

# Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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March 2022

## President's Byline



**Inflation has risen to 7.9%**, a level not seen in 40 years. This data was released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The national average for gas is \$4.33 but in some states like California it is \$7.59 a gallon for regular, and \$8.49 for premium. Food prices have climbed to 7.6 % on average and my favorite statistic (like it's an option) is food at home at 8.6% higher than Feb 2021. Food at restaurants has "only" risen 6.8% because these businesses are eating the increased costs to keep customers. Used cars have risen to 30% on the national average, with the highest in Montana at 42%. Energy cost like utilities are up a staggering 25.6 %.

I watched CBS local news do a piece on gas prices by interviewing people at the pump in Dallas. One gentleman said, "Gas has been high for 9 months and is too damn high now". I echo his sentiments. What are the repercussions of this? More Americans than ever are paying mortgages, cars, and bills first. Leaving little money for food. More people than ever are turning to food banks to eat. Sadly, people face long lines at these hunger-relief organizations. These nonprofit groups are having to pay more for food to supplement donations and are struggling to meet the needs of working adults who are trying to keep a roof over the heads of their children and food on the table. Did you ever think this would happen in American so soon after the economic prosperity of Trump administration?

Our current inflation level is costing the average American household an additional \$296 per month according to a new analysis by Moody's Analytics. But instead of being honest with the American people, our media, politicians, and the Biden administration have chosen to lie to us. They refuse to admit their Green New Deal economic plans to phase out fossil fuels has caused a catastrophic cascade of run-away inflation. They can't see their mishandling of the economy is problematic. When this country was run like a business by President Trump, we saw all time economic booms across the board and energy independence. In 2016, 59.5 % of the crude oil and petroleum products used in the US came from other countries. We were energy independent for 4 years of the Trump presidency. In less than a few months in office, Biden has us buying oil from other countries again. How is this helping our economy?

*Here are some of the excuses Leftist used: "The pandemic-generated supply chain constraints, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and our reliance on oil." President Biden said, "There is nothing I can do. This is Putin price hike." Really? Prices have been rising for 9 months, the war in Ukraine started on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Pete Buttigieg, our Secretary of Transportation shrugged off the thousands of shipping containers backup in ports as his problem. He was on maternity leave for 3 months with his husband. So, while you were looking at bare store shelves and having difficulty Holiday shopping. Pete was at home. This is what a "ruler" does, not a servant of the people. Last week when interviewed about the climbing gas prices. He suggested people start using public transportation or purchase more "viable" electric cars. Not so viable in my opinion at the average cost of 60K with five-year batteries costing \$20,000 to replace.*

*Late night talk show host, Steven Colbert told said, "A little pain at the pump is worth it for our environment and our conscious especially if we are buying Russian oil." He drives a Tesla. But this millionaire's logic is flawed, especially when you consider the strip mining done to replace those electric car batteries done in countries like China or that crude oil/natural gas production in this country is cleaner than in other parts of the world. We live on a planet. You can't dirty up one end and claim you are supporting environmentalism.*

**What does this country need more of?** Common sense economic policies. Strong Republican leaders in the Congress and Senate who focus on American first. Leaders who are smart enough to see Green Energy Technology simply isn't there yet. That fossil fuels have given us more reliable energy and produces over 6,000 products from

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## Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 5th, 2022  
PRW Board Meeting  
11:30 Napolis—West Plano

Candidate Forum  
April 13, 2022  
6-8 pm  
Frisco Hall  
5353 Independence Pkwy,  
Frisco, TX

Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
PRW General Meeting  
11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano

# PRW Presidents Byline

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one barrel of oil that make our lives better.

**We must get back to basics.** We need leaders who focus on fiscal responsibly and stop wasteful social spending. We need to start making things in the US. Make this country self-reliant again. Stop ruling by bureaucracy and executive order and return to the Constitutional Republic our founding fathers intended us to be. We must stop allowing our country to be ruled by judicial fiat, start electing judges whose rulings come from the Constitution not the political winds of the day.

We can conserve our Republic, that is what modern-day conservatives want to do. Conserve the Bill of Rights, protect the American middle-class and stop the Left's erosion of our values. In the latest Quinnipiac poll, 38% of Democrats said they would flee this country if we were attacked. This is a huge problem and shows the difference in Democrats in charge and how they feel about our country. We are strong, we are Republican women. We will not run or hide from what is right. Our time is now!

*Cleo Marchese*

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## "CHEERS TO 60 YEARS!!!"



Plano Republican Women's 60th Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Plano Event Center on Saturday May 7th, 2022. Admission is \$60 per person. We will have Dinner, Cash Bar, 60's Music, Mighty Photo Booths, Dancing and more! Please join us to commemorate this milestone for our club. You may choose a Regular meal or the vegetarian option. Check in begins at 6pm, Dinner will be served at 6:45. Payment can be mailed to PRW at P.O. Box 940461, Plano, TX 75094-0461. Plus now, you may also Zelle your payment to [debbyarrant@verizon.net](mailto:debbyarrant@verizon.net). Payment needs to be received by April 12th, 2022.

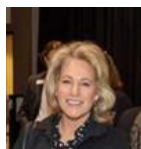


Members, spouses, sponsors, members from other women's clubs, etc. are welcome to attend! Optional Attire for men and women: Vintage 1960's Dress Style, or Business Casual. If possible, send me a picture of yourself from the 1960's!! I'm creating a slide show of all of us that's sure to be fun!! If you have questions about anything, please contact me at [debbyarrant@verizon.net](mailto:debbyarrant@verizon.net).



For ideas on how to dress watch "SPEAKING OF FASHION: Early 60's vs Mid 60's vs. Late 60's" here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-cfQYa3kY0&list=WL&index=1>



Debby Arrant  
3rd VP,  
PRW60th Anniversary Chair



# PRW April Meeting



## PRW Meeting - April 19, 2022

### Rebekah Warwick Heritage Action for America

*"Turning conservative ideas into reality by holding lawmakers accountable to their promises"*

Rebekah Warwick is the Central Regional Coordinator for Heritage Action for America.

She has been with Heritage Action for over seven years, covering the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana. Prior to Heritage Action Rebekah worked for the Majority Whip of the Colorado Senate Republicans and on various local campaigns in the Denver Metroplex.

As Central Regional Coordinator, Rebekah partners with 4,000 Heritage Action Sentinels and over 125,000 grassroots activists to hold lawmakers accountable and advocate for conservative policies. She is an experienced public speaker and regularly hosts trainings with activists on how to influence the policy debates at the federal and state level. Her editorials have been published in the Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Rebekah holds bachelor's degrees in history and political science. Rebekah is married to an Army veteran and they live in Mansfield with their two daughters.

#### Heritage Action Mission:

Heritage Action turns conservative ideas into reality on Capitol Hill. Heritage Action holds lawmakers accountable to their promises to advance the conservative principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

They work directly with federal lawmakers inside and outside of Washington—the only way to bring about the conservative policies that hold true to our Founding Fathers' ideals. Heritage Action exists to ensure that these ideals are not only maintained but flourish, both now and for future generations.

**Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East**

**3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074**

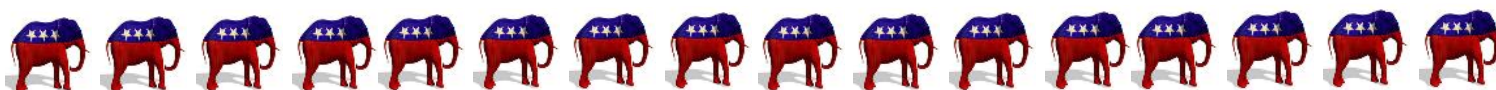
**Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program**

**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, April 15th, 2022**

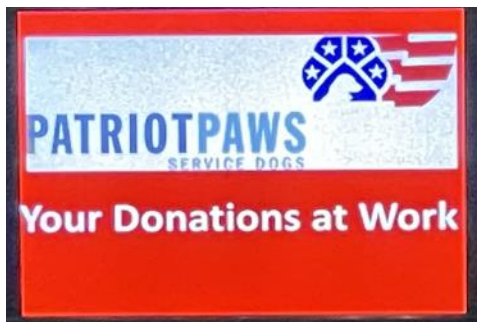
RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting  
*We welcome guests and visitors to our General Meeting. Members, please bring a friend!*

To RSVP send an email to: [rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org](mailto:rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org)

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



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## OFFICE OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN VAN TAYLOR LEGISLATIVE REPORT - March 2022



### District Updates / Upcoming Programs

- **Important Passport Information:** With the summer travel season around the corner, the State Department reminds applicants that routine processing time for applications is 8 to 11 weeks, and expedited passport applications are currently taking 5-7 weeks for processing (additional fee applies). Travelers are recommended to plan 4-6 months prior to planned international travel when applying for a passport and check country-specific entry requirements prior to making plans.
- **Congressional Art Competition:** The 2022 Congressional Art Competition is now underway! The deadline for Collin County high school students to submit artwork to Congressman Taylor's office for consideration is Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM. The grand prize-winning piece will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol complex for one year.
- **U.S. Service Academy Nominations:** Applications for a nomination to attend one of our Nation's prestigious United States Service Academies are now available for the Class of 2027. This year's deadline for applications is Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM.

### Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation to Restore Construction and Operation of the Keystone XL Pipeline

- On February 25, 2022, Representative Taylor joined Representative Kelly Armstrong (ND-At-Large) and 141 other colleagues in supporting H.R. 684, the *Keystone XL Pipeline Construction and Jobs Preservation Act*, legislation to authorize the construction and operation of the Keystone XL Pipeline and declare that a Presidential permit is not required.
- On January 20, 2021, his first day in office, President Biden signed an executive order revoking the Presidential permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline, a pipeline that would connect crude from Alberta, Canada to U.S. refineries on the Gulf Coast
- The Keystone XL Pipeline was expected to provide approximately 11,000 jobs and up to 60,000 indirect supporting jobs, generate tax revenue, decrease our reliance on foreign energy from countries like Russia, and strengthen American national security and energy independence.

### Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation to Prioritize Veterans' Healthcare

- On [February 1, 2022](#), [Representative Taylor joined Representative Jim Baird \(IN-04\) in supporting H.R. 6421, the VA Same-Day Scheduling Act of 2022, legislation to ensure Veterans get the timely attention and treatment they deserve when contacting the VA.](#)
- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has made progress in utilizing technology to help veterans seek and receive healthcare; yet there are reports of veterans unable to schedule care administered by the VA over the phone until days after they first contacted the VA.
- The VA Same-Day Scheduling Act improves veterans' experiences with the VA by prioritizing customer service. This commonsense legislation guarantees that any veteran who makes a phone call requesting care is able to schedule their appointment during that phone call.

### Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation to Protect Service Members from Termination Over Vaccine Mandates

- On February 8, 2022, Representative Taylor joined Representative Chip Roy (TX-21) in introducing H.R. 6649, the *Service Restoration Act*, legislation to ensure that American servicemen and women are not fired from refusing the COVID-19 vaccine and those who were already fired can return to service.
- Specifically, the legislation:
  - \* Prohibits Federal funds from being used to require a member of the Armed Forces to receive the COVID-19 vaccine;
  - \* Requires the Secretary to reinstate members of the Armed Force who wish to return to duty at the same rank;
  - \* Requires the Secretary to still count the service members' time separated from the military towards their retirement benefits;
  - \* Requires the Secretary to expunge from the service members' record any adverse action due to refusing to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

### Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation to Restore Competition in Construction Industry

- On February 8, 2022, Representative Taylor joined Representative Ted Budd in supporting H.R. 1284, the *Fair and Open Competition Act*, legislation to ensure that the federal government and recipients of federal assistance cannot mandate project labor agreements (PLA) on federal projects.
- Specifically, the legislation would enhance competition and government neutrality towards labor relations in the following ways:
  - \* This bill would prohibit federal agencies from either requiring or prohibiting a contract bidder to enter into an agreement with 1 or more labor organizations in order to be awarded a federal contract.
  - \* Agencies that award grants, enter into contracts, or provide financial assistance for construction projects would have to ensure that bid specifications and project agreements do not contain any requirements or prohibitions regarding 1 or more PLAs.

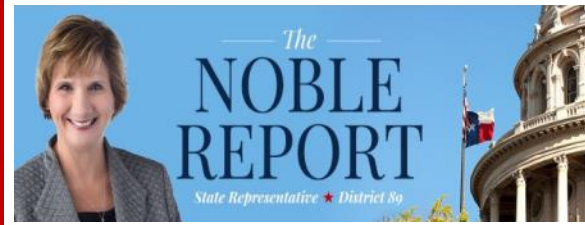
### Congressman Taylor Joins Letter Urging Biden to Rescind Cross-Border COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements

- On February 17, 2022, Representative Taylor joined Representative Matt Rosendale (MT-At-Large) and 62 other House colleagues, in sending President Biden a letter expressing support for the Canadian truck drivers protesting COVID-19 vaccine mandates on essential travel between the U.S. and Canada and urging President Biden to work with the Canadian government to lift the mandates.
- The letter goes on to state that the Canadian Trucking Alliance expects as many as 22,000 Canadian and 16,000 American drivers to forgo cross-border trips, retire, or quit in response to the new entry requirements. This type of disruption will only further damage our already crumbling supply chains.



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This week I'll be talking about a vital part of state and federal government that most of my readers know little about, but it costs us almost as much as Texas public education, and affects our poorest and most vulnerable Texans: our safety net and foster care programs. This is life and death for some Texans and it is unwarranted public assistance for others. We really must get this right. Since this is a complicated issue, I've written in more detail than usual.

On Monday our House Human Services Committee met for an Interim Hearing. It was a long, interesting day. First, you may have heard in the news about a foster care facility, The Refuge Ranch, that had some salacious headlines recently. We heard from the Department of Public Safety about their on-going investigation into the allegations, from The Refuge Ranch founder & CEO Brooke Crowder, and from the two oversight agencies, the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of Family and Protective Services. The most egregious of the confirmed allegations concerned an employee who was the overnight on-duty (awake) person for a cottage containing two teenage girls. This worker talked the girls into posing for inappropriate photographs. The most alarming information about this employee was that she had not only passed her background check, but she had been previously employed at no less than six other DFPS approved facilities prior to her employment at The Refuge Ranch. This facility, whose focus is working with girls who had previously been trafficked, has been in business as a non-profit for almost four years. The two girls made an outcry about the photos on January 24. The facility reported the incident to both law enforcement and the state agencies and fired the employee on that same day. Colonel Steve McCraw, Director of our Texas DPS, told us that the investigation is ongoing and that the former employee (the one who took the pictures) has not yet been formally charged with a crime because all the electronic evidence is still being accumulated. I found this information to be quite troubling. Not arrested? Not charged? What's to keep this woman from getting access to other kids in the meantime? She certainly would continue to pass a background check and be able to perhaps get a job with a daycare or other child-related field without a potential employer discovering that she is a known child predator. I'm not sure what the answer is to this dilemma, because I do believe in the presumption of innocence until proven guilty, but I also want to make sure that pending allegations are not ignored to the detriment of other possible child victims.

A second incident happened at The Refuge Ranch on February 22. Two girls ran away from the facility and it was later confirmed that two employees helped them evade being caught. This one was less nefarious: one of the girls was soon to testify at an upcoming trial against her former trafficker and she was afraid to testify. She evidently convinced the employees that she was in fear for her life. Those workers had their employment terminated as soon as the facts came to light, and local law enforcement participated in the investigation from the start, since they were helping locate the runaway girls. Over the course of a few weeks, a separate investigation was being conducted by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and an initial report, written in the wee hours of the morning and full of things that had not yet been investigated or verified, somehow was released to the press. This is where those headlines came from. This rush to judgment, without verified facts or a completed professional investigation, makes for headlines, but certainly not good journalism, and should never have been published. As a result, on March 9th all eleven girls housed at The Refuge Ranch were sent to other places without a continuance of the care (The Refuge Ranch currently has their license in suspension). Was that for the best? I'm not sure, but I do know that the balls that were dropped in so many ways were unacceptable and these child victims were jerked around by our system once again. Several state employees have lost their jobs as a result, but that doesn't solve the underlying issue: we must have consistent clear expectations for those who have foster kids in their homes and facilities, and also for those who work for the state overseeing the children's placements on our behalf. Our kids deserve better.

Also on the agenda on Monday was the review of the implementation of child welfare legislation we passed in this past session. Believe it or not, sometimes state agencies drag their feet on putting the new laws into place. These interim hearings give us a chance to look at the rules that have been written and the agency's take on what those laws were supposed to accomplish. By the way, you may not know this, but if we pass a bill that costs money to implement and we don't allocate those funds in the budget, that bill will sometimes not be accomplished, while other times the agency might find unused resources to get the job done (rules written, codes changed, employees hired, or other things needed to fulfill the law's goals). You might be surprised to learn that the majority of the children taken from families in Texas are taken for neglect, not taken for being abused. And a child in Abilene is far more likely to be removed from a home than a child in Dallas (or anywhere else in the state). Is that because more child abuse happens in Abilene? Not likely since this statistic has been ongoing for a number of years. Instead, it must mean that our standard for removal of a child is not consistent across the state. The goal of [HB 567](#), a bipartisan bill, was to make the justifications for removing a child consistent and the path to having a child reunited with parents, if possible, clear. We are also closely monitoring the results of [SB 1896](#), the goal of which is to make sure that kids are not sleeping in CPS offices, but have placements as soon as possible.

Now, switching gears a bit. Back at the beginning of Covid, in March of 2020, Congress passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. A resulting requirement started on March 18, 2020 and is still continuing: NO ONE enrolled on Texas Medicaid at that time, or enrolled

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anytime since the beginning of the federal health emergency, may be removed, even if that person or family no longer qualifies for Medicaid.

This “temporary” medical stabilization measure has really swelled the number of Texans who are currently on Medicaid. Throughout the eighteen months prior to the date of the Act, during the healthy robust Texas economy that we were experiencing when Covid struck, our Texas Medicaid numbers had been very consistent and stable: around 3.8 million Texans were enrolled with very little fluctuation in those numbers. As a result of two years of not checking to see if folks are eligible to continue their Medicaid enrollment, the current number on Medicaid has swelled to close to 5.2 million Texans. The program has been extended throughout these months, and the current expiration date is April 16. Since the Biden Administration has told states that they will have 60 days warning prior to the end of this program, it is unlikely that anything will indeed happen on April 16. The new expected expiration date is estimated to be July 16, 2022. Whenever it does happen, our Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), whose task it will be to determine current eligibility, estimates that 3.7 million Texans will need to have their eligibility redetermined. Of those, approximately 2.79 million have coverage only because of the continuous Medicaid coverage requirement. HHSC has a plan in place to do these reassessments in three groups (cohorts). The first cohort will include those women who only qualified because of a pregnancy and need to transition to the Healthy Texas Women’s program for their health needs. Others in this first group will be those whose children have aged out of the Medicaid program, so no longer qualify. This first cohort alone represents around 800,000 folks.

I wanted you to know about this because I’ve been hearing first-hand stories lately about employers having workers turn down raises because they don’t want to lose their state benefits (food stamps, housing assistance, or other programs). It breaks my heart that anyone would not want to earn more and achieve the Texas dream, due to the unintended consequence of being locked into a dependence on a state or federal “benefit”. As many of you know, I ran a food pantry/clothes closet for 17 years as a volunteer. I have a heart for hurting people. But government programs cease to be a help if they stand in the way of someone wanting, and making, a better life for themselves and their family. I’m really looking forward to the report generated from my [Safety Net Study Bill](#) (passed this past session) to see if these programs are having the intended outcomes for the recipients.

Finally, I wanted to update those of you who live near and drive on Country Club Drive. Due to weather, the Texas Department of Public Transportation postponed last month’s meeting about the proposed changes to this roadway. The meeting has now been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 6-8pm in the Lovejoy High School cafeteria. There will be a virtual meeting as well, which can be accessed at [FM1378 | Keep It Moving Dallas](#).

I’ve had a busy week of meetings. It was fun seeing so many of you! We have the best folks in the world in our neck of the woods.

Till next time....

*Candy Howell*

State Representative, District 89

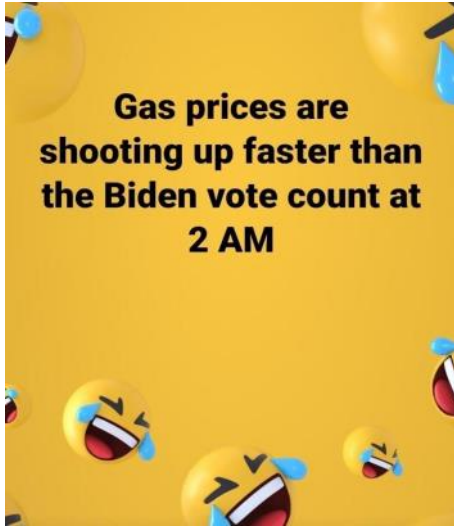


# Political Cartoons

Better late than never. It's ok to admit you were wrong. 😊



Gas prices are shooting up faster than the Biden vote count at 2 AM



She wanted to have dinner somewhere really expensive.



I checked Kelley Blue Book today for my car's value, and it asked if the tank was full or empty

Long ago in a land far far away!



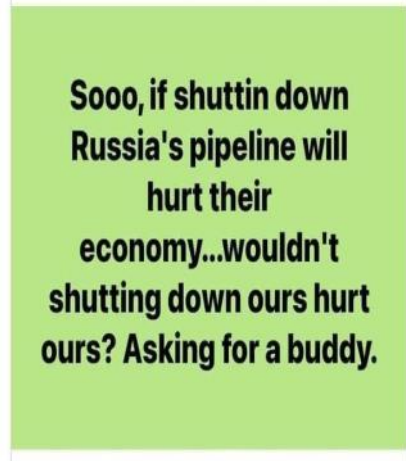
When I can't even fill my truck completely up for \$125 and WWII is looming I find comfort in knowing that nobody got their feelings hurt on Twitter today



for the love of God, turn the oil pipeline back on!



Sooo, if shuttin down Russia's pipeline will hurt their economy...wouldn't shutting down ours hurt ours? Asking for a buddy.







# AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



## FREEDOM

Our freedoms come from God. God created Adam and Eve, and they were free. Free to succumb to temptation, free to try the apple, free to sin, free to lose their perfect communion with God and their perfect life in the Garden of Eden. So we humans don't always make the best choices, but fighting for basic freedoms is always the right thing to do. Our founding fathers were brave and smart to recognize, value, and fight for critical God-given freedoms including the freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to peaceably assemble. Freedoms that are so important that they are enumerated in the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. It's called "The Bill of Rights". Nothing could be more obvious than the absolute necessity of these rights.

Freedom was fought for then, freedom was fought for to abolish slavery in America, and it is being fought for today, in America as well as in places around the globe. There may never have been a time when freedom wasn't being fought for somewhere in the world. America is special. It is a nation founded in purpose and defined by it from the very beginning. American exceptionalism is the idea that the United States is inherently different from other nations. The values, political system, and historical development of the U.S. may be unique in human history. Do we not believe that our country is both destined and obligated to play a distinct and positive role on the world stage, to set an example for all nations?

A 1630 sermon by John Winthrop is now famous mainly for its proclamation that "we shall be as a city upon a hill." Beginning in the 1970s, Ronald Reagan placed that line, from that sermon, at the center of his political career. Tracing the story of America from John Winthrop forward, Reagan built a powerful articulation of American exceptionalism—the idea, as he explained, "that there was some divine plan that placed this great continent between two oceans to be sought out by those who were possessed of an abiding love of freedom and a special kind of courage." In 2012, American exceptionalism—as summarized by the phrase "city on a hill"—became an official plank in the platform of the Republican party. (From "City on a Hill: A History of American Exceptionalism" by Abram C. Van Engen.)

"The flames kindled on the 4th of July, 1776, have spread across too much of the globe to be extinguished by the feeble engines of despotism; on the contrary, they will consume the engines and all who work them." The self-evident truth that "all men are created equal; endowed by their creator with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" (Thomas Jefferson) remains the powerful philosophical and moral foundation of the American republic itself. Yet, as we are seeing today, the advance of freedom and democracy is not a straight path, but one that also sustains setbacks.

Today Americans are fighting for the very freedoms that our country was founded on. Cancel culture, mainstream media, Big Tech, Big Pharma, Big Business, socialist and Marxist-leaning liberals are all working against those freedoms and the very ideal that is America's dream. We fight with words and votes, with mental, emotional, physical, and financial weapons. Most of all we fight with prayer. We know God is on the side of the Judeo-Christian values that represent our most important laws, morals, and Biblical teachings. Unrealized by many conservatives, a battle has been waged for the last several decades against these intrinsically American tenets. Conservatives are waking up and being shocked by riots called peaceful, gender identity pushed on 5 and 6 and 7-year-olds, Americans thrown in jail, treated cruelly, and no charges even brought against them. And a president who makes harmful and horrendous decisions that hugely impact lives, families, the strength of America's military power, peace, and prosperity, tremendously adversely affecting the pursuit of happiness.

Americans have kept their republic and built it to be strong, but it will only remain so under constant vigilance. Is America living up to her potential, to her obligations and commitments? Perry Miller, who portrayed himself as a "lone wolf," was not the only one with concerns. He believed that America's influence might be short-lived. "History is littered with the corpses of civilization that reached the limit of expansion, dug in behind walls and moats, and there yielded to decay," he proclaimed.

Let us not allow America to continue decaying.

Currently, the war between Russia and Ukraine is a fight for the freedoms of the Ukrainian people, freedom from Putin's authoritarian rule. The Russian citizens are suffering too. When leaders grab for power for personal benefit, citizens pay the price. Ukrainians are showing patriotism and bravery, stepping up to fight with more than words, or money, or weapons of prayer and support. They are stepping up with weapons of war, putting their very lives on the line – as the freedom fighters who helped found America did. Would Americans take up weapons of war and stand and fight today? Or, due to fear, will we go down without a shot being fired? Will we accept bad actors' dictates without question? Will we bow to social pressure because we don't want to make waves?

I like to share the quote below, but I want to add that not just Christians, but all those with Biblical values, should labor to be of influence in the world, for "It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains". – Patrick Henry

"... a Christian, to the extent of his empowerment, should labor to be of influence in the world. That influence is first of all spiritual, but it can take the strategic form of the economic, the political, and other modes as well. The preservation of our Christian opportunity is a cause for which we must labor in this world. Indeed, the integrity of the nation—which is one of the powers that be and ordained of God—is the wor-



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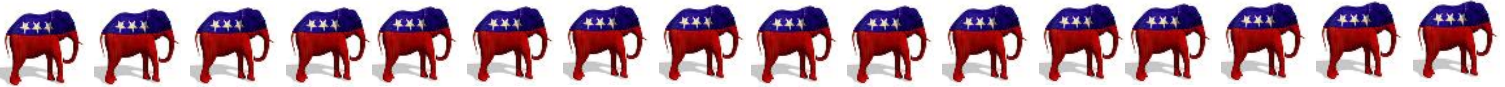
by Ellen Leyrer



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As I was writing this, I received my daily Texas Minute email from Texas Scorecard. Of course, Michael Quinn Sullivan says it all far better than I ever could. I highly recommend <https://texasscorecard.com/life/self-governance-starts-with-governing-ourselves/>.

Sources: <https://www.heritage.org/political-process/commentary/the-american-experiment>, <https://www.unitedstatesnow.org/what-is-american-exceptionalism.htm>, <https://www.neh.gov/article/how-america-became-city-upon-hill>, <https://bigessaywriter.com/blog/essay-about-human-rights-rights-and-freedoms>, <https://www.newsweek.com/majority-americans-would-stay-fight-if-russia-invaded-us-poll-1686050>.



## Ways to Engage - Be an advocate/activist

*If you are not as engaged as you want to be, please consider what else you can add to your battle plans in this fight for America.*

There are dozens of ways to make a difference. Now is the time for conservatives to get engaged. Being the silent majority is not working. Here are some opportunities to engage:

### Contact your representatives, local, state and federal:

Call, Write, Email, Visit in person

### With mid-term elections in November:

Precinct Chair – There are several vacancies, and this is a big opportunity.  
Volunteer for candidates - phone calls and block walking, having a sign in your yard  
Campaign, Donate, Become a Voter Deputy Registrar – you can register people to vote.

### Be an election worker:

Poll greeter (no training required)  
Election clerk (training is available)  
Election judge (training is available)

### City positions are critical too:

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### Other ways to engage and be informed:

- Attend other meetings – You'll learn more ways to engage. You'll be more informed, you'll be entertained, and you'll be encouraged and energized by being with like-minded people.
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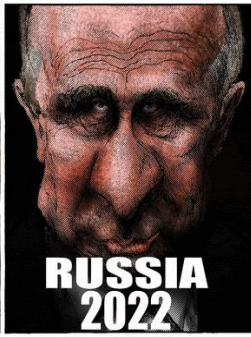
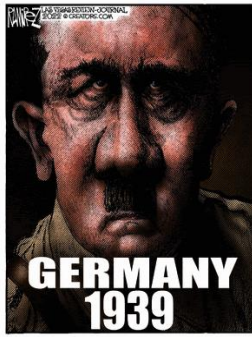
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## RUSSIA: WE DEMAND U.S. SURRENDERS ALASKA TO RUSSIA

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## TEXANS: BEST WE CAN DO IS CALIFORNIA



MILLIONS STOOD BY and DID NOTHING.

HOW WILL HISTORY REMEMBER YOU?



Moscow man buys newspaper, glances at front page, throws it straight out. Next day: same again. And again. Eventually, seller snaps. "Why DO you do that?" "Oh, I'm just checking for an obituary" "But obituaries aren't even on the front page!" "Oh, the one I'm looking for will be"

# 10 Realities of Ukraine

Victor David Hanson  
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## Commentary

1. Reassuring an enemy what one will not do ensures that the enemy will do just that and more. Unpredictability and occasional enigmatic silence bolster deterrence. But President Joe Biden's predictable reassurance to Russian President Vladimir Putin that he will show restraint means Putin likely will not.

2. No-fly zones don't work in a big-power, symmetrical standoff. In a cost-benefit analysis, they are not worth the risk of shooting down the planes of a nuclear power. They usually do little to stop planes outside of such zones from shooting missiles into them. Sending long-range, high-altitude anti-aircraft batteries to Ukraine to deny Russian air superiority is a far better way of regaining air parity.

3. Europe, NATO members, and Germany, in particular, have de facto admitted that their past decades of shutting down nuclear plants, coal mines, and oil and gas fields has left Europe at the mercy of Russia. They are promising to rearm and meet their promised military contributions. By their actions, they're admitting that their critics, the United States in particular, were right, and they were dangerously wrong in empowering Putin.

4. China is now pro-Russia. Beijing wants Russian natural resources at a discount. Russia will pay for overpriced access to Chinese finance, commerce, and markets. Yet if Russia loses the Ukraine war, goes broke, and as an international pariah is ostracized, then China will likely cut the smelly Russian albatross from its neck—in fear of new Western financial, cultural, and commercial clout.

5. Americans are finally digesting just how destructive the humiliating flight from Afghanistan was. The catastrophe signaled to Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran that Western deterrence had died.

No surprise that Russia sent missiles into a Ukrainian base near the Polish-NATO border. North Korea in January launched more missiles than in any month in its history. Iran sent missiles into Kurdistan. China announces daily that it's just a matter of time before it absorbs Taiwan. The tens of billions of dollars of sophisticated weaponry sent to Ukraine by the West are still far less than what the U.S. military handed over to the terrorist Taliban.

6. The Ukraine war did not cause inflation and record gas prices. Both were already spiking by early February.

The cause was the Biden administration's year-long radical expansion of the money supply at a time of post-COVID pent-up consumer demand. It foolishly continued de facto zero interest rates. Its generous COVID subsidies for the unemployed discouraged a return to work, and it slashed U.S. oil and gas production and pipelines.

Prior to Putin's invasion, Biden was quite publicly blaming greedy corporations, oil companies, COVID, and former President Donald Trump for the inflation he had birthed in 2021. And he was claiming that undeniable high prices were only temporary or mostly an obsession of the elite.

7. Putin did not invade during the Trump tenure, although he had been more aggressive under previous American leadership with his prior attacks on Georgia, Ukraine, and Crimea. Russia stayed still when oil prices were low, fuel supplies in the West were plentiful, and the United States was confident. When the United States was neither bogged down in optional military interventions nor led by a president predictably accommodating to Russian aggressions, Russia stayed quiet.

Putin took note of increased NATO and U.S. defense spending. He feared low global oil prices and record American oil and gas production. He was wary after unpredictable American strikes against enemies such as ISIS, Abu al-Baghdadi, and the Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani.

8. It is not "escalation" to send arms to Ukraine. The Russians far more aggressively supplied the North Koreans and North Vietnamese in their wars against the United States without spreading the war globally. Pakistan, Syria, and Iran sent deadly weapons—many in turn supplied to them by Russia, North Korea, and China—to kill thousands of Americans during the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

9. Putin may never fully absorb Ukraine as long as it can easily be supplied across its borders by four NATO countries. The United States deadlocked in the Korean War, lost the Vietnam War, was stalled in Iraq, and fled Afghanistan in part because its enemies were easily supplied by nearby border friends on the assumption that the United States couldn't strike such abettors.

10. It's not "un-American" to point out that prior American appeasement under the Obama and Biden administrations explains not why Putin wished to go into Ukraine, but why he felt he could. It's not "treasonous" to say Ukraine and the United States previously should have stayed out of each other's domestic affairs and politics—but that still doesn't excuse Putin's savage aggression. It's not traitorous to admit that Russia for centuries relied on buffer states between it and Europe—lost when its Warsaw Pact satellite members joined NATO after its defeat in the Cold War. But that reality also doesn't justify Putin's savage attack.

We shouldn't rehash the past but learn from it—and thereby ensure Putin is defeated now and deterred in the future.

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# 2022 Collin County Senatorial Conventions



# Banned Film Exposes the Real Reason for the COVID Pandemic

By Joseph Mercola, March 12, 2022 Updated: March 24, 2022

Prior to 2020, if you heard the term “lockdown” you might think of something that happens in a prison — not in a free society. This mechanism of control has since become commonplace — not among prisoners but among the free — with repercussions that are only beginning to be understood.

The film Planet Lockdown explores this unprecedented time in history, speaking with epidemiologists, scientists, doctors and other experts to uncover the real motives behind the increasing totalitarian control taking over the globe. Already banned by Facebook and YouTube, the film starts at the beginning of the pandemic, when we were told lockdowns were necessary to “flatten the curve.”

This was supposed to be a short-term, 15-day event in the U.S., but the narrative soon changed to ongoing restrictions. As Michael Yeadon, Ph.D., a former vice-president and chief scientific adviser of the drug company Pfizer and founder and CEO of the biotech company Ziarco, now owned by Novartis, explained, people have historically quarantined the sick, but quarantining healthy people, as has occurred for the past two years, has no scientific backing or historic precedence.<sup>2</sup>

“Given this virus represents, at most, a slightly bigger risk to the old and ill than seasonal influenza, and a less risk, a smaller risk, to almost everyone else who’s younger and fit,” Yeadon says, “it was never necessary for us to have done anything. We didn’t need to do anything — lockdowns, masks, testing, vaccines even.”<sup>3</sup>

## Questionable Practices Urged for COVID-19 Diagnosis

Dr. Scott Jensen, a family doctor and former member of the Minnesota Senate, received an email from the Department of Health that seemed to be coaching him to use COVID-19 as a diagnosis in situations where he wouldn’t have previously used influenza or any other specific viral diagnosis without first testing for it. He said:<sup>4</sup>

*“What struck me right away was I felt like I was being coached to go ahead and use COVID-19 without using the same standards of precision that I would for other things. If I’m going to make a diagnosis, I believe as a physician I have an obligation to use the tools available to me to nail it down with as much certainty as possible.*

*And it seemed to me that the Department of Health, and the link to this CDC document that said you could diagnose COVID-19 as a cause of death on a death certificate ... those two documents, in tandem, went against everything that I had been taught or doing for the last 35 years.”*

Even Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Health, is featured in the film stating that even if you died of a clear alternate cause, if you had COVID-19 at the same time, it would still be listed as a COVID death. “Everyone who is listed as a COVID death, doesn’t mean that was the cause of the death,” she says.<sup>5</sup>

In January 2020, the PCR test for COVID-19 came out, which allowed health officials to define COVID-19 “cases.” If the test was positive, it counted as a case — it didn’t matter if you have symptoms or not. Reiner Fuellmich, global fraud attorney, founder of the Corona Investigative Committee, pointed out, “It’s never, in the history of mankind, in the history of medicine, there’s never been testing of healthy people.”<sup>6</sup>

Yeadon agrees that mass testing of people with no symptoms has no scientific basis. Rather, he says, “It’s just a way to frighten people.”<sup>7</sup> The rising “cases,” based on PCR testing, is what built the crisis. But counting cases was only measuring the activity of testing; the more that testing occurred, the more cases that were found.

## ‘Fear Everyone’ Became the Message

June 8, 2020, WHO director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus announced that asymptomatic people could transmit COVID-19. That same day, Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO technical lead for the COVID-19 pandemic, made it very clear that people who have COVID-19 without any symptoms “rarely” transmit the disease to others. In a dramatic about-face, WHO then backtracked on the statement just one day later.<sup>8</sup>

In the days that followed, media and health officials ramped up fear by claiming that you could be sickened by virtually anyone, even when they appeared to be healthy. “This idea that ... you can be ill even though you have no symptoms and you can be a ... virus threat to someone else even though you have no symptoms, that’s also invented in 2020,” Yeadon says.<sup>9</sup>

Alexandra Henrion-Caude, geneticist, former director of research with the French National Institute of Health, is among those who have noticed something off from the start. “I was very puzzled since the very beginning ... I was alert to the fact that what we were living was not quite right.”<sup>10</sup>

She notes that the notion of asymptomatic spread is terrifying because it turns virtually anyone you meet or encounter on the street into the enemy, because they could be exposing you to SARS-CoV-2. “This is actually terrible because it denies the capacity of a person to be a healthy person. Because if asymptomatic [spread] exists, then who is healthy? No one.”

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What's more, the "proof" of asymptomatic spread is flawed and fraudulent. The New England Journal of Medicine published an article suggesting the transmission of COVID-19 is possible from an asymptomatic carrier in January 2020.<sup>11</sup>

It was based on a 33-year-old businessman who had met with his business partner from Shanghai, then developed a fever and productive cough. The next evening, he felt better and went back to work January 27.

The writers reported the partner had been "well with no signs or symptoms of infection, but had become ill on her flight back to China, where she tested positive for 2019-nCoV on January 26." From this case study, they theorized the virus could be transmitted from asymptomatic carriers. An important point was left out, which is that the researchers did not speak with the partner from Shanghai before publication.

However, Germany's public health agency, the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), did speak with the woman on the phone, and she reported she did have symptoms while in Germany.<sup>12</sup> So she was not asymptomatic after all.

## In a State of Incoherence, People Crave Normalcy

The pandemic has twisted reality, leaving the public in a mental fog. "You're regularly pledging obedience to things which are not logical," Catherine Austin-Fitts, assistant secretary, Bush Sr. administration and investment adviser with Solari, Inc., says.<sup>13</sup> WHO has changed definitions of herd immunity and pandemic, literally altering reality, and this is just one example.

Censorship and campaigns to discredit those who speak out against the narrative are additional control mechanisms that distort the truth. Bishop Schneider of Kazakhstan says the pandemic measures are very similar to Soviet times where he lived, in that there was only one narrative, and if you said there was another meaning, you were declared an enemy.

"When you had another opinion, they said, 'You are a conspiracy group. You have a conspiracy theory. You have hate speech. This expression, hate speech, came from the communists.'<sup>14</sup> It's psychological manipulation, based on fear, which makes people act totally irrational. The artificially imposed state of incoherence was even described by Austin-Fitts as a torture tactic, designed to get people to submit to vaccine passports and COVID-19 shots:<sup>15</sup>

*"Human beings crave coherence. And so if you can put them in a state of incoherence they will literally do anything they can to get back to coherence. It's a typical torture tactic. 'If you just do what I want, I will allow you to go back to a state of coherence.' So, if you just accept the [vaccine] passports, you'll be free. Or if you get the vaccination, you'll just be free."*

Further, by declaring small businesses as "nonessential" during lockdowns, they get shut down, while Amazon, Walmart and other big box stores can take over their market share. A major transfer of wealth occurred away from small family-owned businesses to very large, publicly owned businesses that benefited from the digital economy. In the meantime, Austin-Fitts explains:<sup>16</sup>

*"The people on Main St. have to keep paying off their credit cards or their mortgage, so they're in a debt trap and they're desperate to get cashflow to cover their debts and expenses.*

*In the meantime, you have the Federal Reserve institute a form of quantitative easing where they're buying corporate bonds, and the guys who are taking up the market share can basically finance — or their banks can — at 0% to 1%, when everyone on Main St. is paying 16% to 17% to their credit cards, without income.*

*So basically now you've got them over a barrel and you can take away their market share, and generally they can't afford to do what they say because they're too busy trying to find money to feed their kids."*

## New Control Systems Are Being Engineered

If a few people want to control many, how can you get the sheep into the slaughterhouse without them realizing and resisting? "The perfect thing," Austin-Fitts says, is invisible enemies, like viruses.<sup>17</sup> This ramps up fear so the public believes they need the government to protect them. Another effective tactic is "divide and conquer," and the media plays an important role in this, dividing people over shots and masks, for instance.

"What COVID-19 is," Austin-Fitts explains, "is the institution of controls necessary to convert the planet from the democratic process to technocracy. So what we're watching is a change in control and an engineering of new control systems. So think of this as a coup d'état. It's much more like a coup d'état than a virus."<sup>18</sup>

Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg, a former public health official and member of German parliament, agrees, stating that pandemic responses have "nothing to do with hygiene. It has to do with criminology."<sup>19</sup> The global injection campaign is another form of control, one that's forcing the

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public to receive experimental shots.

Many of the experts in the film bring up the Nuremberg Code, which spells out a set of research ethics principles for human experimentation. This set of principles was developed to ensure the medical horrors discovered during the Nuremberg trials at the end of World War II would never take place again.

But in the current climate of extreme censorship, people are not being informed about the full risks of the shots — which are only beginning to be uncovered. People are being forced into the shots due to mandates and loss of jobs and personal freedoms, like the ability to travel freely and attend business and social events.

## In the End, Truth Will Win

A revolution is occurring, and the experts are hopeful that people will awaken to common sense and resist the totalitarian control that is threatening to take over the globe. Instead, society can be regenerated if people come together and fight back against the encroachment on our liberties.

Civil disobedience, boycotting businesses that are requiring vaccine passports, participating in rallies and fighting illegal mandates in court are ways that everyone can get involved in protecting freedom. “If they want to make us a machine, if they want to make us slaves, we say no,” Wodarg says. “... We don’t need you anymore, we are many ... we don’t have to be afraid of any pandemic.”<sup>20</sup>

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*The filmmakers of **Planet Lockdown** are allowing a free viewing of this film (for a limited time). [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about their important mission and see how you can help!*



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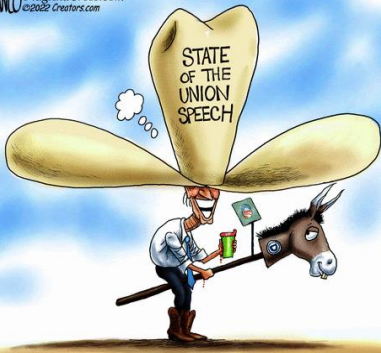
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**NO MORE OIL EXPLORATION!**

**CLIMATE CHANGE! GREEN ENERGY! FOSSIL FUELS BAD!**



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**ALL HAT NO CATTLE**

**Can't believe we don't have world peace after changing the name on pancake boxes and syrup bottles.**

**AND JUST LIKE THAT**



**"CAN WE KEEP THE PIPELINE IF WE ADD HUNTER TO THE BOARD?"**

**PASSED THE BAR**

**FAILED THE BAR**

**WORKED AT A BAR**

**LIVES AT THE BAR**

**CAN'T SPELL "BAR"**

**IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO BE MORALLY RIGHT THAN FACTUALLY CORRECT**

— Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

It is usually futile to try to talk facts and analysis to people who are enjoying a sense of moral superiority in their ignorance.

**THOMAS SOWELL**  
Economist, Social Theorist

"Just one more thing."

If your electric car runs out of power on the interstate, do you walk to a charging station to get a bucket of electricity...?



# The Real 'Reset' Is Coming

Victor David Hanson

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## Commentary

President Joe Biden believes the Ukraine war will mark the start of a [“new world order.”](#) In the middle of the COVID global pandemic, Klaus Schwab and global elites likewise announced a “great reset.”

Accordingly, the nations of the world would have to surrender their sovereignty to an international body of experts. They would enlighten us on taxes, diversity, and green policies.

When former President Donald Trump got elected in 2016, marquee journalists announced partisan reporting would have to displace the old, supposedly disinterested approach to the news.

There is a common theme here.

In normal times progressives worry that they do not have public support for their policies. Only in crises do they feel that the political Left and media can merge to use apocalyptic times to ram through usually unpopular approaches to foreign and domestic problems.

We saw that last year: fleeing from Afghanistan, the embrace of critical race theory, trying to end the filibuster, pack the court, junk the Electoral College, and nationalize voting laws.

These “new orders” and “resets” always entail far bigger government and more unelected, powerful bureaucracies. Elites assume that their radical changes in energy use, media reporting, voting, sovereignty, and racial and ethnic quotas will never quite apply to themselves, the architects of such top-down changes.

So we common folk must quit fossil fuels, but not those who need to use corporate jets. Walls will not mar our borders but will protect the homes of Nancy Pelosi, Mark Zuckerberg, and Bill Gates.

Hunter Biden’s lost laptop will be declared, by fiat, not news. In contrast, the fake Alfa Bank “collusion” narrative will be national headline news for weeks.

Middle class lifestyles will be curbed as we are instructed to strive for sustainability and transition to apartment living and mass transit. But the Obamas will still keep their three mansions, and Silicon Valley futurists will insist on exemptions for their yachts.

In truth, we are about to see a radical reset—of the current reset. It will be a different sort of transformation than the elites are expecting and one that they should greatly fear.

The world and the United States are furious over hyperinflation that may soon exceed 10 percent per year. We will be lucky if it ends only in [recession](#) or [stagflation](#), rather than a global depression.

The mess was created by the same apparat who bought into “modern monetary theory.” That silly university idea claimed prosperity would follow vastly expanding the money supply, keeping interest rates at de facto zero levels, running huge annual deficits, piling up unsustainable national debt, and subsidizing workers to stay home.

Natural gas and oil costs are now soaring to unsustainable levels—and to the point where the middle class simply will not be able to travel, keep warm in winter, or cool in summer.

Both in Europe and the United States left-wing governments deliberately curbed drilling and non-Russian pipelines. They shut down nuclear power plants and subsidized costly, inefficient solar and wind projects. They ended up not with utopia, but with fuel shortages, high prices, and energy dependency on the world’s most repressive regimes.

The woke revolution in the West was supposed to teach us that the “white male”-dominated Western world is toxic. Its origins, ascendance, and current leisure and affluence were supposedly due only to systemic exploitation, racism, and sexism.

Elites introduced cancel culture, doxxing, deplatforming, and social ostracism to shame these supposed exploiters and to destroy their lives and careers.

Few asked how a supposedly noxious West of some 2,500 years duration became the number one destination of millions of global non-Western migrants and offered the greatest degree of global prosperity and freedom for its citizens.

So a reset reckoning is coming—in reaction to the “new orders” championed by Biden and the Davos set.

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In the November 2022 midterms, we are likely to see a historic “No!” to the orthodox left-wing agenda that has resulted in unsustainable inflation, unaffordable energy, war, and humiliation abroad, spiraling crime, racial hostility—as well as arrogant defiance from those who deliberately enacted these disastrous policies.

What will replace it is a return to what until recently had worked.

Closed and secure borders with only legal and measured immigration will return. Americans will demand tough police enforcement and deterrent sentencing, and a return to integration and the primacy of individual character rather than separatist fixations on the “color of our skin.”

The public will continue to tune out of the partisan and mediocre “mainstream” media. We will see greater increased production of oil and natural gas to transition us slowly to a wider variety of energy, strong national defense, and deterrent foreign policies.

The prophets of the new world order sowed the wind and they will soon reap the whirlwind of an angry public worn out by elite incompetence, arrogance, and ignorance.

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**A lesser-known fact about sunflowers is that they are symbols of nuclear disarmament.**

**When the Soviet Union broke apart in 1991, the new nation of Ukraine held the third-largest arsenal of nuclear weapons. In 1996, Ukraine committed to total nuclear disarmament. To honor the occasion, representatives from the U.S., Ukraine, and Russia planted sunflowers in the locations where there had previously been nuclear missile silos.**

**But why did they plant sunflowers? Not only are the bright yellow flowers symbols of optimism, they also possess a special capability: they absorb radioactive isotopes from the environment. In fact, sunflowers have been planted at both the Chernobyl and Fukushima nuclear disaster sites because they help to remove radioactive toxins from the environment**

# Political Action Hours



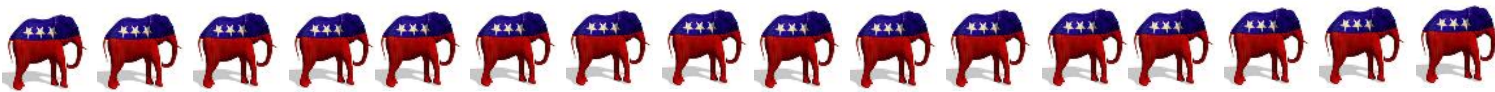
## Political Actions Hours Report

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman

We are off to a great start with our political action hours for 2022. Right now our members and associate members have reported 1616 hours. Fantastic job folks. Lets keep it up.

If you attended your senate district convention on March 26<sup>th</sup>, please remember to summit your time at the convention and your travel time. Remember, you can summit your hours on our website [www.planorepublicanwomen.org](http://www.planorepublicanwomen.org).

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## ONE FOR HISTORY BUFFS THAT I BET YOU DID NOT KNOW

In 1975, President Ford was left to manage the difficult ending of the Vietnam War. President Ford went to Congress for a relief package to allow American personnel and our allies to evacuate. However, there was **ONE US SENATOR** who opposed any such support. The result was the embarrassing and hurried evacuation from the roof of the American embassy in Saigon.

This senator reveled in the embarrassment and did everything he could to leverage it politically against Ford. Despite the efforts of this U.S. Senator—President Ford managed to rescue 1,500 South Vietnamese allies prior to the country's fall. Had President Ford not acted quickly, these people would have been targeted and slaughtered for their support for America. When they arrived in America, President Ford asked Congress for a package to assist these refugees to integrate into American society. That **SAME** troublesome SENATOR **TORPEDOED ANY SUPPORT** for these shell shocked, anti-communist, Americans and our helpers, the refugees. Instead, President Ford had to recruit Christian organizations to offer assistance on a voluntary basis. As he did so, the Senator belittled those efforts. What kind of person would oppose President Ford's tireless work to do the right and humanitarian thing? Who would want to play politics with the well-being of innocent people who stood by America in the tragic Vietnam War?

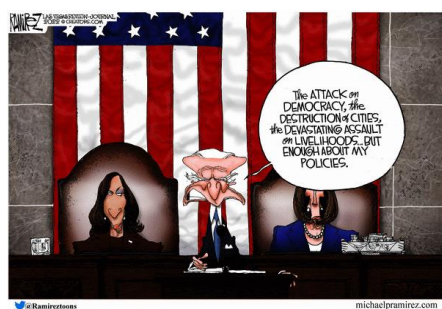
### THAT SENATOR WAS JOE BIDEN

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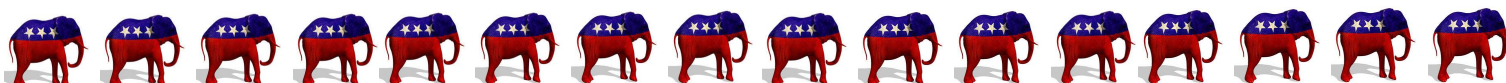
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## Membership Update



**Welcome to our newest members:**



**Deb Blencowe, Valerie Pemberton, Jennifer Windham**

**Renew NOW for 2022!**

PRW Membership (new and returning members) is currently 90! Our 2022 goal is to have 100 members, please encourage your friends to come out to a meeting and join PRW.

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting (via cash or cheque) or can be mailed to the PRW Post Office Box.

The 2022 Membership form is included in the newsletter, printed copies are available at the meetings.

**Please note the new category, \$100 Patron Member (includes Single Membership)**

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\$40 Full Active Single Membership (PRW receives \$15, TFRW and NFRW receive \$25)

\$45 Full Active Membership with Spouse

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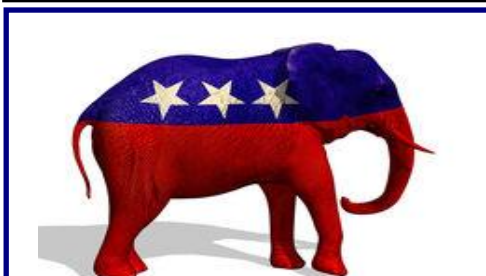
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#### Member Birthdays:

<b>Jennifer Roy</b>	<b>4/7</b>
<b>June White</b>	<b>4/18</b>
<b>Chris Beninger</b>	<b>4/23</b>
<b>Diane Perkins</b>	<b>4/24</b>
<b>Anne Logan</b>	<b>4/25</b>
<b>Sharon Bradford</b>	<b>4/27</b>

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<b>Bob Collins</b>	<b>4/24</b>
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\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Bronze: Ad in the Membership Directory/listing on the Website

\*if your spouse is not a member of another TFRW club, she can be a member of PRW

\*\* Please complete this form entirely and mail in, along with 3 business cards

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Magnetic PRW Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ \$4 Mail Delivery of the annual PRW Membership

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the information to be included in the PRW Membership Directory

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