

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

March 2024

President's Byline



As Congressional members continue to announce retirements, and election matchups become clearer in the Primary season, there is a lot of speculation over how congressional committee leadership will change following the 2024 General elections. Think of committee chairs as ringmasters directing the congressional and senatorial circus. Without them, the donkeys and elephants would have no direction, and nothing would get done. The process to determine chairs and ranking members is different in the House and the Senate and between the two parties but generally relies on the same structure. Let's take a look at this and educate ourselves on this process.

In the Senate, Committee assignments are revisited every two years following the general election. The sizes and ratios of the committees are dependent on the make-up of the full Senate. Before any assignments are made, Senate party leadership works together to determine the size of the Standing committees. Usually this is a smooth process that is completed before January of the following year. However, there can be many factors that disrupt this normally smooth process. In 2020 after the general election, the Senate was divided evenly at 50/50. Inter-party negotiations took two months to complete as Democrats and Republicans worked out a power-sharing agreement. Once the sizes and ratios of the standing committees are completed, each party decides their own committee assignments. Senate Republicans form what is called a Committee on Committees to determine who will be committee chairs and other ranking members sitting on those committees. Senate Democrat committee chairs or ranking member assignments are made on recommendations by the Democratic Steering & Outreach Committee.

Republican senators have term limits and can only serve for six years in Chair or Ranking Member positions. This encourages new blood in leadership assignments. Senate Democrats do not have term limits for their committee leadership which encourages stagnation, with the same people staying committee chairs or as ranking members for decades. (Think democrat Senator and former Klansman Robert Byrd 16 years, and more recently Harry Ried 12 years.) There are overarching Senate rules that control assignments for both parties. Senate rules divide the standing and other Senate committees into three groups, A, B, and C. All Senators must serve on two "A" committees and may serve on one "B" committee, and any number of "C" committees. Occasionally, exceptions can be made for these restrictions but must be approved by the Senate. Also, party leaders cannot serve as leaders of a committee or subcommittee. Both parties consider a variety of factors when making committee assignments, such as seniority, policy interests, and the constituents represented by a senator. Since 1997, approval of these assignments comes from both the relevant conference and then the whole Senate.

In the House, both parties follow a similar three-step process. First, nomination by the relevant steering committees, approval by the party caucus, and then approval by the full House of Representatives. Since every member is up for reelection every two years, committee composition can change on the House side more frequently. Just like in the Senate, House Republicans have six-year term limits for committee leadership to encourage fresh ideas and innovation. House Democrats again, do not have term limits. In recent years there have been efforts from some House Democrats to adopt term limits, but it has always been met with strong opposition from senior members of their own party (shock!). My editorial comment inserted here: It's difficult to maintain the Democrat hobbies of graft and corruption if you only have six years on one committee (had to say it...). Overall House rules limit members' service to no more than two standing committees and no more than four subcommittees.

Congressional committees are essential components of the legislative process in the United States Congress. Committee leadership is important to track because Chairs and Ranking Members often work together to decide

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Calendar of Events

GOP Primary
March 5th, 2024, 7am—7pm

Next Board Meeting
March 7, 2024, 11:30-1:00
Napoli's Restaurant
2865 McDermott, Ste 235
Plano

GOP Precinct Convention
March 9, 2024 - 9:30 am
Collin College McKinney Campus
Conference Center
2400 Community Avenue
McKinney, TX

Next General Meeting,
March 19, 2024, 11:30
Saltgrass - East Plano
3320 North Central Exp
Plano

PRW Presidents Byline

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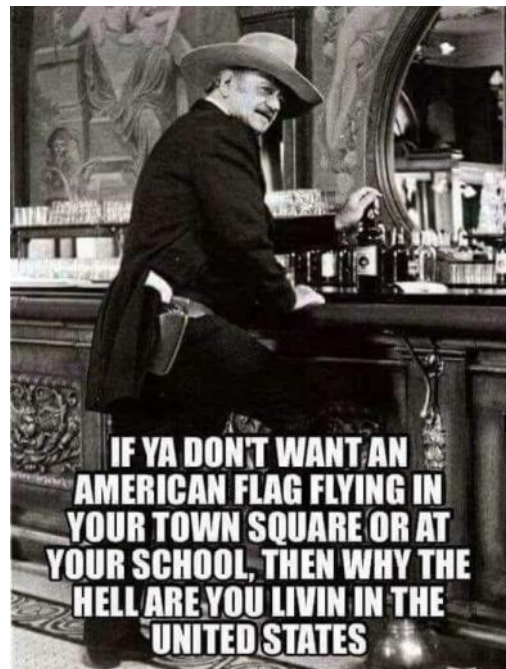
what legislation will go through the committee process and shape much of the legislation with negotiations behind the scenes. These committees are smaller groups of members from the House of Representatives or from the Senate tasked with specific responsibilities in their areas of expertise. The Republicans generally do a good job at nominating good Chairs and Ranking members on committees. However, the Democrats have a long history of giving assignments based on political favors instead of competency. Example, Maxine Waters is the head of the Finance Committee. This Committee oversees the nation's housing and financial services sectors including banking, insurance, real estate, securities, public and assisted housing. If you have ever watched C-SPAN when she is speaking, it's clear that she shouldn't be on this committee, much less be in charge of it. Maxine Waters is just one example of why elections matter. Elect competent people to get competent committee leaders. I would not trust her to balance a checkbook, let alone tell the country how its banking should be handled.

There are three different types of Committees in Congress: 1) Standing Committees that are permanent and governed by rules in each chamber, focusing on specific areas of policy. There are currently 22 standing committees in the House and 20 in the Senate. 2) The second type is Select or Special Committee, and these are temporary committees created for specific purposes or investigations. For instance, select committees may investigate specific issues such as the current committee who impeached Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas for willfully failing to secure the border. 3) The last are four Joint congressional committees composed of members from both the House and the Senate, often used for administrative or advisory purposes. Moving forward in 2024, it's important that we encourage responsible leadership in Congress by increasing the Republican majority in the House and getting the majority in the Senate.

As I stated earlier, elections matter. We must elect competent Republicans to the House and Senate so that we can gain and maintain legislative majorities. With the majority, Republicans can control the leadership roles of both the House and the Senate and set the agendas we need to bring this country back to constitutional fidelity and rule of law. As the saying goes, "elect a clown, expect a circus". It's time we elect solid conservative Republicans so we can have competent ringmasters to end the dysfunctional circus that liberal Democrats have brought to our national government and focus it on legislation that can help the country thrive, the economy grow, and bring freedom and liberty back to the people.

Cleo Marchese

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PRW March Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

March 19, 2024

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller Texas Update

An eighth-generation farmer and rancher, Sid Miller is the 12th Commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). He has devoted his life to promoting Texas agriculture, rural communities, and the great state of Texas. Born in De Leon, in Comanche County, in September 1955, Sid Miller graduated with honors from Tarleton State University in Stephenville with a Bachelor of Science degree in Vocational Ag Education.

A recognized community leader, Miller was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2000. He quickly earned a reputation as a staunch defender of Texas agriculture, constitutional freedoms, and individual liberties for all Texans. He was elected statewide as the 12th Texas Agriculture Commissioner in 2014 and re-elected to his second term in office in 2018; followed by a third term in 2022, receiving almost 4.5 million votes—more votes than any candidate for Texas Agricultural Commissioner has ever received.

Since taking office as Agriculture Commissioner, Commissioner Miller has brought real common sense reform to TDA. Within six months, he eliminated a two-and-a-half-year backlog in organic certifications. He reshaped field operations to maximize efficiency for Texas taxpayers. This included increasing the number of consumer protection inspections by as much as 183 percent while slashing the miles traveled by TDA inspectors by more than half a million miles a year.

Commissioner Miller also launched Operation Maverick, a consumer protection initiative to round up businesses that failed to register their commercial scales with TDA. Registrations have increased 35 percent, and more than 2,000 previously unregistered businesses are now monitored by TDA to ensure consumers are protected.

A former ag teacher and school board member, Commissioner Miller is committed to fighting childhood obesity and promoting healthy lifestyles for Texas schoolchildren. His creation of Farm Fresh Fridays and other farm-to-school initiatives resulted in a \$14 million increase in the amount of Texas products purchased by schools. Commissioner Miller is also passionate about ensuring rural communities have the water and infrastructure they need to thrive. To that end, he created TDA's Office of Water to secure access to clean water for Texans today and their future generations. Additionally, under his guidance, TDA has directed hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding through the Texas Community Development Block Grant program to local communities for infrastructure improvements and repairs.

Commissioner Miller is the state's leading advocate around the world for Texas agriculture, Texas-grown products, and Texas-owned businesses. He oversees TDA's world-renowned GO TEXAN program — a marketing effort to showcase the best products, companies, and communities that call the Lone Star State home. Since taking office, Commissioner Miller's passion to increase market exposure for Texas agriculture has led him and his staff to mount trade missions to Cuba, Ecuador, Argentina, Israel, China, and every continent on the globe except Antarctica.

In 2020 and 2021 Commissioner Miller declared numerous companies and firms in the agricultural sector as “essential businesses,” saving thousands of jobs and enabling many Texas businesses to keep their doors open.

Commissioner Miller is a businessman who breeds and trains American Quarter Horses. In his spare time, he is a recognized rodeo cowboy who holds 12 world championship titles. He and his wife, Debra, have been married for over 45 years. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren. They are active members of the Cowboy Church of Erath County, where Commissioner Miller also serves as an elder.

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.

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

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

PRW February Photos





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



MERCY OTIS WARREN: THE REVOLUTIONARY VOICE OF AMERICA

MARCH 1, 2024

Mercy Otis Warren, born on September 25, 1728, was a woman ahead of her time. She was an American activist poet, playwright, and satirist during the American Revolution. From a young age, her home environment encouraged intellectual growth and political discourse. Her father, unlike many of his contemporaries, believed in the education of his daughter alongside his sons. This laid the foundation for Mercy's future as one of the most formidable female intellectuals of eighteenth-century America. After she married, her husband further supported her writing and activism.

Mercy was a staunch advocate of independence from the tyranny of 18th century English monarchy rule. During the years before the Revolution, she published poems and plays that attacked royal authority in Massachusetts and urged colonists to resist British infringements on colonial rights and liberties. About 1759 she penned her first known writing, a satirical poem titled "The Adulateur," which criticized British officials and their policies in the American colonies.

Mercy has been described as perhaps the most formidable female intellectual in eighteenth-century America. Her good friend John Adams called her a "real genius" and "the most accomplished woman in America".

Warren was also a radical revolutionary. She called her home "One Liberty Square" and hosted a salon of like-minded patriots where ideas were exchanged, and plans were hatched in the fight against oppressive British rule. She wrote hugely influential, pointed political plays and poems which were printed in Boston papers. In addition to being an activist, she was by all accounts an elegant, genteel woman of impeccable manners and taste.

Warren's contributions didn't end with the achievement of independence. In the post-Revolutionary period, she continued to be a vocal advocate for freedom. Steeped in republican tradition, she was also suspicious of the newly emerging commercial republic of the 1780s and hostile to the Constitution from an Anti-Federalist perspective. Opposing the ratification of the Constitution gave Warren's history some notoriety. During the intense debate over the United States Constitution in 1788, she anonymously authored a pamphlet titled "Observations on the new Constitution, and on the Federal and State Conventions," under the pseudonym "A Columbian Patriot." In this influential piece, she argued against ratification and advocated for the inclusion of a Bill of Rights.

In 1805, Mercy Otis Warren cemented her legacy with the publication of her masterwork, the three-volume "[History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution](#)". It became the definitive Jeffersonian Republican version of America's birth. In it, Warren reminds future generations of the principles of revolution and the importance of guarding against tyranny. While she may be best known for that book, she has dozens of writings still relevant today.

This is just the tip of the iceberg for Mercy Otis Warren.

Her life and contributions serve as an inspiration to all who value freedom and the power of ideas, reminding us of the importance of standing up for what we believe in, even in the face of adversity.

Warren has also been the inspiration for several books including "The Muse of the Revolution: The Secret Pen of Mercy Otis Warren and the Founding of a Nation". And definitely take a look at her impressive Wikipedia life summary.



SOURCES: <https://www.history.com/news/revolutionary-women-america-world>, [Wikipedia](#), CHATGPT

CARING FOR AMERICA**Caring for America
Border Care Project 2024**

We will be collecting the following items at the General meetings for the rest of 2024 for the Border Care Project:

Hand sanitizer

Towelettes

Wound Wash

Insect Repellent

Sun Screen

Clorox Wipes

Snacks (none that will melt, so no chocolate)

Hydration Drops ("Drip Drops) that can be added to water

We will collect these items at the general meetings. They will be boxed up along with Thank You Notes to those protecting our border. They will be delivered to the Quarterly TFRW Board Meetings where Deborah Wall (TFRW member who started this project) will pick them up and deliver them to the border. The boxes will be decorated and clearly marked that PRW is sending these items.

If you don't want to go shopping for these items you can go online and purchase products through Amazon either using the following link. We will be able to get credit for these donations.

Right click on the link and select "open hyperlink."

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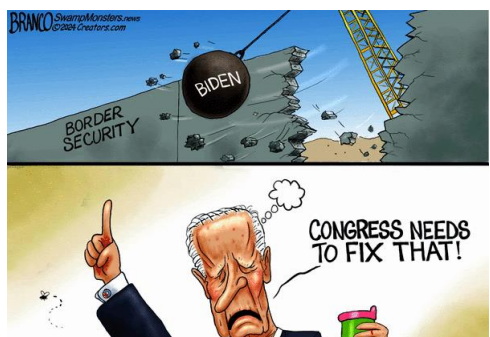
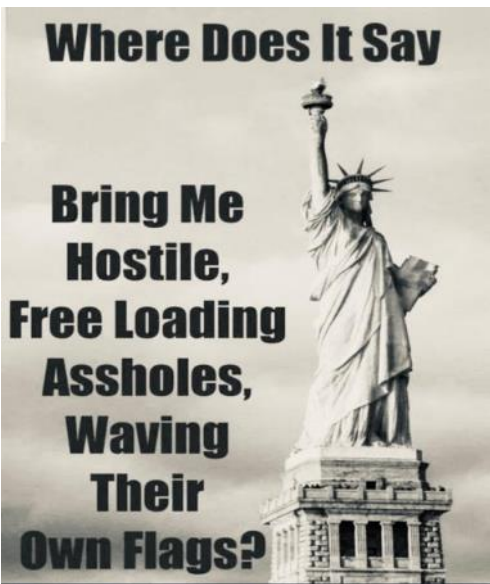
Caring for America Chair, Kay Barlett

Political Cartoons



The Purpose Of The United States Constitution Is To Limit The Power Of The Federal Government, Not The American People

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TAX WARS

DEUTERONOMY 14

When God was establishing civil laws for His people, He required of them:

You shall surely tithe all the produce from what you sow, which comes out of the field every day (Deuteronomy 14:22).

The tithe was one-tenth—ten percent—of the annual income of every citizen, and it functioned as a tax, or a levy on the people. From the proceeds of that tax, officials were paid and social programs operated (see Deuteronomy 26:12). Frequently across the Bible, the requirement to pay a tithe is repeated (Leviticus 27:30-32; 2 Chronicles 31:5-12).

Significantly, under the Biblical plan, everyone paid the tax at the same rate, whether rich or poor, the percentage was the same. If a man made one million dollars, his tithe, or tax, was one hundred thousand dollars; and if a man made one hundred dollars, his tithe, or tax, was ten dollars. Under this uniform tax, the rich paid more than the poor in actual amount, but each was treated exactly the same under the law, which is the definition of justice.

As Jesus affirmed, this impartiality is a reflection of the character and nature of God:

He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous (Matthew 5:45).

Evil or good, just or unjust, rich or poor, God was impartial. This Biblical system of taxation is known as “capitation taxation,” which is “an assessment levied by the government upon a person at a fixed rate, regardless of income or worth.¹ This system was placed into the U.S. Constitution:

No capitation or other direct tax shall be laid unless in proportion to the census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken. (Art. I, Sec. 9)

The Founders required that federal taxes be applied evenly to every person, divided equally on the census population numbers. The Constitution likewise required

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises...but all duties, imposts, and excises shall be UNIFORM throughout the United States. (Art. 1, Sec. 8)

But in the late 1800s, a dramatically different system of taxation was advocated under the rise of Progressivism and Poststructuralism—two parallel anti-Biblical paradigms that teach citizens to view themselves not as a part of the country as a whole but rather as part of some group, whether black or white or brown, gay or straight, rich or poor, young or old, union or non-union, etc. This worldview regularly pits one group against another—as when Congress passes hate crime laws protecting some groups (gays and lesbians, or minority races, such as Jews or African Americans) but not others (veterans and seniors) rather than having all laws apply equally to everyone,

In the past, America was characterized by the Latin phrase on the Great Seal of the United States, *E Pluribus Unum*, meaning “out of many, one”—an expression acknowledging that although there was much diversity in American, there was a common unity that overcame all differences. But Progressivism and Poststructuralism reverse that emphasis to become *E Unum Pluribus*—that is, out of one, many,” thus dividing the nation into separate groups with no unifying commonality.

Under this approach, in 1894 Congress passed a tax that singled out the wealthy and treated them differently from others. But some citizens, still retaining a Biblical view objected. As U. S. Congressman Justin Morrill (1810-1898) had earlier explained, “In this country we neither create or tolerate any distinction of rank, race, or color, and should not tolerate anything else than entire equality in our taxation,”² and that understanding was widespread.

In 1895, the Supreme Court properly stuck down that 1894 law as being in direct violation of the clear wording of the Constitution. At that time, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Field warned that such a tax would literally change the face of America, accurately predicting “It [this tax] will be but the stepping stone to others, larger and more sweeping, till our political contests will become a war of the poor against the rich—a war constantly growing with intensity and bitterness.”³

Progressives and Poststructuralists, following their defeat at the hand of the Constitution, began advocating a constitutional amendment to change the Biblical approach to a non-Biblical one. Under their proposal, the rich would be treated differently from the poor through the system of progressive taxation,” which “takes a higher proportion of large incomes than of small incomes.”⁴ In 1913, that proposal was ratified as the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution, thus permitting the practice of uniform and capitation taxation to be replaced with the pro-

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practice of uniform and capitation taxation to be replaced with the progressive approach, which is what Congress now regularly and even aggressively pursues, pitting one group against the other and inciting class warfare that further divides the country.

Nevertheless, America's original system of taxation treated Americans as individuals rather than part of a group, and it allowed, figuratively speaking, for the sun to rise alike on the good and the evil, and the rain to fall equally on the just and the unjust. This is just one of the many areas in which the Constitution specifically incorporated Biblical principles. We would do well to return to the wisdom that God established for how to order our society. Forsaking it only invite destruction.

1 "Capitation Tax," *The Free Dictionary* (at [http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Capitation +tax](http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Capitation+tax)) (accessed on April 11, 2012). See Also Noah Webster, *An American Dictionary of the English Language* (New York: S. Converse, 1828, s.v. "capitation."

2 *The Congressional Globe, Containing Debates and Proceedings of the First Session of the Thirty-Ninth Congress*, (Washington Congressional Globe Office, 1866), p. 2783, Justin Morrill, May 23, 1866.

3 *Pollock v. Farmer's Loan & Trust Company*, 157 U.S. 429,607 (1895), Field, J, (concurring

4" Progressive Tax," *Dictionary.com* (at <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/Progressive+tax>) (accessed on April 11, 2012

This source of this article is from The Founders Bible.

As we consider what *Tax Wars* has to say, consider also the timeless words of the great Rush Limbaugh:

Class Warfare

Excerpted from *The Way Things Ought To Be*, by Rush Limbaugh, published in 1992

"That's what the Democrats always play on: the envy button..."—p. 4

"What about felling sorry for those ...who pay the taxes? Those are the people NO ONE ever feels sorry for. They are asked to give and give until they have no more to give. And when they say "Enough!", they are called selfish."—p. 48

"We must realize that the liberal approach of equalizing outcomes or wealth simply cannot and will not work. What we need to work is equalizing opportunity."—p. 227

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American Thinker By Blaine L. Pardoe

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE

There are days when I wake up in an America I hardly recognize. Some of that is my age, but much of it is astonishment. A part of me is thankful that my grandparents are not alive to witness what we all are. They would not have tolerated what we now take for granted.

I never thought I'd see....

- America in another Cold War with Russia.
- Cities ignore the law under the label of "Sanctuary Cities," then complain when illegal immigrants are sent there.
- Government officials conspiring with Big Tech to censor millions of Americans online.
- The Federal government human trafficking over a million illegal and undocumented people a year.
- A President who took deliberate actions to make the southern border weaker.
- Congress and the media labeling a protest as an "insurrection" while calling actual riots, "peaceful protests."
- The American people turning a blind eye to a President who clearly is suffering from dementia and pretending that everything is all right.
- The intentional weaponization of the Federal Government against a vast swath of the American people.
- The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs stating that he would inform China if we opted to take military action against them.
- Our public schools being turned into indoctrination centers by one political party.
- Being told there are more than two sexes and that we had to agree to that or be ostracized.
- Extremists threatening the lives of Supreme Court justices.
- The FBI actively creating and taking part in crimes in order to make arrests.
- Schools arguing to make offensive material available to minors in their libraries.
- The government and a single political party attempt to take out an opposition candidate by charging him with trumped up crimes and civil action.
- The Labor Department fudging the numbers about unemployment claims and jobs on a monthly basis, only to quietly fix them later.
- Parents wanting to ensure their children's education being targeted as, "domestic terrorists."
- Men competing as women in sports as something that is acceptable.
- Governments trying to ban gas stoves, regulate air conditioners, and ban wood-fired ovens.
- Students taking out loans then demanding that they not have to pay the money back.
- Our military spending hours not training for war, but training on diversity and rooting out extremists.
- Mobs robbing stores because they know they won't be arrested; and stores having to lock up items they sell out of fear of being robbed.
- Disney turning its back on family-centric content in favor of material that offends its largest customer base.
- Where one party can question election results with no ramifications, but anyone else is labeled a conspiracy theorist.
- Government officials picking and choosing what laws they will follow and which ones they will ignore.
- Americans still afraid of a virus four years after its outbreak.
- The President of the U.S. making citizens choose between being forced to take a shot of vaccine or losing their careers.
- Our government monitoring words used in the banking system to spy on us.
- An unarmed protester shot in the Capitol and the officer involved is promoted rather than brought to trial.
- The President declaring that the Constitution is fluid and subject to political interpretation.
- The ships of the U.S. Navy rusting.
- Chinese spy balloons flying across the U.S. and the government trying to hide that from us.

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- People getting worthless college degrees and blaming everyone else that they can't find a job.
- Illegal immigrants being treated better than veterans.
- A government official in charge of nuclear material being arrested for stealing luggage and women's dresses.
- Terrorists attack a staunch ally and members of Congress openly side with the terrorists.
- The most patriotic leader in the country coming from South Africa... Elon Musk.

The Department of Justice state that the President willfully took and distributed classified material but won't be charged because he is elderly and has poor memory.

If this is Build Back Better I'd like a refund and a recount.

Blaine Pardoe is a New York Times Bestselling and award-winning author cancelled by one of his publishers in 2022. He is a regular contributor to a number of conservative sites. His conservative political thriller series, [Blue Dawn](#), includes [A Most Uncivil War](#), [Confederacy of Fear](#), and [No Greater Tyranny](#). This series tells the story of the violent overthrow of the government by radical progressives. He also authors the bestselling military science fiction series, [Land&Sea](#).

Information for Super Tuesday - Tuesday, March 5th

Where are Election Day Voting Locations?

Election Day Voting Locations can be found on the Collin County Elections web site :

[Elections: Polling Locations \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/polling-locations)

In addition to locations you can also see the weight times at each location. This is helpful if you are going to vote and if you are going to work for a candidate.

On Election Day, can I vote at any polling place I choose?

Yes. Collin County utilizes Vote Centers. All registered voters in Collin County can go to any of our designated Vote Centers during early voting and on Election Day to cast their ballot.

The answers to this and other frequently asked question regarding Super Tuesday can be found here:

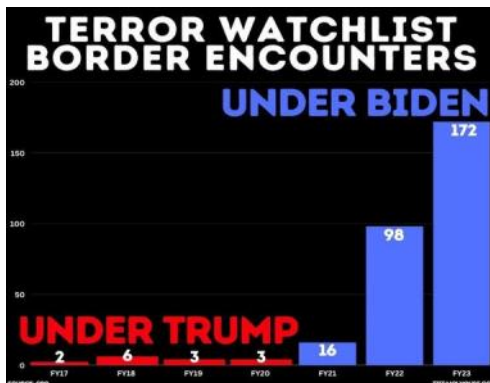
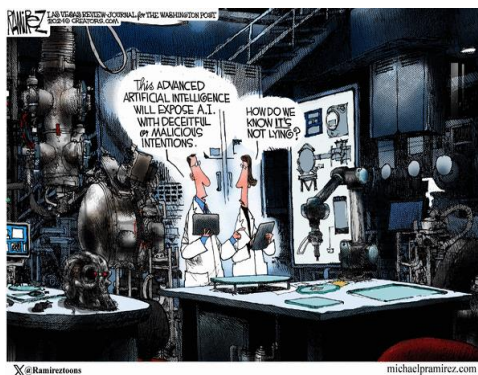
[Collin County | Elections: Frequently Asked Questions \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/frequently-asked-questions)

When will we know the results of the election?

Initial results will be available on the [Election Results](#) webpage shortly after 7 p.m. on Election Night, and will be updated periodically as tabulation continues. Final official results will not be available until the certification of the election. If you would like to receive notices about when the results are updated, either [Like Collin County on Facebook](#) or [Follow Collin County on Twitter](#).

[Collin County | Elections: Election Results \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election-results)

Political Cartoons



Kevin Sorbo @ksorbs

So 19 year olds shouldn't have to pay student debt because they can't understand the student loans they sign.

But 4-year-olds can change gender whenever they feel like it. Got it

World population: 8,030,610,062

People born from women: 8,030,610,062

People born from men: 0

Feel free to fact check.



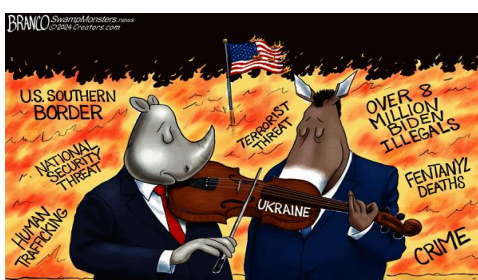
In 2018 Democrats shutdown the government and stopped Trump from getting \$5 Billion to build the wall.

This year New York City is spending \$10 Billion to house illegals.

That's in just one city in one year.

Y'all some kind of special stupid.

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Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman

It is a Presidential year and that means the Republican Party will have many opportunities for you to go to a Republican Convention. I would love to see all of our members at a Convention.

The first convention will be our Precinct Conventions. The Collin County GOP precinct conventions will be held on Saturday, March 9th at Collin College McKinney Campus Conference Center, 2400 Community Ave., McKinney at 9:30 am. At your precinct convention you will get to vote on delegates to the State Senate District Conventions. You will also get to fill out applications to be a delegate or alternate to the TX GOP Convention in San Antonio from May 23-25, 2024 at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

This year our parent organization, TX Federation of Republican Women (TFRW), wants to see 3000 of its members at the state convention. In order to make that happen TFRW will give local clubs, such as PRW, compensation for each member that attends the convention as a delegate. PRW and other TFRW local clubs will receive compensation in the following amounts:

- 1-4 delegates from your club: \$200
- 5-9 delegates from your club: \$400
- 10+ delegates from your club: \$600

TFRW will also offer a special \$1,000 award to the club in each of the club categories (small, medium, large, jumbo, and super jumbo) who sends the most members to convention as delegates. Whatever money PRW gets will be divided among our members that go to the convention. We will get the money after the convention.

I hope you consider attending the convention as a delegate. At the convention you will get to:

Vote for Delegates and alternates to the National Convention.

Vote on the TX Platform, Legislative Priorities, and State Party Rules

Vote for your Senate District State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) man and woman

Vote for the TX GOP State Chair and Vice Chair

Vote for the Republican National Committee Man and Woman for TX

Vote for the electors to the electoral college

Hear our State elected officials speak

All of your time at any of the conventions and your travel time counts as Political Action Hours.

Remember you can submit your hours on our website. www.planorepublicanwomen.org

Don't forget to count the time you spent voting.

What counts as

Political Activity Hours

- **Attending Political Meetings**
 - Political Events & Fundraisers
 - County or State GOP meetings
 - School Board or City Council meetings
- **Travel**
 - Any time you spend traveling to and from political events and meetings.
- **Legislative Advocacy**
 - Time spent calling, writing, about legislative issues
- **Campaign Activities**
 - Block walking, sign waving, phone banking, digital work
 - Running for office
- **Election Support**
 - Election Judge, Election Clerk, Deputy Voter Registrar
- **Appointed or Elected Service**
 - Prep time, travel time, and attendance at meetings you were appointed or elected to serve at any level

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

Membership Report

By Membership Chair Lisa Babb

Many Thanks To Our Club Patrons

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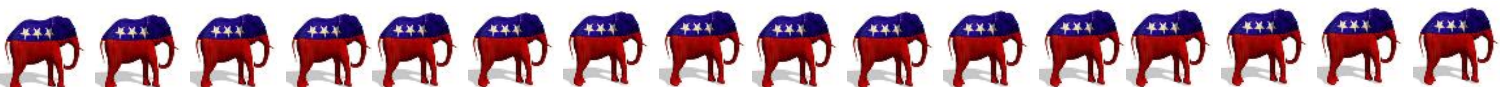
In 2023, PRW had 105 members, we hope that 2024 will bring even more women in to network and work together for Republican values and Republican candidates.

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting, online through our website
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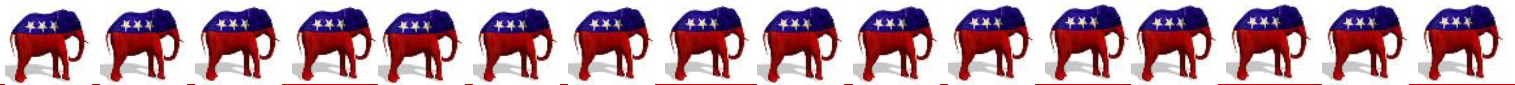
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