

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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June 2022

President's Byline



In the past two weeks we have seen two major events relating to the second amendment of the constitution. One was an infringement on liberty, while the other was a victory for freedom. In the same week the United States Supreme Court (SCOTUS) affirms the second amendment is not a "second class right" and rules unconstitutional a 110 year old restrictive New York state gun law restricting citizens from carrying firearms outside their homes, our own Texas Senator John Cornyn (yes the same Senator nearly booed off the stage at the Texas GOP convention last week) led a campaign to weaken the second amendment by pushing through a gun control bill that President Biden signed into law on 6/25/22.

Let's start with the basics. The second amendment in the Constitution of these United States reads: "**A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.**"

The Infringement

The "Safer Communities Act", the title itself should have been our first clue this was a cave in to the "liberal we must do something" crowd that raises its shrill voice every time we have a tragedy. When a bill is presented to Congress with a title shouting "How can I vote against a bill protecting kids" and with no time to debate or re-view...giant red flags should be going off in your heads...but we will cover red flags later.

Why the "Safer Communities Act", the proposed legislation following the Uvalde Robb Elementary School shooting is harmful to the second amendment and to your liberty:

It does little or nothing to address recent violent crimes while adding additional burdens on the exercise of the Second Amendment freedom for law-abiding gun owners.

This new law includes grants for states that implement their own red flag laws, an abuse of due process, taking your guns at the whim of a bureaucrat before your day in court. It would expand background checks for gun buyers under 21 (Applying a burden and a de facto 21 day waiting period on citizens of legal age), creates penalties for straw purchases of firearms (We already have this law codified but it's not enforced so why add it again), requires more gun sellers to register as Federally Licensed Firearm Dealers (Forcing people who may sell an occasional gun at a gun show to become licensed dealers or become felons).

As the National Rifle Association, the oldest Civil Rights organization in the US said this; this legislation would "*use federal dollars to fund gun control measures being adopted by state and local politicians. This bill leaves too much discretion in the hands of government officials and contains undefined and overbroad provisions –inviting interference with our constitutional freedoms.*" Well stated."

Remember the last line of the second amendment: "**the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.**" As a conservative and a Republican, I personally view any new gun law as an infringement and this one certainly fits that definition. Guns have been present in our society for decades. We have changed as a people. Life is not valued; the family unit has been decimated by liberal policies. You cannot legislate morality.

Now that I have depressed you, let us move on to the positive developments to our second amendment freedoms.

The Victory for Liberty - SCOTUS decision on NYSRPA v. Bruen

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Calendar of Events

REMINDER
NO PRW Board Meeting
In July

NO MEETING IN JULY

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

PRW Presidents Byline

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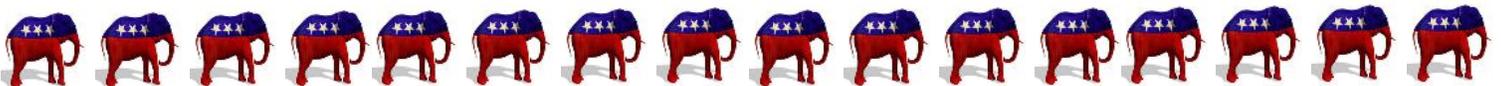
The Court affirmed that the right to bear arms does not stop at a person's front door. This is the most significant positive for freedom, Second Amendment ruling in more than a decade. Please see a quote below from the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action which says it best:

"The case challenged New York's requirement that applicants for concealed carry licenses demonstrate "proper cause" to carry a firearm outside of their home. New York routinely used this requirement to deny law-abiding citizens the ability to properly protect themselves. New York is one of eight states that operate under such a "may issue" regime, and the NRA has long fought to abolish this practice in favor of "shall issue" or "constitutional carry" in which law-abiding citizens can exercise their right to carry if they meet certain objective criteria."

This is a true victory and needed in today's climate of increasing crime and "Woke" mobs rampaging through our streets like children every time a court upholds a traditional American value or the Congress a constitutional right. This ruling established the right to carry does not disappear at a person's front door but stays with the person in his / her daily life to allow the right to keep and bear arms. The Supreme Court's ruling marks the end of these subjective, unconstitutional permitting schemes.

Thank God and our past Republican Presidents for the Conservative Supreme court Majority! The current conservative supreme court justices should be protected and valued as the assets they are.

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Remembering January 6.

- Gas was \$1.93 per gallon.
- There was zero inflation.
- Supply-chain was functioning well.
- Economy was strongest in 50 yrs.
- Border was controlled and secure.
- Taliban wasn't armed with U.S. artillery.
- Plenty of workers to fulfil labor needs.
- Stock market was at record-highs.
- 401K's had record-high values.
- Interest rates were at record-lows.

"People keep looking to government for the answer and government is the problem."
-RONALD REAGAN

IMAGINE IF YOU WILL...

...A WORLD WHERE EVERY TWEET AND MEME MUST BE FACT-CHECKED, BUT NOT A BALLOT.

VISIT PATRIOTPOST.US FOR THE BEST HUMOR AND MEMES

Mike Rowe says colleges that **refuse to fly the American Flag**, should not take federal dollars to pay for tuition.

There's a new variant coming out called the **Nedibeojkuf**. One symptom is that it causes you to read things backwards!

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

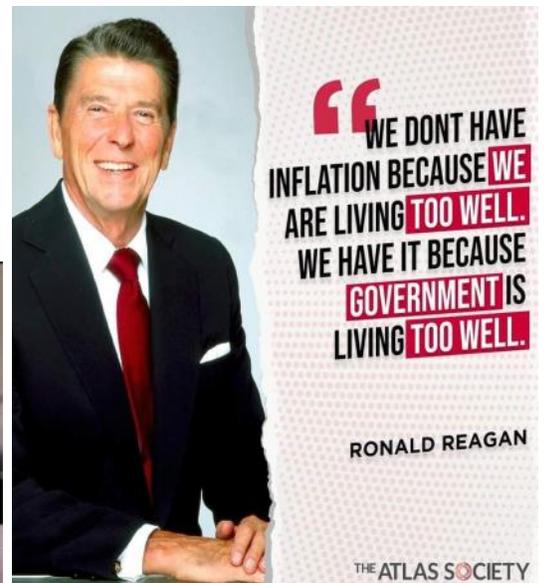
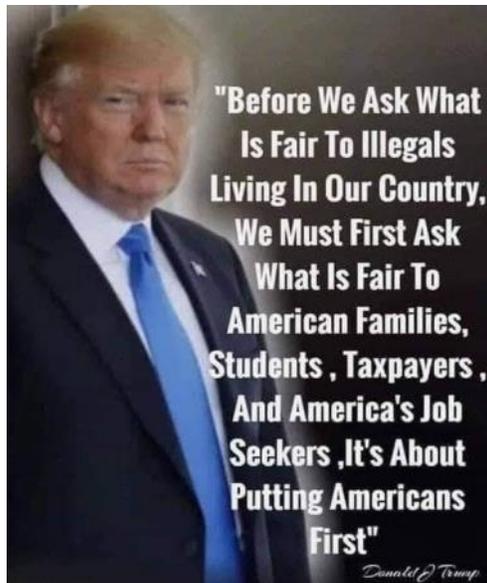
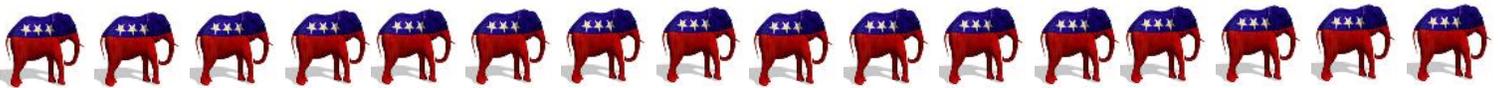
Lunch is available for \$25.00 with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, May 13th, 2022

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

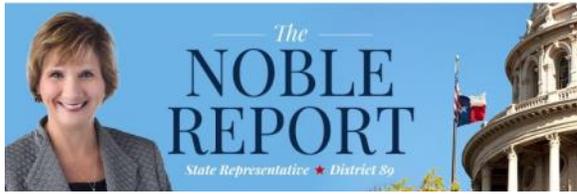


PRW Summer Social - Senor Locos





Legislative Report



As the Supreme Court of the United States heads into their summer travel time, they are dropping opinions electronically as often as every ten minutes today. Let's pray for our nation as these decisions are released, and for the safety of our Justices. If you want to watch for today's latest opinions, scroll down the page on this link.

While most folks, like me, are watching for the overturning of the Roe-v-Wade decision, there were a couple of other interesting decisions out of the Supreme Court yesterday that you will probably not hear about in the major press, but are very important to affirming election integrity and the second amendment. These are big wins for constitutional rights.

Here's the question: Who has the right to defend a bill passed by the legislature of a state? In North Carolina, for over three years, this has been the question. The bill in question is a Voter ID law that has faced challenges in both state and federal courts, and has not yet (more than three years later) gone into effect. The legislature passed the bill, the governor vetoed it, then the legislature passed it with enough majority to make the bill veto-proof. The voters in North Carolina then amended their state constitution in 2018 to make Voter ID the law. Litigants against the bill sued to stop the enforcement of the legislation, and it was, according to lower courts, only the State's Attorney General who could fight on behalf a state's legislation. But what if a State's Attorney General didn't like a bill? What if he or she disagreed with the legislation or thought the bill was not in the state's best interest, therefore only somewhat (or not at all) defended the bill in the court case?

In an 8-1 decision, the Supreme Court has ruled that legislators may intervene on behalf of the state and those they represent. Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote: "Through the General Assembly, the people of North Carolina have authorized the leaders of their legislature to defend duly enacted state statutes against constitutional challenge. Ordinarily, a federal court must respect that kind of sovereign choice, not assemble presumptions against it." Why is this important? It takes the only defense of bills away from a single individual if needed. Hope we never need it in Texas (we have a wonderful track record when it comes to our Attorney General), but glad that options are available for states that have a rogue Attorney General who will not enforce or defend the laws that are duly passed.

Another ruling by the Supreme Court yesterday struck down a New York law that has been around for a hundred years requiring anyone applying for a license to carry a concealed weapon to prove both "proper cause" and "good moral character." In this 6-3 decision, the majority opinion, written by Justice Clarence Thomas, states that the law's restrictions violate the Second and Fourteenth Amendments which "Protect an individual's rights to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home." ... "The constitutional right to bear arms in public for self-defense is not a second-class right, subject to an entirely different body of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees,"... "We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need. That is not how the First Amendment works when it comes to unpopular speech or the free exercise of religion. It is not how the Sixth Amendment works when it comes to a defendant's right to confront the witnesses against him. And it is not how the Second Amendment works when it comes to public carry for self defense."

When we in the Texas Legislature passed HB 1927 known as "Constitutional Carry" last session, it was opined by some that we would have the wild west here as a result of this bill. It just hasn't happened. In Texas, we understand that defending ourselves may be needed at any time, and it is not up to someone else to decide if we have "proper cause" and "good moral character". By the way, yesterday's Supreme Court decision will change the gun laws, not just in New York, but in 5 other states as well. Thank God for Texas!

Till next time...



State Representative, District 89



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LT. GOV. DAN PATRICK: STATEMENT CELEBRATING U.S. SUPREME COURT'S *DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION* RULING

June 24, 2022

AUSTIN – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today praising the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturning *Roe v. Wade*:

"Today is a tremendous day for life. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* adheres to the constitution and returns the decision on abortion back to the states. Because of our trigger bill that we passed last year, in 30 days, abortion will be banned in Texas. I thank God for delivering us this day, and I am so proud that Texas has taken the lead to ensure that such evil can no longer live in our state.

"Since I first took office in 2007, protecting life has been my top priority. In 2011, I authored the Sonogram Law, and in 2021, I was proud to lead the Texas Senate in passing the Heartbeat Act, which dramatically reduced the number of abortions that occur in Texas.

"Media estimates report that as many as 62 million innocent lives have been ended since the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. Words cannot do that unfathomable number justice. The left will surely fight to keep the abortion industry alive in Texas, but they will fail.

"The Supreme Court's ruling is an acknowledgement of the truth: when an abortion is performed, a human life is ended. This watershed victory is not just a victory for innocent life, but a victory for all of humanity."

Governor Abbott Statement On U.S. Supreme Court Decision To Uphold Biden Administration's Termination Of Remain-In-Mexico Policy

June 30, 2022 | Austin, Texas

Governor Greg Abbott today issued a statement after the Supreme Court upheld the Biden Administration's decision to terminate the Remain-in-Mexico policy in *Biden v. Texas*:

"The Supreme Court's decision upholding DHS's termination of the Remain-in-Mexico policy will only embolden the Biden Administration's open border policies. More than fifty people recently died in a trailer—people who were allowed to cross our border illegally because of President Biden's policies. Reinstating and fully enforcing Remain-in-Mexico would deter thousands more migrants from making that deadly trek, and President Biden should take that simple step to secure the border because it is the only humane thing to do."

SENATOR TED CRUZ: 'THE ABILITY TO PRAY IS A GOD-GIVEN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT'

PUBLISHED: 06.27.2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on The Constitution for the Senate Judiciary Committee, today issued the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*.

"Today, the Supreme Court reversed the Ninth Circuit's decision that allowed Coach Kennedy, a high school football coach in the State of Washington, to be fired for silently kneeling and praying after his team's games. The legal question at the heart of this case was whether the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals got it right when they ruled that the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which prevents government from establishing a religion, means that a government institution must fire a public employee who privately practices his or her faith if there's a chance someone may interpret the individual's expression of faith as government-endorsed religion. Not only is that conclusion patently absurd, it completely ignores the original understanding of the First Amendment and Supreme Court precedent. That's what the Supreme Court corrected today.

"The Establishment Clause is frequently misunderstood—it's not some kind of disinfectant used to silence individuals who exercise their faith or to remove faith from the public square. Rather, both the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause are meant to operate in tandem to stop government from persecuting faith, as we saw the Bremerton School District do to Coach Kennedy. I am proud to be part of a group of 11 Senators and 14 Representatives that filed an amicus brief with the Court that argued in defense of Coach Kennedy's free exercise of his faith. I'm thankful the Supreme Court fully enforced the First Amendment—in a major victory for religious liberty—and upheld our God-given right to practice our faith."

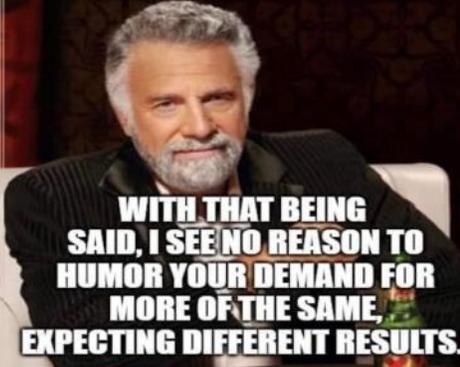
Political Cartoons



You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time...it's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun controllers. I happen to know this from personal experience.

Ronald Reagan

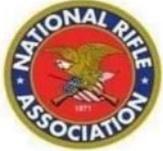
IF YOU ARE DEMANDING MORE GUN CONTROL, YOU ARE ADMITTING THAT THE 20 THOUSAND GUN LAWS ALREADY ON THE BOOKS ARE INEFFECTIVE.



WITH THAT BEING SAID, I SEE NO REASON TO HUMOR YOUR DEMAND FOR MORE OF THE SAME, EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS.

THAT IS LITERALLY THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY.

BLAMING THE



FOR SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

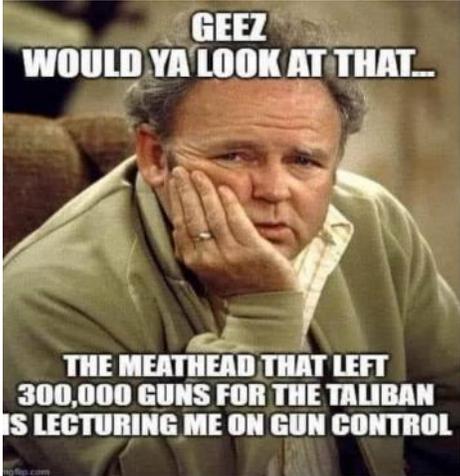
IS LIKE BLAMING THE



FOR DRUNK DRIVING

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GEEZ WOULD YA LOOK AT THAT...



THE MEATHEAD THAT LEFT 300,000 GUNS FOR THE TALIBAN IS LECTURING ME ON GUN CONTROL

 yep...you'd be correct on this one, Archie.

Cain killed Abel with a rock, The Lord didn't get rid of all the rocks. He blamed Cain, not the rock. We have a sin problem, not a gun problem.

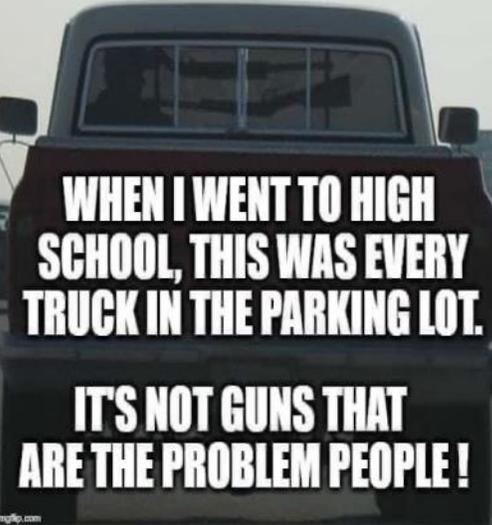
After 9-11 we didn't ban planes. We secured the cockpits. Secure the schools.

"I don't remember a single school shooting when I was a kid. What I do remember is our teacher having us begin the day reciting the pledge of allegiance, reading from the Bible and praying. We also had the Ten Commandments on the wall.

Maybe getting rid of those things wasn't such a good idea after all!"



WHEN I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL, THIS WAS EVERY TRUCK IN THE PARKING LOT.

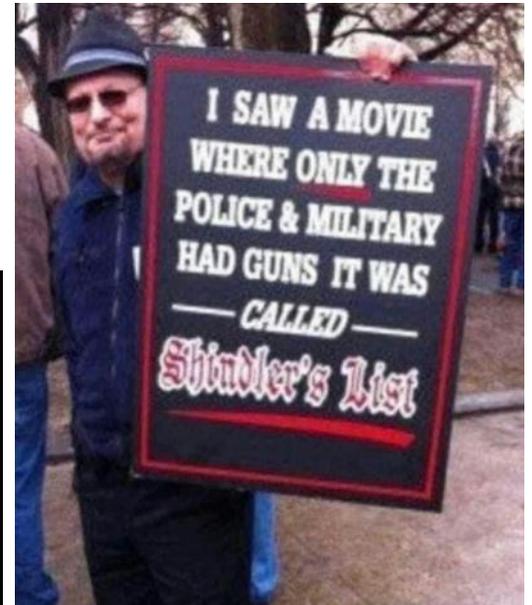


IT'S NOT GUNS THAT ARE THE PROBLEM PEOPLE!



I REJECT THE ASSERTION THAT MY FAMILY & I MUST BE MADE DEFENSELESS FOR YOU AND YOURS TO FEEL SAFE.

My view on "Gun Control" made simple.





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



INDEPENDENCE

As we approach yet another 4th of July, let us be less vague about why we celebrate. Let us focus intently on exactly what we are celebrating.

Independence – consider what it means to us as Americans. Think hard. Consider what it meant on that first 4th of July. Consider what it meant to the founders of this, the greatest-ever country. For far too long, too many of us have taken America’s freedoms for granted. We have been willfully blind to its detractors. Do good things continue to be good indefinitely without conscious effort? The battles fought for America’s independence were long and bloody and hard, logically unlikely to succeed. But succeed they did. America’s founders prayed for guidance; they prayed to be led by God; they prayed for a Godly nation. They planned, they listened, they strove. They followed where God led.

Consider what it meant for these men to pledge their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Consider what honor is. When we say the pledge today, do we realize that a pledge is a solemn, binding promise to take action, to sacrifice something we value for something we value more? These were young men, few over 30. And sacrifice they did. Some sacrificed their fortunes, some their honor, some their lives.

What Does It Mean?



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands,
One Nation under God,
Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

What does it mean? Liberty and justice for all. All men are created equal. Are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness God-given rights? Is this the generation that freedom becomes extinct? Have we Americans become so lazy and complacent that we won’t stand up for the future of our children, our grandchildren, our country, even our world? America is still the world’s “last best hope”. And this generation, every generation, must continue to stand firm on the exceptional foundation provided by our founding fathers. Maybe today we can relate better to time, money, and courage than to ‘lives, fortunes, and sacred honor’. Time – volunteering, being informed and sharing information with others, contacting your Representatives and Senators. Money – so common, so important, but not a replacement for time or courage. Courage – stand up, speak out; be a witness for patriotism as you are for God. What do you pledge? How much do you value our great nation?



Plano 4th of July Events All American 4th

<https://www.plano.gov/1042/All-American-4th> - Join us for Plano's annual All American 4th & Fireworks on Monday, July 4, from 6 to 10 pm! Fireworks start at 9:30 pm.

Location: North side of the Collin College parking lot, 2800 E Spring Creek Parkway

Know Before You Go

- The event begins at 6pm on Monday, July 4 at the north side of the Collin College parking lot, 2800 E Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX 75074-3300.
- Parking will be available at Collin College, the Event Center and the First United Methodist Church Plano.
- Food and beverages will be available for purchase.
- There will be a vendor market, static parade floats from Rotary Clubs of Plano, and a free kids’ zone.
- The fireworks begin at 9:30 pm. Music will be simulcast on 97.5 KLAK.
- This event is free and open to the public. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and coolers.
- Please leave pets at home.



Independence Day Pool Party

July 4 @ 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

<https://texaspool.org/>

The Texas Pool 901 Springbrook Drive, Plano 972-881-8392. Celebrate America’s birthday with a party at the Texas Pool. Enjoy food, traditional pool games and legendary fun in the sun! Admission is \$10 per person. Veterans and active-duty military get in FREE with an ID. Texas Pool members get in FREE with no wait



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Red, White, Blues & Brews

<https://www.visitplano.com/event/red-white-blues-brews/>

The Shops at Legacy North, 7401 Lone Star Dr, Plano 75024, 469-467-9995

July 4 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - [#shopsatlegacynorth#shopsatlegacy](#)

Get ready to 🎵 PARTY IN THE USA ❤️💙🎵

This is a patriotic party you don't want to miss! Event Details & Happenings:

- Live Blues Band
- Beer Specials on Tap
- Face Painters
- Stilt Walkers
- Balloon Art
- Pop-Up Shop Specials
- AND Much, Much More!



This quote (often misattributed to Abraham Lincoln) is as timely today as it was in 1916.

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
 You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
 You cannot help little men by tearing down big men.
 You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.
 You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
 You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
 You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
 You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.
 You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence.
 You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves."

- William J. H. Boetcker, a clergyman

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Ways to Engage - **Be an advocate/activist**

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

Contact your representatives, local, state and federal: Call, Write, Email, Visit in person

With mid-term elections in November:

Precinct Chair – There are several vacancies, and this is a big opportunity.
Volunteer for candidates - phone calls and block walking, having a sign in your yard
Campaign, Donate, Become a Voter Deputy Registrar – you can register people to vote.

Be an election worker:

Poll greeter (no training required)
Election clerk (training is available)
Election judge (training is available)

City positions are critical too:

School Board, City Council, Planning and Zoning

Other ways to engage and be informed:

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



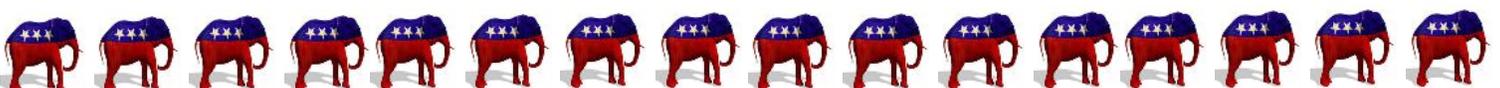
Stand up. Speak out. Reach out.

Want to buy American?

Made in America - <https://www.madeinamerica.co/pages/thelist>

Texas Republican Party Platform

<https://texasgop.org/platform/>



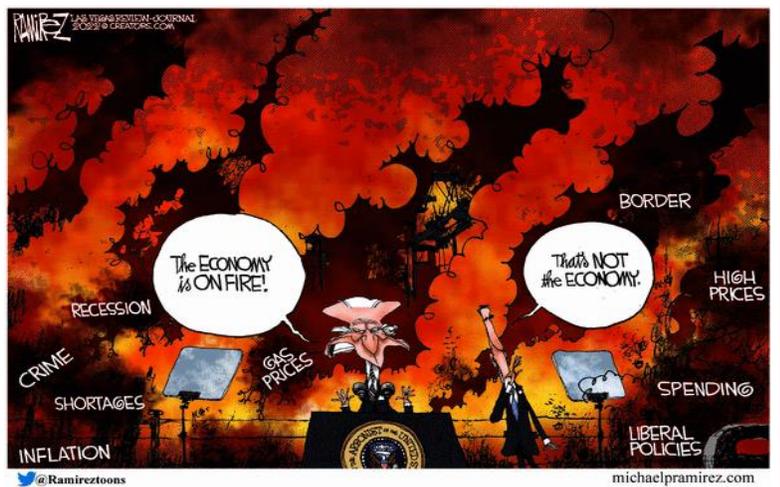
Political Cartoons



First it was a lumber shortage.
 Then a microchip shortage.
 Followed by a gas shortage.
 Then a baby formula shortage.

Because in the White House there is a brain shortage.

Remember: when something goes wrong in the circus, they send in the clowns to distract the audience. Well, something has gone very wrong with this circus, and the clowns are everywhere.





Constitutional Minute Series

The Recent Notion That Rights Are Not Absolute

by KrisAnne Hall, Constitutional Attorney

Americans Should Not Be Stripped of Their Ability to Defend Themselves Against Lawlessness Recently many in government and politics, in reaction to a violent and lawless few, have reignited the cry to “limit the legal ability” of Americans to buy and possess certain firearms. The states must protect the people from such federal overreach.

President Biden and others have said that our Rights are “not absolute” therefore those in government possess the authority to limit, define, and regulate away our Rights. If this rhetoric is true, then no one in America possesses ANY rights, they only have privileges granted at the pleasure of government. How is it that inherent rights endowed to man by the Creator are “not absolute,” but the crisis-driven dictates from the ever changing turnstile of elected officers ARE absolute?

Here's the truth: that which is absolute in our republican form of government is the Constitution (Article 6, Clause 2). It is the Constitution of the United States that limits and defines the authority delegated to the federal government. The Constitution and its underlying principles DEFINE the limits of government authority. Within that Constitution there is NO AUTHORITY resting in the federal government to regulate, define, or limit the Rights of the People. This is particularly true with the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Not only is there no power delegated to the federal government to create any law or regulation regarding the purchase or possession of firearms (no, that's not where the commerce clause kicks in), the Second Amendment has very absolute language prohibiting the federal government from limiting or regulating this right (Not to mention that to guard against a tyrannical federal government is the core reason WHY this inherent right is enshrined within the Constitution). It is not “the will of the majority,” as politicians and pundits suggest, that is the basis of government. When the majority's will advocates the suspension of due process and the revocation of a person's natural rights (rights which all officials involved in this debate swore an oath to uphold), that is how slavery gets its legal foothold.

The solution to a federal government overreaching its delegated authority as presented by those who drafted our government's blueprint is straightforward: the States must refuse to impose and enforce these laws and prevent the federal government from doing the same within their State. The Supreme Court of the United States quoted James Madison's explanation of this action in *Mack,Prinz v. US*:

“Hence a double security arises to the rights of the people. The different governments will control each other, at the same time that each will be controlled by itself...” Federalist 51

“The local or municipal authorities form distinct and independent portions of the supremacy, no more subject within their respective authorities than the general authority is subject to them, within its own sphere.” Federalist 39

The States are a “double security” to the preservation of the people's rights because the State will be a control on the unconstitutional exercise of power by the federal government against pretended power within the states' jurisdictions.

The Supreme Court of the United States reiterated this principle in the majority opinion of *NFIB v. Sebelius*, when Justice John Roberts wrote:

“In the typical case we look to the States to defend their prerogatives by adopting the “the simple expedient of not yielding” to federal blandishments when they do not want to embrace federal policies as their own. The states are separate and independent sovereigns. Sometimes they have to act like it.”

The right to individually secure our life, liberty, and property is no different than our rights to freedom of speech, freedom to peaceably assemble, or freedom to worship and live out our faith. A law that prohibits a person from possessing any degree of property, but especially property essential to the personal security of individual rights, without due process, ought to be rejected. Capricious legislature moved by the tragedy du jour should not be the model for sound and stable government charged with protecting liberty. Rather than removing liberty under the guise of protecting children, we should protect liberty so that people can be free to protect themselves. Remember, violent criminals don't obey gun bans and the victim is always the first person on the scene so why not empower the would- be victim to protect themselves rather than removing their ability to do so. The cold reality is that gun-free zones is a stripping of Americans' natural right to defend themselves and has led to the death of many innocent children, as violent criminals ignore the signposts and slaughter the law-abiding. State Governors, Legislators, and Sheriffs must declare publicly and openly that they will uphold their oath to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of their State by refusing to enforce and refusing the federal government the jurisdiction to enforce any limit upon the Rights of the People, to include the Right to keep and bear arms. I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of (name of State), and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of (name of office) to the best of my ability. Oath of Office

Sincerely and In Liberty,

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For those who want a more detailed explanation, please continue:

Background:

The Declaration of Independence lays before us the premise and purpose of all governments, past, present, & future. It states:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.— That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Sole Purpose of Government:

Secure the Rights of All People Equally and Individually

It is evident that the entire purpose of any form of government is to secure the rights of the individual citizen. The Rights our foundational documents refer to are those classified as "inherent rights:" and they consist of life, liberty, property, and the right to personally secure them in the best manner possible. The most basic of natural rights is the right to self-preservation, to which the natural right to secure property is connected. No person is secure in their life if they cannot also personally secure that life and the property upon which life is dependent. If a person is in danger of loss of life, liberty, or property and has not the personal right, along with the individual ability, to secure these essential rights, then each person is dependent upon someone else's desire to protect them, reducing every person to that of an indentured or tributary slave, indebted in life to those who are tasked with its security.

Origin of Legislative Power:

Individual Rights Precede Legislative Power, Therefore Legislative Power Exists Solely To Ensure Individual Rights.

The legislator with his delegated responsibility, cannot be exalted above the inherent rights of the individual which he is charged to protect. Life, liberty, and property do not exist because people have legislators who have made laws. On the contrary, it was the fact that life, liberty, and property existed beforehand that caused people to entrust legislators with the power to make laws in the first place. So the justification "it was passed by the legislature," does not and should not override an inherent individual right, even more so when the legislature is admonished by the Supreme Law to not infringe upon said right.

The Definition of "Just Power"

Just Power of Government Secures the Individual's Rights Above All Other Objectives.

Therefore, it is a just government, which impartially secures to every man, whatever is his, individually and personally. It is because of this duty to protect the individual's natural rights that every government in these United States incorporates the requirement of due process for the suspension of these Rights. It is not a just government, nor is an individual's right secure under it, where the property which a man has in his personal safety and personal liberty, is violated by arbitrary seizures of one class of citizens for the comfort or peace of mind of the rest (even if the rest constitutes 60% of the population).

The Definition of "Unjust Power"

Unjust Power is Power Exercised by Government to the Destruction of the Individual's Rights.

The mere existence of a majority desire does not override the natural rights of the minority. To create and enforce laws merely because the majority (60% of the people) desire the law to be so, absent any regard to personal and individual rights, is nothing more than a tyranny of the majority. It is through this errant political motivation that history's greatest injustices have taken place, even here in America. It was once the majority opinion that a minority of people could, by law, be placed in a state of permanent and inherent servitude. It was once the majority opinion that a minority of people could be legally classified as mere property or chattel. It was once the majority opinion that legally enforced physical segregation of the majority from a minority was appropriate. It was once the majority opinion that a minority of Japanese Americans and Hopi Indians could lawfully be imprisoned indefinitely in internment camps without due process. Americans ought to be learning from these mistakes, not fighting to repeat them. The majority of Americans would agree that a single dictator with the power to oppress all is a wicked and unjust government. Please then explain, how the tyranny of the majority is any different than the despotism of one in the lives of those whose rights are violated?

Majority Rule is synonymous with Tyranny of the Majority Not with Liberty

The "Rule of Law" is a term that has been understood throughout history to mean a standard to limit the overreach of government and curb lawlessness. It does not mean the authority of the government to rule over the people. The independent states of America and their central

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government were created with written Constitutions to maintain a written limited standard for government to prevent the will of the majority and those who govern to usurp the rights of the individual. The so-called "will of the majority" cannot be synonymous with the rule of law. If that be the case, then those who are disposed to usurp the rights of the people, need only to control the will of the majority; either through manipulations, coercions, fear, or brute force. It is because of this truth of the tyranny of the majority that every government in these United States is required to exist as a republic, not a pure democracy; that every law to be created through equal representation, and is to be governed by and limited to the ultimate purpose of all government - the security of the Rights of the individual through written Constitutions. When any form of government operates contrary to these foundations, that government has exceeded its proper function, acting in direct opposition to its own purpose. The law has been used to destroy its own objective. It has been applied to annihilating the justice that it was supposed to maintain, to limiting and destroying rights which its real purpose was to respect. It has converted lawful defense of life, liberty, and property into a crime, in order to punish lawful defense of these essential and natural rights.

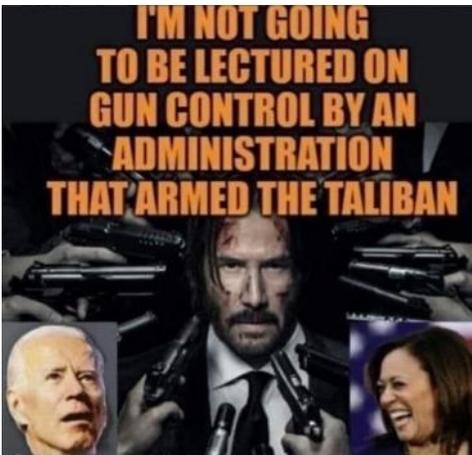
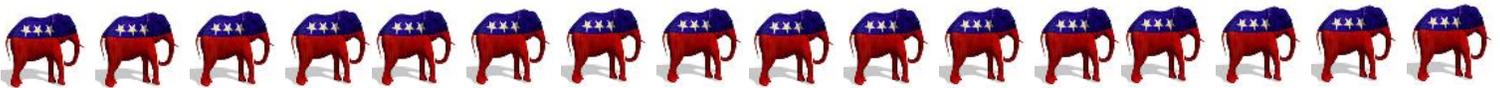
When the Laws of Government Operate Contrary to Individual Rights:

- Government Is Operating Contrary to Its Sole Purpose
- Government Is Not Operating with Just Power
- The People Are Not Free

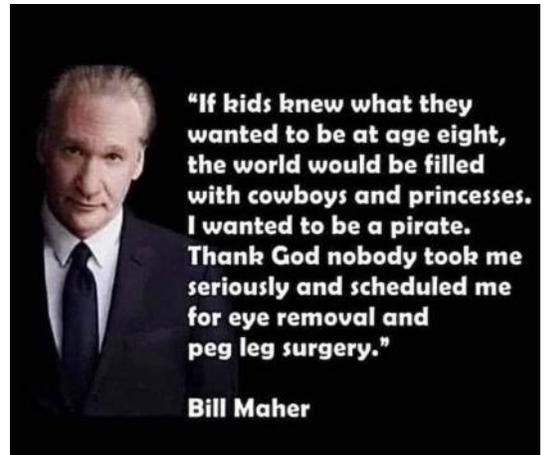
It becomes the duty of all who love and respect the Rights of their children to protect the citizen from the unjust operation of government.

When those entrusted in government to secure the rights of the individuals turn that trust into a tool to deny those rights, it is incumbent upon those who understand the obvious limits of government and the necessity of those limits to stand in opposition to that unjust use of authority. Just as those in America's past, who refused to enforce the Federal Fugitive Slave Act because of its obvious abuse of power and destruction of rights wielded by those legislators who ratified it into law. Those who have taken an oath to secure the rights of the people, who understand the magnitude of that solemn promise and the unavoidable and tragic consequences of failing to uphold that promise, feel morally compelled to take a stand. How noble an example would American history have if there was just one Sheriff in Montgomery, Alabama who recognized that a law, ratified by legislators, signed by a governor, reflecting the will of the majority, was not a just law after all. What if instead of arresting Mrs. Rosa Parks, that Sheriff refused to enforce a law that deprived an individual of her rights and instead protected those rights, escorting Mrs. Parks, in which ever seat she chose, all the way home? Those, who are dedicated to their just and lawful duty to secure the rights of the people, understand that at these times the "will of the majority" and the distortion of the rule of law's definition must be resisted. If those in the federal government mean to obtain or deserve the full praise due to wise and just governments, they will equally respect the rights of property, and every inherent right of the individual.

If they truly wish for a free and strong nation, they will endeavor to sacredly guard all forms of individual property and resist all desires to violate the individual's right, regardless of the opinion of the majority or the fleeting emotion of the day. They will not seek to "target the bad guys" by stripping law abiding citizens of their inherent rights and turning otherwise lawful behavior into crimes. Our inherent rights are not killing innocents, so why are our rights targeted? Oppression doesn't bring safety. Our governments should seek to be a pattern of liberty and an example of just government so that our posterity may be truly free.



Water ain't gonna clear up until you get the pigs outta the creek.



Cornyn Dismisses NRA Opposition to Senate Gun Control Bill

By Zachary Stieber, June 23, 2022 Updated: June 23, 2022, Epoch Times

The top Republican negotiator for the Senate's newly unveiled gun control bill signaled on June 22 that the National Rifle Association's (NRA) opposition to the bill did not matter.

"We worked with the NRA to listen to their concerns. But in the end I think they have a membership and a business model that will not allow them to support any legislation," Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) told reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington.

"And so I understand where they're coming from, but I think most people will not allow any outside group to veto good public policy," he added.

The 80-page legislative proposal, which drew initial support from 14 Republicans and all Democrats, would alter federal law on gun ownership for those convicted of domestic violence, add funding for so-called red flag laws, and intensify background checks for people under 21 trying to get a firearm.

The NRA said it would support legislation "that improves school security, promotes mental health services, and helps reduce violent crime" but that the group opposes the proposal "because it falls short at every level. It does little to truly address violent crime while opening the door to unnecessary burdens on the exercise of Second Amendment freedom by law-abiding gun owners."

"This legislation can be abused to restrict lawful gun purchases, infringe upon the rights of law-abiding Americans, and use federal dollars to fund gun control measures being adopted by state and local politicians. This bill leaves too much discretion in the hands of government officials and also contains undefined and overbroad provisions—inviting interference with our constitutional freedoms," the group added.

All Democrats and nominal independents are poised to support the bill when it is voted on this week, while Republicans are divided on the proposal.

Cornyn and other GOP members involved in the negotiations, including Sens. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), and Mitt Romney (R-Utah), voted to advance the legislation to the final vote, and are expected to support the bill during the final vote.

Others are on the fence, including Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.), who voted no in the procedural vote.

"We just got the text. I want to review it, I think details matter," Scott told reporters at a breakfast in Washington on Wednesday.

"I am not interested in taking away somebody's Second Amendment rights. I do believe in state's rights. I believe states ought to be where most things happen because up here, as you know, once something passes it is very difficult to change it. At the state level, it's much easier to change things, and so I think we have to be very cautious about doing things nationally," Scott added. When he was governor of Florida Scott signed a gun control bill after the mass shooting in Parkland.

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), another no vote, said on Twitter that the legislation "ignores the national crime wave & chips away instead at the fundamental rights of law abiding citizens."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), though, joined Cornyn in defending the bill.

The bill will "protect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens," he said on the Senate floor, while not "touch[ing] the rights of the overwhelming majority of American gun owners who are law-abiding citizens of sound mind."

From: Todd Starnes, June 23, 2022

BULLETIN: 15 Senate Republicans Join Dems to Pass Gun Grab Legislation

The Senate on Thursday night passed a bipartisan bill to address gun violence that amounts to the first major federal gun safety legislation in decades. The final vote was 65 to 33 with 15 Republicans joining Democrats in support of the measure.

There is grave concern the legislation's red flag provision will be a Trojan horse for government leaders to disarm law-abiding gun owners.

The bill will next go to the House for a vote before it can be sent to President Joe Biden to be signed into law.

Here is the list of the 15 Republicans who betrayed the American people and their own party:

Blunt (R-MO), Burr (R-NC), Capito (R-WV), Cassidy (R-LA), Collins (R-ME), Cornyn (R-TX), Ernst (R-IA), Graham (R-SC), McConnell (R-KY), Murkowski (R-AK), Portman (R-OH), Romney (R-UT), Tillis (R-NC), Toomey (R-PA) and Young (R-IN).

Former President Trump condemned the Senate for attacking law-abiding gun owners.

"Elections have consequences. I promised to appoint Judges and Justices that would stand up for the Constitution. Today, the Supreme Court upheld the Second Amendment Right of all Americans," the president said.

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For the ladies that are still waiting for their prince on a white horse, don't give up! With the recent rises in fuel, it can happen any second now!!!! 🐎🤪

I checked Kelley Blue Book today for my car's value, and it asked if the tank was full or empty

A gas powered van, towing a diesel generator, charging an electric car.

The future is stupid...



Are you sweating while putting gas in your car? Feeling sick when paying for it? You've got the Carownervirus. 🤒

YOU CAN'T SELL ELECTRIC CARS IF GAS IS CHEAP



IF YOU DONT THINK THATS PART OF THE PLAN YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION



If we can print a serial number on every dollar...



we can print a serial number on EVERY BALLOT

Brad McGrew

A battery in an electric car, lets say an average Tesla, is made of 25 pounds of lithium, 60 pounds of nickel, 44 pounds of manganese, 30 pounds cobalt, 200 pounds of copper, and 400 pounds of aluminum, steel, and plastic.....one thousand pounds of minerals, that had to be mined, and processed, into a battery, that stores electricity.....generated by oil, gas, coal, or water....

That is the truth, about the lie, of "green" energy.

Batteries do not make electricity – they store electricity produced elsewhere, primarily by coal, uranium, natural gas-powered plants, or diesel-fueled generators.

So, to say an EV is a zero-emission vehicle is not at all valid.

Currently, less than 1% of the 250,000,000 cars on American roads are EV's, and these owners are already being asked to not charge them during peak electrical usage. This is a disaster waiting to happen.

IMAGINE IF YOU WILL...

...A WORLD WHERE EVERY TWEET AND MEME MUST BE FACT-CHECKED. BUT NOT A BALLOT.

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The Struggle Against Tyranny Is Endless

Lee Smith, Epoch Times, June 4, 2022

Commentary

President Joe Biden's ambitions to strip Americans of their constitutional right to bear arms should be seen as part of a wider campaign. Over the past several years, America's oligarchy, comprising political and corporate elites and the national security establishment, has dismantled the constitutional order designed to bind Americans together as one nation under one law.

The ruins of that order are plain to see—from open borders to vaccine mandates, and open election fraud to the prosecution of political opponents. These are evidence not of a coming conflict but the reality that war is already upon us. What replaces that order will be decided by the victors, whose prerogative it is to forcibly disarm the losing side.

And this is the crucial point: Without a comprehensive victory, the oligarchy dares not try taking Americans' guns without risking a catastrophic loss. And so at present, America's warring sides are at a stalemate. It's clear the authors of the Constitution foresaw this likelihood.

Gun opponents say that the historical circumstances in which the Second Amendment was written is long past. They fix on the first clause—"A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State"—and argue that citizen militias are no longer relevant in an age when the United States is defended by a professional military.

But that's a weak reading. The main clause—"the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"—has to be understood in its proper context: Tyranny. The Second Amendment articulates Americans' right not only to defend their lives but also preserve their liberty.

The Second Amendment was drafted shortly after the Founding Fathers had waged war for eight years against a tyrant. The Constitution they wrote, limiting the powers of government, and the Bill of Rights they added enumerating citizens' rights, are evidence they believed the struggle against tyranny is endless. The war against the British crown was over, but it wouldn't be the last time the new country would have to face down despotic rule. Any generation might be called upon to face it down, at home or abroad.

Tyranny is a constant throughout history because it's in the nature of man, and also therefore the political institutions that men make, to seek more power. As author of the Second Amendment James Madison put it, "The truth is that all men having power ought to be mistrusted."

To ensure that no man or institution became too powerful, the Founders created a system of checks and balances—for instance, dividing federal power into three branches of government, executive, judiciary, and legislative. The Second Amendment is best understood as part of that righteous design deterring the rise of tyrants. Should Americans govern each other unjustly, citizens' God-given right to defend their liberty is enshrined in the supreme law of the land.

In the past six years, Americans have learned that the Founders' concerns weren't theoretical, or ideological souvenirs of a time long past. Tyranny is real. The assault on our rights has caused real casualties. The oligarchy has bled Americans while laying siege to the Bill of Rights.

The First Amendment enshrines the right to free speech, including religion, and freedom of assembly. And yet Jan. 6, 2021, defendants were charged with trespassing even when law enforcement invited them into the Capitol building.

Jan. 6 defendants have been forced to renounce their political views. Biden prosecutors have used political speech (Trump banners, anti-Biden "memes," and so on) as evidence to obtain convictions of Jan. 6 defendants. Courts have conditioned the release of some Jan. 6 defendants on whether they accept Biden as president.

Social media platforms, in partnership with U.S. intelligence agencies, censored media reporting on Hunter Biden's laptop. The same platforms and government agencies censored and deplatformed accounts promoting viewpoints on COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines not sanctioned by the oligarchy. Anti-lockdown and anti-vaccine protests were criminalized under the pretext of COVID-19 guidelines, which were also used to shut down houses of worship.

In violation of the Second Amendment, the firearms of Jan. 6 defendants charged with nonviolent offenses have been confiscated.

Although the Fourth Amendment expresses the right of citizens "to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures," the FBI spied on the 2016 Donald Trump presidential campaign and then the Trump White House. Biden tasked the FBI to spy on parents objecting to public schools' campaigns to groom and radicalize their children. And the National Security Agency allegedly spied on opposition journalist Tucker Carlson.

While the Sixth Amendment guarantees that "in all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial," Biden's Justice Department has repeatedly delayed the trials of Jan. 6 defendants to gather more evidence while still holding the accused in prison.

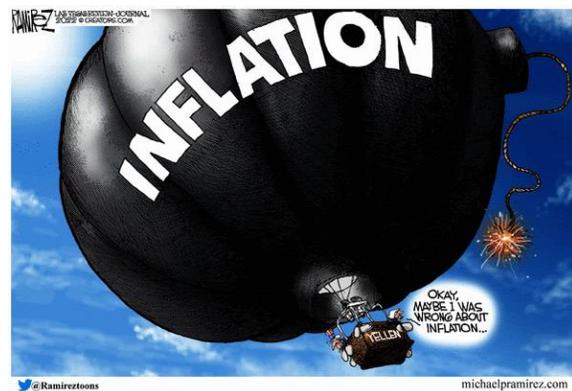
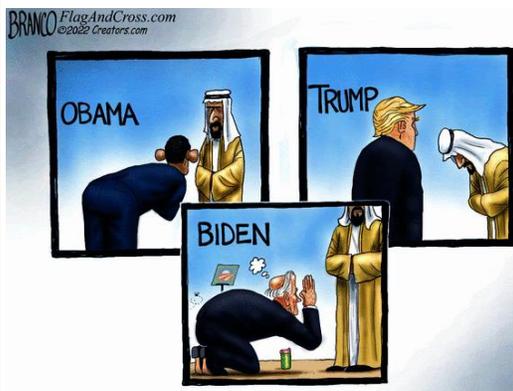
The Eighth Amendment provides that "excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted," but Biden prosecutors have denied bail to Jan. 6 defendants charged with nonviolent offenses. Further, Jan. 6 defendants have allegedly been beaten by prison guards and denied medical care.

From Russiagate through COVID-19 lockdowns to Jan. 6 prosecutions, the oligarchy has used its serial operations against Americans and their chosen leaders as experiments to acclimate a free people to bitter subservience. And that's why the Second Amendment is Americans' most essential right: Without it, every other right belonging to a free people is vulnerable to the intolerable whim of tyranny.

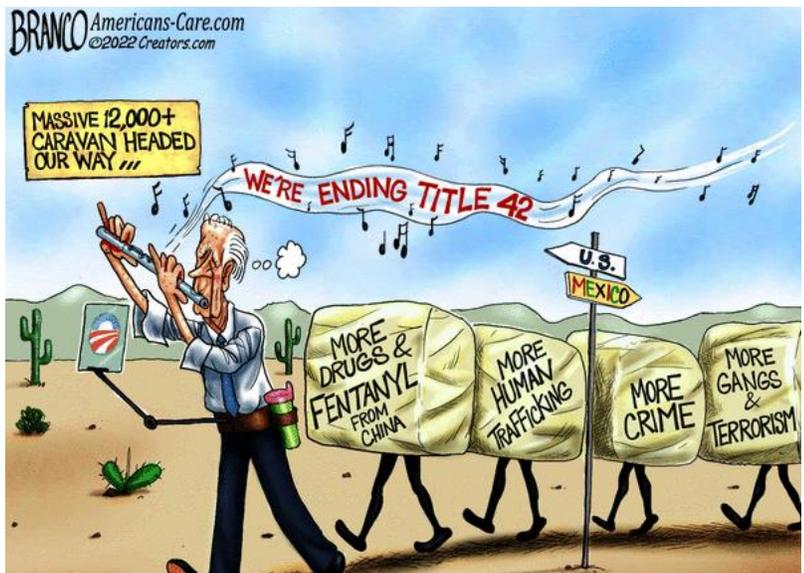
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Political Cartoons



You are being told to lower your AC usage on hot days to prevent overwhelming the existing grid while simultaneously being told to trade in your gas cars for electric vehicles...



Guest GOP Elected Official Article

Farming and Food Costs in Texas

If you have a family to feed, or even yourself, you don't need me to tell you that things are uncomfortable and concerning.

If you are a farmer or rancher, you know the unrelenting pressures you face now and in the near future.

Watching my fellow Texans suffer, worry, and sacrifice is heartbreaking and frustrating for me as your Agriculture Commissioner, as a farmer, and as one of you.

Knowing that so much of this pain was avoidable further enrages me, but I'll come back to that.

The main reason I am writing today is to talk about keeping Texas fed and our farmers & ranchers in business.

But first, here are some resources to help Texans address food insecurity as both donors and recipients of essential food aid. You can also visit the TDA's [Food Bank Resource Page](#).

[Find your local food bank](#)

[Encuentre su banco de alimentos local](#)

Diesel prices have doubled. Fertilizer costs have increased over 400%.

Imagine owning a business facing those price spikes!

That is what our farmers and ranchers are facing.

They are smart and resilient. They know to avoid waste and calculate water use and input costs to achieve the best outcome, even in this environment.

God bless them all...but it's not enough!

As TDA Commissioner, I have helped open new markets to Texas products, most recently in the UK.

As President, Donald Trump's strong action with China gave Texas access to the world's biggest consumer market.

Texan and American farmers have planted more acres than ever before.

The food supply is secure. Markets for Texas goods are accessible.

But it doesn't matter how nice your house is when a tsunami hits it.

This is primarily a crisis of economics and politics, not production.

Before America recovered from the pandemic, Democrats made disastrous choices like Biden's war on domestic energy and the unnecessary and hyperinflationary third COVID relief bill.

Add the Federal Reserve's terrible monetary policy known as quantitative easing, and you get to where we are now, even without Putin's war.

Luckily, Texas is better positioned than most places to weather this storm, but the pain is far from over, and it likely won't end until the Fed's adopt the same sane economic policies that have led to the Texas Miracle.

Which brings me to my last point.

If you want to get our economy back on track, elect more Republicans to federal office.

On Tuesday, we made a start of it by electing conservative Mayra Flores in CD 34, the first Mexico-born member of the US House of Representatives!

I pray for her and I pray that her election is the start of something great for the Rio Grande Valley, the GOP, and Texas.

Congratulations Mayra! Make us proud.

And for all of us, let's lead with compassion, community, empathy and faith. The Good Lord has a plan, even if Joe Biden doesn't.

SID MILLER

Texas Agriculture Commissioner



These July 4th Trivia Questions (with Answers!) Will Reveal Just How Much You Remember From History Class



Are you willing to sign your John Hancock in the history books of Independence Day knowledge? It's time to powder your wig and button your pea coat because these [4th of July trivia questions](#) are sure to send off [fireworks](#) in your brain, from trivia on [July 4 history](#), Independence Day trivia for kids, and more.

Before you get started, go ahead and pour yourself a cup of tea (after you fish it out of the harbor, of course). Then set down your musket, kick off your boots, and pull out your quill and scroll to get started. Or just keep scrolling. Either way.

It's time to declare your knowledge of [4th of July](#) trivia! No pressure, but don't let your Founding Fathers down!

1. Where was the first celebration of Independence Day held?

Philadelphia

2. Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring?

13

3. What was the name of the newspaper that published the Declaration of Independence?

The Pennsylvania Evening Post

4. The Fourth of July commemorates which document?

Declaration of Independence

5. What is the proper way to fold the American flag?

In a triangular shape

6. Which American president was born on July 4th?

Calvin Coolidge

7. Which president of the United States was the first to host a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?

Thomas Jefferson

8. How many Stars and Stripes does the US flag have?

50 Stars and 13 Stripes

9. What is the location of the nation's oldest Fourth of July parade?

Bristol, Rhode Island

10. What was the total number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence?

56

11. Every July 4th, what food is most commonly consumed?

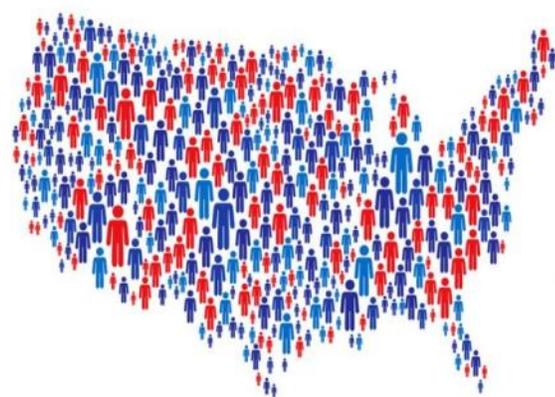
Hot Dogs



These July 4th Trivia Questions (with Answers!) Will Reveal Just How Much You Remember From History Class

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12. What is the name of the national anthem of the United States of America?
Star-Spangled Banner
13. Who gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States?
French people
14. What was The Statue of Liberty's official name?
Liberty Enlightening the World
15. Where is the Liberty Bell currently located?
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
16. Every July 4th, how many hot dogs are consumed?
150 million
17. On the Declaration of Independence, who had the largest signature?
John Hancock
18. Which two presidents of the United States died on July 4th of the same year?
John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
19. Why was the Boston Tea Party's tea shipment ruined?
Due to Protest against British
20. What was the estimated population of the United States on July 4, 1776?
2.5 million people
21. On July 4th, which classic children's book was published?
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
- 22.: In what year were fireworks first used to celebrate the Fourth of July?
1777
23. Who is the author of the Pledge of Allegiance?
Francis Bellamy
24. During World War II, where did the Declaration of Independence get stored?
Fort Knox
25. Which country declared independence from the United States on July 4, 1960?
Philippines



PRW at the 2022 Texas GOP Convention



The Common Denominator of Violence in America

BY MARK ALEXANDER FROM THE PATRIOT POST

The result of fatherlessness becomes even more tragically evident when the data connecting that absence to violence is irrefutable

“The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families. ... In vain are schools, academies, and universities instituted, if loose principles and licentious habits are impressed upon children in their earliest years.” —John Adams (1778)

Rhetorical question: “Why is our culture suddenly producing so many young men who want to murder innocent people? Could things like fatherlessness, the breakdown of families, isolation from civil society, or the glorification of violence be contributing factors?” —Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)

In advance of Father’s Day each year, I am reminded, first and foremost, of the role I’m called to be by God the Father — a father to my children. But when I think about “fatherhood,” the word invokes my relationship with the person who indelibly imprinted my own life as a father. My “Old Man,” as I affectionately called him (and as my sons call me today), was the “founding father” in our home. My father was always a devoted husband to my mom, and he was always there for my siblings and me. He was a real man, a man’s man in every sense of the word, and I thank God for his influence in my life.

My father had flaws, as do I. In fact, I may have perfected some of his flaws. But these he always endeavored to make right, as do I. I’ve said it many times: It is my objective to avoid repeating generational mistakes, but inevitably that means I will make “new and improved” mistakes.

But my father was always there — loving, providing, leading, and disciplining.

Unfortunately today, intact families are becoming the exception rather than the long standard rule.

Looking at the data of the past decade, our Thomas Gallatin noted last year, “In 2014, data showed that over 40% of babies were born out of wedlock, with that number jumping to an upsetting 70% of black babies.” He added, “Furthermore, for women under the age of 30 bearing children, 65.7% of babies were born out of wedlock.” And children growing up in fractured homes are more likely to repeat the same destructive patterns.

Family researcher Tim Goeglin notes: “When politicians, activists, and social commentators talk about inequality, they often leave out the critical role married parents play in keeping children above the poverty line. There is evidence that the breakdown of the nuclear family in American society is, in fact, the primary reason why the gulf between the ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots’ has widened over the past fifty years.”

Our culture analyst Willie Richardson quotes actor and family advocate Denzel Washington: “If a father is not in the home, the boy will find one in the streets.” Willie, who has spent years working with troubled juveniles, has documented the consequences of fatherless homes. According to the latest data on the importance of fathers:

- 90% of all homeless and runaways come from fatherless homes
- 85% of all fatherless children exhibit behavioral disorders
- 85% of youth in prison come from fatherless homes
- 75% of adolescents being treated for drug abuse are from fatherless homes
- 75% of adolescent patients in substance abuse centers don’t have involved dads
- 75% of rapists motivated by misplaced anger don’t have a dad while growing up
- 71% of all high school dropouts don’t have a dad
- 70% of juveniles in state-regulated institutions come from fatherless homes
- 63% of youth who commit suicide do not have a father in the home
- 57% of the fatherless homes are black households, 31% are Hispanic, and 20% are white.

He concludes: “Working with juveniles in detention over the years has confirmed what I knew statistically, that dads are critical to the well-being of the next generation. Without exception, 99% of black juveniles I work with have no involved fathers. Fathers provoke their children to wrath and discouragement when they exit stage right and leave them behind.”

Moreover, in light of all the political lip service from Joe Biden and his ilk in recent weeks devoted, ostensibly, to stopping violence, the connection between the surge in violence, which they call a “gun problem,” is irrefutably linked, at its core, to the absence of fathers in families. And the absence of fathers is irrefutably linked to disastrous social policies and failed government programs supported primarily by suburban white leftists, which are responsible for keeping generations of poor, mostly black Americans ensnared and enslaved on urban poverty plantations.

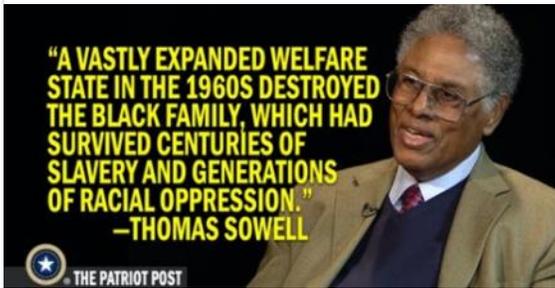
The Democrat Party has both seeded and institutionalized poverty over the last half-century. Democrats are, simultaneously, the historical author and political beneficiary of keeping poor people in bondage to the welfare state — the most enduring racial exploitation architecture in America.

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As Thomas Sowell observed: “Many successful political careers have been built on giving blacks ‘favors’ that look good on the surface but do lasting damage in the long run. One of these ‘favors’ was the welfare state. A vastly expanded welfare state in the 1960s destroyed the black family, which had survived centuries of slavery and generations of racial oppression.”



There was a time not too long ago when a *Democrat* president, Barack Obama, acknowledged the importance of fathers: “Of all the rocks upon which we build our lives ... family is the most important. And we are called to recognize and honor how critical every father is to that foundation. They are teachers and coaches. They are mentors and role models. They are examples of success and the men who constantly push us toward it. ... But if we are honest with ourselves, we’ll admit that what too many fathers are is missing — missing from too many lives and too many homes. They have abandoned their responsibilities, acting like boys instead of men. And the foundations of our families are weaker because of it. You and I know how true this is

in the African-American community. We know that more than half of all black children live in single-parent households, a number that has doubled — doubled — since we were children. We know the statistics — that children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of schools and 20 times more likely to end up in prison. They are more likely to have behavioral problems, or run away from home or become teenage parents themselves. And the foundations of our community are weaker because of it.”

Obama stated further, “Yes, we need more cops on the street.” But he insisted, “We also need families to raise our children.” He concluded: “We need fathers to realize that responsibility does not end at conception. We need them to realize that what makes you a man is not the ability to have a child — it’s the courage to raise one.”

The understanding that intact families are the foundation of society is time honored. In the words of Marcus Tullius Cicero (circa 50 BC): “The first principle of society consists in the marriage tie, the next in children, the next in a family within one roof, where everything is in common. This society gives rise to the city, and is, as it were, the nursery of the commonwealth.”

Obama’s affirmation of fatherhood and family starkly contrasts the progressive policy outcomes sought by his feckless successor, Biden, and his leftist cadres.

Today, leftists are accelerating their attack on families because they know the most effective method to erode Individual Liberty, the first pillar of Liberty, is to undermine the integrity of faith and family.

Consequently, Democrats and their failed socialist policies pose the greatest domestic threat to American Liberty. The implications are devastating for black families.

Typical of their deluded mindset is this from a Rutgers University radical black feminist, Brittney Cooper: “We don’t need traditional nuclear families for Black thriving. As one raised by my mother, grandmother, and aunts, I can attest.”

Cooper, like other adherents of “Critical Race Theory” who seek to undermine families, especially the notion of the nuclear black family, is in deep denial related to her own fatherlessness.

In response, culture analyst Delano Squires declared: “I don’t know why they are so committed to going against the natural Family unit, men and women raising their biological children, which is the bedrock of any society. People like Brittany Cooper dismiss the importance of fathers, particularly the black fathers. They mockingly refer to them as ‘the Magical black daddy myth.’ They promote the idea of individual reparations accounts for Black people that white people will pay into. And that gets at the heart of this problem. The left thinks that the biggest issues facing the black community are racism and wealth inequality. And that is why their preferred solutions are bigger government and better white people. Children need their fathers, they need strong families, and the bigger and stronger the family grows, the less need they have for government and their individual daily lives.”

So, what does the data on fatherless homes tell us about who is committing the vast majority of violent crime in America?

Sociologist Brad Wilcox at the University of Virginia affirms: “Sen. Mike Lee is right to wonder if fatherlessness and family breakdown are factors in the tidal wave of violence that has engulfed America since 2020. We know that young men who are raised without the benefit of good fathers are more likely to engage in violent behavior.”

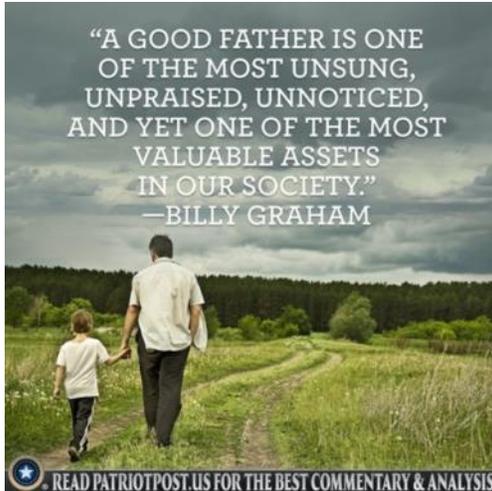
Mary Eberstadt, one of our nation’s foremost culture analysts, notes in her study “Critical Father Theory: “America’s crime problem is a father problem. This is one of our country’s deepest and most denied family secrets. Everybody knows it, and everybody has known it for a very long time.”

This bears repeating and remembering: “America’s crime problem *is* a father problem.”

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Lynne Marie Kohm, professor of family law at Regent University School of Law, notes that there are five family factors common to those who commit violent acts: “very little parental involvement; some kind of stress on the child; a whole lot of time alone; loss of a sense of truth; and an incredible lack of remorse.”

Our friend Tony Perkins at the Family Research Council had this to say about the next time some young sociopath is involved in a mass assault: After asking, “Where did he get a gun?” we need to be asking, “Where did he lose a father figure?”

When it comes to the propensity for sociopathic violence, the most significant red flag is missing fathers. The lack of fathers in families is irrefutably connected to criminal violence.

Today, 57.6% of black children, 31.2% of Hispanic children, and 20.7% of white children are living in homes without their biological fathers.

And the consequence of the epidemic of fatherlessness to black children?

Black people commit 90% of interracial felonies — black on white, Hispanic, or Asian — despite representing just 13% of our population, and despite the age group of the assailant profile representing just 3% of the population. That would include the commission of 21% of hate crimes, as defined by the Department of Justice. Further, 88% of the suspects who murdered black people are also black. Almost half of the 21,000 people murdered last year were black, and almost all of them were killed by other black people. Those grim statistics describe the real epidemic of violence.

But there is a glimmer of light on the horizon. In a recent report from the Institute for Family Studies, researcher Nicholas Zill writes, “A funny thing happened on the way to extinction: although not out of intensive care, the supposed corpse of the two-parent family seems to be breathing new life.”

He observed that recent data indicates the percentage of children living in two-parent homes has risen to 70%, while the percentage of children living in single-parent homes dropped from 28% to 25%. Within the black community, the number of high school seniors living in a home with their biological fathers rose from 24% to 30%. That’s still a very low number, but it indicates movement in the right direction.

However, according to the latest U.S. Census data, 18.3 million children, one in four, live without a biological, step-, or adoptive father in the home.

While Father’s Day should be a day of celebration, it urgently needs to be a call to action. An almost universal common denominator for all the manifestations of social entropy afflicting our nation today is homes without fathers.

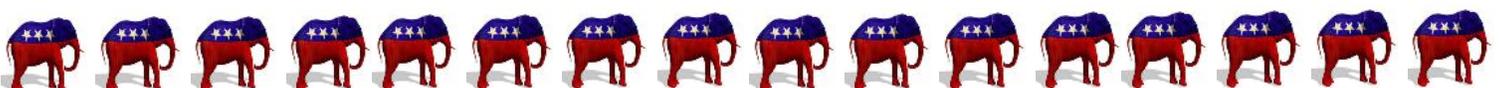
Finally, I’ll leave you with this observation from Lieutenant Governor Winsome Sears of Virginia, a Republican woman who is also black, which is to say an imminent threat to the Demo status quo: “America is in a battle for her children. We weep for the breakdown of the family. We weep for fatherless homes. We weep for the lack of respect for fellow men. We weep over the countless Black men murdering each other. We weep at the onslaught against the Liberty of thought and expression. Indeed we have left goodness, gentleness, and kindness behind, only to be left loathing, crudeness, greed, and sloth.”

P.S. We have been on the frontlines defending Liberty for 25 years and can’t hold that line without Patriots like YOU. Please support our 2022 Independence Day Campaign today!

(Note: If you are a father, or want to support fatherhood initiatives, I encourage you to visit these good marriage and family advocacy organizations: The National Fatherhood Initiative, the National Center for Fathering, Focus on the Family, the American Family Association, and the Family Research Council. There are great mentoring organizations like the one founded by my friends John Smithbaker and Scott MacNaughton, Fathers in the Field, and great father-coaching resources at All Pro Dad.)

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Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



Our Grandparent organization the National Federation of Republican Women has change the guidelines for what counts as political action hours. The biggest change is we can now count our time spent at our general meetings. The following are the new guidelines.

1. All hours count for activities that are political in nature or support the Republican philosophy. This includes in person and conference or web-based events.
2. Paid hours count if not your primary income. Hours as Election Judge, Clerk Poll watcher, door knocking, phone bank calling and other activities.
3. Hours for elected officials who receive a stipend salary can be counted. Such as Texas State Senators and Representatives, some city council and school board members. Don't forget to count the hours of time they spend out and about the community.
4. Hours for your club meetings, general monthly meetings, board, committee meetings including travel time.
5. Work done for campaigns, including all work for mailings, preparing signs, telephoning, door knocking, poll greeting etc. Work can be performed at any location, home, campaign headquarters, GOP offices, polling locations. Include any travel time.
6. Hours spent at a special event, including all organizing, planning and cleanup. Even events you pay for or are compensated for.
7. All hours at Texas Federation board meetings, events, conventions, training, includes event preparation and travel time.
8. Any hours spent as a precinct chair or assisting your precinct chair.
9. Travel and time spent at Republican Party events, including County Executive meetings, SREC meetings, Precinct conventions, County/SD Conventions, State convention, National Convention.
10. Party Committee work, local or state. Includes any committee meetings, and preparation.
11. Volunteering at TFRW headquarters or local GOP headquarters
12. Committee work performed for appointments made at the local, county or state level. Includes travel time, preparation and associated activities.
13. Political candidates may count all campaign hours.
14. Work on local "non" partisan elections counts, if work is done for known Republican candidates, this includes city and school board elections.
15. SREC work, including time spent creating reports, committee work, quarterly meetings, updating local CEC and clubs.
16. Voter registration work, include time and travel to become certified, and drop off forms. Set up and work on Voter registration drive booth/events, include clean up.
17. Time spent voting.

You can report your hours at www.planorepublicanwomen.org

Tracking of Political Calls

You will track your the number of political calls separately from your hours. Note: the time spent making calls counts under your political action hours

1. Calls of a political nature or for club activities
2. Calls made to elected officials
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4. Calls made for campaigns
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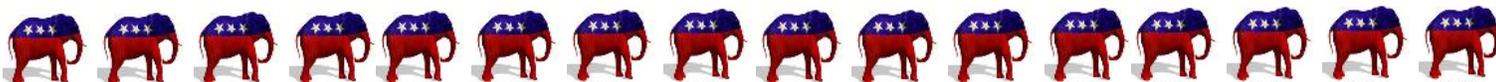


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Welcome to our newest member

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Elle is also PRW's 100th member! 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:

<http://www.planorepublicanwomen.org/frequently-asked-questions.html>

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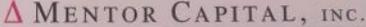
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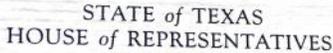
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