

Elephant Talk

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President's Byline



John Kerry, Biden's climate czar, while attending the annual World Economic Forum (WEF) summit in Davos, Switzerland, a meeting focusing on climate change and achieving net-zero emissions throughout the world, became combative when questioned about the problems of electric cars in US during the Polar vortex that caused record low temperatures mid-January. Leaving EV drivers stranded on the side of the road or sitting at charging stations for an average of 6 hours or more trying to get their vehicles to hold a charge if and when they could even find a charging station.

Kerry defended Joe Biden's Green energy policies promoting electric vehicles. Kerry also called all the news reports on stalled EVs during the Arctic cold snap and long wait times at charging stations an attack on green energy and "disinformation."

"There has been a very, very clear policy, which, regrettably, has been attacked by people who are engaged in high levels of disinformation," Kerry said. *"They've been trying to scare people about the range of vehicles, so there's range anxiety out there."*

The disinformation campaign John Kerry is talking about came from ABC, CBS, MSN, NBC, the Associated Press, CNN, and other mainstream traditionally liberal outlets. Their sources were hours of TikTok and Instagram videos posted by the EV drivers themselves stranded on the side of the road or stuck at charging stations. The problem lasted all week, so news crews started documenting the long lines at charging stations and interviewing the drivers waiting in line sometimes as long as 6 hours documenting their frustration. Drivers interviewed said they had driven all over town to find a working charging station because most were not working either because of the cold or because of a lack of charging cables stolen by criminals for their copper. Research by AAA shows of the 56,000 charging stations with about 148,000 ports in the US, about 1 in 5 have broken ports or the entire charging unit is out of service. Joe Biden got on TV and inaccurately reported the problem was not enough money in EV charging stations and pledged another \$623 million this week for more charging stations in response to public criticism. Once again, the government is throwing money at problems unique to Democrat run cities.

A lack of charging stations is not what caused the EV crisis we all saw on TV. It is a fundamental problem with the products themselves. A Recurrent analysis of 18 EV models found that on average, electric cars' range drops to about 70% in freezing conditions. According to AAA, EVs lose 41% of their battery power when the temperature drops to 20 degrees. Battery performance continues dropping as it gets colder. Cars parked outside in the cold are even more vulnerable to poor battery performance. EV drivers woke up the next day to find their vehicles parked outside overnight with just 20% battery or less battery, dead the next morning. EV manufacturers offer optional heat pump technology to reduce battery performance failure, but the heat pumps can drain battery life by as much as 40% if the cars are not left charging when not in use. Also, people who do not have charging stations in their garage and had to use independent charging stations waited for hours to charge their cars, because rapid chargers don't work in extreme cold and if you use your car heater, it runs the car's battery down even faster while charging or idling. This forced EV owners to turn their heat off to conserve battery life. Imagine it is freezing outside, and you cannot warm up the cabin of your car without it dying. It takes little power for gas powered cars to heat up the cabin area. According to Scott Case, the CEO of Recurrent, a company that measures EV battery performance with all-electric models, *"there's not a lot of waste heat that you can just use to warm up the cabin,"* Case said, which puts more drain on a battery that is already losing power just being outside in the cold. They also have trouble with heat. Consumer Reports tested four popular EV models: the Hyundai Ioniq 5, the Volkswagen ID-4, the Ford Mustang Mach-E and the Tesla Model Y. They also found significant battery depletion

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Calendar of Events

Candidate Speed Dating
February 1, 2024
Cottonwood Creek Church
6:00 pm

Next Board Meeting
February 6, 2024
11:30-1:00
Napoli's Restaurant
2865 McDermott, Ste 235
Plano

Lincoln Day Dinner
February, 17, 2024
5:30 pm
South Fork Ranch

Next General Meeting,
February 20, 2024, 11:30
Saltgrass - East Plano
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PRW Presidents Byline

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in warm weather. Battery range dropped 25% from spring to winter and 30% from summer to winter. Researchers looked at temperatures near zero for the coldest conditions and around 80 degrees in the summer. So, electric cars will struggle in normal winter temperatures up North and again in the summer and spring in the Southern parts of the country. Add in the excessive cost of an electric car, far more than gas or hybrids, skyrocketing interest loan rates and their undependable mileage. Consumers are losing interest in EVs and revisiting gas or gas hybrids.

People like John Kerry, the presidential envoy for climate change. and other environmental terrorists at the WEF summit are an enormous danger to the average person. They do not see you and me as citizens who can make our own decisions. We are serfs, living at the pleasure of an elite group of leaders. We desperately need to get the Biden administration out of office and every climate zealot associated with them because they are willfully ignoring the perils of most climate change policies they want, including EVs. The United States is sitting on the largest reserve of oil and natural gas in the world, but Liberals want us to the leave this job-creating, economy-boosting resource in the ground while we heavily subsidize EVs whose main components are made in China. No thanks, Mr. Kerry.

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PRW February Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

February 20, 2024

State Board of Education Member - Evelyn Brooks

What is Title IX Really? And What is the Real Harm to You

Evelyn Brooks is the Texas State Board of Education representative for District 14.

Brooks has extensive experience educating and helping youth to develop a Biblical worldview, challenging them to strive for excellence, to think independently, and to develop self-discipline and self-control. She has encouraged students to master facts while at the same time discovering their own individual talents and aspirations.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Bowie State University and began her teaching career in Maryland, Prince George's County as a first-grade teacher. Brooks taught for Denver Public Schools for five years before teaching in Fairfax County Public Schools. She served as a substitute teacher in Texas for Lewisville ISD and has extensive experience as a homeschooler.

Brooks has been a homemaker, a classroom teacher, a tutor, a Bible teacher, the founder of a private school, an orchestrator of a STEM science camp, and a youth development facilitator. Currently, Brooks serves on the Children's Chorus of Collin County Board, president of the Waterford Falls Home Owners Association Board, Beauman's 2nd Chance 4 Change Advisory Board, Life Talk Advisory Board, and as a facilitator for the Foundation for CHOICE. She also works with youth in the West Dallas Public Schools.

She has been happily married to Brian Brooks for 20 years; and together with their two daughters, Ashlynn and Brianna, they help to minister to a needy community in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Brooks is committed to making decisions for students that fulfill the mission, objectives and goals of Texas public education. That mission is to ensure that all children have access to a quality education which is grounded on the preservation of the liberties and rights of citizens and is free from indoctrination. Her promise is to protect the innocence of children by carefully selecting and voting in favor of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum standards and the aligned curriculum materials that promote and maintain the morals and standards of Texas families. Further, Brooks will strive to be available to her constituents in District 14 so that the unheard can be heard. She looks forward to working cooperatively with members of the Texas State Board of Education, the Texas Commissioner of Education, and the Texas Education Agency to ensure that these outcomes are fulfilled.

Brooks represents constituents from the following counties: Bosque, Clay, Comanche, Coryell, Eastland, Ellis, Erath, Hamilton, Hill, Jack, McLennan, Mills, Montague, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Wise, and parts of Dallas, Denton, and Johnson counties.

Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

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

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

RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, February 16, 2024

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

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

TFRW Leadership Day 2024





Legislative Report

Operation Lone Star Holds The Line To Defend Southern Border

January 26, 2024 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard continue to work together to secure the border; stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas; and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal activity between ports of entry.

Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, the multi-agency effort has led to over 496,700 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 38,700 criminal arrests, with more than 35,100 felony charges. In the fight against the fentanyl crisis, Texas law enforcement has seized over 454 million lethal doses of fentanyl during this border mission.

Texas has also transported:

- Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 37,500 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 31,200 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 3,400 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 16,000 migrants to Denver since May 18
- Over 1,500 migrants to Los Angeles since June 14

Operation Lone Star continues to fill the dangerous gaps created by the Biden Administration's refusal to secure the border. Every individual who is apprehended or arrested and every ounce of drugs seized would have otherwise made their way into communities across Texas and the nation due to President Joe Biden's open border policies.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM OPERATION LONE STAR:

[Governor Abbott Issues Statement On Texas' Constitutional Right To Self-Defense](#)

On Wednesday, Governor Abbott [issued a statement](#) on Texas' constitutional right to defend and protect itself as President Joe Biden continues to attack Texas and refuse to perform his duties to secure the border.

"The Executive Branch of the United States has a constitutional duty to enforce federal laws protecting States, including immigration laws on the books right now," reads the statement. "President Biden has instructed his agencies to ignore federal statutes that mandate the detention of illegal immigrants. The failure of the Biden Administration to fulfill the duties imposed by Article IV, § 4 has triggered Article I, § 10, Clause 3, which reserves to this State the right of self-defense. For these reasons, I have already declared an invasion under Article I, § 10, Clause 3 to invoke Texas's constitutional authority to defend and protect itself. That authority is the supreme law of the land and supersedes any federal statutes to the contrary."

[WATCH: Governor Abbott: Texas Has Right To Defend, Protect Itself At The Border](#)

Governor Abbott joined America's Newsroom on Thursday morning where he argued Texas' right to self-defense from the Biden Administration's failure to secure the border.

"Texas has a right as a state to stop criminals from coming into our state, to make arrests of those criminals—and we have National Guard as well as Texas Department of Public Safety officers who are there to make those arrests and to deny illegal entry," said Governor Abbott. "And Joe Biden actually does have an option here. Joe Biden's option is to enforce the laws of the United States and stop this illegal entry."

Legislative Report

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[WATCH: Teenage Smuggler Leads DPS On High-Speed Pursuit In Webb County](#)

An 18-year-old human smuggler led DPS troopers on a high-speed pursuit in Webb County late last week. The teenager drove recklessly through several parking lots and into oncoming traffic trying to evade troopers. Eventually striking a DPS Patrol Unit, which stopped the pursuit, the driver and two illegal immigrants bailed out and ran. The driver, Ricardo Hernandez from Laredo, was eventually arrested and charged with evading arrest, four counts of smuggling of persons with the likelihood of serious bodily injury, and aggravated assault on a public servant. Four illegal immigrants were referred to Border Patrol.

DPS Brush Team Arrests Smuggling Guide Wanted For Murder

Members of the DPS Brush Team arrested a smuggling guide wanted for murder in Mexico this week. The guide was helping seven illegal immigrants cross the Rio Grande in Mission. Elipidio Camacho Barajas, 35, of Mexico was arrested for felony human smuggling. Barajas was also wanted out of Mexico for murder and has a dozen previous apprehensions for illegal entry with three convictions. Seven illegal immigrants were also apprehended as part of the joint anti-smuggling operation with the US Border Patrol.

DPS Troopers Arrest Three For Criminal Trespass At Shelby Park

DPS Troopers arrested two males from the Republic of Azerbaijan and one male from Ecuador for criminal trespass after crossing through concertina wire at Shelby Park in Eagle Pass. All were arrested and taken into custody on state charges of criminal trespass.

[WATCH: Texas National Guard Deploys High-Tech Surveillance System To Border](#)

Modular Mobile Surveillance Systems (M2S2) and operators are the newest force multipliers deployed by the Texas National Guard along the border. M2S2s, operated from trucks, are equipped with advanced cameras that can detect the presence of migrant caravans long before they begin crossing the border illegally.

"It allows you to go ahead and see in thermals, daytime, magnifying zoom up to 20 miles," said Staff Sgt. Zachary Chaffee. "You can zoom in with both a radar and camera systems. With the truck, it allows us a much more advanced camera and thermal. You can see them in black, black hot, white hot, red, predator vision. Texas itself—the Texas National Guard—is being a trailblazer, using that new equipment to go ahead and monitor the border and make sure it's safe."





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



THE HOUR GROWS LATE; WHO IS TO BLAME?

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Who is to blame? We ourselves are to blame. We, that's who elected the current legislation. We, that's who hasn't stood up and fought enough for a course correction.

On July 4, 1876, the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, President James A. Garfield said, *"Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption... If the next centennial does not find us a great nation, it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces."*

Ourselves. It's time to take responsibility and get busy working for the change America must have if true freedom is to survive. Off the top of my head, our federal government is working for digital money, digital ID, central banks, and more censorship, and fear. Then there is the threat of China. Of course, no one can forget the border. And the war in Ukraine, a story that, more like science fiction, is fast leading us to war with Russia – which the U.S. is ill-prepared for. And more...

Be not disheartened for Galatians 6:9 says, *"Do not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary"*. And never forget that prayer is powerful, a weapon in this war. We cannot lose if we are on God's side.

Throughout history, the contributions of women in perilous times have been nothing short of remarkable.

Women have served as spies, code breakers, and resistance fighters, displaying immense bravery and intellect. Their unwavering commitment to the cause, whether through direct combat or supporting roles, highlights the indomitable spirit that women bring to the table in times of adversity. So, to today's women, the legacy of these trailblazers serves as a kick in the rear that your dedication, participation, and intelligence are invaluable assets. It's a call to action, urging you to channel your capabilities and engage in the issues that matter – just as women before you did to protect freedom. Remember the word "posterity" in the Preamble to the Constitution – the future of America and her people.

The involvement of women in elections and all levels of government is pivotal in upholding the democratic principles that define America. Elections are indeed battlegrounds where the fate of Americans is determined; women's active participation is crucial. I hear the future of America in that thought, do you?

Right now, that pivotal action is engaging in the grassroots movement in some way: actively by working for a candidate, poll greeting, being an election worker, poll watching. **Early voting is only 19 days away!**

I want to share with you a quote I have taken for my mantra. *"Duty is ours. Results are God's."* – John Quincy Adams

The future of America is literally at stake. I think we've heard that too often, and the terror it should strike in our hearts has become weak. We all know the blood spilled for freedom in the Revolutionary War (and too many wars since). What many Americans seem to have forgotten - worse, take for granted... and ASSUME all will continue as it always has, yes, forgotten that the battle was won, but the war continues - forever. When citizens are not actively engaged in watching, knowing what 'government' is doing, and taking action to make necessary course corrections, the slide to any of the evil -isms makes progress (totalitarianism, communism, authoritarianism, etc.). Let's stop evil in its tracks.

More true patriotism, putting freedom above self, is required. To a great extent we have become a nation of the entitled and lazy.

Each of us knows that together we are invincible. I fall far short on my own. Individually, we all fall short. I plead with you to join the battle.

CARING FOR AMERICA

PRW Caring for America Fall 2023 Challenge

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



In September of last year, Plano Republican Women began a suitcase drive for Collin County foster children as our **2024 Caring for America** project.

Caring for America Chair Cathie Alexander challenged the club to gather 100 new or slightly used suitcases.

Exactly 105 suitcases were delivered to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center in January 2024.



Catherine's Corner

By Catherine Gibb

This month is Black History Month and in the light of the fantasy history presented in the 1619 project, the following is based on well-documentary history.

American Slavery: The Beginning of the End

At the time of the American Founding, slavery had become a largely regional issue: generally, those in the Northern Colonies strongly opposed it, those in the Southern Colonies strongly supported it, and those in the Middle Colonies contained segments of population representing both views. At the Constitutional Convention, the majority of the Founding Fathers were antislavery, but in a concession to include the southern states in the new United States, slavery was not abolished by the U. S. Constitution, even though delegates such as George Mason of Virginia urged:

As much as I value the union of all the states, I would not admit the southern states into the Union unless they agree to the discontinuance of this disgraceful trade [slavery].

Mason's view did not prevail, but because the overwhelming majority of the delegates did recognize that slavery was wrong, Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution therefore included a provision allowing Congress to ban the importation of all slaves after "the year one thousand eight hundred and eight." At the Constitutional Convention, it was believed that within twenty years, the southern states would be ready to relinquish slavery, and this law would pave the way.

In the meantime, Congress did what it could to limit slavery. In 1789, it banned slavery in the Northwest Territory, thus admitting Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin into the United States as antislavery states. In 1794, it banned the exportation of slaves out of the United States into any other country. Then in 1807, as the long-awaited constitutionally designated year drew near, Congress passed a measure banning the importation of any slaves into America, and President Thomas Jefferson promptly signed the law that, as permitted by the Constitution, would take effect the first moment of 1808.

On that momentous day, January 1, 1808, a famous sermon was delivered by the Rev. Absalom Jones (America's first black Episcopalian priest) in Philadelphia at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Significantly, that church was built under the leadership of Jones as well as signer of the Declaration Benjamin Rush (founder of America's first abolition society) and the Rev. Richard Allen (a famous black minister who regularly preached at a large white megachurch before he started his famous Bethel Church and birthed the AME denomination. Jones's sermon was powerful, and he began it with Exodus 3:7-8:

AND THE LORD SAID, I HAVE SURELY SEEN THE AFFLICTION OF MY PEOPLE...AND HAVE HEARD THEIR CRY BY REASON OF THEIR TASKMASTERS; FOR I KNOW THEIR SORROWS; AND I AM COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM."...These words, my brethren, contain a short account of some of the circumstances which preceded the deliverance of the children of Israel from their captivity and bondage...They mention in the first place their affliction.... Our text mentions in the second place that in this situation they were not forgotten by the God of their fathers and the Father of the human race.... Our text tells us that He saw their affliction and heard their cry....[and came] down from heaven in His own person to deliver them.... The God of heaven and earth is the same yesterday, and today, and forever [Hebrews 13:8].... He has seen the affliction of our countrymen and with an eye of pity.... He has seen the anguish which has taken place when parents have been torn from their children and children from their parents, and conveyed — with their hands and feet bound in fetters— on board of ships prepared to receive them.... He has seen them exposed for sale like horses and cattle upon the wharves.... Their cries and shrieks, they have been heard in Heaven. The ears of Jehovah have been constantly open to them, He has heard the prayers that have ascended from the hearts of His people and He has— as in the case of His ancient and chosen people the Jews— come down to deliver our suffering countrymen from the hands of their oppressors....He came down into the Congress of the United States last winter when they passed a similar law, the operation of which commences on this happy day.... Let the son of angels which was first heard in the air at the birth of our Savior [Luke 2:13-14] be heard this day in our assembly.... Let us sing psalms unto Him and talk of all His wondrous works [Psalm 105:2].... Let the first of January— the day of the abolition of the slave trade in our country— be set apart in every year as a day of public thanksgiving.... And when they {our children} shall ask in time to come, saying, "What mean the lessons, the psalms, the prayers and the praises in the worship of this day?" [Exodus 12:26-27; Joshua 4:6-7; Deuteronomy 6:20-225], let us answer by saying, the Lord— on the day of which this is the anniversary— abolished the trade which dragged your fathers from their native country and sold them as bondmen in ...America."

Catherine's Corner

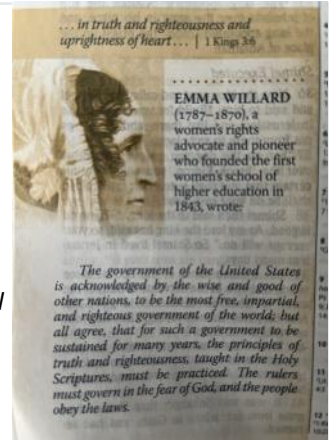
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From that day in 188 until the complete abolition of slavery by Congress with the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865, the first of January was annually celebrated in black churches as a day of Thanksgiving to God.

¹Jonathan Elliott, *The Debates in the Several State Conventions on the Adoption of the Federal Constitution, as Recommended by the General Convention at Philadelphia in 1787* (Washington: Printed for the Editor, 1836), Vol. III, p. 452, George Mason, June 15, 1788.

²Absolom Jones, *A Thanksgiving Sermon Preached January 1, 1808, in St. Thomas's, or the African Episcopal Church, Philadelphia; On Account of the Abolition of the Slave Trade on That Day, by the Congress of the United States* (Philadelphia: Fry and Kammerer, 1808), pp7,9-14.




Join us for our first meeting of the New Year!

1 FEB 2024

CANDIDATE SPEED DATING

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 401st DISTRICT COURT
AND TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR RACES

COTTONWOOD CREEK CHURCH
ALLEN, TEXAS
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

Logos for PRW and Golden Corridor Republican Women are visible.



Candidate Speed Dating Tickets

PRW is partnering with Golden Corridor for the first ever Candidate Speed Dating.

Have you ever wanted to ask candidates your important questions? Now is your chance.

The March primary is right around the corner and we are excited to host current candidates running for State Representative, 401st District Court and Tax Assessor/Collector races
On Feb 1st at Cottonwood Creek Church

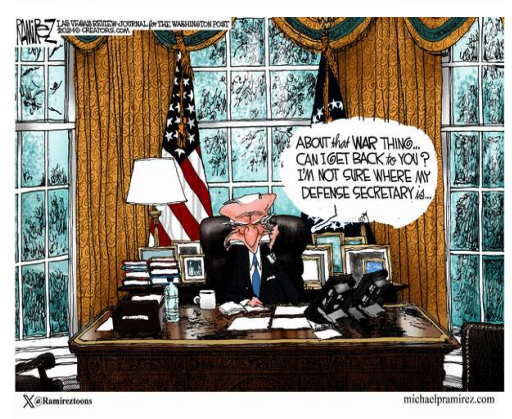
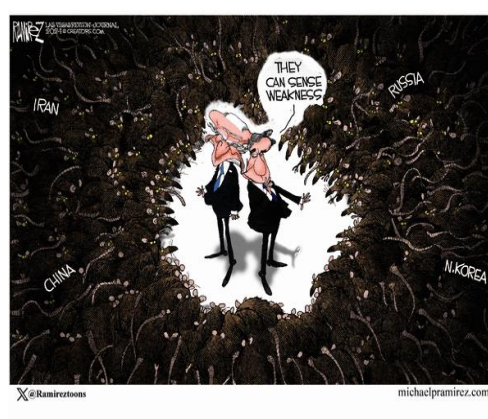
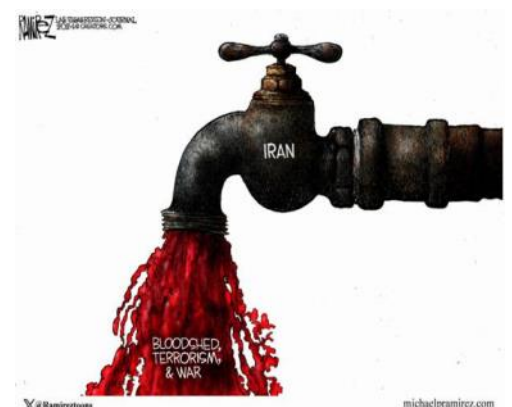
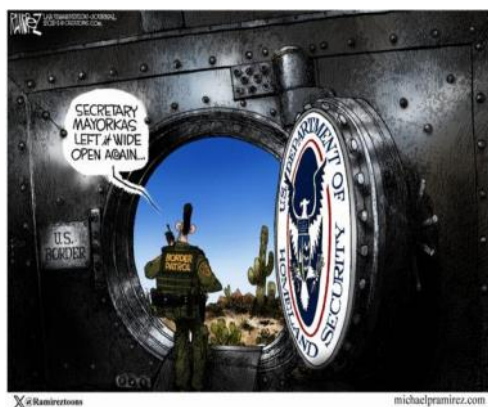
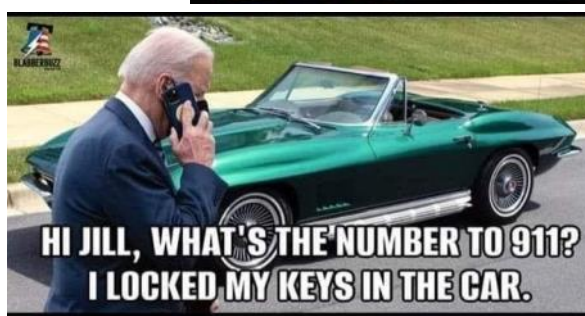
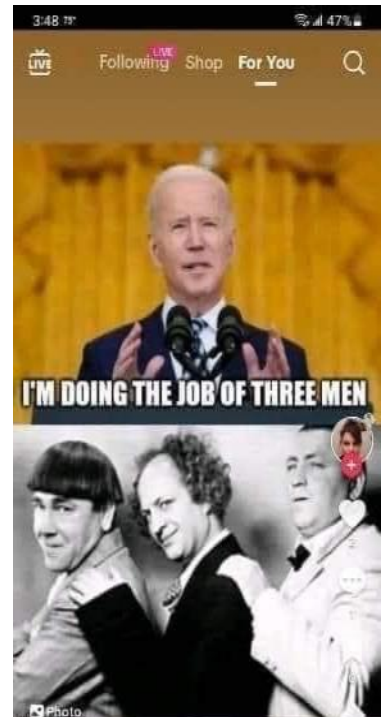
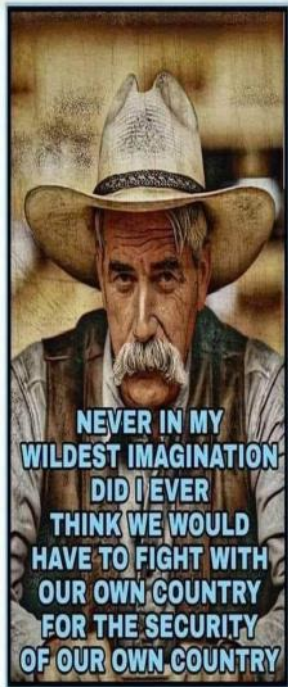
Seating is limited so tickets reservations start today, Thursday, Jan 18th

If you would like to volunteer to be a table host, please respond to prw_president@planorepublicanwomen.org

As a table host, you would keep the flow of conversation on track and moving so candidates feel comfortable. We only need 4 people to volunteer from our club

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/candidate-speed-dating-tickets-790304200137>

Political Cartoons



Sacrificing Democracy to Destroy Trump

By Victor David Hanson, 1/12/2024, Updated: 1/15/2024

Commentary

When faced with the possible return of former President Donald Trump, the current agenda of the Democratic Party is summed up simply as “We had to destroy democracy to save it.”

The effort shares a common theme: Any means necessary are justified to prevent the people from choosing their own president, given the fear that a majority might vote to elect President Trump.

Sometimes, the anti-democratic paranoia has been outsourced to state and local officials and prosecutors to erase President Trump from the primary and, likely, general election ballots as well.

One unelected official in Maine, Secretary of State Shenna Bellows, is a Democrat, an official never elected by the people, and a nonlawyer rendering a legal edict. Yet she has judged President Trump guilty of “insurrection.”

And presto, she erased his name from the state’s ballot.

Yet President Trump was never charged, much less convicted, of “insurrection.”

The statute Bellows cites is a post-Civil War clause of the 14th Amendment. It was passed more than a century and a half ago. It was never intended to be used in an election year by an opposition party to disbar a rival presidential candidate.

In the earlier case of Colorado, the all-Democrat Supreme Court, in a 4–3 vote, took President Trump off the ballot.

In sum, just five officials in two states have taken away the rights of some 7 million Americans to vote for the president of their choice.

Note that President Trump continues to lead incumbent President Joe Biden in the polls.

Sometimes, indictments are preferred to prevent Americans from voting for or against the former president.

Currently, four leftist prosecutors—three state and one federal—have indicted President Trump.

They’re petitioning courts to accelerate the usually lethargic legal process to ensure that the former president is tied up in Atlanta, Miami, New York, and District of Columbia courtrooms nonstop during the 2024 election cycle.

Their aim is to keep President Trump from campaigning, as he faces four left-wing prosecutors, four liberal judges, and four or five overwhelmingly Democratic jury pools.

Yet all of the indictments are increasingly clouded in controversy, if not outright scandal.

Georgia prosecutor Fani Willis campaigned on promises to get President Trump. She now faces allegations that she outsourced the prosecution to an unqualified personal injury lawyer—her current stealth boyfriend, who was paid handsomely by Willis’s office and traveled on pricey junkets with her.

New York’s partisan Attorney General Letitia James likewise sought office on promises to destroy the former president.

She preposterously claims that President Trump overvalued his real estate collateral to a bank. Yet it eagerly made the loan, profited from it, and had no complaints given that the former president paid off the principle and interest as required.

Sacrificing Democracy to Destroy Trump

By Victor David Hanson, 1/12/2024, Updated: 1/15/2024

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Manhattan prosecutor Alvin Bragg is even more desperate. He's now prosecuting President Trump for campaign finance violations from nearly a decade ago, claiming that a nondisclosure agreement with a purported sexual liaison somehow counts as a campaign violation.

Federal special prosecutor Jack Smith claims that the former president should be convicted of improperly removing classified documents after leaving office. In the past, such disagreements over presidential papers were resolved bureaucratically.

President Biden, for example, improperly took out classified files after leaving the Senate and vice presidency and stored them in unsecure locations for more than a decade.

All of these prosecutors are unapologetic anti-Trump progressives.

Some have communicated with the White House legal eagles, even though President Biden is likely to face President Trump in the November election.

Some prosecutors are themselves facing controversies, if not scandals. Some wish to synchronize their drawn-out investigations and indictments to hinder the Trump reelection effort.

At other times, the effort to neuter President Trump is waged by his rival, President Biden himself.

He has hammered the former president as an insurrectionist and guilty of a number of egregious crimes against democracy—even as President Biden's own attorney general has appointed a special counsel to try President Trump on just those federal charges concerning the Jan. 6 demonstrations, a dead horse that the president periodically still beats to death to scare voters.

President Biden periodically smears the half of Americans who supported or voted for President Trump as "ultra-Maga" extremists and "semi-fascists" who would destroy democracy.

Yet the more that President Biden and the left weaponize the judicial system to prevent President Trump from running, and the more the president screams and yells that Trump supporters are anti-American and anti-democratic, the more the former president soars in the polls while President Biden sinks.

The left privately knows that its historically unprecedented strangulation of democracy is increasing President Trump's popularity. But like an addict, it can't quit its Trump fix.

In sum, the left is creating historic, anti-democratic precedents that will someday boomerang on Democrats should Republicans win the November election and follow the new Democrat model of extralegal politics.

Democrats are tearing apart the country in a manner not seen since the Civil War era—apparently convinced that democracy can't be trusted and so itself must be sacrificed as the price of destroying President Trump.

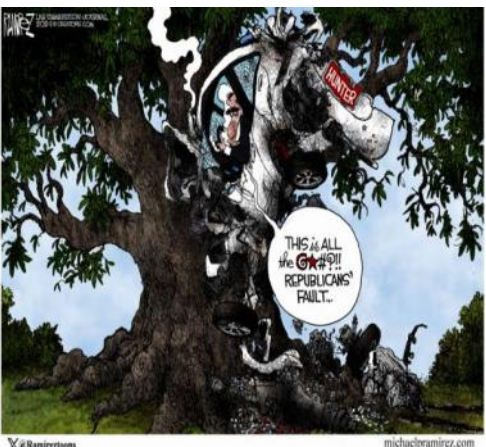
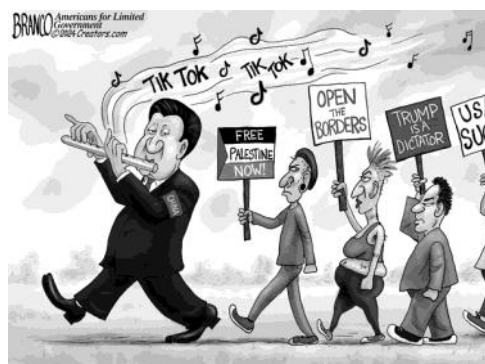
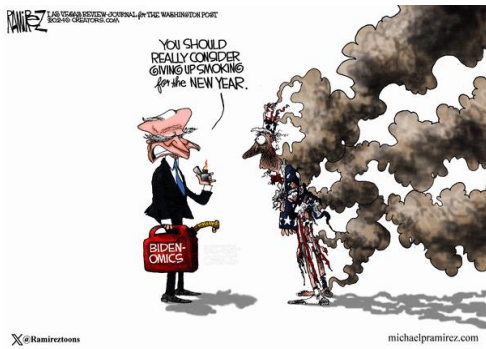
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GOP Guest Article

Senator Ted Cruz: E-Newsletter, Week of January 19

As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the ranking member of the Subcommittee on the Constitution, this week I led 177 of my colleagues in Congress, alongside House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-La.), in filing a bicameral Supreme Court amicus brief in the case Donald J. Trump v. Norma Anderson, et al. The Colorado Supreme Court's decision in this case to keep Donald Trump off the ballot in Colorado wrongfully sidestepped the proper, Constitutionally-mandated role of Congress in administering Section 3 of the 14th Amendment. The decision is yet another attempt by the radical left to threaten the merits of our democracy. I'm proud to have led my colleagues in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the Colorado Supreme Court's decision and protect our democratic process.

TED CRUZ
U.S. SENATOR FOR TEXAS

The radical left consistently does what they claim their opponents are doing. While President Biden and his allies claim they are defending democracy, their supporters are working to undermine democracy by banning Biden's likely general election opponent from appearing on the ballot.

The American people see through this, and I'm confident the Supreme Court will as well. I'm proud to work with Leader Scalise and our fellow legislators to defend the Constitution's separation of powers, and the ability of the American people to decide who their next president will be.

This week [January 15-19], I joined Stuart Varney on Fox Business' Varney & Co. to discuss the utter defiance of the Biden administration to ignore immigration laws and enable the drug cartels' human trafficking network on our southern border.

What Biden is doing no president the history of our country has ever done. He's just utterly defying the law. He is essentially saying, 'I don't care what the law says. I'm going to let everyone go.' Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are the last mile of the human trafficking network, and they are sending illegal immigrants to every city in America. For them politics is more important than the human lives they're destroying.

On Thursday [January 18], I spoke at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing where we discussed and voted on several judicial nominees. Yet again it was clear the Biden administration is recklessly motivated to appoint radical and extreme judges to the federal bench and no Democrat has the will-power to vote 'no.'

"We have talked at length, in this committee, about the nature of Joe Biden's judicial nominees. He is consistently seeking people who are extreme, who are partisans, and who are out of the mainstream. Today we are voting on several judges whose records, quite frankly, are extraordinary. And it is consistently disappointing that no matter what a judge has done, [no matter what] a judicial nominee has done, and no matter how extreme their record is, the Democrats on this committee will vote in favor of those nominees."

Rest assured, I am committed to fighting back against the Biden administration's radical agenda. God Bless!



Senator Ted Cruz

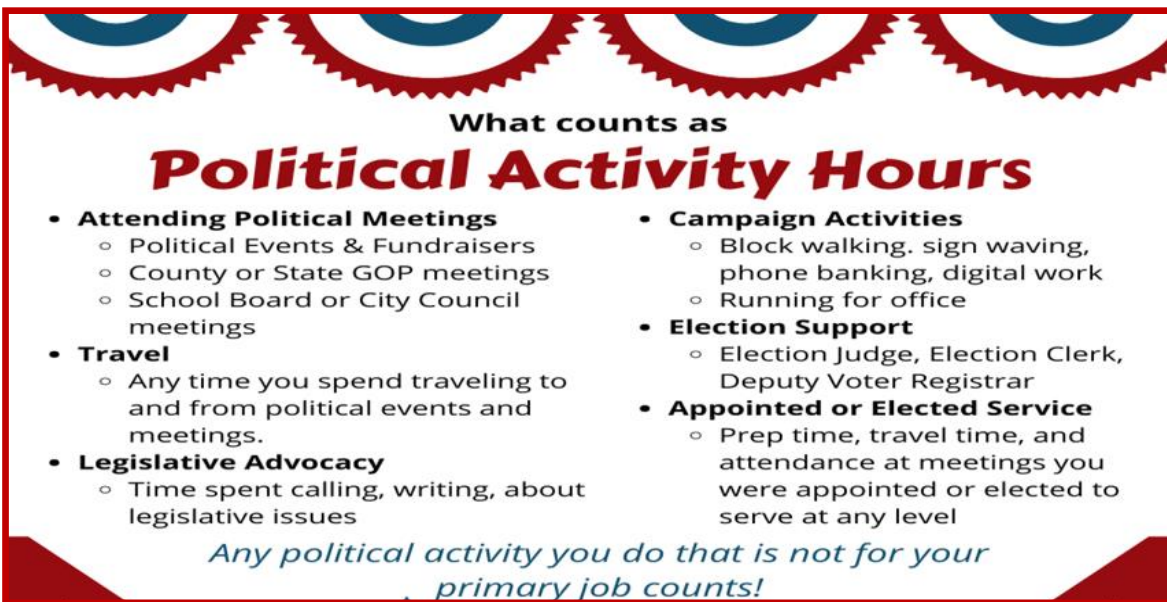
Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman

Political Action Report

By Jennifer Groysman

In-case you did not hear, it is a presidential election year, and that means lots of chances to volunteer for candidates. Members can work for any Republican candidate during the primary. The club, our President, and myself cannot endorse anyone in the primary. Once it is over, we must come back together and get every one of our Republicans elected. Also don't forget to keep track of your phone calls. Any call when you talk about politics counts. The time you spend on the call counts towards your hours. You don't have to wait until our January meeting to hand in your hours. Go to our website and submit your hours. <https://planorepublicanwomen.org/political-action-hours-1>



What counts as

Political Activity Hours

- **Attending Political Meetings**
 - Political Events & Fundraisers
 - County or State GOP meetings
 - School Board or City Council meetings
- **Travel**
 - Any time you spend traveling to and from political events and meetings.
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 - Running for office
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- **Appointed or Elected Service**
 - Prep time, travel time, and attendance at meetings you were appointed or elected to serve at any level

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

Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!

Membership Report

By Membership Chair Lisa Babb

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

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

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting, online through our website
<https://planorepublicanwomen.org/membership>
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