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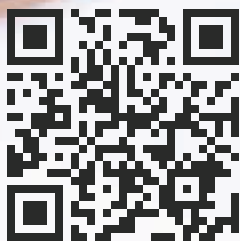
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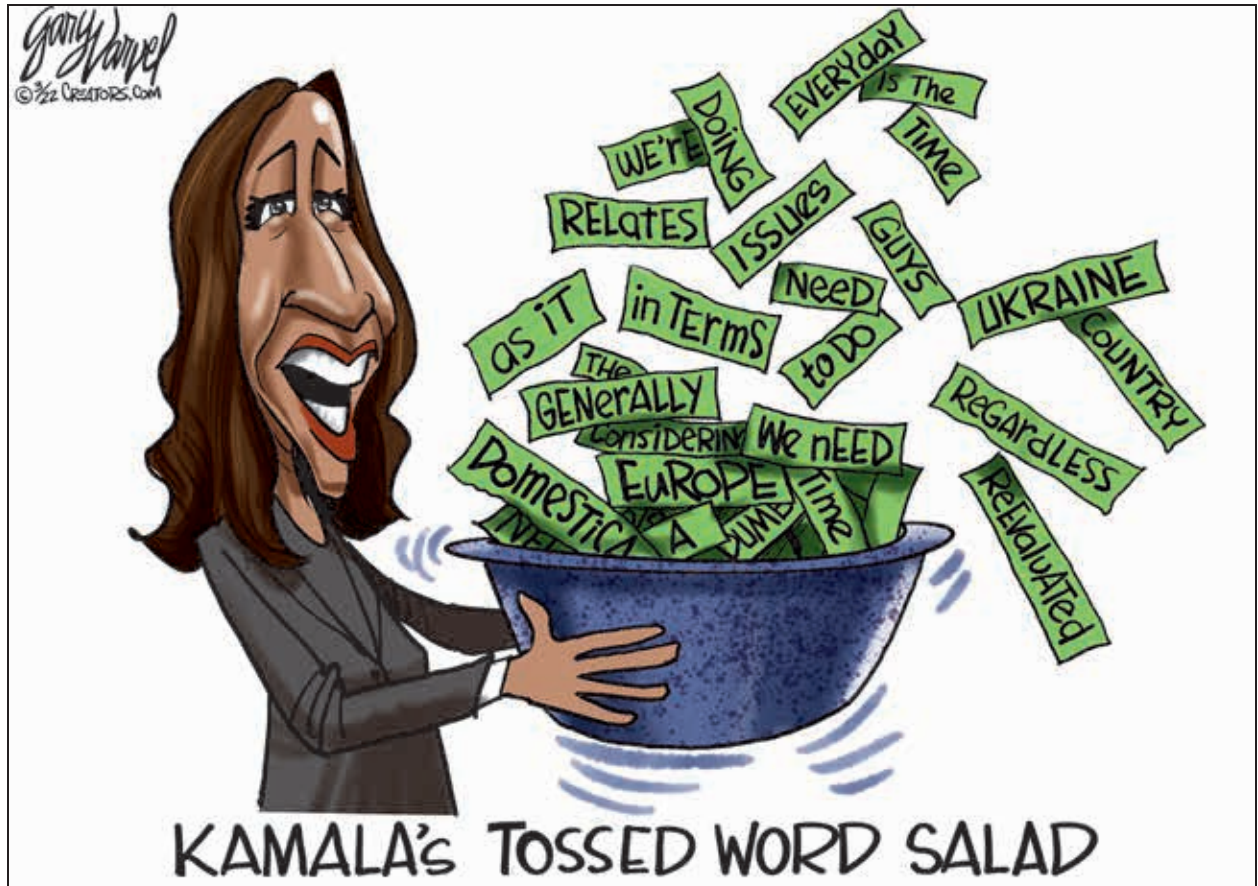
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NEVADANS SHOULD JOIN THE EFFORT TO 'REPAIR THE VOTE'

If the 2020 election proved anything in Nevada, it's that the election system is broken and needs repair.

Mail-in ballots received long after Election Day were counted. Hundreds of voting "discrepancies" were reported across the state. A number of elections, including county commission, state senate and even a congressional race remain plagued with questions, confusion, doubt and concerns that the person with the most votes ultimately didn't take office.

Fortunately, a group of Nevada residents are working to restore faith and confidence that our elections are conducted properly. The group, Repair the Vote, wants to ensure those who vote are actual registered voters.

Repair the Vote, which is led by North Las Vegas resident and former Republican congressional candidate David Gibbs, also hopes to reduce the potential for fraud and improper actions.

To meet those goals, Repair the Vote has proposed two petitions they hope will become ballot initiatives on Election Day this November.

One petition seeks to require voters to show photo identification – such as a driver's license, passport or student ID – when voting in person. If voting by mail, voters would have to include personal identifying information, such as the last four digits of a driver's license or Social Security number, along with their signature. Nevadans age 70 and over could use an expired ID to vote.

The other petition would create a referendum for people to overturn a recent state law that automatically sends mail-in ballots to all registered voters. It also outlaws ballot harvesting and prevents the counting of mail ballots without a postmark received after Election Day.

In order to get the initiatives on the ballot in November, supporters must collect 35,195 verifiable signatures from each of the state's four congressional districts – 140,780 total signatures

– for each of the two petitions by June 29.

Any person registered to vote in Nevada is allowed – and encouraged – to sign the petitions.

Once the signatures are collected and verified, Nevadans will have a chance to vote the initiatives into law in November and restore confidence in the state's voting process.

Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak criticized the plan in a lie-filled email to his leftist, election-stealing supporters.

"Nevada Republicans," Sisolak wrote, "are pushing two ballot initiatives to roll back the right to vote! If they get away with it, both in-person voting and mail-in voting would be harder."

That's baloney.

One initiative would simply require voters to present a photo ID before voting. People already have to show an ID to cash a check, collect unemployment, receive a Covid vaccine, buy a beer, get married, sign up for a fishing license or rent a hotel room.

Puzzlingly, social justice warriors don't cry "racism" or "classism" when people are asked to produce a government-issued ID for any of those common activities – only when it comes to voting.

In fact, Sisolak and his far-left supporters are in a very small minority of folks who oppose requiring a photo ID to vote.

A 2021 Monmouth University poll found that 4 in 5 Americans support requiring voters to show photo identification in order to cast a ballot. Only 18% of people oppose ID requirements.

In reality, special accommodations can and would be made for Nevadans who are unable to afford or access a photo ID. No one would be discriminated against or left out. As a result of the state making it easier to obtain IDs in order to

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vote, a number of other opportunities, from accessing loans to traveling, would become less complicated for people who currently lack proper identification.

The second initiative simply repeals shady measures Democrats passed in the middle of the night during the last legislative session that make it easier to cheat, specifically automatic mail-in balloting and ballot harvesting.

Nevadans have always had the ability to vote-by-mail for any reason – or for no reason at all. Registered voters may simply request an absentee ballot. Democrats want to automatically mail ballots to people who don't want one. This unnecessarily increases the likelihood for voter fraud.

Ballot harvesting – or, more accurately, ballot trafficking – allows political operatives to collect ballots from vulnerable voters, especially senior citizens, and turn them in to the election office.

This practice is so ripe for potential fraud or intimidation that it was actually a felony in Nevada until Democrats changed the law last year.

Clearly, these are common sense steps to ensure that only duly registered residents of Nevada are allowed to vote, and that ballots are handled fairly and accurately. Contrary to what progressive extremists want the public to believe, these two proposals don't disenfranchise would-be voters. The petitions simply reinstall measures that have historically been used in Nevada to thwart shady behavior.

Volunteers are working across Nevada to gather the signatures needed to qualify the petitions for the ballot.

Repair the Vote has hosted booths to collect signatures throughout Nevada at events like the Pahrump Music Festival and the Clark County Fair. Many Republican candidates are taking petitions door-to-door as they campaign. Volunteers are also collecting signatures at grocery stores, small businesses, local Republican clubs and county GOP meetings.

Restoring confidence and fairness in Nevada's voting process is possible. But it won't happen unless everyone who is tired of Democrats rigging the system signs the petitions.

For information on how to volunteer to collect signatures, or where to go to sign the petition, visit RepairTheVote.us. **LW**

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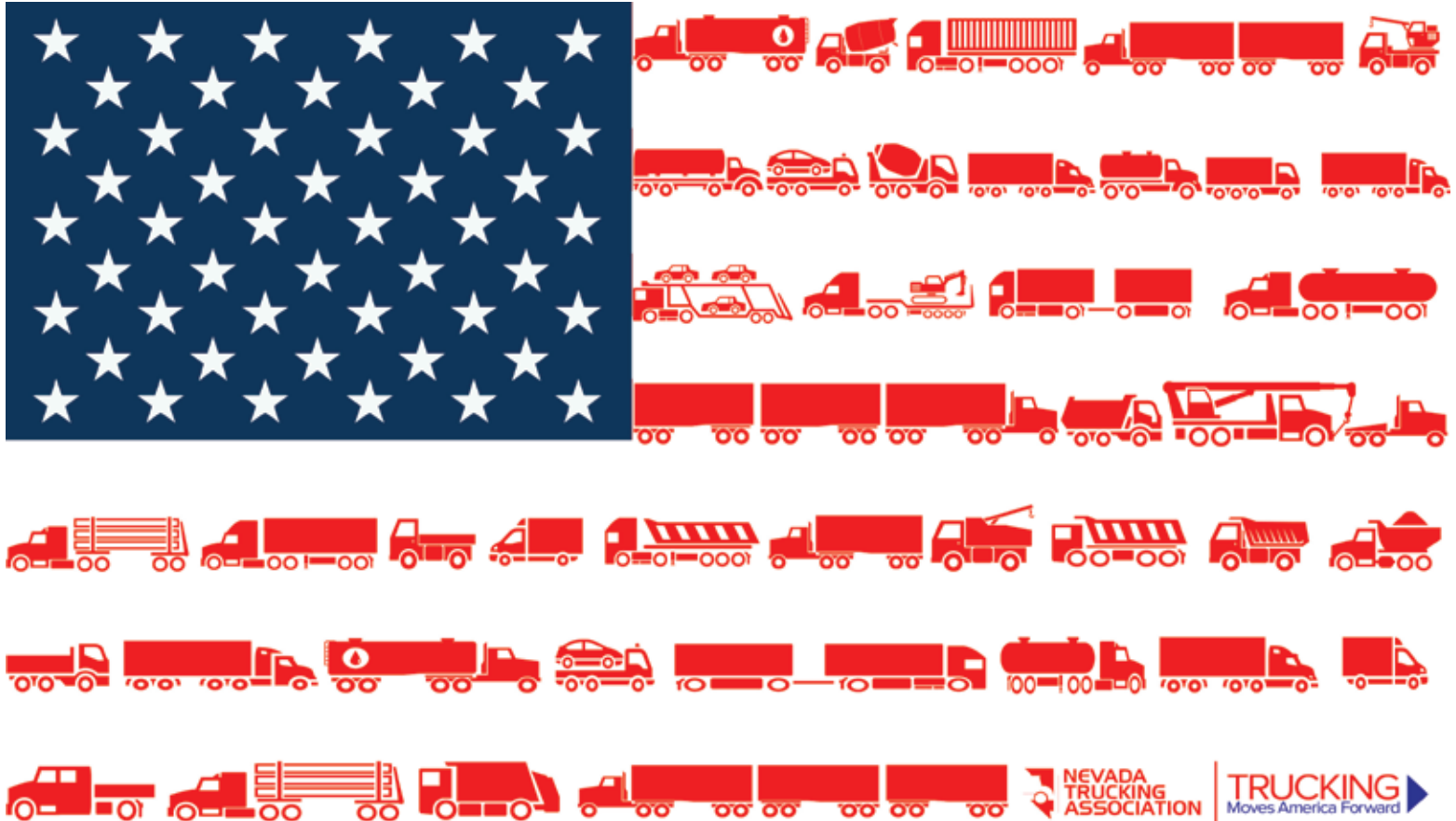
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HOW THE NEVADA GOP IS SCREWING UP PRE-PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS

There's an old saying Republicans need to keep in mind going into this election cycle:
"Vote early, vote often."

First, I don't like early voting. Never have from a conservative-candidate perspective. It benefits incumbents and wealthy candidates who can afford the extra two weeks' worth of campaign advertising.

But it is what it is. Not gonna change. So Republicans need to accept the reality and do a MUCH better job of turning out their voters early and "banking" those votes...especially as it relates to an aggressive mail-in ballot program now that Nevada Democrats have forced automatic, universal mail-in voting on us.

Now, as to voting often: Yes, if you yourself vote more than once you're breaking the law. But there is a LEGAL way to "vote often" and Republican party organizations need to embrace it.

What I'm talking about here is PRE-PRIMARY endorsements.

If you are even remotely involved in politics, you've surely been asked by less-involved voters – family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. – who they should vote for in various races, especially local and judicial races. And every time you make a recommendation and the voter takes it with them to the polls, you've effectively voted more than once.

Legally.

There's a popular theme that's been going around on social media: "You Had One Job." Examples are shared of individuals who had just one job to do...and screwed it up. Such as the

street painter who misspelled "SOTP" at an intersection.

Well, the official Republican Party organizations – at the national, state and county levels – have one job: To elect Republican candidates to office. That's it. And they duck that responsibility when they wash their hands of it by staying "neutral" in primaries, especially in minor, down-ballot races.

The fact of the matter is this: In a given primary there may be multiple candidates. And for various reasons – generally known by those actively involved in the political process but unknown by the great majority of voters – one candidate may be the strongest, best possible candidate to win the general election.

Remember: The party has one job.

As such, it is – or should be – the responsibility of party leaders - meaning the elected members of the GOP's state and county Central Committees - to review, evaluate and assess the candidates and make recommendations as to who the rank-and-file should vote for in order to nominate the candidate with the best chance to win the seat.

Contrary to silly objections by opponents of pre-primary endorsements, this does NOT mean the Central Committee is "picking the nominee." It's a recommendation. Period. Voters are still empowered to accept or reject the recommendation.

But here's the thing...

Just as it's far more likely that your friend, neighbor, family member or co-worker will rely on

your personal recommendation when they ask who they should vote for, a sizable number of Republican voters who are not actively involved in the political process will listen to and follow the recommendations of the elected members of the party's Central Committee in primary races.

As such, it is an absolute dereliction of duty for the party not to inform its voters who the best candidate is to go into the general election. Playing Pontius Pilate is not admirable. It's political suicide.

"But, but, but Chuck...what if a non-endorsed candidate wins the primary?"

Well, duh. You support the winner in the general!

Due to various changes in campaign finance laws over the years – thanks again, John McCain! – the political parties have been effectively neutered. Most of the money and much of the grassroots operations have shifted over to unelected, unaccountable PACs and third-party organizations.

Which, by the way, endorse candidates in primaries. As do the legislative caucuses. As do elected officials and other individuals. Everybody BUT the official party.

But the one thing these others DON'T have is the "brand" name.

Getting the Republican Party's official endorsement is one of the few valuable things the GOP can offer candidates which can actually make a big difference in their primary elections. And make no mistake; this isn't some radical new idea. Republican party organizations in some states have been doing it successfully for YEARS. Decades, even.

That said, there's a right way and a wrong way to do pre-primary endorsements.

First, there are going to be races where there isn't a clearly superior candidate. In that case, it is perfectly acceptable for the party to remain neutral. To that end, in order for a candidate to get the party's official endorsement, they should be required to get a SUPER-majority of votes in an endorsement election.

Sixty percent. Two-thirds. Whatever. Just not 50%-plus-one.

Secondly, such an endorsement vote should be handled by the elected members of the Central Committee who are actively involved in party operations year-round, not convention delegates who may only show up for the convention once every two years.

This, by the way, will also make Central Committee membership extremely relevant and valuable. As such, both the quantity and quality of membership will be greatly improved. It will also force candidates to reach out and "woo" Central Committee members.

As it is now, Central Committee members are lucky if elected officials even bother to show up for Lincoln Day dinners, let alone Central Committee meetings. But if they know a potential endorsement is in play, they'll HAVE to show up and participate more often, year in and year out.

Lastly, the rules and procedures for obtaining the party's official endorsement need to be clearly and publicly advertised so every candidate has an opportunity to compete. This process cannot, and should not, be cloaked in secrecy or "fixed" in some back-room star chamber.

Which, unfortunately, is exactly how the Nevada Republican Party is handling its new-and-improved (but not lemon-scented) pre-primary endorsement process this year. How have they screwed it up? Let me count the ways...

- They are holding the endorsement vote at the party convention in April instead of limiting it to active Central Committee members.
- They are requiring candidates to APPLY for the endorsement rather than include all legitimate, filed GOP candidates on the pre-primary election ballot. What if the most superior, most likely to win in the general candidate, decides, for whatever reason, not to "apply" on bended knee?
- They are requiring candidates to submit a 20-page questionnaire which includes – how to put this delicately – some questions that are simply dumb and have nothing whatsoever to do with the candidate's ability to win.

For example, one of the questions is: "How would you work legislatively for the ability of patients to designate an individual(s) with full

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visitation rights?”

Now, I'm not saying that's not an issue of concern to some voters, but what in the wide, wide world of sports does that tell anyone about the candidate's ability to win in November?

On the other hand, the questionnaire doesn't ask the candidates if they've signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge promising to “oppose and vote against any all efforts to increase taxes.”

You'd think that would be a question of extreme concern to GOP party leaders since half of Republicans in the 2015 Legislature – who all ran campaigns opposing tax hikes – nevertheless voted for the largest tax hike in state history. But you'd be wrong.

Also, there are zero questions about the candidate's actual campaign. Such as how much money they've raised, or how much of their own money they've invested in their campaign, or how they expect to raise the money needed to run a viable campaign.

- They are requiring candidates to submit to a one-hour oral interview with members of the secret nominating committee/star chamber.

- The voters – meaning the convention delegates – will NOT be given access to either the questionnaire or the oral interviews. Only the star chamber members will see them. So the convention delegates will be voting blindly. It'll be a decidedly uninformed vote.

- While the party is promising the questionnaires and oral interviews will be kept confidential and not be made public, if you don't think there's a very real possibility that they'll somehow be leaked, I've got some ocean-front property in Tonopah for sale.

But here's the worst part...

Rather than hold an election where either only one candidate gets the endorsement or no candidate gets the endorsement, the party will endorse any candidate who get 50%-plus-one votes. So in the ten-candidate (at press time) GOP primary for governor of Nevada, it's actually possible that all ten will receive the “endorsement.”

That's not an endorsement. At best it's a “seal of approval.” If everybody is endorsed, then

nobody is endorsed. And if that's what the party wants to do, then just do a straw poll rather than falsely claim it's an endorsement.

For future reference, the big question isn't whether or not the state and local party organizations should endorse candidates in primaries. They should. It's a fiduciary responsibility. But WHEN should the endorsement vote be held?

Conventional wisdom says such an endorsement meeting/vote should take place 4-6 weeks after the close of filing. This gives Central Committee members, not self-appointed star chamber members, time to evaluate and “vet” all the candidates who file for all the various offices, as well as give the endorsed candidates sufficient time to let voters know of the endorsement before the election.

But in some states the endorsement process sometimes takes place BEFORE the filing period opens. The thinking here is that if a candidate gets the endorsement before the official filing period it will discourage non-endorsed candidates from running and potentially avoid expensive and messy primaries.

I could go either way.

But my preference would be to hold a special endorsement meeting of Central Committee members once all the candidates are officially known because there are, sometimes, strategic reasons for certain candidates not to announce their candidacy until the last minute when they actually file.

For example, when RINO (Republican in Name Only) Assemblyman Chris Edwards ran for re-election in 2020, he assumed he'd run unopposed – just as he did in 2018. But then-Mesquite City Councilwoman Annie Black filed against him...five minutes before the close of filing on the last day of filing.

The element of surprise was an important strategic decision. Edwards got caught flat-footed. He hadn't banked a “warchest” for re-election. And by the time he realized he was in a fight, it was too late. Black crushed him in the primary.

But again, the “when” for pre-primary

endorsements isn't as important as actually doing them – at both the state and county levels. And again, GOP leaders and Central Committee members have one job: To elect Republicans.

If those Republican leaders are serious about doing their jobs and winning seats, then they need to establish a REAL pre-primary endorsement process to help ensure the strongest candidate who can win goes into the general election.

Staying “neutral” can no longer be an option. If it is, party leaders have no one but themselves to blame when they're crying in their beer on Election Night in November because a weak or flawed GOP candidate won the primary. They will have simply continued their historical practice of never blowing an opportunity to blow an opportunity.

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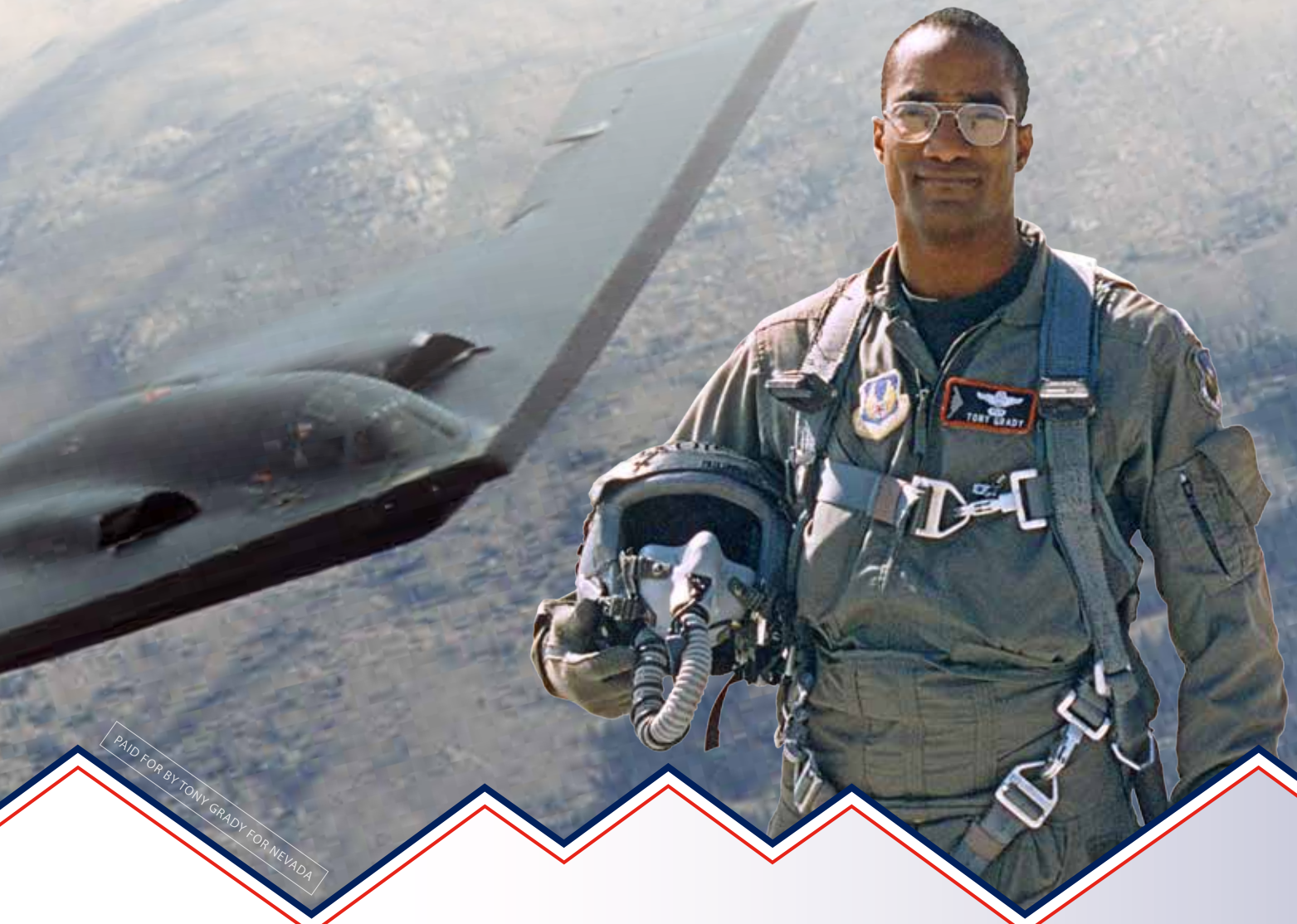
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Ben Shapiro

IT'S TIME FOR THE MARKET PUSHBACK TO BEGIN

This week, The Walt Disney Company, which has approximately 200,000 employees spanning the globe, decided to radically reshape its politics in response to a tiny contingent of radical activists.

According to The Wall Street Journal, Disney CEO Bob Chapek had steadfastly refused to embroil his company in the politics of the various states and countries where Disney did business; he correctly noted that the job of the company was to continue to make magic, not to do the political bidding of any favored coterie.

Then, the state of Florida passed a law that would ban the indoctrination of small children into left-wing perspectives regarding gender identity and sexual orientation. And all hell broke loose. Senior Disney executives began circulating letters stating that the company opposed the Florida legislation, which opponents had falsely labeled the "Don't Say Gay" bill (the bill doesn't mention the word gay once). And some employees threatened a walkout if Disney did not reorient itself toward their favored political position.

So Chapek caved. He sent a letter to staff stating, "You needed me to be a stronger ally in the fight for equal rights and I let you down. I am sorry." He then pledged a listening tour, the formation of a task force to cater to LGBT priorities, and opposition to a Texas measure that would prosecute genital mutilation or hormonal sterilization of children. The company also committed itself to injecting its radical left-wing values in content, including "new content for children and family" infused with those values. According to reports, Disney even went so far as to commit to including a lesbian kiss in its upcoming children's film "Lightyear."

Chapek is caving because this is what left-

leaning corporations do: they listen to their most outraged left-wing contingent, and then parrot them. Instead of giving an answer proper to an employer besieged by employees threatening a walkout -- telling the employees to get back to work or join the unemployment lines -- major companies simply surrender. Meanwhile, parents who simply wish their children to be entertained without being indoctrinated watch in perplexed horror as radical activists design content for their children.

In order to combat this nonsense, those who oppose the hijacking of major companies by the Left must get organized -- and they must create alternatives. That's what we've tried to do at The Daily Wire. In 2021, Harry's Razors withdrew their advertising on one of our shows, citing a "values misalignment." What precisely was the problem? Our host had stated that men are men and women are women, and that sex is immutable.

So, we fought back. This week, we launched Jeremy's Razors, a razor company dedicated to the proposition that everyone, regardless of politics, deserves a good shave. We are here to provide you excellent products for you to use. And we will never slap our customers in the face thanks to the priorities of a woke few. That's why our motto is simple: "Shut up and shave."

If corporations decide to go woke, there must be competitors who assure that they will go broke. And we hope to fill that gap. We only hope others will follow our lead.



GOP 'GERRYMANDERING' IS 'RACIST' -- OBAMA-MANDERING IS JUST POLITICS

The term "gerrymander" derives from Elbridge Gerry, a Founding Father and vice president who, as governor of Massachusetts, approved an oddly drawn state senate district to benefit his Democratic-Republican Party over the Federalist Party.

Both parties do it. Both parties complain when the other party does it to them.

Consider recent GOP "gerrymandering" efforts. Former President Barack Obama accused Republicans of "passing laws designed to prevent American citizens from exercising their right to vote. And drawing congressional maps that drown out the voice of ordinary people." Obama added: "Rather than argue, based on ideas, they are trying to tilt the playing field. And they aren't even waiting for election day to do it. Their plan is to control state legislatures and congressional delegations before a single vote is cast. That is not how democracy is supposed to work."

Former Obama attorney general and self-described Obama "wingman" Eric Holder also denounced the Republican maneuvers. Holder called for "fair line drawing" while blasting Republicans who "gamed" the system.

Obama and Holder assume or hope we suffer from memory loss. Holder's former boss not only benefited from gerrymandering, but one could argue that without it, there would have been no President Obama.

In 1999, Illinois state Sen. Barack Obama lost badly in the primary election for Chicago's South Side seat in the U.S. House to fellow Democrat and

incumbent Rep. Bobby Rush. According to ProPublica, "Two years later, with the Democrats in control of Illinois redistricting, Obama was apparently able to reshape his state senate district to his own specifications, which included drawing in wealthy supporters from Chicago's Gold Coast." Chicago Democrat John Corrigan, who worked on the redistricting, called it "a radical change." Obama's new district was, according to The New Yorker's Ryan Lizza, "wealthier, whiter, more Jewish, less blue-collar and better educated."

Lizza wrote: "Corrigan remembers two things about the district that he and Obama drew. First, it retained Obama's Hyde Park base -- he had managed to beat Rush in Hyde Park -- then swooped upward along the lakefront and toward downtown. By the end of the final redistricting process, his new district bore little resemblance to his old one. Rather than jutting far to the west, like a long thin dagger, into a swath of poor black neighborhoods of bungalow homes, Obama's map now shot north, encompassing about half of the Loop, whose southern portion was beginning to be transformed by developers like Tony Rezko, and stretched far up Michigan Avenue and into the Gold Coast, covering much of the city's economic heart, its main retail thoroughfares, and its finest museums, parks, skyscrapers, and

lakefront apartment buildings."

Because this new district helped Obama gain influential contacts and financial resources, Lizza said Obama's gerrymandering "may have been the most important event in Obama's early political life."

Gerrymandering was not the only hard-boiled tactic employed by the young, ambitious politician. Obama engaged in what Democrats today would call "voter suppression" to win his state senate seat in the first place.

To qualify to run, Illinois state Senate candidates must obtain a specific number of valid signatures on a petition. Obama challenged the legitimacy of the signatures on the petitions of his three rivals, including the incumbent, resulting in their disqualification. Will Burns, then a young volunteer for Obama, said, "(Petition-challenging is) one of the first things you do whenever you're in the middle of a primary race, especially in primaries in

Chicago, because if you don't have signatures to get on the ballot, you save yourself a lot of time and effort from having to raise money and have a full-blown campaign effort against an incumbent."

This is exactly what team Obama did. According to a CNN article about Obama's first race: "If names were printed instead of signed in cursive writing, they were declared invalid. If signatures were good but the person gathering the signatures wasn't properly registered, those petitions also were thrown out." Obama ran unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

One of the candidates targeted and eliminated, Gha-is Askia, said, "It wasn't honorable. I wouldn't have done it."

But today, about gerrymandering and alleged Republican "voter suppression," Obama now says, "That is not how democracy is supposed to work." But that is certainly how democracy worked in Chicago.



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HERE'S YOUR RED PILL: READ ALL ABOUT THE BIGGEST "GET-RICH-QUICK" PONZI SCHEME IN WORLD HISTORY

We are in the middle of the biggest "get-rich-quick" Ponzi scheme in world history.

I'm not talking about Covid-19. Covid is real- it's a flu pandemic. This isn't the first flu pandemic. It won't be the last.

But the response by government, Dr Fauci, the CDC, the mainstream media and Democrat politicians has been one gigantic, world-class, two-year long Ponzi scheme.

Here is a real-life healthcare story that explains it all...

One of my close friends thought he was having a heart attack. He asked me to drive him to the hospital. Of course, I dropped everything and rushed him to the ER at Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas.

He was kept at the hospital for 22 hours. He was given a battery of tests. He passed them all with flying colors. The doctors could find nothing wrong. Thank God- there was no heart attack. He was given a clean bill of health. It must have been a "panic attack." Because he is in perfect health.

About two weeks later the bill came. 22 hours in the hospital. Not even one full day. Nothing wrong- so, no treatments of any kind were given.

The bill was \$115,000.

He was in shock. The bill could have given him a real heart attack. This is insanity. The healthcare system is a scam. Thanks Obamacare. What a great job Obama did to "fix" healthcare. Now 22 hours in a hospital costs \$115,000. The frauds in the media won't dare talk about that story.

This also explains everything about the past two years of this Covid pandemic. This is why the reaction to Covid by media, Democrat politicians and medical "experts" has been so hysterical, panicked and exaggerated. It's all about the money.

Here's a simple explanation of the world's biggest "get-rich-quick" Ponzi scheme...

First, Biden, Dr. Fauci, the CDC, FDA, Democrat politicians and the media scare people to death- for a flu with mostly mild to moderate symptoms, with a 99.9% recovery rate. They whip Americans into a frenzy. This turns Americans into paranoid hypochondriacs and hospital junkies.

"If it bleeds, it leads." The more death on the front page, or at the top of the news, the more papers they sell, the higher the ratings for the TV news. And of course, the more billions of dollars spent by Big Pharma on drug and vaccine ads as a "thank you" to the media. This frightens and panics more Americans into taking the vaccine. And the more hysteria, panic and fear, the more Americans rush to the hospital ER.

It's one big vicious cycle that makes everyone at the top filthy rich.

Think of that \$115,000 bill for 22 hours in the hospital. That's for a person that wasn't sick. What if you actually have the flu? Once at the ER, they'll admit you for a day, or two, or three, out of caution (and fear of a lawsuit) and you'll go home with a \$250,000 bill.

What if you actually get seriously ill? That's a trip to the ICU. Whether you live, or die, either way someone gets a \$5,000,000 bill.

Multiply these bills times millions of hysterical, scared-to-death Americans who rush to the hospital ER at the first sign of a cold, cough, fever, or a sneeze. Most of them are poor and on Obamacare, or Medicaid. And it's all paid by OPM- other people's money. The government pays, and pays, and pays some more.

With your taxpayer money.

Everyone involved gets rich quick: The hospitals, doctors, Big Pharma, ventilator makers, mask makers, Covid antigen test makers, vaccine manufacturers, the media that books billions of

dollars in Big Pharma ads, and maybe most of all, the politicians.

Think how much money the hysteria, panic and fear porn, combined with vaccine mandates, have made each Democrat politician that owns stock in publicly-traded hospital, healthcare, drug and vaccine companies?

And this is all separate from the obscene bonuses paid by government to hospitals for each patient that tests positive for Covid; dies with Covid; or gets put on those deadly ventilators. The sicker you are, the more money everyone makes. Keep in mind, they only get paid gigantic bonuses if you're sick, or dead.

I haven't even mentioned all the Americans experiencing heart attacks, strokes, blood clots and advanced cancer directly from the Covid vaccine itself. See the VAERS list. Literally hundreds of thousands of Americans have gotten sick, crippled, permanently disabled or died as a direct result of the Covid vaccine. That's not my opinion, it's all spelled out in the VAERS report (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System).

So, there's another multi-billion-dollar income stream.

And this terrible world class scam is made possible by a conspiracy of government and media slandering and banning the only cheap, highly-effective, miracle drugs and vitamins that work for pennies on the dollar- like Ivermectin, HCQ (hydroxychloroquine), zinc, quercetin, and Vitamins C and D3.

Incidentally, I have on my desktop literally hundreds of studies worldwide that prove the effectiveness of these therapeutics, if taken in the first few days of Covid. They work like a miracle, according to study after study. These same therapeutics literally wiped out Covid almost overnight in the slums of India.

But you've never heard about any of these studies, right? That's because none of them have ever been featured in the mainstream media. I guess there's no space left after the media publishes the lists of Covid cases, hospitalizations and deaths, in order to scare you to death. And the vicious cycle goes on and on.

Bernie Madoff is rolling over in his grave. Covid is a legal license to steal.

We have all just experienced two years of the world's biggest "get-rich-quick" Ponzi scheme.

But now that we know this whole thing was over-blown and exaggerated to scare you to death...now that we know the vaccines don't work as advertised (not even close)...now that we know the vaccines are actually dangerous and in some cases, deadly...now that we know the lockdowns, mask mandates, school closures, business closures, and vaccine mandates accomplished literally nothing...and actually led to more illness, death, depression, addiction, suicide and destruction of our economy...

Why can't anyone responsible for doing all this to us, just admit they were wrong?

Let me tell you another story that explains it all. Years ago, a trusted friend and employee of mine (let's call him "Phil") stole \$1,000 cash from my office. I knew in every bone in my body it was him. He was the only one near my office during the lunch break. He always went out to lunch, but not on the one day the money went missing. He was in a desperate situation and needed the money.

Most telling of all, as Shakespeare would say, "He doth protest too much." That was the real tip-off. He was over-the-top hysterical at the mere thought of me asking him about the crime. He was crying, screaming, begging, banging the table, pacing back and forth like a madman. He swore over and over again he didn't do it, he swore on his mother's grave. He feigned disbelief that his friend (me) could ever accuse him of such a thing. His reaction was so over-the-top, I knew he did it. Nobody innocent would react like that.

I never trusted him again. I never treated him as a friend again. A few weeks later he left the company. We never spoke again.

Fast forward twenty-five years. Out of the blue, he called me a few years ago to confess. He said, "Remember that missing \$1,000 from 25 years ago? You were right. I stole it. I was so desperate. But once I lied to you, and swore I didn't do it, and acted so offended and outraged at the mere idea of you accusing me, I was in so deep, there was no going back. My lie was just too big. I had to stick to my story. I'm sorry. I've carried this burden for 25 years. I just needed to find you and call you and confess. I'm so sorry."

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That explains this entire Covid response.

They're all in too deep. The lie is just too big. The results too catastrophic. They've acted too hysterical and over-the-top. There's no going back.

It started out about greed. Everyone involved wanted to get rich quick. They saw Covid and the vaccine as a way to get filthy rich, unimaginably rich. Rich enough for the next ten generations. "FU money" as they say. And they could pay for it all with OPM- other people's money. They'd get government to pay the whole bill.

Many conservative media personalities throw around the term "depopulation scheme" to explain what's happening with the vaccines. They use the term "mass murder." As if everyone involved wanted to kill off half the world's population. And I do believe there were a few people at the very top of this scam, this pyramid scheme, who are pure evil. Who knows what their true motivation was.

But most of the people involved are not "mass murderers." Doctors don't wake up in the morning and dream of killing all their patients. ICU nurses don't arrive at work looking forward to mass murder. As much as I despise the fake news media, even I don't think they're all in on mass murder.

This evil disaster was all about one thing: pure, unadulterated, greed. The almighty dollar. More money to go around than anyone had ever seen in their lifetimes. Everyone's eyes got as big as saucers.

And then they drank the Kool-Aid.

They wanted to believe in the vaccines (and the masks, and the lockdowns, and the small business closures). They wanted to believe they could do good, while getting filthy rich. They wanted to believe the vaccines worked. They wanted to believe they were saving lives. They wanted to believe they were heroes. They wanted desperately to believe anyone who called the vaccine dangerous or deadly was spreading "misinformation" and had to be stopped. They convinced themselves they had to censor, ban, terminate anyone who disagreed, or dissented from "the company storyline."

And like my friend who stole the \$1,000, once they went far down this road, and sold their souls, there was no going back. They were in too deep. To admit it was all a lie, a deception, a fraud, a "get-

rich-quick" scheme, a Bernie Madoff Ponzi-scheme, means they are guilty of massive crimes against humanity. To even admit they made a mistake, or they were wrong, or they were duped, or they were greedy, and now they regret it, is to admit they misled the world, and they are complicit in millions of deaths and injuries across the globe.

It's not like they can wake up one day and just say "Oops, I made a mistake. I was wrong. This was just the flu. All the lockdowns, masks, vaccines, vaccine mandates, vaccine passports, business closures, school closures, hundred- thousand-dollar and million-dollar medical bills, were all for nothing. I'm sorry. Can we have a do-over?"

Ask my friend Phil. That's not easy to do, or say. Not when the issue is \$1,000 theft, let alone when the issue is millions of deaths and injuries worldwide, trillions in business losses and medical expenses, millions of jobs and careers destroyed, millions of businesses closed, dreams shattered, and a society in shambles.

So instead of apologizing, the media, Democrat politicians and "medical experts" are either doubling down (claiming they were right all along and saved lives), or erasing history and moving on. They hope you forget the past two years. They hope you remember them as heroes, fighting for your health, while in reality they damaged or destroyed your life.

But hey, be thankful. At least you're one of the lucky ones who is still alive.

Now that you know the truth, now that you've seen the light, and swallowed the "red pill," all I ask is that you never forget; that you remember everything that happened; remember who misled you; who cost you; who bankrupted you; who made you sick, or sicker; who got filthy rich off your misery. Then on election day 2022 and 2024, hold them responsible.

I guarantee you only one thing- if we allow the socialists, communists, fascists, tyrants, greedy globalists and insane-with-power control freaks who did this to us, to remain in office, it will start all over again, it will all come roaring back, it will never end.

Come November, vote like your life and your children's life depends on it. **Because it does.**



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How many times have you walked into a voting booth in November and found yourself forced to choose “the lesser of two evils” between the Democrat candidate and a “stand-for-nothing-fall-for-anything” sell-out Republican?

Yeah, us too. Too often.

The problem for the average GOP voter - who doesn't live, eat and breathe politics every day of their life - is that too many Republican candidates talk a good game and run as conservatives to get elected, only to vote like a Democrat once in office.

How to know which GOP candidates are “posers” and which are the real deal? Liberty Watch endorsements! So with no further ado...

U.S. SENATE



The United States Senate is currently evenly divided, 50-50, between Democrats and Republicans, so the GOP needs to pick up at least one seat in November to swing control over to Republicans. And Nevada's seat is one of the top five potential pick-ups on the ballot this year.

There are four Republican candidates vying for the nomination in the GOP

primary, but the choice will come down to one of the top two.

Adam Laxalt was the worst-performing statewide Republican when he won his race for attorney general in the 2014 “red wave.” He went on to lose the race for governor against Sisolak in 2018; a race everyone expected him to win. Simply put, he's a proven weak general election candidate who has more baggage than a Samsonite factory.

And while he may be a Republican who talks a good conservative game, he's without a doubt an establishment “swamp” creature like Mitt Romney and Mitch McConnell. Indeed, his entire campaign is being funded by “swamp” donors and third-party special interest groups in DC. Who do you think he'd answer to if elected; his money backers or Nevada voters?

The simple fact is, Adam really only has one thing going for him: President Trump's ill-advised endorsement.

Indeed, even Laxalt knows he'd be toast without the President's endorsement, which is why he brings it up...every...chance...he...gets. It's so bad that if there was a drinking game where you'd have to do a shot every time Adam and his campaign supporters say “Endorsed by Trump,” we'd all have to join Alcoholics Anonymous!

And while we'd certainly support Adam in the general election if he wins the primary, we also know in our hearts he'd immediately drink the Kool-Aid and “go native” if we send him to DC - just like former Nevada GOP Sen. John Ensign, who forgot the “little people” once he got elected.

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Laxalt's primary opponent, Captain Sam Brown, isn't some rear echelon paper-pusher who got injured in a filing cabinet accident. He's a combat soldier and genuine war hero whose Humvee was blown to smithereens in 2008 by an IED while fighting on the front lines of Afghanistan.

Sam was severely burned from head to toe when the diesel fuel from the explosion set him on fire. It's a miracle he's alive. It's an even bigger miracle that he made it through three long years of painful rehab for his injuries, got married, had three kids, moved to Nevada and built a successful small business helping other wounded warriors return to society.

While the Democrat attack ads against Laxalt write themselves, it's going to be very difficult for Dems to trash Sam's military record, his patriotism and his inspiring story. In addition, Sam has thoroughly proven himself as a candidate on the campaign trail, including his ability to match Laxalt's DC-fueled fundraising numbers with small-dollar donors from all 50 states.

Captain Brown has also captured the hearts and minds of a growing number of President Trump's "America First" MAGA supporters despite his controversial endorsement of Laxalt. Which isn't all that surprising. After all, just because you like pizza doesn't mean you have to like anchovies.

While we believe both Laxalt and Brown have a good chance to knock off Cortez Masto in the general election should the expected "red wave" break our way in November, we also believe Sam would make the stronger opponent and would

have the best chance to win.

Liberty Watch endorses Sam Brown for U.S. Senate.

GOVERNOR



This is arguably the single most important race on the Nevada ballot in November.

We already know what a disaster Steve Sisolak has been, especially in his authoritarian handling of the COVID pandemic and his willingness to sign onto even most radical of the left's legislative agenda. Another four years of his "leadership" and Nevada will complete its conversion into East California.

Vying for the GOP nomination in the primary are 16 Republican candidates, but only five are considered actually viable.

Joe Lombardo, if it comes to that, would absolutely be the preferred lesser-of-two-evils choice in November. However, we fear that his more moderate stances on some key issues would result in him governing much like former tax-hiking, RINO (Republican in Name Only) Gov. Brian Sandoval.

John Lee has an exemplary record as

mayor of North Las Vegas, extensive experience as a state legislator, and decades as a successful business owner. However, his election-cycle conversion from Democrat to Republican for raises legitimate concerns among many GOP voters.

Dean Heller is viable only because he's spent his entire adult life in politics and, therefore, has high name ID. Nevertheless, he couldn't even hold onto his U.S. Senate seat as an incumbent in 2018 after being one of the infamous "Never Trumpers" who threw Donald Trump under the bus in 2016 and helped Hillary Clinton win Nevada. That, in our book, remains an unpardonable sin.

Guy Nohra is new to politics and has a powerful American immigrant success story. However, he remains an untested candidate for office and legitimate questions as to how strong a campaigner he'd be against an incumbent governor and the Democrats' slime machine in the fall are cause for concern.

Joey Gilbert is also a newcomer to politics. However, over the past two years he's been openly at war with Gov. Sisolak over his shutdowns, mandates, and abuse of "emergency powers." He's been attacked relentlessly by the far left, the media and weak-kneed Republicans, yet has never given up nor given in. He's battle-tested, has built an army of passionate grassroots supporters, and will present Nevada voters with a clear choice between an authoritarian, liberal bully and a free-market fiscal conservative in November.

Liberty Watch endorses Joey Gilbert for Governor.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

For 20 years, Lt. Col. Tony Grady served as a pilot in the United States Air Force, including commanding the B-2 Stealth Bomber test squadron. After retiring from military service, Grady spent the next 20 years as an international commercial pilot for FedEx.

So he understands both the government and private sectors.

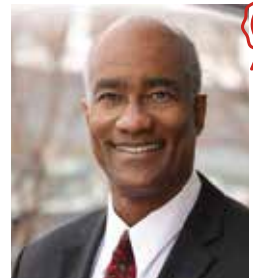
There are six other candidates in the GOP primary, including one former and one current elected official. However, Grady's wealth of real-life experiences, his management background and his commitment to constitutional conservatism makes him an ideal candidate and a valuable new face/voice for Republicans.

Liberty Watch endorses Tony Grady for Nevada Lieutenant Governor.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

This one's a no-brainer. When Gov. Steve Sisolak shut the state down in March 2020, Sigal Chattah, as a private attorney, began suing his administration and challenging the constitutionality of a number of its "emergency" declarations.

She and her co-counsel in the suits, Joey Gilbert (candidate for governor), successfully forced Sisolak and the current Attorney General, Democrat Aaron Ford, to fully reopen Nevada's churches ten



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days before Christmas that year.

She then successfully forced Sisolak to administer the limited number of early COVID vaccines in 2021 to high-risk populations before young, healthy government workers, and sued the Clark County school district over its mask mandate for students.

Sigal is also representing, pro bono (free), Repair the Vote PAC, an organization being sued by Democrats who are trying to block a pair of election security ballot initiatives.

The Republican establishment recruited in February a last-minute, moderate Republican primary opponent, Tisha Black, who they can control.

Black got crushed in her race for county commissioner in 2018, and then dropped off the radar screen politically, devoting her time and attention instead to legal matters related to her family's marijuana dispensary business.

Over the years, she's also donated heavily to Democrats such as Harry Reid, Catherine Cortez Masto and even Gov. Sisolak.

Sigal is an experienced constitutional conservative who has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge promising to oppose any and all efforts to increase taxes. And that's important when you consider the fact that AG Ford unsuccessfully went to court to DEFEND a pair of tax hikes passed by Democrats without the required 2/3 super-majority.

Black has refused to sign the Tax Pledge and is only now speaking up on important issues – by not actually doing anything about them - out of pure political

opportunism and in a vendetta against a true constitutional conservative and fighter.

This one's a no-brainer. Liberty Watch endorses Sigal Chattah for Attorney General.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

Last November the Legislature redrew the district lines in such a way to put this seat, currently held by Democrat Dina Titus, in play. And while there



are a number of credible GOP candidates running in the primary, only one has a long record of successful electoral experience in the district: retired Family Court Judge Diane Steel.

Diane served in the Nevada State Assembly, served as former Lt. Gov. Lonnie Hammargren's chief-of-staff, was elected by voters four times to serve on the 8th Judicial District Court, and served on the bench for 22 years before retiring in 2019. As such, we believe she would be the strongest general election candidate.

Liberty Watch endorses Diane Steel for Congress in the 1st District.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

Nevada's 2nd Congressional District is the only "safe" seat for Republicans. It's currently represented by Congressman Mark Amodei, the lone Republican in the state's congressional delegation.



If re-elected in November - and if

Republicans, as expected, regain the majority in the House - Amodei will be in line for a number of important and powerful congressional committees, which would be extremely beneficial for the state.

Mark is being challenged in the primary by Douglas County Commissioner Danny Tarkanian, who over the last twenty years has run unsuccessfully three times for Congress, once for U.S. Senate, once for Secretary of State and once for the State Senate.

With the stakes so high in Washington, DC this election cycle, now is not the time to jettison the state's leading elected Republican and give up his seniority in the House of Representatives.

Liberty Watch endorses Mark Amodei for re-election in the 2nd congressional district.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3



Nevada's 3rd congressional district is currently represented by Democrat Susie Lee...a nothing-burger if there ever was one who only won re-election in 2020 by a little over 12,000 votes out of more than 417,000 cast. And her newly-redrawn district is even more vulnerable to an upset pick-up this cycle.

Of the five GOP candidates who have filed for this race, one stands out head-and-shoulders above the rest: April Becker.

Becker ran a tough, competitive race in a Democrat-majority district against the sitting State Senate Majority Leader in 2020, coming within 600 votes, out of more than 67,000 cast, of knocking her off

in an election with serious questions of voting irregularities.

April is a solid Republican, tireless campaigner and battle-tested candidate. She has the best chance to pick-up this seat in November.

Liberty Watch endorses April Becker for Nevada's 3rd congressional district.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

Nevada's 4th Congressional District is currently represented by scandal-plagued Democrat Steven Horsford who actually lives in the DC "swamp" and occasionally vacations back here in Nevada around election time.



There are two viable Republicans running in the GOP primary for the opportunity to take out Horsford in the general election.

Sam Peters ran for this seat in 2020 and lost in the primary. He's been campaigning for the seat again ever since and has built up a little name ID from it. He's also a smooth talker and excels at telling voters what they want to hear.

However, talk is cheap - and Peters should have set his sights a little lower, run for a state legislative seat this cycle, and gotten a little governing experience under his belt rather than trying to start at the top.

Annie Black is a sitting Nevada State Assemblywoman who has won four out of the five elections she's run in, including taking out a three-term incumbent in 2020.

She's been a vocal opponent of Gov.

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Sisolak's COVID shutdowns and mandates – organizing and participating in numerous protest rallies – and was a royal pain in the side of Democrat leaders in the 2021 legislative session in calling for the termination of the governor's "Declaration of Emergency" and to reopen the building to the public.

Annie was rated as the #1 conservative legislator in 2021, with a rating of 99.22% by the Nevada Policy Research Institute. She championed spending cuts, tax cuts, election security, border security, school choice, gun rights, parental rights and the rights of the unborn.

And when Democrats demanded that she either wear a mask or produce a "vaccine passport" toward the end of the session, she refused. When they kicked her out of the Assembly Chamber and demanded that she apologize to be allowed back in, she told them to stick it.

Annie Black is a proven conservative, a proven campaigner and a proven fighter who isn't afraid to stand alone against the left, the Democrats, the media and liberal Republicans on matters of principle. She doesn't just talk the talk; she walks the walk. She would, by far, make the strongest general election opponent to Horsford in the general election.

Liberty Watch endorses Annie Black for Nevada's 4th congressional district.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Considering how fouled-up the 2020 elections were, it's critical to elect a new secretary of state who understands constitutional law and will fight back against Democrat efforts to make it easier to cheat in our elections.

Richard Scotti is an attorney, a former district court judge and a former Republican Party chairman. To give you an idea of how committed Scotti is to following the constitution, he's the judge who ruled that government employees cannot also serve in the state Legislature; a decision that had Democrats howling and is currently being considered on appeal with the Nevada Supreme Court.

Judge Scotti's political and campaign experience, along with his proven record of defending the constitution and rule of law make him an ideal candidate for this important position.

Liberty Watch endorses Richard Scotti for Secretary of State.

STATE TREASURER

The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the government of Nevada and is responsible for maintaining the state's funds by investing and maintaining the state budget.

Michele Fiore is the Nevada Republican National Committeewoman, a business owner, a former state assemblywoman and current Las Vegas city councilwoman.

She is well acquainted with dealing with budgets and would make an excellent watchdog over the piles of "Blue State Bailout" money Gov. Sisolak is currently misusing for political and campaign re-election purposes. She's also signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, unlike her primary opponent, Manny Kess.

Liberty Watch endorses Michele Fiore for State Treasurer.

STATE SENATE

*** In State Senate District 17** (rural northern Nevada), Assemblyman and former

Minority Leader Jim Wheeler is squaring off against Assemblywoman and current Minority Leader Robin Titus.

While both have stellar conservative voting records, Titus appointed RINOs to the top leadership positions in her Assembly Republican Caucus who regularly voted with the Democrats while undermining and stymying the conservative agenda and members of the caucus.

Wheeler, on the other hand, has established a conservative Nevada-version of the House Freedom Caucus in Congress. He's also signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge for the Senate race, which Titus had not done at press time.

Liberty Watch endorses Jim Wheeler for Senate District 17.

*** Senate District 16** (Washoe County) had been represented by RINO Sen. Ben Kieckhefer before Kieckhefer resigned last year to take a position in the Sisolak administration.

Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner applied for the appointment to fill the Kieckhefer vacancy but was blocked by county commissioners who said that would give her an unfair advantage since she'd already announced she was running for the seat.

They ended up appointing Dan Tatro who promised at the time he would not run for election to the seat this year. He subsequently broke his promise and filed for the seat anyway. That alone is enough to disqualify him from consideration for our endorsement, in addition to his refusal to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

Krasner has her own problems. Her NPRI conservative vote rating was just

77.26% in the 2021 session, placing her in the bottom half of all GOP elected legislators. In addition, she sided with the moderate wing of the Assembly Republican Caucus and was the swing vote in putting so many RINOs in leadership positions.

Monica "Jaye" Stabbert is a longtime Republican grassroots activist, a conservative talk-show host in Reno and a "boat rocker," while Krasner and Tatro are inclined to go along to get along with the powers that be

Monica's also a constitutional conservative who is extremely well versed on the issues of the day and has been a front-line fighter – organizing protests and rallies - against the Democrats' agenda and Gov. Sisolak's abuse of "emergency" powers. She has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

Liberty Watch endorses Monica "Jaye" Stabbert for State Senate District 16.

STATE ASSEMBLY

There are currently 16 Republicans in the State Assembly, but only seven are running for re-election. Which means the 2022 election cycle presents a huge opportunity to elect better, more conservative candidates to the Republican Assembly Caucus.

*** In Assembly District 2** (Clark County), incumbent Republican Heidi Kasama is a Taxpayer Protection Pledge signer who had a moderate voting record in this "swing" district during her first session last year. We hope if the caucus leadership moves in a more conservative direction, Kasama's voting record will move that way, too. *Liberty Watch endorses Heidi Kasama for Assembly District 2.*

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*** In Assembly District 13** (Clark County), incumbent RINO Assemblyman Tom Roberts is not running for re-election in this Republican-majority district. Dr. Steven DeLisle now lives in that redrawn district and was not only a solid conservative but a solid candidate when he ran in 2020 in his old Democrat-majority district. He has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. *Liberty Watch endorses Steven DeLisle for Assembly District 13.*

*** In Assembly District 19** (Clark County), outgoing Assemblywoman Annie Black has endorsed businesswoman and constitutional conservative Amy Groves as her replacement...and we second that emotion. Amy has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge; none of the other candidates in the race had done so as of press time. *Liberty Watch endorses Amy Groves for Assembly District 19.*

*** In Assembly District 23** (Clark County) - currently represented by RINO Assemblyman Glen Leavitt, who is not running for re-election - Denise Ashurst is an Air Force veteran, a community volunteer, and champion of parental rights. She's also the only candidate to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge in this race at press time. *Liberty Watch endorses Denise Ashurst for Assembly District 23.*

*** In Assembly District 25** (Washoe County), three Republicans are vying to replace RINO Assemblywoman Jill Tolles. Sam Kumar is a longtime GOP activist, former Washoe GOP chairman and a conservative opinion columnist who has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. *Liberty Watch endorses Sam Kumar for Assembly District 25.*

*** In Assembly District 26** (Washoe County), five Republicans are squaring off in the

primary to replace outgoing Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner. Rich DeLong has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and has been endorsed by the Nevada Freedom Caucus. *Liberty Watch endorses Rich DeLong for Assembly District 26.*

*** In Assembly District 36** (Nye & Clark counties), Matt Sadler is challenging incumbent Assemblyman Greg Hafen. Hafen has a mixed voting record, a history of going-along-to-get-along and an aversion to fighting aggressively for the conservative agenda despite being in a rock-solid GOP district. Sadler has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge while Hafen steadfastly refuses to do. *Liberty Watch endorses Matt Sadler for Assembly District 36.*

*** In Assembly District 37** (Clark County), Jacob Deville has been a longtime GOP grassroots activist who ran a strong campaign for this seat in 2020, which was won by outgoing Republican Assemblyman Andy Matthews, who's running unopposed in the Republican primary for State Controller. He has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. *Liberty Watch endorses Jacob Deville for Assembly District 37.*

*** In Assembly District 38** (northern Nevada), Lyon County Commissioner Vida Keller, who was a leading voice in opposition to the Sisolak Shutdown in her county, is running to replace Assemblywoman Robin Titus. She's an experienced, conservative elected official who will rock the boat rather than follow the crowd in the Legislature and has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. *Liberty Watch endorses Vida Keller for Assembly District 38.*

*** In Assembly District 39** (Douglas County), Lyon County Commissioner Ken Gray -

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COWARDS AND LEADERS

Russia's invasion revealed big differences in how politicians deal with threats.

The president of Ukraine, when offered evacuation, said, "I need ammunition, not a ride." He's a leader.

By contrast, in Canada a few weeks before, when truckers staged a protest against COVID-19 rules, the cowardly Prime Minister Justin Trudeau felt so threatened by the peaceful protesters that he went to "a secret location." Then he invoked Canada's Emergencies Act.

That empowered authorities to forcibly break up the protest. In one instance, police rode into a crowd on horseback. People were trampled.

Nasty as that was, the part of the act that turned out *most* effective at stopping protest was freezing protesters' bank accounts.

That's similar to what the West is doing to Russian President Vladimir Putin now.

But Trudeau did it to *his own* people!

"You do have to have a bank account, really, to be able to live," says George Mason University law professor Todd Zywicki in my new video.

"Imagine if, during the Civil Rights era, Martin Luther King could have lost his bank account because he trespassed at a Woolworth's counter."

Of course, more people used cash then. Now we rely on banks and credit cards.

The easily frightened Trudeau justified his use of the Emergencies Act by saying the truckers received "disturbing amounts of foreign funding to destabilize Canada's democracy."

Really? The truckers were going to "destabilize Canada's democracy"?

"I don't know why you would say it's 'destabilizing democracy,'" says Zywicki. "This *is* democracy. Canadians trying to stand up for their rights."

Fortunately, such abuse of power doesn't happen in the United States.

Except it does.

In 2013, Zywicki reminds us, "Companies engaged in completely legal services found themselves losing access to bank accounts ... being forced to shut down."

It happened because the Obama administration launched Operation Choke Point, which encouraged banks to choke off accounts of pornographers, gambling businesses, payday loan operators, gun dealers and other businesses that they didn't like.

Gun dealer Kat O'Connor did everything the government demanded -- filled out the paperwork, got federal and state licenses, paid hefty fees. But suddenly, online payment processors wouldn't deal with her. She then tried companies like Stripe, PayPal and Square. "It always ended up with an email saying they were closing my accounts," she told me. She assumes the blacklisting was "a backdoor attempt at gun control."

It probably was.

Choke Point continued until Donald Trump was elected.

But O'Connor is still blacklisted. Once government labels you a problem, the bureaucrats may choke off your finances forever.

That's infuriating.

But part of my job is taking the other side. So, I said to Zywicki, banks are private businesses, lending their own money. Why should they lend to people they don't like? Private businesses can make whatever choices they choose.

Zywicki had a good answer: Banks are not really private businesses. "There are barriers to entry. You have to get permission to start a new bank. ...

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IS PUTIN A WAR CRIMINAL?

President Joseph R. Biden caused a stir in the media last week when he called Russian President Vladimir Putin "a war criminal."

Biden's statement was apparently made to capitalize on the government's and the American media's monolithic anti-Russian messaging.

Is Putin a war criminal? In a word: No.

Here is the backstory.

Criminals are persons who have been properly convicted by a court that has jurisdiction over them and the place of their alleged crime and where the crimes were written down and accepted prior to their alleged criminal behavior. Putin is not among them.

Yet Biden's provocative statement is worth exploring from a historical and legal perspective as it has been tossed about as if it had lawful meaning. The term has been used politically to refer to unpopular government officials who directed the use of state force in what the media has portrayed as an illicit or disproportionate manner.

What is illicit and what is disproportionate are subjective and for the victor to decide. Victors are never war criminals, as by their victory, they control the apparatus of prosecution or other mechanisms that will insulate themselves from the reach of prosecutors.

If you measure human deaths of innocents per second, the greatest governmental mass killer in wartime was President Harry Truman when he ordered the use of atomic bombs on civilian targets in Japan in August 1945, after he knew from intelligence reports that the Japanese government was prepared to surrender in a matter of days. But because the U.S. won the war, Truman was never prosecuted.

The phrase "war criminal" entered our parlance from the Nuremberg trials of surviving high-ranking Nazi officials after the conclusion of World War II. Those trials alleged that German government officials committed crimes against

humanity.

The crimes alleged were invented ex post facto -- a procedure expressly prohibited in the U.S. -- and were accepted by the American, British and Soviet prosecutors and judges. In a bit of bitter irony, the phrase "crimes against humanity" was coined by Joseph Stalin's hand-picked prosecutor.

Just imagine a court today where the prosecutors get to write retroactive laws to apply to the defendants they are about to try.

This is the culture out of which Nuremberg sprang and the jurisprudence it spawned. Notwithstanding the egregious unfairness of these trials, world opinion generally accepted them.

The chief American prosecutor at Nuremberg, Justice Robert Jackson, a former U.S. attorney general and, at the time, a sitting justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, became a celebrity. He apparently had no hesitation about applying principles in vanquished Germany that were prohibited by the U.S. Constitution he swore to uphold.

The concept that officials of a nation could be prosecuted for violating a body of unwritten laws stirred post-war academic and judicial interest in natural law theory, which teaches that our rights and our understanding of good and evil come from within us and are understood and identified by the exercise of human reason and bind all persons.

Because the natural law prohibits aggression, no government on the planet has felt bound by it. One of the natural law principles that animated Nuremberg and continues to animate contemporary international tribunals is the concept of the just war.

But the baseline natural law principle is the non-aggression principle (NAP). It teaches that all

initiated or threatened aggression -- including from government -- is inherently wrong as a violation of the natural rights of the victim. Thus, only defensive wars are just.

Stated differently, a country -- like a person -- can defend itself from an invader and use violence to do so, but no more violence than is necessary to stop the invasion, lest the defender become the aggressor.

Now, back to Putin. Biden's "war criminal" statement ignores American use of state violence. Biden himself, while a senator, supported President George W. Bush's immoral invasion of Iraq, which slaughtered hundreds of thousands for the purpose of regime change. If Biden means what he says, Bush as well as Truman and himself are war criminals.

The International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands -- the creature of a treaty to which the United States, Russia and Ukraine are not signatories -- is picking up where Nuremberg left off. This court claims universal jurisdiction, but its claim is fanciful.

The legal fiction of universal jurisdiction was created for political reasons by the U.S. Department of Justice during the presidency of Ronald Reagan to prosecute acts of terror committed overseas where the perpetrators were not likely to be prosecuted. It holds that American courts have jurisdiction over crimes against humanity committed by foreign persons in foreign countries.

Today, the fiction of universal jurisdiction is bilateral. Thus, foreign courts -- in the European Union and at The Hague -- claim jurisdiction over the entire globe, including America, Russia and Ukraine.

Justice by consensus or legal fiction is never just. Jurisdiction must be by consent of a proper authority. If a court lacks jurisdiction over the place of the alleged crime and the alleged perpetrator of it, any ruling is a fiction. Can a court in the Netherlands legally condemn Putin because its justices are repulsed by what they see on cable television? Of course not.

The history of human freedom is paying careful attention to procedure and protection of rights.

Don't look at recent history for this, as every post-World War II president -- including Biden -- has unlawfully killed foreign innocents; and they have lived free to boast about it.

But victors' justice presumes that an unaccountable court possesses lawful authority to choose whatever wrongs it can find wherever it can find them and then prosecute them by applying laws and rules that suit its goals, just as American prosecutors have done. This is aggression by judges, no matter the target, and it violates NAP.

Joe Biden should be careful what he asks for. rds and ideas will the feds prosecute next?

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With \$30 trillion of debt -- which has grown by \$5 trillion in just the last two years, with another \$2 trillion of red ink expected to get spilled this year -- you might have expected Congress at least to pretend it will temper its reckless spending proclivities.

But you would be sadly mistaken. Congress has just finalized a \$1.5 trillion spending bill that required 2,741 pages of legislative text. The Heritage Foundation calculates it would take the average congressman over 300 hours to read this bill with all its legal gobbledygook. So, it's a reasonable certainty that members of Congress have no idea what they voted for.

Republicans wanted more defense spending on top of the near \$800 billion we already give each year to the Pentagon. The United States spends more on defense than China, Russia, India, Great Britain, Germany and Japan combined. But that isn't evidenced enough to protect our country, partly because the Biden administration is spending tens of billions of dollars at the Pentagon on climate change and other green programs, which won't protect us from any incoming missiles from our enemies.

Meanwhile, the Democrats wanted tens of billions more for domestic programs, including another \$15 billion for COVID relief. That is on top of the \$4 trillion already authorized since April 2020, with at least \$100 billion still unspent. So, the deal that Republican and Democratic leadership struck was that both sides pretty much would get what they wanted. Taxpayers will be collectively stuck with another increase in their credit card bill that already has 13 zeros.

The House Republicans scored a rare victory (at least temporarily) when they blocked the \$15

billion of funding House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was demanding for COVID, even though tens of billions of COVID money from previous bills haven't been spent. Pelosi threatened to hold the \$13 billion of emergency money for Ukraine hostage until she got the COVID money. When House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy insisted that the COVID money be offset with savings elsewhere in our \$6 trillion annual spending, the Democrats refused because they couldn't find anywhere to cut. Pelosi called that outcome "heartbreaking." For whom is not clear.

The bottom line: There are no spending cuts. None.

But there are big, beefy increases in spending. In the Senate, Appropriations Committee Chairman Pat Leahy and the ranking Republican Richard Shelby, who have both served in Congress for it seems like a combined 100 years and are longtime Senate buddies (Politico reports their wives even hang out together), agreed to a bill that they boast contains a 7% raise, the "largest increase in four years."

You'd think that the government was running a \$2 trillion surplus, not a deficit that big.

The rumor on Capitol Hill is that many Senate Republicans went along with the deal because Shelby is retiring this year. If only the senators had passed a collection basket in the Senate cloakroom to give the retiring Alabama senator a gold watch; think of how much money would have

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WHO SAYS DEMOCRATS ARE SOFT ON CRIME?

Frank Abrokwa is the repeat offender who, to the shock of many, was released after smearing his own feces on the face of a woman waiting in a Bronx subway station. Apparently, nothing on his long rap sheet required bail under New York State's bail reform laws.

My friend Don expressed outrage on Abrokwa's revolving door and urged me to write about it. Don is a mainstream liberal, as are the Democratic masses in our big cities who are voting for law and order.

Not that this reality seeps through the cracks on right-wing media. They persist in lumping the Democratic Party with a fringe element on the far left. Thus, you keep hearing about "the left" being angry over efforts to take the homeless and some criminals off the streets. That this anger is directed mainly at Democratic officials should tell the media something. Progressive cities chose these leaders, so exactly how important are those fringes?

And it's not just the right. Politico thrives on putting conflict in every headline, as do allegedly liberal news sources unable to take their focus off colorful left-wingers who amplify their presence by attacking fellow Democrats. There's a reason why Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez gets so much press while accomplishing so little -- aside from showing off.

Back on the city streets, poll after poll shows Democrats viewing crime as problem No. 1. And the polls that most matter -- the ones on Election Day -- confirm it. Former police captain Eric Adams, the law-and-order Democrat in the New York City's mayoral race, easily won. A recent Marist survey found that 61% of registered voters approved of Adams' performance -- while 40% of that tough urban audience said he was doing a good or excellent job.

Adams says that as a young Black man, he was subjected to police brutality. He understands that some people shouldn't be cops. He also understands that his people need good policing. Some of his strongest support comes from low-income neighborhoods bearing the brunt of crime.

When Adams calls himself the new "face of the Democratic Party," he is not wrong. And that's good for the Democratic Party.

Other new faces belong to new mayors Bruce Harrell in Seattle and London Breed in San Francisco. Breed backed the expulsion of ludicrously woke school board members who dragged their feet on reopening schools.

Harrell was elected by a large margin on his promise to remove Seattle's homeless encampments. He's doing it, sending the inhabitants to shelters and social services.

Which brings up the intersection of lawlessness and social dysfunction. A Boston University poll found that city leaders across the country were most concerned with deteriorating mental health as a consequence of the pandemic.

Story after tabloid story bears this out. The homeless man who pushed an Asian woman onto the tracks in front of a moving New York City subway train had been in and out of jails and mental hospitals. Many of the apparent hate crimes directed against Asians (and others), if you read down, are committed by mentally ill people. Same applies to a variety of weird cases, like the "art lover" who stabbed two employees at the Museum of Modern Art.

Calls for building mental health services should be heeded. The growing consensus, though, is that social workers can help police but can't replace them.

Go ahead and treat mentally ill people, Adams said in a statement after the feces incident. But, he went on, there must be changes to the law regarding those who engage in violence. The law must "keep people who are clearly a danger to others off the street."

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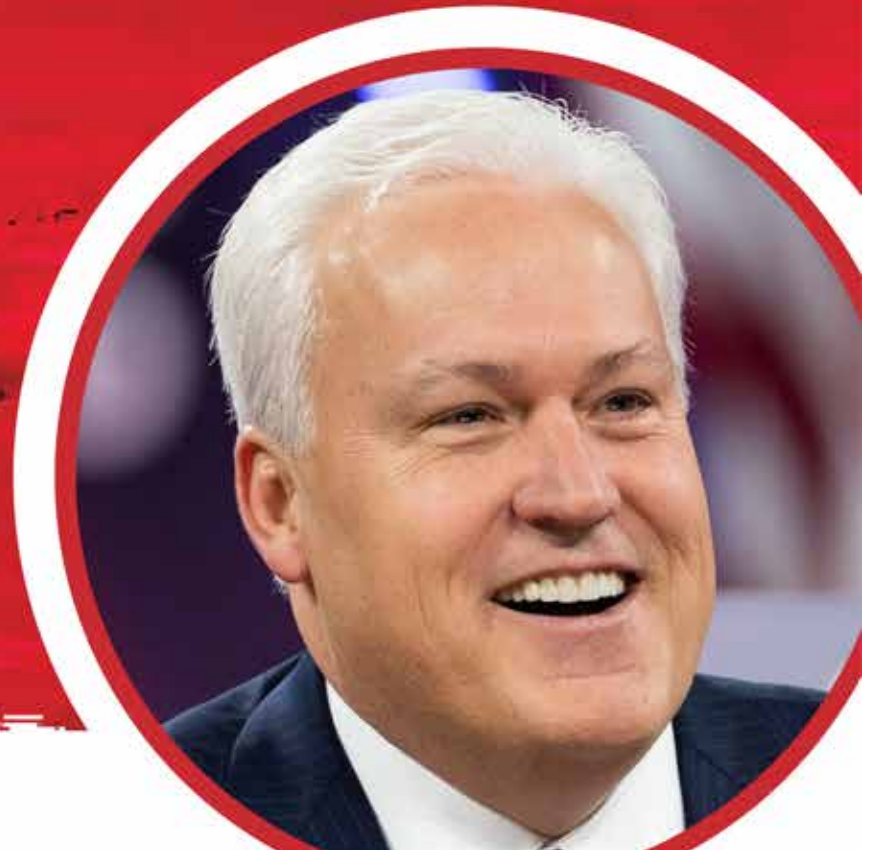
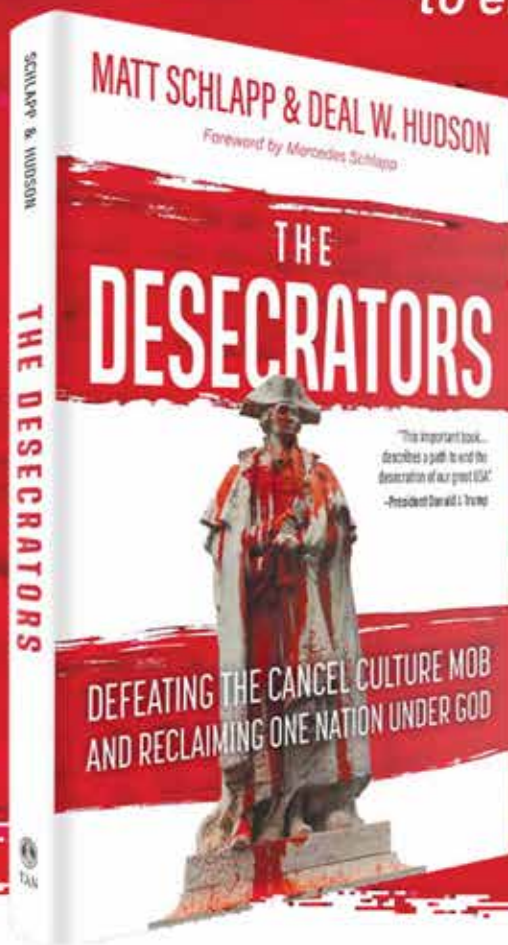
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been saved. Instead, taxpayers get bilked for tens of billions of additional spending, which undoubtedly makes this bill the most expensive going-away present in world history.

The bill is stuffed with pork, and no one seems embarrassed. Congress gave itself a 21% increase in office staff budgets. There is \$600,000 for lobster pots for Maine fishermen, \$2 million for a solar power "equity" program, \$600,000 for a New York greenhouse, \$4.2 million for a program related to sheep and \$1.6 million for a program for Rhode Island shellfish.

At the end of the day, Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer were all smiles because the budget deal funds Biden's "key domestic priorities."

The White House gushed: "The bipartisan funding bill is proof that both parties can come together to deliver for the American people and advance critical national priorities."

A small step for Washington and a giant leap toward national bankruptcy. Congratulations, Congress.

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The financial services industry is so intertwined with government."

That government connection means bureaucrats who regulate banks can silence government's critics by cutting off access to their money. In Canada, protesting truckers resisted pressure from police and politicians for weeks. But once Trudeau froze their money, that was the beginning of the end of their protest.

When governments can de-bank you, you are not really free.

"We need to tolerate people saying things we don't like and separate that from their ability to make a living," says Zywicki. "We've merged those two things. That's a very big threat to the free society."

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author of the anti-Sisolak "Revolution Resolution" and driving force behind the naming of the county courthouse after President Trump – is running to replace Assemblyman Jim Wheeler. Ken is a solid conservative with experience as an elected official. He, too, has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and will be a boat rocker in the Legislature. *Liberty Watch endorses Ken Gray for Assembly District 19.*

*** In Assembly District 40** (Carson City), incumbent Republican P.K. O'Neill is the only Republican remaining in the Assembly who voted for the largest tax hike in Nevada history in 2015. His opponent, Gary Schmidt, is a vocal conservative activist who has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. *Liberty Watch endorses Gary Schmidt for Assembly District 40.*

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CLARK COUNTY'S RELENTLESS TAXES AND FEES ADD UP FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Clark County, the county where Las Vegas is located, is known for a taxpayer-friendly, pro-business climate. At least it used to be.

Unfortunately, in this case, climate change is very real.

While Nevada's status as an income-tax free state is certainly worthy of praise, the reality is Clark County is headed in the wrong direction. In recent years, residents, business owners, tourists and pretty much anyone who has set foot inside Nevada's most populous county has been nickel-and-dimed into submission with a litany of taxes and fees.

While the fees and taxes are often fairly low, they add up. They apply to every imaginable business and impact almost every single aspect of life in Clark County.

And there's no end in sight. The Clark County Commission invents more fees and hikes tax rates higher and higher every year.

In the song "Taxman," The Beatles famously sang: "I'll tax the street

(If you try to sit) I'll tax your seat

(If you get too cold) I'll tax the heat

(If you take a walk) I'll tax your feet"

Well, all of those things are taxed in Clark County.

The streets are taxed through some of the highest local fuel taxes in America. Clark County and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada combine to tax drivers more than \$0.29 per gallon – or \$5.80 for a 20-gallon fill-up. And that's on top of Nevada's state gas tax of \$0.20 per gallon.

Prices at the pump will continue to skyrocket for Clark County drivers for years to come. That's because of a law in place that will hike the cost of local gas taxes to reflect increases in inflation until 2026.

In Clark County, if you buy a chair, you'll have to

pony up a 8.375% sales tax, including a 4.6% state sales tax and a 3.55% local tax – the highest local rate allowed under state law.

The County imposes a 5% tax on every resident's electric and natural gas bills. So no matter how people choose to heat their homes when they get cold, Clark County has a tax ready and waiting.

Clark County also manages to tax people's feet – including \$245 in county fees for a reflexologist who provides message services to the feet, and \$300 in annual charges for podiatrists. Those fees are ultimately paid by their sore-footed patients in the form of higher prices. And there's also that sky-high sales tax on shoes and socks.

Las Vegas may be known as the Marriage Capital of the World, but lovebirds have to pay a price to get married in Sin City. Clark County requires a mandatory \$102 marriage license fee. Getting married at the courthouse costs another \$75. Wedding chapels pay a \$500 annual fee for a license to marry people in Clark County, which makes the bill a little higher for every couple who decide that they're goin' to the chapel and they're gonna get married.

If the couple wants a friend or family member to marry them, that requires an additional \$55 fee. Once the wedding is over, the newlyweds are slapped with a \$6 charge for each copy of their marriage certificate.

If, after a few days, the marriage seems like a bad idea, it's possible to seek an annulment – but not until the county collects \$269 in fees.

Maybe a psychic could've warned against the marriage, but even their prices are higher because of county licensing fees. Tarot card readers, psychic mediums, crystal gazers and other shady hucksters practicing what county bureaucrats call

“Psychic Arts Services” have to pay the county a one-time \$45 application fee, then a \$150 annual business license tax. It’s hard to know who rips off people worse – psychics or the Clark County government.

The government even makes dying expensive in Clark County. The county charges cemeteries, cemetery management services, crematories, funeral homes, morticians and even pet cemeteries a business fee based on how much an entrepreneur or business earns in gross sales.

Those costs, which can be less than \$100 annually for a small, part-time business, or well over \$1,500 a year for a successful funeral home or cemetery, are all passed along to grieving customers.

But the county’s fees don’t end at the grave. Want proof that a loved one died? Be prepared to pony up \$38 for a copy of a death certificate and another \$13 for a mandatory registration fee to the Southern Nevada Health District.

Even man’s best friend is taxed in Clark County. Residents who own more than three dogs are required to inform the county and pay a \$50 fee for an annual inspection of the home by the animal control officer.

If all these taxes and fees are enough to drive

you to drink, I have some bad news. On top of state taxes that are already rolled into the price of alcoholic beverages, restaurants, breweries, bars and liquor stores are forced to pay a series of county fees. These fees typically reach well into the thousands of dollars, and make every pint of beer, glass of wine or shot of whiskey a little more expensive – and a little less enjoyable.

Sadly, the County’s leaders have given up trying to grow the economy and attract businesses by keeping taxes and fees low. Instead, they’ve decided to embrace the socialist approach of trying to snatch every last penny from every available pocket.

As a result, many Clark County residents, business owners and visitors feel ripped off and taken advantage of by the local government. And with dozens of taxes and hundreds of fees, it’s easy to understand why.

Clark County’s reputation for being a low-tax, business-friendly locale with few regulatory burdens used to be deserved. But the county no longer lives up to its reputation.

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