

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

April 2024

President's Byline



In recent decades, the debate surrounding in vitro fertilization (IVF) has often been framed within the context of reproductive rights and ethics. However, there exists a compelling conservative perspective that supports IVF as a means of advancing pro-life values, championing women's health, preserving traditional values and the nuclear family structure. Conservative principles prioritize the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Embracing IVF aligns with this ideology by offering infertile couples a morally acceptable way to bear a child while respecting the dignity of human life. Rather than discarding embryos, conservative-leaning IVF practices prioritize the preservation and respectful treatment of all embryos created during the process.

Also, IVF can be viewed as a pro-woman solution, empowering women to exercise their reproductive autonomy while respecting their biological limitations. For couples struggling with infertility, IVF represents a beacon of hope, allowing women to fulfill their desire for motherhood without compromising their conservative values. Additionally, IVF promotes family values by facilitating the creation of stable, loving households. Conservative ideals emphasize the importance of strong familial bonds and the traditional family structure. IVF enables couples to realize their dreams of parenthood, fostering environments where children can thrive in nurturing and supportive homes.

Supporting IVF reflects a commitment to advancing medical innovation and technology within ethical boundaries. Most conservatives recognize the value of scientific progress in addressing societal challenges while upholding moral principles. Infertility is currently a silent epidemic in the US, affecting 1 in 4 couples. Within that group, 26% of women are incapable of becoming pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy. Infertility affects men as well. Over the past 50 years, human sperm counts have fallen by more than 50% around the globe, according to an updated review of medical literature. If the decline continues, it will have important implications for human reproduction. IVF represents the perfect synergy between medical advancement and ethical responsibility, offering a solution to the growing infertility problem without compromising core conservative beliefs.

Small but vocal critics of IVF within some conservative circles often raise concerns about the commodification of human life and the potential for embryo destruction. However, a nuanced understanding of IVF acknowledges the importance of responsible regulation and ethical guidelines to mitigate these risks. By advocating for ethical IVF practices that prioritize the protection of human embryos, conservatives can ensure that the procedure aligns with their pro-life values. Critics also cite the problems of embryos being left in extended cryo-storage; this problem is mitigated by the donation system of embryos for sterile couples incapable of producing the biological material needed to produce the blastocyst, a 5-day old embryo stopped at that critical point before it develops more than 200-300 cell to increase the rate of successful implantation. Most people are unaware of there is a long waiting list for these embryos.

In this issue:

President's Message	1-2
April Meeting	3
March Photos	4
Legislative Report	5
Americanism Report	6-7
Caring for America	8
Who Am I Voting For ?	9
Catherine's Corner By Catherine Gibb	10-12
Political Cartoons	13
Constitutional Minute By Jennifer Groysman	14-15
Political Action	16
Membership Update	17
PRW Patrons	17
Sponsors	18-20
Happy Birthday	21
PRW Officers	21
Meeting Location	21



Calendar of Events

Next Board Meeting
April 2, 2024, 11:30-1:00
Napoli's Restaurant
2865 McDermott, Ste 235
Plano

Next General Meeting,
April 16, 2024, 11:30
Saltgrass - East Plano
3320 North Central Exp
Plano

PRW Presidents Byline

Continued from Page 1

Embracing IVF is in line with our conservative values because it underscores our commitment to pro-life principles, women's health, and traditional family values. By supporting ethical IVF practices such as the embryo donation and the safe humane implantation of blastocysts, conservatives can champion a compassionate approach to infertility treatment that upholds the sanctity of human life and empowers couples to build loving families. It is through this lens that IVF emerges as a pro-life, pro-conservative, and pro-woman solution to the complexities of modern reproductive medicine. As Republicans, we should champion IVF as a modern-day miracle and stop allowing it to be stigmatized. With rising infertility rates in Western Countries, this is a great option to combat population decline and bring the joy of parenthood to loving couples who desperately want a baby.

Cleo Marchese

prw_president@planorepublicanwomen.org



SPECIAL GUESTS AT

APRIL MEETING

PATRIOTPAWS SERVICE DOGS

The mission of Patriot PAWS is to train and provide Service Dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American Veterans and others with mobile disabilities in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence. Patriot PAWS intends to build partnerships with state and community organizations to help develop and support this goal.



PRW April Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

April 16, 2024

Constable Matt Carpenter
Expert Situational Awareness Safety

Matt Carpenter has spent his life defending our community and keeping our streets safe. Now, he's proud to work hard for North Texas as your Precinct 1 Collin County Constable.

A third-generation law enforcement officer, Matt has spent his life in service to others. Matt took his first job in law enforcement in 2003 and has since worked with the Plano Police Department, the Henderson Police Department, and the Collin County Constable's office. Matt's rise through the ranks to Chief Deputy Constable, proves his leadership skills and deep understanding of the intricacies of law enforcement. His unwavering commitment to service and his dedication to upholding the values of justice and safety have not only earned him the respect of his peers but have also made him an influential member of the law enforcement community.

Matt is also a board member of the Texas Justice of the Peace and Constable Association and the North Texas Justice of the Peace and Constable Association. Constable Carpenter has attended numerous law enforcement training academies and now leverages his experience to provide and lead training to fellow officers.

Matt ran for Collin County Constable in 2022 and emerged as the conservative consensus choice from a wide field of qualified candidates. North Texans trusted Matt to be their Constable when they elected him in a competitive runoff election that year. Since taking office, Matt has worked diligently to keep Collin County safe, spend taxpayer dollars wisely, and ensure that our community remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

When he is not at work, Matt and his wife, Casey, love spending time with their three children and attending Melissa ISD and McKinney Christian Academy games and events, supporting the local athletes who are pursuing education and careers in our community. The Carpenter family attends the First Baptist Church in Blue Ridge.

Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

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

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

RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, April 12, 2024

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

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

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

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

PRW March Photos





Legislative Report

Legislative Update By Jennifer Groysman

The US House passed the following legislation to fight back against Biden's war on American energy:

H. RES. 987 – “Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration.”

H. CON. RES. 86 – “Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy.”

H.R. 1121 - “To prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing.”

H.R. 6009 - “To require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process.”

H.R. 1023 - “To repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund.”

The bills above are most likely dead in the Senate.

The full Congress passed H.R.4366 -The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024- A 1.2 trillion spending bill which contains.....

\$200 million to construct a new FBI headquarters and money for the World Health Organization.

\$3 million for the Alaska Federal Lands History Project, secured by Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski and nearly

\$1.5 million for Economic and Business Development Training for Lobstering Communities, secured by Maine’s Republican Sen. Susan Collins and independent Sen. Angus King.

\$3.5 million for the Williamsport Levee Flood Control Project in Pennsylvania, requested by Democratic Sen. John Fetterman and GOP Rep. Dan Meuser.

\$1.9 billion and for the U.S. Senate by \$104.2 million to almost \$1.3 billion.

They did add more money for Homeland security and customs. 19 billion for Immigration and \$9.6 billion for Customs Enforcement.

Of course these are only a few things in H.R. 4366. This bill was a massive spending spree by the Senate mostly. Sadly some Republicans and all the Democrats are to blame for the spending.

Lastly the Laken Riley Act H.R.7511 passed the House. According to the site <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/7511> “[It] requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to detain certain non-U.S. “nationals (*aliens* under federal law) who have been arrested for burglary, theft, larceny, or shoplifting. The bill also authorizes states to sue the federal government for decisions or alleged failures related to immigration enforcement.” While I think our Senators will vote for the act, the Democrats will stall it. If you have friends or family that live in blue states, please ask them to reach out to their Senators to demand they pass the Laken Riley Act.



AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



GEORGE MASON, A FORGOTTEN FOUNDING FATHER OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 1, 2024

When talking about the founders of the United States the names Adams, Washington, Jefferson, and Franklin come to mind readily, as well as several others such as Hamilton and Madison. There were many others, political, military, and social leaders who are all but forgotten. When asked to name a signer of the Declaration of Independence how many remember Button Gwinnett, or that Roger Sherman was a member of the committee tasked with drafting that document? In fact, the majority of the founders who debated and shaped the early movement for independence and the new government are for the most part forgotten, their roles ignored by history. That's unfortunate because their contributions were significant.

Prior to the Revolutionary War civic leaders and influential businessmen contributed to the growing dissent with the British Parliament and the King of England. During and after the war influence in the formation of a government was felt coming from the newly opened territories and expanding western settlements. These leaders helped develop the new nation alongside the well-remembered founders and deserve to be counted among them. Many are remembered in places which reflect their names, but the individuals and their contributions to American history are not broadly known.

George Mason was born in 1725 to George and Ann Thomson Mason. His father's death when George was just 10 years old left him in the care of his uncle, John Mercer, whose extensive library greatly influenced George's education and instilled in him a deep appreciation for the law, which would greatly influence his future endeavors.

As an adult, Mason became a prominent figure in his community, owning Gunston Hall and becoming one of the wealthiest planters in Virginia. He married Anne Eilbeck in 1750, and they had nine children together.

Mason's political career began to take shape when he served as a justice of the Fairfax County court and as a trustee of the city of Alexandria. He was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1759 and became increasingly involved in colonial politics.

During the tumultuous period leading up to the American Revolution, Mason played a significant role. He was instrumental in articulating the colonists' constitutional claims against British policies, as evidenced by his authorship of the Fairfax Resolves in 1774. His involvement in the Virginia Convention of 1776 further solidified his role as a key figure in shaping Virginia's political landscape. One of Mason's most enduring legacies is his authorship of Virginia's Declaration of Rights, which is still enshrined in the Commonwealth's laws. The Virginia Declaration influenced numerous state, national, and international declarations of rights and informed essential phrases in the U.S. Declaration of Independence.

Perhaps the most notable fact about George Mason is that he was the driving force behind the Bill of Rights which was ultimately proposed by James Madison. Although James Madison is generally considered to be the Father of the Bill of Rights, the amendments were based for the most part on the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which had been authored by Mason in 1776.

Mason continued to be active in shaping Virginia's governance after independence. His influence extended to matters such as church disestablishment and military organization. He also played a role in negotiating the Anglo-American boundary in the 1783 peace treaty.

Despite his earlier contributions, Mason grew disillusioned with the direction of public affairs and retired from active political life in the early 1780s. However, during the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Mason was a prominent voice, and his influence was profound. While he actively participated in the debates and discussions, he ultimately refused to sign the Constitution, citing concerns about the lack of a declaration of rights. He criticized various provisions of the document, including the structure of the House of Representatives and the powers of the federal judiciary. His objections included "There is no section preserving liberty of the press or trial by jury in civil cases...". George Washington maintained silence during the ratification debate. Mason's objections to the Constitution, outlined in his pamphlet "Objections to this Constitution of Government," echoed his steadfast belief in protecting individual liberties.

Mason's refusal to endorse the Constitution alienated him from many of the Virginia delegates and strained relationships, including his friendship with George Washington. Despite his opposition, Virginia ultimately voted to ratify the Constitution, 88 to 80.

Despite his refusal to sign, Mason's concerns influenced the final form of the Constitution. The inclusion of the Bill of Rights addressed his primary objection, and the 11th Amendment addressed his concerns about the judiciary.



AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



Continued from Page 6

Throughout his life, Mason was guided by his belief in reason and natural rights. He is considered a prominent figure of the Enlightenment in America.

George Mason's legacy endures through his contributions to foundational documents and his unwavering commitment to individual rights and freedoms. His impact on American history is significant, despite his status as one of the 'forgotten' founding fathers.

The below quotes from Mason further illustrate his dedication to the principles of liberty and the greater good, underscoring his belief in the importance of protecting individual freedoms within society.

“Every Member of Society is in Duty bound to contribute to the Safety & Good of the Whole; and when the Subject is of such Importance as the Liberty & Happiness of a Country, every inferior Consideration, as well as the Inconvenience to a few Individuals, must give place to it; nor is this any Hardship upon them; as themselves & their Posterity are to partake of the Benefits resulting from it.”

- George Mason to Richard Henry Lee, June 7, 1770

“We came equals into this world, and equals shall we go out of it. All men are by nature born equally free and independent. To protect the weaker from the injuries and insults of the stronger were societies first formed. . . . Every society, all government, and every kind of civil compact therefore, is or ought to be, calculated for the general good and safety of the community.”

- George Mason, “Remarks on Annual Election for the Fairfax Independent Company,” April 1775



George Mason was the driving force behind the Bill of Rights which was ultimately proposed by James Madison

The Constitutional Convention of 1787 included many delegates who are all but forgotten.

CARING FOR AMERICA**Caring for America Project 2024**

**We will be collecting the following items at the General meetings for the rest of 2024
for the Border Care Project:**

Hand sanitizer

Towelettes

Wound Wash

Insect Repellent

Sun Screen

Clorox Wipes

Snacks (none that will melt, so no chocolate)

Hydration Drops (“Drip Drops”) that can be added to water

We will collect these items at the general meetings. They will be boxed up along with Thank You Notes to those protecting our border. They will be delivered to the Quarterly TFRW Board Meetings where Deborah Wall (TFRW member who started this project) will pick them up and deliver them to the border. The boxes will be decorated and clearly marked that PRW is sending these items.

If you don't want to go shopping for these items, you can go online and purchase products through Amazon either using the following link. We will be able to get credit for these donations.

Right click on the link and select “open hyperlink.”

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3REBIY2X8ZQF8?ref =wl_share

Caring for America Chair, Kay Barnett

Who Am I Voting For - And Why ??????

Author: Unknown

That moment when someone says, "I can't believe you would vote for Trump."

I simply reply, "I'm not voting for Trump.

I'm voting for the First Amendment and freedom of speech.

I'm voting for the Second Amendment and my right to defend my life and my family.

I'm voting for the next Supreme Court Justice(s) to protect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I'm voting for the continued growth of my retirement 401K and the stock market.

I'm voting for a return of our troops from foreign countries and the end to America's involvement in foreign conflicts.

I'm voting for the Electoral College and for the Republic in which we live.

I'm voting for the Police to be respected once again and to ensure Law & Order.

I'm voting for the continued appointment of Federal Judges who respect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I'm voting for our jobs to remain in America and not be outsourced all over again to China, Mexico and other foreign countries.

I'm voting for secure borders and legal immigration.

I'm voting for the Military & the Veterans who fought for this Country to give the American people their freedoms.

I'm voting for continued peace progress in the Middle East.

I'm voting to fight against human/child trafficking.

I'm voting for Freedom of Religion.

I'm voting for the right to speak my opinion and not be censored.

I'm not just voting for one person, I'm voting for the future of my Country.

I'm voting for my children and my grandchildren to ensure their freedoms and their future.

The Shot Heard 'Round the World

Pastor Jonas Clark, Lexington Law of Liberty

April 19, 1775, marks the day of the first military engagement of the Revolutionary War, when 700 British army regulars were sent to confiscate military supplies thought to be stored in the Massachusetts village of Concord and to capture patriot leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock, who were reported to be staying in the village of Lexington. Previously, Paul Revere arranged for a signal to be sent by lantern from the steeple of North Church in Boston—one if by land, two if by sea—to alert the countryside of any advance of British troops. On the night of April 18, the colonists were signaled to the British mission, and the lantern's alarm sent Revere, William Dawes, and other riders on the road to warn of the British column making its way toward Lexington.

This day, April 19, should be forever marked in the American mind as the day a few Americans stood their ground, refusing to surrender their God-given rights in the face of British tyranny. Yet, there is more to the story than retelling the drama of the 5 A.M. stand of seventy militiamen facing an overwhelming force of British infantry. Many of the militiamen were members of Pastor Jonas Clark's church. Clark stood close by on the road, along with forty to one hundred spectators, watching the events that morning as church member Captain John Parker (for whom the Minuteman Statue was dedicated in 1900 at the 125th anniversary) modeled the principles he had been taught from the Scriptures.

Captain John Parker of the Lexington militia was a deacon in Pastor Clark's church. In addition to being a believer submitted to the Bible, his militia was under the Continental Congress. The Americans were not rebels, for the vast majority of those who resisted British tyranny had been taught the Biblical doctrine of interposition by their pastors. Simply put, it meant *the only lawful way to resist tyranny is to do so under duly constituted authority*. They understood that direct resistance is rebellion and had been taught that only a defensive war in a just cause can be blessed by God. That is why Parker's orders, engraved on the Lexington militia line marker, are so significant: *Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here*.

After Revere alerted Hancock and Adams at Pastor Clark's home that the British regulars were coming, Clark was asked, "Are your men ready?" He replied, "I have trained them for twenty years for this hour." He wasn't exaggerating. In 1755, Clark had been ordained pastor in Lexington. He had drafted the instructions for the colony on resisting the Stamp Act of 1765 and had also drafted Lexington's boycott of English goods in 1774, giving clear instruction on the doctrine of imposition. Jonas Clark taught from the Bible that *true liberty was a result of covenanting with God under the rule of law — God's law*.

When the sixteen-year-old William Diamond beat his drum to bring the militia to the Green around 1:30 A.M. on April 19, and then again around 4:30 A.M., he likely would have had seventeen-year-old Jonathan Harrington, the fifer, play the most famous hymn sung during the Revolution. The first words of the hymn *Chester* were significant: *Let tyrants shake their iron rod, let slavery clank her galling chains. We fear them not! We trust in God! New England's God forever reigns*.

In the predawn light, as they lined up on Lexington Green, the distant sound of marching feet and shouting orders alerted them of the Red-coats' approach. As the British column emerged through the morning fog, the skirmish that was destined to birth a nation began.

Captain Parker was forty-six years old on April 19, but deathly ill with tuberculosis. In spite of this, after the initial conflict, he prepared his men to ambush the British at what is now known as "Parker's Revenge" on their way back to Concord. In addition, he led detachments of his militia to Cambridge on May 6-10 and June 17-18 after the battle of Bunker Hill before his death on September 17, 1775.

Pastor Clark, who witnessed the entire event, countered British General Gage's report "that the troops were fired upon by the rebels out of the meetinghouse and the neighboring as well as by those that were in the field; and that the troops only returned the fire." Clark simply stated, "As to the question 'who fired first?' if it can be a question with anyone ... a cloud of witnesses, whose veracity cannot be justly disputed, upon oath, have declared in the most express and positive terms, 'that the British troops fired first.'"

This agreed with his Captain Parker, who only six days after the battle stated in his legal disposition: "I immediately ordered our Militia to disperse and not to fire. Immediately said Troops ... fired upon and killed eight of our party, without receiving any provocation therefor from us." Most of the eight killed were shot in the back as they were obeying orders to disperse.

Why is the "shot that was heard 'round the world" so important? It is important for Americans to remember that our War for Independence was both *lawful* and *just*. It was a defensive war fought in a lawful manner consistent with Biblical principles. It was not a rebellion nor was it lawless. Where did the many militia units get such teaching, and why would they adhere to such Biblical principles? It was taught almost universally by the "Black Robed Regiment" —the patriotic pastors who led the Revolution behind the scenes as well as taking up arms themselves.

Continued from Page 10

The Birth and Rapid Death of a Mendacious Anti-Trump Meme

The platform formerly known as Twitter is alive with the gratified hand-wringing of anti-Trump pundits who cannot believe their good luck.

By Roger Kimball, March 18, 2024

Commentary

Gertrude Stein once observed that it was important for an artist to know how far to go in going too far.

The same is true of politicians.

Did former President Donald Trump just violate that golden rule?

If you listen to the legacy media, you would even now be in a fit of hysteria crying, à la Molly Bloom, “Yes! Yes! Yes!”

In case you, like me, avoid the legacy media, allow me to tell you what a friend just told me.

At a rally this weekend in Ohio to support GOP Senate primary candidate Bernie Moreno, President Trump warned that if he is not elected president in November, there will be a “bloodbath” across the entire country.

Moreover, he said, there would be no more elections.

What a boon to the anti-Trump media.

They went on an ecstatic feeding frenzy.

The word “bloodbath” was like blood in the water to a school of sharks.

As I write on Sunday morning, the platform formerly known as Twitter is alive with the gratified hand-wringing of anti-Trump pundits who cannot believe their good luck.

“Bloodbath! He said bloodbath! He threatened to unleash a bloodbath unless he is elected. He wants to spark a giant Jan. 6 and bring Our Democracy™ to an end!”

Quoth Biden spokesman James Singer, President Trump is “doubling down on his threats of political violence.”

“He wants another January 6,” Mr. Singer continued, “but the American people are going to give him another electoral defeat this November because they continue to reject his extremism, his affection for violence, and his thirst for revenge.”

Oh dear.

Wasn't it just like President Trump to call for violence?

Didn't he praise neo-Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan or some equally unsavory group in Charlottesville in 2017 after a young woman was killed?

Remember, he said there were “very fine people” on both sides.

Oh my gosh, he said that neo-Nazis and white supremacists were “very fine people”!

[Wasn't that](#), as ABC News wrote, “a low point in the Trump presidency, a moment difficult to justify for even some of President Donald Trump's most loyal allies”?

Well, no.

It turns out he didn't say that at all.

Continued from Page 11

"Excuse me," [said President Trump](#), "they didn't put themselves down as neo-Nazis, and you had some very bad people in that group. But you also had people that were very fine people on both sides."

He went on to say, "I'm not talking about the neo-Nazis and white nationalists because they should be condemned totally."

But to report that would be to hobble the narrative, and we can't have that.

So the media lied and told you that President Trump was a rabid white supremacist, just as they told you that President Trump encouraged Russia to spy on the United States when he said, in a news conference, that he hoped that they found the 30,000 emails that Hilary Clinton erased from her homebrew server.

It was extraordinary how the anti-Trump media went to town with that one, even though it was obvious from the beginning that President Trump was needling Ms. Clinton, not encouraging Russian espionage.

It is the same with "Bloodbathgate."

President Trump was talking about Chinese moves to build huge automotive plants in Mexico and then ship heavily subsidized cars to the United States.

Should they do that on his watch, he said, he would slap a 100 percent tariff on the cars.

"Now, if I don't get elected," President Trump said, "it's going to be a bloodbath for the whole—that's gonna be the least of it. It's going to be a bloodbath for the country. That will be the least of it."

So, budding hermeneuts, what do you think?

Was President Trump instigating violence?

Or was he talking metaphorically about the fate of the U.S. car industry should the invasion of Chinese cars made in Mexico be allowed to proceed?

"Donald Trump said that a bloodbath would happen to the American auto industry if Biden kept on promoting Chinese made EVs," Mr. Vance [wrote](#).

"He of course is 100 percent correct. All other reporting about his 'bloodbath' comment is complete propaganda. The media should be ashamed."

Should be but won't be.

Those who are shameless are not ashamed.

What we are watching, as one commentator observed, is the effort to create a new anti-Trump meme right now.

"We are witnessing the invention of the 'bloodbath' hoax in real-time," the blogger known as "End Wokeness" [wrote](#). "Unfortunately for them, we have X."

Mr. X himself, Elon Musk, with his 177.4 million followers, reposted what End Wokeness wrote, adding the comment, "Interesting." The bloodbath hoax will doubtless be assiduously circulated by the gutter press over the course of the 2024 presidential campaign.

But Mr. Musk effectively deflated it with a single word.

The platform formerly known as Twitter is at last performing the sort of function it was supposed to perform when it was unleashed upon the world in 2006.

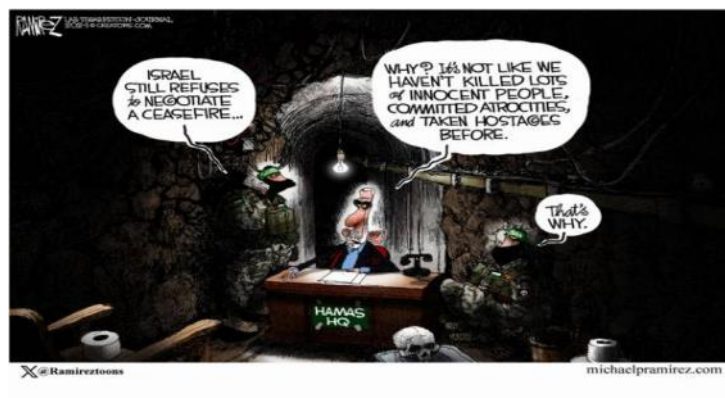
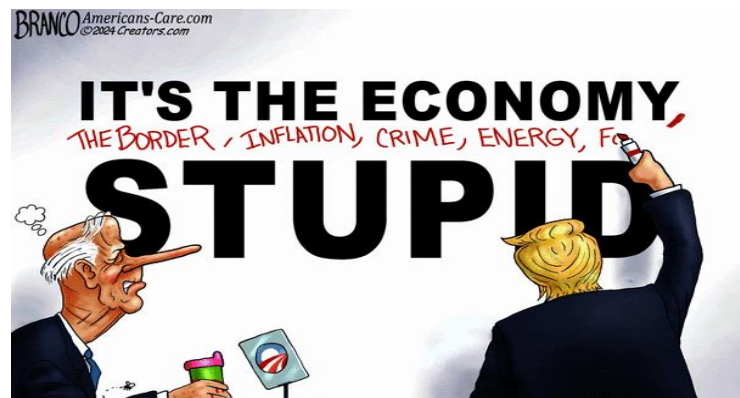
Views expressed in this article are opinions of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Epoch Times.

Political Cartoons

Sneaking into a COUNTRY doesn't make you an 'IMMIGRANT' any more than breaking into a HOUSE makes you 'PART OF THE FAMILY'



I prefer the man who gave up his rich lifestyle to save this country over the man who gave up this country for a rich lifestyle



Constitutional Minute Series

By Jennifer Groysman

Can Congress Ban TikTok?

By: Judge Andrew Napolitano

When James Madison set about to draft the Bill of Rights — the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution — he was articulating what lawyers and philosophers and judges call “negative rights.” A positive right grants a privilege, like a driver’s license. A negative right restrains the government from interfering with a preexisting right. In order to emphasize his view that the freedom of speech preexisted the government, Madison insisted that the word “the” precede “freedom of speech” in the First Amendment.

If the freedom of speech preceded the government, where did it come from?

Speech is a natural right; it comes from our humanity. The framers of the Constitution and the ratifiers of the Bill of Rights understood and recognized this. Congress doesn’t grant the freedom of speech; rather it is prohibited absolutely from interfering with it. In the years following the ratification of the 14th Amendment, the courts began applying the restrictions in the First Amendment to the states and their municipalities and subdivisions.

Today, the First Amendment bars all government — federal, state, and local — and all branches of government — legislative, executive, and judicial — from interfering with the freedom of speech.

You’d never know this listening to Congress today. The same Congress that can’t balance a budget or count the number of foreign military bases the feds own, that thinks it can right any wrong and tax any event, that has borrowed over \$34 trillion and not paid back any of it; the same Congress now wants to give the President of the United States — whomever might occupy that office — the lawful power to suppress websites he thinks are spying on their users or permitting foreign governments to influence what folks see on the sites. All this is an effort to ban the popular website for young folks called TikTok and force its owners to sell its assets.

Here is the backstory.

Throughout American history, we have suffered from mass fears. In the 1790s, it was fear of the French and of Native Americans. In the 1860s, it was fear of African Americans and fear of Confederates. In the 1900s, it was fear of anarchists, Nazis, and Communists. In the first quarter of the present century, the government has whipped up fear of terrorists, Russians, Saddam Hussein, Vladimir Putin and now the Chinese.

In his dystopian novel, “1984,” George Orwell analyzed the totalitarian mind and recognized the need that totalitarians have for fear and hatred. They know that when folks are afraid, they will bargain away the reality of liberty for the illusion of safety. Without fear and hatred, totalitarians have fewer tools for control of the population.

What is the government’s problem with TikTok? The feds want to use fear and hatred of the Chinese government in order to regulate the sources of data and information that Americans can consult. They have projected upon the government of China the very same unlawful and unconstitutional assaults on natural rights that the feds themselves perpetrate upon us.

Thus, in order to gain control over the American public, the deep state — the parts of the government that do not change, no matter which political party is in power — and its friends in Congress have advanced the myth that the Chinese government, which commands the loyalty of the owners of TikTok, might use the site to pass along misinformation or to spy on its users. The key word here is “might,” as the intelligence officials who testified to Congress on this were unable to produce any solid evidence — just fear — that the Chinese government is doing this.

You can’t make this up.

Remember the bumper stickers from the 1970s: “Don’t steal. The government hates competition!” I thought of that line when analyzing this. Why? Because the federal government itself spies on every American who uses a computer or mobile device. The federal government itself captures every keystroke touched on every device in the U.S. The federal government itself captures all data transmitted into, out of and within the U.S. on fiber-optic cables. And the federal government itself told the Supreme Court earlier this week that it needs to be able to influence what data is available on websites in order to combat misinformation.

The federal government basically told the court that it — and not individual persons — should decide what we can read and from what sources. What the federal government did not reveal is its rapacious desire to control the free market in ideas.

Constitutional Minute Series

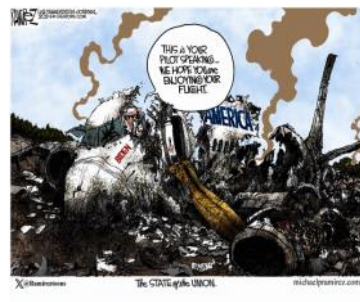
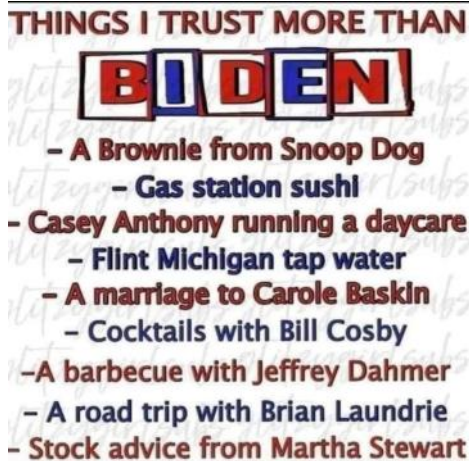
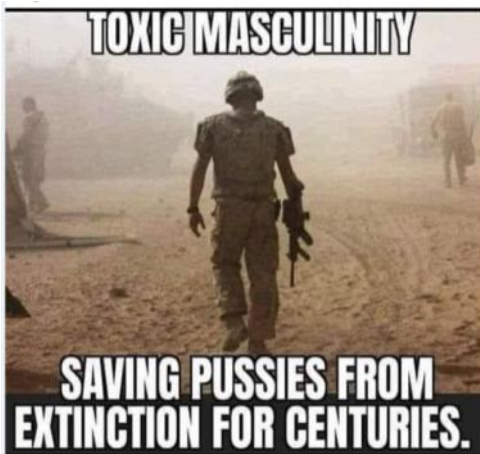
Continued from Page 15

Now back to the First Amendment.

The principal value underlying the freedom of speech is free will. We all have free will to think as we wish, to say what we think, to read what we want, to publish what we say. And we can do all this with perfect freedom. We don't need a government permission slip. The whole purpose of the First Amendment is to guarantee this freedom by keeping the government out of the business of speech — totally and completely. This is the law of the land in modern Supreme Court jurisprudence.

Were this not the law, then the government could suppress the speech it hates and fears and support the speech of its patrons. And then the values that underly the First Amendment would be degraded and negated. The government has no moral or constitutional authority to spy on us or to influence our thoughts. Period.

Does the government work for us or do we work for the government? Have we consented to a nullification of free speech in deference to whomever might be living in the White House? Why do we repose the Constitution into the hands of those who subvert it?



Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman

Political Action Report By Jennifer Groysman

Our Senate District Conventions are over. If you participated on a committee for the conventions, the hours you worked on those committees count as political action hours. If you attended the Senate District Convention, you count from the moment you left your house until you got back.

I am happy to report that 14 of our members will be delegates to the Texas Republican State Convention in San Antonio in May. Great job ladies.

Remember to turn in your hours at our website www.planorepublicanwomen.org. Remember to also keep track of your phone calls. Any call that is political or turns political counts.

Remember you can submit your hours on our website. www.planorepublicanwomen.org

Don't forget to count the time you spent voting.



What counts as

Political Activity Hours

- **Attending Political Meetings**
 - Political Events & Fundraisers
 - County or State GOP meetings
 - School Board or City Council meetings
- **Travel**
 - Any time you spend traveling to and from political events and meetings.
- **Legislative Advocacy**
 - Time spent calling, writing, about legislative issues
- **Campaign Activities**
 - Block walking, sign waving, phone banking, digital work
 - Running for office
- **Election Support**
 - Election Judge, Election Clerk, Deputy Voter Registrar
- **Appointed or Elected Service**
 - Prep time, travel time, and attendance at meetings you were appointed or elected to serve at any level

Any political activity you do that is not for your primary job counts!

Membership Report

By Membership Chair Lisa Babb

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.

Cathie Alexander	Debby Arrant
Sara Billingsley	Deb Blencowe
Nuray Fuller	Catherine Gibb
Jennifer Groysman	Madelon Issaeff
Donna Krauss	Pam Little
Cleo Marchese	Lynn McCoy
Leah Slaughter	

We are currently accepting Membership Renewals for 2024! And we always welcome new members!

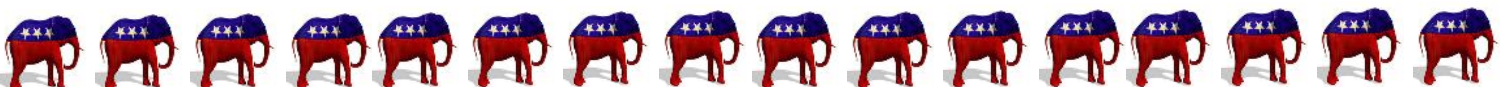
In 2023, PRW had 105 members, we hope that 2024 will bring even more women in to network and work together for Republican values and Republican candidates.

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting, online through our website
<https://planorepublicanwomen.org/membership>
or checks can be mailed to the PRW Post Office Box.

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](#)




The next time you see these sponsors —shake their hand.

Paid Political Advertising PRW



CONGRESSMAN
KEITH SELF
PROUDLY SERVING TEXAS' 3RD DISTRICT



Pam Little
Member
State Board of Education
District 12

632 Merlot
Fairview, TX 75069
(972) 342-6697
pam.little@tea.texas.gov

Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701-1494



JEFF LEACH
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 67

P.O. Box 2910 · AUSTIN, TEXAS 78768-2910
512-463-0544 · 512-463-9974 (FAX)
JEFF.LEACH@HOUSE.STATE.TX.US

STATE of TEXAS
HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES




Matt Shaheen
District 66

P.O. Box 2910 · Austin, Texas 78768-2910
(512) 463-0594 · f (512) 463-1021
MATT.SHAHEEN@HOUSE.STATE.TX.US




KEEP JUDGE
TOM NOWAK
366TH DISTRICT COURT

VotingForTom.com
tom@votingfortom.com
214-405-1179



BENJAMIN N. SMITH
JUDGE
380TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 30132 • McKinney, Texas 75071
(972) 548-4762 • Metro (972) 424-1460, Ext. 4762
Fax (972) 547-5733 • Email: bsmith@co.collin.tx.us



PIPER McCRAW
JUDGE, 469th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COLLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 30014 • McKinney, Texas 75071
(972) 548-5660 • Fax (972) 548-5664 • 469@co.collin.tx.us
Court Administrator, Shannon Reynolds • Court Reporter, Stephanie Hunn
Bailliff, Shane Capps



Susan Fletcher
CONSERVATIVE
REPUBLICAN
Collin County Commissioner Pct. 1

sfletcher@collincountytx.gov
972.548.4676 office
972.567.4162 personal cell

Jack Hatchell Administration Building
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192
McKinney, TX 75071



Cheryl Williams
Commissioner, Precinct 2

2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 4192, McKinney, TX 75071
Metro (972) 424-1460, Ext. 4626 • Cell (214) 471-3126
Email cdwilliams@collincountytx.gov



Duncan Webb
Commissioner, Precinct 4

2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192 • McKinney, Texas 75071
(972) 548-4631 • Metro (972) 424-1460, Ext. 4631
jdwebb@collincountytx.gov • www.collincountytx.gov



JIM SKINNER
SHERIFF

Collin County Sheriff's Office
4300 Community Avenue
McKinney, Texas 75071
972.547.5100 Office
972.547.5303 Fax

sheriffskinner@collincountytx.gov
www.collincountytx.gov/sheriff



JUDGE RANDY JOHNSON
County Court at Law No. 5

2100 Bloomdale Rd., Ste. 20382 • McKinney, TX 75071
(972) 548-3850 • Metro (972) 424-1460, Ext. 3850
E-mail: rjohnson@co.collin.tx.us • www.collincountytx.gov



Judge Mike Missildine
Justice of the Peace
Justice Court Precinct 3, Place 2

920 E. Park Blvd., Ste. 210 • Plano, Texas 75074
Office (972) 881-3051 • Fax (972) 881-3098
Email: mmissildine@collincountytx.gov • www.collincountytx.gov



CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 3
SAMMY KNAPP
CONSTABLE

920 E. Park Blvd., Suite 230
Plano, Texas 75074

Email: sknapp@co.collin.tx.us (972) 881-3070
Cell: (214) 250-7886 Fax: (972) 881-3143
www.collincountytx.gov



Plano
City of Excellence

City of Plano
1520 Avenue K
Suite 300
Plano, TX 75074

P.O. Box 860358
Plano, TX 75086-0358

Anthony Ricciardelli
Council Member
Place 2

Tel: 972.941.7107
Cell: 972.345.8730
Fax: 972.423.9587
aricciardelli@plano.gov
plano.gov



The next time you see these sponsors —shake their hand.

Paid Political Advertising PRW



Plano
City of Excellence

City of Plano
1520 K Avenue
Suite 300
Plano, TX 75074

P.O. Box 860358
Plano, TX 75086-0358

Shelby Williams
Council Member
Place 5


Tel: 972.941.7107
Cell: 469.367.1320
Fax: 972.423.9587
shelbywilliams@plano.gov
plano.gov



Rick Smith
Elect - Plano City Council Place 8

Rick For Plano
P.O. Box 261194
Plano, TX 75026
214-707-4575

"The Neighborhood Candidate"
rick@rickforplano.org



James "Jimmy" Angelino
Defense Counsel

Law Offices of James Angelino
www.jamesangelino.com

2591 Dallas Pkwy., Suite 300
Frisco, TX 75034
jimmya@jamesangelino.com
972-377-0088 Office / 214-975-2474: Fax



PRO Deo REALTY GROUP

Derek V. Baker, Realtor
SHINN TEAM REAL ESTATE

214-551-4604



SCOTT GRIGG

Conservative Republican
for
Collin County Tax Assessor Collector



Phillip W. Huffines
Co-Owner

8200 Douglas Avenue, Suite 300 - Dallas, Texas 75225
Main 214-526-3000 · Mobile 214-499-1712
phuffines@huffinescommunities.com



HUFFINES
Since 1924

Huffines Auto Dealerships



Jerry Madden

Right on Crime - Senior Fellow
Former Texas House of Representatives
Former Chair of Corrections

(972) 989-7758
jmaddeninsurance@aol.com

428 Valley Glen Drive
Richardson, Texas 75080



Fred N. Moses
President

Telecom Electric Supply Company

1304 Capital Avenue Telephone: 972-422-0012, #1105
Plano, Texas 75074-8570 Fax: 972-422-0467
E-mail: fred@tes85.com Mobile: 972-345-1965
Web Site: www.tes85.com

CODY WEAVER
Broker/Owner
License # 0647330



(214) 336-4956 @leaseforgood
broker@local18realty.com www.leaseforgood.com

18% REBATE TO YOU. 18% DONATION TO CHARITY FOR EVERY LEASE

GEORGE B. FLINT
Partner
george.flint@solidcounsel.com
P. 214.472.2183 C. 214.773.9500

2600 Network Blvd, Suite 400
Frisco, Texas 75034
P: 214.472.2100 F: 214.472.2150
www.solidcounsel.com

Chris Hill
Texas Conservative Collin County Judge

www.chrishill.us

Barnett Walker Conservative Republican

JUDGE ★ COURT #2

COLLIN COUNTY COURT AT LAW



MATT CARPENTER
CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 1

2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 1136
McKinney, Texas 75071

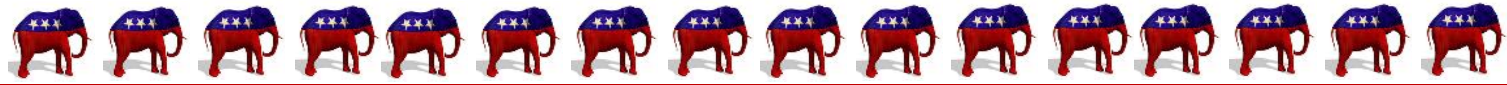
Email: mcarpenter@co.collin.tx.us (972) 548-4419
Fax: (972) 548-4785
www.collincountytx.gov



SENATOR ANGELA PAXTON
DISTRICT 8

CAPITOL OFFICE
P. O. Box 12068, Ste. GE5
Austin, Texas 78711
512-463-0108 • Fax: 512-463-7579

DISTRICT OFFICE
604 S. Watters Rd., Ste. 100
Allen, Texas 75013
972-908-3424 • Fax: 972-908-3361
angela.paxton@senate.texas.gov




The next time you see these sponsors —shake their hand.

Paid Political Advertising PRW




STACEY KEMP
COUNTY CLERK

2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 2106 • McKinney, Texas 75071
(972) 548-4136 • Metro (972) 424-1460, Ext. 4136 • Fax (972) 547-5731
Email: skemp@collincountytx.gov • www.collincountytx.gov




GREG WILLIS
CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COLLIN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
2100 Bloomdale Rd., Ste. 20004
McKinney, TX 75071
www.collincountyda.com

gwillis@collincountytx.gov 972.548.4330



JUDGE JILL R. WILLIS
429th Judicial District Court

2100 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 10014 • McKinney, Texas 75071
(972) 547-5720 • Metro (972) 424-1460 ext. 5720 • Fax (972) 547-5727
E-Mail: jwillis@co.collin.tx.us



JUDGE BROOK FULKS
470TH DISTRICT COURT

RUSSELL A. STEINDAM COURTS BUILDING 470@co.collin.tx.us
2100 Bloomdale Rd., Ste. 20146 Stacey Samples, Coordinator
McKinney, Texas 75071 Major Pearson, Court Officer
(972) 548-5670 Tanner Feast, Court Reporter
(972) 548-5674 Fax www.collincountytx.gov




JUDGE DAVID RIPPEL
County Court at Law No. 4


1800 N. Graves St., Suite 160 • McKinney, Texas 75069
(972) 548-3840 • Metro (972) 424-1460 Ext. 3840 • Fax (972) 548-3844
Email: drippel@co.collin.tx.us • www.collincountytx.gov



**★ MIKE ★
GOULD**
Conservative for District Clerk



Compassion - Leadership - Integrity
Early Voting May 16-20
Runoff May 24th

469-332-8334
www.mikegould2022.com



Dr. J. Robert Collins
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Collin County Community College District
1150 CR 610, Farmersville, Texas 75442
P | 972.784.7371
District Office 972.758.3800
bcollins@ccccd.edu

SOUTHWEST PAIN MANAGEMENT
Relief begins here.

ROBERT GROYSMAN, MD
INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MANAGEMENT AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
DIPLOMAT OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PAIN MEDICINE
DIPLOMAT OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

**Michael
SLAUGHTER**
CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN

FOR
COLLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 2



469.583.1129
MICHAEL@MICHAELSLAUGHTER.COM
WWW.MICHAELSLAUGHTER.COM

Political Advertising Paid for by Plano Republican Women PAC Treasurer Lynn McCoy, PO Box 94046, Plano Texas 75094. A Tax Exempt Organization Under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to Plano Republican Women PAC Are Not Deductible as Charitable. Contributions for Federal Income Tax Purposes. Corporate Contributions Are Not Permitted. Not Authorized by Any Candidate or Committee





Plano Republican Women
P.O. Box 940461
Plano, TX 75094



Plano Republican Women

meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month
(except June, July & December)

Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway

Plano, TX 75074

11:15 am check-in

11:30 am meeting, lunch and program

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

You do not have to have lunch to attend,

But please RSVP to

rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

PRW OFFICERS for 2024

Cleo Marchese, President

President@PlanoRepublicanWomen.org

Jessica Bartnick, 1st VP - Programs

Ushma Ferguson, 2nd VP - Membership

RSVP@PlanoRepublicanWomen.org

Lynn McCoy, 3rd VP - Awards

Cathie Alexander 4th VP - Ways and Means

Joan Hart, Recording Secretary

Debby Arrant, Treasurer

Sheila Patterson, Corresponding Secretary

Catherine Gibb, Co-Editor Elephant Talk - 214-929-0857

Denise Voss, Co-Editor Elephant Talk



April Birthdays

Member Birthdays:

Kathleen Sharpe	4/18
Chris Beninger	4/23
Anne Logan	4/25
Sharon Bradford	4/27

Associates & Sponsors Birthdays:

Don Williams	4/7
Brian Fletcher	4/14
Becky Leach	4/17
Bob Collins	4/24
Phillip Huffines	4/26
Duncan Webb	4/27
Greg Willis	4/27

