

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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President's Byline



See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil about any democrat polices or politicians has become the norm of the mainstream media. It pollutes our country at all levels: local, state, and national. At one time we had a fully functioning government with checks and balances but as greed from one group to rule instead of be citizen servants contaminated all levels of government. They decided to fully control the press. Freedom of the press as envisioned by our founder fathers was supposed to be a fundamental right to circulate different opinions or report facts without censorship, so we would never be controlled by tyrants again. Yet, this viewpoint of the press is hard to find any more in traditional media. Why? Because since the rise of Conservative cable news networks, bloggers, social media, and podcasts in the early 2000s. The national narrative by one party can no longer be controlled. Globalist, socialist, and far left democrats know this creates a problem for their state sanctioned narratives from everything from climate control to who to elect to public office.

Every day, you hear Left leaning media sources question the dangers of a free press. Aren't you the press? Oh, what you are the special press, the town criers of the Liberal elite. Even the DOJ is in on it. The Department of Justice updated in 2022 their book on how to spot homegrown terrorist. The booklet listing forty-two "indicators" that range from "unusual goodbyes or post-death instructions" to "surveilling potential attack targets" to "isolating oneself from family and peers, particularly if citing violent extremist doctrine or ideology". You probably ask what is wrong with stopping people from citing extremist doctrine? Extremist doctrine according to the DOJ is now non-mainstream media sources. The booklet was published after the January 6th capitol incident because they felt conservative media outlets like FOX, Newsmax, and OAN as well as conservative radio show host, blogger, etc. caused people to doubt a national narrative they had worked very hard to push forth. They claim the threat of domestic terrorism is on the rise. But it's obvious that the real problem is the decline in acceptance of mass public propaganda. Parents are questioning what is going on at their schools even if they are labeled as extremist by the establishment media and told everything is fine. You are a bigot, racist, homophobe if you don't like what you see happening in our country from the border to our beloved institutions being dismantled. People are skeptical that we have a justice system for all because of the sweet deals Democrat politicians and their families get and the fawning or inaccurate media coverage of these events is making it worse. People taking notice of the crackdown on conservative news sources more, look at what happened to Tucker Carlson. He was a firebrand on Prime-time Fox, his stories were different than the sanitized conservative talking points Fox repeats hourly for every show. It wasn't Dominion that got him fired, it was thinking and speaking outside the box.

This is a big problem because this country will be electing a new president in 2024 and the mainstream media refused to ask poignant question about Joe Biden in the last presidential election cycle. He was allowed to hide in his basement and only show up to a few key debates. Even when he sounded vague and sloppy, the media took one statement out of an entire botched debate or speech and turned it into media gold. We are three years into his mishandling of the country and the media will not question out of control inflation even though prices on food, housing, energy and needed large ticket purchases have skyrocketed. We somehow manage every month to skirt the word "Recession" by a few percentages points and the media says this is the best economy we have ever had. Talk to some indoctrinated people. They will tell you we have the strongest economy in the world but cannot explain to you why we have the highest credit card interest rates in history, the highest car loan interest rates in 22 years, and why the housing market is stagnating. But if you listen to your local media stations: ABC, CBS or NBC. Everything is fine and any problems we are seeing are because of the war in Ukraine, Putin, Trump, Climate Change or some invisible force that has nothing to do with the Biden economy.

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Calendar of Events

Join GCRW, PRW and RWGNT
Kurt Schlichter
August 3, 6-8 pm
Cottonwood Creek Church Allen

Next General Meeting
August 15, 2023, 11:30
Saltgrass - East Plano

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

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

TFRW Convention
Oct 12-14, 2023
Irving, Texas

PRW Presidents Byline

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Jerome Powell, the federal reserve chair announced again this week, the Fed is raising interest rates for the 11th time in 17 months. According to Charles Payne on Fox & Friends, "We are in uncharted waters here". "We have never seen so much money poured into an economy, 6.7 trillion dollars." He said President Biden is trying to pick winners and losers with businesses by continuing to pour more money into the economy and Powell is simply trying to stop the damage by slowing inflation or a recession **depending on who you listen to**. Who you listen to is the problem. Most colleges have been taken over by activist professors, and journalism students are no longer taught the core fundamentals of a good reporter. As our national press core ages, even the most liberal ones. They are replaced by unthinking automatons who will only publish Democrat talking points. They do not ask critical questions of their own politicians and worse, they are so indoctrinated that they refuse to see harm and promote things like the medical mismanagement of children under gender affirming care doctrine that is not meant to help any child but is needed to further destabilize another generation and make them more dependent on the government.

The press is so complicit, we are forced to watch a career criminal and extortionist, Hunter Biden, get white glove service from the DOJ, even when Hunter Biden's plea deal implodes. The fawning mainstream press uses a national narrative of a beloved father dealing with his son's sad addiction problems. At the White House, Dog Gate has been going on for some time. Commander, the Biden's adult German Shepard has seriously bitten lots of Secret Service agents. Major, their first German Shepard was removed from the White House in 2021 for another series of staff biting incidences. What did the mainstream press say? CNN describes Commander, an adult dog weighing over 80 lbs. as a 22-month-old pet who would occasionally get away from Jill Biden before she could catch him. ABC said several biting incidences occurred, not over 11 in 10 months that sent some Secret Service agents to the hospital for stitches. The View co-hosts laughed themselves into tears and called him a misunderstood puppy the conservatives are getting upset about and joked the Biden's should get a chihuahua since the Secret Service are so sensitive. Time magazine claims only the Conservative watch group Judicial Watch exposed the incident and the Secret Service staff have not voiced any complaints. The truth is the attacks have been well documented and are not a conspiracy to embarrass Joe Biden. He can do that by himself, he doesn't need any help.

The problem with Biden's dogs is no laughing matter. They have become another widely covered mainstream media lie to cover up something that is really serious. It may not be earth shattering but it highlights a pattern of corruption by the mainstream press of covering up anything the Democrats do without hesitation and greatly exaggerating the wrong doings of the aggrieved party. The Bidens dogs just like their son Hunter are another living example of the alternative world created by a corrupt press using carefully crafted language and reporting to deflate a serious problem. If your dog bit three random people in Washington, D.C., or any other place in the US. They would have been confiscated by animal control and euthanized after the third incident.

Coming into this Presidential election cycle, we have some really strong Republican candidates who are revolutionary in their thinking, with concepts that will bring the economy back inline, respect parents' rights and not continue to disillusion the vulnerable minded population with dangerous concepts that will destroy our country. We must bring back honesty in journalism. Democrat pundits and the political elite love to throw out that tired old phrase anytime something happens in politics we question. The US is not a third world banana republic. Then let's stop acting like we are a banana republic by having a tightly controlled press who is used to silence opposing political leaders or conservative pundits who ask poignant questions, and by trying to suppress any news outlet that is not Left leaning. Our country deserves better, 2024 is months away. Let's start first by demanding accuracy in reporting. We can no longer tolerate the Fourth Estate that acts like a "Fifth Column" for liberal ideology.

Cleo Marchese

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Connections was formed to help members get to know one another over a glass of tea and to complete a common goal.

Please join other PRW members for **Connections**, following our General Meeting. Let's plan to work together for an hour or so. Come and go as your schedule allows.

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

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

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

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



PRW August Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING: August 15, 2023

Dr. Rickey Williams
Deputy Executive Director for Region 10 Education Service Center

“What is Really Happening on School Boards Behind Closed Doors”

This is information that every School Board Trustee should hear. And every single taxpayer should understand. This meeting will surprise you, advise you, and expose the truth.

Former Public School Superintendent Dr. Rickey Williams is going to speak about how Superintendents and School Boards really work together. He has sat at school board meetings as the school representative and understands what really goes on. He is going to talk about bonds, the truth behind Robin Hood, and what a school budget should really look like.

Dr. Rickey Williams has been in public education for 38 years beginning as a Coach, Math Teacher, Bus Driver, High School Principal, School Superintendent, and currently is the Deputy Executive Director for Region 10 Education Service Center that serves 150 school districts, charter schools, and private schools that educate over 900,000 students.

He's married to Tammy and they have 3 sons, 2 daughters in law and 3 grandchildren. Rickey earned his bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech University, his Master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and his Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

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.

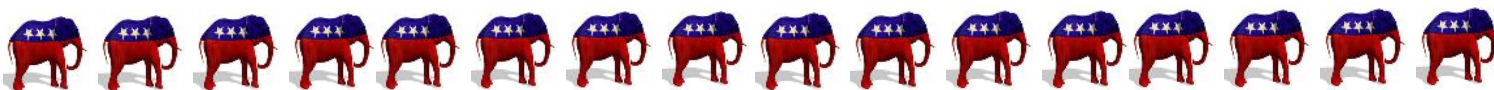
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, August 11, 2023

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

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

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

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



PRW Summer Social Photos





Legislative Report



Christi Craddick

★ RAILROAD COMMISSIONER ★

It was an important month; the Texas Legislature passed record-setting tax relief, Texas continues to break employment records, and the Lone Star State was recognized as the top energy-producing state nationwide.

Strong, Republican leadership is delivering for Texas families in every corner of our state. I'm proud to play my part and so grateful for your role in continuing to drive Texas forward. We're in this work together, and I know you remain as dedicated to our conservative values as I am.

As always, thank you for your support. Here's to a bright future for Texas and our energy industry.

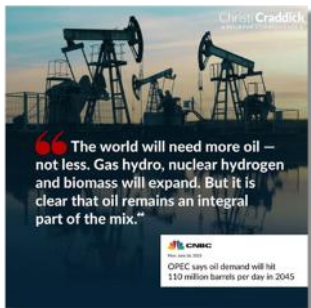
Sincerely,

Christi Craddick
Railroad Commissioner



Property tax relief is on its way to Governor Greg Abbott's desk. This is a big step towards easing the financial burden on Texans and a testament to what we can accomplish thanks to real, conservative leadership that puts people, not government, first.

As Chair of the Railroad Commission of Texas, I'm proud to see Texas leading the nation in energy production, contributing 24.4% of the total US energy share. It's a testament to the hard work and commitment of our oil and gas workers. Here's to the strength of Texas oil and gas!



OPEC forecasts a surge in global oil demand to 110 million barrels/day by 2045. Texas is primed to meet the demand and power the nation forward, but Biden's Green New Deal priorities are stifling us. Let's rally to unlock the true power of Texas oil and gas!

Great news, Texans! We're enjoying some of the lowest energy costs in the nation. It's all thanks to our efficient and robust energy industry powered by some of the hardest-working people in our great state. Together, we'll continue to keep Texans, and Texas, prosperous and thriving.





Legislative Report

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TED CRUZ

U.S. SENATOR FOR TEXAS

08.02.2023

Sen. Cruz Releases Discussion Draft of Bill to Codify NIL Rights For Athletes, Provide Legal Certainty for College Athletics

WASHINGTON, D.C. – After significant engagement and conversations with major universities, conferences, and other key stakeholders, U.S. Senate Commerce Committee Ranking Member Ted Cruz (R-Texas) today unveiled a discussion draft of legislation aimed at addressing major issues in college athletics that have wrought a patchwork of pending litigation, inconsistent state laws, and labor complaints. Cruz's committee has jurisdiction over athletics. As it stands, Sen. Cruz's...

08.01.2023

Cruz Celebrates Senate Passage of Legislation to Name Ports-to-Plains Corridor 'Interstate 27'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) celebrated Senate passage of his I-27 Numbering Act of 2023, co-sponsored by Sens. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), to formally name the Ports-to-Plains Corridor through Texas and New Mexico as Interstate 27. Reps. Jodey Arrington (R-Texas), Henry Cuellar (D-Texas), August Pfluger (R-Texas), and Ronny Jackson (R-Texas) introduced identical legislation in the House. The bipartisan bill passed...

07.28.2023

Annual Defense Bill Includes Key Bipartisan, Cruz-Led Priorities

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Ranking Member of the Senate Commerce, Science and Technology Committee, released the following statements after two key provisions he worked to introduce—one to streamline environmental permits for federally-funded semiconductor manufacturing plants and a second one to require labels for smart devices or appliances with built-in cameras and microphones—were included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). In a major...

07.27.2023

Sen. Cruz Highlights Commerce Committee's Strong Bipartisan Efforts to Deliver Victories for Consumers and Take Steps to Protect Children's Privacy Online

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In his opening statement at today's full committee markup, Ranking Member Ted Cruz (R-Texas) discussed the importance of the committee's bipartisan efforts that will greatly benefit American consumers by bringing transparency to the online ticket market, highlighting his TICKET Act and steps to protect AM radio with the AM Radio For Every Vehicle Act. While he voiced his support for two pieces of legislation aimed at protecting children's data online,...

07.27.2023

Sen. Cruz Leads Supreme Court Brief Challenging Unconstitutional Power Grabs by Unelected Bureaucrats

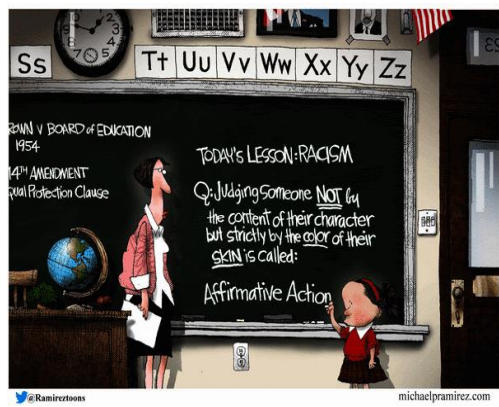
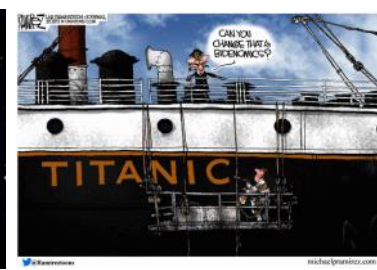
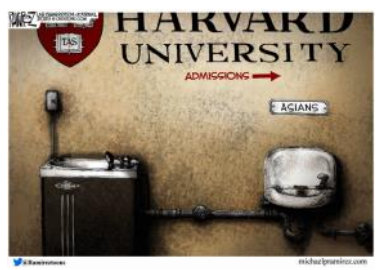
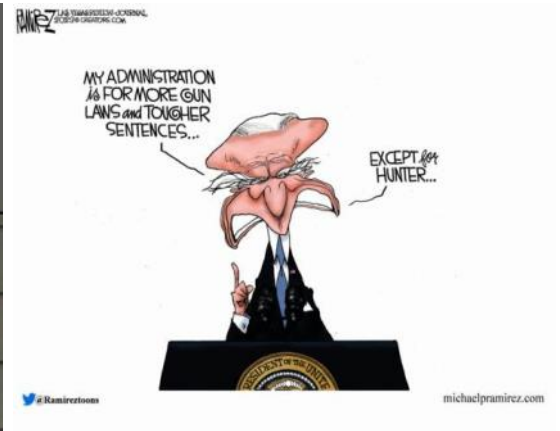
WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on the Constitution, filed a Supreme Court amicus brief in the case Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo. Rep. Mike Johnson (R-La.) led the amicus effort in the House of Representatives. Senator Cruz is joined on the brief by Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ken.) and Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Tom...

07.26.2023

Senate Democrats Block Cruz Amendment to Reinstate Servicemembers Wrongfully Discriminated Against Based on COVID-19 Vaccine Status

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Tonight, Senate Democrats blocked U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) from adding an amendment to the FY24 National Defense Authorization Act. The amendment, which is based on Sen. Cruz and Rep. Dan Bishop's (R-N.C.) AMERICANS Act (S. 29), would have provided remedies to military servicemembers who were involuntarily separated from the military based solely on COVID-19 vaccine status, allowing these individuals to return to military service and to adjust their discharge...

Political Cartoons





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



STATUE OF LIBERTY – AN ICON. A SYMBOL. A PROMISE

AUGUST 1, 2023

I decided to write this month about the Statue of Liberty because the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island on August 5, 1884. Learning more about our treasured Statue of Liberty has been such a joy! I encourage you to check out some of the links and sources. And for a fascinating virtual tour visit <https://www.360sitevisit.com/libertyisland/>. I'm ready to plan a visit!

The Statue of Liberty started as a romantic idea and became the most monumental gift in American history. Today, it stands as a singular symbol of mankind's hope and spirit.

She is recognized around the world as [the universal symbol of freedom, liberty and progress](#), as outlined in the statue's formal name: "La liberte eclairant le monde", or "Liberty enlightening the world." This colossal statue depicts Lady Liberty, with her arm held high carrying a glistening gold torch, a wide, seven-pronged crown, and strident legs pacing towards the future. Originally conceived as a gift from the people of France to the United States to commemorate the [Declaration of Independence](#)

[The idea for this symbol of America's freedom was born in 1865](#), when the French historian and abolitionist Édouard de Laboulaye proposed a monument to commemorate the upcoming centennial of U.S. independence (1876), the perseverance of American democracy and the liberation of the nation's slaves. It all started at dinner one night near Paris. A group of Frenchmen were discussing their dictator-like emperor and the democratic government of the U.S. They decided to build a monument to American freedom - and perhaps even strengthen French demands for democracy in their own country. At that dinner was the sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi (bar-TOLE-dee). He imagined a statue of a woman holding a torch burning with the light of freedom.

By 1870, sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi had come up with sketches of a giant figure of a robed woman holding a torch – (possibly based on a statue he had previously proposed for the opening of the Suez Canal).

Bartholdi traveled to the United States in the early 1870s to drum up enthusiasm and raise funds for a proposed Franco-American monument to be located on Bedloe's Island, in New York's harbor. Upon his return to France, he and Laboulaye created the Franco-American Union, which raised some 600,000 francs from the French people.

Work on the statue, formally called "Liberty Enlightening the World," began in France in 1875. A year later, the completed torch and left forearm went on display in Philadelphia and New York to help with U.S. fundraising for the building of the statue's giant pedestal.

Turning Bartholdi's idea into reality took 21 years. French supporters raised money to build the statue, and Americans paid for the pedestal it would stand on. Finally, in 1886, the statue was dedicated.

With its combination of breathtaking views and living history, the [Statue of Liberty Museum](#) stands as an inspiring and dynamic part of the Liberty Island experience, inviting visitors to dive into the story behind the sculpture and immerse themselves in unique artifacts.



The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation (SOLEIF) began in 1982 when President Ronald Reagan appointed Lee Iacocca, then Chairman of the Chrysler Corporation, to head up an effort to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island to commemorate their respective centennials.

The Foundation, working with its public partner the National Park Service, first tackled the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. After almost a century weather, pollution, and sightseeing had left Lady Liberty's torch in need of replacement and her crown's rays in need of strengthening. An army of architects, historians, engineers, and almost 1,000 laborers embarked on the project — which also involved replacing the rusted iron armature bars with stainless steel bars, removing multiple coatings from the interior copper skin, as well as installing new elevators and an informative exhibit in the Statue's base.

The process took two years to complete – but the Statue was indeed ready for her centennial jubilee. She was reopened with great fanfare in a celebration dubbed "Liberty Weekend."

Since completing the Statue's restoration, SOLEIF has pursued a series of efforts rooted in education and preservation. We've restored Ellis Island; supported Lady Liberty through the September 11th attacks and Hurricane Sandy; and created a series of meaningful testaments to the role of immigration in America including the American Immigrant Wall of Honor, the American Family Immigration History Center, the



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Peopling of America Center, and Statue of Liberty Museum, which the Foundation opened in 2019.

The Statue of Liberty's head, arms and exterior were constructed in parts in the French engineering workshop of Gaget, Gauthier & Co., while Gustave Eiffel, designer of the [Eiffel Tower](#) in Paris, assisted with constructing the internal pylon tower that supports them. They spent 9 years putting it all together, before pulling it into parts and shipping it to New York City.

The entire statue is coated in a thin layer of copper, as thin as two pennies stuck together, which covers an internal structure made from cast iron and stainless steel. This copper has slowly aged over time, changing from a reddish-brown hue to the distinctive pale green patination we know and love today. Meanwhile, the gleaming torch was coated in 24K gold during restoration work in 1986.

For the first 16 years of its existence, the Statue of Liberty operated as a lighthouse, which was supposed to guide ships coming into New York harbor. the Statue of Liberty was the first [lighthouse](#) to be lit with electricity, powered by a steam electricity plant. it ceased its lighthouse activities in 1902.

In October 1886, the pedestal on Bedloe's Island was completed, and 10/28/1886 the Statue of Liberty was formally dedicated in a ceremony presided over by President Grover Cleveland.

Six years later, the inspection station on neighboring Ellis Island opened, welcoming more than 12 million immigrants to the United States between 1892 and 1954. Above them, the Statue of Liberty brandished her torch, embodying the most famous words from Emma Lazarus' 1883 poem "The New Colossus," written to raise funds for the pedestal and later inscribed on a plaque at its base: *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."*

Its framework of gigantic steel supports was designed by Eugene-Emmanuel Viollet-le-Duc .

<https://www.history.com/news/statue-of-liberty-funding-pulitzer>

Why the Statue of Liberty Almost Didn't Get Built

[The Statue of Liberty Has Long Been a Magnet for Protest](#)

The last rivet of the monument was fitted on October 28, 1886, during a dedication presided over by President Cleveland and attended by numerous French and American dignitaries.

In 1903, a bronze plaque mounted inside the pedestal's lower level was inscribed with "The New Colossus," a sonnet by American poet Emma Lazarus that welcomed immigrants to the United States with the declaration, "Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me. / I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

In 1892, [Ellis Island](#), adjacent to Bedloe's Island, opened as the chief entry station for immigrants to the United States, and for the next 32 years more than 12 million immigrants were welcomed into New York harbor by the sight of "Lady Liberty." In 1924, the Statue of Liberty was made a national monument, and in 1956 Bedloe's Island was renamed Liberty Island.

Her head isn't on properly!

In 1982, people discovered that the head had actually been installed 2 feet off center. Whoopsie!

Although you cannot see, at the statue's feet there are broken shackles symbolizing the country moving forward from oppression and slavery. She is also moving her right foot towards a new, free era.

Lighthouse Board and War Department (1886–1933)

Trivia

As early as 1902 it was mentioned in the press; by 1906 it had entirely covered the statue.^[120] Believing that the patina was evidence of corrosion, Congress authorized US\$62,800 (equivalent to \$2,045,000 in 2022) for various repairs, and to paint the statue both inside and out.^[121] There was considerable public protest against the proposed exterior painting.^[122] The [Army Corps of Engineers](#) studied the patina for any ill effects to the statue and concluded that it protected the skin, "softened the outlines of the Statue and made it beautiful."^[123] The statue was painted only on the inside. The Corps of Engineers also installed an elevator to take visitors from the base to the top of the pedestal.^[123]

Bedloe's Island in 1927, showing the statue and army buildings. The eleven-pointed walls of [Fort Wood](#), which still form the statue's base, are visible.

On July 30, 1916, during World War I, German saboteurs set off [a disastrous explosion](#) on the Black Tom peninsula in [Jersey City, New Jersey](#), in what is now part of [Liberty State Park](#), close to Bedloe's Island. Carloads of dynamite and other explosives that were being sent



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to Britain and France for their war efforts were detonated. The statue sustained minor damage, mostly to the torch-bearing right arm, and was closed for ten days. The cost to repair the statue and buildings on the island was about \$100,000 (equivalent to about \$2,690,000 in 2022). The narrow ascent to the torch was closed for public-safety reasons, and it has remained closed ever since.^[113]

That same year, [Ralph Pulitzer](#), who had succeeded his father [Joseph](#) as publisher of the *World*, began a drive to raise \$30,000 (equivalent to \$807,000 in 2022) for an exterior lighting system to illuminate the statue at night. He claimed over 80,000 contributors, but failed to reach the goal. The difference was quietly made up by a gift from a wealthy donor—a fact that was not revealed until 1936. An underwater power cable brought electricity from the mainland and floodlights were placed along the walls of Fort Wood. [Gutzon Borglum](#), who later sculpted [Mount Rushmore](#), redesigned the torch, replacing much of the original copper with [stained glass](#). On December 2, 1916, President [Woodrow Wilson](#) pressed the telegraph key that turned on the lights, successfully illuminating the statue.^[124]

There are a few replicas of Lady Liberty including one on [Odaiba](#) in [Tokyo Bay](#), Japan, near the [Rainbow Bridge](#).

The statue was at first administered by the U.S. Lighthouse Board, as the [illuminated](#) torch was considered a navigational aid. Because Fort Wood was still an operational Army post, responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the statue was transferred in 1901 to the War Department. It was declared a [national monument](#) in 1924, and in 1933 the administration of the statue was placed under the [National Park Service](#). Fort Wood was deactivated in 1937, and the rest of the island was incorporated into the monument. In 1956 Bedloe's Island was renamed [Liberty Island](#), and in 1965 nearby [Ellis Island](#), once the country's major immigration station, was added to the monument's jurisdiction, bringing its total area to about 58 acres (about 24 hectares). Exhibits on the history of the Statue of Liberty, including the statue's original 1886 torch, were contained in the statue's base until 2018, when they were moved to the [adjacent](#) Statue of Liberty Museum.

The statue was administered by the [United States Lighthouse Board](#) until 1901 and then by the [Department of War](#); since 1933, it has been maintained by the [National Park Service](#) as part of the [Statue of Liberty National Monument](#), and is a major tourist attraction. Limited numbers of visitors can access the rim of the pedestal and the interior of the statue's crown from within; public access to the torch has been barred since 1916.

Timeline - Illustrious history:

7/4/1776, 1876, 1883, 1884, 1886-1933 – Lighthouse Board, 1886, 1892, 1892-1954, 1901, 1903, 1906, 1916, 1924, 1927, 1933, 1936, 1937, 1954, 1956, 1965, 1982, 1984 Centennial Jubilee, 1986, 2018, 2019, 2022

FAST FACTS

- The statue sways 3 inches (7.62 centimeters) in the wind; the torch sways 5 inches (12.7 centimeters).
- Visitors climb 354 steps (22 stories) to look out from 25 windows in the crown.
- The statue—151 feet, 1 inch (46 meters, 2.5 centimeters) tall—was the tallest structure in the U.S. at that time.
- Engineer Gustave Eiffel, who would later design the Eiffel Tower in Paris, designed Liberty's "spine." Inside the statue four huge iron columns support a metal framework that holds the thin copper skin.
- Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi knew he wanted to build a giant copper goddess; he used his mother as the model.
- The statue is covered in 300 sheets of coin-thin copper. They were hammered into different shapes and riveted together.
- The arm with the torch measures 46 feet (14 meters); the finger, 8 feet (2.4 meters); the nose, nearly 5 feet (1.5 meters).
- Seven rays in the crown represent the Earth's seven seas.

Did you know? (See timeline below. too)

Some 'facts' may be commonly accepted, but they are also questionable.

For example, instead of Bartholdi's mother - The statue is a figure of [Libertas](#), the Roman [Goddess of Liberty](#). She holds a torch above her head with her right hand, and in her left hand carries a [tabula ansata](#) inscribed JULY IV MDCCLXXVI (July 4, 1776 in [Roman numerals](#)). Some believe she might have been based on an Arab woman.

Many also believe he included a series of important, politically significant symbols to continue the theme. For example, the crown, with its rays extending outwards like the light of the sun, is believed to represent an open, welcoming light. Originally intended to be a lighthouse, the crown is now a viewing platform which visitors can enter to look out across the harbor. Some historians have argued the seven rays of the crown represent the seven seas and the seven continents, implying the global importance of liberty for all. Others believe the seven rays of her crown represent a series of seven vital freedoms: civil, moral, national, natural, personal, political and religious liberty.

The constituent parts of the statue were built in France and made their way across the pond in 214 shipping crates.

[Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi Almost Made the Statue in Egypt.](#)

Without its pedestal it's as tall as a 15-story building. With the base, our Statue of Liberty is the height of a 22-story building from the ground to the tip of the torch flame. There are 377 steps leading from the main lobby of the statue all the way to the crown



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by Ellen Leyrer



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platform, which offers views out across New York harbor.

"The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World" was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the United States and is recognized as a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886. It was designated as a National Monument in 1924. Employees of the National Park Service have been caring for the colossal copper statue since 1933.

In a ceremony held in Paris on July 4, 1884, the completed [Statue of Liberty](#) was formally presented to the U.S. ambassador as a commemoration of the friendship between France and the United States.

She weighed 225 tons when it was completed in 1884. After the July 4 presentation to Ambassador Levi Morton in Paris that year, the statue was disassembled and [shipped to New York City](#)



Our Statue of Liberty is a remarkable American treasure and stands as a singular symbol of mankind's hope and spirit.



July 4, 1986: First Lady [Nancy Reagan](#) (in red) reopens the statue to the public.



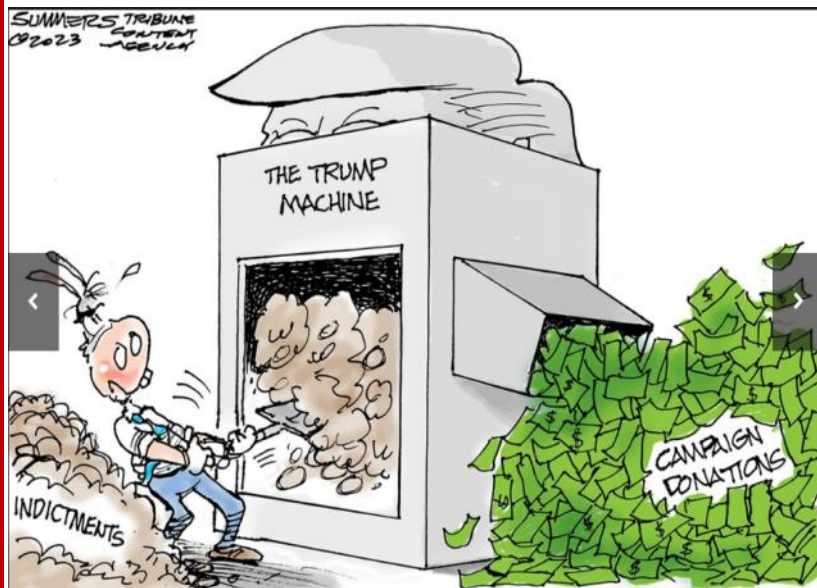
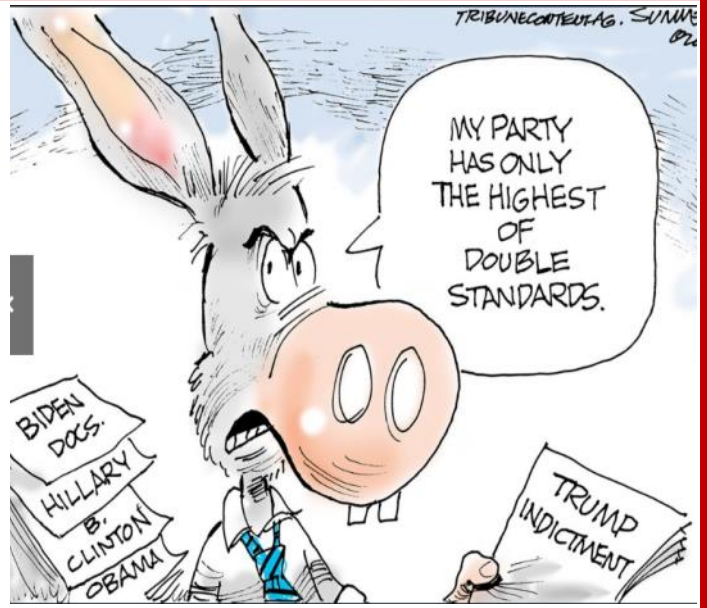
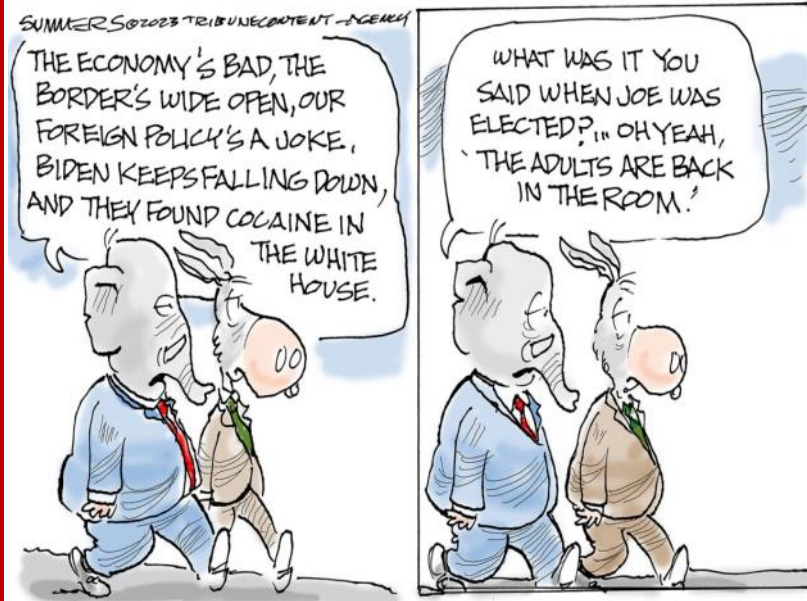
Bedloe's Island in 1927, showing the statue and army buildings. The eleven-pointed walls of Fort Wood, which still form the statue's base, are visible.

More great images at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty#/media/File:Liberty_crown-stairs-resize-4.jpg
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Political Cartoons



Hollywood Director Goes Rogue, Tarnishes Obama Legacy

BY [SCOTT KELNHOFER](#), JULY 29, 2018 AT 11:43AM

In light of the success of "Sound of Freedom", made in 2018, owned by Disney who shelved it and finally it was released by Angel Studios this July 4th. I felt this article from 2018 would be of interest to PRW and our associates and sponsors. Catherine Gibb

Jaco Booyens has been fighting against human sex trafficking for nearly a decade, so he has an accurate idea of how much help his cause has received from the government.

So when Booyens — who also directed the movie "[8 Days](#)," which is based on true stories of victims of sex trafficking — says former President Barack Obama didn't do anything to help fight the problem, it carries credibility.

Booyens is a member of the board of [Traffick911](#), founded in 2009 and has helped free hundreds of youth from sex-trafficking operations. But he says little if any of that help came during Obama's time in office.

Do you know that I cannot get the radical left to do something about it?" Booyens [said Thursday](#) at Turning Point USA's High School Leadership Summit. "Do you know that we could not get the Obama White House to do something about it?"

President Donald Trump's administration, on the other hand, has been very active in fighting trafficking, Booyens said.

"Do you know that President Trump has done more to fight that thing — Ivanka (Trump), Jared (Kushner) — they have done more — Don Jr. — to fight that thing," he said.

Trump issued an executive order early last year, that directs the government to "identify, interdict, disrupt, and dismantle the transnational criminal organizations that engage in human trafficking."

"My administration will focus on ending the absolutely horrific practice of human trafficking. And I am prepared to bring the full force and weight of our government, whatever we can do, in order to solve this horrific problem," Trump said of his executive order.

[The Epoch Times](#) reports Immigration and Customs Enforcement identified or rescued 904 sexually exploited children and 518 victims of human trafficking in fiscal 2017.

Last month, the Department of Justice announced it had arrested more than 2,300 suspected online child sex offenders in a sweeping nationwide operation, called Operation Broken Heart.

Booyens said the fight against human trafficking has to be fought hand-in-hand with the fight against child pornography.

"You've got to go after the guy that pays for child pornography," he said. He suggested to the audience members that they go to their conservative lawmakers and say, "How about we start going after the buyer. You buy sex with a teenager, you've got to go away for life."

Booyens, a native of South Africa, became active in the fight against trafficking because his sister was trafficked as a child.

"She was trafficked in a way that you would never expect," Booyens told [KCPQ-TV](#) in Seattle in 2014. "She was a recording artist in South Africa, and she was trafficked by a record label."

Her pimps threatened to kill their mother, so she continued, he says.

"This thing is evil," Booyens adds.

Booyens said those on the left who condone "moral fluidity" are helping justify some people's attraction to having sex with children.

"Now we have things such as, 'Hey there's some people that love to have sex with children, deal with it,'" Booyens said. "No, I'm not going to deal with it, I'm going to fight it."

And the White House is going to fight with him, as well.

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4 Facts You Should Know About Religious Liberty in Public Schools

August 11, 2017

Make sure your children and grandchildren know their religious freedom rights before they go back to school.

America is at the point where student graduation speakers are often censored from including religious content in their speeches. It's not uncommon to hear about schools discriminating against religious clubs because of their faith-based nature or restricting student religious expression.

And this pattern is not limited to violations of students' religious liberty. First Liberty client [Joe Kennedy](#) was fired from his job as a high school football coach over his personal prayers after football games. We recently defended Coach Kennedy's right to pray in federal court and are awaiting the decision.

Many people wonder how this could be happening in America. And how can we turn the tide and create a culture of religious freedom in America's public schools?

One of the most important ways we can preserve religious freedom is to know our rights, exercise them, and protect them when challenged.

Young Americans need to be aware of their rights and stand strong when those rights are threatened. Below are 4 facts every student should know about religious liberty:

1. Kids do have religious liberty rights while in school.

In *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District* (1969), the Supreme Court confirmed that public school students do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Religious clubs, reading and studying religious texts, and student prayer are allowed in school environments, subject to a few guidelines. Students can also use religious texts for personal use or schoolwork whenever appropriate to the assignment or situation.

2. Public schools may not discriminate against religious expression.

Schools may not discriminate against or show hostility toward faith. To that end, public schools cannot restrict religious speech unless they also restrict nonreligious speech, and they must treat religious speech and similar nonreligious speech equally.

In contrast, students are free to hold and express their religious viewpoints as long as that expression takes place in an appropriate setting. For example, students are not free to share their religious viewpoints during a test when talking is prohibited or during the teacher's math lesson. But when a student is invited to discuss a topic to which the student's religious viewpoint is relevant or at times when students are free to discuss any topics of their choice, then students are free to share their religious views.

3. Student-initiated and student-led prayer or other religious expression (for example, "Tebowing") is allowed to the same extent that non-religious expression is allowed.

While at extracurricular events, kids who voluntarily decide to pray or otherwise express faith without any involvement by school employees are free to do so to the same extent that other speech or expression is allowed.

In addition, student speakers may pray or include religious content in their remarks at extracurricular events if the speech meets certain guidelines. This content is allowed if:

Speakers are selected by religiously-neutral criteria

The school does not control the content

It's clear that the student's speech is his or her own private speech

4. Kids can incorporate their faith in their schoolwork as long as the circumstance is appropriate.

As mentioned above, students are free to express their faith in their schoolwork as long as that expression of faith is appropriate to the assignment.

For example, when sixth-grader [Mackenzie Fraiser](#) and the rest of her class were assigned to compose presentations titled "All About Me,"

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Mackenzie wanted to include a Bible verse, as the presentation was supposed to include a slide with an “inspirational saying” important to her identity. However, the class was told that they could not use Bible verses on this slide.

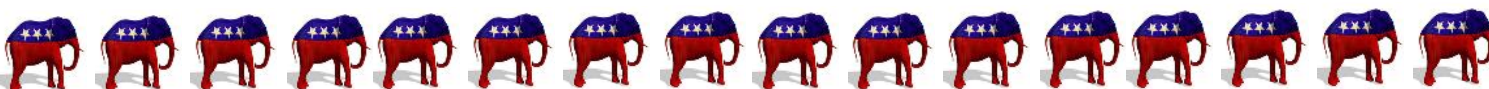
But after First Liberty sent a letter to the school that explained the law and U.S. Department of Education guidelines, the school apologized to Mackenzie and allowed her to resubmit her project with her favorite Bible verse included.

It takes commitment, courage, and persistence to preserve our religious freedom rights. However, as Mackenzie’s story shows, when students and their parents take a stand, religious freedom can win.

Make sure the students in your life know these facts so that they are empowered to protect their religious freedom. Don’t let our religious freedom slip away!

For more information on religious liberty in the public schools, download First Liberty’s free [Religious Liberty Protection Kit for Students and Teachers](#).

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2023 4th of July Parade - Master of Ceremonies was our own Kathy Ward!



Education Expert: Removing Bible, Prayer from Public Schools Has Caused Decline

By Penny Starr, August 15, 2014

I found this article in my archives and thought PRW might like to see what was being said in August, 9 years ago. Given what is going on today, I fairly sure that the numbers are even worse. Catherine Gibb

(CNSNews.com) – Education expert William Jaynes said on Wednesday that there is a correlation between the decline of U.S. public schools and the U.S. Supreme Court's 1962 and 1963 decision that school-sponsored Bible reading was unconstitutional.

“One can argue, and some have, that the decision by the Supreme Court – in a series of three decisions back in 1962 and 1963 – to remove Bible and prayer from our public schools, may be the most spiritually significant event in our nation's history over the course of the last 55 years,” Jaynes said.

On June 25, 1962, the United States Supreme Court decided in *Engel v. Vitale* that a prayer approved by the New York Board of Regents for use in schools violated the First Amendment because it represented establishment of religion. In 1963, in *Abington School District v. Schempp*, the court decided against Bible readings in public schools along the same lines.

Since 1963, Jaynes said there have been five negative developments in the nation's public schools:

- Academic achievement has plummeted, including SAT scores.
- Increased rate of out-of-wedlock births
- Increase in illegal drug use
- Increase in juvenile crime
- Deterioration of school behavior

“So we need to realize that these actions do have consequences,” said Jaynes, professor at California State College in Long Beach and senior fellow at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, N.J., “When we remove that moral fiber -- that moral emphasis – this is what can result.”

Other facts included a comparison between the top five complaints of teachers from 1940-1962 -- talking, chewing gum, making noise, running in the halls and getting out of turn in line – to rape, robbery, assault, burglary and arson from 1963 to present.

“Now the question is, given that there is a movement to put the Bible as literature back in the public schools and a moment of silence and so forth, can we recapture the moral fiber – the foundation that used to exist among many of our youth?” Jaynes asked rhetorically.

To that end, Jaynes said, there is a movement across the country to reinstate the Bible as literature in the public schools, with 440 school districts in 43 states currently teaching this type of course.

Ten states have passed a law or resolution to bring the Bible as literature in the public schools statewide.

The movement, however, is secular in nature, with the Bible being taught as literature rather than the word of God. And rather than prayer, a “moment of silence” is established that “can be used as the students choose,” Jaynes said.

When CNSNews.com asked about the secular nature of this approach, Jaynes said data from nationwide surveys show that both students of faith and those with no faith both respond positively to the Bible as literature curriculum – the former said they learned more about the Bible in class than in church and the latter said they have an increased interest in the Christian religions.

“The effects are very, very positive,” Jaynes said.

Jaynes said the data he used in his presentation comes from the federal government (Departments of Education, Justice, Health and Human Services and the U.S. Census Bureau), and research by the advocacy groups Bibleasliterature.org, the Bible Literacy Project, the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools, and California educator and researcher Nader Twal.

*William Jaynes, a professor at California State College in Long Beach and a senior fellow at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, N.J., spoke at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 13, 2014 about putting the **Bible** and prayer back into U.S. **public schools**. (Penny Starr/CNSNews.com).*

Constitutional Minute Series

By Jennifer Groysman

Constitutional Minute Unraveling the “One Nation” Myth

By: [Mike Maharrey](#) | Published on: Jul 28, 2023 |

You’ve been lied to. America is not “one nation.”

I know this feels shocking. You’ve proclaimed the United States of America is “one nation, under God, indivisible” your entire life. But you’ve been parroting a myth.

Over time, the one-nation myth became gospel. Historians, politicians and nationalists of every stripe wove the myth into the psyche of the American people. But if we start pulling at the treads, the myth unravels.

It is true that the U.S. system of government possesses some national characteristics. The United States face the world as a unified nation. They have a national defense and engage in trade with other countries as a nation. But at its core, the U.S. is something fundamentally different. That’s because the United States operate under a *federal* government, not a *national* government.

This may seem like semantics, but the two systems differ in important ways. Most significantly, national governments wield much more power than their federal counterparts.

Black’s Law Dictionary clarifies the legal distinction between a national and a federal system.

“A national government is a government of the people of a single state or nation, united as a community by what is termed the ‘social compact,’ and possessing complete and perfect supremacy over persons and things, so far as they can be made the lawful objects of civil government. A federal government is distinguished from a national government by its being the government of a community of independent and sovereign states, united by compact.”

In a nutshell, a nation operates as a single, unified political society. A federation is made up of multiple independent political societies united for specific purposes.

In a national system, the central government maintains complete control. While cities, counties, parishes, or other subdivisions may exist within a nation, their governments have no autonomy. They remain totally subservient to the central authority.

In a federal system, each member state maintains its sovereignty (ultimate authority). While it delegates some power to the general government, and in so doing voluntarily relinquishes control over certain objects, it never gives up its sovereignty. The central government can only exercise specifically delegated powers and cannot generally interfere with the internal policies of each member state unless it is in pursuance of those powers.

Although Alexander Hamilton held strong nationalist convictions, even he conceded the United States were not “one nation” in [Federalist #32](#).

“An entire consolidation of the States into one complete national sovereignty would imply an entire subordination of the parts; and whatever powers might remain in them, would be altogether dependent on the general will. But the plan of the convention aims only at a partial union or consolidation, the State governments would clearly retain all rights of sovereignty which they before had, and which were not, by that act, exclusively delegated to the United States.” [Emphasis added]

We see this in the ratification of the Constitution. The people ratified the Constitution through the existing sovereign political societies – the states. The Constitution itself makes this distinction in Article 7.

“The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.”

It wasn’t the mass of Americans ratifying the Constitution as “one nation.” It was the people of each individual state adopting the Constitution. Their independent actions created a political union between those states choosing to ratify. James Madison and other founders referred to this as a “compact.” It was entirely possible for nine states to form the union with four remaining independent words, the ratification by those nine states would not have bound the people in the other four.

In fact, Rhode Island was the last of the original colonies to approve the Constitution, and it did not send representatives to Congress until after ratification. Clearly, by that point, a vast majority of the American population was represented by ratifying states, yet that fact did not bind the people of Rhode Island to the Union. The state didn’t join the union until the people of the state gave the go-ahead.

James Madison reiterated the distinction between a federal and national government in [Federalist #39](#).

“It appears, on one hand, that the Constitution is to be founded on the assent and ratification of the people of America, given by

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deputies elected for the special purpose; but, on the other, that this assent and ratification is to be given by the people, not as individuals composing one entire nation, but as composing the distinct and independent States to which they respectively belong. It is to be the assent and ratification of the several States, derived from the supreme authority in each State, the authority of the people themselves. The act, therefore, establishing the Constitution, will not be a national, but a federal act.

“Each State, in ratifying the Constitution, is considered as a sovereign body, independent of all others, and only to be bound by its own voluntary act. In this relation, then, the new Constitution will, if established, be a federal, and not a national constitution.” [Emphasis added]

In *Federalist #39*, Madison alludes to a very important fundamental principle — sovereignty is in the people.

Mercy Otis Warren summed it up in the simplest way possible.

“The origin of all power is in the people.”

The British had a different idea. As Massachusetts royal governor Sir Francis Bernard explained, they believed in the “supreme superintendency of the government,” and that “in this plentitude of power, it is absolute, uncontrollable, and accountable to none; and therefore in a political sense, can do no wrong.”

The American revolutionaries fought a long bloody war to free themselves from this system and replace it with a system in which, as James Wilson described it, “the supreme, absolute, and uncontrollable power REMAINS in the people.”

So, when we talk about “state sovereignty,” it doesn’t imply that the state government is sovereign. We don’t mean the geographical area possesses some kind of mystical power. We are really talking about the sovereignty of the people organized into their most fundamental political societies – the states.

James Madison explained this distinction in [*the Virginia Report of 1800*](#).

The Report served as an in-depth defense of the Virginia Resolutions of 1798. In the resolutions, Madison asserted that “in case of a deliberate, palpable, and dangerous exercise of other powers, not granted by the said compact [Constitution], the states who are parties thereto, have the right, and are in duty bound, to interpose for arresting the progress of the evil, and for maintaining within their respective limits, the authorities, rights and liberties appertaining to them.”

In his Report of 1800, Madison explained exactly what the term “states” means in relation to sovereignty in the American system.

“The other position involved in this branch of the resolution, namely, ‘that the states are parties to the Constitution or compact,’ is in the judgment of the committee, equally free from objection. It is indeed true that the term ‘States,’ is sometimes used in a vague sense, and sometimes in different senses, according to the subject to which it is applied. Thus it sometimes means the separate sections of territory occupied by the political societies within each; sometimes the particular governments, established by those societies; sometimes those societies as organized into those particular governments; and lastly, it means the people composing those political societies, in their highest sovereign capacity. Although it might be wished that the perfection of language admitted less diversity in the signification of the same words, yet little inconveniency is produced by it, where the true sense can be collected with certainty from the different applications. In the present instance whatever different constructions of the term ‘States,’ in the resolution may have been entertained, all will at least concur in that last mentioned; because in that sense, the Constitution was submitted to the ‘States’: In that sense the ‘States’ ratified it; and in that sense of the term ‘States,’ they are consequently parties to the compact from which the powers of the Federal Government result.” [Emphasis added]

The people of the states are the fundamental building block of the American political system. The United States are not one nation made up of “one American people.” They are a union of sovereign political societies with the final authority residing in the people themselves.

We can see from this discussion that the “one nation” myth isn’t just harmless semantics. If we embrace this myth, we end up with a general government that is much more powerful than intended. It creates a centralized system. The founding generation called this “consolidation,” and they viewed it as detrimental to liberty. In fact, during the Virginia ratifying convention, Patrick Henry said, “Dangers are to be apprehended in whatever manner we proceed; but those of a consolidation are the most destructive,” and he warned that it would “end in the destruction of our liberties.”

Thomas Jefferson also warned us about consolidation, saying that a centralized, consolidated government would lead to “corruption, plunder and waste.”

He was right. That’s exactly the legacy of the “one nation” myth.



, Mike Maharrey

Caring For America

Caring for America Challenge

Donate your used or newly purchased luggage to a foster child.



PRW is gathering luggage to donate to foster children so that when they change homes, all their possession can go with them. Common practice today is to place all their things in a Hefty bag.

What does this say to them?

Imagine the impression it must give to children when everything they own is put into a trash bag when they move from one location to another.

Your luggage donations will be accepted at the October and November General Membership Meetings.

For questions, please contact Cathie Alexander.



**Join GCRW, PRW and RWGNT
on Thursday, August 3rd when
Kurt Schlichter
will speak at the GCRW August Meeting.**

Kurt Schlichter is a Los Angeles trial lawyer who was personally recruited to write conservative commentary by Andrew Breitbart. He is a senior columnist at Townhall and a conservative media personality with a devoted following on Twitter of 475,000+ followers (@KurtSchlichter). A former stand-up comic, Kurt frequently guest hosts for such national radio talk show hosts as Hugh Hewitt and Seb Gorka. He is also a frequent media commentator on Fox, Newsmax, and other outlets. He regularly speaks at CPAC and many other events.

He is the author of more than ten books, including the new Regnery non-fiction book *We'll Be Back: The Fall and Rise of America* (2022), and his series of best-selling *People's Republic* conservative action novels. The latest, *Inferno* (2022), reached #1 on several Amazon bestseller lists.

Kurt retired as a United States Army Infantry colonel who served in Desert Storm, Kosovo, and the Los Angeles Riots. He holds a masters of Strategic Studies degree from the United States Army War College.

Thursday, August 3rd
6:00-8:00pm
Cottonwood Creek Church in Allen
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Guest GOP Elected Official Article



Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor of Texas

Mayorkas is LYING

Wednesday evening, I was on the Ingraham Angle with Laura. Her new showtime on FOX is 6 p.m. CT. We discussed the disaster at the border and lying Mayorkas and the Biden Administration. The White House is not doing its job, and Texas must step up to keep people safe and secure our border. [Click here to watch the clip.](#)



BIG win for 5.7 million TEXAS homeowners! I joined my friend, Lt. Gov Dan Patrick, in supporting his \$100,000 homestead exemption, knowing it was the best policy for TEXAS homeowners. I fully endorsed it, and told all House members to support it — Dan Patrick stood firm and we won! SB 2 by Sen. Bettencourt is the biggest property tax cut in American history. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone. I LOVE TEXAS!

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President Trump [gave a great shout-out](#) to Texas' historic property tax deal, the biggest property tax cut in Texas history. I agree...this is a BIG win for 5.7 million Texas homeowners! I greatly appreciate President Trump's important support for helping get this bill passed.

Backing the Blue

I was honored to speak at an event with the Sheriffs' Association of Texas earlier this week, where they presented me with their Leadership Award.

As I traveled through rural Texas last year during my bus tour, I was shocked to learn how little some of our elected sheriffs and their deputies were earning. There are elected sheriffs in Texas earning just over \$30,000 per year, and their deputies earn less than that. It is difficult to find men and women to take these dangerous jobs at these pay levels. I knew something needed to change.

During the 88th Legislative Session, we passed an unprecedented bill to fund our sheriffs in our 236 rural counties, something that has never happened before. Senator Drew Springer, R-Muenster, carried Senate Bill 22, raising the minimum salary sheriffs can make to \$75,000 and deputies to \$45,000. This bill also provides funding for jailers, assistant district and county attorneys, and equipment. This is a huge accomplishment and the first time the state has funded our rural county sheriffs.

As Lt. Governor, I have consistently pledged my unwavering support to the brave Texans in law enforcement who put their lives on the line to protect our great state.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas plays a pivotal role in maintaining the safety and security of our communities, and I am proud to stand with them in their commitment to upholding the law and safeguarding the rights of every Texan.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the sheriffs, deputies, and ALL law enforcement personnel from big cities to the smallest towns for their dedicated service. I will always back the blue.

Thank you all for your support and everything you do to keep Texas red. May God bless you and your family, and may He continue to bless the greatest state of all— Texas.

Sincerely,



Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



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!

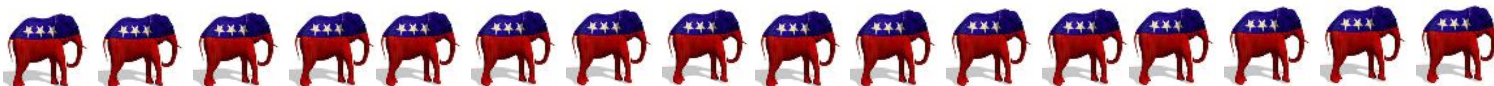
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I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Even though we are not having our general meetings, I know you are still doing political activities. You don't have to wait for our August meeting to submit your hours. You can go to our website and submit your hours at anytime.

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

Thank you all for your hard work. Keep it up ladies.

Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!





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Membership Update



Our 2024 Membership Drive Begins in October
Encourage your friends to become PRW Members!

Membership dues can now be paid by credit card. on our website,
at the meeting (via cash or cheque) or can be mailed to the PRW Post Office Box.

The Membership form is included in the newsletter, printed copies are available at the meetings.

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)
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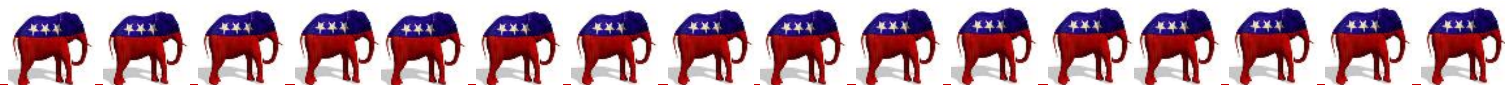


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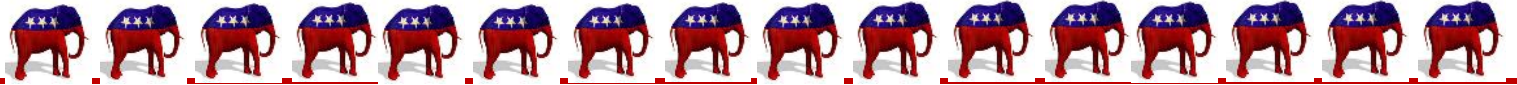
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That all may express their opin-
ions without fear,
That each one may pursue their
chosen occupation.

I will fly the flag
Because of all who fought for
this flag that I may worship as I
please—
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please.

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Because I love this beautiful
country— all of it!
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ranges,
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wildflowers,
Rich fertile plains that feed our
nation,
The cooling rivers and lakes.

I will fly the flag
For all those who have come
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blending into a beautiful nation.
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people, each one bringing spe-
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women who serve as firemen
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Because it reminds me
have a responsibility to
others and to make this
a better place to live in
And in so doing, make
world a better place.

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