Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

August 2020

President's Byline



When women work we win. In past elections, that phrase as turned out to be true. When we work to get out the vote our candidates win.

The founding members of our club worked hard to turn Collin County from blue to red. They block walked and phone banked. They even got tomatoes thrown at them by Democrats. Their hard worked paid off and Republicans started winning. Eventually Republicans would win by huge margins that the Democrats did not bother to run candidates. Unfortunately, in recent years things have changed. Col-

lin has gone from deep red to light pink, and parts of Plano have turned blue. Now we are only winning by thin margins in Collin County.

We must stop our county from turning blue. We can do that by making sure every Republican on the ballot wins in November. They can't just win by thin margins; they must win by double digits. That is the way we tell the Democrats Texas will never be blue.

The only way we can make sure we keep Texas deep red is by every member working to get out the vote. While the party still has block walking, it is not the only thing they are doing to get voters to the polls. Some things the party is doing is...

- Phone banking
- Writing letters
- Writing postcards
- And more

I have sent emails with detailed information about volunteer opportunities. Every member needs to find something they can do to help and do it.

We can't let the Marxist Democrats win. We must win every race on the ballot. Freedom, liberty, and our Republic is on the line this election. Women, lets get to work and win!



Jennifer Groysman president@PlanoRepublicanWomen.org

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Calendar of Events

September Meeting September 15th

Labor Day Rally September 7th

September Meeting

Next PRW Meeting:

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Guest Speakers

Sydney Dumas Field Representative - Trump Victory 2020 Campaign

Sydney will provide an overview of the Trump Campaign progress and let us know where more effort is needed and where we can contribute the most.

Shelly Luther

Shelly Luther made headlines earlier this year, first in Texas and then internationally, when she faced down a Democrat judge who ordered her jailed for opening her hair salon despite emergency Covid orders. "Reopening my salon wasn't a political statement, it was a necessity for the people that rely on it," she said.

Shelly has announced that she will be running for the Texas Senate in Senate District 30. Luther is running to replace state Sen. Pat Fallon, R-Prosper, in a yet-to-be-called special election now that he is poised for a promotion to Congress.

Shelly, is also assisting a group called "Women Fighting for America" with fundraising for an upcoming nationwide tour they are doing called the "Heal our Land tour." Shelly will speak about this effort and also introduce Christie Hutcherson, the President of Women Fighting for America.

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 <u>\$25.00</u> with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival **RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, September 11th, 2020**

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting *We welcome guests and visitors to our General Meeting. Members, please bring a friend!*

To RSVP send an email to: <u>rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org</u> Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch





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AMERICANISM REPORT by anne logan, americanism chair

First Lady Nancy Reagan

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Ronald Reagan was much admired by my parents and they often held discussions at the dinner table about the nation's affairs. I therefore was intrigued with any news of the First Lady, Nancy Reagan. I chose her to research for this month's article and here is what I found.

Nancy Davis Reagan (born Anne Frances Robbins; July 6, 1921 – March 6, 2016) was an American film actress and the second wife of Ronald Reagan, the 40th president of the United States. She was born in New York City. After her parents separated, she lived in Maryland with an aunt and uncle for six years.

Despite her career as an actress, Reagan said in 1967: "I never was a career girl."

She explained, according to the Chicago Tribune, "When I graduated from college, I wasn't ready to get married and I didn't want to return to Chicago to lead the life of a post-deb. I never had a burning desire for an Academy award and I don't even remember how many films I made."

She launched her acting career shortly after graduating from Smith College in Massachusetts, billing herself as Nancy Davis (she was born Anne Frances Robbins). She landed a minor spot in the musical "Lute Song" in what would be her only Broadway appearance.

Ronald Reagan's first foray into elective office came in 1966, when he was elected governor of California. He would go on to serve two terms, leaving office in 1975. His tenure in Sacramento coincided with the peak of the Vietnam War, and Nancy Reagan made working with returning veterans central to her role as the state's first lady. She visited and worked with returning wounded veterans and was involved in efforts relating to prisoners of war and solders missing in action.

Mrs. Reagan was a fierce guardian of her husband's image, sometimes at the expense of her own, and during Mr. Reagan's improbable climb from a Hollywood acting career to the governorship of California and ultimately the White House, she was a trusted adviser.

"Without Nancy, there would have been no Governor Reagan, no President Reagan," said Michael K. Deaver, a longtime aide and close friend of the Reagans.

She also played a seminal role in the 1987 ouster of the White House chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, whom she blamed for ineptness after it was disclosed that Mr. Reagan had secretly approved arms sales to Iran.

Behind the scenes, Mrs. Reagan was the prime mover in Mr. Reagan's efforts to recover from the scandal, which was known as Iran-contra because some of the proceeds from the sale had been diverted to the contras opposing the leftist government of Nicaragua. While trying to persuade her stubborn husband to apologize for the arms deal, Mrs. Reagan brought political figures into the White House, among them the Democratic power broker Robert S. Strauss, to argue her case to the president.

Later, in her long goodbye with President Reagan, she became a voice on behalf of millions of families going through the aching reality of Alzheimer's, and took on a new role, as advocate, on behalf of treatments that hold the potential and promise to improve and save lives. She supported <u>stem cell research</u> to help tackle Alzheimer's disease.

In addition former first lady <u>Nancy Reagan</u> is remembered for several causes, including the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign and the Foster Grandparents Program.

Political Cartoons

Well Said !!!



DEMOCRAT VICTORY PLAN

OVERWHELM PRESIDENT TRUMP AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH CRISIS AFTER CRISIS UNTIL THE PUBLIC IS SO SICK OF IT THAT THEY VOTE HIM OUT OF OFFICE HOPING FOR A RETURN TO NORMALCY. EVERYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IS 100% PLANNED AND EXECUTED BY THE DEMOCRAT PARTY AS WELL AS THEIR ACCOMPLICES IN THE MEDIA. THEY ARE OUR COUNTRY'S GREATEST ENEMY AND THEY MUST BE STOPPED Guy walks into a bar in New Orleans and asks for 2 hurricanes and a corona. Bartender says that'll be \$20.20 😒



"Let the peasants do their own hair!"







If 2020 was an Ice Cream truck

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP IN PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, everybody, very much. Thank you. So, as we begin Labor Day Weekend, America's unprecedented economic recovery continues. You see what's going on. It's been pretty amazing. The United States economy added today — announced this morning — 1.4 million jobs last month, bringing the total to over 10.6 million jobs created in just four months. That's a record, by far.

In August, we added 249,000 retail jobs; 174,000 leisure and hospitality jobs; and 29,000 new manufacturing jobs. The unemployment rate plummeted to 8.4 percent, the second-largest, single-month drop ever recorded, surpassed only by our big decline in June.

Last month, we saw large declines in the unemployment rate for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans — very big declines. We're witnessing the fastest labor market recovery from any economic crisis in history, by far.

By contrast, the last administration had the slowest, weakest, and worst recovery in American history. That was well documented, as you know.

This year, the United States has seen the smallest economic contraction of any major Western nation, and we are recovering at a much faster rate than any other nation.

Business confidence is higher today in America than in any other G7 or EU country — that covers a lot of territory. So we have the business confidence is higher than many — than any of those countries.

In July, retail sales not only recovered, but reached a new all-time high. So think of that: retail sales. That's a very basic statistic, and it's a big statistic. It not only recovered, but reached the highest level ever. Auto sales have surged to an incredible 74 percent since their April low and are nearly back to their previrus levels. And that's been a tremendous thing. Used cars and new cars have been both doing incredibly well.

Mortgage applications were 27 percent higher in August than during the same period last year. Homebuilder sentiment reached the highest level on record, indicating that more high-paying construction jobs are on the way. Homebuilding has been great and lending has been really incredible. U.S. manufacturing activity reached a 19-month high in August.

While my administration has fought every day to restore prosperity, however, Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress are holding additional China virus relief hostage to — to reasons that nobody understands. I guess I do; I think I understand. It's called politics.

And speaking of politics, I think North Carolina, I think that Michigan and Pennsylvania and other states, they should open. The governors — the Democrat governors — should open their states. They'll open them on November 4th. But they should open them now. It's very unfair to the people to have those shutdowns continuing at the level that they're continuing.

Democrats are insisting on a massive taxpayer bailout of badly run blue states, stimulus checks for illegal aliens, and the mass release of inmates from jail. They want to release a lot of inmates, some of them for very serious reasons. They want to release them from jail. They want that part — as part of a stimulus package, can you believe it?

It's time for the Democrats in Congress to start working across the aisle and put the American people first.

Now, we have \$300 billion in a — an account that we didn't use — \$300 billion. And we are willing to use that. I would be willing to release it, subject to Congress, and use that as stimulus money, and it would go right to the American people. So we have \$300 billion sitting in an account that we didn't need because things are going so well with the economy.

But it would be a very appropriate thing to release that to the American people, and I am willing to do it; all we need as a signoff. But that doesn't mean that we're going to release prisoners. Some prisoners — some very vicious people, actually. We're not going to put them on the streets like the Democrats want us to, and we're not going to give stimulus checks to illegal aliens. They came into the country illegally, and now we give them a check? We want to give the checks to the American people.

So, remember, we have \$300 million [billion]; it's there. We don't need the money. We don't need anything. Just let that money get released to the American people.

As our economy rebounds, there's only one thing that could stop the extraordinary economic comeback and wipe out the future of American workers — and that's what the Democrats want to do with a \$4 trillion tax hike — implementing things that will be really bad for our country. And this will just absolutely cripple what we're doing on regulations and so many other elements of success.

We had the greatest economy in history, prior to the China virus coming in. Now they want to stop regulations. They want to bring up regulations to a level — stop the things that we're doing, which are at a much smaller level, and bring up regulations at a level that nobody has ever seen before.

They want to do things that will make it impossible for any economy to grow. They want to ban fracking. And as you saw — ban, ban, ban. And all of a



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sudden, he sees his polls going down, and now he says, "Well, I was only talking about not maybe banning fracking," but he wants to ban fracking.

And it doesn't matter what he wants to ban; the people that control him want to ban fracking. And whether it's Pennsylvania, Texas, Oklahoma, North Dakota — so many other states — you can't ban fracking. That would be a disaster — Ohio. They want to abolish American energy — I mean, that's what's going to happen; adopt disastrous trade deals; and inflict a devastating shutdown.

As you know, he said we want to shut it down: "We would be willing to shut it down." And you don't shut down when we're setting records. And, by the way, we're rounding the corner. We're rounding the corner on the virus.

Joe Biden's blanket shutdown would collapse our economy. It would cause countless deaths from suicide, drug, alcohol abuse, heart disease, and more. You know, shutdowns cause a lot of problems — a lot of very serious problems — more so than the virus itself. Biden's plan is not a solution; it's a virtual surrender.

And our country is doing so well. We're starting to do so well. I think we're going to have a great third quarter. I mean, you're going to see for yourself because the numbers will be announced sometime prior to the election on November 3rd.

And as you know, Joe spent his entire career sending American jobs to China and other faraway countries. For 47 years, people were pillaging our country — taking our jobs, taking our companies. And that's never going to change with that mindset and with that group. Biden is not going to be standing up to these foreign countries. He's not going to be standing up — maybe more importantly — to the people that run the Democrat Party. He doesn't have the strength to do that.

He refuses even to condemn Antifa — a bad group, a far-left domestic terrorist organization. He doesn't want to say anything bad about it. His plan to appease to the domestic terrorists is the exact opposite of what I'm doing now. I think you saw that last night.

Yesterday, the U.S. Marshals — we sent them in. U.S. Marshals. We were waiting for local government to take care of it, but they didn't do that, so the U.S. Marshals went in — law enforcement. They took down the Antifa member who murdered a man in the middle of a street in Portland. The suspect was killed after drawing a weapon, when officers attempted to take him into custody. They wanted to take him in — the U.S. Marshals, incredible people.

So I want to thank them for their strength, their bravery. And I really do wish that the mayor of Portland and the governor of Oregon would get going and stop the crime in that city. It'd be so easy to do.

While we're focused on creating good-paying jobs, the radical left is focused on unleashing vi- — really violent mobs. And you see that. Whether you're conservative or liberal; Republican, Democrat, or independent, we must all agree the need for peace and order and safety.

Under my administration, law enforcement is conducting arrests nationwide of rioters, looters, and domestic terrorists. The reason we didn't put Chicago into our list — where we're holding back funds from some of these states and cities that are doing such a poor job, such an incompetent job — a job that nobody can even imagine how bad. And we're holding it back until they get their act together.

And we are having a lot of people in Chicago right now, and you notice that their numbers are going down rapidly. But we have — we've deployed a lot of federal law enforcement inside of Chicago, and they're taking out quite a few people. And they're being arrested; they're being put in jail. And that's why you see those numbers going down. That's why you see that, with respect to the mayor, we did not hold back funds in Chicago.

But New York is experiencing a tremendous crime wave; in some cases, up over 300 percent. And they have to do something quickly.

We just spoke to Mayor Bowser, and she's willing to do whatever is necessary. We had a very good talk with her. That's in D.C.

And the other places, they speak for themselves.

We're working with the state and local authorities to comb through hours of video tape, identifying arrest suspects; and prosecute lawbreakers. We've already got over 300 in jail, and we have tremendous evidence.

And I want to thank the media for helping us out because they're taking different angles — we have it from every different angle. You can't probably have any better than what we've got. We see it from the sky and the ground, and from the right and from the left. So when they say they didn't do it, we say, "Well, what's this?" So we get that from the media, free of charge.

Under Operation LeGend, we've surged federal law enforcement to cities plagued by violent crime. The initiative has already resulted in tremendous success. And nationwide, we have over 2,000 arrests. We don't talk about it too much, but now we might as well. So we've arrested over 2,000 criminals. They're criminals. And in a single month, murder rate in Chicago — as you know, and as I said — it was cut in half, actually.

So, on the China virus front, the nations of Europe have experienced a 38 percent greater excess mortality than the United States — 38 percent more greater excess mortality than the United States. A lot of you don't want to report that. And if we took New York out of the equation, there's nobody even close. The job we've done is incredible. And we don't get any credit for it, but we've done an incredible job.



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Through Operation Warp Speed, we have three vaccines in the final stage of clinical trials. Yesterday, Pfizer announced — I just spoke to the head of Pfizer, great guy. They announced that it expects to have the results of its trial very, very shortly — next month — but very shortly.

We remain on track to deliver a vaccine before the end of the year and maybe even before November 1st. We think we can probably have it sometime during the month of October. And Pfizer is among the leaders, as you know, and it's a great company. Johnson & Johnson also doing very well. Moderna. We have some really great companies. They're all doing very well. They're all in final stages, and I think you're going to see results that are shockingly good.

Finally, I want to provide you with a brief update of the virus. Cases in the United States have declined 28 percent nationwide over the last month, and hospitalizations and deaths have continued to decline over the past week — very substantially decline.

Thanks to America's medical genius, the mortality rate has been reduced by 85 percent in April. Mortality rate reduced by 85 percent. Hospital lengths of stay are one third of their average length in April. So the hospitalization is down. The length of stay is way down.

In order to keep making progress against the virus, we ask all Americans to remain vigilant, especially over Labors Da- — Labor Day. You know, you have the Labor Day Weekend coming upon us immediately — I guess we can say — pretty immediately. And we need everybody to be careful, to apply common sense, and do all of the things that we've told you to do as quickly — as much as you can — social distancing, wearing a mask whenever the distancing is not possible, and staying like — staying with a group that you know.

Let's just try and get through this one weekend, and I think we have a chance of doing that. Just social distance, wash your hands — all of the hygiene things that we speak about. And we're really rounding the turn.

And the vaccines are coming. The therapeutics have already come, but they continue to come. The convalescent plasma has had a tremendous impact already; you see what's happening there. And remdesivir has been incredible.

So we have a lot of things happening. We have a lot of therapeutics coming out. I think — from the standpoint of common sense, I guess, therapeutics, to me — right now, you go into a hospital, you give somebody a shot or — or a transfusion. It might be a transfusion; probably more than 50 percent are actually transfusions. And they'll leave the hospital shortly thereafter. I mean, to me, that's more important, in a certain sense, than the vaccine. But the vaccines will be great over the long term; the therapeutics over the short term.

And also knowing you have the therapeutics, I think, is great from the standpoint of mind — from the standpoint of the mind. That's great.

So I want to thank everybody for being here. I'm going to ask Larry Kudlow to give a couple of examples of how strong our economy is recovering, how strongly it's recovering. And it's setting records at every level, and we're doing better than every other country. And we're very proud of all of the people for doing such an incredible job. This is a "V." It's a "super V."

Again, we have \$300 billion ready to go. All Congress has to do is say, "Use it." If they say, "Use it" — I'd like to use it without their permission, but I guess I'm not allowed to do that. I did ask that question. So Congress has to just say, "Use it." All they have to do is say, "Use it"; \$300 billion gets immediately put into our system, and will really help the American people. There's nothing else to do — just a very quick statement.

So I'm going to ask Larry to come up. I want to thank another man for being here today. There's a man that's a incredible leader: Lou Holtz. I've known him for a long time. He's been a friend of mine. And I think I've received letters from every football coach, almost, in the nation. And that's a little exaggeration, but some — some of the greats. Nick Saban wrote a letter. Coach O — and Coach O is central casting. I said, "We're going to have to put him in a movie" — right? — "as a football coach." He'd really be good playing a football coach like you. And Urban Meyer wrote a beautiful letter. And so many of the other great, legendary coaches.

Not only coaches though — people in sports and people in life and even great political people, recommending Lou for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. And we've analyzed it very closely. We've looked at all of those recommendations. We've looked at Lou's life and his career and what he's done for charity. And the football is obvious — he was a great coach — but what he's done, beyond even coaching.

So Lou will be getting the Presidential Medal of Freedom. And a date is being picked; it won't be in the too-distant future. Lou was married to a great woman. Right, Lou? A great woman. And she just passed away a few months ago. This is an incredible woman. She was stronger — I knew her; I knew her well — she was stronger than Lou. I think she was stronger than you, Lou, I hate to tell you. You're strong, too. But she was special, right?

So I just want to congratulate Coach Lou Holtz on — soon to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. And we look forward to that, Lou. Thank you very much.



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State Representative Jeff Leach—August 31, 2020

Rotunda Report: Small Biz Grants, UI Benefits & Update from TABC

Collin CARES Grants for Small Business Owners

Last week, the Collin County Commissioner's Court announced the launching of the Collin CARES Small Business Grant Program, providing up to \$25,000 in grant relief for eligible businesses experiencing a gross revenue loss of greater than 15% due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded by the CARES Act, this grant program provides up to \$5,000 for eligible reimbursable expenditures - unless additional satisfactory documentation reveals actual incurred costs of up to the \$25,000 maximum. Importantly, the amount of the grant is based on eligible expenses and prior receipts of CARES Acts funds, among other gualifi-

cations. The application process opens at noon on Friday, September 4th and closes at noon on Friday, September 25th. Be sure to check the <u>Collin County CARES website</u> for more information.

Lost Wage Assistance Executive Order

In light of the Trump Administration's Lost Wage Executive Order - providing states with the ability to pay an additional \$300 per week for certain individuals receiving unemployment benefits - the State of Texas was granted swift approval for nearly \$1.4 billion in additional benefits. Signed in early August, this Executive Order allocated \$300 a week in additional unemployment benefits to individuals eligible for more than \$100 of state unemployment benefits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible claimants should have begun receiving additional benefits on or after August 23rd, and the payments will be backdated to the benefit week ending August 1, 2020. If you are experiencing issues obtaining your benefits through the Texas Workforce Commission, my office is here to help seven days a week. Let us know by contacting our team directly at 972.908.3358.

Update on Guidelines for Bars & Restaurants

Recently, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission announced updated guidelines for restaurants and bars, enabling retailers who sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to more easily qualify for a Food & Beverage Certificate. This news removes various costly and stringent requirements for this type of qualification - providing businesses with the ability to easier qualify without making substantive changes to their business model and operations. While I welcome this news and believe it is an important step in the right direction, I believe we must do more to alleviate onerous red tape for our small business owners who continue to hurt from this pandemic.

As always, please let me know how my office may be of service to you and your family.

All My Best,

Jeff Leach

PROMISES MADE PROMISES KEPT TRUMP 2020 * * * * * TRUMP 2020

Taxes and Jobs

Promise Made	Promise Kept
PROMISES MADE PROMISES KEPT	 Provided tax relief for 82% of middle-class families. Doubled the Child Tax Credit proving an additional \$1,000 per child in tax relief for working parents.
Tax Cuts	 Nearly doubled the standard deduction
	Cut taxes for small business by 20%
	 Repealed Obamacare's individ- ual mandate.
PROMISES MADE PROMISES KEPT	• Made U.S. companies competi- tive on the world stage, lower- ing the corporate tax rate from one of the highest in the indus- trialized world (35%) to 21%.
New Manufacturing Jobs	Nearly half a million new manufacturing jobs created

Antifa Is the Natural Product of Our Educational System

Roger L. Simon. August 3, 2020, EPOCH TIMES

Commentary

Antifa or antifa—lower case a, if you prefer—may have gotten its start in Germany, but it's flourishing here in the United States as never before.

This growth occurred even though truly achieving the movement's stated goal—anarchy—would create chaos, leading to civilizational destruction of a likely unparalleled extent in human history in our industrialized and high-tech nation of almost 330 million.

The deepest causes of their violent and more than slightly deranged behavior are undoubtedly personal and psychoanalytic in nature. The story of the Seattle grandmother who identified her bomb-throwing grandson from video of a protective vest she bought him—he said he was "peaceful"—is a novel crying out to be written.

But whatever the psychological profiles of the individual Antifa members, almost all of them share one thing in common:

They went to American schools. And those schools, with only a few notable exceptions, talked down and continue to talk down the United States of America to one degree or another from kindergarten through doctorate.

It is, to my knowledge, unique in history that the public and private educational systems of a country so thoroughly and consistently criticize the country itself. (The Chinese Cultural Revolution did it briefly, but Mao's immediate central government was always supported.)

For decades, our schools have been self-replicating machines, preaching to college students, directly or indirectly, the left-wing gospel according to Howard Zinn (and the Frankfurt School and so forth) and sending them out in turn to preach this junior varsity, critical theory Marxism themselves as teachers at whatever level at all manner of institutions throughout the country.

The youngest of those levels is perhaps the most dangerous because it's the most impressionable.

Antifa members are therefore only doing what they have been taught all along, getting rid of a cancer called the United States.

This connection between Antifa and the teaching profession is so profound that some insist the majority of those hidden behind the black masks are indeed teachers. Others, needless to say including the liberal media, have denied this.

It's impossible to know for certain. Antifa, like some Islamic terror groups, doesn't have a formal leadership structure; why would they need it? They also don't keep records.

This, however, is probably a case where the cliché about smoke and fire applies. Whether Antifa is 50 percent teachers or 20 percent teachers, it's a lot of teachers.

Any reader of websites such as The College Fix or Campus Reform can see the extent to which almost all our schools have their tentacles buried deeply into the supposed social justice causes espoused more militantly in the streets by Antifa.

The governors and mayors of the localities where the riots are taking place are themselves the products of the same educational institutions. This may account in part for their reluctance to crack down. Some part of them is identifying with the rioters.

They want to burn it down, no matter if the violent protests lead to the renaming of this country as New Venezuela, figuratively and literally.

Antifa is an excruciating public manifestation of a very deep infection that has metastasized throughout our society from the schools. It will only get worse if we don't change our educational system—pronto.

Ironically, the beginnings of this change are one of the few, perhaps the only, good things to emanate from the pandemic. With schools shut or online, many are evaluating whether the system serves our young people, practically (in terms of careers) or ideologically. What kind of education is it when 95 percent of college professors vote Democratic, and mostly left Democratic at that?

Viewpoint diversity, anyone? Shall I homeschool my child? Shall I send him or her to college, so they can come back at Thanksgiving in an Antifa T-shirt and accuse me of being a capitalist pig when I just spent 50 grand for their tuition?

Something is wrong with this picture. Change is undoubtedly coming. As a wise man once said, "Faster, please." I don't know about you, but I'm sick of mush-brains throwing firebombs at police stations.

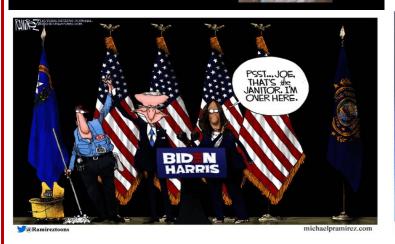
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Political Cartoons

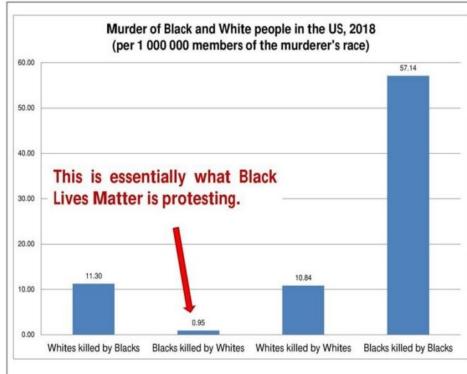
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The Manufactured Hysteria Over Mail Delivery

By Rick Moran, August 16, 2020

That dastardly Donald Trump is at it again. He is either the evilest man ever to hold the office of president or the dumbest. He is either a Machiavellian genius manipulating the media and his hypnotized followers or a bumbling know-nothing idiot.

Trump is being accused of sabotaging the November elections because he won't give the postal unions and incompetent managers in the postal service \$25 billion to play with. The money will stave off catastrophe for about a year at the rate the USPS is burning through cash. Without that money, we're informed by those in the know, thousands — no, tens of thousands — no, *millions* of voters who wait until the last minute to mail in an absentee ballot might not have their votes counted because, well, Trump.

The procrastinators in America are up in arms and plan a demonstration to show their outrage. But it probably won't happen until after the election since that's when they'll eventually get around to it.

The "crisis" in postal delivery presupposes that, prior to Trump's shenanigans, the USPS was doing fine — nothing that a few tens of billions of taxpayer dollars couldn't fix. In fact, that's what the postal unions are saying. In a statement released on Saturday, the letter carriers and postal workers' unions assure the public that even without the money, they can do the job.

"The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) know the truth; the members of these unions are the people who actually process and deliver the mail. Postal Workers and Letter Carriers both say, unequivocally, that no matter how much the administration tries to undermine trust in the postal system, **the system remains fully capable of delivering every single ballot cast by mail in a secure and timely manner.**

"Indeed, the NALC assures that even if every single vote in the November 2020 election were cast by mail, the U.S. Postal Service would have no problem delivering the ballots, whether or not Congress provides the funding included in the HEROES Act.

"The U.S. Postal Service has an entire structure in place to coordinate with state and local election boards to facilitate secure and timely delivery of mail ballots. So what's all the hubbub about? The letter carriers say they can deliver the ballots on time. The postal employees claim they don't need the extra cash. Where, pray tell, is there a "crisis"?

Nancy Pelosi knows. In fact, she's about to call the members of the House of Representatives off the campaign trail and back to Washington to deal with the "crisis."

Politico:

Pelosi and other top Democrats, including House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.), discussed the possibility of returning early during an emergency leadership call Saturday afternoon. Democrats are looking to address organizational issues at the Postal Service in the coming weeks, not to provide additional funding at this time, according to sources familiar with the discussion.

Nothing says "crisis" in Washington quite like pulling politicians away from their campaigns for a political stunt like holding an "emergency" session of Congress.

One option would be to vote on a modified version of a bill introduced by House Oversight Chair Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) earlier this week that would prohibit USPS from implementing a planned organizational overhaul that critics maintain would handicap mail-in voting. Other top Democrats also floated addressing other issues, including expired federal unemployment benefits and voting rights. But Democratic sources said the immediate focus — at least for now — is preserving the Postal Service ahead of the election.

So now Democrats want to become experts at mail delivery and dictate to management how the mail is to be delivered? Sheesh.

The media is doing their part in fanning the flames of crisis. Some of the headlines are choice.

- "USPS removes mail collection boxes and reduces post office hours as critics accuse Trump administration of voter suppression" <u>CNN</u> (Obama removed <u>tens of thousands</u> of mail boxes without a peep from the unions or Democrats)
- "Trump's assault on the U.S. Postal Service gives Democrats a new campaign message" <u>Washington Post</u>
- 3. "Postal Crisis Ripples Across Nation as Election Looms" New York Times
- "Exclusive: UPS, FedEx warn they cannot carry ballots like U.S. Postal Service" <u>Reuters</u>

That Reuters headline is hysterical. UPS and FedEx are not supposed to carry ballots. They aren't the U.S. Postal Service. There would have to be an act of Congress before they could carry ballots. But if it gins up fear and outrage, all the better.

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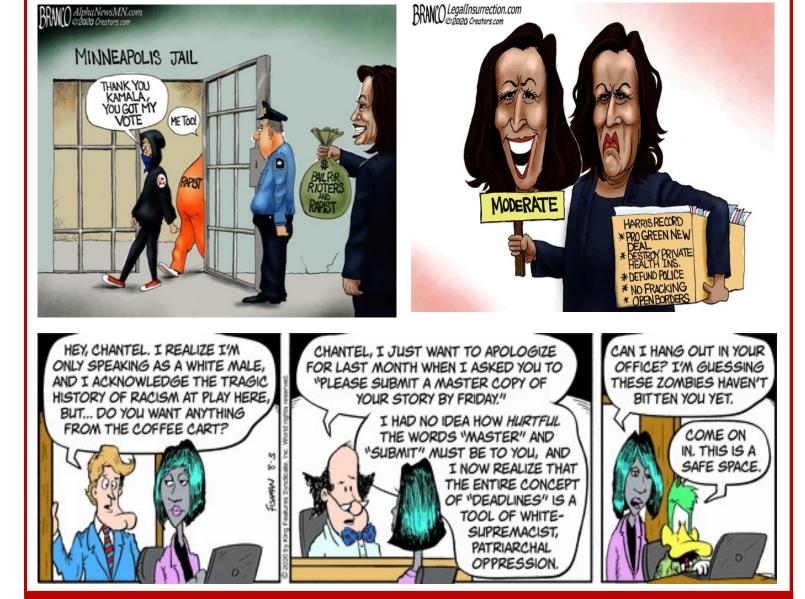
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Our Educational System Makes US Land of Useful Idiots

By Roger L. Simon, July 13, 2020, Epoch Times

Commentary

When I was young and just arrived in Los Angeles to make my way in the movie business, a friend, a recent graduate of UCLA film school, was writing a screenplay improbably entitled "<u>Stalin</u>'s Children."

It was a sympathetic view of the struggles of the young people of that time (1969–70) still devoted to Comrade Stalin, if you can believe that. (Well, maybe now you can.)

Not surprisingly, the script was unreadable and I don't recall making it beyond page 10, but I've been thinking about it recently for its prescience.

The author was no threat to John Huston or Francis Ford Coppola, to put it mildly, but he was a progenitor of something relatively rare in those days but becoming pervasive today: the "useful idiot," American style.

Sometimes attributed to V.I. Lenin, "useful idiot" is a term of murky provenance.

Nevertheless, its meaning is clear: an ill-informed, easily gulled individual, often of the bourgeoisie, who can be manipulated by the left to support their most nefarious and bloody causes.

These days, "useful idiots" are all around us.

The seemingly-endless proliferation of unquestioning followers of Black Lives Matters is an obvious example.

You would think this would have been executed with some stealth, but that wasn't necessary for the ultra-naive "useful idiots" whose cluelessness knows no bounds.

BLM isn't a covert <u>communist</u> organization, it's an overt one. Its leadership advertises itself as "trained Marxists" (their words). One of their leaders recently proudly "took no sides" on the violent destruction and escalating black-on-black murder going on across the country, tantamount to giving it all a nod of approval.

Of perhaps greater importance, ultimately, much of their significant financial support comes via <u>Susan Rosenberg</u>, a convicted domestic terrorist and wannabe cop killer once allied with the Weathermen whose near-life sentence was commuted by Bill Clinton on the last day of his presidency.

Ironically, along with the traditional communist crowd, some white (but no black) Democratic politicians are also raking it in from BLM fundraising. It's interesting who profits from <u>Black Lives Matter</u>.

But almost no one seems to care, "useful idiots" especially. (One of the rare exceptions being whoever just sprayed the Fifth Avenue Black Lives Matter "mural" with deserved red paint.)

But nobody can care if nobody knows, or even begins to understand, what is happening to them.

The cause of this extraordinary naivety is our wretched educational system, which teaches nothing, while it endlessly inculcates leftist cant into the minds of our innocent youth.

We are a nation of "useful idiots" because of that system that gets worse, more extremely biased, every year. In fact, our educational system is a "useful idiot" manufacturing machine.

This machine has worked for years in a top-down manner. As our most renowned colleges and universities became progressively leftist in faculties and administrations—more than 90 percent of professors are now Democrats, mostly left Democrats—so naturally do their students follow suit, almost all of whom have become indoctrinated by the system to one degree or another from the first week of their freshman years.

Of course, they want to please their professors, get a good grade, and so forth. And the courses they are taking in the first place are almost always rigged for indoctrination. (Go and look at the required general education courses of almost any university if you think I'm exaggerating.)

These same students go on to teach at other, sometimes less prominent, colleges and universities, but also at our elementary, middle, and high schools, even at our kindergartens and nursery schools, forming a perfect system of uniform bias.

Nothing is questioned. Little is examined. We have endless diversity classes and administrators, but what's known as viewpoint diversity (diversity of ideas) has virtually disappeared.

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We are a capitalist society with a socialist educational system. ("Stalin's Children," but not in a movie. In life.)

No wonder so few look under the hood at what makes Black Lives Matter, Antifa, and their allies tick, what their real intentions are. (It's certainly not saving black lives. So many are dying, it's hard to keep up.)

This indoctrination lingers on after college, enhanced by the media and by increasingly timid corporations worshipping at the altar of political correctness. No one is encouraged

to think for themselves. It's too risky. The free mind has been captured and imprisoned, ironically, by their schooling, the very thing that was supposed to liberate it.

For now, the excessive violence and destruction coupled with absurd socialist legislation that could have been written in Caracas may prevent the left from assuming immediate power and keep Trump in office for one more term.

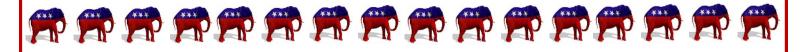
But give this educational system a few more years (with most of the GOP continuing to behave like court eunuchs) and we will be past the point of no return. We will fully be a nation of "useful idiots."

No matter who wins the election, what's needed now is a movement to take the schools back from the teachers' unions, the politicians, and the so-called educational experts and return them to the people they are meant for—their consumers—the students and their families.

Otherwise, they should be out of business.

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Thanks to Sid Miller for this posting? It is right on?



Let's look at this man for a moment. He is a 74 year old man coming back home from work at 2:00 am, while most men his age are retired and living in their vacation homes. He comes back after a long day that probably started before the sun rose and gets back home exhausted with his tie open and hat in his hand feeling that an accomplished day is finally over.

That amazing man is the age of many people's fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers. This man just came back home from work, for you, and for me.

President Trump left his massive gold covered mansion where he could have retired happily and play golf all day long. Yet this man put his wealth aside and went to work for free, for \$1 a year, for you, for me, for us, and for the United States of America.While other presidents became rich during and after their presidency, this man Lost over 2 Billion dollars of his wealth during these short 4 years of his life.

He put aside his amazing retirement and lifestyle just to get ambushed every single day by the Media and the Radical Left that trash this man who works for them until 1:00 am for free!

He doesn't do what he does for the money or for the power, as he already had that. He is doing what he does so that the American People will be safe in their homes, that their schools will get better, that they will be able to find good jobs or start new businesses with greater ease, that they will be able to keep a few more dollars in their pockets at the end of the month, while other presidents before him made sure to keep digging in those same pockets and empty them for taxes.

Look at this picture again, that man is at the age of many of your fathers, grandfathers or maybe even You! Where is the Respect that should be shown? Where is the Honor? Where is the Appreciation? Can one be so Blind as to not see the good that this man is doing for you and your family?

Can you not see all of his work on behalf of minority groups and the unborn in America? Yet you keep calling him a racist!

Can you be that one sided as to not see how much this country has developed in the last 4 years?

President Donald J. Trump, I want to thank you with all my heart. I am so sorry for the blind hatred that you have been made to endure. You are not perfect. No one certainly is! You have made many mistakes in your life. Who hasn't? You are a good and generous man. I know this instinctively. What I don't understand and think about often is what kind of people can be so hateful in their hearts as to spew such contempt and vile, not just at you but at your family too? Or the people that constantly mock you and make you the butt of jokes because you're not a professional politician, and that you're not adept in speech making and bold faced lying. Or the people who have nothing better to do but to attack your wife and young son. These same people believe and are so sure that they have not been manipulated by the Press or the Media. They truly believe that their hatred is really their own. Yet when asked to explain why, many of these same people cannot articulate the reasons as to why.

What has happened in our great country? Why can't these people realize that they have been manipulated and brainwashed and led by such a deeply rooted Evil force that wishes nothing better than to bring down our Great Republic. "The Shining City on a Hill." The American People are a great people, but they are in a bad place right now, both in their hearts, and in their souls. May God help us! May the Lord heal the hearts and minds of the people of this great country! Trump is not the problem. #TRUMP2020. #saveOURCOUNTRY

Sometimes it hurts to think!

I was thinking; If only 11 million people have Obamacare, how will 24 million people die if it is repealed?

I was thinking; If Donald Trump deleted all his emails, wiped his server with Bleachbit and destroyed all his phones with a hammer, would the mainstream media suddenly lose all interest in the story and declare him innocent?

I was thinking; If women do the same job for less money, why do companies hire men to do the same job for more money?

I was thinking; Each ISIS attack now is a reaction to Trump policies, but all ISIS attacks during Obama's term were due to climate change and a plea for jobs.

I was thinking; We should stop calling them all 'Entitlements'. Welfare, Food Stamps, WIC, ad nausea are not entitlements. They are taxpayer-funded handouts and shouldn't be called entitlements at all. Social Security and Veterans Benefits are Entitlements because the people receiving them are entitled to them. They were earned and paid for by the recipients. The others were not.

I was thinking; If liberals don't believe in biological gender then why did they march for women's rights?

I was thinking; How did the Russians get Debbie Wasserman Schultz and the DNC to steal the primary from Bernie Sanders?

I was thinking; Why is it that Democrats think super delegates are fine, but they have a problem with the Electoral College?

I was thinking; If you don't want the FBI involved in elections, don't nominate someone who's being investigated by the FBI.

I was thinking; If Hillary's speeches cost \$250,000 an hour, how come no one shows up to her free ones?

I was thinking; (this was the best) If Democrats don't want foreigners involved in our elections, why do they think it's all right for illegals to vote?

Now my head hurts, I'm going to quit thinking for a while!





Hey Suburban Voters, Joe Biden's Housing Policies Will Ruin Your Communities

By Stacey Lennox , July1, 2020 for PJ Media

A significant number of commentators have posited that the 2020 election will be won or lost in the suburbs. For some reason, these suburban voters seem to be signaling that they want Joe Biden to take their guns away, raise their taxes, and cause massive job losses in industries related to oil and gas. Or perhaps they are super excited about having a cognitively impaired leader of the free world. Hard to tell.

However, my bet is if they figured out Joe Biden was planning on destroying their communities, they might be a little more attuned to their self-interest. Joe Biden has signed on to a plan that will take local control away from community planning using federal funding as leverage.

Stanley Kurtz at *National Review* is ringing the alarm bell. An Obama-era regulation that has not been rolled back by the Trump administration is about to weaponized in a significant way if Democrats gain power. The regulation could lead to such considerable wealth redistribution, Kurtz wrote an entire book about it.

Recall, if Democrats take control of the Senate, they intend to end the filibuster. If they maintain control of the House and Biden wins the presidency, there will be no way for Republicans to stop this power grab. It will necessarily put all community planning in the hands of the federal government. They, not the local city councils and county officials, will determine the zoning laws that govern suburban communities to achieve their progressive vision of equity and environmental policies.

From Kurtz: I've been studying Joe Biden's housing plans, and what I've seen is both surprising and frightening. I expected that a President Biden would enforce the Obama administration's radical AFFH (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) regulation to the hilt. That is exactly what Biden promises to do. By itself, that would be more than enough to end America's suburbs as we've known them, as I've explained repeatedly here at NRO.

What surprises me is that Biden has actually promised to go much further than AFFH. Biden has embraced Cory Booker's strategy for ending singlefamily zoning in the suburbs and creating what you might call "little downtowns" in the suburbs. Combine the Obama-Biden administration's radical AFFH regulation with Booker's new strategy, and I don't see how the suburbs can retain their ability to govern themselves. It will mean the end of local control, the end of a style of living that many people prefer to the city, and therefore the end of meaningful choice in how Americans can live. Shouldn't voters know that this is what's at stake in the election?

The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing regulation, AFFH for short, is like Affirmative Action for community planning. According to Kurtz, there are three elements to the strategy that effectively integrate the suburbs with their urban neighbors:

- Use a kind of quota system to force "economic integration" on the suburbs, pushing urban residents outside of the city
- Close down suburban growth by regulating development, restricting automobile use, and limiting highway growth and repair, thus forcing would-be suburbanites back to the city
- Use state and federal laws to force suburbs to redistribute tax revenue to poorer cities in their greater metropolitan region

Initially, the AFFH used HUD grants to bring suburban communities into compliance. Local communities could make a decision not to pursue these grants and retain local control of zoning. However, Biden has signed on to a plan that goes even further to enforce this vision. Senator Cory Booker (D-N.J.) has proposed withholding federal transportation grants communities use to repair highways. This funding would be nearly impossible for communities to forego.

This policy position is stunning in the wake of a pandemic that has Americans questioning urban living. The real estate site Suburban Jungle saw a fourfold increase in traffic during the pandemic when cities were hardest hit. The impact of rioting and escalating violence is yet to be seen.

Cities that stayed shut down longer than outlying areas are also running into financial problems due to lost revenue. Now businesses large and small may not recover from the looting and destruction of the recent riots. Some of them are relocating out of destroyed downtown areas or will not reopen.

On its face, this policy, with the enhancement proposed by Booker, shreds several levels of the federalist system. Residents will lose all control over the design of their communities. Some of the most heated debates in city councils across the country are related to zoning. What is built where is a big deal for may communities. AFFH will end that debate.

Of course, suburban voters should know the intentions and outcomes of these policies. There is no way the corporate media is going to tell them. Kurtz told us why in an article from 2015: It's difficult to say what's more striking about President Obama's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) regulation: its breathtaking radicalism, the refusal of the press to cover it, or its potential political ramifications. The danger AFFH poses to Democrats explains why the press barely mentions it. This lack of curiosity, in turn, explains why the revolutionary nature of the rule has not been properly understood. Ultimately, the regulation amounts to back-door annexation, a way of turning America's suburbs into tributaries of nearby cities.

As noted, the impact of this radically progressive policy would put the suburban vote at risk for Democrats. This reaction is why the Trump campaign must make the housing policy a big issue in the next few months. President Trump needs to direct HUD Secretary Ben Carson to gut the AFFH immediately and remove any federal leverage over zoning that still exists.

Discrimination in housing is already illegal as it should be. Americans should have a wide range of choices about the type of communities they live in. The utopian idea that the federal government can create "fair" or "equitable" communities is utter garbage. President Trump and Republicans need to say this clearly and often.

Educate your neighbors in outlying areas. It is imperative those in affected communities understand the control they will be giving up over the small towns and suburbs where they live.

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