

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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President's Byline



Has everyone heard of a Bait and Switch? You know it's when you see an ad on TV for a shiny new Cadillac "fully loaded" for a great price. Then you get to the dealership and find out that all those bells and whistles cost extra. Air conditioning is extra, a radio is extra, tires, extra...well that just happened to the entire country not once but **twice** since our last newsletter. How you ask? Let me explain.....

"The Inflation Reduction Act" -Bait and Switch number one

Wow, who could vote against that? Lower inflation I'm all in, until you look at the details...What was promised (From the Whitehouse.gov): "The inflation reduction act will lower costs for families, combat the climate crisis, reduce the deficit, and finally ask the largest corporations to pay their fair share". "No American making under \$400,000 will see their taxes go up a penny".

Did you notice that within a day after the bill passed the news media started calling it the "Taxes and Climate Change bill." Remember Bait and Switch...tires cost extra. Let's break this down.

Corporations will pay their fair share- I'm not a greedy corporation why should I care? Because corporations don't pay taxes, they pass them on to you by either raising prices or laying off staff. Both impact everyone, and both are already happening.

No one making under \$400K will have increased taxes – Mr. President, Inflation is a tax and when you raise prices for everyone it impacts everyone. So, we might not pay more in income tax (doubtful), but we will all pay more in inflationary taxes.

Is there any good news? Well, some economists say the Inflation Reduction Act will save \$124 Billion over ten years. That's good right, we pay 739 billion dollars for climate control projects and higher taxes on corporations to save \$124 billion over a ten-year period? Let's not celebrate yet because here comes bait and switch **number two**...

Biden's College Debt forgiveness plan

Soon after the Inflation Reduction Act passed and everyone was basking in the glows of a \$124 Billion dollar savings (satire), our beloved President announced his college debt forgiveness plan. Wow sounds nice. Pull out a magic wand wave it over your most loyal supporters and presto, all debt is forgiven. Except that's not how economics work. Someone will have to pay. But who??? You and I, the taxpayers. I love each member of this club very much, but not enough to pay off your child's student debt. Sorry. I don't know about you, but both my husband and I worked two jobs while in school and my husband took out loans that we paid back in full to pay for his education. Its old fashion I know but a loan is a contract. The lender gives you money and you promise to pay it back with interest so the lender can make loans to others in the future.

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Calendar of Events

PRW Board Meeting
September 6th
Napoli's Italian Restaurant
11:30

Labor Day Rally
September 5th
9am
Bob Woodruff Park

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday
September 20th, 2022
PRW General Meeting
11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano

PRW Presidents Byline

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How much will this boondoggle cost the American taxpayer. According to the Wharton School of Economics here are the numbers:

Loan Cancellation- \$469-\$519 billion

Loan Forbearance in 2022 -\$16 billion

Income Based Take Up Rates - \$70 Billion

Their conclusion was this: "However, depending on future details of the actual IDR program and concomitant behavior changes (This means, student see loans being paid off so why pay their loan.) the program could add another \$450 Billion, thereby raising the cost to over \$1 Trillion dollars."

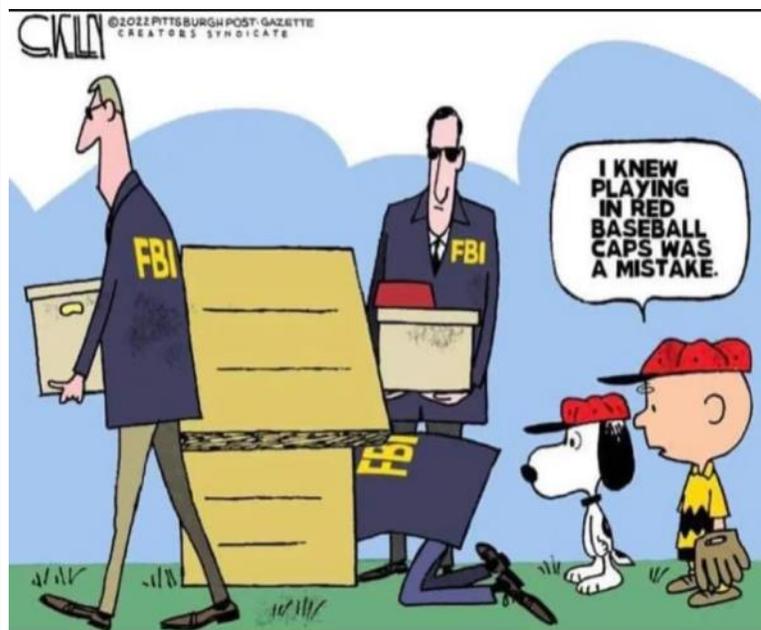
One Trillion Dollars! Still feeling good about the \$124 Billion in alleged savings from last week's Inflation Reduction Plan? That "Savings" just went up in smoke like the exhaust of an old beater car. We all just got sold a rust bucket car for premium prices. We should all start shopping a new car dealer at the midterms.

I almost forgot the final bait and switch. Student debt repayments were put on hold due to COVID for the last two years. This forbearance was set to expire in October, but Good Ole Uncle Joe extended it until January. Why you ask? Out of the goodness of his heart? Nope, the midterm elections are in November and the only group that he is polling over 40% with is students...You can't make your strongest voter block mad before a crucial election so just stick it to the taxpayer again...

Let's get rid of this broken-down old Democrat model at the mid-terms for a shiny new Republican one. It's time we stopped allowing Democrats to control the narrative with their failing policies. From now to November, we need to work on putting Republicans in every position from the school board to Congress to protect our country and bring American greatness back.

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PRW September Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING: September 20, 2022

Mr. Kyle Sims

"What Is Really in Our School Libraries"

Mr. Kyle Sims is a retired teacher. He served the State of Texas for 32 combined district years in Tyler, Plano and Frisco. He worked as a consultant and security on the political campaigns of Shelley Luther, a mayoral campaign and on the advanced team for the Texas GOP campaign of former Texas Senator Don Huffines.

Kyle has traveled to the Texas border multiple times to walk the river and investigate the invasion crisis. He has met with elected officials and testified about what he witnessed.

He is a staunch attendee of the Texas State GOP Conventions and CPAC

Kyle can be heard on daily national podcasts discussing his ideas and solutions from school board, city council and county elections.

He has spoken at McKinney ISD and Prosper ISD school boards regarding pornography in the school libraries. He has also spoken of the lack of transparency with the taxpayers on dollar amount issues on line items not acknowledged on the school renovations and new projects budget.

He has also been to Round Rock to help parents in their issues with their school board, and counseled Grandbury advocates in their fight against pornographic materials on their campuses.

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

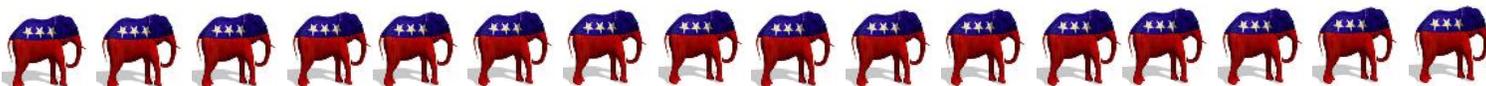
**Lunch is available for \$25.00 with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, September 16th, 2022**

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: rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

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



PRW August Meeting Photos





Legislative Report



UNITED STATES HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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Seven Democrat Myths about the Manchin-Biden Build Back Better Bill

Hits Middle Class and Main Street with Audits, Higher Taxes, More Inflation, and Higher Prices for Fewer Drugs and Health Care

August 11, 2022 - PRESS RELEASE

In their final push to pass the Manchin-Biden Build Back Better bill, Democrats are misleading the American people about what their bill would do. Now, the public is scrambling to understand what's in this 700+ page bill and worried about higher prices, audits, fewer cures, more expensive health care.

Myth #1: This bill lowers inflation.

Fact: Despite its misleading title, the Schumer-Manchin tax hike and spending spree bill will worsen inflation over the next two years and do nothing to bring inflation down in years after, according to Penn-Wharton analysis.

Myth #2: This bill provides a tax cut for most Americans.

Fact: Working families will be worse off. New analysis from the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation shows that the average working family is more likely to be worse-off than better-off under Democrats' plan.

For median income families (\$50,000-\$75,000), households are 33 percent more likely to have a tax hike than a tax cut.

And it gets worse for every dollar you earn – families earning \$75,000-\$100,000 are four times more likely to have a tax hike than a tax cut, and families earning \$100,000-\$200,000 are more than ten times more likely to have a tax hike than a tax cut.

Overall, the bill does nothing—or worse—for regular working families. At least 92 percent of households with incomes under \$200,000 get no benefit—or a tax hike—under Democrats' bill.

Myth #3: The IRS will not target low- and middle-income earners.

Fact: As part of the Biden Administration "Tax Compliance Agenda" the IRS, supercharged with \$80 billion in new funding, **will hire 87,000 new IRS agents**, and middle-income earning Americans will be among their targets.

Democrats voted against legislative guardrails protecting middle-income Americans from audits.

A Ways and Means analysis of audit data from this period against recent tax return data finds that over 700,000 new audits would fall on Walmart shoppers earning \$75,000 a year or less.

Leaders for both Treasury and the IRS have been careful in their statements about new audits, using the specific phrase "the rate of audits will not increase relative to recent years." Those "recent years" include 2010, when an out-of-control IRS audited middle-income earning Americans at historically high rates.

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Myth #4: The IRS funding will improve customer service and the backlog – and won't go towards audits.

Fact: Only 4 percent of the \$80 billion in new funding will go towards customer service. The other 96 percent (\$76 billion) of funding does not.

The Biden Treasury and congressional Democrats have told CBO that they expect to hire 87,000 new employees to assist in tax enforcement and compliance – and will fill entirely new positions.

There is nothing in the bill text that requires the IRS to address the backlog.

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Myth #5: President Biden is upholding his pledge not to raise taxes on small businesses.

Fact: The Manchin-Biden bill increases taxes on 4.7 million Main Street businesses responsible for nearly half of all jobs in the United States, just as we head into a recession.

Democrats opted to raise taxes on Main Street businesses rather than limit the SALT deduction for millionaires and billionaires, literally putting billionaires over bartenders.

The tax increase – called “loss limitation for pass-through businesses” – limits the ability of small businesses to deduct losses up to a specific threshold, just as they may need it to survive the recession.

Democrats say this tax increase has origins in Republican tax reform, but ignore that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act cut business tax rates, created the small business deduction, and broadened the tax base – while Democrats simply look to increase audits to squeeze these businesses.

Myth #6: Taxing stock buybacks goes after rich corporations.

Fact: Democrats’ unvetted stock buybacks tax reduces retirement security for American seniors.

This tax would harm the 58 percent of Americans who own stock and more than 60 million workers invested in a 401K.

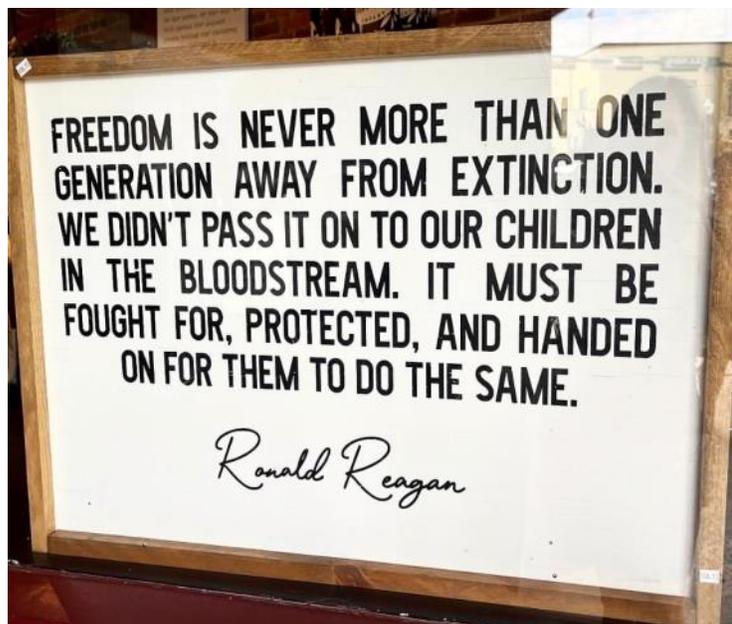
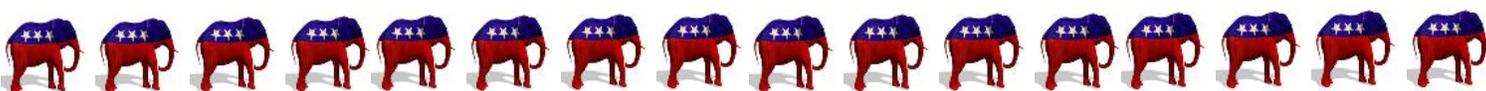
A tax on stock buybacks harms all shareholders and employees with an individual retirement account or 401k—including union pensions. Yet AARP, which claims to support seniors’ interests and helping more people save for retirement has even supported the bill (despite the negative impact it would have on seniors.)

Myth #7: This bill lowers the cost of drugs and gives patients more cures.

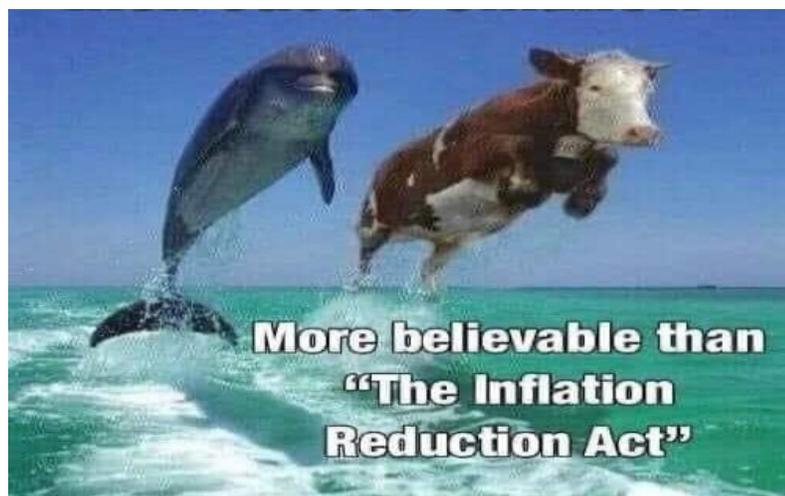
Fact: Democrats’ price-fixing scheme will kill up to 342 cures over the next two decades, according to a study done by the University of Chicago.

If the Democrats’ price control system had been in place last decade, only six of 110 currently approved therapies would have made it to patients.

Although the Biden Administration has asserted that working towards ending cancer is a priority, Democrats’ proposal surrenders in the fight against cancer and will lead to more cancer deaths by killing investment into development of lower-cost cancer treatments.



Political Cartoons





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



Constitution Week

Elections are one of the most American things in existence. Your participation is one way to be active as a patriot.

What **You** Can Do to Stop Election Fraud

<https://gawtp.com/2021/11/what-you-can-do-to-stop-election-fraud/>

Jan Lohmann is coordinating training. Reach out to her at JanLoh1@icloud.com.

Get-Out-The-Vote Workshop, by Leadership Institute, \$10

Monday, September 12, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Hilton Garden Inn

10350 N. Central Expressway

Dallas, TX 75231

<https://leadershipinstitute.org/training/school.cfm?schoolid=57611>

Sign up to work as Election Judge, Clerk, Poll Watcher – leave no vacancies.

America's Constitution is one of the shortest nation's constitutions and, according to Dr. Steven Frank, the National Constitution Center's chief historian, is broadly considered the world's longest-surviving constitution. The definition of constitution is somewhat debated, and the claim sometimes includes the caveat of being the oldest surviving one-document text. What we know, as Americans, is that the Constitution is exceptional, that we love the country the framers outlined in it, and that we will stand up and fight for those God-given rights and freedoms. The framers were Godly men and called upon God for guidance, and the result has served us well for all these years. As we've come to recognize in the recent past, it's an ongoing battle to save the Constitution and the Constitutional Republic of America.



Our Constitution defines our government and guarantees our rights. The purpose of the observance week is to promote study and education about the United States Constitution.

The observance runs annually from September 17 to September 23. It was officially enacted on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower from a congressional resolution petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution, but it was George W Bush who officially declared the inception of Constitution Week in September 2002.

On September 24, 2020, President Donald J Trump signed a Proclamation about Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, and Constitution Week, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/24/2020-21312/constitution-day-citizenship-day-and-constitution-week-2020>.



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Constitution Week in Schools

Since December 8, 2004, Federal law has required that federally funded schools teach about the Constitution on Constitution Day, September 17th, each year. This year it will be taught on Friday, 9/16.

So, schools are required to teach on the Constitution. Are they teaching the following?

- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution.

Outside persons can be accepted by schools to come speak on the Constitution. So, if that sounds good to you, reach out to the school of your choice. Some people dress up as Ben Franklin or another framer and tell the students a part of the history of our Constitution. We know our children and grandchildren have not necessarily been getting the education we thought they were, and that we want them to have. As parents, grandparents, and other influencers, we can and should teach all young people the vital importance of the provisions of our Constitution. We can also ask teachers what they teach, what materials they use. We can find ways to participate in the school or classroom. We can provide approved materials such as videos, handouts, and workbooks, so the teachers have what they need to teach the students truth about America, about its history, and about patriotism. You might want to get a pocket Constitution for one or more kids, <https://freedomfactor.org/products/kids-pocket-constitution>. The website, <https://freedomfactor.org/>, is not just for kids.

We've heard from citizens that came to America as immigrants how great America is, how they value it, what citizenship means to them. I know that, personally, I've taken my rights and freedoms for granted. I couldn't begin to tell you what all is in the Constitution, and I intend to change that. The last 32 months have really made me wake up. Let's not take this amazing country for granted.



Did you know...? Established on November 26, 1789, the first national "Thanksgiving Day" was originally created by George Washington as a way of "giving thanks" for the Constitution.



"Let [the Constitution] be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges, let it be written in primers, in spelling books and in almanacs, let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation."

-Abraham Lincoln, "The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions", January 27, 1838

"Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged."

-Ronald Reagan



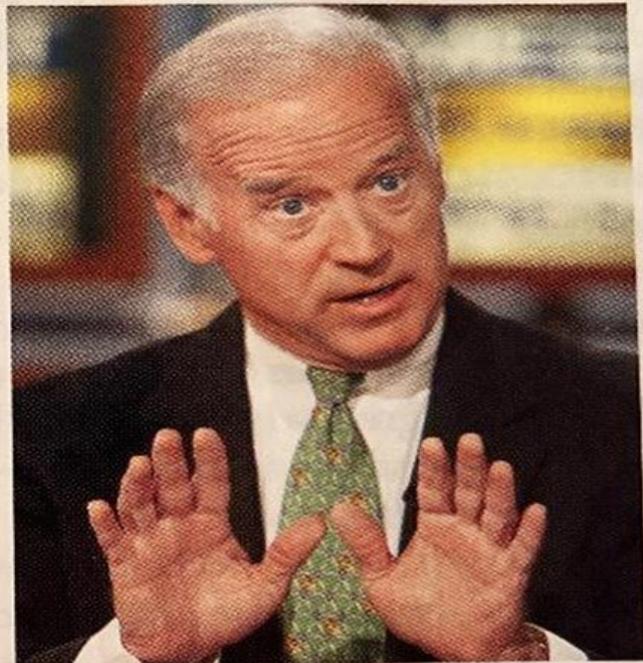
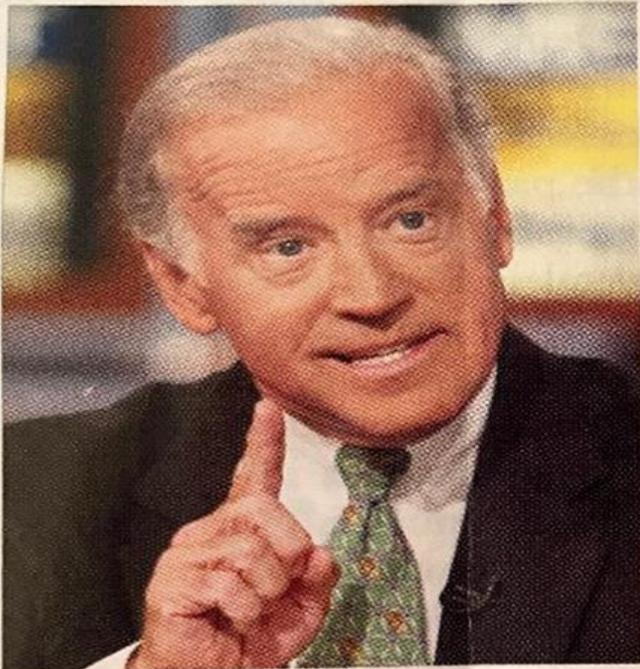
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In Honor of the Great Rush Limbaugh

Shared by Catherine Gibb

My husband Jim subscribed to the *Limbaugh Letter* in 1997 and he kept almost every issue. We always loved the “Stupid Quotes” he included in each issue, so until further notice one of those Stupid Quotes will be in each month’s issue. I wanted to use a Joe Biden quote as the first one. Oddly enough, Biden wasn’t on Rush’s Radar until June 2005 (but there have been many more since then). So enjoy this and know that he was just as “stupid” back in the day as he is now:

QUOTES



“I think we should end up shutting [Guantanamo] down, moving those prisoners. Those that we have reason to keep, keep. And those we don’t, let go.”

— SEN. JOE BIDEN (D, DE), ON ABC’S “THIS WEEK”

We have reason to keep them all in Gitmo, genius: they’re terrorists.



Constitutional Minute Series



Resistance is Crucial to the Advancement of Liberty

By: [Mike Maharrey](#) | Published on: Aug 8, 2022

Patrick Henry told us that “government is no more than a choice among evils.”

Thomas Paine held the same view. In Common Sense, he wrote, “Society in every state is a blessing, but Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one.”

What makes government become intolerable?

Consolidation.

That was the term the founding generation used to describe a centralized government with vast power and control – the kind of government we have today.

During the Virginia Ratifying Convention, Patrick Henry warned against consolidation.

“Dangers are to be apprehended in whatever manner we proceed; but those of **a consolidation are the most destructive.**”

He went on to predict that consolidation would, “end in the destruction of our liberties.”

History proved Henry correct.

If consolidation ends in the destruction of our liberties, the key to regaining liberty is “un-consolidation,” or to use an actual word — decentralization.

Political decentralization devolves and distributes political power. This promotes competition in the political marketplace, with various jurisdictions opposing and checking growing power in others.

Most people intuitively understand the problems inherent in economic monopolies. With no competition, a monopolist can easily abuse its customers. It can limit selection. It can raise prices. It can get away with crappy customer service.

Now, think of the federal government as a monopoly. Because that’s exactly what it is.

We need to break the monopoly if we want to regain liberty. We need to decentralize, disperse and minimize political power in order to shrink government to, as Paine put it, “its best state ... a necessary evil.”

This strategy requires letting go of centralized political power. That includes resisting the temptation to try to wrest control of the overreaching consolidated government and impose liberty from on high.

This is a difficult concept to grasp in an American political culture that operates almost exclusively through the consolidated government in Washington D.C. People always tend to think in terms of grabbing and wielding political power. This will always fail because **political power is the problem.**

But a lot of people argue that you need political power to force decentralization. As one person put it, “The great paradox is that in order to diffuse power, you must first acquire it.”

This is wrong.

The paradox is that *forcing* a diffusion of power is actually a centralization of power. In order to diffuse power, you must first *resist* it.

Lysander Spooner nailed it on resistance.

“**The right of the people, therefore, to resist an unconstitutional law, is absolute and unqualified, from the moment the law is enacted.**”

He called resistance “a constitutional right.”

“And the exercise of the right is neither rebellion against the constitution, nor revolution—it is a maintenance of the constitution itself, by keeping the government within the constitution.”

At the Tenth Amendment Center, we talk a lot about resisting overreaching federal power through state and local action. This leads people to believe they have to consolidate power at the state or local level. Having political allies in state and local government certainly helps, but it’s not necessary. And it’s certainly not the first step.

It starts with people resisting.

Constitutional Minute Series

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Think about the nullification of federal marijuana prohibition. Before California legalized medical marijuana in 1996, there were a lot of people who were willing to violate the “law” and use cannabis anyway. It was that groundswell of resistance that led to political changes at the state level. Rosa Parks offers another example. Her willingness to say, “No!” to an unjust law sparked more widespread resistance that eventually led to political change.

Necessity forced the American colonist to adopt a strategy of resistance. They had no political power – and there was no way they were ever going to gain any in faraway London. They had two choices – resist or submit.

They chose to resist.

The Sugar Act in 1764 sparked resistance and it ramped up significantly with the passage of the Stamp Act in March 1765.

The Stamp Act required all official documents in the colonies to be printed on special stamped paper. This included all commercial and legal documents, newspapers, pamphlets, and even playing cards. As historian Dave Benner explained in his article on the Stamp Act, the standard American position held that the act violated the bounds of the British constitutional system. Objecting to the notion that Parliament was supreme, and could impose whatever binding legislation it wished upon the colonies, the colonies instead adopted the rigid stance that colonists could only be taxed by their local assemblies. They claimed this principle stretched all the way back to 1215 and the Magna Carta.

Resistance started with protests. Patrick Henry drafted a series of resolutions. In the seventh, He asserted, “the Inhabitants of this Colony, are not bound to yield Obedience to any Law or Ordinance whatever,” outside of those passed by the colonial assemblies.

John Dickinson wrote, “IF you comply with the Act by using Stamped Papers, you fix, you rivet perpetual Chains upon your unhappy Country. You unnecessarily, voluntarily establish the detestable Precedent, which those who have forged your Fetters ardently wish for, to varnish the future Exercise of this new claimed Authority.”

John Hancock was perhaps most emphatic, declaring, “The people of this country will never be made slaves of by a submission to the damned act.”

They didn’t.

Patriots throughout the 13 colonies blocked the distribution of stamped paper, forced stamp agents to resign, and effectively made that act impossible to enforce. Ultimately, mass resistance and noncompliance forced Parliament to repeal the hated law.

Historian Dave Benner summed up colonial resistance this way.

“Rather than hoping the next election will produce preferable results or waiting for the courts to weigh in on controversial law, the patriots **took a fierce stand** against an odious law. In doing so, they inspired tireless masses to their cause, **brought about a reversal of policy without representation in Parliament**, and changed the world as we know it.”

The problem is this strategy is scary, hard, and often requires sacrifice. Many people felt the heavy hand of the law in the early days of the movement to nullify marijuana prohibition. Rosa Parks went to jail. And the British ultimately drug American colonists into a war.

On the other hand, politics is relatively easy. You just gain power and then impose your will. But this is the antithesis of liberty. And at some point, the political pendulum will swing away from you as it always does and people you hate will control that power.

There is no easy path to liberty. As Thomas Paine wrote, “Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.”

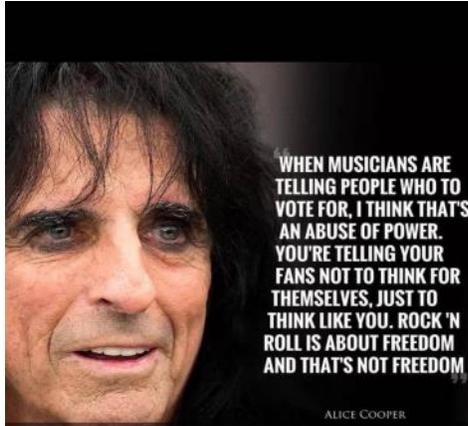


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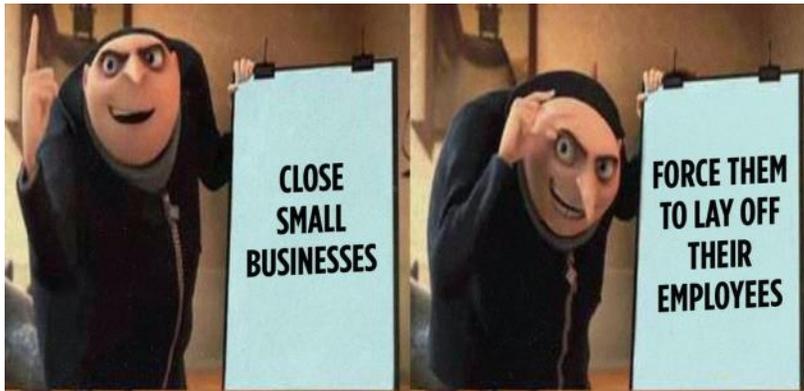
This stadium, at a capacity of 86,112, is not big enough to hold the 87,000 new IRS agents coming after you.



WHEN MUSICIANS ARE TELLING PEOPLE WHO TO VOTE FOR, I THINK THAT'S AN ABUSE OF POWER. YOU'RE TELLING YOUR FANS NOT TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES, JUST TO THINK LIKE YOU. ROCK 'N ROLL IS ABOUT FREEDOM AND THAT'S NOT FREEDOM

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THE FBI HAS REVEALED THEIR NEW FALL COLLECTION UNIFORMS



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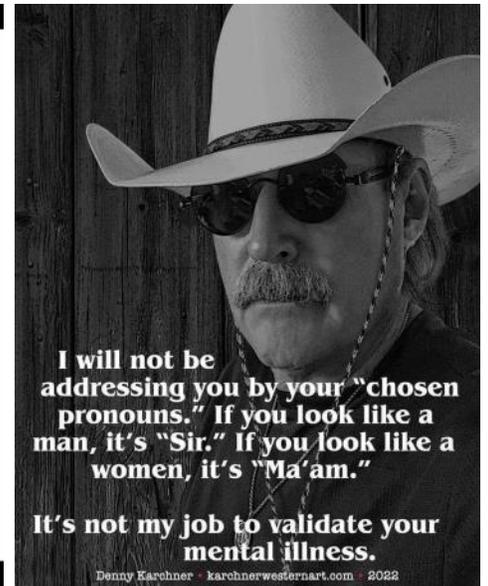
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That look when you spent most of your life promoting socialism and you finally get a taste of it



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A government that forces you to account to them for the way you spend YOUR money but refuses to be accountable to you for how they spend YOUR money should be immediately replaced.



I will not be addressing you by your "chosen pronouns." If you look like a man, it's "Sir." If you look like a women, it's "Ma'am."

It's not my job to validate your mental illness.

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FBI, R.I.P.?

Victor Davis Hanson, August 12, 2022 Updated: August 15, 2022

Commentary

The FBI is dissolving before our eyes into a rogue security service akin to those in Eastern Europe during the Cold War.

Take the FBI's deliberately asymmetrical application of the law. Last week, the bureau surprise-raided the home of former President Donald Trump—an historical first.

A massive phalanx of FBI agents swooped into the Trump residence while he wasn't home to confiscate his personal property, safe, and records. All of this was over an archival dispute of presidential papers common to many former presidents. Agents swarmed the entire house, including the wardrobe closet of the former first lady.

Note we are less than 90 days out from a midterm election. This was not just a raid, but a political act.

The Democratic Party is anticipated to suffer historical losses. Trump was on the verge of announcing his 2024 presidential candidacy. In many polls, he remains the Republican frontrunner for the nomination—and well ahead of incumbent President Joe Biden in a putative 2024 rematch.

In 2016, then-FBI Director James Comey announced that candidate Hillary Clinton was guilty of destroying subpoenaed emails—a likely felony pertaining to her tenure as secretary of state. Yet he all but pledged that she would not be prosecuted given her status as a presidential candidate.

As far as targeting presidential candidates, Trump was impeached in 2020 ostensibly for delaying military aid to Ukraine by asking Ukrainian officials to investigate more fully the clearly corrupt Biden family—given Joe Biden at the time was a likely possible presidential opponent in 2020.

The FBI has devolved into a personal retrieval service for the incorrigible Biden family. It suppressed, for political purposes, information surrounding Hunter Biden's missing laptop on the eve of the 2020 election.

Previously, the FBI never pursued Hunter's fraudulently registered firearm, his mysterious foreign income, his felonious crack cocaine use, or his regular employment of foreign prostitutes.

Yet in a predawn raid just before the 2020 election, the FBI targeted the home of journalist James O'Keefe on grounds that someone had passed to him the lost and lurid diary of Ashley Biden, Biden's wayward daughter.

At various times, in Stasi-style, the FBI has publicly shackled Trump economic adviser Peter Navarro, swarmed the office of Trump's legal counsel Rudy Giuliani, and sent a SWAT team to surround the house of Trump ally Roger Stone. Meanwhile, terrorists and cartels walk with impunity across an open border.

FBI Director Christopher Wray last week cut short his evasive testimony before Congress. He claimed he had to leave for a critical appointment—only to use his FBI Gulfstream luxury jet to fly to his favorite vacation spot in the Adirondacks.

Wray took over from disgraced interim FBI Director Andrew McCabe. The latter admitted to lying repeatedly to federal investigators and signed off on a fraudulent FBI FISA application. He faced zero legal consequences.

McCabe, remember, was also the point man in the softball Hillary Clinton email investigation—while his wife was a political candidate and recipient of thousands of dollars from a political action committee with close ties to the Clinton family.

McCabe took over from disgraced FBI Director James Comey. On 245 occasions, Comey claimed under oath before the House Intelligence Committee that he had no memory or knowledge of key questions concerning his tenure. With impunity, he leaked confidential FBI memos to the media.

Comey took over from Director Robert Mueller. Implausibly, Mueller swore under oath that he had no knowledge of either the Steele dossier or of Fusion GPS, the firm that commissioned Christopher Steele to compile the dossier. But those were the very twin catalysts that had prompted his entire special investigation into the Russian collusion hoax.

FBI legal counsel Kevin Clinesmith was convicted of a felony for altering an FBI warrant request to spy on an innocent Carter Page.

The FBI, by Comey's own public boasts, bragged how it caught national security adviser designate Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn in its Crossfire Hurricane Russian collusion hoax.

As special counsel, Mueller then fired two of his top investigators—Lisa Page and Peter Strzok—for improper personal and professional behavior. He then staggered their releases to mask their collaborative wrongdoing.

Mueller's team deleted critical cellphone evidence under subpoena that might well have revealed systemic FBI-related bias.

FBI, R.I.P.?

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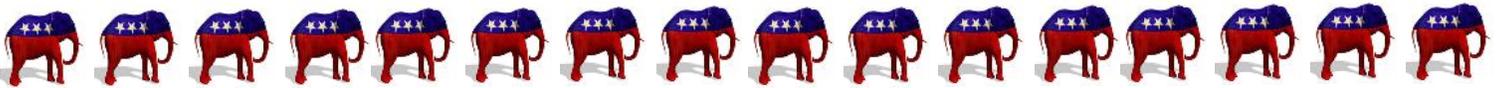
The FBI interferes with and warps national elections. It hires complete frauds as informants who are far worse than its targets. It humiliates or exempts government and elected officials based on their politics. It violates the civil liberties of individual American citizens.

The FBI's highest officials now routinely mislead Congress. They have erased or altered court and subpoenaed evidence. They illegally leak confidential material to the media. And they have lied under oath to federal investigators.

The agency has become dangerous to Americans and an existential threat to their democracy and rule of law. The FBI should be dispersing its investigatory responsibilities to other government investigative agencies that have not yet lost the public's trust.

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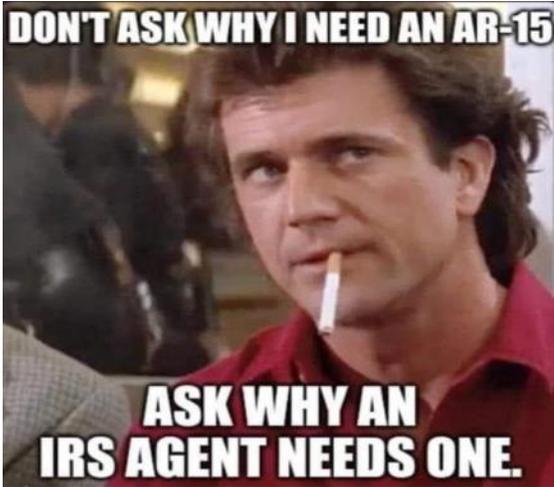
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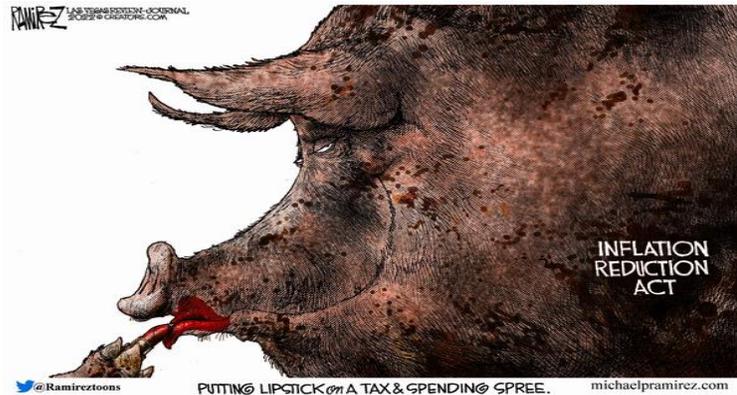
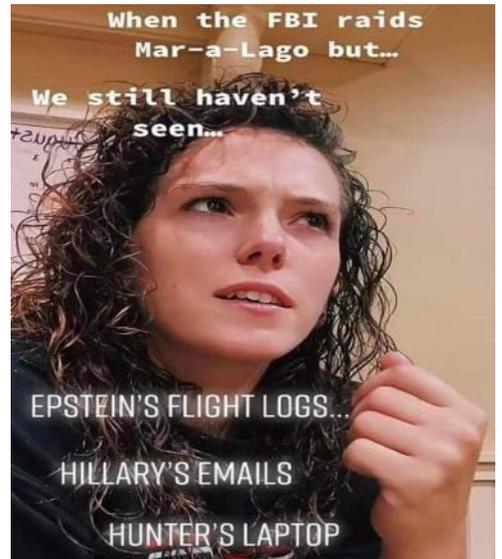


Political Cartoons



They say: "My body, my choice."

We say: "Your student loan, YOUR payments."



For America's Progressive Elites, 'Science Is Violence'

Benjamin Weingarten, July 15, 2022, updated July 18, 2022

Commentary

America's progressive elites have transitioned from "Follow the Science" to "Science Is Violence."

Their senior-most judges will not define what a woman is, nor will their celebrated scholars acknowledge that only a woman can give birth. In fact, to even assert the latter, in our betters' view, is to render one a dangerous societal menace.

That's one of the takeaways from the recent dumbfounding exchange between Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) and University of California–Berkeley law professor Khiara Bridges during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the legal consequences of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and returned the question of abortion to the states.

The back-and-forth, provoked in part by Bridges's unwillingness under earlier questioning to refer to those who are pregnant as "women," went as follows:

Hawley: "Professor Bridges ... you've referred to 'people with the capacity for pregnancy.' Would that be women?"

Bridges: "Many women, cis-women have the capacity for pregnancy. Many cis-women do not have the capacity for pregnancy. There are also trans men who are capable of pregnancy, as well as non-binary people who are capable of pregnancy."

Hawley: "So this [abortion] isn't really a women's rights issue ..."

Bridges: "We can recognize that this impacts women while also recognizing that it impacts other groups. Those things are not mutually exclusive, Senator Hawley."

Hawley: "Your view is, is that the core of this right, then, is about what?"

Bridges: "I want to recognize that your line of questioning is transphobic and it opens up trans people to violence by not recognizing them."

Hawley: "Wow, you're saying that I'm opening up people to violence by asking whether or not women are the folks who can have pregnancies?"

Bridges: "I want to note that one out of five transgender persons have attempted suicide—"

Hawley: "Because of my line of questioning? So we can't talk about it?"

Bridges: "Because denying that trans people exist, and pretending not to know that they exist—"

Hawley: "I'm denying that trans people exist by asking you if you're talking about women having pregnancies?"

Bridges: [After repeatedly interrupting Hawley's question with "Are you?"] "Do you believe that men can get pregnant?"

Hawley: "No, I don't think men can get pregnant."

Bridges: "So you are denying that trans people exist."

The exchange reflected a level of condescension, arrogance, and bad faith on the part of Bridges—an apparent radical left academic and activist who has spent much of her career teaching on critical race theory and "reproductive justice"—that was nearly as striking as its substance.

What Bridges illustrated is that progressivism requires one to ignore science, our basic humanity, and what we know to be true, and subordinate it all to a secular regressive anti-faith, of which radical gender ideology has become a sacred and integral part.

Should one dare to call out the insanity of being unwilling to recognize that women and solely women can bear children, such dissent must be treated as hateful, and the dissenters cast as dangerous. To recognize reality must not be permitted. "Submit or you are a transphobe with blood on your hands," the professor tells us.

This tactic is both cheap and low, but its brazen usage here constituted something of a public service. It made clear that devotees of radical gender ideology can't debate openly and honestly. When challenged, they drip with contempt, dodge, and resort to *ad hominem*. This is the best that one can expect from the best they have: academics with the most sterling of credentials, hand-picked by U.S. senators to best represent their position.

The notion that words with which the left disagrees—or truths that if broadly acknowledged would hamper their agenda and undermine their power and privilege—constitute violence, and that therefore those articulating them must be chastised if not punished using force of law or worse, of course arises from the academy. And we're all living on the campus now.

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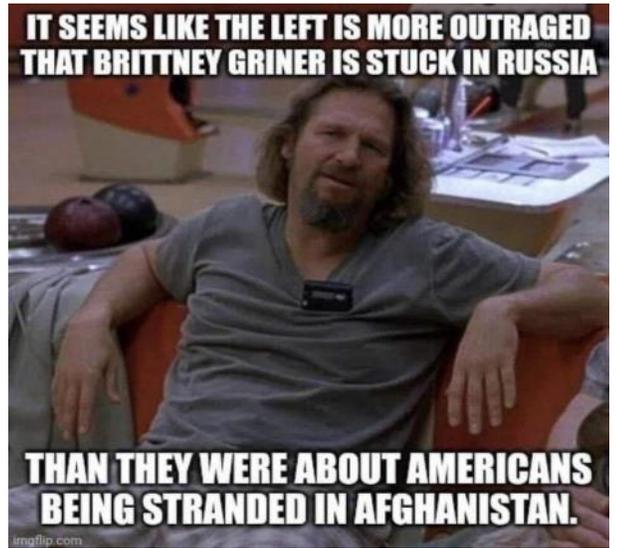
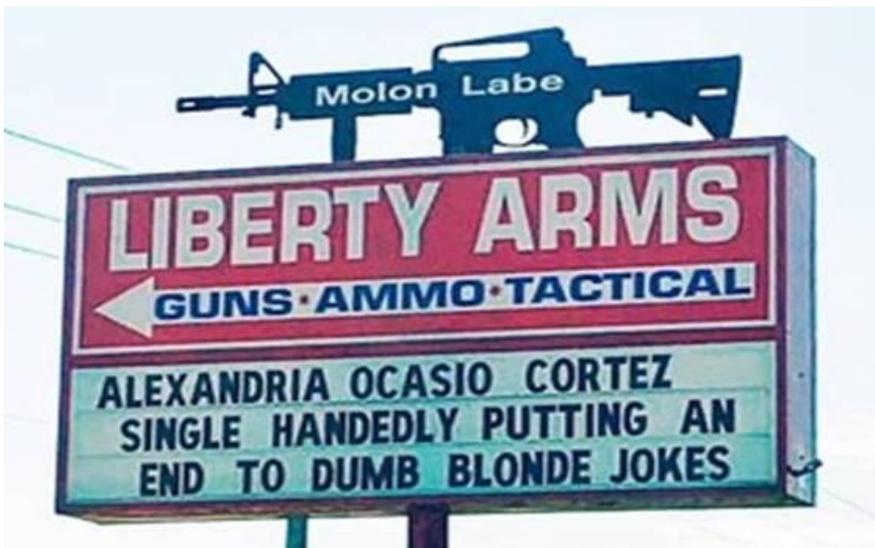
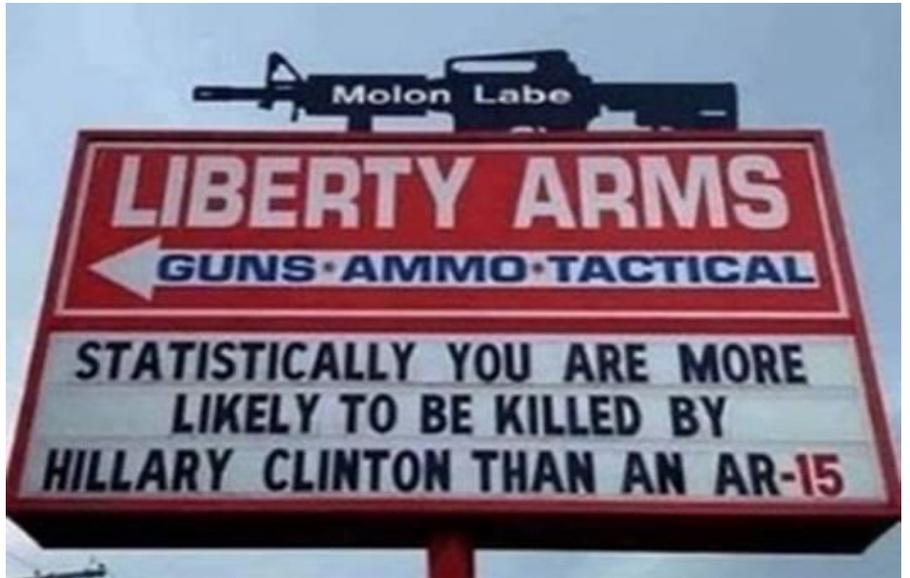
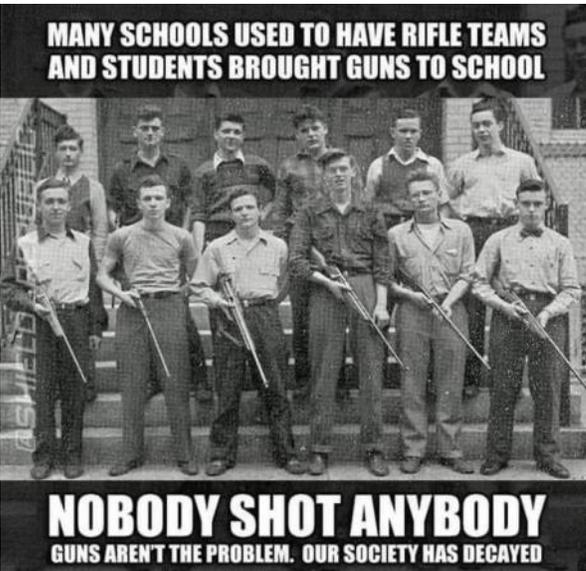
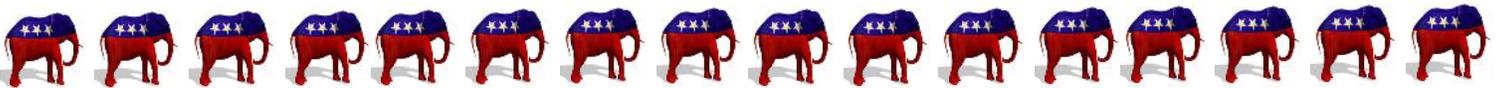
This can be seen in the whole-of-ruling class War on Wrongthink under which we're currently suffering, whereby those dissenting from the prevailing orthodoxy over draconian coronavirus policies, critical race theory indoctrination in schools, and on matters of election integrity, immigration, or climate are targeted for censorship and silencing if not treated as domestic terror threats by the world's most powerful national security and intelligence apparatus.

As conditions in America get worse, and the ruling class's worldview grows ever more radical, expect the censorship to get worse.

What else can you do when the most ardent adherents of your political movement reject biological sex, promote abortion up to the point of birth (infanticide), celebrate drag queen story hour, indoctrinate kids into believing America is a bastion of racist evil, support the freeing of violent criminals while disarming the law-abiding and throwing the book at them should they seek to defend themselves, throw wide open our borders, and cripple the energy industry on which modern life and prosperity relies—and all to predictable, disastrous effect?

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Guest GOP Elected Official Article



It Must Stop

By Sid Miller

Communist China, America's greatest foe, is on a bender. They are buying up farmland across the United States and Texas.

I sounded the alarm last year when a former Chinese General bought 120,000 acres near Laughlin Air Force Base. We stopped a proposed wind farm, but the land is still in Chinese hands.

Six states outright ban the foreign ownership of farmland – from Hawaii to Mississippi. Texas has every right to regulate the conditions under which we permit foreign ownership, as well.

It is unconscionable to me that some of our own Texas Republican officials are saying that the free market requires that we let the Chinese Communists buy whatever they want.

As Americans, we support property rights, but we must put patriotism above profits when national security is at stake. In China, there are no meaningful property rights, or any other rights.

The free market is essential for a free people. But it has to have rules and principals, or it isn't a free market, it's anarchy.

In an anarchy, of course China can buy Texas land, even sensitive land near our military bases ... because there is no one to stop them.

My question is, where are the state leaders who actually could?

We can pass legislation to prevent China from buying the land that feeds our cities, houses our national defenses, and is our American birthright.

Why haven't we? This issue has taken on a new urgency as it's been revealed that the US Government is investigating cell towers with Huawei equipment that could be used to capture and send US military communications to Beijing.

The Chinese Communists are our enemy. They want to be the world's only superpower.

If the Biden administration doesn't stand up to them, then it's up to us to protect Texas sovereignty in order to ensure our critical food and energy supplies.

Sid Miller

Texas Agriculture Commissioner

The Agenda Behind Climate Change Catastrophism

Michael Rectenwald, August 9, 2022 Updated: August 16, 2022

Commentary

Democrats on Capitol Hill are pressuring the Biden administration to declare a climate emergency, voicing their doomsday predictions that without immediate action to curb and ultimately end our dependence on fossil fuels, “the planet” and, by implication, every living creature that inhabits it, will die.

“If we don’t really begin to lower emissions, this planet has no chance,” Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-Calif.) said. “We have a few years left and that’s it. The planet is dying.”

This dire assessment and apocalyptic warning echoes former Vice President Al Gore’s 2006 book and documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth,” and his subsequent statements that climate inaction would cause the complete summertime meltdown of the North Pole ice by 2013.

Even though such ridiculous predictions as Gore’s have been put forth and have been proven false, it appears that, thanks to the rise of “stakeholder capitalism” and the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) index, climate change catastrophism’s heyday has finally arrived. It becomes necessary, therefore, to address it directly. This doesn’t necessarily mean re-adjudicating the climate change science, since others have done well to subject the narrative to withering critique and debunking.

Critics have raised the following issues with climate change catastrophism:[1]

- the previously peddled “crises” of global cooling, acid rain, and ozone layer depletion, which proved to be unfounded;
- the complete dismissal of the benefits of fossil fuel use;
- the failure to acknowledge that fossil fuel-powered technologies significantly mitigate the effects of climate emergencies;
- the fact that deaths from extreme weather events have decreased during the so-called climate emergency;
- the fact that solar and wind energy technologies, after 50-plus years of development, are far from capable of replacing fossil fuels;
- the disingenuous use of the coldest period in the Holocene as the starting point for measuring rising temperatures;
- the manipulation of surface temperature readings to counter satellite readings, which show no significant recent warming;
- the exaggerated synthesis of scientific studies by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the further exaggeration in disseminating synthesized findings to the public by designated “experts” and the media;
- the IPCC’s hiding of its raw data and methodology, its blocking of outside investigations attempting to replicate its results, and its blocking of climate change skeptical scientists from publishing their findings in peer-reviewed journals (“climategate”);
- the alteration of IPCC reports—after scientists had written and approved the final texts—to remove skepticism regarding claims that human activities are having a major impact on climate and global warming;
- the 15-year period (1998–2013) of no significant warming, despite a 7 percent rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels;
- the rate of global warming has decelerated since 1951, despite a 26 percent increase in carbon dioxide levels;
- the fact that temperature reconstructions of the past show temperatures as high as recent temperatures in some regions (the Medieval Climate Anomaly);
- recent IPCC estimates of the transient climate response (the climate estimate for the remainder of the 21st century) fall within the range of natural climate variation over the past 6 million years;
- research shows no increases in droughts or tropical cyclone activity over the past 40 years;
- the Antarctic sea ice extent increased between 1979 and 2012, contradicting global circulation models;

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- climate modeling has failed to accurately predict climate trends;
- the strong likelihood that warming isn't necessarily negative at all but may, in fact, be positive;
- the well-known greening of the planet due to increased carbon dioxide levels and the benefits derived thereof, including for agriculture and cooling;
- the fact that there's no known optimal or "natural" global temperature, even if global temperatures could be accurately measured, which is doubtful.

This is but the skeleton of a body of reasons for concluding that climate change catastrophism is overwrought and hyperbolic, if not based on outright fraud. As S. Fred Singer, David R. Legates, and Anthony R. Lupo have remarked:

"Contrary to some accounts of the history of the scientific debate, there was no gradually emerging 'consensus' on the human role in climate change. Rather, politics quickly overtook science as environmental advocates and other interest groups recognized the utility of the climate change issue in advancing their own agendas."

Why, then, is the establishment so hellbent on pushing climate catastrophism? And what are these agendas?

It's clear that climate catastrophism isn't primarily about the climate. If it were, as Rupert Darwall has noted in "Green Tyranny," then Germany, facing rising carbon dioxide emissions since its implementation of Energiewende (energy transition), wouldn't have hastened the closure of its nuclear power plants, the only reliable source of zero-emission electricity other than hydroelectric plants, which environmentalists also abjure. The same goes for California and New York.

Philosophically, as Alex Epstein has made clear in "Fossil Future," climate catastrophism is fueled by an "anti-impact framework," which hamstring humanity by attempting to eliminate the human impact on the environment altogether. It's antihuman at base. It places the well-being of "the environment" above human flourishing, while denying that human beings are part of the environment.

The necessary outcome of climate change catastrophism is curtailed economic growth. This is ironic because the global elites at the World Economic Forum (WEF) regularly suggest that one of their objectives is to achieve "fairness" for people in underdeveloped countries. To date, this "fairness" has involved wealth transfers from the developed to the developing world that amount to bribes for stemming further development.

Climate catastrophism boils down to renouncing and eliminating cheap and reliable energy and enriching climate alarmists such as Gore—all in the interest of furthering a globalist political agenda. Most importantly, that is, climate change catastrophism has to do with the vaunted "solidarity," "inclusivity," and "international cooperation"—the means that the WEF, the United Nations, favored corporations, and their proxies in government deem necessary to mitigate the supposed crisis. These code words stand for a totalitarian regime under which a newly refurbished collectivism will abrogate individual rights and vastly curtail human freedom. As it turns out, the means for mitigating climate change are the ends sought by climate catastrophists.

Note

1. See Bjorn Lomborg, "Cool It: The Skeptical Environmentalist's Guide to Global Warming" (London: Marshall Cavendish, 2010); Rupert Darwall, "The Age of Global Warming: A History" (London: Quartet Books, 2014); Bjorn Lomborg, "The Skeptical Environmentalist: Measuring the Real State of the World" (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016); Rupert Darwall, "Green Tyranny: Exposing the Totalitarian Roots of the Climate Industrial Complex" (New York: Encounter Books, 2019); S. Fred Singer, David R. Legates, and Anthony R. Lupo, "Hot Talk, Cold Science: Global Warming's Unfinished Debate" (Oakland, Calif.: Independent Institute, 2021); Alex Epstein, "Fossil Future: Why Global Human Flourishing Requires More Oil, Coal, and Natural Gas—Not Less" (New York: Portfolio/Penguin, 2022).

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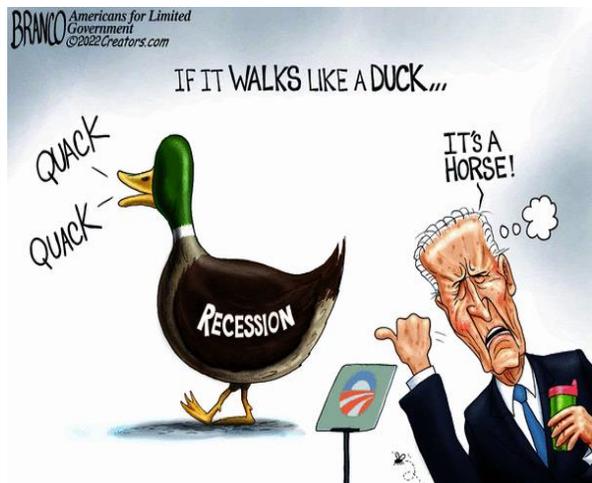
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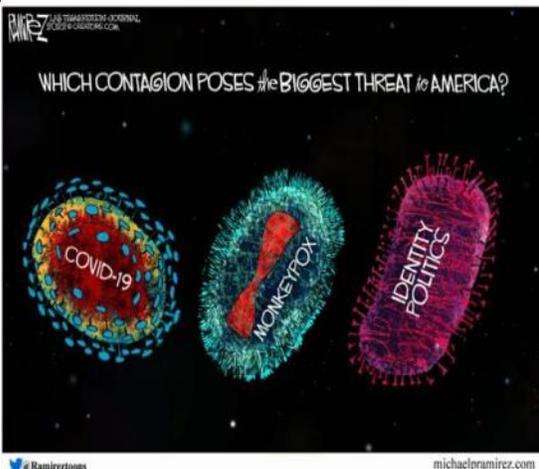
BAIL'EM OUT!!! ??? Hell, back in 1990, the Government seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion and, as required by law, tried to run it. They failed and it closed. Now, we are trusting the economy of our country, our banking system, our auto industry and possibly our health plans to the same nit-wits who couldn't make money running a whore house and selling whiskey? What the Hell are we thinking?



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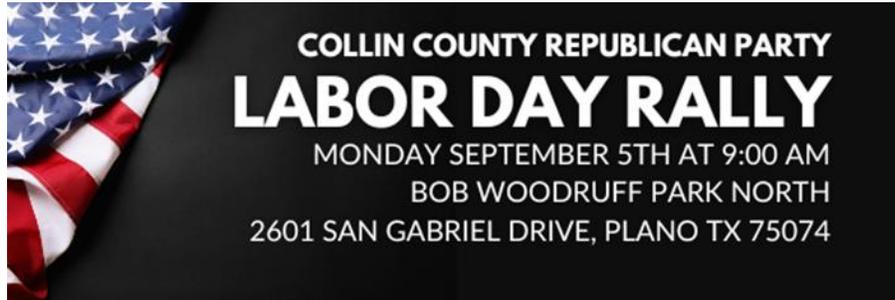


Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



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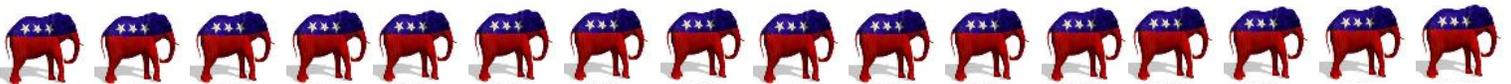
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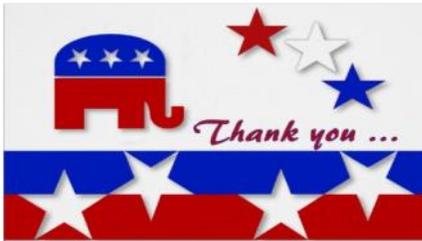
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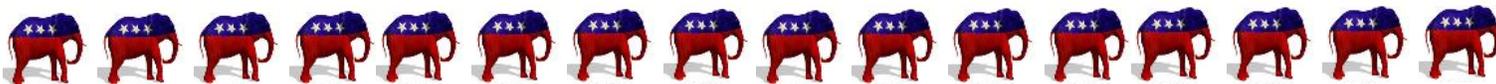


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September

Birthdays

Member Birthdays:

Kathy Bass	9/1
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11:15 am check-in

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