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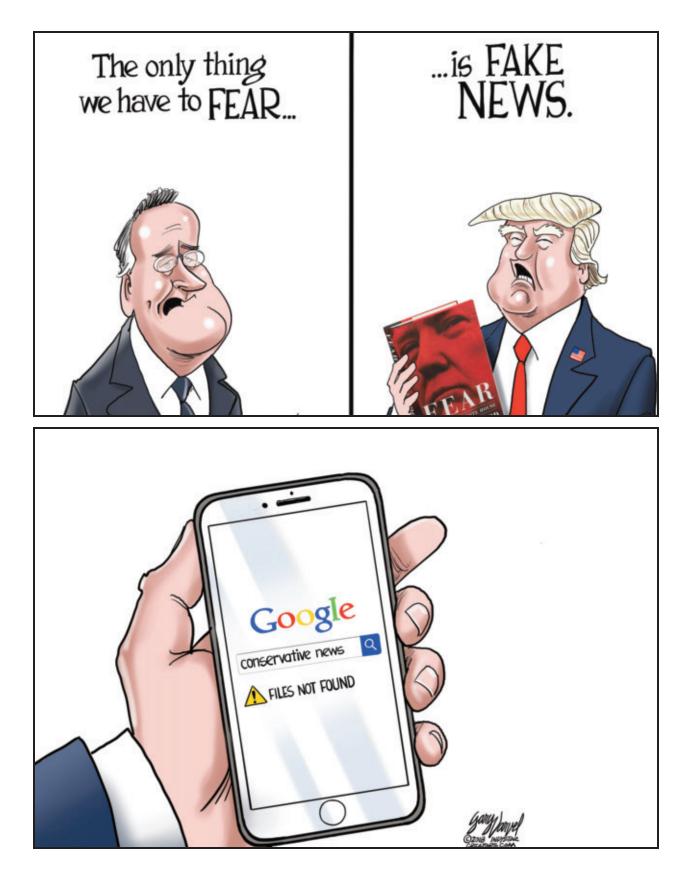
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# JUST THE FACTS



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#### REPUBLICANS, DON'T GET THE ROBERSON RASH Some of my Republican friends tell me they will be "holding their noses" and voting for Michael Roberson for Lt. Governor.

Some of my Republican friends tell me they will be "holding their noses" and voting for Michael Roberson for Lt. Governor. Why on earth would any Republican support Roberson, who as a state senator, shepherded the largest tax increase in the history of Nevada through the State Senate during the 2015 legislative session?

Call him Tax Hike Mike, call him Judas, call him Benedict Arnold, call him anything but Lt. Governor, please. Remember, he claimed the \$1.5 billion tax increase was for education. In fact, only 40 percent of the tax increase went for education.

The tax is what's keeping Tesla and con man Elon Musk in business. Ostensibly a car company, Musk's operation lives on the backs of other Nevada businesses that actually pay Roberson's commerce tax. The Reno Gazette Journal just reported Tesla and battery maker Panasonic qualify "for \$23.3 million in transferable tax credits on the quarter and increases the total amount of qualified credits so far to \$167 million.

The key word is "transferable." Since the Musk machine doesn't make income they sell the tax credits to keep their con game afloat, courtesy of "Tax Hike" Mike Roberson. Moody's Investors Service downgraded Tesla's credit rating to B3, from B2, deep in junk territory six levels below investment grade. The company's cash burn is \$1 billion a guarter.

Nevada Democrats have tried to pass a commerce tax or equivalent for years and couldn't get it done. As one Democratic senator said after Roberson rammed the commerce tax through, "If I'd have known it took a Republican to get this tax passed, I'd have supported Republicans a long time ago."

You may think Roberson can do no harm as Lt. Governor, because, well, it's what the mob calls a "no-show" job. However, if allowed to hold this office, Roberson will be a wolf in sheep's clothing, caucusing with Republicans, then crossing the isle to stab them (and taxpayers) in the back.

In Question 3's "battle of the billionaires" Roberson is siding with the big casinos who supported the commerce tax and have lots of energy options. Las Vegas Sands is bankrolling 'yes" on Question 3 to the tune of \$10 million. LVS is Roberson's largest donor at \$55,000 and is the primary funder of Roberson sidekick gubernatorial candidate, Adam Laxalt.

"Supporters of a break from NV Energy comprise of some heavy hitters in Nevada industry, who claim that they can get a better deal in the open market while also getting more diverse options for renewable energy," reports the Reno Gazette Journal. "These include hotel-casinos such as Las Vegas Sands Corp., Wynn Resorts, MGM Resorts and Peppermill Casinos, Inc., as well as high-profile technology companies like Switch and Tesla Motors."

Roberson always sides with the heavy hitters. When he was Senate majority leader Roberson refused to allow for a vote that would fund Educational Spending Accounts (ESA,) during the 2016 special session. However, in that same special session, Roberson voted "yea" to \$750 million in taxpayer money to be spent on Raiders Stadium. With tickets priced from \$25,000 to \$75,000 Roberson's vote helped ensure millionaires will watch multi-millionaires play football for the benefit of soon to be billionaire, Raiders team owner, Marc Davis.

Roberson killed a bill that would allow adult students to use their lawfully obtained concealed carry permits on college campuses. When honest, law-abiding people are stripped of their constitutional right, they can't protect themselves.

Senator Roberson pushed through SB303, which gave illegal aliens the ability to obtain a Nevada driver's license. By definition, the term "illegal" means you're breaking the law. Roberson is an attorney, an officer of the court, yet he sanctions illegal activity?

Dear fellow Republicans, do Roberson's actions sound like any sort of Republican to you? If you reward bad behavior, we will all live the with the bad policies. Roberson has inflicted enough carnage on the state. Don't let him do any more.



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# LEGAL BRIEF



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### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD'S GENERAL COUNSEL ISSUES GUIDANCE ON Employer Handbook Rules

On June 6, 2018, the National Labor Relations Board General Counsel issued GC Memorandum 18-04, Guidance on Handbook Rules Post-Boeing. In the Memorandum, the General Counsel analyzes various common work rules and employment policies to determine if they violate the National Labor Relations Act under the Board's recent employer-friendly holding in The Boeing Company, 365 NLRB No. 154 (2017). Employers should review and revise their employee handbooks and policies to ensure compliance with the GC's guidance and take advantage of the Boeing ruling.

In The Boeing Company decision, the Board announced a new standard for analyzing whether a work rule violates employees' rights under the NLRA. The new standard focuses on the balance between the rule's negative impact on employees' ability to exercise their Section 7 rights and the rule's connection to employers' right to maintain discipline and productivity in their workplace.

In Boeing, the Board delineated three categories of employment policies, rules and handbook provisions:

Category 1 includes rules that the Board designates as lawful to maintain, either because (i) the rule, when reasonably interpreted, does not prohibit or interfere with the exercise of NLRA rights; or (ii) the potential adverse impact on protected rights is outweighed by justifications associated with the rule.

Category 2 includes rules that warrant individualized scrutiny in each case as to whether the rule would prohibit or interfere with Act rights, and if so, whether any adverse impact on Actprotected conduct is outweighed by legitimate justifications. Category 3 includes rules that the Board will designate as unlawful to maintain because they would prohibit or limit Act-protected conduct, and the adverse impact on Act rights is not outweighed by justifications associated with the rule.

In GC Memorandum 18-04, the General Counsel analyzes common employer rules and provides guidance to the regional directors regarding the placement of the rules into the three categories.

### Category 1 rules are generally lawful and regional directors should dismiss the charge absent withdrawal.

Category 1 are permissible rules as they cannot reasonably be interpreted as violating an employees' right to self-organization, to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their choosing, and to engage in other concerted activities for the purposes of collectively bargaining, and include:

- Civility Rules. "Behavior that is rude, condescending or otherwise socially unacceptable is prohibited" is an example of a lawful civility rule.
- No Photography Or Recording Rules. "The use of cameras or other recording devices is prohibited" is an example of a lawful rule.
- Insubordination Rules. "Being uncooperative with supervisors . . . or otherwise engaging in conduct that does not support the Employer's goals and objectives is prohibited" is an example of a lawful insubordination rule.
- Disruptive Behavior Rules. "Creating a disturbance on Company premises or creating discord with clients or fellow employees" is an example of a lawful disruptive behavior rule.

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However, employers must exercise care using disruptive behavior rules to discipline employees for strikes or walkouts.

- Confidentiality Rules. Rules banning the discussion of confidential, proprietary, or customer information that make no mention of employee or wage information are generally lawful. "Do not disclose confidential financial data, or other non-public proprietary company information" is an examples of a lawful rule.
- Rules Against Defamation or Misrepresentation. "Misrepresenting the company's products or services or its employees is prohibited" is a lawful rule.
- Rules Against Using Employer Logos Or Intellectual Property. "Employees are forbidden from using the Company's logos for any reason" is an example of a lawful rule.
- Rules Requiring Authorization To Speak For The Company. "The company will respond to media requests for the company's position only through the designated spokespersons" is an example of a lawful rule.
- Disloyalty, Nepotism Or Self-Enrichment Rules. "Employees may not engage in conduct that is disloyal . . . competitive, or damaging to the company such as illegal acts in restraint of trade or employment with another employer" is an example of a lawful rule.

#### Category 2 rules require an evaluation of the rule in question on a case by case bases using the Boeing standard, and include:

- Broad conflict-of-interest rules that do not specifically target fraud and self-enrichment and do not restrict membership in, or voting for, a union.
- Confidentiality rules broadly encompassing "employer business" or "employee information" (as opposed to confidentiality rules regarding customer or proprietary information, or confidentiality rules more specifically directed at employee wages, terms of employment, or working conditions).

- Rules regarding disparagement or criticism of the employer (as opposed to civility rules regarding disparagement of employees).
- Rules regulating use of the employer's name (as opposed to rules regulating the employer's logo/trademark).
- Rules generally restricting speaking to the media or third parties (as opposed to rules restricting speaking to the media on the employer's behalf).
- Rules banning off-duty conduct that might harm the employer (as opposed to rules banning insubordinate or disruptive conduct at work) or rules specifically banning participation in outside organizations.
- Rules against making false or inaccurate statements (as opposed to rules against making defamatory statements.

### Category 3 rules are unlawful to maintain. They include:

- Confidentiality Rules Specifically Regarding Wages, Benefits, or Working Conditions. For example a rule stating employees are prohibited from disclosing salaries or the contents of employment contracts is unlawful.
- Rules against joining outside organizations or voting on matters concerning employer are unlawful.
- The Memorandum also notes that "rules that specifically ban protected concerted activity, or that are promulgated directly in response to organizing or other protected concerted activity, remain unlawful.
- Moreover, the Board held that the application of a facially neutral rule against employees engaged in protected concerted activity is still unlawful." LW

This GC Memorandum is the first guidance employers have had since The Boeing Company decision. Employers should review and revise their employee handbooks and policies to ensure compliance with the GC's guidance and take advantage of the Boeing ruling and ensure they are supported by the Boeing standard. This will help avoid unfair labor practice charges and ensure that the employer's rules are enforceable.

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#### SCREAMING AND WHINING AREN'T STRATEGIES This week, Democrats pulled out all the stops in their attempts to stop President Trump's pick, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, from gaining a seat on the Supreme Court.

Now, Democrats have no power to stop Kavanaugh's ascension; thanks to former Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., Democrats invoked the so-called nuclear option in order to reduce the burden for approving judicial nominees down to a simple majority. This has left Democrats and their allies with two options and two options only: screaming and whining.

First, the screaming.

Democratic Sens. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., and Cory Booker, D-N.J., both of whom have already announced they will not support Kavanaugh's nomination, attempted to shut down the Senate Judiciary Committee Kavanaugh hearing. Harris immediately called for an adjournment so that she could supposedly review more of Kavanaugh's documents. Then Booker jumped in. By the end of the first 40 minutes of the hearing, Harris had interrupted eight times; Booker 10 times; Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., 13 times; Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, six times; Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., three times; Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., twice; Se. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. once; and Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., once. Apparently, all were acting at the behest of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who was attempting to run out the shot clock ... or something.

That was just the beginning. Women's March activist and terrorist sympathizer Linda Sarsour showed up to scream at Republicans; she was arrested. Several more feminist protesters showed up dressed as cast members of "The Handmaid's Tale"; other feminists simply screamed at the top of their lungs during the hearing, forcing their ejection. Planned Parenthood Action tweeted, "This is what the resistance looks like, and we're going to fight like hell to #StopKavanuagh."

The screaming, needless to say, did not work.

And so, the Democrats deployed the next prong of their attack: whining. First, a bevy of leftist commentators on Twitter deployed to inform Americans that Zina Bash, a former Kavanaugh law clerk, was secretly utilizing a white supremacy signal while sitting behind Kavanaugh. Amy Siskind of The Weekly List tweeted, "What fresh hell is this!!!??? Kavanaugh's assistant Zina Bash giving the white power sign right behind him during the hearing? This alone should be disqualify!!!" Eugene Gu, a Twitter celebrity doctor, called the supposed sign a "national outrage and a disgrace to the rule of law." Video of Bash earned millions of views on Twitter within a few hours.

There's only one problem: Bash is half-Mexican and half-Jewish, and her paternal grandparents were Holocaust survivors. Oops.

But more whining was in order. Fred Guttenberg, the father of a Parkland shooting victim, stated that he tried to introduce himself to Kavanaugh but Kavanaugh wouldn't shake his hand. Again, there was only one problem: That never happened. White House deputy press secretary Raj Shah explained: "As Judge Kavanaugh left for his lunch break, an unidentified individual approached him. Before the Judge was able to shake his hand, security had intervened."

Here's the truth: Judicial hearings are largely useless at this point. Thanks to the destruction of Reagan nominee Judge Robert Bork in 1987, judicial nominees know not to answer direct questions about judicial rulings and philosophy, and senators know to only ask questions most likely to land them on television. With that in mind, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., should simply bring up Kavanaugh for a vote and end this circus.

But he won't. The circus will continue. Our politics will continue to degrade. Anybody who thinks President Trump is the sole performer under the big top should realize that the circus has three rings, and Democrats occupy at least one of them.

## DOLLAR BILLS



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### **MEGA-MERGERS DESTROY CAPITAL**

#### A recent edition of Grant's Interest Rate Observer led with, "Time Warner, Inc. was put on this earth not to produce Game of Thrones but to punctuate the cycles of investment enthusiasm."

Grant's reminds the forgetful that a few bubbles ago Time Warner and AOL merged and that "announcement in 2000 rang down the curtain on the dot-com era."

The Time Warner - American Online (AOL) merger was a colossal \$111 billion deal. A blink in time later, May 2009, the CEO of Time Warner, Jeff Bewkes, announced the two companies were separating, the merger was but a brief hookup instead of a marriage.

Now Time-Warner is making merger with AT&T, and Grant's wonders if the deal "may epitomize the post-2008 corporate-credit boom."

"The new AT&T is a kind of triptych," writes Grant's, "one-third wireless, one-third wireline and one-third entertainment."

Of course, anything can work on paper if the guys and gals in the corner office want it to. In a 2011 piece for mises.org, I wrote,

A former director of Coopers & Lybrand told author Mark Sirower, "Lotus is the culprit in failed acquisitions. It is too easy to assume anything you want in perpetuity without any understanding of the economics of an industry, and package it in a beautiful report."

In his book The Synergy Trap, Sirower says valuation models turn on three things: free-cashflow forecasts, residual value, and a discount rate.

The cost of capital is integral to making these assumptions. The lower the assumed interest rate or cost of capital, the higher the price for the acquisition that the models will justify.

And if anyone is assuming today's Fed-induced microscopic interests rates will last forever, well, now would be the time to be selling instead of buying. Once interest rates go up, these valuation models will be blown up along with the governmentemployee pension-plan assumptions.

It's hard to make something work out economically if you overpay in the first place. And that is most often what happens. Companies overpay for the firms they acquire.

It's the rare business combination that works out. I mentioned, according to Max Landsberg and Dr. Thomas Kell at the consulting firm Heidrick & Struggles, 74 percent of mergers fail. "Two-thirds of the newly formed companies perform well below the industry average," according to the Harvard Management Update. Although "up to 70 percent [of mergers] failed to create value, it seems clear that the end is not yet in sight," claims Financial Executive. And the Journal of Property Management says "60 percent to 80 percent of all business combinations undergo a slow, painful demise."

In the AT&T/Time Warner merger there is the additional problem of the debt load. "If pro forma AT&T were a country," Craig Moffett tells Grant's, "it would place 32nd on the list of highest total debt burdens, between Indonesia (at \$335 billion) and the UAB (\$220 billion). Pro forma leverage, on an adjusted basis, will now be 3.9 times EBITDA,"

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"M&A is now--arguably, always has been--a leap in the dark," Grant's writes. The primary problem is size itself. Ludwig von Mises explained socialism doesn't work because there was no market to determine prices and thus calculate how resources should be used. Behemoth companies are no more immune than government bureaucracies.

Murray Rothbard explained,

Economic calculation becomes ever more important as the market economy develops and progresses, as the stages and the complexities of type and variety of capital goods increase. Ever more important for the maintenance of an advanced economy, then, is the preservation of markets for all the capital and other producers' goods.

Professor Peter Klein furthers the point in his book The Capitalist and the Entrepreneur,

as soon as the firm expands to the point where at least one external market has disappeared, however, the calculation problem exists. The difficulties become worse and worse as more and more external markets disappear, as [quoting Rothbard] "islands of non calculable chaos swell to the proportions of masses and continents. As the area of incalculability increases, the degrees of irrationality, misallocation, loss, impoverishment, etc, become greater."

Grant's closed the AT&T analysis with, "There is nothing certain about the new Time Warner corporate marriage, only the time-honored tendencies of governments to inflate, investment bankers to promote, corporate CEOs to deal--and ground-hugging interest rates to addle the brain."

In the end, this latest corporate knot-tying will crumble and destroy capital. **LW** 

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### politics MUTH'S TRUTHS



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#### If you're looking for a silver lining for conservative Republicans in the upcoming general election, don't waste your time with Assembly Republicans.

These people could screw up a two-car funeral – and regularly do.

Republicans are currently on the short end of a 27-15 split. Which means they're just one seat away from ending up in a SUPER-minority that would be unable to sustain soon-to-be GOP Gov. Adam Laxalt's vetoes.

There are currently 10 incumbent Republicans, all of whom are favored to hold onto their seats in the general election – though not all of them are "locks."

Republicans should also be able to hold onto open Assembly seats in Districts 13 (Tom Roberts), 22 (Melissa Hardy), 23 (Glen Leavitt), 32 (Alexis Hansen) and 36 (Dennis Hof).

Alas, since Republicans never blow an opportunity to blow an opportunity, the Republican Assembly Caucus has refused to back Hof (one of my clients) in the AD36 race – which is the same as backing the Democrat. And if the Democrat wins, these people will be in a super-minority unless they pick up another seat from the Democrats somewhere.

The only real shot at that is in the Assembly District 31 race in Reno where Democrat Assemblyman Skip Daly will be facing off in a rematch versus Republican challenger and former District 31 Assemblywoman Jill Dickman who he beat in 2016 after she beat him in the 2014 "red wave" – which isn't likely to appear again in 2018.

There are other races that Assembly GOP leaders will tell you are in play. One problem: Those same GOP leaders.

Assembly Minority Leader Jim Wheeler of Douglas County – whose political skills extend only to his own personal political ambitions – is not only clueless about overall political strategy and tactics, but is especially clueless when it comes to elections in urban Clark County where most of the potential pickup seats are located. Wheeler-Dealer is perhaps the most inept caucus leader the Republicans have had in the last 20 years. And when you look at the list of his wishy-washy, go-along-to-get-along, incompetent, "surrender monkey" predecessors, that's saying something!

Add in the fact that no one who isn't under the influence of psychedelic mushrooms believes there's a prayer of the GOP getting back into the majority. Which means funding from the Carson City special interest/lobbyist corps will be token, at best.

Optimistically, MAYBE Republicans will be able to pick up a seat in November if Hof holds on and there's a "Trump wave" to drag Dickman across the finish line. But it's just as possible that they'll lose a seat. Or two. Or three.

Not that it would make any difference. Remember 2015? Republicans had a 27-15 MAJORITY. And what did they do with it? Passed the largest tax hike in Nevada history. Collectively, as a group, these people aren't just rubes. They're boobs.

The few strong, principled exceptions to the rule include Assemblywoman Robin Titus and Assemblymen John Ellison, Jim Marchant and Richard McArthur. But absent a highly unlikely conservative miracle in November, they're hands are gonna be tied. They'll once again be a minority within the minority.

Which means in the 2019 legislative session we'll be stuck watching General Wheeler-Dealer do for conservative Republicans what General Custer did for the U.S. Cavalry at Little Big Horn. Indeed, it could be so bad that we'll all be pining for the glory days under spineless Minority Leader Garn "Maybe" Mabey.

But hey, at least we'll have "Tax Hike Mike" Roberson as our lieutenant governor, right?

We're doomed. LW

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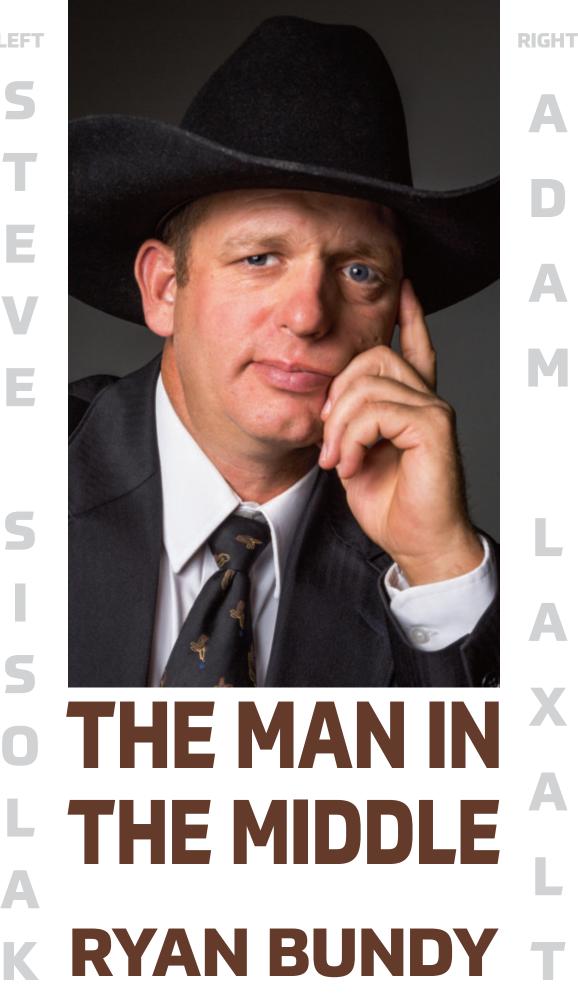
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#### For a liberty candidate, there is no greater endorsement than support from former Texas congressman Ron Paul, who wrote on Facebook, "Ryan Bundy is running for governor of Nevada because he is tired of government abuse, and I hope Nevadans will consider giving him their vote."

Dr. Paul reminds us, "Ryan Bundy knows first-hand how the federal government feels about our civil liberties. He was imprisoned for two years waiting for his trial on charges related to the Bundy Ranch standoff with federal authorities. The government side was found to have withheld evidence that could have been used in his defense, thankfully leading to a mistrial."

While Bundy has no legal training, he is undefeated in court. Bundy represented himself twice against the U.S. government and won each time. He credits the Lord's inspiration and aid from a handful of people he never met who helped him prepare motions and other court documents for his two wins against the federal government. Representing himself wasn't his first choice, but, the public defender assigned to him didn't believe in his case, and, "was a liberal and an atheist."

Bundy says he was approached by an attorney in Oregon who did believe in his case but wanted \$500,000. He did not want to, in his words, "financially imprison myself with that kind of debt."

In July, U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro, an Obama appointee, ruled the federal government could not reopen the case against the Bundy family and 14 others. She had dismissed charges against them in January due to what she called "flagrant misconduct" by government prosecutors.

"On the contrary," Navarro wrote, "a universal sense of justice was violated by the government's failure to provide evidence that is potentially exculpatory." Prosecutors had withheld evidence that government agents provoked the Bundy family into calling supporters for help by acts "such as the insertion and positioning of snipers and cameras surveilling the Bundy home," the judge wrote in her 11-page ruling.

Attorney Bret Whipple called Navarro's ruling "a direct rebuke to the federal government, the Bureau of Land Management and the different prosecuting agencies."

#### THE FOURTH BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT --- WE THE PEOPLE

Bundy is not a man who brags. His boots and jeans are worn from honest work on his family's ranch. The day we met, he rolled the sleeves of his colorful blue cowboy shirt to the elbow, exposing powerful forearms. A government-issued bullet remains lodged in his right shoulder. He made no mention of it. I got the feeling he'd have rather been on horseback, looking for stray steers, than talking to me on that hot summer day in Mesquite.

Bundy says he was encouraged to run for governor when he got out of prison. However, it is Bundy's faith that guides him. He prayed and the Lord told him to run for governor.

I was skeptical about his choice of office, given what he is passionate about seem to be federal, not state, issues.

However, Bundy believes a state governor has more power than the federal government. The fifty sovereign governments (states) are not "subdivisions of Washington D.C.," he said and quickly explained, "the founding fathers set it up for states to be sovereign and have united and collective interests with other states."

As governor, "I will not pander to the federal government," Bundy stressed. "I don't run to legislate, I run to de-legislate."

Bundy adds a fourth branch to the government. In addition to the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches, he includes WE THE PEOPLE.

It is the duty of each branch to provide checks and balances on the other branches with the People

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being the ultimate check on government's power and overreach. The citizenry has shirked their duty says Bundy, due to ignorance. "We can't be ignorant and free," he says.

"Ignorance leads to tyranny."

The people's check on the federal government took a large step backward with the 17th amendment with Senators being elected by voters rather than state legislators. With that change, that most Americans are unaware of, the individual states' checks on federal power were lost. At the same time, people have stopped being a check on state government due to lack of education and ignorance.

Bundy made the point that members of the House of Representatives are only elected to two year terms so they will be responsive to people. Because senators have six year terms they are "now accountable to no one but D.C.," he said. "They forget the interests of the people."

"People have forgotten what freedom is," Bundy said. "Government only has authority that we the people give it." When asked about his view on storing the nation's nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, Bundy responded, "The Feds can't force nuclear waste to be stored in a sovereign state." Yet, he's not opposed to negotiating with individual states with nuclear reactors to accept nuclear waste and reprocess the material.

Mr. Bundy feels the country has benefited from the Trump presidency because of his business sense. Trump has turned the balance of power back towards the people, according to Bundy, whereas Hillary would have tilted power more toward government. Trump has put a cap on federal government growth that we don't hear much about because of all of the scandals. For instance, not filling many positions in the federal government including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

#### **ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION PURIST**

Bundy tells me he's a constitutional purist. He will restore Nevada's sovereignty, that the state is "not a subdivision of D.C."

"In 1864, President Lincoln said Nevada had equal footing with other states, but that was

never true," Bundy said. Examples being; ninety percent of the land in Nevada is owned by the federal government, atomic testing that was done in the 1950s, and the 'secret' base Area 51.

He then says "the clearest description of states comesfromthedescriptionoftheoriginal13states." Many voters have heard of the Constitution, but the original 13 states were officially established by the Articles of Confederation, ratified on March 1, 1781. The Articles created a loose confederation of sovereign states operating alongside a weak central government. Unlike the current powersharing system of "federalism," the Articles of Confederation bestowed most governmental powers to the states.

Bundy is really an Articles of Confederation purist. Thus, he holds the view that being governor of a state is a more powerful position than senator or house member or president, for that matter. The confederation as "a firm league of friendship" of states "for their common defence, the security of their liberties, and their mutual and general welfare," as Article III describes. Under the Articles, each state retained its "sovereignty, freedom, and independence."

It's clear Bundy is conversant with the Articles. He peppers his vision of government with; "Although the states remained sovereign and independent, no state was to impose restrictions on the trade or the movement of citizens of another state not imposed on its own," and the inhabitants of each state are to enjoy the "privileges and immunities of free citizens" of the others. Movement across state lines was not to be restricted.

#### **FEDERAL LANDS**

Ryan Bundy's name is associated first and foremost with federal lands. The bullet he carries in his shoulder is a constant reminder of the issue. He spent two years in jail as a political prisoner over federal lands. Ryan Bundy has every reason to be bitter. Whether it be his faith or reason, he doesn't sound bitter, only determined.

In conversation he often mentions Article 1, Section 8, clause 17 of the Constitution in such a way that he assumes the listener is as familiar with it as he is.

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Other than Hoover Dam and some parcels in Carson City, Bundy points out that the federal government just took the vast majority of land in the State in violation of Article 1, Section 8, clause 17 and Nevada state government didn't check the federal government's land grab.

#### **GOVERNING PRIORITIES**

State sovereignty is Bundy's number one priority. Don't look for Mr. Bundy, in his cowboy hat, working the halls of Congress or any other halls in D.C. "What would happen to federal government offices in Nevada, when you're elected," I wondered. "They'll all be shut down," Bundy quickly answered. "They will have no business in Nevada."

Judicial reform is priority number two, framed from having spent two years in federal prison without being charged with a crime. Bundy says he met a number of prisoners who hadn't been charged and had spent years behind bars in violation of "the right to a speedy trial."

Asset forfeiture is wrong in Bundy's view, with law enforcement seizing people's property and in many cases not charging the owner of the property with a crime. Asset forfeiture is just a government property grab.

He also believes in jury nullification and said, "Jury nullification is how we get rid of bad laws."

When pressed for a third priority, Bundy said, "people always want to talk about education." However, money is not the answer. In fact, he admitted the best case would be no government schools. His vision is competing schools with specialized curriculums. "Education money should go to students to buy the education they want," he said.

The Clark County School District is far too large he added. It's too bureaucratic and too far removed from parents and teachers. The district should be broken up and the individual districts can make whatever deals they wish with the



teachers' union. Bundy's children attend public school in Mesquite.

### TAXES, RAIDERS STADIUM, & AN AWAKENED POPULACE

After calling himself a purist, he later said, "I am a simpleton." Indeed, advocating for freedom and less government (1781 style government) is simple, and to this writer, refreshing. He didn't dodge any questions, or pull any punches.

In Bundy's view property taxes should be abolished, because these taxes take away property rights. After all, property taxes mean property "owners" really just rent from government.

He is against income taxes and therefore "the commerce tax is completely wrong." In Bundy's view, any taxes should be consumption taxes, for instance, in his view, gaming taxes are a form of consumption tax.

As far as candidate Steve Sisolak's favorite government program, Raider's stadium, "government shouldn't be involved."

When asked about Obamacare, the candidate closed his eyes and looked to the heavens. "Let's think about it this way, government shouldn't be involved in healthcare."

Bundy considered running as a Republican but the party is "too corrupt." The Independent American Party is "too small" and so he "put the decision to prayer," and he's running unaffiliated, but with lots of name recognition.

Bundy has run unsuccessfully for office in Utah but "people are more awake now," he says, after the 2014 Bundy Ranch standoff and Oregon refuge takeover

"We went to the refuge to free the Hammonds and wake up the people," Bundy said. "The Hammonds are now free [pardoned by President Trump] and the people have woken up." including Republicans and Democrats. "They should vote for me. I'm the only principled candidate."

"Principle over Politics" is my campaign slogan," Bundy told me. For sure, he is no politician. He shoots straight, is likable, smart, and trustworthy.

He has proved already, if he believes in your cause, he will take a bullet for you.

Voters, he believes in your sovereign state of Nevada. **LW** 







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# RISKY & COSTLY

Question 3 Would Lock a Risky & Costly Experiment Into Nevada's Constitution

Question 3, a Constitutional Amendment measure on this November's ballot, would dismantle and deregulate Nevada's existing electricity system, raise our electricity rates, eliminate consumer protections, cost Nevada ratepayers billions, turn control of our electricity system over to other states and the federal government, and lock a risky experiment into Nevada's constitution.

Many states - including Nevada in the late 1990s – tried unsuccessfully to deregulate their electricity systems. Deregulated states have seen significantly higher electricity prices, less reliable service, rolling blackouts, spikes in customer complaints, and predatory marketing scams that target seniors and consumers on low and fixed incomes.

So why would we disrupt one of the nation's most reliable and affordable electricity systems to replace it with a new, unknown system established by politicians and the courts? The answer is that Nevadans shouldn't take that risk.

A risky and costly Constitutional Amendment

No state has attempted electricity deregulation in nearly 20 years, and we'd be the only state to ever initiate electricity deregulation through a Constitutional Amendment. No subsequent piece of legislation by the Nevada State Legislature can get around it or undo it. Consequently, Question 3 would require a lengthy, multi-year process should the Legislature find electricity deregulation is infeasible or should Nevadans want to see it repealed.

Question 3 also contains no plan for what Nevada's new, unknown electricity system would look like or how it would function. In fact, if passed, Question 3's implementation would be left entirely to politicians and lobbyists at the Nevada Legislature. In one study, the Public Utilities Commission found that if Question 3 passes, it would force the Nevada Legislature to repeal, replace or rewrite more than 2,200 existing laws and statutes. Because Question 3 contains ambiguous and contradictory language, it would also spark significant court battles over how it would be implemented and cost Nevada taxpayers millions

Fewer consumer protections, higher electricity rates

Today, Nevada has one of the most reliable and affordable electricity systems in the nation, with average rates that are 17% below the national average. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration rate data, Nevada's overall rates are already lower than every deregulated state, and average residential electricity rates in deregulated states are 30% higher than Nevada's.

If Question 3 were to pass, it would cost more than \$4 billion to implement and would raise electricity rates for at least the next ten years. It would also eliminate consumer protections that keep a lid on our electricity rates. That means new retail electric companies would be allowed to raise rates at any time, without any notice, and without any opportunity for the public to voice their opinion. Even Question 3's proponents admit that Nevada would lose its ability to prevent rate increases if the measure were to pass.

Of the 24 states that originally attempted to deregulate electricity in the 1990s and early 2000s, only 14 states still have deregulated systems today. California's attempt to deregulate electricity market in the early 2000's led to skyrocketing rates, rolling blackouts, the Enron scandal, and more than \$40 billion in added costs for consumers and taxpayers. Today, California's overall electric rates are nearly double Nevada's.

In other deregulated states, consumers have also faced increased predatory marketing and sales scams. Retail electricity providers target consumers with low initial teaser rates that quickly expire, causing electricity rates to double or even triple in some cases. Providers have also been caught adding hidden fees in the fine print that were never disclosed to consumers.

In Massachusetts, the state Attorney General's

Office found that retail electricity providers in that state have violated numerous consumer protection laws, failed to disclose hidden fees and rate increases that were buried in consumer contracts, and practiced predatory marketing schemes targeting seniors and people on low and fixed incomes. Consumers faced so much fraud and abuse that the Attorney General recommended permanently ending electricity deregulation in that state.

More control for California and the Federal Government

Question 3 would make Nevada the first state to deregulate without having a wholesale electricity market in place. Question 3's proponents have called for Nevada to join California's wholesale energy market, requiring major legislative changes in both states.

Joining California's market would give the California ISO governing board-appointed by the Governor-significant control over Nevada's electricity system. Wholesale markets are also subject to increased federal regulation, meaning the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission would have a greater say in how Nevada's electricity system operates.

Thousands of community leaders, small businesses and business organizations, public safety groups, seniors organizations, and individuals from across the state have come together with the Coalition to Defeat Question 3 to oppose this risky and costly ballot measure.

There are many reasons why it's been nearly 20 years since any state has taken the risk of implementing a system like the one Question 3 proposes. That's why we are urging all Nevadans to look carefully into the facts and vote NO on Question 3.

-Coalition to Defeat Question 3

# GOVERNMENT GONE WILD

#### WATCH YOUR MOUTH IN MYRTLE BEACH

The president can get away with saying s\*\*thole in the white house, but in Myrtle Beach foul language gives cause for the perpetrator to run afoul of the law. This being 2018 and bad words being the norm in movies and on cable TV, you may think this is a joke, however, Hannah Strong writes for TheSunNews.com "Those who get caught publicly using profanity in the City of Myrtle Beach could be taken to jail or issued a citation.

"The lewd, obscene and profane language ordinance — a misdemeanor — falls under the city's disorderly conduct offense."

"We encourage everyone to avoid violating this ordinance by speaking to others with the same respect and kindness you deserve," says Lt. Bryan Murphy with Myrtle Beach Police Department.

Okay, the law is on the books, but surely, Myrtle Beach PD doesn't spend time and resources busting people for saying bad words? Oh yeah. It's a real money maker for city hall, generating \$22,161 last year from 289 tickets issued for profane language citations--an average fine of \$77.

However, the city claims it's not in it for the money. "It's not the ticket," City of Myrtle Beach spokesnanny Mark Kruea said. "It's compliance. The goal is to have folks obey whatever rules, ordinance that any government puts in place."

Yes, the City of Myrtle Beach wants its citizens and visitors to obey. Bow down before the City of Myrtle Beach's ordinance book.

"There are limits, I think, to how excited one can be and how much expressive behavior one can share with the public without infringing on somebody else's right," claims Kruea, who evidently doesn't know about the First Amendment.

First, they outlawed bad words, and we said nothing... **LW** 

#### CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS FORCE GENDER QUOTAS ON PUBLIC COMPANIES

The boards of directors of public companies headquartered in the People's Republic of California will have to include at least one female by the end of next year per SB-826 approved by the California house and senate and is awaiting Governor Brown's signature at this writing.

So, the golden state wants a seat at the table with shareholders and management in deciding the gender of board members. The L.A. Times reports, "The bill would require that publicly held corporations headquartered in the state include at least one woman on boards of directors by the end of 2019, and at least two by July 2021. Corporate boards with six or more members would be required to have at least three women on the panels by the middle of 2021."

Somehow, it has escaped the notice of shareholders and management that companies with female directors are, according to State Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson (D–Santa Barbara), "more profitable and productive." She continues, ""With women comprising over half the population and making over 70 percent of purchasing decisions, their insight is critical to discussions and decisions that affect corporate culture, actions and profitability."

One would think the market would take notice, if indeed, what Senator Jackson claims is true. Why is government force needed if companies with female board members will obviously outperform those that lack distaff representation?

California is just catching up with Germany and Norway, which also have board gender quotas. Reason. Com reports 377 large public companies will be affected, along with some smaller companies.

California legislators can now start drafting a bill requiring L.G.B.T.Q. board representation. **LW** 

# GOVERNMENT GONE WILD

#### CALIFORNIA WARNS THAT 35,000 CUPS OF COFFEE EACH DAY CAUSES CANCER

Even the FDA believes the state of California has gone too far with Proposition 65, requiring "businesses to display explicit warnings if cancercausing agents are present in their products. Acrylamide, which is a byproduct of roasting coffee beans, is on the list of Proposition 65 carcinogens," writes Zuri Davis.

Researchers say rats develop cancer when they ingest Acrylamide. However, a human would have to drink 35 THOUSAND cups of coffee a day to face the same cancer risk. Heavy coffee drinkers will have a hard time downing 35,000 cups of Joe in a lifetime, never mind, each day.

However, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Elihu M. Berle ruled that Starbucks, Peets and dozens of other coffee chains must display the warning.

"From a practical standpoint would we recommend people stop drinking coffee as a result of the judge's decision? No," J. Leonard Lichtenfeld, the American Cancer Society's deputy chief medical officer said. "That's not what the science shows us."

"There are lots of studies that suggest coffee is protective for cancer," Timothy Rebbeck, a professor at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston said. "That evidence is at least as strong as the evidence against acrylamide."

Prop 65, was enacted in 1986, forcing businesses to post a warning about the presence of any substance known by the state's environmental hazard office to "cause cancer or reproductive toxicity." The list is updated yearly and currently contains more than 800 substances.

It's safe to conclude, according to Prop 65, everything causes cancer. **LW** 

#### **GRASPING AT STRAWS**

Clean and green Seattle has banned the use of plastic straws with violators to be accessed a \$250 fine.

"It's taking a stand on plastic pollution," Kate Melges of environmental organization Greenpeace told CNN affiliate KIRO. "And really taking a stand on what needs to happen, a ban on all single-use plastic products."

Seattle is big on banning and nannying. In 2009, Styrofoam was banned. In 2010, the city required that "food service items" -- with the exception of straws and utensils -- be either recyclable or compostable. That same year, the city also mandated that businesses have compost and recycle bins.

Angela Logomasini, a senior fellow at Competitive Enterprise Institute, told Kristin Tate that "the idea that you're going to ban straws and save the world is ridiculous."

Celebrities like Van Jones and Adrian Grenier claim 500 million plastic straws are used everyday and many of them end up polluting the oceans. Really?

In fact, "only about 1 percent of [ocean pollution] comes from the U.S.," writes Tate and John Stossel. "Of that 1 percent, only a tiny fraction comes from plastic straws."

Actually, the 500 million number is bogus. While oft repeated, the number was created by a 9-year old, named Milo Cress. Cress told Reason he arrived at the 500 million straws a day figure from phone surveys he conducted of straw manufacturers in 2011.

So what's the real number? The California Coastal Commission, during its annual Coastal Cleanup Day, collected a total of 835,425 straws and stirrers SINCE 1988, or about 4.1 percent of debris collected. **LW** 

## TAX REFORM

**Grover Norquist** 



### THE LEAVE US ALONE COALITION VS. THE TAKINGS COALITION

### In 2018, there are two competing, and fairly evenly matched, political coalitions in the United States.

Years ago the two political parties were divided North versus South. If someone told you they were a Republican you knew that they were almost certainly born north of the Mason Dixon Line—but little else.

Today, the two coalitions are more coherent and based largely on understandable principles.

The Center-Right coalition including the Reagan Republican Party is held together because its activists agree on one principle: that on the issue that moves their vote they want the same thing they want to be left alone by the government.

The Left coalition is a Takings Coalition that views the proper role of government as unlimited in the pursuit of taking stuff from one group and giving it to another. (Often cash, often to them)

Around the Leave Us Alone coalition table we find, 28 million small business men and women and the self-employed who do not want to be over taxed or over regulated; Home schoolers who wish simply to be allowed to educate their own children; The Second Amendment community -- gun owners, Six million NRA members, 18 million hunters, 17.5 million concealed carry permit holders who wish to be left alone. They do not knock on your door on Saturday and insist you become a hunter.

Also in the Leave Us Alone coalition: The various communities of faith—evangelical

christians, conservative Catholics, Orthodox Jews, Muslims and Mormons who wish to be left alone to practice their faith and pass it on to their children. They are not asking for Baptist Stamps.

The Leave Us Alone coalition works well together because nobody in the coalition wants anything at the expense of someone else's vote moving issue.

The fellow who wants to make money all day may look askance at the fellow who wants to go to church all day, and they both may wonder about the person who wants to fondle his or her guns all day. But they are not in conflict.

They don't have to agree what they wish to do with their freedom. They only have to agree to vote for politicians who will keep the government limited and focused on protecting everyone's freedoms.

This is a low maintenance coalition.

The Left coalition is more problematic. It is led by labor union leaders, millionaire trial lawyers, the big city political machines, the two wings of the dependency movement -- those who are locked into dependency and those who make \$90,000 managing the dependence of others and ensuring that they don't get jobs and become Republicans.

Also key building blocks of the Left are the

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various coercive utopians, our betters who are confident they know how we should live our lives and are willing to use the power of the state to whip up into line. These include the folks who mandate those toilets that do not flush completely, the light bulbs that convince you that you have cataracts. They ban drinking straws and plastic bags. They demand that on the sabbath you separate the clear glass from the green glass from the brown glass for the recycling priests. And they have a list of things you Must and Must Not do that is slightly longer and more tedious than Leviticus.

The Takings Coalition can get along if we are stupid enough to raise taxes and toss piles of tax dollars into the center of their table. Then they can cheerfully mimic the movie scene after the bank robbery where the gang shares the loot— "one for you, one for you, one for me....".

But if we say "no new taxes" and mean it, then the available cash dwindles and the Left's table begins to look more like the second to the the last scene in those lifeboat movies as they work to decide who to eat and who to throw overboard.

For the Left is not made up of friends and allies, but simply competing parasites. If we do not feed them taxpayer money they will cheerfully gnaw on the person next to them. Our job is to say NO NEVER to tax hikes and force the Left to fight amongst themselves so that at the next election there are fewer of them standing.

So what should freedom lovers do?

Our job is to oppose any and all tax hikes and force a focus on spending restraint and government reform to make the government cost less. That is where the Taxpayer Protection Pledge created in 1985 to help enact the Reagan Tax Reform Act of 1986 comes into play. The pledge is a public written commitment by an elected official or candidate for federal or state office to the people of his or her state that he or she will oppose and vote against any net tax increase.

By 1994 more than 90% of Republican congressmen and Senators had signed the pledge. And kept it. This branded the GOP as the party that will not raise your taxes. Before the pledge became party dogma the GOP held the House for four of the previous 60 years and the Senate for 10 of the previous 60 years. Since 1994, the GOP has controlled the House for 18 of 22 years.and the Senate for 12.5 of 22 years.

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This is why Republicans who vote for tax hikes are rat heads in a Coke bottle.

They not only betray their voters they damage the brand for everyone else. **LW** 













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### HOW MANY FEDERAL WORKERS DOES IT TAKE TO FIX AN ELECTION

### The Tenth Amendment to the US Constitution banned federal involvement in elections.

Then the 14th Amendment saw States give that up if the feds were fighting racism against African Americans. It's a vague amendment (my favorite part is "the validity of the public debt of the United States shall not be questioned") and one of the most litigated Constitutional points.

So, in 1965 Congress passed the Voting Rights Act (VRA). It is most famous for requiring gerrymandering to create the highest number possible of elected offices with a 50% + 1 African American voting population. Its children include congressional districts back east two miles wide and 75 miles long.

Additionally, the VRA created and applied a test for racially discriminatory election practices. States that failed the test have had to get federal permission for elections or changes to election law ever since. In practice, these federal overseers have controlled policy details like requiring ballots in Spanish, expanded voter registration programs and a host of details historically left to states. The extra regulations cost the impacted counties and states millions of dollars of compliance expenses.

Money is the root of most litigation, even for government, so counties in the impacted states quickly had their Constitutional complaints before the Supreme Court but lost.

Over the decades, Congress changed the rules, pulling in more jurisdictions... going farther and farther afield with more and more rules. Each time, the locals filed new suits for Constitutional autonomy. Each time, the Supreme Court upheld the federal overseers – but going back to the first time SCOTUS upheld the VRA, the Court noted its unconstitutionality:

We recognized that it "may have been an uncommon exercise of congressional power," but concluded that "legislative measures not otherwise appropriate" could be justified by "exceptional conditions." In 1966, we found these departures from the basic features of our system of government justified. The "blight of racial discrimination in voting" had "infected the electoral process in parts of our country for nearly a century." In 2013, The Supreme Court decided Shelby County v. Holder. It's a fairly short read, but it concludes that the Voting Rights Act has been successful:

The Act has proved immensely successful at redressing racial discrimination and integrating the voting process. During the "Freedom Summer" of 1964, in Philadelphia, Mississippi, three men were murdered while working in the area to register African-American voters. On "Bloody Sunday" in 1965, in Selma, Alabama, police beat and used tear gas against hundreds marching in support of African-American enfranchisement. Today both of those towns are governed by African-American mayors. Problems remain in these States and others, but there is no denying that, due to the Voting Rights Act, our Nation has made great strides.

However, rather than strike down the act altogether, the Shelby decision focused on whether the test (in Section 4(b)) that subjected a county to the shotgun wedding with federal election employees was Constitutional.

Striking down an Act of Congress "is the gravest and most delicate duty that this Court is called on to perform." We do not do so lightly. That is why, in 2009, we took care to avoid ruling on the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act when asked to do so, and instead resolved the case then before us on statutory grounds. But in issuing that decision, we expressed our broader concerns about the constitutionality of the Act. Congress could have updated the coverage formula at that time, but did not do so. Its failure to act leaves us today with no choice but to declare §4(b) unconstitutional.

Obama's administration appealed but lost, so that's the law of the land. Congress should either press the issue and write a new test to capture counties it wants to control, or it should repeal sections four and five of the VRA. Perhaps, instead, Congress will do nothing. **LW** 

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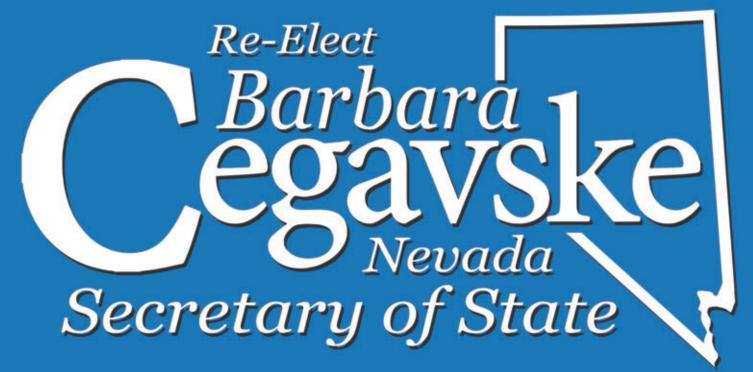
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### SOCIAL SECURITY FAILS

#### Social Security is running out of money.

You may not believe that, but it's a fact.

That FICA money taken from your paycheck was not saved for you in a "trust fund." Politicians misled us. They spent every penny the moment it came in.

This started as soon as they created Social Security. They assumed that FICA payments from young workers would cover the cost of sending checks to older people. After all, at the time, most Americans died before they reached 65.

Now, however, people keep living longer. There just aren't enough young people to cover my Social Security checks.

So Social Security is going broke. This year, the program went into the red for the first time.

Presidents routinely promise to fix this problem.

George W. Bush said he'd "strengthen and save" Social Security. Barack Obama said he'd "safeguard" it, and Donald Trump said that he'll "save" it.

But none has done anything to save it.

"There is a plan out there to save it, but it requires some tough choices," says Heritage Foundation budget analyst Romina Boccia.

Heritage proposes cutting payments to rich people and raising the retirement age to 70.

Good luck with that. Seniors vote. Most vote against politicians who suggest cutting benefits.

This summer, interviewing people for my new video about Social Security's coming bankruptcy, was the first time I had heard the majority of such a group say they were aware there (SET ITAL) is (END ITAL) a problem. One said, "We're already at a trillion dollars (deficit) ... (I)t's almost like a big Ponzi scheme."

Actually, more like a pyramid scheme. Ponzi

schemes secretly take your money. But the Social Security trick is written into the law -- there for anyone who bothers to look.

Social Security isn't the only hard choice ahead of us. Medicare will run out of money in just eight years. At that point, benefits will automatically be cut. Social Security hits its wall in 15 years.

Amazingly, as we approach this disaster, Democrats say -- spend even more.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., proudly announced, "Nearly every Democrat in the United States Senate has voted in favor of (SET ITAL) expanding (END ITAL) Social Security."

How would they pay for it? "Raise taxes on the wealthy!" is the usual answer.

I tried that on Boccia: "Just raise taxes on the rich!"

"There isn't enough money, even that the rich would have," she countered, "to pay for the \$200 trillion in unfunded liabilities."

One partial solution proposed by Heritage and others is to let younger workers put some of their Social Security money into their own personal retirement accounts.

"Imagine being able to own and control your own retirement dollars," urged Boccia, with genuine excitement. "You could invest it in businesses, grow the economy, whatever rocks your boat."

If history is any guide, private accounts would almost certainly pay retirees more than Social Security will ever pay.

"Even a conservative portfolio of stocks and bonds that got you about a 5 percent annual return, you would make (SET ITAL) many (END ITAL) times more," said Boccia.





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#### IDENTITY POLITICS ARE A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD The recent primaries, particularly on the Democratic side, have unleashed a pack of first-ism cliches.

If elected in November, Andrew Gillum would become "Florida's first black governor" (CNN). Stacey Abrams in Georgia could be "America's first black female governor" (Time).

Jared Polis, the Democratic nominee in Colorado, could become "America's first openly gay elected governor" (Vox). In Michigan, Rashida Tlaib could be "the first Muslim woman elected to Congress" (Fox News). And Jahana Hayes would be Connecticut's "first black Democrat to serve in Congress" (The New York Times).

We cannot deny that voters bearing similar racial, gender or sexual attributes can help put certain candidates over the top. That's electoral politics. Trump world, meanwhile, belts out blatant appeals to white identity.

But Democrats must be especially careful here. When white nationalists voice anti-immigrant views, the wise response is that America is a nation of ideas, not skin color. It's thus inconsistent to then argue that certain groups are "underrepresented" in elective office. We ideally choose candidates who represent our interests and values, not our ethnicity, gender or sexual leanings.

Some "firsts" are indeed significant. Given America's traumatic racial history, it was a big deal when Barack Obama became the first African-American president. But how glass-breaking would be Gillum's election as Florida's first African-American governor? True, Florida is a Southern state, as is Georgia, where Abrams is tied in the polls. Let us remember, however, that Virginia had an African-American governor, Douglas Wilder, way back in 1990.

As for sexual orientation, most residents of purple or blue America of 2018 probably regard electing a non-hetero candidate as a point of interest rather than an exciting breakthrough. Note that Polis' run for the governorship of Colorado comes more than three decades after Massachusetts congressman Barney Frank declared he was gay.

Frank originally represented mainly the liberal suburbs of Boston. When his district was changed

to center on the socially conservative blue-collar cities of New Bedford and Fall River, he still won. Wisconsin, meanwhile, sends Tammy Baldwin, a lesbian, to the U.S. Senate, and Houston had a lesbian mayor.

The racially charged nature of Trump-era politics does create tricky terrain for candidates like Gillum. The dust had barely settled on the Florida primaries when his Republican opponent, Ron DeSantis, leaped off the starting block with a racial slur.

By brushing it off, Gillum smartly left the appalling remark hanging around DeSantis' neck. Asked whether DeSantis should apologize to him, Gillum suggested he apologize to the people of Florida instead.

Gillum's tweets move the conversation to issues. He says such encouraging things as, "I believe in science." Now, that should not be a remarkable statement, but when multiple Florida politicians are casting doubt on the accepted science behind climate change, it is. Florida is dealing with two environmental crises linked to global warming -disastrous flooding along the coasts and two catastrophic algae attacks.

DeSantis says he can't state with certainty that human activity has contributed to the warming. The earth scientists who know about these things say it has, and with certainty. Not believing that humans have anything to do with warming is a great excuse for not doing anything to curb it.

Some Democrats argue that appeals to identity can bring out immigrants and members of minorities who generally vote Democratic but often don't vote. But that can turn against them, as candidate Donald Trump showed.

It's hard to believe that the white working-class voters who supported Obama in 2012 and then Trump in 2016 turned racist in the four intervening years. Obama was really good at talking to everyone. Successful Democrats of whatever color, religion or sexual bent will follow his playbook. They should identify with interests rather than genetics.

### A MINORITY VIEW



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#### IT'S OUR CONSTITUTION -- NOT KAVANAUGH One of the best statements of how the Framers saw the role of the federal government is found in Federalist Paper 45, written by James Madison, who is known as the "Father of the Constitution":

"The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce. ... The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people." Today's reality is the polar opposite of that vision. The powers of the federal government are numerous and indefinite, and those of state governments are few and defined.

If confirmed, Brett Kavanaugh will bring to the U.S. Supreme Court a vision closer to that of the Framers than the vision of those who believe that the Constitution is a "living document." Those Americans rallying against Kavanaugh's confirmation are really against the U.S. Constitution rather than the man -- Judge Kavanaugh -- whom I believe would take seriously his oath of office to uphold and defend the Constitution.

Was Madison misinformed or just plain ignorant about the powers delegated to Congress? Before we answer, let's examine statements of other possibly "misinformed" Americans. In 1796, on the floor of the House of Representatives, William Giles of Virginia condemned a relief measure for fire victims, saying the purpose and the right of Congress is to attend to not what generosity and humanity require but instead what their duty requires. In 1854, President Franklin Pierce vetoed a bill intended to help the mentally ill, writing to the Senate, "I can not find any authority in the Constitution for making the Federal Government the great almoner of public charity." He added that to approve such spending would "be contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution and subversive of the whole theory upon which the Union of these States is founded." President Grover Cleveland out-vetoed his predecessors by vetoing 584 acts of Congress, including many congressional spending bills, during his two terms as president in the late 1800s. His often-given veto message was, "I can find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution." By the way, President Cleveland was a Democrat.

Were the Founding Fathers, previous congressmen and previous presidents who could not find constitutional authority for today's massive federal government intervention just plain stupid, ignorant, callous and uncaring? Article 1 of the Constitution defines the role of Congress. Its Section 8 lists powers delegated to Congress. I examined our Constitution, looking to see whether an Article 5 amendment had been enacted authorizing Congress to spend money for business bailouts, prescription drugs, education, Social Security and thousands of other spending measures in today's federal budget. I found no such amendment. Contrary to what our Constitution permits, Congress taxes and spends for anything upon which it can muster a majority vote.

But I found a constitutional loophole that many congressmen use as a blank check, as well as justification to control most aspects of our lives namely, the general welfare clause. The --Constitution's preamble contains the phrase "promote the general Welfare," and Article 1, Section 8 contains the phrase "provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States." What did the Framers mean by "general Welfare"? In 1817, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Congress had not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare, but were restrained to those specifically enumerated." Madison wrote: "With respect to the words 'general welfare,' I have always regarded them as gualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators."

Case closed: It's our Constitution that's the problem for leftist interventionists -- not Brett Kavanaugh.

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#### JOHN MCCAIN AND ME

#### About four years ago, I was browsing through one of Manhattan's last remaining independent bookstores, when my cellphone rang.

I didn't recognize the incoming telephone number, with its 202 area code, but I assumed it was a Fox News colleague from our Washington bureau.

When I answered the phone, a somewhat familiar but somber voice said: "Judge Napolitano, your reward for what you did today will not come from your colleagues or viewers or even on earth but in heaven."

What had I done to deserve this?

Earlier that day, Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat from California who was then the chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, had defied her own committee members, congressional leadership from both houses of Congress and from both political parties, officials of the CIA, and even the Obama White House when she released on the floor of the Senate a 6,000-plus-page report detailing the use of torture by CIA officials in the George W. Bush administration -- all of it unlawful.

She actually made the report public while physically standing on the floor of the Senate, where her speech is absolutely protected from government retaliation by the Speech and Debate Clause of the Constitution.

That clause recognizes and protects for members of Congress their complete freedom of speech while on the floor of the House or Senate, while doing congressional work and while traveling to Capitol Hill. Thus, even though she revealed top-secret materials in the report -- which, if you or I had revealed them or if she had revealed them in Los Angeles rather than in Washington, would have constituted the crime of espionage -- she was immune from all prosecution.

In response to the Feinstein revelations, my Fox News colleague and friend Shepard Smith and I spent about 30 minutes on-air that afternoon on his Fox News Channel show discussing the criminal behavior Feinstein had revealed, the constitutional protections she, as a member of the Senate, enjoyed, and the political firestorm she had courageously ignited.

As a believer in the rule of law and the bodily integrity of all people, I was full of praise for what Feinstein had just done. When the government breaks the laws it has sworn to uphold, Shep Smith and I argued, the people have a right to know about it.

But many of Sen. Feinstein's colleagues did not see it that way. Many of those who never endured torture and those believing that the end justifies the means accepted the myth that torture works -- that the victim tells the truth; and in their view, obtaining the truth is worth the cost in lawbreaking and body-breaking.

Only one Republican senator publicly supported what Feinstein had just done. He was my caller that afternoon in the bookstore, John McCain.

I thought of his call and our many ensuing conversations when I learned of his death this past weekend, a few days shy of his 82nd birthday.

McCain and I had hundreds of conversations. He knew that I knew that he was a bellicose warmonger and an uncritical supporter of unlimited military spending; and he was often indifferent to the consequences of those views.

But he was also the victim of prolonged and horrific torture during the Vietnam War, which he could have avoided. He told me many times that torture so distorts the mind that the victim's consequent speech is utterly unworthy of belief.

He had become the leading congressional critic of torture, the prime congressional mover of making it all unlawful -- the Bush Department of Justice notwithstanding, it already was unlawful at the time Bush ordered it -- and one of the few Americans anywhere who could speak on this detestable subject from the personal experiences of a victim.

Platitudes aside, the essence of the telephone conversation we had that day was that Bush had committed war crimes; that torture is absolutely prohibited by the Constitution, several treaties to



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A living trust becomes effective when signed and the property is retitled reflecting the name of the living trust. What will make your heirs happy is the living will by passes the cost and time of probate as your successor trustee can manage and distribute your property per your instructions if you are incapacitated or at your death.

#### The key advantages of a living trust are:

1. Probate costs and delays are avoided with a living trust. When the trustor dies, the assets are transferred by the successor trustee quickly and with minimal expense to the specified beneficiaries. You might be thinking, "I only have my house, so, the costs of probate will not be high. My estate is simple." Even if your estate is simple, a trust will save your grieving family the time and effort to go through the process.

2. A living trust avoids possible conservatorship. You may live a long, long life, and not be, shall we say, financially savvy at the end of your years. A benefit many don't think about occurs if the trustor becomes incompetent. With a living will in place, the alternate trustee takes over management of the trust assets without court costs and delays of appointing a conservator. 3. A living will is easy to change. Circumstances change and how your assets will need to be distributed must change. The terms in a living trust terms may be changed or revoked until the trustor dies. Of course, when you die, the terms of the trust becomes irrevocable. This prevents a surviving spouse from disinheriting a beneficiary named in the living trust.

4. Putting your home in a living trust is not a taxable event. Transferring assets into a living trust does not affect real estate taxes.

You might be thinking, "Okay, it all sounds simple and a good idea, what's the downside?"

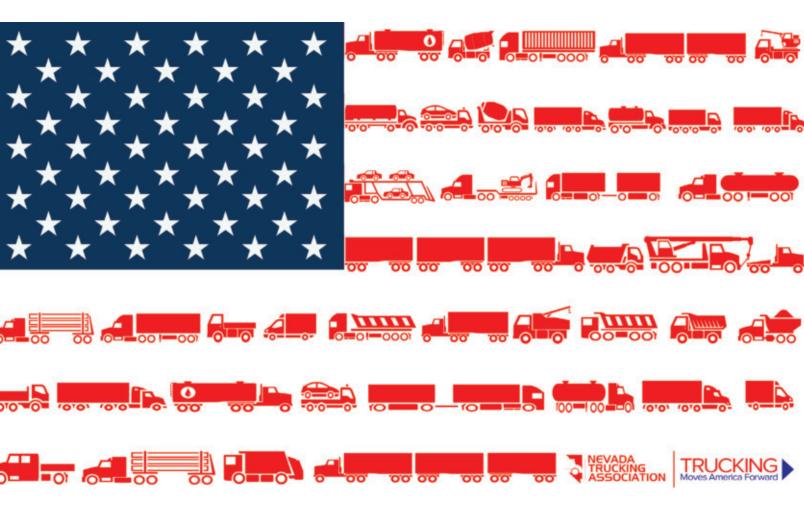
#### The fact is, there is no real downside, but there are "inconveniences."

1. A living trust must be prepared properly, or, in other words, don't do this yourself! Have a competent attorney prepare the living trust, appointing you as the initial trustee and beneficiary, or jointly with your spouse. But remember #2 above, an alternate or successor trustee should be named. This document is not recorded. However, your signature must be witnessed or notarized, depending on state law.

2. Sorry, paperwork is required. Your assets and major personal property, such as bank accounts, mutual funds and common stocks, must be titled into the living trust. This is critical. Just as an unloaded gun won't protect you, a trust is no good if you fail to transfer your assets into the trust. If you forget to transfer a major asset, it remains subject to the terms of your probated will. Ugh! **LW** 

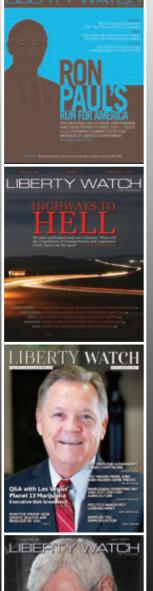
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#### WHAT GOOD IS COLLEGE? SIGNALING.

In Episode 4, Season 3 of "Last Chance U," coach Jason Brown told his players, "Ignorance is life threatening, man." The Independence Juco coach said, "Eighty-nine percent of NFL and NBA players are bankrupt three years after retirement."

"I know you guys can't comprehend half that shit," the coach yells, referring to what is being taught in class. It doesn't matter. He tells his players to go to class, sit in the front row, stay off their phones and, "you'll get a C."

He then admits on camera for Netflix and his players, "I didn't learn one thing in high school or college." After giving his players a few examples of things he doesn't know, he said, "But, I'm a cold hustler."

His message: "It's a game." Play football to get an education and a degree. Will you learn anything? Probably not. Crazy as it sounds, Dr. Bryan Caplan is on the same page as coach Brown. What makes college worth it--signaling.

Caplan explains, "Graduation tells employers, 'I take social norms seriously--and have the brains and work ethic to comply' Quitting tells employers, 'I scorn social norms--or lack the brains and work ethic to comply."

In his outstanding book "The Case Against Education: Why the Education System Is a Waste of Time and Money" professor Caplan rejects the idea that all education teaches useful job skills and those job skills pay off in the labor market. Instead, we learn our job skills on the job. A degree signals that students have the discipline to suffer through the boredom to conform to what society expects and what employers want.

You don't use history or math on the job, unless you are a math or history teacher. "First and foremost: from kindergarten on, students spend thousands of hours studying subjects irrelevant to the modern labor market," writes Kaplan.

Kaplan teaches economics at George Mason. He says he has a dream job. "I go to class and talk to students about my exotic interests: everything from the market for marriage, to the economics of the Mafia, to the self-interested voter hypothesis."

He can train Ph.D. students to be economics instructors, but the rest? "I can't teach what I don't know." Most of Kaplan's students will go on to have careers far away from economics.

Getting an A in European Literature doesn't matter to an employer. What matters is degree holders' "grasp of and submission to social expectations." That degree from Wherever University shows you're a team player, you're deferential to superiors, you dress the part, you act the part, you're not a racist or sexist, and your employer won't "have to tell a modern model worker what's socially acceptable case by case."

Caplan gives it to the reader straight: "Hiring decisions, like all business decisions, are about prudence, not proof. People at the top of their class usually have the trifecta: intelligent, conscientious, and conformist."

M.I.T. has been giving away classes online for years. The degree you have to pay for. Kaplan makes a compelling case that the reported demise of traditional brick-and-mortar universities is unlikely. Sure, online courses are cheaper. However, for a student to prove his or her conformist chops, attending in person gives a stronger signal than completing online classes in your mom's basement. Kaplan makes the point that "life isn't "a game of solitaire. Schools build discipline by making students show up on time, sit still, keep their mouths shut, follow orders, and stay awake."

Think about what the average employee does? School prepares the student for "doing boring work in a hierarchical organization."

Students don't want skills, they want credentials. "Employers could have substituted standardized

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tests for traditional diplomas a century ago. They didn't," Kaplan writes.

Kaplan spends much of the book debunking the human capital theory of education. Students never complain when an instructor cancels class, but if instructors were truly building student's human capital, students would demand a refund for every cancelled class and the knowledge capital they should have received during that class period.

"Do we really transform waiters into economic consultants---or merely evaluate whether waiters have the right stuff to be economic consultants?" Kaplan wonders.

So, are high school and college grads literate? Over half of high school graduates and nearly 20 percent of college grads are not at an intermediate level of literacy and numeracy. No wonder "high culture requires extra mental effort to appreciate-and most humans resent mental effort." Americans spend only about \$100 a year on reading materials, and "despite years of study, most adults are historically illiterate."

There is a lack of skilled labor in America and Kaplan's Chapter 8 is entitled "We Need More Vocational Education." There are hundreds of thousands of jobs available for plumbers, carpenters and auto mechanics, while only a few writers and historians are needed. A generation of skilled tradesmen are unemployed or malemployed with business degrees. Parents need to realize that if their child is an average or poor student, they will likely not graduate from college and should pursue vocational school.

As for politics Kaplan explains, "in politics, critical thinking is an act of charity." Falsehoods become popular because humans gravitate toward ideas that sound good. It's called Social Desirability Bias because it's easier to tell people what they want to hear. Politicians appeal to voters' wishful thinking.

This election season, every politician says more money is needed for education. Kaplan's point is less should be spent, especially on poor students. The United States is overeducated, providing a low social return. Politicians are too dumb to realize it. **LW** 





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which the United States is a party and numerous federal statutes; and that Sen. Feinstein had performed a positive public good by revealing it.

It was Sen. McCain's view that even if he was powerless to prevent government lawbreaking, it is better for the American people to know painful truths than to remain in the dark.

Shortly after our phone conversation, McCain went to the floor of the Senate and delivered one of his classic tirades against torture. In it, he attacked President Bush, who ordered and authorized it, and President Barack Obama, who covered it up.

This week, those two former presidents. firmly in McCain's crosshairs four years ago, are each delivering a eulogy at McCain's funeral -- willingly, dutifully and at his request.

The John McCain I knew discussed only torture, the right to life, and immigration with me -perhaps because he knew we disagreed on nearly all other matters. But this tough old Arizona bird, this lifelong warrior, this unorthodox maverick who really was neither a Republican nor a Democrat, knew how to keep friends and monitor enemies.

He was a multidimensional man in a secular era, and he was not happy about America at the end of his days.

Yet in this age of few heroes, and on topics that intimately touch the human heart and soul, he was the genuine article.

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She's right. Money in government hands just sits there or gets spent wastefully; it's rarely invested wisely.

Private accounts have been tried in a few countries. In Chile, the investment they created helped make Chile the richest country in Latin America. (Before, Chile was poorer than most.)

Yet even after that success, leftists in South America hold street protests against private accounts. They're angry because capitalists get a slice of the pie.

I told Boccia that I couldn't understand why people in Chile don't loudly cheer private accounts because of the wealth they'd created.

"We lack gratitude," she replied, "for what the free market provides. That is difficult to wrap your head around. It's easy to think, 'Here is the government. This is where I go."

But eventually, even governments run out of other people's money.

Like most American politicians, Donald Trump campaigned saying, "I'm not going to cut Social Security ... not going to cut Medicare."

He and other politicians pretend they're protecting people's futures, but they are not. They're ignoring the inevitable.

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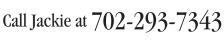
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