.C.

On November 14, 1917, guards at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia beat and terrorized 33 women arrested for picketing, an ordeal that became known as the "**Night of Terror.**"

1917 - War (WWI) again slowed the suffragists' campaign but nonetheless helped them advance their argument. Women's work on behalf of the war effort, activists pointed out, proved that they were just as patriotic and deserving of citizenship as men.

It wasn't until May 21, 1919, that U.S. Representative James R. Mann, a Republican from Illinois and chairman of the Suffrage Committee, proposed the House resolution to approve the **Susan Anthony Amendment** granting women the right to vote. The measure passed the House 304 to 89, a full 42 votes above the required two-thirds majority.

Two weeks later, on June 4, 1919, the U.S. Senate passed the 19th Amendment by two votes over its two-thirds required majority, 56-25. The amendment was then sent to the states for ratification.

The outlook appeared bleak, given the outcomes in other Southern states and given the position of Tennessee's state legislators in their 48-48 tie. The state's decision came down to 23-year-old Representative Harry T. Burn, a Republican from McMinn County, to cast the deciding vote. Although Burn opposed the amendment, his mother convinced him to approve it. With Burn's vote, the 19th Amendment was fully ratified.

Few early supporters lived to see final victory in 1920.

On November 2 of that same year, more than 8 million women across the U.S. voted in elections for the first time.

More than 20 nations around the world had granted women the vote before it was ratified in U.S.

Still, it was 1929, when Puerto Rico's legislature granted women the right to vote, pushed by the U.S. Congress to do so.

Today, one hundred and two years after the goal of ratification was achieved, it can be hard for women in the U.S. to imagine a world in which women are not allowed to vote or even to speak their minds. The abridged versions of the suffragists' stories that we hear in school and the media don't always include the jail sentences, beatings, forced feedings, and bullying, the violence these women endured. It's worth remembering that there were thousands of women who came before us who offered their blood, sweat and tears for our equality. The fight for equality is still waged on many fronts; women are seeking political influence, better education, health reform, job equity, and legal reform. The demands echo those of the movement throughout its history. In 1848 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and others claimed on behalf of American women "all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens." What would the reformers from Seneca Falls do today to contribute toward a future of equality? What will you do?

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National American Woman Suffrage Association



Gardner, Park and Catt at Suffrage House in Washington



7 Things You Might Not Know About the Women's Suffrage Movement

In their battle to win the vote, early women's rights activists employed everything from fashion innovations to hunger strikes.

1. The US women's suffrage movement had its roots in the abolition movement.
2. After the Civil War, many abolitionists and women's rights activists parted ways over women's suffrage.
3. Susan B. Anthony (and 15 other women) voted illegally in the presidential election of 1872 and were arrested.
4. The women's rights movement launched its own fashion craze.
5. A woman ran for political office nearly 50 years before women got the vote.
6. Britain's women's suffrage movement was far more militant than its counterpart in the US.
7. But some American suffragists, inspired by the British, adopted militant tactics themselves (like Alice Paul).

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, <https://suffragistmemorial.org/about-suffragist-memorial/>

Top 10 women fighting for the vote, <https://www.thoughtco.com/womens-suffrage-activists-3530534>

For more on Alice Paul, <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/alice-paul>.

A New Museum Located on the site of a former prison, the **Lucy Burns** Museum shines a light on the horrific treatment endured by the jailed suffragists (10/26/2020), <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/radical-protests-propelled-suffrage-movement-heres-how-new-museum-captures-history-180976114/>

Best books:

The Suffragette Movement: An Intimate Account of Persons and Ideals by E Sylvia Pankhurst (1931)

Unshackled: The Story of How We Won the Vote by Christabel Pankhurst (1959)

Votes for Women by Elizabeth Robins (1907)

Votes for Women: The Virago Book of Suffragettes, Edited by Joyce Marlow (2001)

Vindication! A Postcard History of the Women's Movement by Ian McDonald (1989)

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No Surrender by Constance Maud (1911)

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The Scarlet Sisters: Sex, Suffrage, and Scandal in the Gilded Age by Myra Macpherson

The Women's Suffrage Movement, Ed. by Sally Roesch Wagner

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Whose Job is it to Keep the Feds in Line?

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For the federal government to take even a “single step” beyond the limits of the Constitution, Thomas Jefferson wrote, *“is to take possession of a boundless field of power, no longer susceptible of any definition.”*

The “detestable precedent” is how John Dickinson described it in response to the Stamp Act of 1765. Each step – no matter how small – leads to another, and another, and another.

As John Adams put it, *“The nature of the encroachment upon the American constitution is such, as to grow every day more and more encroaching. Like a cancer, it eats faster and faster every hour.”*

A single step – like a deadly disease – is a step too far.

The essential question, however, is **who is actually supposed to keep the feds in check?**

Almost everyone today takes an approach that – in the end – is asking, demanding – or outright begging – the federal government to limit its own powers.

That’s the kind of system that the founders and old revolutionaries fought a long, bloody war to free themselves from – where sovereignty, or final authority – was in the hands of government.

In the American system, however, that final authority is in the hands of the people, since, as all the founders told us repeatedly, “all power is derived from the people.”

John Dickinson, who we could probably call the “Father of the Articles of Confederation,” asked that essential question in Fabius No. IV – when government goes beyond its limits, “what is then to be done?”

The answer, he wrote, “is to be instantly found... before the **supreme sovereignty** of the people.” [emphasis in original]

It is the DUTY of the people “TO WATCH, AND THEIR RIGHT TO TAKE CARE, THAT THE CONSTITUTION BE PRESERVED; Or in the Roman phrase on perilous occasions – TO PROVIDE, THAT THE REPUBLIC RECEIVE NO DAMAGE.”

Yes, Dickinson did use all caps there too.

James Madison said the same in *Federalist* No. 49, citing Jefferson:

“As the people are the only legitimate fountain of power, and it is from them that the constitutional charter, under which the several branches of government hold their power, is derived, it seems strictly consonant to the republican theory, **to recur to the same original authority**, not only whenever it may be necessary to enlarge, diminish, or new-model the powers of the government, but also **whenever any one of the departments may commit encroachments on the chartered authorities of the others.**” [emphasis added]

And Mercy Otis Warren agreed, *“The origin of all power is in the people, and they have an incontestible right to check the creatures of their own creation.”*

That’s why she told us to “resist the first approaches of tyranny,” and James Otis Jr. warned that “if we do not resist at the first attack, it may soon be too late.”

Additionally, Otis warned, *“So long as people will submit to arbitrary measures, so long will they find masters.”*

Even one of the first Supreme Court justices, James Iredell, told us that the people should *“resist if the government usurp powers not delegated to it.”*

Years later, Lysander Spooner noted that *“the exercise of this right is neither rebellion against the constitution, nor revolution – it is a maintenance of the constitution itself, by keeping the government within the constitution.”*

It’s up to us to keep the government in check, because, as Patrick Henry warned, trusting the fate of our liberty in the hopes that politicians will do the right thing only guarantees that liberty will be lost:

Show me that age and country where the rights and liberties of the people were placed on the sole chance of their rulers being good men, without a consequent loss of liberty! I say that the loss of that dearest privilege has ever followed, with absolute certainty, every such mad attempt.

At the end of the day – Jefferson may have summed it up best:

“A free people claim their rights, as derived from the laws of nature, and not as a gift of their chief magistrate.”

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How the Left Hopes to Seize Control of Local Election Offices

Fred Lucas July 18, 2022

Two big money liberal operations, ready to spend \$80 million each, are trying to determine who controls elections and how in the years ahead.

“The overall objective of the political left is to change the way you conduct overall elections,” Jason Snead, executive director of the Honest Elections Project, which advocates clean elections, told The Daily Signal.

One of the two liberal groups, Run for Something, is a political action committee founded by a former Hillary Clinton campaign staffer. In the spring, Run for Something established its Clerk Work project with the goal of electing clerks, election supervisors, registrars, recorders, and other local officials charged with running elections. The PAC says it will promote thousands of election administrators in the years ahead. But for 2022, it reports endorsing 11 candidates competing in races in California, Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Local election clerks generally are empowered to interpret and enforce state election regulations. They often have discretion on matters such as whether to count absentee ballots that come in after Election Day, how strictly to enforce voter ID or signature-matching requirements, and how closely poll watchers may monitor the ballot counting on Election Day.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, county-level election officials are elected in 22 states. In 10 states, elected officials appoint members to a local board of elections. Another 18 states divide election administration duties between two or more offices.

In any case, donating to specific candidates to oversee elections could directly or indirectly affect who holds these positions.

Some practices of local election administrators also could be guided by another \$80 million effort by the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence, a coalition of mostly left-leaning organizations financed in part by Big Tech executives to train local officials in running elections.

Snead and other critics say they see parallels between Run for Something and efforts to elect liberal prosecutors financed by liberal hedge fund manager George Soros. They also see strong similarities between the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence and Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg’s election administration grants in the 2020 election cycle.

“What we shouldn’t lose track of is they are playing the long game,” Snead said. “They are going to look for every possible way to impact elections, and they can make substantial changes in the long run through this kind of program that they wouldn’t have been able to make in 2020.”

The Alliance for Election Excellence is not formally aligned with Run for Something’s Clerk Work project. However, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (created by Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan) has donated to Run for Something.

“I would not be surprised if someone gets elected with the support of Run for Something and then immediately plugs themselves into the [Alliance for Election Excellence], because there are those natural synergies,” Snead said.

Election Clerk Controversies

The Clerk Work project is new this year, but politicization of election officials has been a growing controversy for years.

Last month in Philadelphia, a former Democrat congressman, Michael “Ozzie” Myers, pleaded guilty in federal court of bribing the city’s election officials to stuff ballot boxes in local races.

In 2012, Kathy Nickolaus, a Republican county clerk in Waukesha County, Wisconsin, agreed to step down after saying that “human error” led to the late discovery of 14,000 uncounted votes in a contested election. In 2019, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican, removed Broward County Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes, a Democrat, who admitted in a 2017 lawsuit that the county had more registered voters than eligible voters, and that noncitizens and ineligible felons may have voted in past elections.

A Florida judge ruled in 2018 that Snipes violated the law when she destroyed ballots from a Democrat congressional primary in August 2016. Her office once posted the results of an election 30 minutes before polls closed.

In 2012, Donald Whitten, a Democrat who was county clerk in Lincoln County, West Virginia, pleaded guilty to stuffing ballot boxes and falsifying absentee ballots in 2010.

A national project aimed at electing partisans to election supervisory positions poses threats to clean and honest elections, said Hans von Spakovsky, a senior legal fellow at The Heritage Foundation, parent organization of The Daily Signal.

“It is a very dangerous development for local election officials, who were supposed to be objective and nonpartisan,” von Spakovsky said.

“This group is trying to elect political consultants and political activists to these positions, with the potential for meddling with the election results and further undermining confidence in elections,” he said of Run for Something.

Soros Prosecutors Provide Model

Run for Something’s \$80 million Clerk Work project, which began in April, is set to span three years and encompass 35 states.

The project closely resembles one by Soros, a Hungarian-American billionaire, to elect district attorneys across the country who would take a progressive approach to prosecutions, Snead said. But in this case, it’s a national effort to elect left-leaning election officials, he said.

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Soros was the primary funder behind Justice and Public Safety, the super PAC that gave big donations to the campaigns of liberal candidates for district attorney.

“What we are seeing is the same sort of strategy being directed toward election officials,” Snead told The Daily Signal, referring to activists on the left. “They are trying very much to repeat that strategy and the successes that they’ve seen in these local election officials, and the consequences could be significant.”

In the case of electing prosecutors who would be softer on criminals, Soros fueled national campaign resources into what had previously been low-dollar, down-ballot local campaigns. The effort to put sympathetic elections officials in place could be similar, Snead said.

“A lot of these positions are very, very down-ballot races. They can be won or lost—in terms of campaign spending—at the cost of buying a box of doughnuts,” he said. “The idea that you have an organization coming in like Run for Something, bringing national resources to these races, it could be a substantial impact on the race itself.”

‘Influence ... Who is Administering Elections’

In 2017, former Hillary Clinton campaign aide Amanda Litman founded Run for Something as a 527 political action committee aimed at winning down-ballot races, endorsing candidates, and helping to fund their campaigns.

Run for Something did not respond to numerous inquiries from The Daily Signal about this report.

Litman, however, recently told The Washington Post, “You can influence quite literally who is administering elections,” and added: “If we don’t do it, we are absolutely going to regret it.”

The organization’s Clerk Work project specifically aims to elect liberal election workers. In April, Litman tweeted that Clerk Work will be “supporting 5,000+ candidates for local offices in charge of election administration,” the website of the Alliance for Election Excellence says.

However, Run for Something’s candidates page lists only 11 candidates running in 2022 for offices such as county clerk, county registrar, and county recorder—all with supervisory roles over local elections.

Run for Something notes that Steve Bannon, a former campaign and White House adviser to Donald Trump, said in December 2021:

We are going to take over the election apparatus. American citizens that are volunteering. ... They are going to volunteer to become a precinct committeeman. They are going to volunteer to become an election official. They are going to come and run for county clerk and overthrow those [incumbent] county clerks.

In a December 2021 tweet, Run for Something said of the former Trump aide: “Steve Bannon is recruiting people to run for local election administrator. So are we.”

However, recruiting registered Democrats or Republicans as poll workers and poll watchers is different than a well-financed effort to place party activists in election supervisory posts, said Snead, head of the Honest Elections Project.

One of Run for Something’s largest donors is LinkedIn’s political arm, which gave \$250,000 in the 2018 election cycle, the most recent listed by the Center for Responsive Politics, which monitors political donations.

The 501(c)(4) group Onward Together, founded in 2017 by Hillary Clinton, gave \$100,000 to Run for Something. Act Blue, a PAC devoted to electing Democrats nationally, gave \$50,000. The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative contributed \$10,000.

Election Excellence

The Alliance for Election Excellence is a five-year, \$80 million project made up of seven nonprofit organizations aimed at advising local election offices on how to run elections in their jurisdictions.

The Center for Tech and Civic Life is the leading organization among seven in the alliance.

In 2020, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative gave \$350 million to the Center for Tech and Civic Life, a left-leaning group that distributed grants to mostly Democrat-dominated precincts, driving up the vote. The Zuckerbergs’ grants, dubbed Zuckerbucks, helped finance drop boxes and expanded mail-in balloting, among other activities.

Although the Alliance for Election Excellence is not specific about what recommendations it will promote, critics such as Snead suspect it will be suggestions that tend to help Democrats, such as expanding mail-in voting.

Other groups in the alliance include the Center for Secure and Modern Elections, a project of the New Venture Fund, itself sponsored by the liberal dark money group Arabella Advisors. Arabella Advisors sponsors several left-leaning organizations, some of which are pop-up organizations that exist for the duration of an election cycle while others spin off to become independent nonprofits.

The alliance’s “training” is a loophole to avoid bans on private funding of election administration in 21 states, Snead said. No one should assume this \$80 million project would be less effective than the \$400 million Zuckerberg project in 2020, he said.

That funding was skewed heavily toward expanding mail-in voting and providing ballot drop boxes, and critics say this could have amounted to a get-out-the-vote effort that helped Democrats.

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"If you assume that 2020 was a learning opportunity at the very least, then certainly they could come back with potentially more effective programs the second go-around," Snead said.

In addition to the Center for Tech and Civic Life and the Center for Secure and Modern Elections, the alliance includes:

- The [Center for Civic Design](#), an election-administration policy organization that frequently partners with left-of-center organizations.
- The Arabella-sponsored [Center for Secure and Modern Elections](#), which advocates for automatic voter registration.
- The [Hasso Plattner Institute of Design](#) at Stanford, part of the university's school of engineering.
- The Elections Group, a consulting organization that works with election officials and was established in 2020 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The [Prototyping Systems Lab](#) at University of California, Davis, which focuses on designing technology.
- [U.S. Digital Response](#), which started during the pandemic to help with state and local governments' digital needs.

The Alliance for Election Excellence is inviting cities, counties, and other local election jurisdictions to apply for training to become "centers for excellence." Its website [says](#):

As part of the alliance, centers will receive training, mentorship, and resources, and serve as a support system for each other and election departments across the country. ... Local election officials are the expert on what their voters need, and the alliance will work with each center to fill in the gaps. This could look like redesigning a form so it's more likely a voter will successfully complete it or updating an election website so it is mobile-friendly and answers voters' top questions.

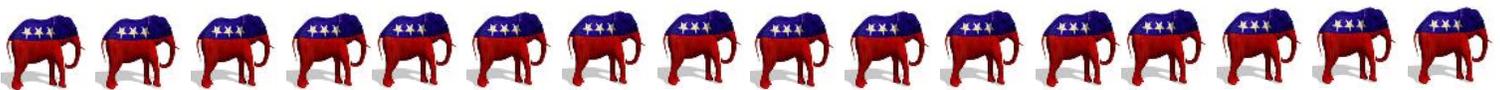
Given the political ties of the organizations running the alliance, Heritage's von Spakovsky said, he is skeptical that the organization is trying to train election officials in best practices.

"Best practices' is a thin disguise necessary for doing what these organizations wanted to see done under the HR 1 federal bill, which was legislation that would have made fair and honest elections nearly impossible in the future," von Spakovsky said.

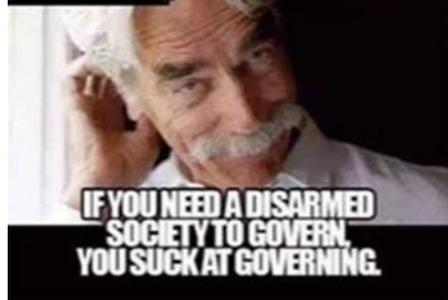
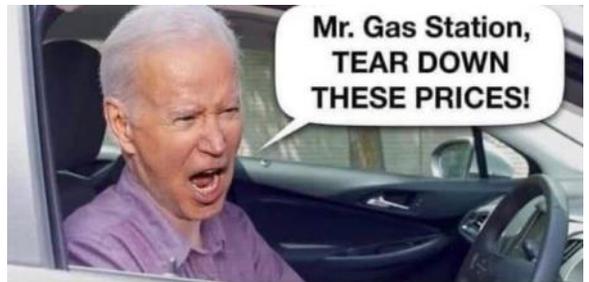
The former Federal Election Commission member was referring to HR 1, dubbed the "[For the People Act](#)," legislation from congressional Democrats that passed the House last year but died in the Senate.

The bill would have nationalized local or state election procedures by banning voter ID laws in most states, expanding the controversial practice of [ballot harvesting](#), and mandating that every state allow Election Day voter registration.

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California Gov. Newsom visits White House to endorse Dem 2024 nominee.



Political Cartoons



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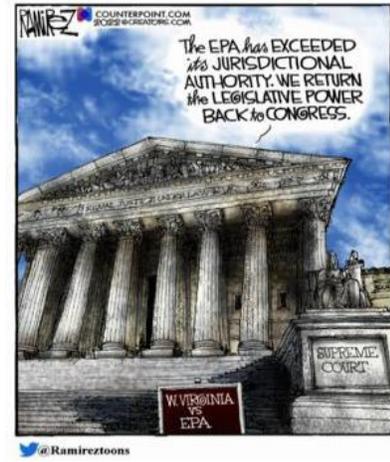
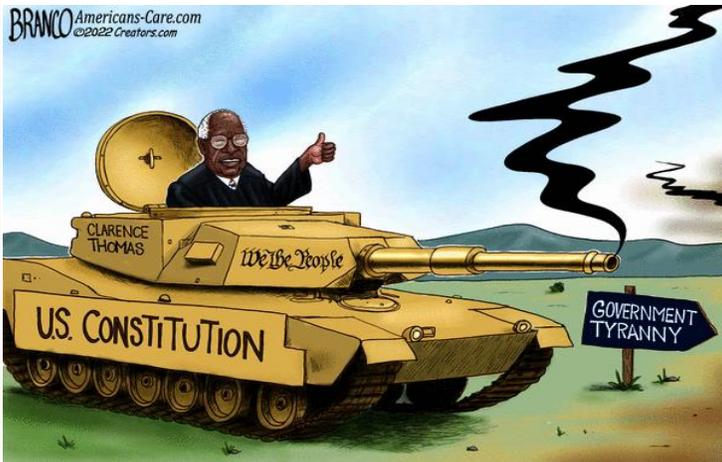
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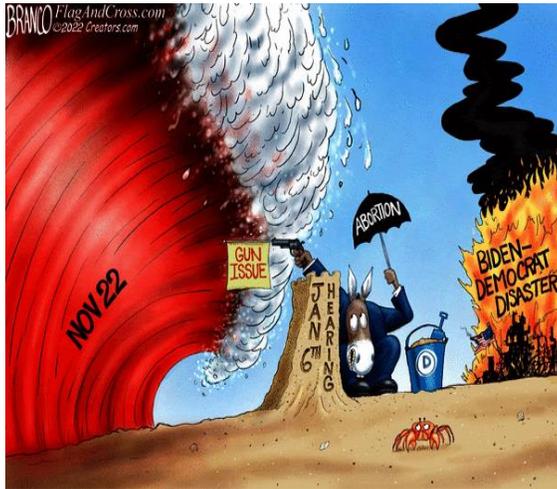
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A rock in bad hands killed Able. A rock in good hands killed Goliath. It's definitely not about the rock folks.



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

The Big Lie of Woke Capitalism

By James Gorrie, July 5, 2022

Commentary

'Social justice' investing is part of the Great Reset agenda of moving from shareholder to stakeholder capitalism

Apparently, the “woke left” in America is a big fan of free market capitalism and investing. At least, that’s what Slate’s Andrew Petillon would have us all believe in his recent article, “The Republican War on ‘Woke Capitalism’ Is Really Just a War on Capitalism.”

That is nothing more—and nothing less—than a well-constructed lie.

Woke Capitalism and ESG

Some definitions of terms are in order.

According to The Economist, “woke capitalism” involves public campaigns that appeal to millennials, who typically hold more socially liberal views and are arguably less informed on what free market capitalism is than prior generations.

So-called “woke capitalism” is also sometimes referred to as “ESG investing,” which itself has various meanings. The acronym ESG stands for “environmental, social, and governance.” It’s a vague categorization or standard applied to companies and investors to determine how, for lack of a better word, “woke” they may or may not be.

Domestically, ESG is a metric for woke capitalism. Some of the main concepts surrounding ESG are climate change, sustainability, green technology, social justice causes such as workers’ rights, working conditions, changing social norms, exploitation of minorities, and so forth. There is also the aspect of governmental oversight or promotion of those causes. A company or investor’s ESG ranking may be the determining factor for investment or even boycotts.

The Fascism of Stakeholder Capitalism

Woke capitalism embraces the idea of “stakeholder capitalism.” Stakeholder capitalism, which is what the Business Roundtable and the World Economic Forum (WEF) call for, demands that companies toe the ESG line, not necessarily to private shareholders, but to the often unelected and their woke socialist standards. The latter include equality of outcomes, hiring decisions, diversity requirements, income equality, and more. Shareholders like you and me are not part of the plan.



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz (L) addresses the assembly next to the founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, Klaus Schwab, during the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos on May 26, 2022. (Fabrice Coffrini/AFP via Getty Images)

Obviously, ESG has both red and green leftist political and ideological preferences that marry business with government policymakers, not merely business and shareholder interests. That, by the way, is fascism.

The Woke Capitalism Lie

Internationally, ESG identifies and ranks companies and investors that either do business with countries considered politically incorrect, lack ESG values, or both. A negative ESG rating could also result in negative publicity, divesture, or boycotts by Wall Street and Main Street investors.

According to Petillon, ESG or woke capitalism is somehow directly related to and is an aspect of free market capitalism. In fact, from its inception as a metric, the use of ESG factors in the financial analysis was deemed to be complementary to a company’s fiduciary responsibilities to investors and shareholders.

But are either assertions true?

And are ESG criteria really part of the fiduciary responsibilities that a public company has to its shareholders? In some cases, sure. For example, some investors don’t want to invest in companies that make alcohol, tobacco, or firearms. Those investors are free not to invest in those companies.

Imposing leftist criteria on a company whose responsibilities are to its shareholders doesn’t sound like free market capitalism. Instead, it is

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mandated behavior by the unelected. There are laws that all companies must follow, of course, but those vary by state and federal jurisdictions. ESG is separate from both—or at least, they used to be.

But to those on the left, ESG or woke capitalism is also virtuous capitalism because they believe that companies ought to behave, invest, and produce what the woke mob determines is correct. Those companies that don't comply must be punished and, if possible, driven out of business. As the ESG trend and political influence progress, it exercises more control—behavioral and political—over all companies, public and private. That's the end goal for woke capitalism.

Orwellian Wordplay Is the Leftist Way

See what's going on with the wordplay?

The approach is to add the word “capitalism” to add validity to the woke agenda, but that's not even remotely true.

The free market, Petillon asserts, is demanding that public corporations, and even private ones, adhere to ESG requirements. He further states that to be against the imposition of ESG standards for companies is to be against the free market.

There's just one big problem with the free market argument for ESG. It didn't come from the free market. It's a product of the United Nations Environment Program Initiative in the Freshfields Report in October 2005.

The clever part is that once ESG was established as some virtuous objective, it would simply be a matter of building up the support for its realization. That support includes left-wing politicians, media, academic institutions, and globalist financial organizations in a coordinated push to make ESG a part of U.S. corporate behavior and publicly shame those businesses that did not comply.

See how that process works?

Leverage the mainstream media, top, left-leaning universities, and other overtly left societal allies and push the woke agenda as if it were a grassroots, free market phenomenon.

A mural depicting British novelist George Orwell with the words “Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear” in Belgrade, Serbia, on May 8, 2018. (Oliver Bunic/AFP via Getty Images)



In short, the ESG investing agenda is an attempt by the U.N. and the WEF, both supranational organizations, to arbitrarily impose their will on private and public companies. The objective is to compel them to comply with their woke standards, not U.S. laws, to determine how they should operate, what policies they should have, who they should do business with, and what political and social agenda they should promote within their organization, even who they can have on their boards of directors.

This toxic perspective governs most of the left thinking about requiring corporate political obedience to causes that have nothing to do with the free market.

From Shareholder Capitalism to Stakeholder Capitalism

But woke capitalism isn't really free markets or even true capitalism. Petillon and the rest of the woke and Great Reset know this; they just won't admit it. Eventually, however, it involves demanding compliance to those arbitrary standards.

As Tesla CEO Elon Musk wrote on Twitter: “ESG is a scam. It has been weaponized by phony social justice warriors.”

Musk is right, of course.

ESG is indeed a weapon that's being used to attack Americans' liberty, the traditional U.S. capitalist economy, and its millions of big and small businesses. ESG needs to be destroyed before it destroys us.

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Guest GOP Elected Official Article



Greetings

Heading into the third week of July session in the Senate, the weather is hot and the days are long as I work to support the millions of Texans in the sweltering heat back home.

Democrats can't take the heat that they're receiving in response to their botched "green energy" plan and tax and spend policies, so they're trying to redefine the meaning of words in order to convince the American people that our economy is strong.

Thursday morning, the Bureau of Economic Analysis announced that the U.S. economy shrank again in the second quarter, shocking none. Anticipating the release of this report, Wednesday I introduced a [resolution](#) that defines a recession in accordance with its historical meaning: 2 negative quarters of gross domestic product growth.

You may be asking yourself, why would it be necessary to legislate a term that has already been defined and accepted by economists across the world?

The answer is simple, the Biden Administration is in the business of obscuring and altering definitions. First it was the definition of a man or woman, now it is the definition of an economic recession. The White House is not above undertaking an Orwellian effort ignoring historical precedent to avoid bad headlines. They even have their allies in the press redefining the term recession, including on Wikipedia. The fact is that President Biden's failed economic policies are fueling inflation and have led our country into a recession. Read the release [here](#).

[A real problem, demanding attention: border wristbands, explained](#) ↑

Democrats and the Biden administration also pushed a semiconductor chip production bill through the Senate this week. I support increasing domestic semiconductor chip production, but unfortunately, this bill allows companies to take American taxpayer dollars without adequate safeguards to ensure that American tax dollars are spent on American soil to increase chip production here at home.

Although I was unable to vote for the legislation as written, the bill does contain several provisions that I am honored to have championed. One of these provisions is the FABS Act, which would incentivize manufacturing in the U.S. through tax credits for investments here at home. This approach requires the manufacturers to invest their own dollars to qualify for the tax credit and it will ensure government does not get in the business of picking winners and losers. I pride myself on being a champion for the semiconductor manufacturing industry in Texas and across the nation, and will work to make sure future congressional efforts to support the semiconductor manufacturing industry are more targeted and strategic.

To read my full statement about that vote, click [here](#).

[ABOLISH THE NARCO SLAVE TRADE](#) ↑

Additionally, early in the week, I was proud to vote for water resources legislation that will authorize the construction of the coastal barrier protection system to mitigate the impact of major hurricanes and other significant water events in and around the Texas coast. The [Texas Coastal Spine Authorization Act](#) is a win-win, not just for Texans, but for taxpayers across the nation. Read the release [here](#).

Rest assured, I will always work to prepare Texas as best I can for these severe weather events and ensure the safety of all Texans.

Keep Texas Strong,

Senator Ted Cruz

The Fatherlessness Crisis in the West

BY AUGUSTO ZIMMERMANN , JULY 21, 2022

Commentary

Fatherlessness is a growing problem in the West.

In the United States, for example, there are 18 million children who live without a father at home. Across Australia, thousands of fathers are unable to re-connect with their children and are being told in mediation sessions or by divorce lawyers that there is no hope of overnight contact with their children.

Some people may assume that boys raised without fathers will treat women better. In reality, the vast majority of male perpetrators of domestic violence are the products of what was once called a “broken home.” They were denied any meaningful relationship with their fathers, and, as a result, denied the experience of manhood.

Good fathers teach boys to channel their emotions and their distinctive masculine tendencies into more productive activities. They play an essential role in helping their sons learn to respect authority, maintain discipline, develop self-control, and have empathy toward others.

All these character traits are found lacking in violent youth, according to the U.S. Department of Education (pdf).

Fathers are also deeply important for their daughters, providing them with a sense of physical and emotional security.

The U.S. Education Department states that daughters tend to feel “lovable” and better appreciate their own femininity when they have fathers in their lives.

According to sociology professor Stephen Baskerville:

“Child support took the process a step further by allowing the divorcing mother to use the now-fatherless children to claim her husband’s income—also regardless of any fault on her part (or lack of fault on his) in abrogating the marriage agreement.”

Further, Professor Parkinson says child support schemes, developed in the late 1980s, created “perverse incentives” for caregivers to stop allowing children to spend more time with the other parent to avoid reductions to child support—especially when support payments are calculated based on how many nights a child spends with their father.

Fathers Hit Hard by the Family Breaking Down

It is also worth noting that divorce is often the primary reason behind male suicide. When a marriage breaks down this is more likely to lead men, rather than women, to commit suicide.

The situation is not helped when the family law system often favours the woman in a divorce.

This might explain the tragic fate of a loving father who hanged himself after being denied access to his daughter because he couldn’t afford to pay child support worth twice his take-home pay.

In a letter signed “In Memory of My Loving Father,” his 14-year-old daughter wrote: “I know my father was a good man and a good father He obviously reached a point where he could see that justice was beyond his reach and decided that taking his life was the only way to end his suffering.”

A recurring theme in divorce situations is that children often adapt better to the separation if they continue to have contact with both parents.

In an academic article written by Richard A. Warshak, and endorsed by 110 leading international experts, under normal circumstances, children are likely to do considerably better if they have overnight contact with their parents. According to Barry Nurcombe, emeritus professor of child psychiatry at the University of Queensland, the experts who signed this report are amongst the best in the world in their fields.

As Professor Nurcombe points out, the paper highlights the fact that current policies tend to favour the mother when it comes to decisions on overnight contact.

What’s Best for the Children?

These experts confirm an assessment from Warren Farrell, who taught at the School of Medicine at the University of California in San Diego, as well as psychology and women’s studies at Georgetown and Rutgers.

Farrell cites extensive research on child development that links the involvement of the father to significant emotional and social benefits in children. According to him, being deprived of a father is a leading factor in increased mental illness, addiction, and suicide in men.

The Common Denominator of Violence in America

BY MARK ALEXANDER FROM THE PATRIOT POST

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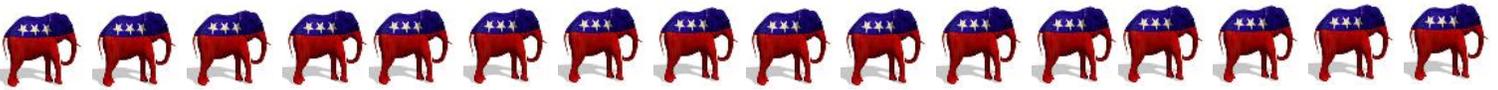
In "Father and Child Reunion: How to Bring the Dads We Need to the Children We Love," Farrell explains how the current approach in the West to custody is seriously damaging for children, with governments, media, and legal systems all diminishing the critical role fathers play.

Thanks to his significant efforts, the U.S. states of Florida and Kentucky have recently enacted legislation that acknowledges the crucial role of the father, especially in the case of divorce.

We can only hope that more jurisdictions will be impacted by his important work, including Australia.

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"ANY GUN IN THE HANDS OF A DECENT PERSON IS NO THREAT TO ANYBODY, EXCEPT BAD PEOPLE."
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TikTok: The Digital Equivalent of Crack Cocaine

[John Mac Ghlionn](#), June 20, 2022 Updated: June 28, 2022

Commentary

ByteDance employees in China have repeatedly accessed the private information of tens of millions of American TikTok users, according to a recent report from BuzzFeed News. The people behind the app can't be trusted. Moreover, the app itself is dangerous. Like an illicit, highly addictive opiate, TikTok ruins lives.

When you hear the word "addiction," what images spring to mind? An alcoholic stretched out on the pavement, surrounded by empty bottles? A drug addict, homeless and hopelessly lost? How about a person scrolling mindlessly on social media, wasting hours, weeks, months, and even years of their life away?

Excessive social media use is comparable to drug addiction. Of course, not all drugs are created equally. Some are more potent than others. The same goes for social media platforms. Of all the platforms out there, TikTok appears to be the absolute worst.

The American people are hurting. Drug addiction is at an all-time high, with about 33 million citizens being affected by substance abuse. Drug abuse alters the brain; it hijacks the central nervous system, manipulating our thoughts, actions, behaviors, and emotions.

More specifically, drugs directly affect the brain's "reward" circuit. After repeated exposure to certain substances, the brain starts to adjust to the surges of dopamine. In short, heavier doses are required to get the same high. Once a person heads down this perilous path, turning back is difficult.

Social media works similarly to alcohol and harder drugs, such as heroin and cocaine. Apps such as Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter are problematic. But TikTok, an app created by ByteDance, a company with close ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), is even worse. In fact, the platform has been labeled the "most addictive" social media site, with young people spending an average of 12 hours and 12 minutes on the app each week. That's more than two full days each month, 24 days per year.

Between 2019 and 2021, TikTok more than doubled its worldwide user base (to 655.9 million from 291.4 million). By 2025, it's expected to have at least 1 billion users. At least 80 million Americans use TikTok; that's almost a quarter of the population. A total of 57 percent of TikTok users are female, most of whom are teens. Social media use hurts girls more than boys, according to a study. Again, not all platforms inflict the same amount of harm. If Facebook is social media's answer to weed, then TikTok is crack cocaine.

TikTok Addiction

TikTok has been referred to as digital crack cocaine—and for a good reason. It's addictive, dangerously addictive. In fact, the app is so problematic that scientists recently coined the term "TikTok addiction." Users don't just use TikTok: They become dependent on it. Dependency is the foundation of every addiction. Users, initially in control, lose themselves to the substance. In many ways, the users become the used, with the drug dictating their every move, thought, and action.

Recently, a team of researchers, led by Troy Smith, a scientist at the University of Trinidad and Tobago, analyzed data from hundreds of college students. They then measured the six components of addiction: salience, mood modification, tolerance, withdrawal, conflict, and relapse. The researchers found that the worst affected TikTok users scored higher on measures of loneliness.

In an interview with PsyPost, Smith said, "The risk of overuse and possible problematic use exists and is associated with addiction-like behaviors that can potentially negatively impact the daily lives of sufferers."

In 2020, TikTok became the world's most downloaded app. Since then, representatives from Paracelsus Recovery, a mental health and addiction clinic in London, told the BBC that they've seen an "explosion" of young clients exhibiting telltale signs of TikTok dependency. Over the past 12 months, referrals for TikTok addiction have increased "fivefold."

The founder of the clinic, Jan Gerber, believes TikTok should be compared to hard drugs.

"It has a very similar impact on the brain's biochemistry to hard drugs," Gerber said. "TikTok has a severe impact on individual happiness, everyday life, and productivity."

Besides stealing your private data, the app also steals your happiness.

Of course, the thievery, one assumes, is by design. Launched in 2016 by ByteDance, a tech giant based in Beijing, TikTok is actually banned in China. Instead, Chinese users can access Douyin, the original, watered-down version of TikTok.

In China, children are allowed no more than 40 minutes per day on the app; overnight use is strictly forbidden. So even if a child logs on for 40 minutes daily, that works out at less than five hours per week. Compare that number with the 12 hours and 12 minutes of average use

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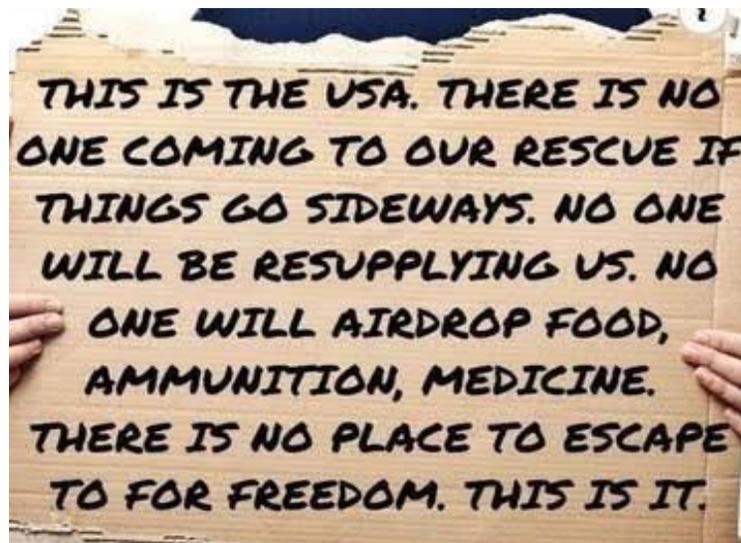
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in the United States. Unlike the content that appears on Douyin, which is mild in nature, the content on TikTok is, for lack of a better word, controversial, with users actively encouraged to hold their breath until they pass out, expose themselves in a sexual manner, and drive in a reckless manner.

TikTok is dangerous—it's addictive. And like all dangerous drugs, it ruins lives. Why, one wonders, is this app still allowed to operate in the United States?

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"MY BODY. MY CHOICE."

Correct, friend.

You do have full control of your body, always have and always will. The problem is you want full control over another life that you created because you lost control of your body. That new life is not responsible for your poor decisions. There are multiple ways to control your body and prevent the forming of a new life.

Failure to do so should not be blamed on that innocent life. That new life...is not your body...it's a new body growing inside of you.

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But today, I overheard two farmers talking, and one of them said he had bought a bull to 'Service' his cows.

BAM !!! It all came into focus. Now I understand what all those agencies are doing to us.

You are now as enlightened as I am.

Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer season. While summer is time for vacations, in politics, summer is when we gear up for the fall election. Now is the time to start offering your services to a campaign or Victory 2022 through the County GOP. Campaigns will need people to block walk, make phone calls, deliver signs, or send out postcards. Whatever you can do to help, please do. Below, I listed some of the people running in the general election and the Collin GOP website. Please go to the site of your choice and sign up to help. Remember to submit your political action hours to our website (www.planorepublicanwomen.org).

Also, please keep track of any political phone calls you make. Whether you are talking about politics to a friend or making campaign calls, please keep track of the number of calls you make. I will start keeping track of that number starting at the August meeting.

1. Calls of a political nature or for club activities
2. Calls made to elected officials
3. Calls made for voter registration, GOTV
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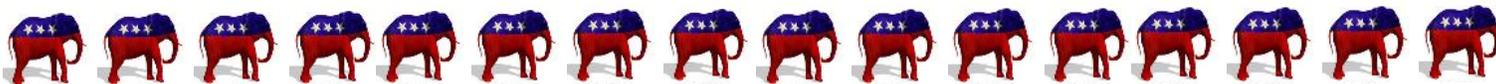


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Exciting News!

PRW is Now a Jumbo Club!!!!



Our membership (new members and renewals) is now 101!
This is a great milestone for PRW!!

Let's keep it going! Please invite your Republican friends, neighbours, family and converted Democrats 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.

How do I get access to TFRW and NFRW Websites and Newsletters?

Check out the Frequently Asked Questions on our website:

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Birthdays

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