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Ellis County GOP's Monthly Newsletter
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January 2023 Edition

A Message from the Chair

Ellis County Republicans,

I hope you had a Merry Christmas as we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The new year is upon us with the state legislature opening session happening on January 10th. There is a lot of work to be done during this session, just to name a few:

1. Prohibiting child mutilation
2. Stopping the gun nuts from restricting our gun rights in preparation for Biden's gun confiscation with the increased funding to the ATF.
3. Holding the public schools accountable for the money they spend and the poor results they produce mainly because of the social engineering they are teaching which gets preferential treatment over the subjects of reading, writing, math, history, and science. Even these basic studies have been infiltrated with social engineering. Our education system is failing our students not because of lack of money but because of improper direction. This is one area the legislature needs to completely overhaul.
4. Our taxes are out of control. No one owns their property, but they pay rent to the schools, county, and state. There are very few generational properties anymore; most have to be sold to pay the taxes instead of being passed on to children or grandchildren. This is another way the government is breaking up families.
5. Immigration will be one of the hottest subjects. Texan cannot handle any more illegals coming into our state. We need to shut down the border and send these people home. Most of the illegals are brought up by cartels as they bring up their drugs. These illegals are then enslaved to the cartel; the young ladies are sold into the sex trade. Over the last 2 years they have caught many criminals and jihadists crossing the border. They say they only catch about 20%; this leads to a national security issue. There are so many issues surrounding the open border that are negative. I hear stories from ranchers along the border that have to call on a regular basis for dead bodies to be picked up from their land; many have been shot. This situation is costing billions of dollars that we could use to lower taxes or better meet the needs of this state.

These are a few of the major issues that are facing our state. There will be thousands of bills filed to be discussed in 4 ½ months. This is a very hard task, and we need to pray for our legislators.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd at The Enchanted Point event center, 1511 Ovilla Rd, Waxahachie. Social hour is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Hope to see you Tuesday,
Randy Bellomy
Chairman
Republican Party of Ellis County

Legislative Update

Hope y'all had a wonderful and rewarding Holiday season with family and friends.

Can you believe that in less than a week we will be heading into the 88th Legislative session? We will have 5 short months to accomplish the passage of strong Conservative policy that will help all Texans. And hopefully strong legislation to combat the DC swamp.

The amazing SD12 SREC Rep Jill Glover has been hard at work updating the Republican Party of Texas website so YOU will have all the information YOU need to keep track of our Legislative Priorities (LP).

If you go to the Republican Party of Texas website you will see the link #TXLEGE.

Under the #TXLEGE link you will find the 88th LP Bill List. There is a list of bills that are approved by the RPT for each of the Legislative Priorities. Bills will be added continuously, as bill filling does not end until mid March.

A report will be added, once session starts, on where these bills stand as far as Committee's and Public hearings go.

The next link will be the LP Report. All the Legislative Priorities Reports will be posted here for you to read.

If you have not signed up to receive the Legislative Priority report please sign up at this link:

<https://paracom.paramountcommunication.com/form/122912/10627/3?view=true>

On the Ellis County GOP website, under Austin updates, the list of Legislative Priorities and Committee Sub-Committee Chair's Contact information will be listed.

Just a reminder about the All Things Austin field trip and tour that will be taking place January 10 to January 12th. It will include Swearing In Ceremonies of our State Reps and Senators, the House Speaker floor vote and the ever anticipated House Rules. Where you will be able to see first hand who is in favor, or against, having democrats chair committee's.

After this trip you will be comfortable maneuvering your way through the halls of The Capitol.

If you plan on attending the Austin trip, or have any questions, please email me at 1032@elliscountygop.org or text me at 214.334.5087. Information is also on the Ellis County GOP Events page.

This session will be one of the most organized and united grassroots efforts ever so join us.

#TeamEllisCounty #TeamTexas #TXLEGE23

Kathy Ponce
Legislative and Political Priorities.

Ellis County GOP Precinct Corner

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The Twitter Files

Since his purchase of Twitter, Elon Musk has directed many changes to include dismissing the "C-level" executives along with about 50% of the employees. In addition to the massive personnel changes, Musk has provided journalists Matt Taibbi, Bari Weiss, Lee Fang, and authors Michael Shellenberger and David Zweig with access to internal Twitter, Inc. documents such as screenshots, emails, and chat logs for them to analyze and present to the public via a series of "Twitter File" releases on Twitter. As of this writing, there have been 10 threads, known as "Parts", released. Each Part covers a different topic. I'll give you an idea of what these are about and links to each:

Part 1 by Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi consists of 33 tweets. The first 7 are as follows: *What you're about to read is the first installment in a series, based upon thousands of internal documents obtained by sources at Twitter. The "Twitter Files" tell an incredible story from inside one of the world's largest and most influential social media platforms. It is a Frankensteinian tale of a human-built mechanism grown out the control of its designer. Twitter in its conception was a brilliant tool for enabling instant mass communication, making a true real-time global conversation possible for the first time. In an early conception, Twitter more than lived up to its mission statement, giving people "the power to create and share ideas and information instantly, without barriers." As time progressed, however, the company was slowly forced to add those barriers. Some of the first tools for controlling speech were designed to combat the likes of spam and financial fraudsters. Slowly, over time, Twitter staff and executives began to find more and more uses for these tools. Outsiders began petitioning the company to manipulate speech as well: first a little, then more often, then constantly. By 2020, requests from connected actors to delete tweets were routine. One executive would write to another: "More to review from the Biden team." The reply would come back: "Handled."*

[Part 1 can be found by CLICKING HERE](#)

Part 2 by Bari Weiss @bariweiss consists of 30 tweets. The first 3 are as follows: *A new #TwitterFiles investigation reveals that teams of Twitter employees build blacklists, prevent disfavored tweets from trending, and actively limit the visibility of entire accounts or even trending topics—all in secret, without informing users. Twitter once had a mission "to give everyone the power to create and share ideas and information instantly, without barriers." Along the way, barriers nevertheless were erected. Take, for example, Stanford's Dr. Jay Bhattacharya (@DrJBhattacharya) who argued that Covid lockdowns would harm children. Twitter secretly placed him on a "Trends Blacklist," which prevented his tweets from trending.*

[Part 2 can be found by CLICKING HERE](#)

Part 3 by Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi consists of 27 tweets. The first 7 are as follows: *THREAD: The Twitter Files THE REMOVAL OF DONALD TRUMP Part One: October 2020-January 6th The world knows much of the story of what happened between riots at the Capitol on January 6th, and the removal of President Donald Trump from Twitter on January 8th... We'll show you what hasn't been revealed: the erosion of standards within the company in months before J6, decisions by high-ranking executives to violate their own policies, and more, against the backdrop of ongoing, documented interaction with federal agencies. This first installment covers the period before the election through January 6th. Tomorrow, @ShellenbergerMD will detail the chaos inside Twitter on January 7th. On Sunday, @BariWeiss will reveal the secret internal communications from the key date of January 8th.*

[Part 3 can be found by CLICKING HERE](#)

Part 4 by Michael Shellenberger @ShellenbergerMD consists of 31 tweets. The first 2 are as follows: *The Removal of Donald Trump: January 7 As the pressure builds, Twitter executives build the case for a permanent ban On Jan 7, senior Twitter execs: - create justifications to ban Trump - seek a change of policy for Trump alone, distinct from other political leaders - express no concern for the free speech or democracy implications of a ban*

[Part 4 can be found by CLICKING HERE](#)

Part 5 by Bari Weiss @bariweiss consists of 30 tweets. The first 7 are as follows: *THREAD: THE TWITTER FILES PART FIVE. THE REMOVAL OF TRUMP FROM TWITTER. On the morning of January 8, President Donald Trump, with one remaining strike before being at risk of permanent suspension from Twitter, tweets twice. 6:46 am: "The 75,000,000 great American Patriots who voted for me, AMERICA FIRST, and MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, will have a GIANT VOICE long into the future. They will not be disrespected or treated unfairly in any way, shape or form!!!" 7:44 am: "To all of those who have asked, I will not be going to the Inauguration on January 20th." For years, Twitter had resisted calls both internal and external to ban Trump on the grounds that blocking a world leader from the platform or removing their controversial tweets would hide important information that people should be able to see and debate. "Our mission is to provide a forum that enables people to be informed and to engage their leaders directly," the company wrote in 2019. Twitter's aim was to "protect the public's right to hear from their leaders and to hold them to account." But after January 6, as @mtaibbi and @shellenbergerMD have documented, pressure grew, both inside and outside of Twitter, to ban Trump. There were dissenters inside Twitter. "Maybe because I am from China," said one employee on January 7, "I deeply understand how censorship can destroy the public conversation."*

[Part 5 can be found by CLICKING HERE](#)

Part 6 by Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi consists of 31 tweets. The first 10 are as follows: *THREAD: The Twitter Files, Part Six TWITTER, THE FBI SUBSIDIARY The #TwitterFiles are revealing more every day about how the government collects, analyzes, and flags your social media content. Twitter's contact with the FBI was constant and pervasive, as if it were a subsidiary. Between January 2020 and November 2022, there were over 150 emails between the FBI and former Twitter Trust and Safety chief Yoel Roth. Some are mundane, like San Francisco agent Elvis Chan wishing Roth a Happy New Year along with a reminder to attend "our quarterly call next week." Others are requests for information into Twitter users related to active investigations. But a surprisingly high number are requests by the FBI for Twitter to take action on election misinformation, even involving joke tweets from low-follower accounts. The FBI's social media-focused task force, known as FTIF, created in the wake of the 2016 election, swelled to 80 agents and corresponded with Twitter to identify alleged foreign influence and election tampering of all kinds. Federal intelligence and law enforcement reach into Twitter included the Department of Homeland Security, which partnered with security contractors and think tanks to pressure Twitter to moderate content. It's no secret the government analyzes bulk data for all sorts of purposes, everything from tracking terror suspects to making economic forecasts. The #TwitterFiles show something new: agencies like the FBI and DHS regularly sending social media content to Twitter through multiple entry points, pre-flagged for moderation.*

Part 6 can be found by CLICKING HERE

Part 7 by Michael Shellenberger @ShellenbergerMD consists of 31 tweets. The first 7 are as follows: *TWITTER FILES: PART 7 The FBI & the Hunter Biden Laptop How the FBI & intelligence community discredited factual information about Hunter Biden's foreign business dealings both after and *before* The New York Post revealed the contents of his laptop on October 14, 2020 In Twitter Files #6, we saw the FBI relentlessly seek to exercise influence over Twitter, including over its content, its users, and its data. In Twitter Files #7, we present evidence pointing to an organized effort by representatives of the intelligence community (IC), aimed at senior executives at news and social media companies, to discredit leaked information about Hunter Biden before and after it was published. The story begins in December 2019 when a Delaware computer store owner named John Paul (J.P.) Mac Isaac contacts the FBI about a laptop that Hunter Biden had left with him On Dec 9, 2019, the FBI issues a subpoena for, and takes, Hunter Biden's laptop. By Aug 2020, Mac Isaac still had not heard back from the FBI, even though he had discovered evidence of criminal activity. And so he emails Rudy Giuliani, who was under FBI surveillance at the time. In early Oct, Giuliani gives it to @nypost Shortly before 7 pm ET on October 13, Hunter Biden's lawyer, George Mesires, emails JP Mac Isaac. Hunter and Mesires had just learned from the New York Post that its story about the laptop would be published the next day. At 9:22 pm ET (6:22 PT), FBI Special Agent Elvis Chan sends 10 documents to Twitter's then-Head of Site Integrity, Yoel Roth, through Teleporter, a one-way communications channel from the FBI to Twitter.*

Part 7 can be found by CLICKING HERE

Part 8 by Lee Fang @lhfang consists of 21 tweets. The first 2 are partially excerpted as follows: *TWITTER FILES PART 8 *How Twitter Quietly Aided the Pentagon's Covert Online PsyOp Campaign* Despite promises to shut down covert state-run propaganda networks, Twitter docs show that the social media giant directly assisted the U.S. military's influence operations. Twitter has claimed for years that they make concerted efforts to detect & thwart gov-backed platform manipulation.*

Part 8 can be found by CLICKING HERE

Part 9 by Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi consists of 31 tweets. The first 6 are as follows: *THREAD: The Twitter Files TWITTER AND "OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES" After weeks of "Twitter Files" reports detailing close coordination between the FBI and Twitter in moderating social media content, the Bureau issued a statement Wednesday. It didn't refute allegations. Instead, it decried "conspiracy theorists" publishing "misinformation," whose "sole aim" is to "discredit the agency." They must think us unambitious, if our "sole aim" is to discredit the FBI. After all, a whole range of government agencies discredit themselves in the #TwitterFiles. Why stop with one? The files show the FBI acting as doorman to a vast program of social media surveillance and censorship, encompassing agencies across the federal government – from the State Department to the Pentagon to the CIA. The operation is far bigger than the reported 80 members of the Foreign Influence Task Force (FITF), which also facilitates requests from a wide array of smaller actors - from local cops to media to state governments. Twitter had so much contact with so many agencies that executives lost track. Is today the DOD, and tomorrow the FBI? Is it the weekly call, or the monthly meeting? It was dizzying.*

Part 9 can be found by CLICKING HERE

Part 10 by David Zweig @davidzweig consists of 31 tweets. The first 8 are partially excerpted as follows: *THREAD: THE TWITTER FILES: HOW TWITTER RIGGED THE COVID DEBATE – By censoring info that was true but inconvenient to U.S. govt. policy – By discrediting doctors and other experts who disagreed – By suppressing ordinary users, including some sharing the CDC's *own data* So far the Twitter Files have focused on evidence of Twitter's secret blacklists; how the company functioned as a kind of subsidiary of the FBI; and how execs rewrote the platform's rules to accommodate their own political desires. What we have yet to cover is Covid. This reporting, for The Free Press, @thefp, is one piece of that important story. The United States government pressured Twitter and other social media platforms to elevate certain content and suppress other content about Covid-19. Internal files at Twitter that I viewed while on assignment for @thefp showed that both the Trump and Biden administrations directly pressed Twitter executives to moderate the platform's pandemic content according to their wishes. At the onset of the pandemic, according to meeting notes, the Trump admin was especially concerned about panic buying. They came looking for "help from the tech companies to combat misinformation" about "runs on grocery stores." But . . . there were runs on grocery stores. It wasn't just Twitter. The meetings with the Trump White House were also attended by Google, Facebook, Microsoft and others. When the Biden admin took over, one of their first meeting requests with Twitter executives was on Covid. The focus was on "anti-vaxxer accounts."*

Part 10 can be found by CLICKING HERE

Now you may ask why this merits so much space in the Elephant's Ear. The answer is simple. We all need to be fully aware of the actions taken by our employees (elected or bureaucratic administrator) and their complicity with "Big Tech" such as Twitter, Google, Facebook, etc... to manipulate the message and influence elections and the minds of the electorate.

Please consider following me on Twitter [@jjbrookshire](#). I look forward to seeing many of you at our monthly meeting:

Date: Tuesday, January 3rd

Time: 5:30PM (Social and Supper Hour) 6:30PM Meeting

Location: [The After Church, 1511 Ovilla Rd, Waxahachie, TX 75167](#)

One Team, Many Fights!

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[PS: Please encourage your fellow Ellis County residents to visit the Ellis County GOP website and subscribe to the Elephant's Ear](#)



To Austin!

Happy New Year Ellis County Republicans. The real work is about to begin. We have things on the agenda at the home front we should be monitoring. As well as The 2023 Legislative Session is going to begin here in about five minutes. I will echo other Patriots in the notion of finding an issue you are passionate about, following the bill, and either help it to get passed through or kill it. If you have never been part of the Legislative Process in Austin, it's never too late to get started. The best way to ensure we keep our values intact as Texans is to pay attention and spread the word. A personal anecdote: Whenever bills and hearings come about that I have particular investment and interest, and I am not able to make it to Austin as I am the primary care-giver, teacher, chauffeur, chef, maid, counselor, and various other roles to two little people, I send in a testimony to the committee, make some phone calls, and get on the text message tree to my folks who have similar priorities as I do. They send in their written testimony, or perhaps they may even make it down to Austin. Getting

introduced and familiarized with the TLO website will help you be able to do all of the tasks that you are wanting to accomplish for your particular issue.

Our participation in The 2023 Legislative Process as individuals and as Patriots is what will ensure our priorities are passed through. We cannot sleep and sludge through if we want to keep our great state safe from the tentacles of Progressive Democrats. I urge you to find your issue and focus on it.

Holly Freeman

Editor

Food for Thought

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