

# Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

April 2023

## President's Byline



The Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank collapse means banking crises are back in vogue in Washington politics. The federal government's response was to bailout both Left leaning banks who had intertwined interest rates, bank regulations, the tech sector, venture capitalism, crypto currency, social media, woke capitalism and the debt ceiling.

Some people seem surprised that banks run as a socialist paradise focusing on Green energy starts ups, diversity and equity-based loans failed. It wasn't surprising to me because socialism has never worked anywhere in the world except in the textbooks written to reeducate naïve student who don't understand how economics work. These two banks aren't alone. Credit Suisse in Europe is on the verge of collapse. The Saudis have pulled out their funding and the bank desperately needs to be purchased by another larger bank to survive. We have also had several smaller banks stop all service to regroup over the last few weeks because they are struggling under higher interest rates and bad loans. Younger people are leaving small local banks to the Big Four so the government will protect that money too.

You may ask how did this happen without any warning? Simple, the press is supposed to be the fifth pillar of our country, reporting honestly on all news and facts in our country. The press has sunk to a new low under the Biden Administration, they report on nothing that is unflattering to the Democrats, Joe Biden, or his administration. Despite the economy taking a sharp nosedive months after President Biden took office causing soaring inflation and signs of economic collapse looming in the near future, the mainstream press has been suspiciously quiet. Imagine the coverage on the evening news if we had a Republican President.

Moving forward we should be concerned with how Washington handles this new bailout since we are all paying for it despite Biden assurances not one dime will come from the American tax payors, and "this is not a bailout". We need to define the term bailout because this sure looks like one for SVB and Signature bank, but it is not being labeled a bailout. We cannot have the Biden Administration picking and choosing which Left leaning banks will have all depositors protected no matter their balances when the FDIC insures only up to \$250K to suit the political winds. Last time we had bailouts in 2008 it created the Dodd-Frank Act to supposedly stop this. The same Barry Frank who created the housing bubble by loosening credit policies. Also in 2008, the banking crises spawned the Occupy Wall Street movement who railed against bailouts and helping Wall Street. But today, these same people are silent when institutions are Left leaning or donate to the Leftist politicians like the FTX Crypto scam. After a few weeks of being in the news the media stopped covering, it so many people go buy blissfully ignorant. Did you know that 22% of the SVB funds were invested in cryptocurrency? Oops....

Another problem is banking regulators can't bailout larger banks without causing wider concern and panic. We also cannot have smaller banks like SVB and Signature Bank fail. So, Janet Yellen, the FDIC and Fed boards decided to protect the uninsured deposits of the SVB and Signature bank created the Bank Term Funding Program to provide liquidity to banks with market-rate collateral. This is a huge problem because it removes duration risks from small bank holdings by given them unlimited funds to meet deposit withdrawals. Unfortunately, consumers are losing confidence in small banks. Small banks have assets between \$110 million and \$250 million, when you consider all the Green Energy start-ups of the SVB bank alone, it is not surprising they were not able to cover their own deposits from real depositors. It was unrealized losses on long-dated maturities that contributed to SVB's downfall, this needs to change. A true Capitalist would say, if a bank makes bad investments, let it fail – the market will sort out the weak and the strong not the government.

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## Calendar of Events

**Board Meeting**  
April 4, 2023, 11:30  
Napoli's Restaurant

**Trivia Night**  
April 12, 2023, 5:30  
Saltgrass - Plano East

**Next Meeting**  
April 18, 2023, 11:30  
Saltgrass - East Plano

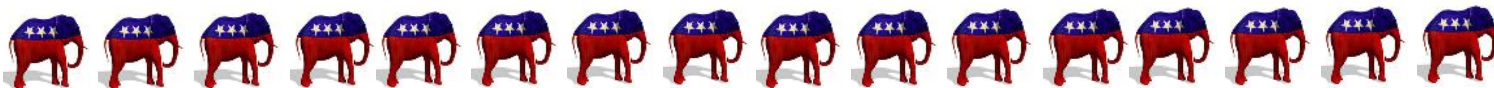
## PRW Presidents Byline

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When questioned about the economy, the state of the U.S. banking system and what it could mean for consumers and businesses by members of the Senate Finance Committee, Janet Yellen said "If banks are under stress, they might be reluctant to lend. We could see credit become more expensive and less available." That is less than reassuring. The bottom line is her comment is a sharp reminder that the current financial situation is caused by policies that interest rates and further limited access to credit. This all contributes to a hostile economic environment that harms the types of consumers who may need a loan the most. Credit is being increasingly used to get by for so many families to help stretch tight budgets and to keep small businesses going. Our country's economic policies are being run by a gaggle of academics who are experimenting with the American people's lives and livelihood. I pray that in 2024 we can end the socialistic utopian nightmare and elect a republican president. An adult in the room, so we can send these academics back to Harvard and Yale and stop destroying America!

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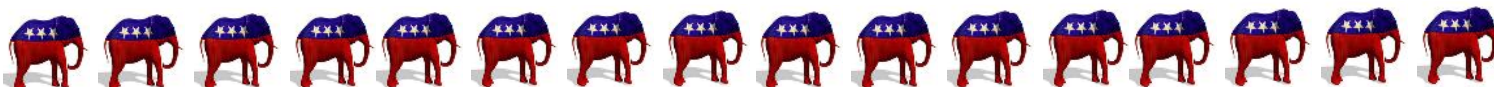


*Connections* was formed to help members get to know one another over a glass of tea and to complete a common goal. Please join other PRW members for *Connections*, following our General Meeting.

Let's plan to work together for an hour or so. Come and go as your schedule allows. Bring your staplers, scissors and pens and you will be prepared for whatever we tackle!

Our projects continue to evolve. Whatever we do, we will get to do it together.

*"The tasks may change, but the **Connections** will last."*



### Trivia Night

Plano Republican Women and the Young Republicans are having a Trivia Night Contest on Wednesday, April 12th at Saltgrass Steakhouse from 5:30pm -7:00pm in the smaller event room.

There will be prizes, appetizers and a CASH bar. We will work in teams.

Please join us for a fun night of trivia. Help us beat the Young Republicans in our first annual Trivia Smack Down.

Help us bridge the gap between older and young republicans to build lifelong strong ties to the Republicans party in a fun environment.

Click here to register -[Young Republicans vs PRW Trivia Night Tickets](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/young-republicans-vs-prw-trivia-night-tickets-597766895877)

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# PRW April Meeting



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
April 18th, 2023  
Dr. Dana Myers  
Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas  
“How Conservaties Win”**

Dr. Dana Myers is a Medical Business Consultant for the health law firm Spiers Group. Dr. Myers works with a Texas-based investment and development group working to build a critical need medicine and saline bag manufacturing plant in Texas, rather than depending on China or other foreign countries. Myers received her medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine and completed her general surgery residency at the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Myers was an Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery and taught many surgery residents, medical students, and visiting medical and military medical personnel in the Texas Medical Center.

Dr. Myers is a two-term Vice-Chair of the Harris County Republican Party, former VP Membership for the Texas Federation of Republican Women Executive Board (TFRW), past Regional Director for the Republican Party of Texas/TFRW Strike Force for Harris and the surrounding counties, past HCRP Co-Chair of Engagement, past RPT Communications Task Force member, and two-term President of Magic Circle Republican Women’s Club in Houston. Dr. Myers is married to Dr. Jon Spiers, a former Republican General Land Office Candidate, and is a longtime resident of Houston, Texas.

Dr. Dana Myers was elected by the delegates at the Texas State Republican Convention in June 2022 to be the new Vice Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas.

Through her proven leadership, Dr. Myers reorganized, streamlined, and increased transparency in the Harris County Republican party infrastructure during her first tenure as Vice-Chair while supporting and recruiting additional grassroots volunteers. During this time, Dr. Myers also served as the Regional Director of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT)/Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Voter Engagement Project effort to recruit volunteers from Harris and the seven surrounding counties to register new Republican voters. As part of this statewide effort, many of these volunteers later deployed to battleground districts in Texas during the midterm and general Presidential elections to help with GOTV efforts. This statewide project was responsible for almost 213,000 of the total 318,000 new Republican voter registrations, which managed to be the statistical vote difference to win four critical Texas Republican house seats.

During her second and current term as Vice-Chair of the Harris County Republican Party under Chairman Siegel, Dr. Myers once again helped to build and rebrand the party to increase its community engagement, communication, and voter registration efforts. With her special interest in training, recruitment, and increasing Republican voter turnout, Dr. Myers led an additional effort to recruit, train, and mobilize county and precinct chairs, and volunteers, across Texas using the latest technology.

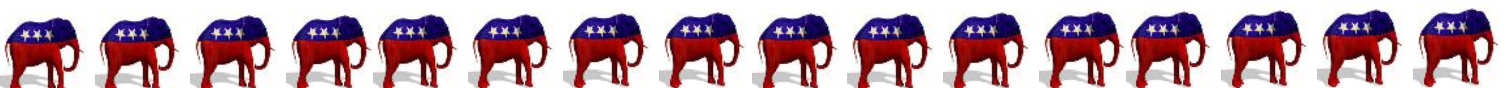
The new Vice Chair’s goal is to continue to strengthen the party, build the party infrastructure to amplify grassroot voices and goals, support the Chairman, party leadership, and the Republican party legislative priorities and platform.

**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, April 14th, 2023**



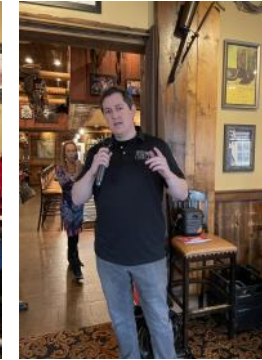
# PRW March Meeting Photos



**March Meeting -**  
 Patriot Paws Presents —  
 A Veteran & His Companion  
**PLWS**  
**Shelby Williams,**  
 Plano City Council  
 Update  
 Visit The Pachyderm's  
 Trunk Show  
 For Great Conversation, Meet  
 Our Other Patriots, Meet



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## Legislative Report



Whew! What a busy week in Austin. Property taxes are too high. If you disagree, you are in a very tiny minority. But how to best lower them is the hot debate in the Capitol.

There are several components to property [tax rates](#). Each entity to which you pay a property tax has two types of taxes. One is the tax that entities collect for day-to-day operations. The second one is the debt incurred by that entity when voters approve, through a bond election, a specific amount for a specific project, debt that must be paid over time until it is paid off.

Even though you pay your property taxes all at one time, your money ends up split between several tax-setting entities. Your city has a property tax rate. Collin College has a property tax rate- the smallest of all the property tax rates for most of us. Collin County also assesses a property tax.

Finally, the most expensive part of our property taxes is our school property tax. School taxes, like all the other types, are divided into two categories: Maintenance & Operations (M&O), and taxes levied to pay off any debt (this part is called Interest & Sinking (I&S) that voters have approved through a bond election. Almost every property owner in the state pays a portion of Maintenance & Operations. If you are in an area that is considered property rich- where home and property values are higher than much of the state- your area pays more of the M&O portion than an area that has less valuable property. This is known as “recapture” or “Robin Hood”. A good bit of the school taxes collected in House District 89 – especially Plano ISD and Lovejoy ISD- go to other areas of the state through recapture because we are considered a property-rich area.

Under current law, if you own a home that is your ["homestead"](#) you get a property tax exemption of \$40,000. In other words, when you get your appraisal, \$40,000 is deducted from your home’s value before the taxes are calculated. If you are over 65, you have the added advantage of having your school taxes frozen at the rate set when you turned 65, as long as you stay in the same home.

All other properties, with a few [exceptions](#) (100% disabled vets is one of those), are taxed at the full appraised value. This includes all businesses, rentals, second homes, apartment complexes (except low-income complexes) and undeveloped land that is not in use for agricultural production.

Hopefully you have not fallen asleep reading this, because here’s where I explain what it will mean for your pocketbook.

The Senate and the House have very different filed versions to address property tax relief, so I want you to know that it’s not going to be easy to get this done. But I will try to explain the House version.

On Monday, Chairman of Ways and Means, Morgan Meyer, laid out [HB 2](#), the House Property Tax Relief Bill, and [HJR 1](#), a House Joint Resolution that would place this measure for a vote on the November ballot as a Constitutional Amendment.

HB 2 does a couple of major things.

First, it will reduce each property owner’s M&O tax portion of school property taxes by an additional \$0.15 (per \$100 of property appraisal). This will use \$12 billion of the extra money we have collected as a state above and beyond what is needed for normal budget expenditures. You might remember that in my first session, HB 1 bought down your school M&O tax by \$0.10. This means that the state, on an on-going basis, is committed to paying a larger share of school costs than before, using sales taxes to finance more of our school costs. If this passes, a home worth \$350,000 in 2025 will pay \$733 less each year than they would without these “compressions”. It will reduce the amount, paid to “recapture”, by all property wealthy districts by a state-wide total of \$4.5 billion. It will also take the number for Independent School Districts that pay into the “Robin Hood” system from 241 down to 211 districts.

But the buy down isn’t obvious if your tax evaluation- your appraisal- on your property just keeps going up each year. That \$733 savings will disappear from your pocketbook if your appraised property value continues to increase as they have been lately. Those of us with a homestead exemption have a bit of a break as our taxable value may only increase by 10% a year, but 10% a year is a lot when your income isn’t increasing at that same rate.

But if you have a business or other property, the sky has been the limit on those appraisals. For Brad West, who’s family has owned their land since 1884, and operated the Natural Bridge Caverns on that land since 1964, their property’s appraisal went up by 40% in the past year. And that’s just one year. They pay the full property value of taxes on that land. For Neal Patel, who owns a hotel in Round Rock, his property taxes on that one hotel was \$53,000 in 2021, and was \$95,000 in 2022. Business owners reported that the aggressive and unsustainable growth in those appraisals are driving them out of business. They need stability and predictability and they can’t do that with the



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wildly rising property taxes in our state. Understand that the people who don't own their own homes, but instead rent a home or apartment, are paying a much higher percentage of property taxes than those with the homestead exemption, since the owner of that property pays a full assessed value and passes that cost on to their renters.

So how do we keep these crazy increases from happening? Appraisals are only a snap-shot of what your property is worth should you sell it that day. Should that unrealized value be the only way that streets are paved and schools are kept open?

In the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature, we passed sweeping reforms to the Property Tax system in [86\(R\) SB 2](#). The bill made huge changes to the way cities, schools and others tax, so the explanation is complicated. I'm going to over-simplify it so you can get the basic idea. In that bill we set a bunch of new requirements for the way properties are assessed and also in the way a property owner may fight that appraisal. Also, that bill set a "no-new-revenue" term for cities, counties and other taxing units. The "no-new-revenue" is the amount the taxing entity may collect to not exceed the amount they collected the previous year. Aside from the no-new-revenue rate, the taxing entity may raise up to a 3.5% increase in their budget without being required to go to the voters for approval. The legislation also capped school district maintenance and operation taxes at a 2.5% growth. Believe it or not, without SB 2 we would all be paying even more on our property tax bills.

So the proposed [HB 2](#) will speak to those appraisals. Currently, once a property is purchased, a new appraisal is made for the approximate purchase price. (I say approximate, because the sale of property between two Texas citizens is not public record, nor should it be). Right now a homestead's appraisal can only go up by 10% a year. If your home's appraised value goes up by 100%, then it will take 10 years for your property taxes to reflect that new value. But, as I mentioned, most all other property could go up or down. Up 100% as has happened recently to some property owners, or down, like what happened in the 1986 housing bust when home values dropped by 25%.

[HB 2](#) will reduce the appraisal growth limit for all properties to 5% a year. Reducing the cap- and providing one for all property owners- will provide stability and predictability. Not only will this allow business owners and homeowners alike to plan from year to year, it will encourage economic growth. The fixed value of a Homestead Exemption (which can only be changed by a Constitutional Amendment Election), doesn't keep pace with the changes in our rapidly rising property values. That \$40,000 exemption doesn't go as far as it did yesterday.

It was interesting to note that there were a lot of folks who testified against the appraisal cap in Ways & Means on Monday. Many of them make a living doing tax appraisal appeals, so I can see why they wouldn't want that to change. But there is an argument to be made that if someone purchases their property and their appraisal is at the current fair market value, while a home owned for 30 years has only risen by 5% a year, the new home owner is bearing the higher property tax burden at the time. But remember, if our taxing entities are only allowed to grow government by 3.5% a year, why would this be disproportionate? The key may be in the spending, not in taxing and appraisals.

I was able to lay out two of my bills in committees this week. In Human Services, [HB 793](#) will help families in the Foster Care system complete their service plans more quickly by allowing them to use qualified and licensed providers of those services who are not contracted with the state. We heard testimony that parents often have to wait months for a required psych evaluation or parenting class. Some do not even have the required services available in their home area, yet must jump through hoops to find a way to get to and from where those services are offered on a limited basis. This bill has wide bi-partisan support because it helps children in foster care more quickly reunite with their families.

In the Pensions, Investments and Financial Services Committee I was able to present [HB 219](#), the bill that requires lenders to release a lien on a paid-off property within 60 days of payoff. I worked with a lot of folks in the lending and mortgage industries on the details of this bill and am grateful for their help and support. Reminder: if you have paid off your home, be sure to check and see if the lender notified the County Clerk in that county of the release. All good lenders do this, but others do not. Some only send the release to the homeowner, and it is up to that homeowner to file with the County Clerk. By the way, Collin County Clerk Stacey Kemp told us that in her office, they file the release on the very day they receive it, so a shout-out to Stacey and her staff for a best practice example for all County Clerks.

I want to mention one more bill that we heard this week in Human Services. [HB 1010](#) would prohibit someone working in an assisted living or group home from taking out a life insurance policy on a person they care for professionally who has an intellectual disability or other disability unless they are relatives. It boggles my mind to learn of things like this that can happen to our vulnerable population.

Hope everyone has a happy Saint Patrick's Day. It's the prettiest time of year here in Austin (and at home) with all the blooming bluebonnets. A feast for the eyes!

Till next time....

*Candy Howell*



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Dear Friends,

Spring has arrived and the Texas House is heating up. Committees are busy hearing bills often for many hours in a day and some well into the night or early the next morning. I'm going to highlight two of the bills I laid out this week.

In the House Committee on Corrections, I introduced [House Bill 1742](#). This is a bill that was born out of a tragedy. In 2015, newlyweds, Lauren and CJ Davis were out celebrating CJ's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday when they were struck and killed by a drunk driver while walking to the Mavericks game. After 3.5 grueling years, a sentence would be handed down to the man, who had previous DWI's and took the lives of two bright young people, of 4 months in jail and probation. HB 1742 seeks to prevent injustices such as theirs by mandating that intoxication manslaughter carry a minimum 5 year imprisonment. While intoxication manslaughter is considered a second degree felony and should carry 2-20 years in prison, some perpetrators receive very little jail time like in this case. I'm expectant that we will be able to get this important bill across the finish line this session.

I am also carrying and laid out in committee this week, one of the Texas House priority bills, [House Bill 200](#). In recent months, we've seen prosecutors across Texas, openly and publicly announcing that they will not enforce certain State laws. This is not only a violation to their oath but it undermines the very justice system they are charged with protecting. While prosecutorial discretion must be protected, we also have to address those prosecutors who fail to do their job, neglect their duty and/or break the law themselves. In HB 200 we will reestablish the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council which will be charged with investigating complaints against prosecutors with a consistent, independent process.

## TEXAS HOUSE PRIORITY BILLS

This week I'm highlighting a few more House priority bills. We've seen in the news, in our schools and in our communities that the growing fentanyl crisis has reached critical levels. We must do more to combat fentanyl. [House Bill 6](#) will deliver swift punishment for fentanyl-related crimes in Texas, increasing the penalty for manufacturing or delivering less than one gram of fentanyl to a third-degree felony. The punishment increases from a 5 year to a 10 year minimum.

Many parents have expressed concerns over not having the appropriate tools or guardrails in place to protect their children online. There are many scary statistics that social media use among minors has led to alarming trends of self-harm, depression, anxiety, and suicide. All while large corporations are using highly-addicting, predatory algorithms and advertisements to lure minors in and track their data. [House Bill 18](#), Securing Children Online through Parental Empowerment (SCOPE) Act, will empower parents by equipping them with the tools they need to have a say in what data is shared, including the ability to know what is being collected and the power to delete it. This bill will also require online platforms to obtain parental consent before they can collect and process the data of anyone between 13-17 years old.

March 31, update

What a great week at the Texas Capitol! We voted on our first bills on the House floor this week, heard many important bills in committee and I laid out over 10 bills this week myself. We also celebrated Collin County Days and I was able to meet with many constituents this week as well as honor Collin County with a resolution on the House Floor.

In the House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety, I introduced [House Bill 4598](#). According to the National Crime Bureau, catalytic converter thefts have risen over 1200% since 2019. Chances are, you or someone you know has been the victim of a catalytic converter theft. And the theft has become an organized and increasingly violent crime. Last year, in Harris County, Deputy Darren Almendarez, who this act is named for, was shot and killed when he interrupted three men attempting to steal a catalytic converter off of his personal vehicle outside of a grocery store. Building upon the regulatory reforms made in HB 4110 last session, this bill helps give law enforcement the tools they need to crack down on this costly and dangerous crime.

I was proud to, once again, introduce [House Bill 1740](#) in the House Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism. And this

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session, we're going to get it over the finish line. HB 1740 is simple – it will provide free entry to all state parks in Texas to veterans, active military and gold star families. There are many studies that show the benefits of what being active and being outdoors can do for one's mental and physical health and this bill is just a small but significant way that we can say "Thank You" to these heroes.

## CONSERVATIVE BILLS ON THE MOVE

This week we saw some very strong, conservative bills in committee and I wanted to highlight a few of them for you. The House Committee on Public Health heard Representative Oliverson's bill, [House Bill 1686](#), which I'm proud to co-author. This bill will end harmful gender transition treatments in Texas. I'm thankful for all the doctors, experts and the growing detransitioner population who testified for this bill and shared the real, permanent damage that occurs when these treatments take place. We must protect Texas children and this bill will do just that. Along the same line, we heard [House Bill 888](#) by Representative Slawson in my committee this week that will extend the statute of limitations on a health care liability claim involving certain gender modification drugs provided to and procedures performed on a minor until their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Have a great weekend friends!

All My Best,

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## HOW TO TESTIFY

AT A TEXAS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HEARING

1 BEFORE THE HEARING



KNOW *WHEN* TO TESTIFY →

MAKE SURE YOU *CAN* TESTIFY →

PRACTICE! →

visit [www.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.capitol.texas.gov) to sign up for alerts on the bill's status

check the hearing notice to see if public testimony is allowed

prepare your 2-3 minute speech

**Parking**  
Visitor Parking Garage at 12th & Trinity OR metered street parking

**Entrance**  
Enter through any side of the building!

**Find the Kiosks**  
Register to provide testimony OR register to support/oppose w/out providing testimony

**Get Comfortable!**  
Arrive early, but expect to stay late. Session length is unpredictable!

## 2 GETTING TO THE CAPITOL



3 TIME TO TESTIFY

**Be nice.**  
*Your testimony can be passionate, but please be respectful.*

**Be concise.**  
*Make your 2-3 mins count!*

**Be personal.**  
*How will this bill impact you, your family and friends?*

**Bring copies.**  
*For written testimony, check how many printouts are required.*

**Be unique.**  
*We want to hear YOUR story.*

**Follow up.**  
*Email committee members additional info.*

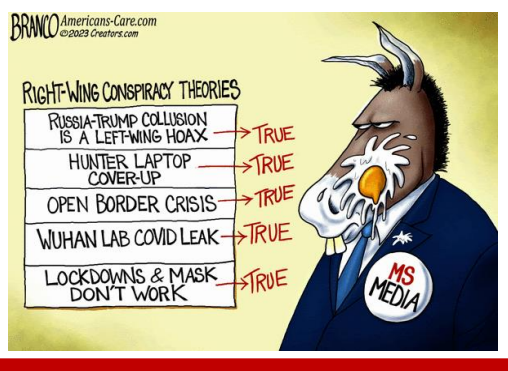
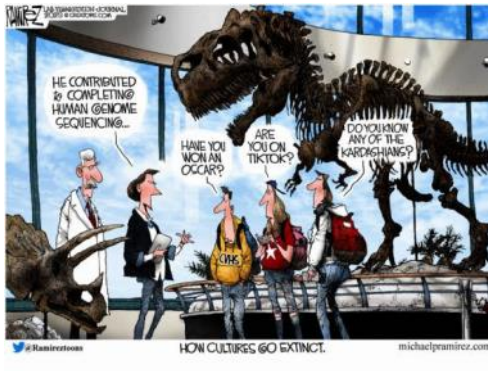
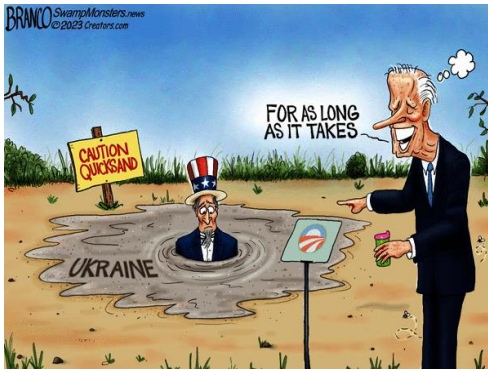


State Representative  
**JEFF LEACH**  
District 67

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# Political Cartoons





# AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



Spring is here and it's warming up. Not just the weather. It's election season!

**Never** has it been so important to take action! Everyone can do something! Choose something, participate, fight for conservative values!

Get yard signs, fliers, and more at the Collin County GOP, 2963 W 15<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 2981, Plano, 75075.

There are opportunities for block-walking, making calls, registering voters, etc.

Please donate to your favorite candidates! Campaigning is expensive, and we **must** have conservative elected officials.

Have a buddy so it's more fun and motivating! Block-walk together. Take 100 calls to make and split them, then debrief each other, and keep up the good work! Ask your favorite candidates how you can help. Do they need someone to deliver yard signs, pick up/deliver printed materials, order pizza, greet/register guests at an event?

*Below are endorsed candidates and details on upcoming forums:*

## **Collin County Candidates Endorsed by the Republican Executive Committee for the May 6, 2023 Election**

### **School Board Trustee Candidates**

Allen ISD 7 - Michelle Boren  
 Anna ISD 5 - Clark Miller  
[Farmersville ISD 5 - Kiel Cathey](#)  
 Frisco ISD 4 - Reed Bond  
 Frisco ISD 5 - Susan Kershaw  
[Love Joy ISD 4 - Amy Campbell](#)  
 McKinney ISD 4 - Brittany Hendrickson  
 McKinney ISD 5 - Rachel Elliott  
 McKinney ISD 6 - James (Jim) Westerheid  
[Plano ISD 4 - Lydia Ortega](#)  
[Plano ISD 5 - Greg Jubenville](#)  
[Plano ISD 7 - Cody Weaver \(Incumbent\)](#)  
 Prosper ISD 5 - Jim Herblin

### **City Council Candidates**

Anna CC 3 - Stan Carver  
 Anna CC 5 - Pherry "Elden" Baker  
[Celina CC 4 - Wendie Wigginton](#)  
 Frisco CC Mayor - Mark Piland  
[McKinney CC At Large 2 - Tom Meredith](#)  
 Plano CC 3 - Colleen Aguilar-Epstein  
 Plano CC 5 - Shelby Williams (Incumbent)

### **Collin College Board of Trustees Candidates**

Collin College 1 - Fred Moses (Incumbent)  
 Collin College 2 - Jay Saad (Incumbent)  
 Collin College 3 - Cathie Alexander



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by Ellen Leyrer

## Municipal Elections Forum 2023

### Locations

#### **Frisco – Collin College**

Collin College Frisco Campus  
9700 Wade Blvd., Frisco, TX 75035  
PC 105 North

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

#### **Farmersville – Princeton – Collin College**

Collin College Farmersville Campus, Atrium Room 2  
501 S. Collin Parkway,  
Farmersville, TX 75442

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

#### **Plano – Collin College**

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Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

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Celina, Texas 75009

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

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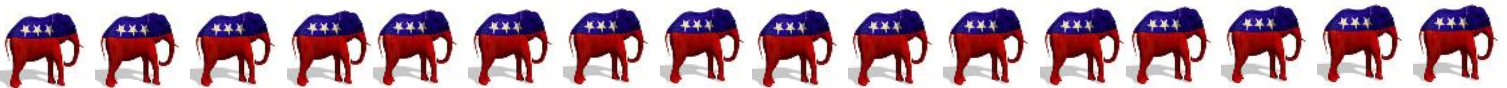


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# Planned Parenthood: Rooted In Racism

By Dean Nelson

## Rooted in Racism – The Negro Project

*This blog is part two in an installment of a new series of blogs and videos from “The Complete Guide to Defunding Planned Parenthood.” This resource will equip you with valuable information and inspiration to continue fighting for life.*

“Negro parents,” Sanger wrote,<sup>1</sup> “need birth control to help alleviate some of the needless suffering and heartbreak, to get firmly established on the road to health and better living.”

Sanger wanted a lot of Americans wiped out, and even harbored special disdain for Black Americans. She instigated the “Negro Project” in 1939.

The goal was to reduce the Black population. She said this would be done through birth control, but she vocally supported forced sterilization and segregation of the “unfit.” Even Planned Parenthood itself admits<sup>2</sup> that Sanger supported the 1927 Supreme Court ruling in *Buck v. Bell*, that “compulsory sterilization of the ‘unfit’ was allowable under the Constitution.”

Sanger campaigned hard for the success of her Negro Project and raised funding<sup>3</sup> to make it a reality.

In a letter to her friend Clarence Gamble (of Proctor and Gamble) in 1939, Sanger wrote,<sup>4</sup> “We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.”

Sanger wanted Planned Parenthood to train Black doctors and ministers to spread the unholy gospel of population control. She believed she could use their trusted leaders to warm Black Americans up to her agenda.

Planned Parenthood even built a clinic in Harlem targeting the Black community in New York City.

According to a Planned Parenthood report<sup>5</sup> at the time:

*This Clinic started by Margaret Sanger as the Harlem Branch of her Clinic at 17 West 16th Street, New York City, which is the largest of its kind in the world, is the first such clinic to be organized in the interests of negroes.*

Planned Parenthood would go on to place its facilities in minority communities all over America – a practice that continues to the present day.

The Negro Project did not die with Margaret Sanger.

The horrifying reality is that in recent years, more Black children in Planned Parenthood’s hub of New York City were *aborted* than *born alive*.<sup>6</sup>

In 1975, Dr. La Verne Tolbert was invited to sit on the board of Planned Parenthood in New York City. She was one of the only women on the board, and the only person of color. She agreed to join because she thought it could help the women of her community.

But during her time on the board, Dr. Tolbert learned about abortion methods Planned Parenthood committed. She was so horrified by the information that she ultimately stepped down. She writes<sup>7</sup> :

*During the course of my five-year tenure, we received a lot of literature. Most discussed population control and the concern for the growing number of people in the world – poor people...*

*I struggled with the question, “Which population are they trying to control?” As a black woman, the question kept coming back to me like a boomerang. I wondered why abortion was more necessary for my ethnic group, why this organization fought so hard to give us this particular “right” when the rights for better education, better jobs, and better housing seemed paramount.*

The racism doesn’t stop at their agenda. Planned Parenthood also has a long history of accepting racist donations with the understanding that the money will be used to kill Black children.

In a televised debate with U.S. Representative Bob Dornan in 1989, Planned Parenthood president Faye Wattleton admitted<sup>8</sup> that Planned Parenthood accepts donations “from people who want to support us because they want all welfare mothers and all Black women to stop having children.”

In 2008, numerous Planned Parenthood affiliates were caught agreeing to accept donations earmarked to kill Black Americans.<sup>9</sup> Calls came from an undercover journalist posing as a racist concerned about his white son being disadvantaged by “affirmative action.”

The caller told Planned Parenthood of Idaho, “We just think the less Black kids out there, the better.” The Planned Parenthood employee responded with “Understandable, understandable... I’m excited and I want to make sure I don’t leave anything out.”

It’s no surprise that an organization that targets and kills Black Americans is also accused of racism toward its own Black employees.

Buzzfeed news reported<sup>10</sup> in 2020:

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Black employees [said] they regularly experienced acts of racism and anti-Blackness from their white colleagues but found that when they reported problems to human resources, there was “no meaningful consequence or accountability for racial harm.”

One gesture of atonement from Planned Parenthood was to remove Margaret Sanger’s name<sup>11</sup> from one of its buildings in New York City.

The fact is that Planned Parenthood doesn’t have a business *without discrimination*. Removing Sanger’s name will not remove her enduring legacy. Bigotry is the whole game at Planned Parenthood. It will not “reckon” with its racism until it is forced to do so by being closed.

Justice demands that Planned Parenthood be defunded and shut down.

To learn more about the atrocities of Planned Parenthood, [download the FREE eBook](#), “*The Complete Guide to Defunding Planned Parenthood*”.

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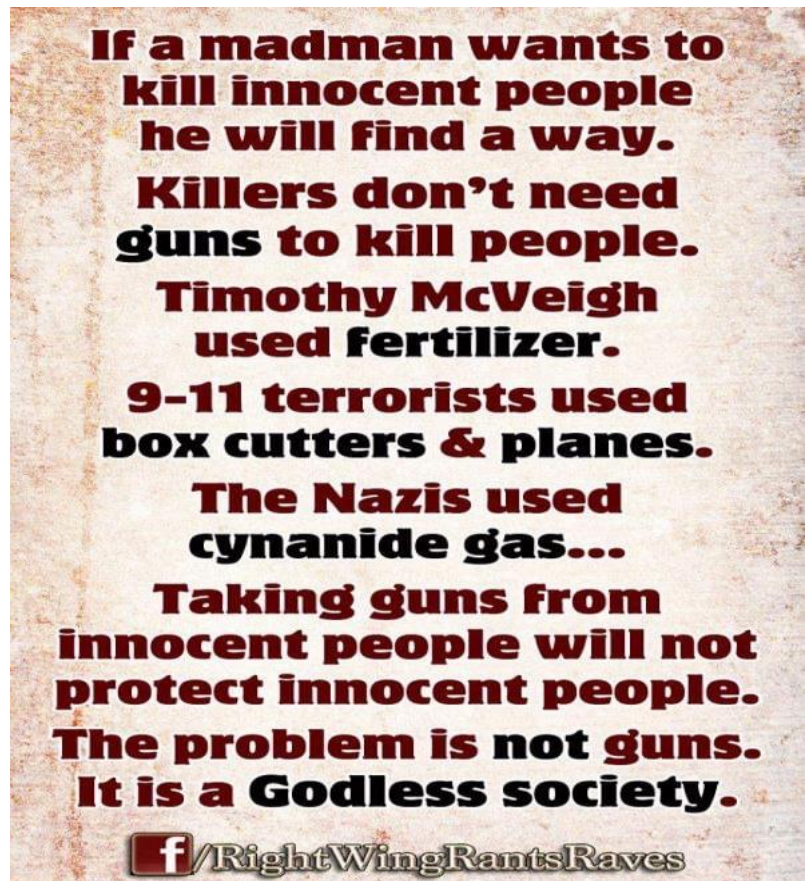
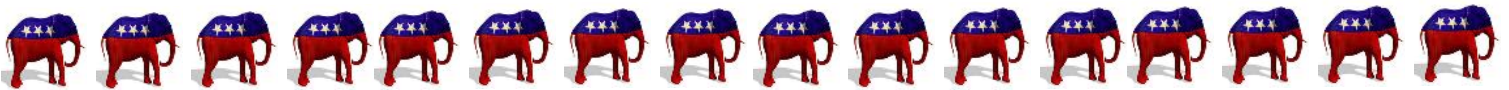
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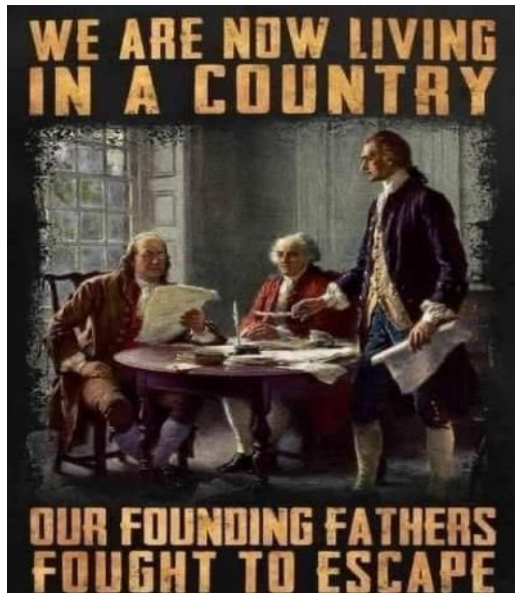
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# Constitutional Minute Series

By Jennifer Groysman

## War and the Constitution

By: Judge Andrew Napolitano | Published on: Mar 6, 2023

Can the president fight any war he wishes? Can Congress fund any war it chooses? Are there constitutional and legal requirements that must first be met before war is waged? Can the United States legally attack an ally?

These questions should be front and center in a debate over the U.S. involvement in Ukraine. Sadly, there has been no great debate. The media are mouthing what the CIA is telling them, and only a few websites and podcasts — my own, “Judging Freedom” on You Tube, among them — are challenging the government’s reckless, immoral, illegal and unconstitutional war.

All power in the federal government comes from the Constitution and from no other source. Congress, however, has managed to extend its reach beyond the confines of the Constitution domestically by spending money in areas that it cannot regulate and purchasing compliance from the states by bribery.

Examples of this are the numerical minimum blood alcohol content to trigger DWI arrests, and maximum speed limits. In both instances, Congress offered money to the states to pave highways provided they lower both numbers, and the cash-strapped states accepted the money along with congressional strings. These are bribes from the criminal consequences of which Congress has exempted itself.

The same takes place in foreign policy. Congress cannot legally declare war on Russia, since there is no militarily-grounded reason for doing so. Russia poses no threat to American national security or American persons or property. Moreover, the U.S. has no treaty with Ukraine that triggers an American military defense. But Congress spends money on war nevertheless.

Under the Constitution, only Congress can declare war on a nation or group. The last time it did so was to initiate American involvement in World War II. But Congress has given away limited authority to presidents and permitted them to fight undeclared wars. Examples of this are President George W. Bush’s disastrous and criminal invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, and the War Powers Resolution of 1973.

Congress has not only not declared war on Russia; it has not authorized the use of American military forces against it. Yet, it has given President Joe Biden a blank check for \$100 billion and authorized him to spend it on military equipment for Ukraine however he sees fit.

He has promised to continue giving Ukraine whatever it needs for “as long as it takes.” As long as it takes to do what? He cannot answer that because he has no clear military objective. Eliminating Russian troops from Ukraine and Crimea or Russian President Vladimir Putin from office are not realistically attainable military goals.

Congress has only authorized weapons and cash to be sent to Ukraine, but Biden has sent troops as well. The U.S. involvement in Vietnam began the same way: no declaration of war, no authorization for the use of military force, yet a gradual buildup of American troops as advisers and instructors, and then a congressionally supported war that saw half a million American troops deployed, 10% of whom came home in body bags.

We don’t know how many American troops are in Ukraine, as they are out of uniform and their whereabouts a secret. We do know that they are involved in hostilities, since much of the hardware that Biden has sent requires American know-how to operate and maintain. And some of the weaponry has American troops actually targeting Russian forces and pulling the triggers.

Are American soldiers killing Russian soldiers? Yes. None of it has been authorized by Congress, but Congress has paid for it in borrowed dollars.

Now back to the Constitution. The War Powers Resolution, which requires presidential notification to Congress of the use of American military force, is unconstitutional because it consists of Congress giving away one of its core functions — declaring war. The Supreme Court has characterized delegating away core functions as violative of the separation of powers.

Nevertheless, Biden has not informed Congress of his intentions to use American troops violently. Yet, he has used the Navy and the CIA to attack Germany — a war crime and a violation of the NATO treaty — and he has soldiers out of uniform in Ukraine, so as to perpetuate the deception that boots are not on the ground.



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Don't be surprised if Biden gives War Powers Act notice secretly to the Gang of Eight. What's that? The Gang of Eight is the Congress within the Congress. It consists of the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees and the Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate with which the president legally shares secrets.

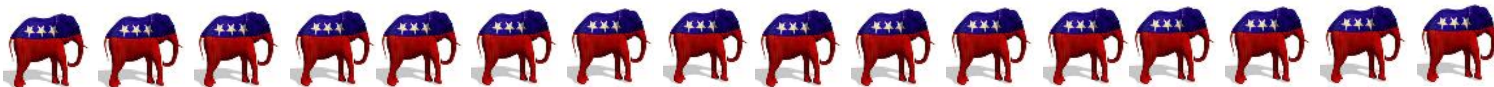
Just as Congress cannot delegate away its war-making powers to the president, it cannot delegate them away to the Gang of Eight. The concept of the Gang of Eight is antithetical to democratic values. Informing them of whatever violence the president is up to is done under an oath of secrecy. What kind of democracy operates and kills in secret?

The various treaties to which the U.S. is a party limit its war-making to that which is defensive, proportional and reasonable. So, if a foreign power is about to strike — like on 9/11, while the government slept — the president can strike first in order to protect the U.S. Beyond an imminent attack, the basis for war must be real, the adversary's anti-U.S. military behavior must be grave, the objective of war must be clear and attainable, and the means must be proportionate to the threat.

Has Russia threatened the U.S.? No. What grave acts has the Russian military committed against the U.S.? None. What is Biden's objective? He won't say.

Does the Congress uphold the Constitution? Does the president? The answers are obvious. We have reposed the Constitution for safekeeping into the hands of those who ignore it. The consequences are death, debt and the loss of personal liberty.

**Judge Andrew Napolitano**



## PRW Caring for America Project

PRW members gathered School Supplies for several months and then donated them to Dooley Elementary in February 2023



# Biden Turns Christianity on Its Head

By Tyler O'Neil, March 15, 2023, the Daily Signal

## Commentary:

Gender ideology preys upon the young, convincing girls and boys that they were “born in the wrong body” and rushing them on to experimental drugs, hormones, and surgeries that will leave them stunted, scarred, and infertile. Yet the ostensible Catholic who currently occupies the Oval Office not only supports this horror but had the gall to condemn those who would protect children from it as “sinful” and “cruel.”

President Joe Biden slammed the Florida Health Department’s efforts that prioritize counseling over medical transitions for children, calling these efforts “close to sinful” and “cruel.” The president emphasized the humanity of children who struggle with an identity at odds with their biological sex, saying, “They love, they have feelings, they have inclinations”—as if to suggest that the Florida Health Department considers these kids as subhuman.

Biden didn’t address the horrific outcomes of transgender medical interventions, which Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis’ team highlighted in a gruesome—yet revealing—video responding to Biden. The president also didn’t address the recent scandal in St. Louis, Missouri, in which a pro-transgender whistleblower claimed that a gender clinic rushed kids into medical transitions on extremely flimsy grounds.

Biden also didn’t address Pope Francis’ statement Friday—three days before Biden’s remarks aired Sunday—that “the ideology of gender” is “one of the most dangerous ideological colonizations,” denying “the richness ... of men and women, and of all humanity” in “the tension of the differences.”

Instead, Biden adopted religious language to advance a cause *directly opposite* from the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and from the witness of Scripture and Christian tradition for the past 2,000 years. He adopted the moral authority to declare sinful what Catholicism doesn’t consider sinful, and to advocate a teaching that contradicts Genesis 1:27, thus turning Christianity on its head.

This moral inversion reminds me of a similar episode in my own life. While in D.C. one summer, I attended a service at Washington National Cathedral in which the priest preached against “the sin of heterosexism.”

Christians must live out compassion and we must remember—as redeemed sinners ourselves—not to strut about as if we are morally superior to those who struggle with different sins and temptations. Yet the notion that “heterosexism” is a sin doesn’t just entail condemning an animus against people who struggle with same-sex attraction. It also suggests that the moral endorsement of heterosexual activity (in certain contexts) over homosexual activity is itself a violation of God’s law.

In this short statement, the priest compared historic Christian teaching on sexuality to racism and sexism. The priest suggested that the doctrine of marriage as the union of male and female for life—which St. Paul describes as a “mystery” prefiguring the marriage of Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:31-33)—traces back to ignorant animus against gays, rather than a fundamental truth of the universe. It is hard to fathom the pride and disobedience of such a statement.

Similarly, Biden’s remarks defending experimental medical interventions for children in the name of transgender identity appear to signal a political weaponization of his religious faith unmoored from its actual tenets. Only when the president’s Catholicism becomes a political tool can he wield it to advance goals directly at odds with the basic tenets of his mother church.

Besides Francis’ condemnations of transgender ideology, the Bible speaks to gender issues, condemning cross-dressing (Deuteronomy 22:5, 1 Corinthians. 11:3-15) and teaching that God created humans male and female.

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament urge believers to serve the orphan and the widow, and Jesus warns his disciples about children, saying that “whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matthew 18:5-6).

The Bible doesn’t directly weigh in on many political issues, but it strains credulity to imagine that Jesus approves of telling children the lie that they are *really* members of the opposite sex and urging them to take experimental drugs with long-term consequences to which they arguably cannot consent, setting them on a path to removing perfectly healthy sex organs.

It’s hard to imagine anything more cruel than that.

## Guest GOP Elected Official Article

### TRUMP TRAVELS TO TEXAS



I joined President Trump at his rally in Waco over the weekend, where law enforcement estimated over 18,000 enthusiastic supporters gathered to greet the president and show him that Texas is ready for a RED White House.

President Trump called me about three weeks ago and asked me to pick a great Texas town to hold a rally. There were many terrific towns to choose from. I am proud to lead the Trump campaign in Texas once again. He made it very clear when he pointed to me during his speech that we need to get the job done this next election.

I took the stage with the Ronnie Dunn song "How Far to Waco" playing. I spoke about the importance of having a president who would secure our border, protect our Second Amendment, support parental school choice, end gender modification, support our police and military, and stand up to the radical Left's dangerous woke agenda.

I also highlighted the successes we have achieved here in the Lone Star State. As Texans, we know that our state is a beacon of freedom and opportunity, and that we must work tirelessly to defend these values against those who seek to erode them.

[You can click here to watch my speech.](#)

I want to thank President Trump for his unwavering leadership and for his commitment to putting America first. And I want to thank all of the Texans who came out to the rally to show their support for our great country. Your patriotism and your passion are an inspiration to us all.



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Together, let us continue to fight for a stronger, more prosperous America, and let us never forget the values that make our state and our nation great. **Texas is ready for a RED White House!**

Thank you all for your support and everything you do to keep Texas red. May God bless you and your family, and may He continue to bless the greatest state of all—Texas.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Patrick".

Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor of Texas



# Parents' Bill of Rights Is How Congress Can Help State School Reformers

By: Kevin Roberts, March 23, 2023, The Daily Signal

## Commentary:

The stunning success of conservative education reform across the country in the past few years is the result a moral fact: Parents are children's primary educators. Until very recently, this was not disputed, let alone controversial.

But lately, it has become clear that progressive elites who run teachers unions and school boards, the Democratic Party, and the corporate media no longer share this view. Their contempt for [parents' rights](#) has fueled a long train of abuses, from racist curricula to a war on girls sports and bathrooms to darker episodes of criminal cover-ups and student grooming.

The good news is, conservative leaders have answered this challenge with action, rather than just tweets and talking points. The better news is, it has been elected conservatives in the states leading and delivering substantive K-12 policy reforms.

Fifteen states have already adopted [Parents' Bill of Rights](#) laws that affirm moms and dads as the ultimate authority on their kids' education. Lawmakers in a dozen other states are considering similar proposals this year.

Some governors, such as [Florida's Ron DeSantis](#), have gone even further, asserting authority over public education in their states to, among other things, rid school libraries of pornographic books and classrooms of "woke" indoctrination.

An [additional 11 states](#) have passed transparency reforms that give parents access to public schools' instructional materials. And at least four more may follow their lead in 2023.

To the Left, these are political encroachments into a space that belongs exclusively to trained, licensed, unionized Marxist activists. To everyone else, this stuff is common sense.

*Of course* parents should be able to see what their kids are being taught in schools. *Of course* public schools should not be shelving porn, staging sexually explicit performances, or forcing children to sit through lessons that conflict with their family's values. *Of course* the bigotry and superstitions of "critical theory" have no place in elementary school classrooms. And *of course* school employees should not hide—let alone encourage—children's mental health challenges behind parents' backs.

Failing such minimal conditions of parental trust and student well-being is not education or even activism. It's something more like child abuse.

As conservatives around the country [lead this fight](#), conservatives in Congress are wondering how Washington can help. The first thing they can do—on education, as in so many other areas—is to *wield the power they have*.

For too long, conservatives—either out of aversion to conflict or lack of imagination—have shied away from using the authority voters give them to win real victories against the Left. This is not to say that Republicans should seek a federal takeover of public education the next time they control Congress and the White House. Rather, conservatives should identify the nexuses between institutions they control and the problems American families face—and act.

The Parents' Bill of Rights Act, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Julia Letlow, R-La., and 122 co-sponsors, puts a bright spotlight on the importance of transparency to parents. It clarifies for confused school boards and woke administrators that their federal funds are predicated on serving their students, parents, and communities—not their ideology.

The bill would require federally supported schools to post or distribute their curricula, and to make both their budgets and classroom materials available to students' parents. It guarantees parents' right to speak at school board meetings, meet with their children's teachers, and be appraised of disciplinary and academic issues.

As a fifth-generation educator myself, I can say these are practices good schools *already do*. Good principals, teachers, and school boards *want* parents involved. They *want* parents to know what books their kids are reading and what's being taught in their classrooms.

Importantly, the proposal offers needed improvements to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, including provisions that prohibit schools from acting as a student's parent when it comes to technology usage, along with prohibitions on school officials making decisions for a child on vaccines. The proposal also blocks the sale of student information for commercial purposes. These would be welcome updates to federal law.

Parents and schools are supposed to be partners, not rivals—and in that relationship, it's moms and dads who are the senior partners. That's the principle that should guide conservative education reformers at every level of government.

For cities and counties, that means choosing curricula that reflect communities' goals and values. For states, that means protecting children's innocence and privacy, protecting parents' authority over their kids (including via school choice), and protecting everyone from bigotry, idiocy, and propaganda at school.

Finally, for Congress, that means reminding all Americans that when it comes to education, government works for moms, dads, and kids—not the other way around.

# 'Social Justice Debt' Is Turning US Businesses into 'State-Owned Enterprises'

James Gorrie, February 20, 2023, Epoch Times Opinion



The emerging reality of US government and banks dictating how companies do business and how people think via ESG policies resembles the CCP's policies more than America's free enterprise system

Hundreds of climate protesters walk from Times Square to New York Gov. Kathy Hochul's office to demand more action against climate change, in New York on Nov. 13, 2021. The protesters, representing a cross section of environmental groups, are demanding that New York State do more to pass legislation that will hold major companies with a history of polluting accountable. (Spencer Platt/Getty Images)

## Commentary

"It's the journey, not the destination, that matters," goes the old saying with regard to life.

Perhaps so. But when it comes to the fate of America's financial and economic system, the destination is ultimately the only thing that matters. In fact, the journey on which we now find ourselves is actually a preview of our destination, and it's, without doubt, an ugly one.

The drive to render "social justice" in America feels more like an all-encompassing "social debt" that all companies and businesses owe certain groups of society. The federal government, with its urge for top-down control, will ensure that "debt" is paid. This is nothing more than a backdoor into turning American companies into essentially "state-owned enterprises," similar to what the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has been doing for decades.

Let's look at how debt is being used in China and compare notes with what's going on right here in the good ol' U.S. of A.

### Massive Debt Crushing China's Economy

Over the past decade or so, China, led by Xi Jinping and the CCP, has seen its domestic debt explode. The reasons for China's exploding debt included the state's overreaction to the global financial crisis of 2008, when it issued a \$600 billion in stimulus to its economy, compared to the \$152 billion U.S. package and Japan's \$100 billion stimulus. It did so again in 2020.

Since then, debt levels have ratcheted up, mostly through local government funding vehicles (LGFV), which are made by local, CCP-controlled banks. The debt is an off-balance sheet of large but unknown amounts. Much of it consists of debt rollover cycles, where new larger loans are issued to cover old, unpaid ones. Today, China's debt is growing four times faster than its economy, at an annual rate of about 20 percent.

As a result, China's corporate debt-to-GDP (gross domestic product) ratio of about 160 percent is well above the global average of about 100 percent. About three-quarters of it is a nonfinancial corporate debt attached to state-owned enterprises. In other words, the CCP is responsible for the debt levels that are crushing the economy.

And yes, much of that debt is in China's collapsing real estate investment sector but certainly not all of it. In fact, because the Party controls the money and lending policies, massive indebtedness is standard across the Chinese economy.

In contrast, growth in the Chinese economy is slowing. Where it used to report annual rises in GDP of 7 percent or even as high as 10–12 percent over the past several years, China has only managed to report about 3 to 5 percent in annual GDP growth, which includes debt service in GDP calculations.



A Chinese migrant worker walks by the People's Bank of China (PBOC) in Beijing on May 1, 2013. The PBOC released the "Financial Stability Law (Draft for Comments)" on April 6, 2022, saying that resolving financial risks is a "constant theme." (Mark Ralston/AFP/Getty Images)

Rather than take responsibility for the unsustainable debt levels imposed on businesses by the CCP, the Party lays the blame at the feet of local governors. The CCP then uses it as an excuse to confiscate even more private companies and divest powerful business titans of their assets and lofty positions.

# ‘Social Justice Debt’ Is Turning US Businesses into ‘State-Owned Enterprises’

James Gorrie, February 20, 2023, Epoch Times Opinion

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## ‘Social Justice’: A New and Pervasive Debt That Everyone Owes

Now compare that debt dynamic to the deep “indebtedness” of “social justice” in which American businesses now find themselves, care of state and federal policies. In the name of righting past social injustices—both historic and imagined—companies are being coerced to adopt a “woke” culture and business models.

The “social justice” or woke message is clear: Companies must do more to “fight racism and social injustice.” Unfortunately, the implicit message seems to be that a company’s success is due to social injustice, which constitutes a debt that all companies owe to society at large and to certain groups and subgroups of society specifically.

This new woke policy is a massive undertaking wherein the U.S. government pushes businesses to change how they do business. That involves adhering to woke ESG (environmental, social, and governance) business practices on a broad and penetrating scale. For many companies, noncompliance could result in the threat of legal action, media exposure, and reputational damage.

The low-hanging fruit are these policies that are hiring requirements according to diversity, equity, and inclusion criteria for federal workers, which stipulate representation of all groups of people, especially by race and gender. Similar group representation requirements are applied to corporations and their boards of directors. For manufacturers and other firms, large and small, “green” business practices are implemented by reducing reliance on fossil fuels, adopting solar and wind power sources, and whatever else they might be.

But the “social justice” debt collection process also goes much further.

## Thought Police at the Water Cooler—and in Your Head

“Social justice” diversity, equity, and inclusion divisions demand that people have freedom of expression, which largely consists of the right to be whoever they think they are on any given day. But inclusion also demands validation of men who “identify” as women using the women’s bathrooms and other accommodations.

But what it doesn’t include is free speech, which has been often defined as hate speech if one disagrees with the current social narrative of evolving genders, new identity pronouns, and other fictitious progressive, anti-tradition constructs.

Such speech is often censored in corporate America and by social media. Forced compliance with new woke rules is certainly fine by government agencies and watchdog groups, as is the persecution of those who practice the free expression of traditional religious values, most specifically Christian Biblical precepts and beliefs.

### Going ‘Woke’ and Broke

Perhaps not so ironically, many companies that are kneeling to the new woke agenda are seeing their revenues fall, forcing them to lay off workers. That’s because progressive social and political agendas are often in service to an ideal that isn’t rooted in reality.

Top-down socialist control over individual creativity, initiative, and the profit motive all work against human nature. They favor group identity over individual merit, introduce divisiveness into business culture, and force solutions that reduce profitability and increase bureaucracy.

In communist China, the pretext of excessive debt is the latest pretext to justify the confiscation of private businesses. In the emerging communism we see in America, the progressive-dominated Biden administration, Wall Street banks, and other organizations are using the mythical debt of “social justice” to gain control over public and private companies.

Thus, the journey in China is different than the one in the United States, but the destination is the same.

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## Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



One way to rack up Political Action Hours is to follow the bills that are currently in the Congress or the Texas Legislature and letting Representatives know how you feel about those bills.

One bill that passed the U.S. House of Representatives is (H.R. 5) The Parents Bill of Rights

Some items in the bill are....

- Parents have the right to review their school's curriculum, reading materials, and state academic standards.
- Parents have the right to lawfully engage with their local school board and educators.
- Parents have the right to see a school's budget and spending, including detailed information about revenues and expenditures.
- Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy.
- Parents have the right to keep their child safe and be updated on any violent activity at school.

To see everything that is in the bill go to <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5/text>

The bill passed along party lines. While the bill passed in the House, Majority Leader Senator Chuck Schumer says it is dead on arrival. If you agree with this bill, and would like it to at least be discussed in the Senate, call or email Senator Chuck Schumer's office. For email go to <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck> or call (202) 224-6542. The time you spend writing and sending the email counts as Political Action Hours. If you call his office, that counts as a political phone call.

Speaking of political calls, Corrine Miklosh, VP of Political Activities for Texas Federation of Republican Women, wrote on the topic that political calls include, "campaign calls for candidates, voter registration calls and calls made for our clubs, our precincts, and to legislators. Also included are the many calls we make to club members about events and projects and the work we do for our clubs and organizations. Even something as simple as calling the elections office to check on how to become a voter registrar would count.

Tracking these calls isn't difficult. If you are using a computer or on-line calling system such as Red Dialer, calls are tracked for you. How easy is that?! Log into your account and record that number if you haven't already turned it in. For everyday calls on your cell phones: open your phone, go to your recent calls and count those calls that you made that were for political reasons. I recommend you do this monthly as many phones only hold the last 30 days or so.

If you are questioning if it counts, remember this: does it help get Republicans elected, support the party and elected officials, or support and spread Republican ideals? Check out the Political Activities guidelines that can be found on the TFRW website under the Members section." The time you spend on the phone counts towards your political action hour.

Remember, to turn in your hours and calls to me every month. You can turn them online at our website [www.planorepublicanwomen.org](http://www.planorepublicanwomen.org).

I encourage all of our members to get out and work to elect the Republican candidate of their choice.

Remember any work you do for candidates counts as Political Action Hours.

**Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!**



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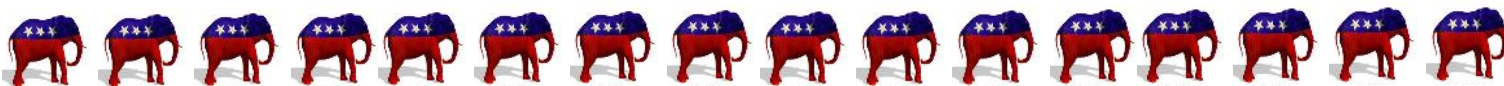


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## Membership Update

**Currently accepting Renewals and New Memberships for 2023!**

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting (via cash or cheque) or can be mailed to the PRW Post Office Box.

The Membership form is included in the newsletter, printed copies are available at the meetings.

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<b>June White</b>	<b>4/18</b>
<b>Jennifer Windham</b>	<b>4/21</b>
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