

Elephant Talk



Plano Republican Women

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President's Byline



The new Democrat darling Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez seems to be everywhere. The liberal media loves her and has her on every chance they can. What's not for the media to love? She is a young, beautiful, Latina, millennial, and a self-proclaimed Democratic Socialist. She graduated from Boston University with a major in international relations and a minor in economics.

In case you have not heard of her, Cortez won the NY 14th congressional district seat in the 2018 Democrat primary. This seat was occupied by the ten-term incumbent, Crowley. This district includes the eastern part of the Bronx and portions of north-central Queens in New York City.

While liberals love her, when Cortez opens her mouth, she gives Conservative Republicans agita. She also becomes the poster child for why parents should not send their children to Boston University.

Some of Cortez's most famous quotes are also her dumbest. When Stephen Colbert asked her what Democratic Socialism was, her answer was the government giving people free homes, food, clothing, college, and health care. Sorry Congresswoman, but that is not what Socialism means. As most PRW members know, the definition of Socialism is when the government owns the means of production. Socialism is not giving people free stuff.

Another thing the new Congresswoman does not know is how many branches of government the US has or what they are called. In a video posted to her followers, Cortez said, "In 2020 [we need to] take back all three chambers of Congress. Rather, all three chambers of government, the Presidency, the Senate, and the House." Apparently, the Judiciary is not a branch of government in Cortez's mind, and Congress makes up two of the branches instead of only one.

When she was asked about Israel, she called it an "Occupation of Palestine", and then said, "I don't know about Geo Politics." Oh, that is not the only thing she doesn't know. In her most recent interview she said that being a billionaire was immoral, and the world is going to end in twelve years. People, the light in Cortez's mind is on but no one is home.

If the words spewed by the young congresswoman make you want to flee for your life, fear not, there is hope. While the US has many ignorant young people like Cortez, we also have some smart conservative ones. These young people actually know the branches of government, the real definition of Socialism, that Capitalism is not evil, and is the only economic system that can lift people out of poverty. There are young people who know about Milton Freedman and his Chicago School of Economics. They know Socialism has never worked and will never work. They don't want the government to give them free stuff and take care of them from cradle to grave.

Who and where are these millennial and generation (Z)ers? Some of them are on YouTube; for instance, Steven Crowder, Hunter Avallone, Candace Owens, and David the Gay Republican. They post conservative commentary on political events and issues. Tomi Lahren has her own show on the Fox Nation website. By far, the most famous conservative millennial is Ben Shapiro. In my opinion, he is the smartest. He has his own podcast and is the editor of the Daily Caller. Jennifer Groysman can also find him on YouTube.

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Calendar of Events

Board Meeting
February TBA

February Meeting
February 19th

January Plano Republican Women Meeting



Next PRW Meeting:

Tuesday, February 19th, 2019

Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Good

Host of the popular educational podcast, "Ask Dr. B. Good"!

She is a 33 year educator who has worked as a teacher, campus principal, central office executive director, and school superintendent/CEO. She has worked in a public school and charter school setting. She has been an educational consultant, a keynote speaker on educational issues, and has presented hundreds of educational workshops and trainings. She's had two books published on educational topics and has written and co-written several articles for educational journals

Location: Reflections on Spring Creek

1901 East Spring Creek Parkway

Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in

11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

PRW membership is not required to attend our meeting

Lunch is available with RSVP for \$20 in cash or check payable to PRW

RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm the Friday before the meeting

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting

To RSVP send an email to: rsvp@planothrepublicanwomen.org I
include your name in your email and say if you will/will not be having lunch



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President's Byline

However, you don't have to go on the internet to find young conservatives. We have them right here in Collin County. We have young Republicans like Ross Kecseg (President of Empower Texan), Desiree Brown (President of Collin County Young Republicans), Hayden Padgett (President of TX Young Republicans), Connor Barron (GOP Precinct Chair), and Chris Bingham (GOP Precinct Chair). All of these young people can run circles around Congresswoman Cortez.

These young Republicans and my own two daughters give me hope for the future. They show me that we must teach our children about conservative values. We must teach them about Capitalism and the greatness of a free market system. We also have to tell them about the horrors of Socialism and Communism. If we don't, we will get more people like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez running our country. If that happens America as we know it will be lost.

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Several different flags have flown over Texas during its history. Spain, France, Mexico, the Confederacy, and the Republic of Texas all claimed Texas as its own throughout the years. Texas remained a republic for almost 10 years until it became part of the United States in 1845. The Texas flag is the official symbol of the "Lone Star State" because of its single bright star gracing the red, white and blue banner. The colors in the flag symbolize bravery (red), purity and liberty (white), and loyalty (blue). The Texas flag is the official symbol of the "Lone Star State" because of its single bright star gracing the red, white and blue banner. The colors in the flag symbolize bravery (red), purity and liberty (white), and loyalty (blue).

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Thank you to Debby Arrant for these photos of the January meeting.



The official seal of the state has a five-pointed star, encircled by olive and live oak branches and the words "The State of Texas".



AMERICANISM REPORT

By Cleo Marchese, Americanism Chair

Everyone knows the iconic picture of Rosie the Riveter but few know about the person behind the image is Rosalind P. Walter, born in June 25, 1924 to a wealthy Long Island family in Brooklyn, New York.

Rosalind Palmer is a daughter of the late Winthrop Bushnell Palmer, professor and chair of literature and fine arts at the Long Island University. Her father was Carleton Humphreys Palmer president of E. R. Squibb and Sons, a Brooklyn pharmaceutical company he founded in 1892. It later became a subsidiary of Bristol-Myers.

She was raised in New York's Locust Valley and educated the Connecticut's Ethel Walker School. By 1940, she moved to Manhattan with her parents and older siblings, Lowell and Winthrop.

Rosalind after graduating high school became one of the many young women to work in the factories to support the war effort during World War II. Keep in mind, Rosalind was a wealthy heiress. This was her way of giving back to our country and showing patriotism. She went to work in the factories with other women in traditional male jobs to fill in for the shortage of workers because of the national draft. She initially was hired to work the night shift as a riveter on Corsair fighter and later the F4U marine gull-winged fighter airplanes. She quickly noticed most of the women around her were from low income families and became an advocate for equal pay for female employees. Rosalind started by setting new speed records for riveting in her factory. She wanted to show women could complete work at the same pace or better than their few male co-workers who were routinely paid more.

The powerful image of Rosie the Riveter may have started with a newspaper story about Rosalind Palmer, a female aircraft factory worker in New York. The War Production Board had been looking for ways to inspire patriotism and support for the female workers. According to heritage writer Ginny McPartland, who wrote a story in the New York Times in 2013 on Rosie the Riveter, the War Production Board had already started a series of patriotic war posters but probably settled on Rosie, after the article written about a real-life female riveter setting speed records in a New York factory.

Rosalind inspired Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb to write the song, "Rosie the Riveter," which was then recorded by Kay Kyser and The Four Vagabonds in 1942. Historians feel as an heiress, she probably ran in the same circles as Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb. The song portrays "Rosie" as a tireless assembly line worker, who is doing her part to help the American war effort. Other historians feel, Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb may have sought out the heiress turned factory worker after the local newspaper story about Rosalind.

After the war, Rosalind married first Henry S. Thompson, a lieutenant with the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1946, who was the father of her son Henry. She remarried again in 1956 the love of her life, Henry Glendon Walter, Jr., a wealthy lawyer from the law firm of Fulton, Walter & Halley in Manhattan. He later became the CEO of International Flavors and Fragrances. They were married until his death in Nov of 2000 where he died at the age of 90 in a New York hospital.

Rosalind, known as Roz to her friends worked on a wide range of philanthropic enterprises alone and jointly with her husband, Henry "Hank". Both served as trustees for the American Museum of Natural History and the Long Island University, who awarded her an honorary degree in 1983. In 1953, she started the Walter foundation, today it is called The Rosalind P. Walter Foundation, a private non-profit used to fund various philanthropic enterprises of the Walter family.

One of the more noteworthy institutions Rosalind supported was public television. She personally underwrote PBS series, the PBS New Hour, the Great Performances, documentaries Shakespeare Uncovered, The Roosevelts: An Intimate History, The Pilgrims, and the Emmy Award-winning American Masters series. She is also on the board of the Greenville Baker Boys & Girls Club and a lifetime patron. In 2016, she was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame. Rosalind was also a member of the National Committee for Inner City Drug Prevention.

As Life Trustee of the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island, she was appointed to the board of United States Tennis Association. In, she provided funding for the first college scholarships awarded under the USTA. In 2011, the grant was renamed in her honor, The Rosalind P. Walter Grant. The program annually grants funding "to one male and one female high-academic achieving student of good character who is entering a four-year college or university program" and who "share Walter's belief in always putting forth one's best effort and giving back to one's community to make it a better place. Each student selected will receive \$2,500 per year or a total of up to \$10,000 to cover costs of tuition, and related college cost including room and board.

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Composer William J. Marsh of Fort Worth along with lyricist Gladys Yoakum Wright wrote "Texas, Our Texas". This patriotic song was adopted in 1929 as the **official state song** of Texas after being selected in a state-wide competition.



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In recent years, she has turned her effort towards wildlife and conservation. In 2014 she served on the board of trustees for the North Shore Wildlife Sanctuary. Her efforts helped the North Shore Land Alliance purchase the Humes property in Mill Neck, New York in order to preserve 28-acre of meadowlands, freshwater woodlands, and nine historical structures located on the property. In 2016, the North Shore Land Alliance listed "Mrs. Henry G. Walter Jr./The Rosalind P. Walter Foundation" on its registry of individuals and organizations who had donated to the Alliance in 2015 at the \$25-49K level. She is still alive today living in New York City.

Trivia:

During the World War II, women who worked in the factories became known as the "Rosies".



In January 2018, *The New York Times* published the obituary of a Naomi Parker Farley, 96, incorrectly calling her the "real Rosie the Riveter."

Pittsburgh artist, J. Howard Miller made the iconic "Rosie the Riveter" poster of a woman in a polka dot red bandana and blue work shirt, flexing her arm in a show of strength and determination. "We Can Do It" reads in a bubble over her head. Nowhere in the poster does the name Rosie appear. During World War II, the poster appeared only in Westinghouse electrical plants. It was never meant for public display and was forgotten for decades until a copy was found in the early 80s. It quickly became a symbol of feminism and was retroactively named Rosie the Riveter after the Rosies of the war generation.

Norman Rockwell, painted the only war time poster with a model pictured with a lunch box with the name "Rosie" on it.



Texas's **state flower** is the beautiful bluebonnet which can be found growing wild in the country sides of South Central Texas. Named for its color and resemblance of a woman's sunbonnet, the flower blooms in early spring, making Texas hillsides appear as endless seas of blue.

Texas Taxpayers Forced to Fund Lobbyists for Unions

By Ross Kecseg, October 5, 2017

*Taxpayers are not only forced to fund their political opposition—
they're forced to subsidize the political views of private organizations.*

Texas taxpayers are forced to pay millions each year to a government-lobbying group that serves as the umbrella organization for public sector unions. In other words, taxpayers are not only forced to fund their opposition—they're forced to subsidize the political views of private organizations.

The Texas Municipal League (TML) is an association of city governments. Their member cities use tax dollars to fund TML's budget, which is then spent on member benefits including conferences, research, other resources, and the lobbying of state lawmakers.

TML recently bragged on their website about their “power ranking” as a government lobbyist. But it’s easy to make a big splash in Austin attacking conservative reforms when your efforts are financed with millions of tax dollars. Even worse, TML’s policy agenda is objectively anti-taxpayer.

The next time local officials and government employees are quoted in newspapers trashing pro-taxpayer reforms, remember: taxpayers are funding their propaganda.

TML had the audacity – and lack of intellectual integrity – to claim that a law designed to empower local taxpayers somehow undermined “local control.” That’s because TML represents the interests of local cities and their politicians. And it’s *their* power to raise taxes that could have been limited by their own constituents if property tax reform – Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 2 – had passed in 2017.

Stated differently, TML fights for local *government* control, especially if doing so undermines local *taxpayer* control.

But TML doesn’t only represent local government interests and their politicians – they’re the umbrella organization for dozens of public sector unions. In other words, taxpayers are funding the lobbying efforts of private organizations.

This partnership is the reason why numerous police and fire chiefs were parroting TML’s false and misleading claims that voter-approval requirements for higher property taxes would somehow “threaten public safety.”

Below are TML’s affiliate organizations:

[Association of Hispanic Municipal Officials \(AHMO\)](#)

[Building Officials Association of Texas \(BOAT\)](#)

[Government Finance Officers Association of Texas \(GFOAT\)](#)

[Texas Association of Black City Council Members \(TABCCM\)](#)

[Texas Association of Governmental Information Technology Managers \(TAGITM\)](#)

[Texas Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners \(TAMCC\)](#)

[Texas Association of Municipal Health Officials \(TAMHO\)](#)

[Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers \(TAMIO\)](#)

[Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association \(TXAPA\)](#)

[Texas City Attorneys Association \(TCAA\)](#)

[Texas City Management Association \(TCMA\)](#)

[Texas Court Clerks Association \(TCCA\)](#)

[Texas Fire Chiefs Association \(TFCA\)](#)

[Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc. \(TMCA\)](#)

[Texas Municipal Human Resources Association \(TMHRA\)](#)

[Texas Municipal Library Directors Association \(TMLDA\)](#)

[Texas Municipal Utilities Association \(TMUA\)](#)

[Texas Police Chiefs Association \(TPCA\)](#)

[Texas Public Purchasing Association \(TxPPA\)](#)

[Texas Public Works Association \(TPWA\)](#)

[Texas Recreation and Park Society \(TRAPS\)](#)



The mockingbird is the **state bird**, known to have the "prettiest song of any bird in North America". The song of the bird is a medley of the calls of many other birds, thus nicknamed the "mockingbird". But don't be fooled. A mockingbird is known to be a viciously fierce protector of its nest and environment, often seen swooping down on a dog, cat or predator that may be venturing too close to the bird's protected territory.

TRUMP Has the Democrats Cornered

Jim Daws, January 13, 2019 for American Thinker

No sooner had the Democrats taken back the majority in the House of Representatives than they proved their harshest critics correct – the party no longer concerns itself with the interests of the American people. And by refusing to provide a dime for a physical barrier on our border, they did it in the starkest terms possible.

Led by far-left Nancy Pelosi, who held off a challenge to her leadership from the even farther left, the House Democrats promptly put themselves in the position of being seen taking the side of foreigners entering the country illegally over the security and economic prosperity of American citizens. They reduced themselves to the absurd position that "walls don't work."

I'm not one who necessarily believes that President Trump is a master negotiator or is playing 3D chess. But whether by design or because of pressure from his restive base, he now has the winning hand to build his wall and go on to re-election in 2020.

What's important now is that Trump plays his winning hand and resists the growing calls from the opposition media and cheap-labor Republicans to compromise with Nancy and Chuck. Doing so would just throw them a lifeline. Instead, Trump should use the power granted presidents by Congress, declare a national emergency, and begin construction of the wall.

Sure, the Democrats and open-border zealots will run to the thoroughly discredited 9th Circuit and get an activist Obama judge to stand the law on its head and issue a bogus restraining order. But the president will be on solid legal footing, and that ruling will be overturned by the Supreme Court on the expedited basis that an emergency declaration demands.

It took a while for them to admit it, but even liberal legal scholars now grudgingly recognize that the National Emergencies Act of 1976 grants the president the authority to reprogram military construction funds for emergency projects. And sorry, CNN, but it's the president and the president alone who decides what's an emergency. The Secure Fence Act passed by Congress in 2006 further strengthens Trump's case for declaring an emergency.

This will put the Dems in the awkward position of arguing that wasteful Army Corps of Engineer projects in Iraq and Afghanistan are more important than one protecting America's border. While many of those projects were of dubious value to begin with, many more have already been built, have been destroyed, and are waiting to be rebuilt to be destroyed again.

While all this plays out, the Democrats will be all over the opposition media, declaring Trump a tyrant for having the audacity to secure the nation's borders. It will be Trump Derangement Syndrome on parade as one wild-eyed leftist after another vehemently argues against what Americans can plainly see is common sense.

Trump's greatest value is as a disruptor, and all this disruption is just too delicious, as it forces the Dems to play their losing hand.

While Trump should quickly end the partial government shutdown to take away that issue, he shouldn't give an inch on DACA or any other form of amnesty. Doing that would muddy the waters and fracture his base and congressional Republicans. That argument can wait for another day and for more substantial concessions from the Democrats like an end to chain migration. In the meantime, let the Dems twist in the wind.

This would also be a good time for the administration to get its communications act together and correct several fallacies the opposition media have ingrained into the public's consciousness – fallacies like that the wall is an exorbitant expense, when in reality it will save far more through reduced costs associated with illegal immigration, which currently costs the nation well over \$150B each and every year. Heck, it will save money on the reduced need for border patrol personnel alone. Then there is the fallacy that a 2,000-mile border barrier is some major engineering challenge, when the U.S. has built over 46,000 miles of interstate highways, each mile of which required more complex engineering than setting a steel-bollard wall. And there is the self-obvious fallacy that agenda-driven politicians, open-borders advocates, and opposition media pundits know more about how to secure the border than border patrol agents who overwhelmingly are calling for a physical barrier.

Having regained one house of Congress, the Democrats immediately boxed themselves into a losing position. That position is in opposition to the main issue that elected Trump to the presidency: securing the border. Their fellow travelers in the media can deceive the uninformed portion of the electorate for only so long before it becomes painfully clear that voting for Democrats imperils the nation.

The author hosts Right Now with Jim Daws, a video webcast on news, politics, and culture from an American nationalist perspective. <http://twitter.com/RightNowJimDaws>

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Texas's state insect is the beautiful monarch butterfly. This type of butterfly is special because it is the only species of butterfly that does not hibernate, but migrates in changing seasons. Three to four generations of these gorgeous black and orange butterflies are produced each year

Legislative Report

It has been an exciting beginning to 2019 with the swearing in of our Congressman and members of our Texas Legislature. The members of our local delegations are listed below with their contact information.

If you click on the name of each member you will get their website where you can see what committees they serve on, what legislation they are working on, their press releases and the resources each has for us as constituents.

Each of these officials can introduce legislation and are very willing to talk to you about any legislative concerns you may have. Each of their offices can do casework for their constituents. As a general rule of thumb if you are having a problem with a Federal Agency you can contact your Federal Senator or House Member, if the problem is with a State Agency you can contact your State Senator or State House Member.



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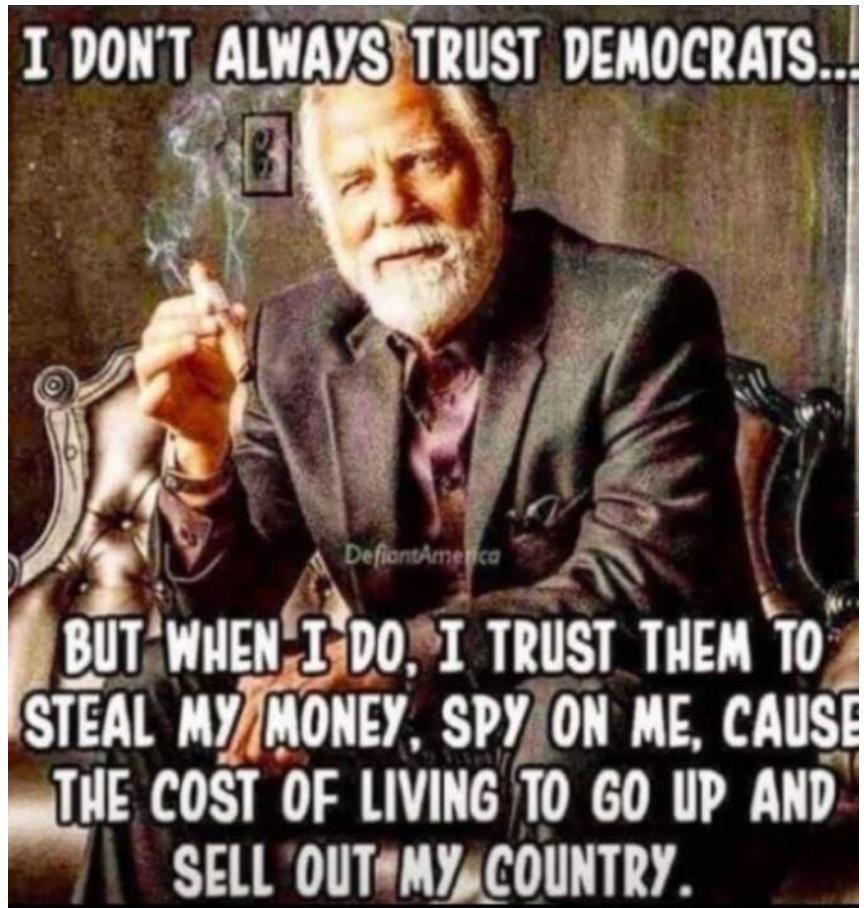
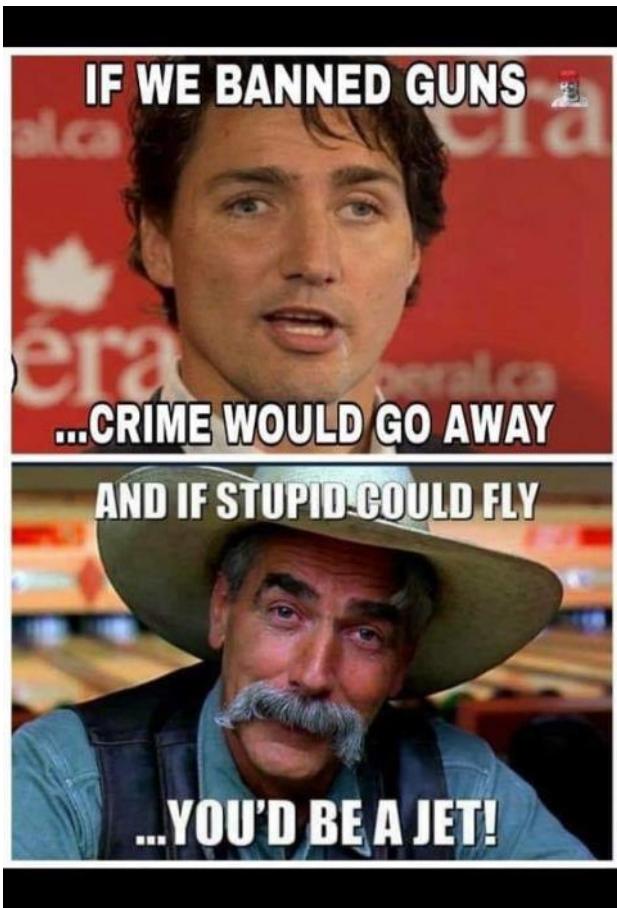
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Political Cartoons



Let's not forget...

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



**Trump and
We the People
BEAT THEM ALL!**



Texas blue topaz was chosen as the **state gemstone**. Its crystal-like appearance occurs in many natural colors including blue, orange, brown, green, pink, beige and red.

A Sad and Evil Day: New York Legalizes Abortion Up To Baby's Birth Day on Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

By

New York legislators cheered and applauded Tuesday night after the state Senate removed restrictions on late-term abortions, allowing unborn babies to be aborted on the day of birth.

[The Reproductive Health Act](#) passed with a 38-28 vote and was signed into law by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D).

"Today we are taking a giant step forward in the hard-fought battle to ensure a woman's right to make her own decisions about her own personal health, including the ability to access an abortion," Gov. Cuomo said.

The law erases New York's previous limitations on abortion which restricted the fatal procedure past 24 weeks.

The Reproductive Health Act states, "every individual who becomes pregnant has the fundamental right to choose to carry the pregnancy to term, to give birth to a child, or to have an abortion."

The law also removes abortion from the definition of homicide and New York's criminal code altogether. Previously, New York law treated the murder of an unborn child in its the third trimester as a felony offense punishable by up to seven years in prison.

The Reproductive Health Act changes that. Instead, abortion will be regulated under public health law and a variety of medical professionals, not just licensed physicians, will be allowed to perform abortions without penalty.

"Opponents say this limits prosecutors when they look to charge individuals who harm a woman's unborn child in a domestic violence case or otherwise. Supporters say, in such cases, there remain plenty of other, much harsher criminal charges at prosecutors' disposal," reports the [Times Union](#).

New York Republicans and conservatives fought against the law but the measure sailed through the state Senate after Democrats won a majority in the Senate last November.

Advocates say the new law will protect abortion even if the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade.

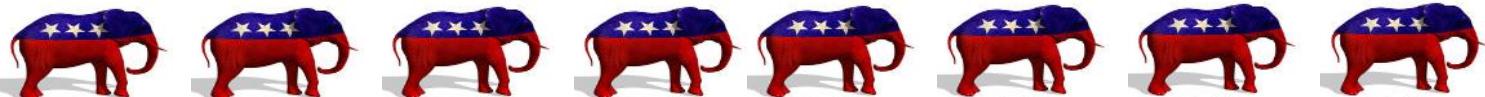
"With the signing of this bill, we are sending a clear message that whatever happens in Washington, women in New York will always have the fundamental right to control their own body," Cuomo said.

Pro-life activists are horrified by the legislation.

"New York Senate cheers today for legalization of killing a baby old enough to born - poisoning a 6 month old to death in the womb & delivering her in pieces. This is the legacy of #Roe. It's time to end this barbarism," said Lila Rose, founder and president of Live Action.

Outspoken Christian and New Orleans Saints tight end Ben Watson also strongly condemned the law.

"It is a sad and evil day when the murder of our most innocent and vulnerable is celebrated with such overwhelming exuberance. We SHOULD be supporting and encouraging the building of families which are fundamental to any society. By not doing so, we invite consequences untold," he tweeted shortly after the law was passed.



A seashell called a lightning whelk is the **state shell**, named for its colored stripes. Only found along the Gulf Coast, it is unique because it is one of few shells that open on the left side.

Just Kidding

Can you believe Trump!? So now anyone that doesn't support building the wall will be penalized!!!! WTF!! IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE!?

The penalty is either a flat amount assessed for each unsupportive family member, or a percentage of your family income, whichever is greater. The flat amount penalty is \$695 per adult and \$347.50 per child under 18 (up to a maximum of \$2,085 per family). The percentage penalty is 2.5% of household income. Just kidding... that was Obama! That penalty was imposed for anyone that chose not to have or couldn't afford insurance...



The state pepper is the jalapeño.
The state grass is the sideoats grama.
The state motto is "friendship"

Watch Company Releases the Most Brilliant Rebuttal to Gillette Commercial

By KARISTA BALDWIN, JANUARY 18, 2019

A watch company has responded to Gillette's recent ad with a similar short of their own.

The big difference between the two videos? While Gillette's short bashed men for their "toxic" masculinity, Egard Watch Company's video instead focused on uplifting men.

In an email to Conservative Tribune, a brand of The Western Journal, Egard Watch CEO Ilan Srulovicz said he felt compelled to make his own video in order to uplift men and champion the beauty of real masculinity. He wanted to bring to light the statistics shown in the video, which he believes are often ignored and dismissed.

"I, like the overwhelming majority of men, am absolutely disgusted by sexual assault, rape, bullying, so why throw it in my face as if my 'gender' as a whole is toxic," Srulovicz wrote. "Using terms like 'toxic masculinity' etc ... is using too broad a stroke to address specific issues ... issues which I agree, very much need to be addressed."

Srulovicz says he believes that people should celebrate each other, rather than tear each other down. He thinks that if Gillette really wants to make men better, their ad went about it the wrong way.

"If that's really their intention, the best way to do that is to show the best of us, not the worst," he wrote.

"When I see a man risking his life running in to a burning building, it makes me want to be better. When I see a father who will stand by his kids no matter what, it makes me want to be better. When I see a soldier putting everything on the line to preserve my freedom, I want to be better."

"That's what a man is to me and they represent a far greater majority of men than what Gillette portrayed a man to be," Srulovicz said.

Gillette's ad ostensibly encouraged men to be "the best men can be." But you'd be hard-pressed to find any encouragement for men in their ad.

Some of the most glaring put-downs of men came from the ad's criticism of the majority of men for the actions of a few.

We believe in the best in men," the Gillette ad's voiceover says. "To say the right thing, to act the right way. Some already are, in ways big and small. But some is not enough. Because the boys watching today will be the men of tomorrow."

Egard's video turns the "some is not enough" claim on its head with some statistics which show the heights of selflessness that men are capable of.

Citing figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the video points out that men make up 93% of workplace fatalities. Men also make up over 97% of war fatalities.

The statistics show a shocking departure from much of the mainstream media's narrative. The video points out that 79% of homicide victims are male, while men make up 80% of suicide victims. 75% of single homeless people are men.

As Srulovicz said wrote, "Lift me up if you want to see a change in me, don't tear me down. These are the messages companies need to be showing and celebrating if they really care about change."

"I really hope that the video gets to a point where it draws enough attention that larger companies start realizing there is a market in promoting positive messages for men."

Srulovicz's video shows firemen, servicemen, and men hugging their children. And he's right: Now is not the time to put men down. Now is the time to encourage them.

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5 Questions About Transgenderism That No Leftist Can Answer

Matt Walsh, The Daily Wire, 11/17/2018

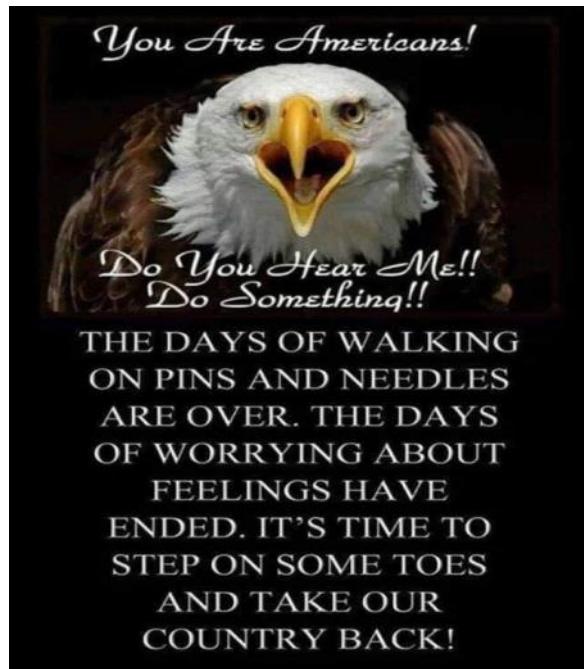
Last week, it **permanently banned** a feminist who committed the unconscionable sin of repeatedly insisting that men aren't women. This past weekend the company clarified its stance on the issue. According to the new rules, you are not allowed to engage in any "slurs" or "tropes" that might offend transgender individuals. These "slurs" and "tropes" include "misgendering" and "deadnaming" a transgender person. Of course, "misgender" means referring to a person by their biological (read: actual) sex. "Deadnaming" sounds like a codeword the CIA might use, but apparently it means calling a "transgender woman" by his original male name, or a "transgender man" by her original female name. Any of these offenses might earn you a permanent ban from the platform.

Some conservatives seem surprised by the increased attempts to silence those who acknowledge and affirm biological realities. I am only surprised by their surprise. This was always inevitable, and it will only get worse from here. After all, what other choice does the Left have? They literally *cannot* engage with the other side of this debate because there is no debate. "Transgenderism" is an article of faith. It has no referent in physical reality. It cannot be defended logically or scientifically. If they are going to maintain their radical theory of gender, they can only do it through intimidation and force.

The leftist position on this topic is so divorced from reason, so utterly indefensible, that they cannot even explain their own view, let alone defend it against an intellectual challenge. They can only issue assertions and then shout ad hominem at anyone who refuses to immediately believe and adopt their philosophy wholesale. To demonstrate this fact, here are five very basic questions that any proponent of "transgenderism" and gender fluidity should be able to answer easily, but cannot:

- 1) How precisely does a biological male come to the conclusion that he is really a woman?
- 2) If he arrives at this conclusion based on the fact that he "feels like" a woman, how does he know what it feels like to be a woman?
- 3) What exactly is a female feeling?
- 4) Even if it made sense to speak of female feelings and female thoughts, and even if it were possible for a man to know for certain that he is experiencing those feelings and thoughts, in what objective sense do those feelings and thoughts make him a woman rather than simply a feminine man?
- 5) But the Left tells us that gender is a social construct. They reject the idea that women must necessarily have any particular feeling or thought or taste or preference. If gender is indeed an artificial construct and our physical features have no bearing on our identity as "man" or "woman," then what in the hell is a woman? A woman, in that case, is not defined by her feelings, thoughts, ideas, preferences, or her body, reproductive organs, chromosomes, DNA, etc. So what is she defined by? If he isn't defined by anything, then how does it make sense to call yourself a woman? Isn't that like calling yourself a whooziwhatsit or a thingamaboodle? Isn't "woman" now a term empty of all objective meaning?

I have never heard any leftist offer a satisfactory answer to these questions. Rarely have I seen anyone even attempt an answer. That's because there is no answer. They are proposing square circles. They are insisting on something that is not only scientifically but logically impossible. All they can do with such an insistence is insist it. Only logical propositions can be explained and defended. So, they don't bother. And why should they? If they can make their ideas mandatory, it doesn't matter that the ideas are absurd.



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No One Expects the Secular Inquisition

By Ben Shapiro, January 22, 2018 for National Review

It's time for religious people to wake up.

We're entering the age of mainstream anti-religious bigotry.

In the past, American-brand religious bigotry has been largely internecine in fashion; to quote comic songster Tom Lehrer, "the Protestants hate the Catholics, and the Catholics hate the Protestants, and the Hindus hate the Muslims, and everybody hates the Jews." Now, however, bigotry with regard to religion has been directed by secular Americans *against religion itself*. Those who abide by traditional Judeo-Christian notions of sin have been targeted for destruction, deemed unworthy of private choice, let alone a role in the public discourse.

This week provided ample examples. First, there was the full-scale media assault on Karen Pence, the wife of Vice President Mike Pence. Karen committed the unforgivable sin of going back to work at a Christian school at which she had taught art for a dozen years. That Christian school had a rather typical policy under which parents and students were to sign a pledge not to engage in sinful behavior, which under traditional Christian definition included premarital sex, extramarital sex, homosexual activity, and transgender self-identification, among others. The school agreement explains that admission may be refused or revoked if the parents or students are "in opposition to . . . the biblical lifestyle the school teaches."

Similar agreement exists at traditional Christian and Jewish schools across America. Yet Pence was hit with the proverbial sink by the media, with reporters expressing outrage at her intolerance, John King of CNN wondering whether her Secret Service protection could be withdrawn, and one LGBTQ organization even sending fake children's books about a "gay bunny" to the school. Karen Pence's presence at the school had nothing to do with public policy; she's not a public official. Her religious perspective has nothing to do with public policy; religious people across the country differ on the role of government in American life. The reality is that many on the left were simply perturbed by the mere existence of religious Christians attending religious schools.

That perturbation manifested itself once again in another manufactured media outrage, this time concerning the students of Covington Catholic High School. Every year, over a hundred students from the high school attend the annual March for Life (I had the pleasure of speaking there this year). Shortly after the march ended, the students gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to wait for a bus. That's when they were accosted, first by unstable members of the Black Hebrew Israelites, who proceeded to curse them, and then by an elderly Native American man, who walked into their midst while banging a drum. Tape of the incident was cut out of context to make it look as though the students had surrounded the man and mocked him; in reality, he instigated the contact, and then proceeded to bang a drum in one kid's face. The reality of the situation wasn't made manifest until after much of the Left had called for the kids' heads on a platter — and some had targeted the school itself. Alyssa Milano suggested, "Let's not forget — this entire event happened because a group of boys went on a school-sanctioned trip to protest against a woman's right to her own body and reproductive healthcare. It is not debatable that bigotry was at play from the start." Former Democratic National Committee chair Howard Dean wrote, "#CovingtonCatholic High School seems like a hate factory to me. Why not just close it?"

Anti-religious bigotry has hit the mainstream, particularly among Democrats. Senator Kamala Harris (D., Calif.) declared her candidacy for president this week, just after attempting to discredit judicial candidate Brian Buescher by asking him about his membership in the Catholic Knights of Columbus — a group in which Democrats including John F. Kennedy have held membership. Just five years ago, New York governor Andrew Cuomo suggested that pro-lifers weren't welcome in New York. In 2015, Hillary Clinton stated that "deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs, and structural biases have to be changed" based on the need for more liberal views of conduct. During the 2016 election, WikiLeaks released emails showing that John Podesta had agreed with a 2012 push against "a middle ages dictatorship . . . in the Catholic church."

This hatred of religion manifests itself in policy. It will not be long before secular radicals press for the closure of religious schools, suggesting that religious teaching amounts to indoctrination in intolerance. It will not be long before secular radicals reach into churches and homes as well. It's time for religious people to wake up. Nobody expects the Secular Inquisition.



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