

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

September 2023

President's Byline



In August, I went to a medical conference hoping to see cutting edge research and learn about new techniques in my field. Instead, I learned something else, the Left's irrational War on Women has moved into healthcare. It is no secret that Woke politics has poisoned many institutions in our society, but I didn't expect Wokism to completely contaminate women's healthcare in the birth industry. As I sat in session after session, I quickly became aware of a trend. If the speaker was from the US, Canada, or Australia, you were treated to extreme Woke politics while listening to tales of racial disparity in the Black, Latinx and Aboriginal people communities. You were not given healthcare data outcomes based on careful research but based on historical racial disparity created by "Colonist aggression", claiming this still impacts health outcomes today. It is a race to the bottom for Democrats, they are not focusing on women's healthcare but on how extreme they can make it. In 2023, the words mother, baby, pregnancy, breastfeeding, breasts, and uterus are considered outdated medical terminology at a women's healthcare conference filled with doctors, midwives, lactation specialists, dietitians, and researchers.

Just like with gender affirming care for children or child genital mutilation, their new "healthcare policies" are killing and harming women and their babies. They insist we use medically inaccurate terms for childbirth and the postpartum period because they are more appropriate terms relating to gender, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity? What is the real purpose of using politically motivated language like birthing person, trans male, front hole (vagina), top surgery (breast reduction), chest (breast) and chest feeding. Sessions talked about care of the transgender men (women) through pregnancy and the difficulty of chest feeding since many had undergone top surgery. Sessions talked about the special needs of the trans community because many suffer from anxiety in our intolerant society. They talked about cutting-edge research to help transgender women (men) lactate, something born females with insufficient breast tissue have no access to. Dr. Rachel Levine, Biden's trans health secretary praised an Alaska women's healthcare clinic on August 10th for replacing the word mother with the phrase "egg producer". So, we have a man who thinks he is a woman dictating women's healthcare.

It's didn't stop at gender; it went into full blown racism spoken aloud and reflected in biased research. After Woke presenters spoke their pronouns and declared their level of privilege or lack of privilege based solely on the color of their skin. They went on to thank the native peoples displaced from their lands through the violence of Colonization. Then they went down the rabbit hole of systemic racism as being the sole reason for high maternal and infant mortality rates. One researcher developed an app for telehealth so Black and Latinx birthing persons could access lactation help without coming into the hospital because they could potentially be traumatized by a Colonizer (white lactation consultant) placing their hands on their breasts/chest because there are few black or Hispanic lactation consultants to help these women, and transmen. So, it's better they stay home with telehealth, in clinic help could be traumatizing. What??

In the United States, the maternal mortality has been increasing, especially in rural, and inner-city areas. The maternal mortality rate for 2021 was 32.9 deaths per 100,000 live births, compared with a rate of 23.8 in 2020 and 20.1 in 2019. In 2021, the maternal mortality rate for Black women was 69.9 deaths per 100,000 live births, 2.6 times the rate for White women and double the rate for Hispanic women. The rates of maternal mortality from 2020 to 2021 in all racial groups were significantly higher than previous years. Every day we hear more about the high maternal death rates in the United States, but the Biden administration has done nothing except come out with increasingly Woke politically motivated solutions. It is not okay to focus on a small microcosm of society in the birth community such as transmen. It even less okay to continuously stoke fear in women of color by claiming they are being systematically abused during labor by unwanted touching, verbal abuse, and procedures they poorly

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Calendar of Events

GOP Labor Day Picnic
September 2, 2023
9:30-1:00
Guest Speaker—Sid Miller

Next General Meeting
September 19, 2023, 11:30
Saltgrass - East Plano

Next Board Meeting
Sept 5th, 11:30
Napoli's Restaurant

NFRW Convention
Sept 28—Oct 1, 2023
Oklahoma City, Ok

TFRW Convention
Oct 12-14, 2023
Irving, Texas

PRW Presidents Byline

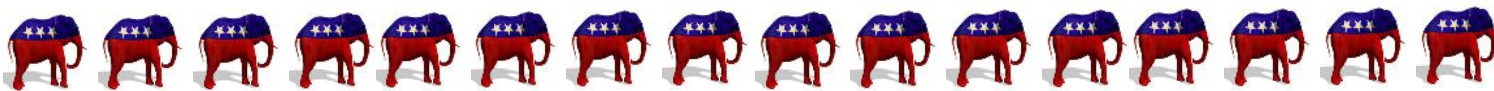
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understand being performed on their bodies that often end in death. This is political theater by Leftists with an agenda to push even in women's healthcare. In the Black community, more women are becoming terrified of birthing in hospitals, seeing it as a death sentence. Free birthing has started to become a trend in some black communities. This has become the new Black Lives Matter angle for Leftists. Stoke fear, create a dangerous situation, and demand action to fix it.

Another problem is Woke liberals seem to gravitate to low-income state funded clinics and hospital, creating a toxic soup of healthcare determined by woke polices and medical recommendation based on color and class. If we really want to improve maternal outcomes, we will improve prenatal education for everyone. Focus on real issues like the dangers of the obesity in pregnant women, gestational diabetes, high blood pressure, preeclampsia, and HELP syndrome. Examine the problem of increased maternal age and infertility treatments that have higher rates of complications for first-time moms over forty. Especially when mothers give birth to multiples. Look into more midwifery programs with birth centers in rural and inner-city areas that cannot support OB/Gyn practices tied to more expensive hospital births. Increase public awareness about pregnancy crisis centers, stop allowing their existence to be silenced because they are also an alternative to abortion. The reality is many low-income mothers don't seek an abortion but are unaware they can get help, so they wait until giving birth to go to the hospital. By then, any problems with their pregnancy have gone undetected so maternal outcomes are poor in busy, public hospitals. Make lactation care standard with all women, even after they go home which is where most trouble starts. Women who breastfeed on average suffer less postpartum complications such as hemorrhaging, high blood pressure, elevated blood sugar levels and post-partum depression. Lastly, we need to stop Woke Biden administration polices from negatively affecting women's health especially in government funded clinics and county hospitals. Like women's sports, women's maternal care was greatly improved upon for many generations in our country but with increasingly Left leaning government policies, it is withering away every year putting all pregnant women at risk. Better outcomes cannot be achieved by focusing on color, gender, and equity. Women's lives matter, we should not allow women of childbirth age become another socialist causality.

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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.

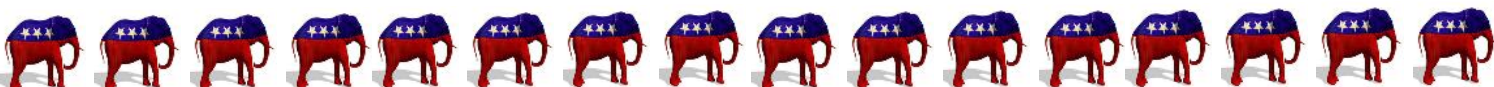
Let's plan to work together for an hour or so.
Come and go as your schedule allows.

Bring your staplers, scissors and pens and you will be prepared for whatever we tackle!

If you have Patriotic cards (blank or thank-you's) to donate, please bring them with you.

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

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



PRW August Meeting

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
September 19, 2023**

Texas Senator Bob Hall - District 2

Legislative Session Overview



Currently in the 88th Legislature, Texas Senator Bob Hall, is the Chairman of the vital Senate Committee on Administration and an influential voting member on the Senate Committee of Finance, Health and Human Services, Local Government, and Veteran Affairs. He has earned the reputation of being open minded and willing to discuss ideas but absolutely unwavering in holding to his core conservative principles and Judeo-Christian values. He is a man who believes in the Declaration of Independence and follows the Constitution. He is pro-life, pro-gun, pro-liberty, pro-property rights, pro Judeo-Christian conservative values, a staunch proponent of the free market, fiscally responsible, and pro-limited government. Senator Hall was instrumental in making Texas a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State, as well as, protecting religious organizations and churches from Government shutdown.

After the Air Force he worked in the Aerospace industry as a systems engineer and business development manager. In 1982 he left the corporate world and began working as an independent proposal consultant to aerospace and defense corporations. Then in 1984 he formed his own company, *Professional Proposal Management, Inc.*

A compelling sense of duty, shaped by his military service, business experience, and love for this country, drives him to leave behind the legacy of a patriotic servant for his children and grandchildren. Envisioning their futures compelled him to become actively involved in the state's political process and strongly believes it is time to stand in the gap for our children, our liberties
*and our future.

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
*Lunch will be salad, beef entree with vegetable, and carrot cake.***

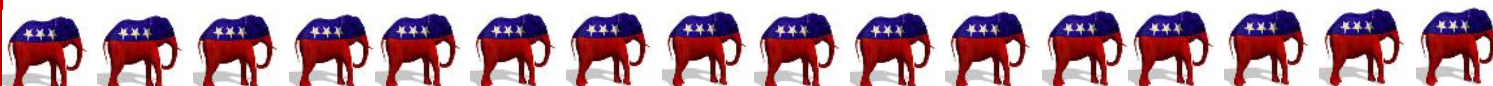
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, September 15, 2023

[RSVP here to pay with credit card](#)

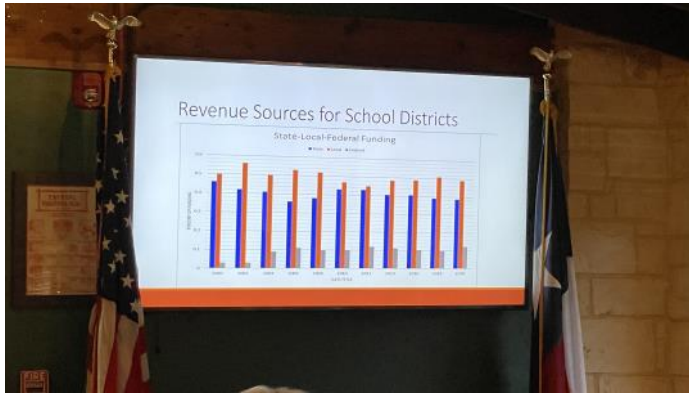
Please note: all Online Credit Card Payments include a processing fee.

To RSVP send an email to: rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch



PRW August Meeting Photos





Legislative Report



It seems like I write this every August. Boy, is it hot out there! It is interesting to watch the [Electric Reliability Council of Texas \(ercot.com\)](https://www.ercot.com) dashboard for the supply and demand of the bulk of our Texas grid. I say bulk, because you might remember, about [10% of Texans](#) are not on the ERCOT supply chain. As I'm typing this, we've been asked to conserve, but no blackouts have been necessary. Whew. If you find that you need help with your electricity as a customer, you can call the Public Utility Commission's Consumer Assistance

Hotline at 1-888-782-8477. Since we add people to our Texas population every day, keeping up with our energy demand is no small feat. I thank God for air conditioning and for Willis Carrier who invented it. Also, I appreciate my Texas ancestors who lived here without any. They were hardy folks.

This week one of my staff members received several pieces of mail that indicated her home had been sold. She's the only owner of her home, and has lived there for almost 20 years, (ever since it was built). In my own neighborhood, someone was walking through a neighbor's lot, and when asked what they were doing, they said they were buying that property. That property, also, was not for sale. For my staff member, it turned out to be a mistake by a title company that listed the lot number incorrectly for another property. For my neighbor, it was full-on property fraud. The fraudster had several buyers on the hook when it was discovered. The good news is that you can sign up for [Collin County Property Alerts](#) (Dallas County also has an alert you can sign up for) to notify you of any changes regarding your property in the County Records.

Did you know that one in four Texans has unclaimed property (mostly money)? Comptroller Glenn Hegar's office makes it easy to [see if you are one of those Texans](#) and then submit a claim to recover that property.

According to Texas Border Czar Mike Banks since President Biden's open border policies, a record of more than 850 migrants died during illegal crossings in 2022. More than 570 have died so far in 2023. (By the way, none of those deaths have been caused by the buoys.) I hurt for the people so desperate for a new life that they risk theirs to come here. Our federal government needs to step up and prevent the trafficking that results in these sad statistics.

But it's not just people longing for a new life in America who are coming across. Recently, our DPS Texas Rangers Special Operations Group found and arrested a Honduran MS-13 gang member with a violent criminal past, including abduction, kidnapping, and sexual violence. This man, Emersion Lopez Fugon, who is a registered sex offender, was found hiding on a train near Eagle Pass in Maverick County. Thank you to our law enforcement officers who stopped him from getting further into our state.

Texas is doing all we can to stop the flow of people, drugs and criminals into our country. Since the beginning of Operation Lone Star, we have apprehended over 406,500 illegal immigrants and made more than 32,700 criminal arrests. Of those arrests, more than 29,900 had committed felony offenses. To date, this multi-agency law enforcement undertaking has seized more than 422 million lethal doses of fentanyl.

Speaking of drugs, according to the [Texas Workforce Commission](#), 75% of employers report that opioid use has impacted their workplaces. This is both heartbreaking and is costly to our state. Yet another repercussion of an open border.

Switching gears: I'd like to wish all our school kids and teachers a wonderful school year. While the Legislature will be called back into an additional Special Session this fall to deal with some unfinished school funding, much was already done when it comes to our Public Schools. I've never done this before, but I wanted to share an excerpt of a letter from the House Chair of Appropriations, Dr. Greg Bonnen, about the subject:

"For the upcoming biennium, fiscal years 2024 and 2025, funding for public education totals just over \$93.6 billion. This includes an increase of over \$30.3 billion in state General Revenue accounted for in the General Appropriations Act and Supplemental Appropriations Act. Of the increase, \$12.6 billion is new funding to compress the maintenance and operations tax rate, plus \$5.4 billion to increase the homestead exemption. These allocations of state revenue will replace local tax collections in the school finance system, which results in the state's share of public education funding exceeding 50% for the first time in decades and reduces recapture by \$5.5 billion. An additional \$12.39 billion is allocated to school districts in the strategies listed below. The following has already been passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor:

1. \$3.2 billion to fully fund projected enrollment growth.
2. \$2.4 billion to fund the increase in the golden penny yield.



Legislative Report

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3. \$1.4 billion in new funding for school safety measures. This includes \$300 million in the school safety allotment (an increase from \$100 million in the previous biennium) and \$1.1 billion in school safety grants. An additional \$400 million in school safety funding was provided through a budget execution in the fall of 2022, totaling \$1.8 billion in new funding for school safety overall.
4. \$500.0 million in additional state aid under the Foundation School Program, which provides a new source of state aid to each district to support the evaluation, adoption, or use of instructional materials approved by the State Board of Education. The funding will also be used to expand access to open education resource instructional materials.
5. \$589 million to mitigate the increase of health insurance premiums for teachers participating in TRS ActiveCare.
6. \$307 million in funding increases for technology and instructional materials; and
7. \$60 million for the new Instructional Materials Allotment.

The remaining \$4 billion in new state General Revenue is appropriated in the General Appropriations Act and will be used to implement new strategies as determined by the Legislature in a special session, likely this fall. Possible strategies include, but are not limited to, funding for increased compensation and benefits for classroom teachers; additional funding for the Teacher Incentive Allotment; increases to the Basic Allotment; increased funding for school safety; increased funding for curriculum and/or the Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment; and increased funding for Special Education.”

That’s enough for today. Stay cool out there.

Till next time....




John Cornyn
UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR TEXAS

Cornyn Pushes for Mexico to Live Up to U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty & Release Water

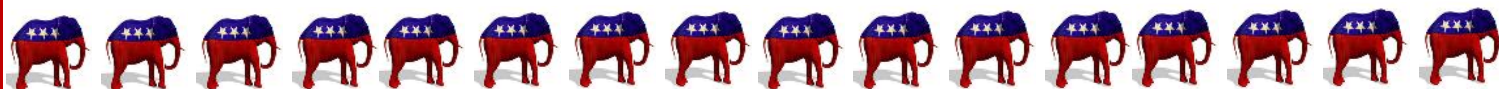
August 17, 2023

AUSTIN – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) released the following statement after a phone call this morning with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken to discuss Mexico’s ongoing violation of the Treaty Relating to the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande:

“The Rio Grande River is an integral water source for South Texas farmers and ranchers, and it’s imperative that Mexico follow through on its commitments to ensure the river’s water supply remains strong as required under this treaty,” said Sen. Cornyn. *“I strongly encouraged Sec. Blinken to hold Mexico accountable, and I urge Mexico to promptly release the water it owes the Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs.”*

Background: Under the Treaty Relating to the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, Mexico is obligated to deliver an average of 350,000-acre feet of water annually over a five-year cycle as its contribution to the Rio Grande’s water supply. However, Mexico has consistently delayed fulfilling its water obligation until the end of the five-year cycle, which hinders South Texas farmers’ ability to plan for and grow crops. Since October 2020, Mexico is behind approximately 700,000 acre-feet on water deliveries.

Today’s phone call builds on a [letter](#) Sen. Cornyn sent to Sec. Blinken in May urging the State Department to engage on Mexico’s treaty violation.





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



KEEP NINE

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

It will come as no surprise to you that recently Democrats have been threatening to 'pack' the Supreme Court. As a two-year-old breaks something in a temper tantrum for not getting his way, so the Democrats decide to do harm when they don't get the results they want from the Supreme Court's decisions. One of their recent threats is to appoint multiple additional Supreme Court Justices – all of them very progressive – in order to 'save democracy'.

Of course, people with common sense are pushing back.

It started in 2017 when a bipartisan group of former State Attorneys General formed the Coalition to Preserve the Independence of the United States Supreme Court. Of the original 15 AGs, 8 were Democrats and 7 were Republican. You can find more details at [How the Keep Nine Amendment Started](#).

In 2020, Reps. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) and Denver Riggleman (R-Va.) wrote an article for The Hill, [Why the Supreme Court Must Be Kept at Nine Justices](#). They point out the Keep Nine amendment would permanently prevent the president or Congress from manipulating the size of the Supreme Court to obtain a political advantage.

Any attempt to pack the U.S. Supreme Court would set off a judicial arms race which will further divide our country. If one party succeeds in packing the court, the next party to win a majority may move to do the same in retaliation, further eroding respect for the court and the rule of law.

It would be a fast-track to Socialism at the very least.

In January of this year [Representative Dusty Johnson](#), a Republican from South Dakota, filed [H.J.Res.8](#) which says – in its entirety - “The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices.” Johnson’s House Joint Resolution has more than 90 cosponsors and is supported by the [Keep Nine Coalition](#), [National Federation of Republican Women](#), and [Association of Mature American Citizens](#).

Rep. Johnson says, “Turning the Supreme Court into a political football will erode public trust in our institutions and nullify intentions set by our Founding Fathers. Capping the Supreme Court at nine Justices will protect the integrity of the Supreme Court.”

“The National Federation of Republican Women, representing 65,000 grass-roots women across the country, strongly supports the Keep Nine Amendment. No Party should be allowed to tip the balance of power to its advantage by increasing the size of the U.S. Supreme Court. Americans have long recognized court-packing as a dangerous manipulation that would undermine confidence in the fairness and impartiality of the Court and upset the essential checks and balances that protect our liberties,” said Eileen Sobjack, President, National Federation of Republican Women.

Last year former [Tennessee Attorney General Paul Summers told The Epoch Times](#) that membership in the group the Coalition to Preserve the Independence of the U.S. Supreme Court includes 15 former attorneys general. The group, which he chairs, was formed about 4 years ago. Its website is [KeepNine.org](#). **You can go there and sign the petition.**

The "Keep Nine" Amendment is the most widely supported specific Supreme Court reform in America. More than 1000 elected officials across America including almost 200 members of Congress and more than 800 state legislators now back the Amendment.

Packing the Supreme Court would be devastating to America. It would completely gut the checks and balances system and open every door to progressive madness.

I encourage you to fight for Keep Nine at every opportunity!

Sources: <https://amac.us/?s=supreme+court>, https://dustyjohnson.house.gov/search?search_api_fulltext=Nine, <https://www.nationalreview.com/2021/07/the-keep-nine-amendment-can-save-the-supreme-court/>, <https://dustyjohnson.house.gov/media/press-releases/johnson-leads-bill-cap-supreme-court-justices-nine>, <https://madisoncoalitionupdate.org/keep-nine-amendment/>, <https://amac.us/?s=supreme+court>, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States, <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/>, <https://www.brookings.edu/policy2020/votervital/should-we-restructure-the-supreme-court/>

Congratulations Hayden Padgett Elected as Chairman of the National Young Federation



IN MEMORANDUM-MARVELLE DITTO



The sudden and unexpected loss of our dear friend Marvelle Ditto has touched every member of PRW. Her joy for life and her bright smile made her a true ray of sunshine and all of our lives brighter. We are truly blessed to have known her

Marvelle Muntzel Ditto

May 19, 1953—July 28, 2023

Marvelle Muntzel Ditto left her earthly home to be with our Lord on July 28, 2023.



Born on May 19, 1953 in Corpus Christi, TX, she is survived by her most beloved daughter, Ericka Elise Awalt, her son-in-law, Magnus Nilsson, and Marvelle's three beautiful grandchildren, Henry, Sixten, and Margaux, whom she adored. She also leaves behind her brother Mark, nephew Jacob and wife, Cyndi, and Aunts Jean Saunders and Grace Phillips.

Marvelle graduated from W.T. White High School in 1971, and went on to get her BS in English, Speech, and Reading from Texas Tech in 1974. She became a high school English teacher in 1975, but didn't stop her studies there. She went on to study Secondary Supervision at UTSA, and earned two masters; one in Secondary Education from the University of Houston, and then one in Counseling from Texas A&M University-Commerce.



Marvelle was always involved, engaged, and up to date on all current events. She was on the Plano City Council Advisory Board 2017-2019, and was a Delegate for the Republican State convention. Marvelle was also on the board for the Plano Republican Women and their Caring for America committee chair from 2018-2020. She was also a member of DAR.

In 2005, after suffering two kinds of Leukemia, and receiving a bone marrow transplant from her brother Mark, Marvelle went on to live a full life with gusto! She was active, and had so many friends. Everyone says she was the kindest, most generous soul they knew. Besides being so darn smart, Marvelle was just so much fun to be with and had a wonderful and wicked sense of humor! She was the most loving, supportive, and wonderful mother, and a true blessing to her daughter. God certainly knew what He was doing placing Marvelle and Ericka together.



Marvelle loved her Texas Tech Red Raiders, and was their biggest fan! In that big spirit of hers, her friends have started a scholarship in her name.

Godspeed, dear Marvelle. Your family and friends are better to have known you, and will miss you always. Until we meet again.

You can make a donation in Marvelle's memory here: [Marvelle Muntzel Memorial Scholarship](http://www.give.ttu.edu/muntzel)

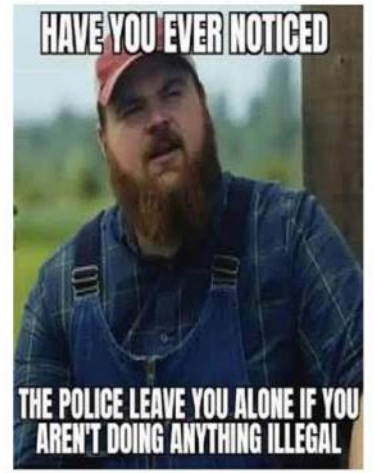
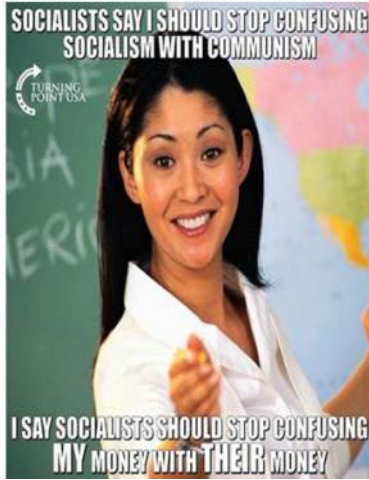
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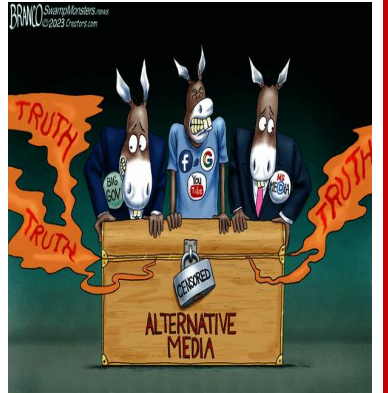
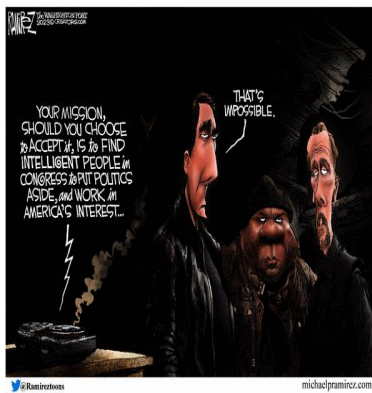
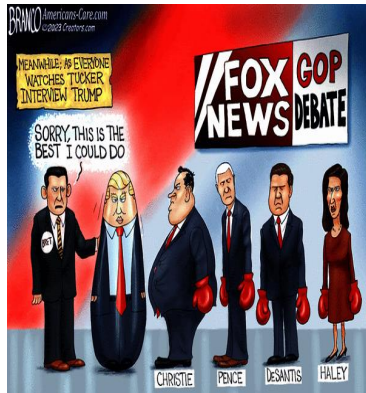
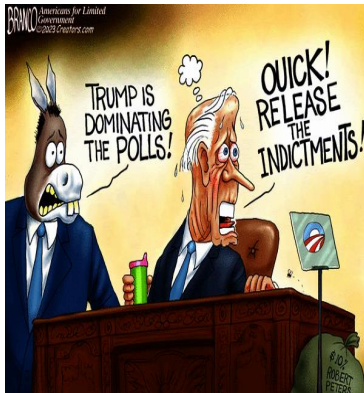
Political Cartoons

Observations of the day...

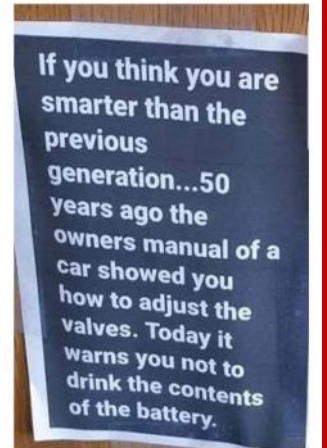
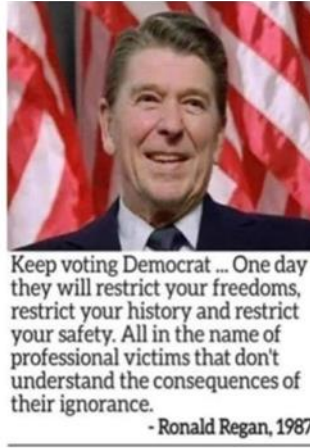
This entire "presidency" is like being tied to a chair and watching a toddler play with a loaded pistol.



EVERY restaurant & retail store (if they haven't already closed down) should post this outside.

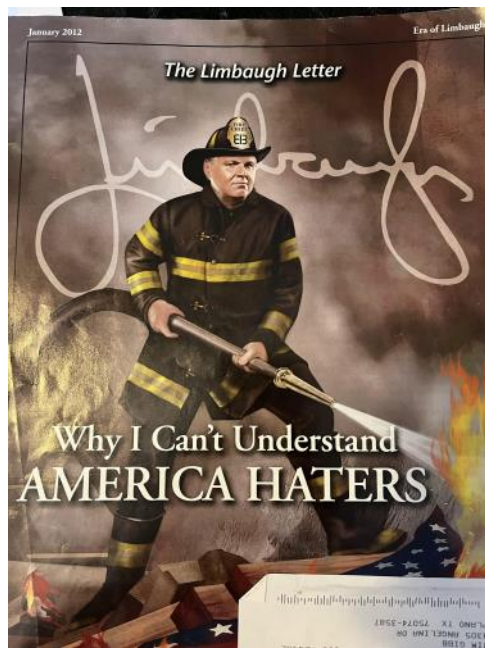


Dr. Willie J. Montague @RepMontague
China wants Biden
Antifa wants Biden
BLM wants Biden
Iran wants Biden
Felon want Biden
MSM wants Biden
Abortionists want Biden
Pedophiles want Biden
Illegal aliens want Biden
Communists want Biden
Anarchists wants Biden
Americans who love America DO NOT want Biden. #FightBack



Why I Can't Understand America Haters

By Rush Limbaugh, 1992



I don't know about y'all, but I truly miss the great Rush Limbaugh, who passed away on February 17, 2021. My husband Jim subscribed to the *Limbaugh Letter*, first published in 1992 sometime in 1993 and today, I have almost every Limbaugh Letter ever published. A few have gone missing over the years, but Rush's words and his legacy will live on. The article below is from the January 2012 issue and is still relevant today. I hope you all will read this and while doing so, substitute 2024 for 2012.

Catherine Gilbo

IN A SEMINAL SPEECH IN OSAWATOMIE, KS ON DEC. 6, BARACK OBAMA GAVE THE SHOT ACROSS THE AMERICAN BOW. FREE MARKET CAPITALISM, HE ANNOUNCED, "HAS NEVER WORKED."

Believing, apparently, that his deployed "Occupy" forces had successfully softened up the public to despise the 1 percent and the U.S. economic system that spawned it, Obama went on a flat-out anti-conservative, anti-capitalist, and, frankly, anti-American tear:

"[T]here is a certain crowd in Washington who, for the last few decades, have said, lets respond to this economic challenge with the same old tune. 'The market will take care of everything,' they tell us. 'If we just cut regulations and cut more taxes—especially for the wealthy—our economy will grow stronger. Sure,' they say, 'there will be winners and losers. But if the winners do really well, then jobs and prosperity will eventually trickle down to everybody else. And,' they argue, 'even if prosperity doesn't trickle down, well, that's the price of liberty.'" Oh, you can just feel the contempt for that word. Obama's sarcasm in attacks on liberty is a vice.

He went on: "Now, it's a simple theory ... [that] fits well on a bumper sticker. But here's the problem. It doesn't work. It never has worked. It didn't work when it was tried a decade before the Great Depression ... And it didn't work when we tried it during the last decade. It's not as if we haven't tried this theory ... We simply cannot return to this brand of 'you're on your own economics...'"

It's a speech that could have been delivered at a Worker's Party rally in the 1930s. And it's all a tissue of lies. He gets everything wrong: the facts, the history, the economics, the analysis, and the principle. The truth is, Obama's argument is not, as he supposes, with contemporary conservatives. His argument is with the Founders.

And he's called in his ideological comrades-in-arms. The week before, Obama buddy and former SEIU president Andy Stern had penned a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed titled, "China's Superior Economic Model." Stern's piece sprang from precisely the same mindset as Obama's Osawatomie speech, a hatred of free market capitalism and a love of government "planning." That is, control.

Stern praised communist China's "five-year plan" with its lofty goals such as a "\$640 billion investment in renewable energy ... expanding next-generation IT, clean-energy vehicles, biotechnology, high-end manufacturing and environmental protection—all while promoting social equity and rural development." Sounds like Obama's nirvana. Commies always have grand five-year plans. The rub is getting the little people to obey the plans. Hence, the gulag.

But Stern sneers: "The conservative-preferred, free market fundamentalist, shareholder-only model—so successful in the 20th century—is being thrown onto the trash heap of history in the 21st century. In an era when countries need to become economic teams, Team USA's results—a jobless decade, 30 years of flat median wages, a trade deficit, a shrinking middle class and phenomenal gains in wealth but only for the top 1%—are pathetic. This should motivate leaders to rethink, rather than double down on an empirically failing free market extremism."

The rest of the piece is a paean to government control of the economy. Obama and Stern and the Occupiers—the entire left—are directly attacking the very notion of limited government. Which is, after all, the foundational premise of the American system.

This is why I tell you the country is on the brink. If Obama gets four more years in the White House, we will not recognize the country we grew up in.

I remember my dad telling my brother and me in 1963—John Kennedy had just been elected, I was 12 years old—"if you boys aren't careful, you're going to end up slaves." To him that meant communism was going to take over. The Great Depression, World War II, Khrushchev banging the shoe at the UN were the most formative events of his life, and he took it all very seriously. By brother and I just laughed at him. "Oh, Dad, that's when you were growing up. We're never going to have anything like that. Yet here we are."

Why I Can't Understand America Haters

By Rush Limbaugh, 1992

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Everyone who has any concern for this country knows damn well something is drastically, terribly wrong. This is not how America is supposed to operate. We don't have Presidents who run around apologizing for the country. We don't have Presidents who tell the ChiComs that we are "lazy." We don't have Presidents who don't believe in America, don't believe in American exceptionalism. This is a first, and people instinctively know this is just not right.

There's always going to be an America; don't misunderstand. But will it be the America of a Constitutional founding that we've all grown up with and expect, or will it be a European socialist quasi democracy. That's the choice we face. That is the ideological battle: freedom versus socialism, freedom versus tyranny, and the tyranny is represented by Obama and the Democrats.

As conservatives, we love people; we want everybody to prosper and do well. We want people getting up every day and pursuing excellence and pursuing self-interest, because that's what makes everybody the best they can be and to whatever degree they want to be. We want a great country and that's how to get it.

I can't for the life of me understand—and I've tried to, I've done the intellectual exercises—Americans hating this country. How can people born here hate it? It doesn't compute.

I've heard all the accusations: "Well, we established slavery." No, we wrote a Constitution that got rid of it. We lost 500,000 citizens eradicating slavery. We're the country that eliminated it, we went to war with ourselves to do it. "We use all the planet's resource." No, we feed the world. We clothe the world. We provide medical advances and innovations that improve life for the world. Yet there are people who believe we only bring death and disease—and I know they're taught this in school, and in Saturday morning cartoons like Ted Turner's Captain Planet, kids are told corporations are polluting the planet because they want everyone to die. We actually have numbskulls who think that corporations exist to kill their customers.

And, by the way, the President is one of those people.

The President and his ideological allies don't see America as exceptional because they think America is a crime, they think that America is immoral. They think that America became a superpower by stealing other peoples' resources. We stole their oil. We stole their corn. We conquered them and we imprisoned them with imperialist oppression. They believe this.

Ask yourself how it is that in less than 250 years a single population of under 300 million people so dominated the planet for good. There are populations, countries, civilizations that have been around thousands of years. Our DNA is no different from theirs. We're not inherently smarter; we're not a special species; there's nothing that differentiates us—other than where we live.

How can this happen? Look at the advancement in the world's standard of living the 19th and 20th century alone because of the United States. What makes that possible? Freedom. And the founding principles right in our Declaration: "We are all endowed by our Creator"—ergo, there's a God—"with inalienable rights, among them, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Now, I ask you, which ideological movement is advancing the whole notion of the pursuit of happiness? Not liberalism. They are never happy. Have you ever seen them smile?

But the founding of this country is a miracle. For all human history, the normal, shared experience has been tyrant, dungeons, oppression, shackled. Except here. The exception to what life was like for almost every human being is in the United States of America. *That's* American exceptionalism. It's not that we're superior to anybody else. The left bristles because they believe we're saying we're better people. Not at all. We're fortunate. Ours is a country founded by brilliant people who understood that we are blessed by God.

The whole notion of hating the country saddens me to no end. Those who loathe America have never been taught of its goodness, its noble history, and the wonders it has brought to the whole world. They believe America has stolen from every other country, that we have raped and pillaged and conquered and murdered all the rest.

They look at the bounty of their own country and despise it, which is why Obama compatriot Andy Stern can celebrate communist China. What he touts as an economic model is actually a monstrous political philosophy that makes the individual subservient to the state.

We've finally reached a point, ladies and gentlemen, --- and this is something I have been warning you people about for two-plus decades—where liberals are comfortable citing communism as the endgame. Obama sneers at our free market capitalist system. Andy Stern proudly sings the turn in The Wall Street Journal, we need to become communist. The left has been wanting this for decades, and now they feel emboldened. Advocating replacing the American system is progress to people like Barack Obama and Andy Stern.

This is why Obama desperately wants a second term—don't buy this notion that he's not interested. The progressives are finally being honest. The left has always had romantic attachments to all these tyrannical communist regimes. Now they can practically taste movement toward an all-powerful, centralized-state government, unencumbered by a Bill of Rights, unencumbered by a separation of powers. This is what Andy Stern is saying: screw the Constitution, screw limits on a Dear Leader. We need us, the smart people, to be able to move mountains with the wave of our wand.

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My friends, we're in the process here of defining the large purpose of the 2012 elections. It isn't just Barack Obama versus a generic Republican. This election is about the individual versus the state. It's about state control of property versus individuals controlling their own private property. This election is about the makers versus the takers, about the public sector versus the private sector.

What hangs in the balance really is the American way of life. This election is about remaining a free people. These wannabe authoritarians, Barack Obama, Andy Stern, and their cronies, are on the verge of rendering the American Revolution null and void, and the Regime's minions know it. They're one election away from remaking America.

Look, people who envy authoritarian, centrally planned governments and who want that kind of concentrated power want it for a reason. Liberals are who they are. There isn't a person alive of any maturity who is promoting communist government without knowing what it is. They know what it is, and that's precisely why they love it.

There hasn't been a communist regime on earth that has not been a brutal, murderous, freedom-crushing behemoth. Communism is what it is. Liberalism is what it is. Conservatism is what it is. Freedom is what it is. The battle is joined.



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Left - Photo from August Board Meeting



Right - Members of PRW paying their respects to Marvelle Ditto

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Funny how the same people who say that George Floyd's past shouldn't be held against him, are the very same ones holding this country's past against people who weren't even there.

Guest GOP Elected Official Article



Lieutenant Governor of Texas

Dan Patrick

LT. GOV. DAN PATRICK: STATEMENT APPOINTING JUSTICE LANA MYERS COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER FOR IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

August 28, 2023

AUSTIN – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued the following statement today:

“Today, pursuant to the Rules of Impeachment adopted by the members of the Senate, I am pleased to appoint Justice Lana Myers to assist me during the upcoming impeachment trial which starts on September 5. Justice Myers is an extremely well-qualified candidate with courtroom experience as an attorney and a judge.”

Justice Lana Myers served as Justice of the Texas Fifth Court of Appeals, Place 4, from 2009-2022, covering Dallas, Collin, Grayson, Hunt, Rockwall, and Kaufman Counties. Justice Myers was judge of the Dallas County 203rd District Court from 1995-2009 and served as an Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County from 1982-1994. Myers received her undergraduate and law degrees from Baylor University.

LT. GOV. DAN PATRICK: STATEMENT ON PROPERTY AND FRANCHISE TAX RELIEF

August 9, 2023

NEW CANEY – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today:

“When I became Lt. Governor in 2015, the homestead exemption was \$15,000, and today, the exemption is now \$100,000. The largest property tax cut in history has been ceremonially signed into law today, with the \$100,000 homestead exemption as the centerpiece. This \$18 billion tax relief package will result in savings of \$1,250 to \$1,450 for the average Texas homeowner. This is permanent tax relief that Texans will receive every year in the future.

“This historic tax relief package removes 67,000 small businesses from paying the franchise tax all together so our businesses can continue to grow jobs and power the Texas economy forward.

“I want to especially thank Sen. Paul Bettencourt for his hard work in carrying Senate Bills 2 and 3. Importantly, Texans must get out to vote in November 7th’s constitutional amendment election so they can overwhelmingly support Proposition 4 to ensure this historic tax relief is permanently written into the Texas Constitution.”

Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



You call your girlfriend on the phone to see how she is doing and the conversation turns to politics. You tell her about what happened at the debate the night before. Maybe she tells you what the City Council is voting on. This call has now become a political phone call, and you can submit it to me as one.

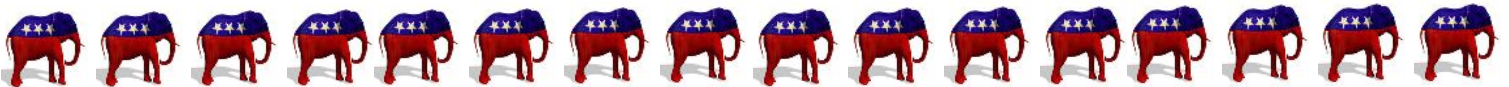
Political calls are not just the ones you make to get out the vote, they are any call that has a political conversation in it. So, make sure you keep track of your phone calls. You can keep track of calls in a small notebook or look in your mobile phone log. The time you spend on the call counts as political hours.

Keep up the hard work ladies. You all are doing great

You can go to our website and submit your hours at anytime.

The website is <https://planorepublicanwomen.org/political-action-hours-1>

Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!



When it was "Orange Man" or "Cheetos Man" it was all fun, but now you have a stumbling, bumbling fool in there and you're boo hooing saying stop making fun of his speech impediment... That shit works both ways buttercups!!!



The fact that Joe Biden is even considering opening our southern border to a group of unvetted migrants in a massive caravan—in the middle of a pandemic, while millions of Americans are unemployed—tells you everything you need to know about Democrats' priorities.



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Membership dues can now be paid by credit card. on our website,
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The Membership form is included in the newsletter, printed copies are available at the meetings.

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3320 North Central Expressway

Plano, TX 75074

11:15 am check-in

11:30 am meeting, lunch and program

Lunch is \$25 payable to PRW (Cash or Check) at the door.

You do not have to have lunch to attend,

But please RSVP to

rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org



I would like to submit this in honor of our country on this Fourth of July.

I Will Fly the Flag

I will fly the flag
Because it is a symbol that all
are created equal.
That all may express their opin-
ions without fear,
That each one may pursue their
chosen occupation.

I will fly the flag
Because of all who fought for
this flag that I may worship as I
please—
Or choose not to worship if I
please.

I will fly the flag
Because I love this beautiful
country—all of it!
Hot, dry dessert, high mountain
ranges,
Verdant valleys, meadows of
wildflowers,
Rich fertile plains that feed our
nation,
The cooling rivers and lakes.

I will fly the flag
For all those who have come
from all over the world to call
this country home.
The rich mix of this melting pot
blending into a beautiful nation.
The various ethnicities of our
people, each one bringing spe-
cial gifts.

I will fly the flag
For all who offer their lives to
make the world a better place.
Our leaders, our military, our
priests and pastors, our healers,
Our teachers, the men and
women who serve as firemen
and policemen to keep us safe.

I will fly the flag
For families who love each other
and find a safe place to raise
their children, and a comfort-
able place to grow old.

I will fly the flag
Because it reminds me that I
have a responsibility to serve
others and to make this country
a better place to live and work,
And in so doing, make this
world a better place.

I will fly the flag
In honor of this country.
Not because we are perfect,
But because we are still striving
to be better.
Not because we are better than
other countries,
But because this country has so
much to share.

I will fly the flag
And give thanks to God and ask
His blessing on all it stands for.
This beautiful part of the world,
The wonderful people who live
here,
The freedom to work and speak
as we please,
The opportunities open to all.

I will fly the flag!

SUSAN JONES
INDIANA

