

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

April 2019

President's Byline



Early voting for the local elections has begun, and there are three members of Plano Republican Women running for office. Our member Lily Bao is running for Plano City Council place 7 against two democrats, therefore, PRW is happy to endorse Lily for City Council.

Lily is a fiscal conservative who wants to slow the growth of property taxes. She wants to see responsible economic growth with more single family one story homes for seniors. Lily also wants zero based budgeting and to streamline the budget. Lily also got the endorsement of Governor Abbot.

Lily's main opponent is the Mayor's pick. She is financed by out of town big developers, so you know she will be happy to vote for more apartments and more density.

The third candidate in the race worked for the city, so we can assume she will do whatever the staff wants. She also rarely answers a question directly. At a forum she was asked several questions, but with almost every single one she refused to give a decisive answer that told voters her views on each subject. I then asked the candidates to name something they would cut from the budget. Every person came up with something they would cut from the budget except her.

In the remaining days until the election please help your favorite conservative candidates in the election, so we get more Conservative Republicans on school boards and city councils.

PRW Members,

If you are interested in becoming a voter registrar please let me know. We have the opportunity to be trained as a group one morning and then we can have a lunch in McKinney afterwards. Please let me know if you are interested.

Catherine

Jennifer Groyzman
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Calendar of Events

Board Meeting
 May 7th

May Meeting
 May 21

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May Plano Republican Women Meeting



Next PRW Meeting:

Tuesday, May 21st, 2019

Cracking the Code of Electronic Voting Corruption in Texas

Dr. Laura Pressley of True Texas Elections

Dr. Laura Pressley is a former candidate for the Austin City Council in 2014. In 2019, Dr. Pressley prevailed in a historic election integrity case in the Texas Supreme Court and she will be discussing her case and the legal precedent that now impacts all candidates in Texas. She contested her 2014 election results and discovered evidence of electronic voting corruption in Travis County and that Travis and many Texas counties are not following state laws with regard to backup records to validate electronic voting results. In her Texas Supreme Court case, Dr. Pressley cited constitutional ballot numbering violations associated with electronic voting machines in Texas. Supporting her claims, Attorney General Ken Paxton's office submitted an Amicus Curiae Brief to the Texas Supreme Court confirming the serious issues Dr. Pressley raised in her case.

The Texas Supreme Court supported Dr. Pressley's claims that vote tabulation irregularities and illegalities in her election had legal merit and were evidence that could be used by future candidates contesting election results. For the first time, the Texas Supreme Court said that evidence such as corruption error messages recorded by computerized central accumulator tabulation audit logs, the absence of backup records such as zero and results tapes, statistical data analyses, and other technical records may be raised in an election contest to challenge computerized election results are questionable. The Court also reversed almost \$100,000 in sanctions that were levied against Dr. Pressley by two lower courts because she raised the above evidentiary and legal issues in her 2014 election contest.

Dr. Pressley has given over 280 presentations in the last three years across the state on the technical details of how Texas' electronic voting machines are not adhering to state laws and how the Texas Secretary of State's Election Division is providing unconstitutional waivers to election law regarding electronic voting machines.

With all the election integrity issues being reported across our state, Texans have had enough. We are ready to take back our power at the voting booth and Dr. Pressley has formed True Texas Elections, LLC to support candidates, voters and PAC's to ensure honest elections in Texas.

Dr. Pressley is a native Texan, a Republican Party Precinct Chair in Travis County, the Founder and Vice-Chair of the Travis County Republican Party Election Integrity Committee. She earned her Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from UT Austin and was an engineer and gross margin business manager in the semiconductor industry in Austin for 17 years. She holds 4 US patents on semiconductor device technology and is the co-author of numerous peer reviewed scientific articles.

Dr. Pressley has appeared on the CBS Early Show, Good Morning Austin, Roger Stone's Stone Cold Truth show, and many others. She has testified as a citizen's advocate to the Texas Senate and House on election and technology issues and has served on the Executive Committees of several boards in Austin.

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@planorepublicanwomen.org |

include your name in your email and say if you will/will not be having lunch



AMERICANISM REPORT

By Cleo Marchese, Americanism Chair



The New Scarlet letter: American Heritage and the Next Generation.

Our great American society was founded by men and women who fled from an overreaching government, ruled by not just by a monarch but an unfeeling aristocracy. People were overtaxed and underrepresented, sound familiar? It should, our fore fathers were considered socially liberal for their time because they believed all men had certain basic rights that could not be taken away by man or government. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men who knew they were committing a serious act of treason by saying “no” to the status quo. They had a vision for a better life for their children and future scion in the Thirteen Colonies. Most of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence ended up hunted, bankrupt, ostracized or imprisoned. Some lost spouses and children to unspeakable horrors so generations after them could live in freedom. We should all remember the current freedoms we enjoy were given to us at great cost by these men and their families during the American Revolution.

The Constitution was signed at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787, just five years after the end of the American Revolution. It was meant to give more structure to our government by creating three branches to insure we did not ever have to live under the corruption of an unfeeling aristocratic class who controlled everything from how you worshipped, who you worshipped, to what you could own, and who supported a class system where it was difficult for people to rise above the circumstances of their birth.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

So how did we get to this point in our society that being hardworking, religious, caring, responsible and contributing members to our communities as Conservatives and Republicans has been twisted into something ugly by the rise of socialism in our country? Is it because we have been a country for 243 years, we now have people in power and in politics who have a vested interest in spreading socialism and chaos to stay in power and enrich themselves. When did the word “Conservative” become the new scarlet letter? A badge of shame to be hidden in public, at the work place and of all places our colleges. College campuses have become increasingly **less liberal** for decades, now they have become places of fear and danger for openly conservative students. Real liberalism is dying in this country. True liberals respect the rights and differences of others. They welcome diversity of thoughts and ideas even if they disagree.



The Democrat liberal has been almost entirely replaced by the Democrat Socialist. I love the word Democrat Socialist because it literally doesn't make sense. Socialism is used to control society with the seductive lies of the people being in control and everyone is taken care of equally. Democracy will be used to get a large majority **to want** to give up their basic rights so they can be given everything they want. To take away the struggle of living, to be given cradle to the grave socialist style government benefits including a basic wage for everyone including those who chose not to work.

My generation grew up under the specter of nuclear war with the Soviet Union. We clearly understood the dangers and deprivations of communism. Fast forward to now and we know have Communism lite a.k.a. Socialism. If you point out the fallacy of these ideas or that socialism has never worked. Whether you are conservative or liberal, you are silenced, shunned, or mocked. If I had a dollar for every time socialism worked, I would have zero dollars. Ironically, if socialism worked, I would still have zero dollars.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

**MICE DIE IN
MOUSE TRAPS
BECAUSE THEY DO NOT
UNDERSTAND WHY THE
CHEESE IS FREE.
THE SAME THING HAPPENS WITH
SOCIALISM.**

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AMERICANISM REPORT

By Cleo Marchese, Americanism Chair



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The American dream of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is dying at an alarming rate and our college campuses have become the front lines for the battle for our Republic. Our conservative youth are forced to hide their ideas, their beliefs are mocked and they are shamed for expressing different opinions. Young men are told their masculinity is toxic. Women are told they victims of society and should never need nor desire anything outside the work force and their own selfish desires. Families are seen as burdens to happiness. Children should be raised by a village or the state. Religion is seen as backwards.

Racism and division is on the rise because the people are no longer allowed to be Americans. We are now all hyphenated Americans. In a grab for power, the Left has pitted everyone against each other and each new groups being split off from society are told they have problems more pressing than the last, creating resentment. You are probably thinking, thank god I live in Texas. Antifa on college campuses, riots over conservative or religious speakers only happen in California or the East Coast.

At Texas State in San Marcos last month, Turning Point USA was banned from campus by the "liberal" student government. Based on not what they had done but because others students didn't feel safe with them on campus and their presence was causing emotional distress. When two other conservative youth groups came to their aid, the Young Republicans at Texas State and Conservative Republicans, they were threaten and told if they didn't keep quite, they would be next. At the final student government meeting deciding their fate, the TPUSA president and anyone who tried to speak up for them were shouted down, and intimidated. Once she left the meeting room, she was followed, sworn at, called derogatory names women should never be called by the party that claims to support women. In the following weeks the remaining two conservative youth organizations have had their meetings constantly disrupted, their meeting signs removed because they are no longer allowed to put them up. They have been given no real reason for any of these actions. When I spoke to the vice president of Young Republicans at Texas State, I can feel the frustration in his voice and it is echoed by the others.

I do not have a child at Texas State but all conservative youth must be protected. Texans are fiercely independent as a whole. Our state is changing and not for the better, we are becoming complacent about protecting our conservative values. The story of our great country is becoming perverted to America was never great and our college campuses have become a hot bed of anti-American rhetoric. The incident at Texas State is not an isolated one. We cannot afford to lose this generation of conservatives to apathy because they feel no one will fight for them.

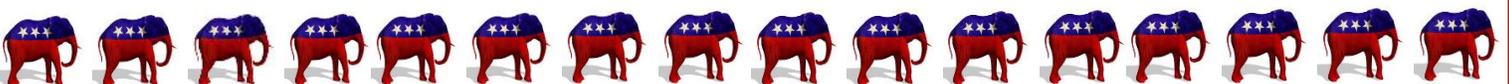
The first amendment is first for a reason because our forefathers felt it was worth dying for. Conservatives are the new liberals, because we are trying to conserve the freedoms that are being eroded away by the same type of people our forefathers ran from.

Trivia:

The classic definition of Liberalism is a political and economic doctrine that emphasizes individual autonomy, equality of opportunity, and the protection of individual rights (primarily to life, liberty, and property), originally against the state and later against both the state and private economic actors, including businesses. from *ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA*, <https://www.britannica.com/topic/liberalism>

What were the professions of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence? Twenty four were judges and lawyers. Eleven were merchants, nine were landowners and farmers. The last twelve were doctors, ministers, and politicians

True Grit: Abraham Clark, the signer from New Jersey, two sons were officers in the Revolutionary Army. When they were captured and sent to the Jersey, in New York Harbor, a British prison ship where 11,000 American captives died. The young brothers were treated brutally because of their father. Placed in solitary confinement, beaten and starved. With the war dragging on, no one would have blamed Abraham Clark for giving into the British request when they offered him his sons' lives in exchange for him renouncing the Rebel Americans and openly supporting the King and Parliament. With more courage than most parents would have had, his final answer was "No."



Political Cartoons

DEMOCRAT ONCE A POLITICAL PARTY



NOW A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS THAT THREATENS THE UNITED STATES

IT'S DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM, NOT SOCIALISM



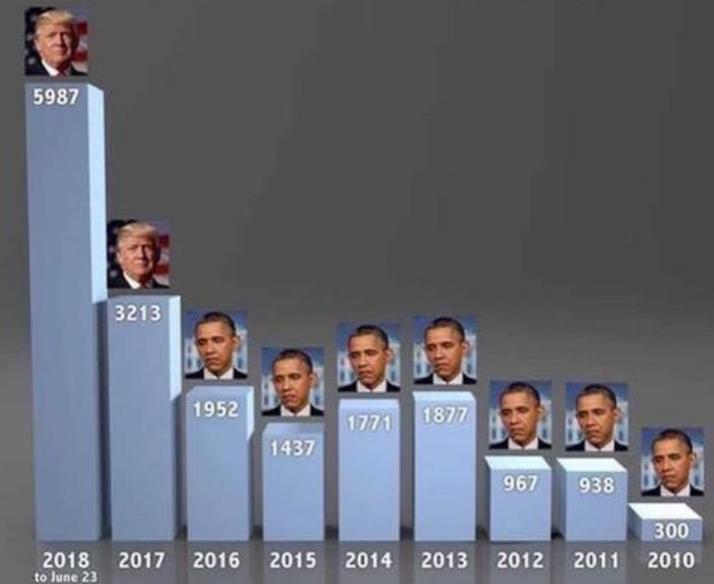
IN TEXAS WE CALL THAT FERTILIZER



I HAVE PTSD. PRETTY TIRED OF STUPID DEMOCRATS



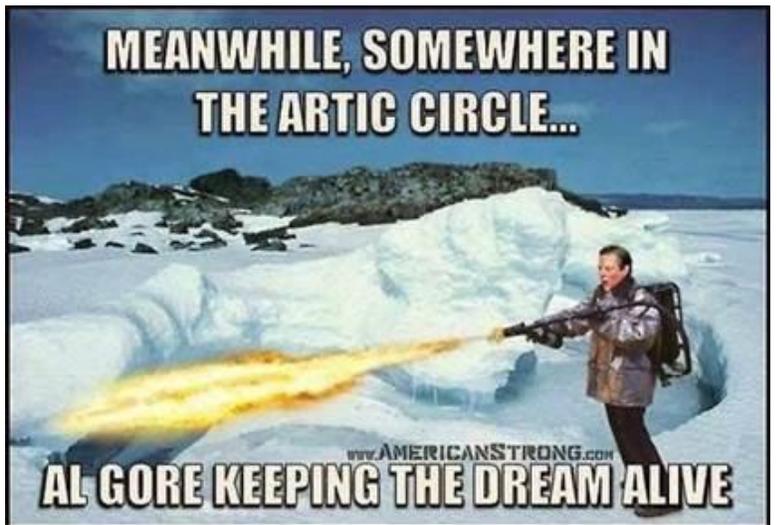
HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARRESTS SINCE 2010



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MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE IN THE ARTIC CIRCLE...



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AL GORE KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

God Help Us: Atheism Becomes Largest Religion In U.S.

By Michael J. Knowles for The Daily Wire-April 7, 2019

As religiosity has declined, social ills have abounded.

For the first time in history, atheists constitute the largest religious group in America. According to the General Social Survey, the number of Americans who have no religion has increased 266% over the past three decades and now account for 23.1% of the population, just barely edging out Catholics and Evangelicals as the nation's dominant faith. Mainline Protestant churches have suffered the greatest collapse, declining 62.5% since 1982 and now comprising just 10.8% of the U.S. population.

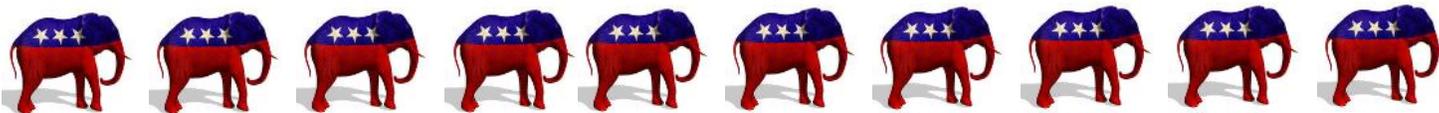
As religiosity has declined, social ills have abounded. Nearly one in five American adults suffers from anxiety disorders, which now constitute the most common mental illness in the country. One in six Americans takes antidepressant drugs, a 65% surge over just 15 years. The problem is particularly acute among younger Americans. While depression diagnoses have increased 33% since 2013, that number is up 47% among Millennials and 63% among teenagers. Coincidentally, suicide rates among American teenagers have increased by 70% since 2006. American life expectancy declined again last year, as Americans continue to drug and kill themselves at record rates.

Social scientists have long since established the link between religiosity and life satisfaction. As social psychologist Sonja Lyubomirsky **observes**, people who attend religious services several times each week are nearly twice as likely as those who worship less than once a month to describe themselves as "very happy." Such psychologists simply state the obvious: the belief that God loves you and that you will live with him in eternity offers greater consolation than the view of death as a dirt nap that stiffens you into worm food.

Religious people are also significantly more likely to engage in happy-making behaviors, such as getting and staying married. A study **released** in 2017 affirmed what countless others had already shown: married couples report higher life satisfaction than their single, divorced, and widowed neighbors. That satisfaction tends to last beyond the honeymoon and well into old age.

The misery epidemic threatens not merely American households but also our halls of power. The late Andrew Breitbart observed that politics is downstream of culture, and culture in turn is downstream of religion. "Cult" and "culture" are etymologically related, and a culture is defined by what it worships. A materialistic culture worships wealth; a licentious culture worships sex; a godly culture worships God. But "our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people," as John Adams wrote to the Massachusetts militia in 1798. "It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

A miserable politics awaits us when the irreligious rot flows downstream. Who but God can help us now?



Longtime Collin County Republican Party grassroots activist, Dotty Ragley, passed away at the age of 87 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Dotty was the wife of the late, Honorable Buddy G. Ragley who served as Collin County Republican Party Chairman. Dotty was a long-time member of the Plano Republican Women, a recipient of the TFRW Top 10 Award, a former Precinct Chairman and a former Election Judge. Dotty was recognized for her service to the Collin County Republican Party as a winner of the John McVeigh Award. She is survived by her daughter Maribeth Ragley and her granddaughter Emily. Her Memorial Mass was held at 12PM on Friday, May 3rd at St. Mark Catholic Church located at 1201 Alma Dr. Plano, Texas, 75075.

TFRW Legislative Day Photos



DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

By: Catherine Gibb

Recently I have seen two movies that moved me to tears: **Gosnell** and **Unplanned**. If you haven't seen these, you absolutely should. Both are very powerful and thought-provoking movies based on true stories and Planned Parenthood plays a very significant part in each one. Below I have provided an article from Focus on the Family which details exactly how much of our taxpayer dollars the Federal government gives to Planned Parenthood. Personally, I do not think that our tax dollars should go to any non-profit organization regardless of how noble their cause may be. Non-profits pay no taxes and they should be supported by donors who personally believe in their missions. (The government also give money to various non-profits set up by George Soros and he manages to use his organizations to undermine the United States. Abortion has cost the lives of over 61 million babies in the United States alone.) And now New York and other states have passed laws allowing for abortion up to the moment of birth and afterwards. These laws are supporting murder, in my opinion. At the very least, we need to demand that no tax dollars whatsoever go to Planned Parenthood or any organization that supports abortion!

Catherine Gibb

What is Planned Parenthood doing with your tax dollars?

By Brittany Raymer

Each year, Planned Parenthood releases its annual report, which details the inner workings of America's largest abortion business and leading public school sex education promotor. To help you sort through this information, we reviewed the hundreds of pages comprising more than 20 years of annual reports, and here's what we found:

The data shows that Planned Parenthood is a failing business and that the federal government – using your tax dollars - is footing the bill. It is only through the use of propaganda and friendly media spin that Planned Parenthood has maintained its position and funding as a “reproductive health care provider.”

Here is the latest information on Planned Parenthood and how it is (mis)using your tax dollars:

How many abortions has Planned Parenthood performed?

In 2016, the year of the latest report, Planned Parenthood performed 321,384 abortions, a small decrease from 328,348 in 2015. That's roughly 38% of the abortions sold in the United States. Abortions comprise 13 to 14 percent of all Planned Parenthood's client visits in a given year, although since 1993 the organization repeatedly claims abortion only represents 3 percent of all its procedures

Though the overall number of abortions decreased in the U.S. from 1995-2014, the percentage of abortions Planned Parenthood sells continues to increase. The number of abortions sold by the organization has grown by 11 percent since 2006 and 139 percent since 1993. **Its own numbers demonstrate that Planned Parenthood is in the abortion-selling business.**

What is Planned Parenthood's most common procedure?

In 2016, Planned Parenthood completed 3,677,503 tests for sexually transmitted diseases (STD), including chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, and completed 706,903 tests for HIV. Currently, STD testing and treatment accounts for almost 50 percent of all procedures provided at Planned Parenthood clinics. There has been a 36 percent increase in general STD testing and a 125 percent increase in HIV tests given since 2006, despite a general decrease in new HIV diagnoses.

Why is this important?

In its annual report, Planned Parenthood claims that it is the “largest provider of sex education” in the nation. It's interesting to note that youth ages 15-24 currently account for one-half of the 20 million new sexually transmitted infections recorded by the Centers for Disease Control - despite being only a quarter of the sexually active population. If Planned Parenthood considers itself responsible for providing “medically accurate” sex education information to our youth, it should answer questions about why the STD rate continues to increase under its leadership.

How does Planned Parenthood use your money?

Since Cecile Richards became Planned Parenthood's president in 2006, there has been a noticeable decline in the provision of more basic services like cancer screenings and prenatal services, but an ever increasing revenue stream into the organization. Richards' frequently references these basic services, especially cancer screenings like pap smears and breast exams when she defends Planned Parenthood and its federal funding. (**Note: Planned Parenthood does not provide mammograms.**)

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By: Catherine Gibb

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Under Richards' leadership:

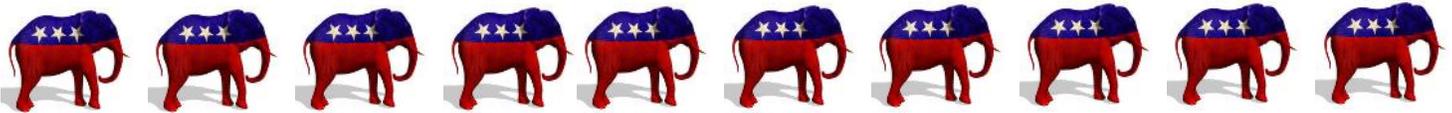
- Revenue has increased by more than 43 percent
- Government funding is up by more than 60 percent (thanks in part to new funding from the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare.")
- The number of clinics has decreased by 30 percent
- The number of clients is down by 23 percent

The number of visits has dipped by 20 percent and services by 10 percent

Based on its own reports, Planned Parenthood is failing as a business that provides medical services. Though there was a brief increase in clients seeking its services in the first year the Affordable Care Act became law, **the procedure numbers decreased in almost every category the following year.** By 2016, the overall number of clients decreased 20 percent, indicating that the services Planned Parenthood offered were not as critical as Richards and others claim.

What does all this mean?

The government must defund Planned Parenthood. Not only does this organization perform abortions on demand, but it also encourages millions of young people to indulge in sexual experimentation and then makes money off their inevitable mistakes through STD testing and treatment, and abortion. Through all this, Planned Parenthood continues to take in **more than five hundred million dollars** a year of our tax dollars while simultaneously **seeing fewer clients** and **failing in its stated mission** to provide reproductive and basic health care.



You are invited to our Lunchtime on Tuesdays:

May Miniseries on: Importance of Collin County for Texas Election Integrity, and the Importance of Municipal Elections

Location: CCRP GOP HQ
2963 West 15th St., Plano, Tx

Speaker: Neal Katz, Executive Director,
CCRP

DATES: May 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 12:12:30

Reserve your spot now: by emailing info@collincountygop.org or calling 972-312-9959

www.collincountygop.org

Unfortunately, our PRW board meeting is on May 7th and our regular and last meeting until August is on May 21st.
But you could still attend the other 2 dates and I hope you will.

The Anatomy of a Self-Annihilating Political Party

By Ron Ross, March 7, 2019

The Democrat Party has lost its mind. What's happening there, however, is not happening in isolation. In society and in life nothing happens in isolation.

There's a word that describes the Party's behavior: nihilism: "a viewpoint that traditional values and beliefs are unfounded and that existence is senseless and useless, a doctrine that denies any objective ground of truth and especially moral truths."

That definition fits the current Democrat Party. The Party and the left place little or no value on tradition, the Constitution, the sanctity of life, borders, private property rights, voting-law enforcement, election outcomes, standards of behavior, or free speech. These are all fundamentally different kinds of rules or systems of rules. The left does not like rules (at least not for themselves).

If you do not like rules, you do not like order, and the alternative to order is chaos. The Democrat Party is attempting to lead the country into chaos. Once you recognize that the Democrat Party is nihilistic it becomes easier to understand why they think and act as they do.

Jordan Peterson's profoundly brilliant and important book is titled *12 Rules for Life: An Antidote for Chaos*. In it he writes "Chaos and order make up the eternal, transcendent environment of the living." Chaos and order also define one of the important differences between liberals and conservatives.

As President Trump has said, "If you don't have borders you don't have a country." That's actually fine with the Democrats and the left. For example, Democrats want to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). They not only want to prevent more border wall being built, some of them want to tear down the wall already in place.

The messes that San Francisco, Chicago, and New York City have become are stark evidence of what happens when laws are no longer enforced. The left has more sympathy for law breakers than law enforcers. "Sanctuary cities" create immigration chaos. Virtually every belief and policy of the Democrat Party is fundamentally a war against order.

Democrat politicians and their enablers in the media believe "the end justifies the means." They see nothing wrong with lying, distorting, making things up, or the violent termination of the essence of innocent life.

It isn't just that the end justifies the means, it's that if you reject "moral truths," you don't need to justify lying. It also explains why they have no shame.

Alexandria Octavio-Cortez is the unofficial leader of the Democrat Party. AOC is the perfect standard bearer for how the Party is evolving. She has zero real-world experience (beyond making martinis and margaritas). She hasn't the slightest idea what's she's talking about. Her Green New Deal is little more than a utopian hallucination. Nevertheless, she is the most popular Democrat. More than anyone else, she defines the party.

Democrats' fascination with AOC shows that they place no value on experience, maturity, or judgment. She did not invent chaos, but she embodies it, particularly mental chaos.

Beyond nihilism the Democrat Party is motivated by hate and the negativity. Their decision rule is, "If Donald Trump is for it, we're against it." If his goal is to "make America great again," they'll do everything they can to prevent that from happening.

They hate Donald Trump first and foremost because he won. They hate him because he is the exact opposite of who they are. He is positive, they are negative. They hate his supporters because they caused him to win.

A Chinese proverb says, "Hate destroys the container in which it is stored." And Martin Luther King said "Hate destroys the hater." No political party can sustain itself on hate. They apparently have little else.

College campuses provide much of the raw material for negativity and nihilism. There it comes under the name "postmodernism."

Postmodernism is "post because it denies the existence of ultimate principles, and it lacks the optimism of there being a scientific, philosophical, or religious truth which will explain everything to everybody, a characteristic of the so-called modern mind." It denies the existence of any universal truths and even denies that logic exists.

Postmodernism is as dangerous and destructive philosophy as has ever been conceived. It is as direct a route to evil as you could ever find.

If there aren't such things as facts and no objective reality, there's no point in learning anything or needing to think clearly. There's no difference between a lie and the truth. That explains the media's comfort with fake news. They simply see no distinction between fake and real. It explains how Democrats can still advocate socialism despite its perfect record of disasters and why they never bother explaining how their trillion dollar ideas will be financed. Nothing they say needs to make any sense.

The mission for conservatives is to make people aware of the danger of what is happening. The Democrat Party is doing well in that regard on its own. But this will be a long-lived war. Conservatives have a champion in the White House but he needs all the support he can get. He has many enemies, he's going to need lots of friends.

MEDIA POT REPORTING: JUST DON'T CALL US UNCOOL!

By Ann Coulter, April 3, 2019

I think I'll direct a series of low-budget movies with names like "Tobacco Madness," "Gun Madness" and "White Male Madness." The plots will be exactly the same with, alternately, cigarettes, guns or whiteness causing high school students to go insane, causing mayhem and murder.

In addition to launching my campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, my films will be so silly that, in the future, they will anathematize any untoward remarks about smokers, gun-owners or white men. (Making certain arguments entirely off-limits is terrific for generating fact-based solutions!)

A "No Smoking" sign in a hospital room? What is this? "Tobacco Madness"?

That's what the 1930s propaganda film "Reefer Madness" has done to the discussion of marijuana in the United States, as is evident from the eye-opening new book, *Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence*, by longtime New York Times reporter Alex Berenson. (Don't worry -- he covered the pharmaceutical industry, not politics.)

The evidence that pot, and pot alone, triples your chances of developing a psychosis is overwhelming. Berenson cites hundreds of studies showing a direct link between cannabis use and psychoses like schizophrenia.

For every objection, he's got another batch of studies, including his own groundbreaking research.

Aren't these just schizophrenics-in-waiting who were self-medicating with pot? No, people with zero personal or family history of any type of mental illness show a statistically significant increase in psychosis diagnoses after using cannabis.

Don't the studies involve a lot of "confirmation bias," with scientists looking for psychosis in potheads? Totally false. A huge number of the studies linking pot and schizophrenia began with scientists looking at something else entirely and being floored by the marijuana results showing up in the data.

Isn't this because most pot-smokers are young men in their late teens to late 20s -- the danger zone for schizophrenia? To the contrary, Berenson shows that new psychosis diagnoses among adults in marijuana-friendly states like Colorado have shot up right along with pot legalization. One Dutch study of 4,000 previously healthy adults found that marijuana use nearly tripled the risk of developing psychotic symptoms within three years.

If any other substance tripled the odds of losing your mind, I think the public would know about it. But in America, reporters -- even scientists -- are more worried about sounding cool. *What? Do you believe in "Reefer Madness"?*

There's also the problem that the Worst Generation smoked a lot of pot when they were idealistically rioting on college campuses in the 1970s and consider it harmless. It didn't hurt them, did it?

But, as Berenson says, the difference in the pot being consumed today and that smoked by earlier generations is the equivalent of comparing a martini to "near beer." In the 1970s, most pot contained less than 2 percent THC -- the chemical that gets you high. "Today's users wouldn't even recognize that drug as marijuana," says Berenson. The legal pot sold today is usually at least 25 percent THC. Cannabis "wax" and "shatter" can be almost pure THC.

The United Kingdom's scientific community has been screaming from the rooftops about the link between cannabis and psychosis for decades. As a consequence, marijuana use and support for legalization have collapsed. From the early 2000s to today, cannabis use in the U.K. has been cut by a third.

In that same time period, marijuana consumption in the U.S. and Canada skyrocketed. By now, American adults use cannabis in a month at a rate higher than British adults do in a year.

With the surge in cannabis consumption has come a surge in overdose deaths and psychosis.

In 2006 America -- just as the latest rise in pot consumption began -- there were about 30,000 emergency room diagnoses of psychosis with marijuana use disorder alone. By 2014, that number had tripled, with almost 90,000 emergency room visits for cannabis-induced psychosis.

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By Ann Coulter, April 3, 2019

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Only a few of the emergency room patients with marijuana dependence showed any other drug in their systems. And the cannabis-related psychoses were more severe than the others, resulting in hospitalization twice as often as psychosis alone.

Here's my trailblazing study explaining the wide gulf in marijuana use in this country compared to the U.K.: British scientists and journalists weren't embarrassed by the hyperbolic nonsense of "Reefer Madness," so they could tell the truth.

While in Britain scads of scientific studies are published with titles like "What Is the Mechanism Whereby Cannabis Use Increases Risk of Psychosis?" and "The Acute Effects of Synthetic Intravenous Delta 9-Tetrahydrocannabinol on Psychosis, Mood, and Cognitive Functioning," the American media produces only happy talk about pot. *You don't want to sound uncool, do you?*

Recently, this tabloid-bait study appeared all over -- in Cosmo, Women's Wear Daily and other important scientific journals: "Marijuana really DOES give women better orgasms."

On closer examination, the alleged "study" consists exclusively of the self-reports of potheads. Yes, cannabis-consuming patients at a single OB/GYN clinic were asked if they had better orgasms after smoking pot. In a shock for the ages, the pothead patients said, *Yes, better!*

A more accurate title for the so-called "study" would be: POTHEADS LIKE POT!

I thought the American media's universal, exhaustive, flood-the-zone lying about immigration could never be matched for any other subject. Read Alex Berenson's *Tell Your Children* and you'll see how wrong I was -- and you are, too.

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From an email received in March, Author Unknown

- (1) Isn't it weird that in America our flag and our culture offend so many people, but our benefits don't.
- (2) How can the federal government ask U.S. citizens to pay back student loans, when illegal aliens are receiving a free education?
- (3) Only in America are legal citizens labeled "racists" and "Nazis," but illegal aliens are called "Dreamers."
- (4) Liberals say, "If confiscating all guns saves just one life, it's worth it." Well then, if deporting all illegals saves just one life, wouldn't that be worth it?
- (5) I can't quite figure out how you can proudly wave the flag of another country but consider it punishment to be sent back there.
- (6) The Constitution: It doesn't need to be rewritten; it needs to be reread.
- (7) William F. Buckley said: "Liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other points of view and are then shocked and offended when they discover there are other points of view."
- (8) Joseph Sobran said: "'Need' now means wanting someone else's money. 'Greed' means wanting to keep your own. 'Compassion' is when a politician arranges the transfer."
- (9) Florida has had 119 hurricanes since 1850, but some people still insist the last one was due to climate change.

You can't fix stupid, no matter how much duct tape you use!

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Stupidity Defined

Stupidity is when a financially strapped enterprize like Toys-R-Us donates million\$ to Planned Parenthood so that Planned Parenthood can murder Toys-R-Us's customers.

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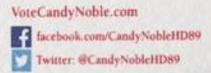
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