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**Plano Republican Women** 

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#### June 2025

### **President's Byline**



The United States, like many developed countries, has experienced a significant decline in birth rates over the past several decades. This demographic shift has raised concerns about the long-term socio-economic implications, prompting policymakers and researchers to examine its causes, consequences, and potential solutions. President Trump has been an outspoken advocate for increasing the waning US birth

rate. He once said: "We want more babies, to put it nicely." He was heavily criticized by the media and political critics for suggesting we give a \$5,000 "baby bonus" to every American mother after she gives birth. Hilary Clinton said that it was ridiculous because American women do not want to have more babies. It's easier to have more easy immigration which means open borders.

We have seen the problems of open borders and other types of rapid, poorly controlled illegal immigration in our country and locally. Illegal immigration floods the country with tons of people who, even if they do not commit hard crimes, continue to have nothing invested in our country except a fast buck and free social services. They also continue to commit other soft crimes such as not carrying auto insurance, driving without a license, buying "hot" large ticket items, not paying correctly into our tax system, or just doing a long, laundry list of soft crime illegal activities that are necessary to work and stay illegally in our nation. They are also vulnerable to Democrat predators, making them even less likely to appreciate the freedoms we offer to their children when those children become of voting age.

**Why is this important?** Birth rates in the U.S. have declined steadily since the mid-20th century. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the general fertility rate in the U.S. in 2022 was about 55.8 births per 1,000 women aged 15–44, the lowest rate on record. This is a sharp contract to the post-World War II baby boom era, during which the fertility rate peaked at 122.7 births per 1,000 women in 1957. On average, women currently have 1.6 children

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### Calendar of Events

Next Board Meeting Aug 5, 11:30 Napoli's Restaurant West Plano

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





## **PRW President's Byline (continued)**

per couple, down from 2.1 in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. This decline has been consistent across all racial and ethnic groups,

Many of President's Trumps critics say a \$5,000 birth stipend will not increase our failing birth rates. They are right, but it's a start to a greater conversation. *How to get the babies to come back?* American mothers say economic uncertainty is the number one reason for smaller families. Ironically, most economic hardship is politically driven, when the Dems are in power, mothers lose, even if they vote for Democrats. Democrats choose policies that are anti-family and are meant to encourage low birth rates.

Liberals have believed the planet is overpopulated since the 1970s; their policies and strategies are used to encourage zero population. In third world nations, it is permanent sterilization promoted as birth control under "caring" liberal policies. In Western nations, it is feminism, environmental eco-terrorism, abortion on demand, and the fear of economic hardship that has driven the birth rate so low. The two largest dips in birth rates of the 2000s started in 2008 during the recession of the Obama years and again after COVID during the disastrous Biden Administration. Add in high levels of student debt, rising housing costs, and the increasing expenses associated with raising children, many young women have decided to delay or forgo motherhood.

Cultural attitudes toward marriage and parenthood pushed by Liberal ideology have changed significantly. Marriage rates have declined, and cohabitation without marriage has become more common. Additionally, societal acceptance of childfree lifestyles has grown, with individuals increasingly prioritizing personal and professional goals over traditional family structures. Men and women both are programed to see marriage and parenting as a burden to a "happy stress-free lifestyle". Also, many individuals and couples are choosing to have children later in life because of advances in fertility treatments but delaying childbirth often reduces the total number of children a family might have because those IVF, IUR babies have more complications and do not survive in utero like regular pregnancies. This greatly reduces the number of infants to 1 maybe 2 per couples, with mothers of advanced maternal age.

Declining birth rates have far-reaching implications for multiple reasons, from the economy to social structures. Simply put, women are not having enough people to replace us. A shrinking working-age population poses significant challenges to economic growth. Countries like Japan, and the EU are struggling with these problems; they are already at zero or negative population growth without constant immigration. We all need to be concerned. With fewer young people entering the workforce, industries face labor shortages, stifling innovation and productivity. Additionally, a smaller tax base puts strain on public programs such as Social Security and Medicare, which rely on contributions from a robust workforce. We do not want to make China's mistake. Their One Child Policy and excessive abortion rates have led to not enough babies and an aging population they can't care for with a high demand for healthcare and eldercare services overwhelming existing systems and resources.

What can we do to fix our low birth rate? Addressing the issue of low birth rates in the U.S. requires a multifaceted approach that considers both the root causes and broader societal Continued on Page 3

## **PRW President's Byline (continued)**

implications. We need to stimulate the economy and have economic growth that lasts beyond one presidency. We cannot afford the highs and low of a Democrat presidency vs a Republican one. We need to stop framing motherhood as a curse or hinderance to modern women. We also need to find ways to encourage women to have children when they are naturally fertile instead of needing infertility treatments. We need to continue to encourage companies to have paid parental leave, maybe subsidized childcare for large companies, and affordable housing instead of exclusively focusing on apartment living that discourages larger families. We need to stop using immigration as a supplement to falling US birth rates.

The issue of low birth rates in the United States is a complex problem all Western nations that have succumbed to liberal policies are dealing with. Liberalism is an empty promise for the future; it only focuses on personal pleasure vs the rewards of when we focus on God, country, family, and society. If we want to continue the freedoms and beauty of the United States, we need to produce more citizens who are invested in our country.

### Cleo Marchese

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**Vision and Mission Statement**: Plano Republican Women is an American political club, bringing together women to positively impact the direction of our nation. We come together as a collective force advancing the power of women through political access and participation.

Our mission is to see women from all age groups and walks of life as key players at the political table of national, state, and local issues.

Staci Weaver is pictured here (right) at the swearing in ceremony for newly elected Collin College Board of Trustees, and below Ms. Weaver is pictured with another fabulous Plano Republican Woman, Cathie Alexander.





## **PRW August Meeting**

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING: August 19, 2025

No meeting June or July

Location: Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

Lunch is available for \$25.00 with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival. Lunch will be salad, entree with vegetable, and dessert.

**Our Next Meeting is August 19, 2025** 

RSVP here to pay with credit card

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

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

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





When this report comes out, the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative session will be over. As of May 29<sup>th</sup>, there have been 3800 record votes in the Texas House. Here are the statuses, as of May 30<sup>th</sup>, of some of the bills I have been watching.

SB13: This is Senator Paxton's bill to remove inappropriate books from school libraries. One version passed the Senate and another passed the House. It is currently in a Conference Committee.

SB17: "Relating to the purchase or acquisition of an interest in real property by certain aliens or foreign entities" passed both chambers.

SB15: This bill mandates lot sizes for houses. This bill originally had a maximum 1400 square feet. The House changed that to 3000 square feet. It needs to go to a Conference Committee now.

HB229: Defines man, woman, and biological sex. The bill says the following:

(14) "Boy" means a child of the male sex.

(15) "Father" means a parent of the male sex.

(16) "Female" and "woman" mean an individual whose

biological reproductive system is developed to produce ova.

(17) "Girl" means a child of the female sex.

(18) "Male" and "man" mean an individual whose

biological reproductive system is developed to fertilize the ova of a female.

(19) "Mother" means a parent of the female sex.

(20) "Sex" means an individual's biological sex,

either male or female.

SB840: Allows owners of commercial property to convert it to residential without going through rezoning. It has passed both chambers and is on its way to the Governor.

Lastly, SB2148 protects the grid. It is on its way to the Governor.

Jennifer Groysman, Legislative Chair

## **May Meeting Photos**









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# JAMES WILSON, FOUNDING FATHER, SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION, SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JUNE 1, 2025

Yes, James Wilson was indeed a Founding Father of the United States, and he played a significant role in shaping the nation's foundational documents and government structure. Here's an overview of who he was and his contributions:

Born on September 14, 1742in Fife, Scotland, James Wilson immigrated to the American colonies in 1765. He studied law in Philadelphia and became a prominent lawyer and legal scholar. His Scottish education and deep knowledge of Enlightenment political philosophy influenced his thinking on governance and individual rights. (Died1798)

While not a household name, his role in the United States of America's founding is impressive:

- Signer of the Declaration of Independence: Wilson was one of the six Pennsylvanian delegates to sign the Declaration of Independence in 1776, representing his commitment to the colonies' break from British rule.

- Constitutional Convention (1787): Wilson was a key figure at the Philadelphia Convention, where he advocated strongly for a strong national government and a bicameral legislature (the Senate and House of Representatives). He was a leading proponent of the "Virginia Plan," which proposed a government based on population rather than equal state representation. His arguments helped shape the U.S. Constitution, particularly in its emphasis on popular sovereignty and a unified national authority.

- Ratification Debates: Wilson was instrumental in Pennsylvania's ratification of the Constitution, delivering influential speeches, including the "State House Yard Speech" in 1787, where he defended the new Constitution and explained its benefits to the public. He argued that the people, not the states, were the ultimate source of governmental authority - a principle reflected in the quote you provided.

- Supreme Court Justice: President George Washington appointed Wilson to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1789, where he served until his death in 1798. As one of the first justices, he helped interpret the Constitution and establish the judiciary's role in the new government.

- Philosophy and Legacy: Wilson's quote, "*Here, the people are masters of government; elsewhere, the government is master of the people,*" encapsulates his belief in popular sovereignty—the idea that the authority of government derives from the consent of the governed. This principle was central to his advocacy for a democratic republic and is a cornerstone of American governance. He also wrote extensively on law and government, contributing to the development of constitutional law and the concept of checks and balances.

## **Americanism Report**

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- Personal Challenges: Despite his contributions, Wilson faced financial difficulties later in life due to speculative land investments, leading to debt and imprisonment for a time. He died in 1798 while on the judicial circuit in North Carolina, a somewhat tragic end to a brilliant career.

- Historical Significance: Wilson is often underappreciated compared to figures like Jefferson or Madison, but his intellectual contributions were critical. He was among the few who signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and his ideas on federalism, popular sovereignty, and the judiciary remain influential in American political thought.

Wilson's quote reflects his vision for the United States as a nation *where the people hold ultimate power over the government*, contrasting it with monarchical or authoritarian systems prevalent elsewhere in his time. This aligns with his broader philosophy as articulated during the Constitutional Convention and ratification debates, emphasizing a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

*Sources*: https://constitutioncenter.org/blog/forgotten-founders-james-wilson-craftsman-of-theconstitution, Wikipedia

> "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." -Edmund Burke







## **Political Action Hours**

by Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



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



## **Political Action Hours**

By Jennifer Groysman, Legislative Chair Ladies, you can submit your hours on our website here: <u>Political Action Hours</u>





## **GOP GUEST ARTICLE**



Dear Friends,

Although it feels like President Trump was sworn into office yesterday, this week marks the conclusion of his first one hundred days. Last November, he pledged to deliver economic relief, strengthen border security, and restore American leadership on the global stage. True to his word, President Trump has shown that when he makes promises, he keeps them.

Over this historic period, President Trump has worked tirelessly to secure our border deporting more than 100,000 illegal aliens and reducing illegal crossings by 99.9%. He has been an advocate for religious liberty and worked to address anti-Semitism and anti-Christian bias. Since January, the President has issued 135 executive orders—more than any modern President—to implement his administration's agenda. He has secured trillions of dollars in American manufacturing and investment, while unleashing American energy production, leading to a 6.3% drop in gas prices. Under his leadership, 345,000 new jobs have been added to the American economy, surpassing expectations. The President has taken swift action to protect fairness in women's sports by signing an executive order prohibiting biological men from competing in women's athletic competitions. He has hosted 11 world leaders in the White House, promoting peace through strength and reinforcing American competitiveness globally.

Notably, President Trump has returned something tangible to the American people: **Hope.** Republicans in Congress now bear the responsibility of codifying President Trump's achievements into lasting laws. Patriots, as we continue to secure the Golden Age of America, let us remember that these are just the first one hundred days. Can you imagine what the next one hundred days will hold?

## **Membership Report**

by Membership Chair Ushma Ferguson

### **Many Thanks To Our Club Patrons**

These members have donated \$100.00 in cash, given items to the club, or paid budgeted expenses valued at \$100.00 or more.

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<b>Pat Donley</b>
<b>Catherine Gibb</b>
<b>Madelon Issaeff</b>
Cleo Marchese
Dana Sickler
Kathy Ward

## We are currently accepting Membership Renewals for 2025! And we always welcome new members!

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting, online through our website https://planorepublicanwomen.org/become-a-member

Or checks can be mailed to Plano Republican Women, P O Box 940461, Plano, TX 75094-0461.

### **Memberships**:

\$40 Full Active Single Membership (PRW receives \$15, TFRW and NFRW receive \$25)

**\$45** Full Active Membership with Spouse

**\$25** Associate Membership – for Men or Active Members of other Republican Women Clubs

**\$20** Young Affiliate (young woman, age 10-17)

**\$140** Patron Member (includes Full Active Single Membership)

**\$145 Patron Member with Spouse** 

### **Become a Member**

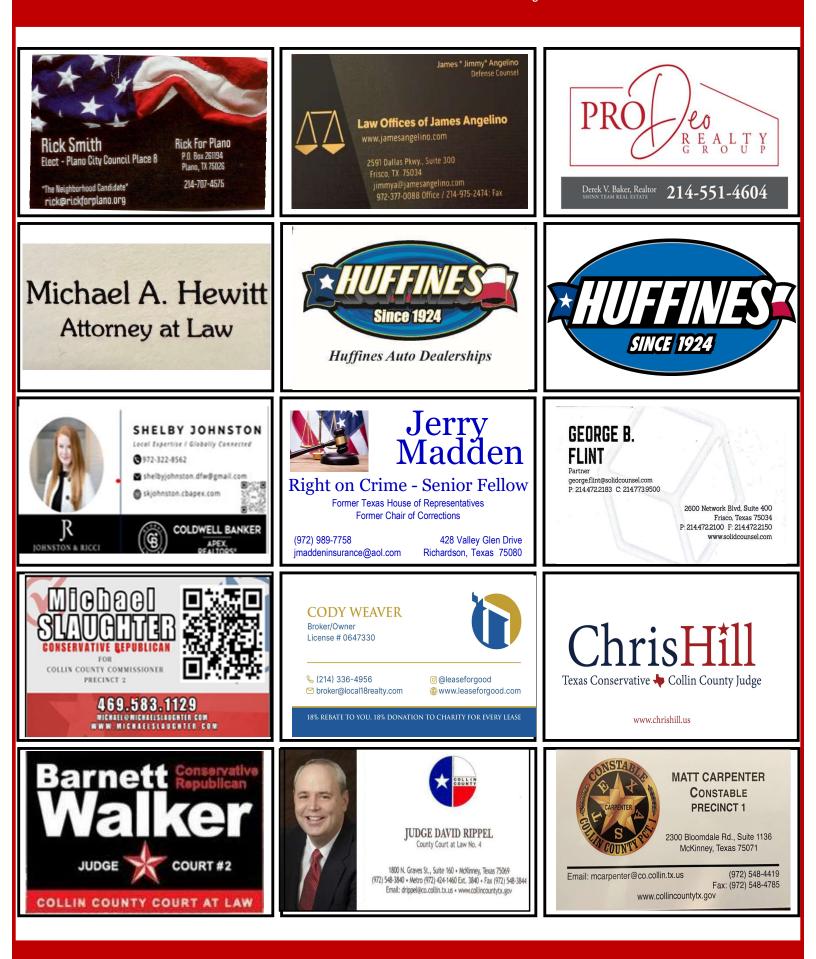
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