

Elephant Talk

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President's Byline



For 11 days, Israel and Hamas in Gaza have fired rockets at each other. Hamas launched first, and Israel fired back in defense. After 11 days of airstrikes and rockets between Israel and Hamas, the two sides agreed to an unconditional cease-fire. The reaction of Democrats to the attack on Israel is a disturbing change, and brings to light the anti-Semitism that is in their party.

Democrats and Republicans used to agree on Israeli policy. It was one of the few things the parties could agree on. However, a change began among the Democrats in 2012. That year the Democrats took Israel out of their platform. They specifically took out recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; however, when the press noticed this, some of the convention delegates motioned to put it back in the platform. When the motion went to a vote, it appeared that the delegates voted it down. However, the chair declared the vote passed. Since that time, Democrat elected officials have publicly come out against the Jewish State.

Members of the squad, such as AOC, have called Israel an apartheid state and oppressor. Democrats have used the phrases

"Palestine occupation" or "colonialism" when talking about Israel, comparing it to US history. All of these statements are ridiculous. They only show how uneducated these Democrats are about the history of Israel and the Jewish people.

During this last attack on Israel, Congressional Democrats have overwhelmingly sided with Hamas, a terrorist group, instead of the Jewish State. Some members have brazenly spoken against Israel on the floor of the US House. What did Israel do to warrant being called out on the US House floor? It defended itself against a terrorist group that wants to wipe them out.

Some people think that the fighting that has gone on between Israel and Hamas is about land. This is a false excuse. If this fight was truly about land, the Palestinians would have taken the deal set out by the UN in 1948. In that deal, they would have gotten their own nation next to the Jewish nation. However, they rejected the deal, and for over 70 years Palestinians have been trying to get rid of the Jewish State and its people. The only thing Hamas wants is the extermination of the Jews. They want that more than they want to take care of their own people in Gaza, an area of land Israel gave up for peace, which never came. Hamas spends more time, money, and resources fighting Israel while most people in Gaza live in poverty. Meanwhile, in the US House most Democrats are NOT calling out Hamas for launching rockets into Israel, of which killed innocent children.

Even more disturbing is the fact that Americans are taking the side of Hamas. As of Tuesday, May 19, Congressman Van Taylor has had about 200 people reach out to him in support of Israel. However, over 1000 people have communicated to him their support for Hamas. The fact that we have 1000 people in Collin County siding with a terrorist organization should shock everyone reading this. We can't let our Congressman think that Collin County sides with an organization that wants the destruction of an entire group of people. Please contact Congressman Taylor and let him know that you stand with Israel and he should continue to defend Israel in the House.

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Calendar of Events

June Board Meeting
TBA

Runoff election
June 5th

June Meeting
June 15th

PRW May Meeting



PRW June Meeting June 15th, 2021

Loren Spivack "The Free Market Warrior"

Loren Spivack "The Free Market Warrior" was born and raised in Massachusetts and spent most of his adult life in New York City. Before becoming active in politics, Spivack worked for several non-profits and as a management consultant for both profit and non-profit companies. Spivack founded "Free Market Warrior" in 2009 in an effort to make a positive difference in American politics and economics.

His "Free Market Warrior" store was expelled from Concord Mills Mall in North Carolina in July of 2009 for selling material critical of the Obama Administration. (Mall owners, Simon Property Group, are major Democratic donors.) Since then Loren has devoted his time to teaching conservative groups about free market economics. He conducts "Economic Literacy" seminars across the United States. So far, Spivack has delivered his famous seminar on "Economic Literacy" to over 200 groups in 20 states. Spivack is also the author of "The New Democrat" a parody history of the Obama administration, based on a famous children's book. With pitch-perfect rhyme and clever illustrations, "The New Democrat" transforms the political personalities of our times into cartoon characters in a conservative morality play. Spivack's second book "The Gorax" is an anti-environmentalism/pro capitalism parody starring Al Gore and presenting his movement as a threat to American freedom and standard of living. Once again Spivack is both funny and poignant as he makes the case that capitalism (represented by the "Onepercentler") is the real victim of environmental extremists who destroy prosperity without achieving even their own goals. Along the way, Spivack takes well aimed shots at everything from "The Fed" to the teachers unions. "The Gorax" came out on July 1, 2013.

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, June 11th, 2021**

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

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

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



May Meeting Photos





Legislative Report



OFFICE OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN VAN TAYLOR

May 2021 Legislative Update



1. District Update: • Congressional Art Competition: 62 high school students from across Collin County participated in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition for Texas' Third District. The virtual Art Exhibition can be viewed on the Congressman's website, and the winner's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Complex for a one-year period following a forthcoming announcement.

• **Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC):** 39 high school students from across Collin County successfully met the requirements to graduate from this year's CYAC. Applications for the highly competitive 2021-2022 youth government program, consisting of six separate events over the course of the school year, will be available later this summer on the Congressman's website.

• **Congressional Veteran Commendation:** The Office of Congressman Taylor will begin accepting nominations for the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation later this month. This nominations-based program honors veterans from TX-03 for their wartime sacrifices and peacetime community involvement. Stay tuned for details.

• **Flag Requests:** Monday, June 14th marks Flag Day, commemorating the adoption of our United States Flag. Congressman Taylor's office can provide constituents with U.S. Flags that have been flown over the U.S. Capitol to commemorate any event. For more details and pricing, please visit the Congressman's website. Additionally, if you require information on where flags needing proper retirement can be dropped off, please call (972) 202-4150.

2. Congressman Taylor Introduces Bipartisan Ethics Reform Legislation

• On April 28, 2021, Representatives Taylor and Dean Phillips (D-MN-03) introduced H.R. 2902, the *Elected Officials Lobbying Prohibition Act of 2021*, a bipartisan ethics reform bill focused on increasing transparency and curtailing potential conflicts of interest in Congress.

• H.R. 2902 amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to prohibit elected state and local officials from making lobbying contacts on behalf of private clients. However, the bill does not prohibit elected officials from advocating at the federal level on behalf of the people they represent in their official capacity.

3. Congressman Taylor Reintroduces the Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act

• On April 15, 2021, Representatives Taylor and Kathleen Rice (D-NY-04) introduced H.R. 2550, the *Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act*, a bipartisan bill aimed at providing more certainty and protections to parents traveling with essential baby supplies such as breast milk and formula.

• Specifically, H.R. 2550 requires the Comptroller General to review TSA's implementation of current legislation as well as the effectiveness of the Agency in ensuring screening protocol clarity and screening consistency relating to the screening of formula and breast milk. Finally, the bill requires the Comptroller General to issue recommendations for improving TSA's overall screening practices for such products.

4. Congressman Taylor Condemns Decision to Rescind Medicaid 1115 Waiver

• On April 27, 2021, Representative Taylor and other Texas Congressional members urged the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Xavier Becerra, to reconsider the recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) decision to rescind the ten-year extension of the Texas' Medicaid 1115 waiver, putting millions of Texans at risk of losing access to quality healthcare.

• The State of Texas' first Medicaid 1115 waiver was approved in 2011 and extended for five years in 2017. On January 15, 2021, under the Trump Administration, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services extended the state's Medicaid 1115 waiver until September of 2030 to allow for uninsured patients to continue receiving quality healthcare.

• The Medicaid 1115 waiver allows healthcare providers such as hospitals in the state of Texas to be eligible for reimbursement from the federal government when they treat uninsured patients who cannot compensate them.

• On April 16, 2021, in a letter to the State Medicaid Director, Stephanie Stephens, CMS chose to dishonor their agreement and rescinded the waiver stating that the approval process was flawed.

5. Congressman Taylor Appointed to the House Committee on Financial Services Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force • On April 20, 2021, Representative Taylor was appointed to the House Financial Services Committee AI Task Force.

• The AI Task Force will conduct hearings and investigations on artificial intelligence in the financial sector and how Ai can be leveraged to detect fraud, reduce burdensome regulations, increase transparency and efficiency, and maintain the competitiveness of the American financial sector.

6. Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation to Give Businesses Certainty for Investing

• On April 28, 2021, Representative Taylor cosponsored H.R. 2558, the *ALIGN Act*, legislation to make permanent the immediate expensing provision of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Currently, this provision is set to begin phasing out at the end of 2022, fully expiring at the end of 2026.

• Full expensing allows for immediate deductions of capital costs in the year the expense occurs. By making full and immediate expensing permanent, businesses of all sizes will be provided with certainty for investing and growing.



Legislative Report



Dear Friends,

As we head in to the final days of the 87th Legislative session, I wanted to thank each and every one of you for helping make this one of the strongest and most productive sessions we've had since I took office nearly 10 years ago. Did we get everything done that we wanted? No, but that doesn't negate all the good that *was accomplished*. *Here's a rundown of some huge legislative victories this session...*

Election Integrity: I was proud to vote for and be a co-author for Senate Bill 7 to ensure Texas elections are secure, trustworthy and reliable. I feel strongly that every single legal voter in Texas should have full and complete access to the ballot box. And every illegal voter in Texas should know that our laws will hold them accountable. This bill will accomplish both of these goals by providing both access and justice at the ballot box. This shouldn't be a partisan issue - but instead should be an issue that unites every freedom-loving American who wants to work together to ensure the highest levels of trust in our institutions and in our elected leaders.

ERCOT Reform: The electricity crisis that Texans experienced in February was unacceptable and it is up to us, the Texas Legislature, to ensure that never happens again. Many bills were passed to address the weaknesses and issues encountered during Winter Storm Uri and here's a few of them: SB 3 which will require power generators and transmission lines to weatherize their equipment to be prepared for extreme hot or cold temperatures; HB 16 bans variable rate plans that resulted in exorbitant bills for residential consumers; and HB 17 which ensures that consumers have a choice in which energy source they want to use.

Fight for Innocent Life: Since I took office, the protection of innocent life - from the womb to the tomb - has been one of my biggest priorities. During my time in the Texas House of Representatives, I have aggressively supported and advocated for laws that will not only safeguard the right to life but also work to promote a culture of life in the Lone Star State. SB 8 - The Texas Heartbeat Act - is the strongest Pro-Life bill ever passed in Texas and because it is uniquely and strategically drafted, I believe it will create new legal and legislative opportunities for us to boldly advance the cause of life not only here in the Lone Star State, but nationwide. Additionally, we passed HB 1280, the abortion "trigger bill" which will outlaw abortion in Texas once Roe v Wade is overturned.

Safeguarding the Second Amendment: I believe strongly that securing and safeguarding your fundamental rights and liberties is our most important duty. And that includes your right to defend yourself and your family. There is much misinformation about this bill and I believe it is important to clear up the facts. Notably, the bill does not change any laws regarding who can or who cannot carry a gun in Texas. Further, the bill makes no changes to current background check laws. In short, the bill simply removes the requirement for an individual obtain a license or permit from the state in order to lawfully carry a handgun on his or her person. As a fierce advocate of the Second Amendment and strong believer that we have a God-given right to defend ourselves and our families, I voted in favor of House Bill 1927. Once the Governor signs this bipartisan bill in to law, which I believe he will do very soon, Texas will become the 22nd state to allow the carry of firearms without a permit.

Religious Liberty: I was proud to author and pass SJR 27, a resolution that will amend the Texas constitution to prohibit any government official from ever closing our churches or houses of worship. While religious services in Texas were designated as essential throughout the COVID-19 crisis we saw some political subdivisions attempt to force parishes and places of worship to shut down or place such severe restrictions on religious gatherings that they were effectively banned. This amendment will be offered in a statewide proposition election this November to be voted on by the people of Texas. We also passed HB 1239, by my friend and colleague Representative Matt Shaheen, further protecting our right to worship. After all, in both times of calm and in times of crisis, we shouldn't limit the Church—we should unleash the Church.

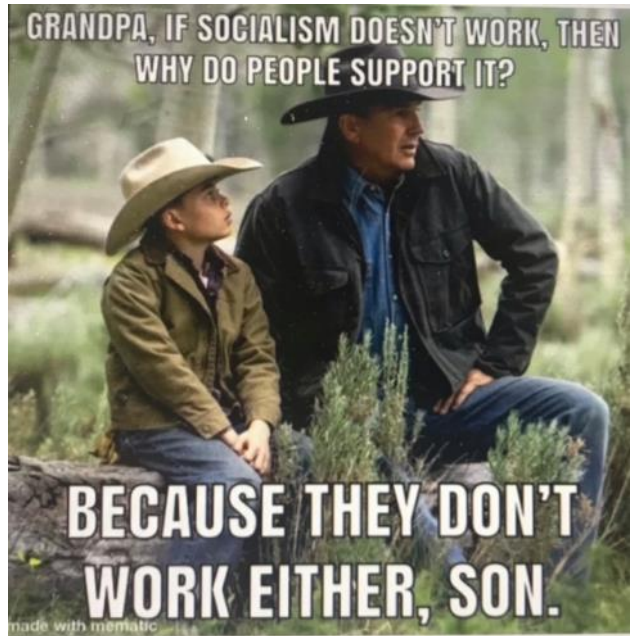
Protecting Small Businesses: This session I was proud to carry one of Governor Abbott's emergency items, Senate Bill 6, which will provide COVID liability protections for businesses, schools, churches, medical professionals and more. This bill was born out of countless hours of communications with the people of Texas - employers and employees, pastors and teachers, doctors and nurses. Texans have fought hard to recover from the COVID pandemic, they shouldn't also have to fight frivolous and abusive lawsuits.

Broadband for All: If there is anything that going through the last year has taught us, it's the importance of having a strong internet connection. From working at home, virtual school and tele-medicine, we have seen major weaknesses and a great need for all people to have easy and reliable access to the internet. We were proud to pass House Bill 5 which will create the Broadband Development Office to help prepare a state broadband plan, produce a broadband development map and administer the broadband development program. This is just the first step in closing the gap for the many Texans that lack access or face barriers to the subscription of broadband.

Political Cartoons



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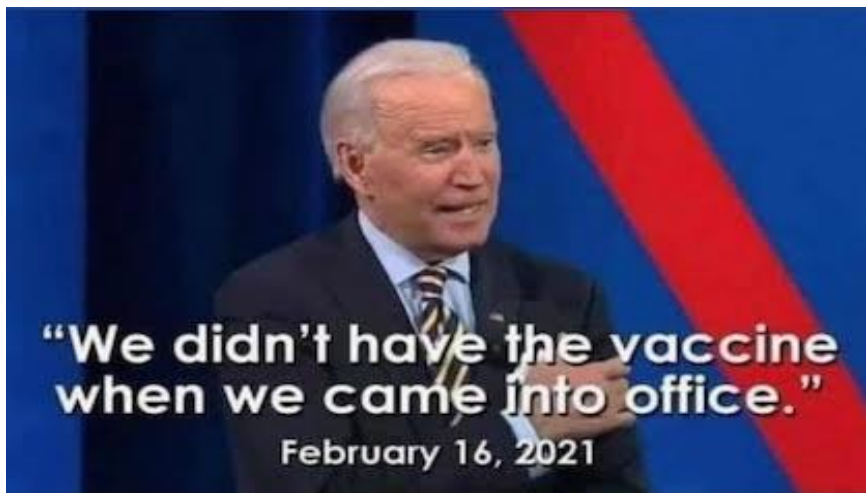


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AMERICANISM REPORT

MEMORIAL DAY

by Barbara Maranzani

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Early Observances of Memorial Day

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Decoration Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor the dead on separate days until after World War I.

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day Traditions

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem. In the spring of 1915, bright red flowers began poking through the battle-ravaged land across northern France and Flanders (northern Belgium). Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who served as a brigade surgeon for an Allied artillery unit, spotted a cluster of the poppies shortly after serving as a brigade surgeon during the bloody Second Battle of Ypres. The sight of the bright red flowers against the dreary backdrop of war inspired McCrae to pen the poem, "In Flanders Field," in which he gives voice to the soldiers who had been killed in battle and lay buried beneath the poppy-covered grounds. Later that year, a Georgia teacher and volunteer war worker named Moina Michael read the poem in *Ladies' Home Journal* and wrote her own poem, "We Shall Keep the Faith" to begin a campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute to all who died in war. The poppy remains a symbol of remembrance to this day.

On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend—the long weekend comprising the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.



AMERICANISM REPORT



Memorial Day Trivia

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Leaving a coin on a tombstone is the way we can honor those who have given their lives in the service of their country. It lets the family of the deceased soldiers know that somebody has stopped by and paid their respects. But there is an equally important meaning to the denomination of the coin that has been left.

So, leaving a penny simply means you visited and paid your respects and thanked the veteran for their service.

A nickel means that you and the deceased soldier trained at boot camp together, a dime means you served with the soldier, and finally a quarter means that you were there when that soldier was killed. After Memorial Day the coins are collected by the cemetery staff and the money is used to help maintain the cemetery, or with the cost of burial for fallen soldiers.

Frisco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8273 and the Frisco Garden Club partner to host the 2021 Memorial Day Ceremony. At 9:00 am on Monday, May 31, 2021 veterans and members of the community will join together to pay respect to America's heroes that fought and died in battle. The ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial within Frisco Commons Park located at 8000 McKinney Rd, Frisco, TX 75034.

This year's ceremony will include a keynote address from U.S. Congressman Van Taylor, representative from Texas' Third Congressional District which includes the Collin County side of Frisco. In addition, the Mayor of Frisco, Jeff Cheney, the Frisco Community Band, the Frisco Chorale, the American Legion, and other organizations will come together to round out the program. This year we will recognize an additionally identified Frisco fallen soldier, Private Cecil Cleveland Waldrum, 1st Special Service Force, who was killed in action on February 16, 1944 in Anzio, Italy during World War II.

Wylie Veterans Memorial: Annual Salute to Heroes - Mon, May 31, 7:45 AM – 1:30 PM

Join the American Legion Hale-Combest Post #315 Wylie, Texas, for the 11th Annual Memorial Day Salute to Heroes.

7:45 – 8:15 am, Half-Staff Flag Ceremony

8:30 – 10:30 am, Boy Scout Flag Retirement in the Park

11:30—12:30 Memorial Day Ceremony

Melissa Memorial Day Observance - Mon, May 31, 1:45 PM

Come observe Memorial Day with the Melissa Rotary. Gather with the community at 8:45 at City Hall near the Veteran's Memorial. Join us as we remember those who gave all that we may enjoy the freedoms of this country.

Submarine Veterans "Tolling of the Boats" Monday, May 31, 2021 11:00 AM

6053 Weiskoph Ave, McKinney, TX 75070

Submariners Lost in the Line of Duty in 52 Submarines to be honored. On Monday, May 31, 2021 members of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. will honor the memories of over 4,000 submariners lost in the line of duty in a formal public ceremony to recognize their service. The 11:00 am observance will include the emotional "tolling the boats" ceremony during which the name of each of the fifty-two U.S. submarines lost during WWII is read aloud, along with the fate of each crew, as a bell is tolled. Service in submarines is an inherently dangerous business, and since the founding of the U.S. Submarine Force in 1900, sixty-five submarines and over 4,000 men have given up their lives. The great majority of these young lives were lost during WWII. It is the duty of the members of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. to publicly honor them so that their gallant service and sacrifice is never forgotten. The general public is invited to join with us in honoring these fallen heroes of the U.S. Submarine Force.

National Memorial Day Concert

Traditionally, the National Memorial Day Concert is a live performance on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. However, because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the PBS special has been pre-taped and will air on PBS on Sunday, May 30 at 8:00 p.m. ET. The 90-minute concert hosted by Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise will also be available to stream online for up to two weeks after the broadcast.



IN MEMORY – GLENDA MILLER



Glenda Miller

May 6, 1940—April 12, 2021

Glenda Miller, a beloved member of Plano Republican women, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2021. She was born on May 6, 1940 in Canton, Mississippi to John Henry Haley and William “Billie” Everett Tucker Haley.

Glenda or “Pud” as she was called by close friends and family lit up the room when she entered. She had a huge and caring heart.

She adored her family and was always trying to find ways to bring everyone together with family gatherings and reunions. Glenda was proud of her Doctorate. She was passionate about helping people and found her joy in specializing in children’s therapy and mental health.

Glenda was a “One of a Kind”. She was a funny and lighthearted woman, and known by her grandchildren as “Dolly”. Glenda was an avid reader, historical books and her Bible among her favorite reads. She could talk about any subject but science and history was where she shined. Glenda loved to shop and was always on the lookout for bargains. She loved elegant and beautiful things.

Glenda took pride in her own mental and physical health, always looking her best. She loved the Lord, her family and friends. Glenda leaves an empty place in the hearts of all that knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Billie Haley.

Glenda is survived by her children, Shelley and Chris Goolsby, John Barton and Tyra Miller; grandchildren, Claire Miller, C. J. Goolsby, Victoria Goolsby, Landon Goolsby and Callin Goolsby; brother Charlie Haley and wife, Anne; nephews, Chris, Michael and Jason.

Political Cartoons

GAS PRICES HIGHEST IN A DECADE
WORST JOBS REPORT IN 2 DECADES
HIGHEST INFLATION IN 3 DECADES
HIGHEST INCREASE IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN 4 DECADES

Y'all Killed It with your emotional voting skills!

Build Back Better. 🤔🤔

Higher gas prices
 Higher food prices
 Higher lumber prices
 Higher unemployment.
 Only took less than 6 months to Destroy our Country.
 But he don't tweet mean things 🧐

NON-ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH.

48 YEARS IN A ROW.

David Schiff

OTHER THAN the BORDER CRISIS, a WEAK JOBS REPORT, INFLATION, SOARING GAS PRICES and RISING TENSIONS in the MIDDLE EAST, EVERYTHING is GOING EXTREMELY WELL.

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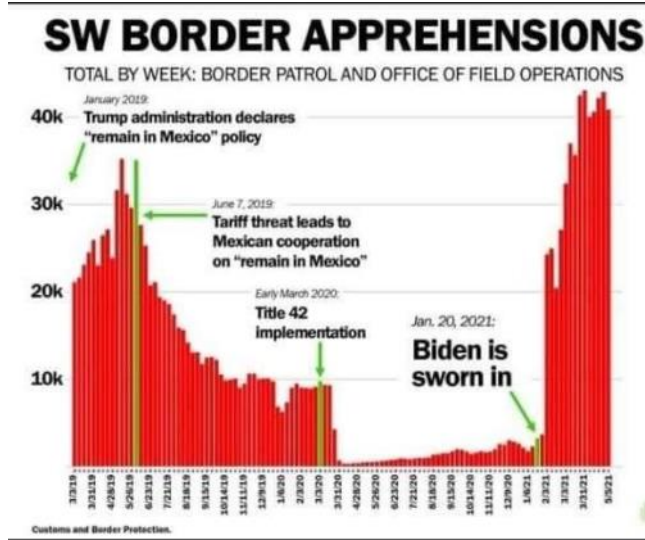
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Congratulations to the Biden Voters!! A 16 year old boy can now use the restroom and shower room with your 13 year old daughter in her safe public school.. How awesome it must be for you!

I don't know which is the bigger joke. Biden who will fix what he wouldn't for 48 years or supporters who think he will.



Just think, somewhere there's a 2 year old little girl who's mommy is a stripper. Her daddy is a crackhead and her grandpa is the President of the United States!!

True story!!! This is not satire!!!

BREAKING NEWS!
BIDEN CHANGES HIS STAND ON OIL & GAS PIPELINES

XL PIPELINE STILL CLOSED

... IN RUSSIA

PIPELINE FROM RUSSIA TO GERMANY

MAKE RUSSIA GREAT AGAIN

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Constitutional Minute Series

The Congress is currently debating an infrastructure bill. James Madison once had to deal with an infrastructure bill.

James Madison Vetoes Infrastructure Bill as Unconstitutional

By: Dave Benner | Published on: Mar 3, 2017

On the last day of his administration, March 3, 1817, President James Madison vetoed the Bonus Bill of 1817 – a plan that called for the federal construction of various roads, bridges, and canals throughout the country. In a [letter to Congress](#), the president explained his rationale. Out of all historical writings on constitutional interpretation, I believe it stands today as one of the most important.

Madison's reasoning was simple – although he personally favored the idea of infrastructure construction, writing that he was “not unaware of the great importance” of such things, he denied the policy's constitutionality on a federal level.

Instead of upholding his own personal proclivities and allowing the Constitution to be undermined, he maintained that the Constitution was one of specific enumerated powers, and the document contained no expressed power for the federal government to do such a thing. “The legislative powers vested in Congress are specified and enumerated in the eighth section of the first article of the Constitution,” he said, “and it does not appear that the power proposed to be exercised by the bill is among the enumerated powers.”

According to Madison, using the Commerce Clause, General Welfare Clause, and Necessary and Proper Clause as justification for the law “would be contrary to the established and consistent rules of interpretation, as rendering the special and careful enumeration of powers which follow the clause nugatory and improper,” adding that an alternative view “would have the effect of giving to Congress a general power of legislation instead of the defined and limited one hitherto understood to belong to them.”

Madison was well aware of this fact, as his original proposal for government in the Philadelphia Convention, a set of resolutions known as the “Virginia Plan,” called for a general legislative power rather than a limited array of enumerated powers. By the end of the convention, however, the delegations settled on specific list of powers instead of the plenary alternative.

Believing that the power to build the infrastructure the bill called for “can not be deduced from any part of it without an inadmissible latitude of construction and reliance on insufficient precedents,” Madison insisted that the federal construction infrastructure would necessitate the addition of a constitutional amendment that allowed for the authority. “I have no option but to withhold my signature from it” until such a time, he wrote.

In retrospect, this juncture demonstrates the extent to which the federal government has abandoned the Constitution, making it effectively dead. To come to the same position as Madison on the federal construction of roads in the contemporary would brand one a lunatic or an apostate. This is despite the fact that such an opinion would align exactly with the so-called “Father of the Constitution.”

Madison's Veto Message, Mar. 3, 1817

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

Having considered the bill this day presented to me entitled “An act to set apart and pledge certain funds for internal improvements,” and which sets apart and pledges funds “for constructing roads and canals, and improving the navigation of water courses, in order to facilitate, promote, and give security to internal commerce among the several States, and to render more easy and less expensive the means and provisions for the common defense,” I am constrained by the insuperable difficulty I feel in reconciling the bill with the Constitution of the United States to return it with that objection to the House of Representatives, in which it originated.

The legislative powers vested in Congress are specified and enumerated in the eighth section of the first article of the Constitution, and it does not appear that the power proposed to be exercised by the bill is among the enumerated powers, or that it falls by any just interpretation with the power to make laws necessary and proper for carrying into execution those or other powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States.

“The power to regulate commerce among the several States” can not include a power to construct roads and canals, and to improve the navigation of water courses in order to facilitate, promote, and secure such commerce without a latitude of construction departing from the ordinary import of the terms strengthened by the known inconveniences which doubtless led to the grant of this remedial power to Congress.

To refer the power in question to the clause “to provide for common defense and general welfare” would be contrary to the established and consistent rules of interpretation, as rendering the special and careful enumeration of powers which follow the clause nugatory and improper. Such a view of the Constitution would have the effect of giving to Congress a general power of legislation instead of the defined and limited one hitherto understood to belong to them, the terms “common defense and general welfare” embracing every object and act within the purview of a legislative trust. It would have the effect of subjecting both the Constitution and laws of the several States in all cases not specifically exempted to be superseded by laws of Congress, it being expressly declared “that the Constitution of the United States and laws made in pursuance thereof shall be the supreme law of the land, and the judges of every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.” Such a view of the Constitution, finally, would have the effect of excluding the judicial authority of the United States from its participation in guarding the boundary between the legislative powers of the General and the State Governments, inasmuch as questions relating to the general welfare, being questions of policy and expediency, are unsusceptible of judicial cognizance and decision.

2021 Literacy Program



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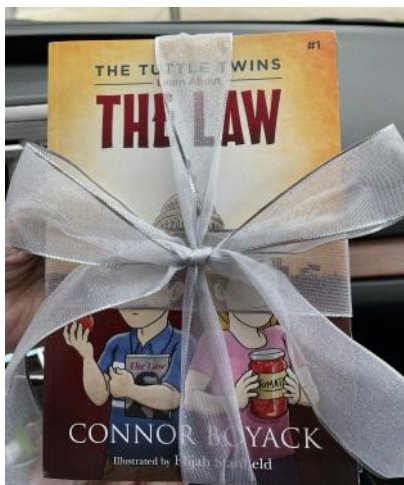
While there are many books to teach these ideas to adults, there has been a profound void in the children's literature market. The *Tuttle Twins* series closes the gap, helping parents convey the principles of freedom to their kids in a fun way.

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- How the **Golden Rule** is so important to people getting along with one another, no matter where we live, what we look like, or what we believe.
- Why **education is so important**, and why children should be allowed to learn things they are interested in.
- What **true laws** are, and why the government should protect our rights.



Commentary by Rip P. McIntosh IV

“The fault dear Brutus is not in our stars, but in ourselves”
From Shakespeare’s “The Death of Julius Caesar”
Scene I Act II, Cassius to Brutus plotting to Assassinate Julius Caesar
By E.P. Unum, April 3, 2021

The legendary broadcast journalist and war correspondent, Edward R. Murrow used the above in his effort to reinforce the age-old principle that journalists cannot shrink from their responsibility to tell the truth and to never sacrifice that responsibility on the altar of convenience or succumb to bombastic, inflammatory rhetoric unsupported by facts and hard evidence. He was then alerting the nation to the significance of Senator Joseph McCarthy’s groundless “witch-hunt” for Communists in government (and, frankly in every walk of life). Where have you gone, Mr. Murrow? We sure do need you now.

Beware of what you may have voted for!

This essay is for all those who don't get it:

Do you now understand why there was never any action against the Clintons or Obama, how they destroyed emails and evidence and phones and servers, how they spied and wiretapped, how they lied to the FISA Court, had conversations on the tarmac, sent emails to themselves to cover their asses after key meetings, how Comey and Brennan and Clapper never were brought to any justice, how the FBI and CIA lied, how the Steele Dossier was passed along, how phones got factory reset, how leak after leak to a corrupt, accomplice media went unchecked, why George Soros is always in the shadows, why they screamed Russia and pushed a sham impeachment, why no one ever goes to jail, why no one is ever charged, why nothing ever happens?

Now you know why there was no wrongdoing in the FISA warrants, why the Durham Report has been delayed, again, and with each passing day we will likely never see it; why Hunter Biden will likely walk free, perhaps with a fine and a slap on the wrist and some words to “*go and sin no more*”. Why the FBI sat on Hunter Biden’s laptop for over eleven months. Why the mainstream media, Twitter and Facebook withheld publishing anything about the Hunter Biden scandal which has close and direct links to now President Joe Biden. Why the Biden’s connection to China and massive cash payments were overlooked and hardly covered in the mainstream media. Why, like “*Manna from Heaven*” a lethal virus from China was unleashed on the western world, the perfect weapon, an invisible scourge that could be weaponized politically to bring down the greatest economy in the history of mankind and usher in unverifiable mail-in voting.

By now you surely know why the media is 24/7 propaganda and lies, why true journalism is dead, why up is down and down is up, right is wrong and wrong is right, why evil is good and good is evil. By now you surely know why social media silences the First Amendment, speaks over the President of the United States, and bans him from using their services. This has been the plan by the Deep State all along. They didn’t expect Trump to win in 2016. He messed up their plans, delayed them a little. They had to get him out, so they concocted lie after lie, falsified information, tried unsuccessfully, twice, to impeach him! They assaulted him in the press every single day while he continued to serve the American people and put America First! They failed in all their attempts. But, they weren’t about to let it happen again.

Covid was China’s gift to the Global Elites. It was everything the Deep State needed to rid themselves of the one man who could stand in the way of their takeover of America. So, Covid was weaponized, Governors helped shut down their states, the media helped shame and kill the economy, and the “*super lucky unverifiable mail-in ballots*” were just the trick to make sure the career politician, with a track record of zero accomplishments in 47 years, allegedly with his hands in Chinese payrolls; a man that couldn’t finish a sentence or collect a crowd, miraculously became the most popular vote recipient of all time! If you are foolish enough to believe that this was all on the up and up, there is a bridge in Brooklyn N.Y. I’d like to sell you....cheap.

Ladies and Gentlemen, you have just witnessed a silent coup, the overthrow of the US free election system, and the seeming end of our Constitutional Republic, and the merge of capitalism into the slide toward socialism and communism. What will happen next? Well, here is a look down the corridor of the future:

Biden’s fiasco at the southern border is just the beginning. By summer we will have hundreds of thousands of people trying to enter the United States illegally, and they will likely be successful because that is what the left-wing zealots in the democratic party want. Joe Biden invited them in! You will continue to see agencies like CBP and INS and Homeland Security muzzled or possibly deleted. Law enforcement will see continued defunding. Criminals will be released without bail, free to commit crimes again and again. Soon, the idiots on the left will try to restrict our Second Amendment Rights to own weapons and will add this to the list of additional items to tax. There will be a concerted movement to make Washington D.C. a State along with Puerto Rico because democrats can then stack the House and Senate with additional votes. There will be an assault on the electoral college with an effort to eliminate it. American history will be a thing of the past

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(if it isn't already) erased in favor of Revisionist History. By Fall 2021 you will see mounting pressure to pack The Supreme Court. If you work in the manufacturing or oil industry, get ready. Biden's day one action to reverse the Keystone XL Pipeline was just the beginning. There will be a full-scale attack on oil and gas because these are considered "evil". In one stroke of his pen, Biden wiped away decades of effort that culminated under President Trump in making the U.S. energy independent and for the first time in history, an oil-exporting country. Now, we will once again be dependent on Middle Eastern Oil while the starry-eyed intelligencia in Biden's Cabinet plays around with trying to make our nation carbon-free by 2035...regardless of what the other countries in the world are doing!

If you run a business, brace for impact. Maybe you'll be on the hook for slavery reparations like some people in Illinois are today, or have your suburbs turned into Section 8 housing. Feckless Joe Biden has just signed a \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan that doesn't rescue anyone and puts us further in debt while he pursues the left's Utopia Goal. Our taxes are going to increase significantly, regardless of the empty pledges of Joe Biden. Businesses will pay more and the flight of capital offshore will accelerate resulting, once again, in massive unemployment. Do you really believe Joe Biden when he says that his tax plan will focus on the "wealthy paying more and that families making less than \$400,000 will not pay a penny more in taxes"? What do you think the wealthy will do? For starters, like businesses, they will move someplace else and we, the middle class will end up footing the bill. But that should not come as a surprise because that is what the people in power want...the dumbing down of citizens...and more power concentrated in big government. In Joe Biden's America, there is not a single problem that exists that cannot be solved by big and more expansive government throwing more and more taxpayer money at it. I bet you found it exciting to learn that Biden's new Secretary of Defense, General Lloyd Austin proudly took time to focus on how the Pentagon has designed new, more fashionable uniforms for pregnant female soldiers, sailors, and marines and that our tax dollars will be spent on providing surgical procedures for those in the military who wish to be transgender. Doesn't that make you feel safe and comfortable? I can't wait to hear how we intend to deal with the Chinese Navy who now has more ships and submarines than we do. And make no mistake, our enemies, China, Iran, Russia, North Korea are watching all of this unfold before them, and they will soon seize upon the opportunity our bungling, babbling weak-kneed President offers them. They are watching closely as Biden extends \$75 million in aid to the Palestinians, an affront to our ally Israel. They are laughing at us as we grovel at the feet of Iran seeking to begin a new round of talks towards rejoining the nuclear agreement negotiated by Obama and John Kerry.

And the spending spree is not yet done. Biden is seeking to push another \$2.3 Trillion Infrastructure Bill through Congress only 7% of which is directed to infrastructure. What could go wrong? Well, think about it this way: If you go shopping for bread or milk and notice that there is a very large supply of bread and milk at the supermarket, what would you expect the prices of those two staples would be? You would expect because of the oversupply of milk and bread that prices would go down. It's that way with money because money is essentially a commodity, a product. The only way Biden and his gaggle of miscreants can finance their spending spree is for the Federal Reserve to print more money. The problem is that when the Fed cranks up their printing presses, they fuel inflation because there is no corresponding increase in productivity and we thus have "*too many dollars chasing too few goods*" the very definition of inflation. Suddenly we will find our economy following the paths of Argentina, Venezuela, and Cuba. If you don't know the history of these economies, you should do your homework and find out.

I could go on and on. There is no real recovery from this sort of tremendous civil unrest and civil disobedience, possibly civil war. The elections from this point on will likely be decided by New York City, Chicago, and California. At that point, the Republic will be dead. Mob rule, appeasement, and corruption will run rampant. The candidate who offers the most from the Treasury will get the most votes. But the votes really won't matter, just the ones received and counted. That precedent has been set. As I type these words into my computer, I note where Major League Baseball has pulled their annual All-Star Game from Atlanta, Georgia because the White House and the left-leaning media have taken the position that Georgia's new voting law is racist and unconstitutional. Since when is the MLB political?

By now you all have heard the story. "Benjamin Franklin was walking out of Independence Hall after the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when someone shouted out, 'Dr. Franklin, what have we got? A Republic or a Monarchy?'"

Franklin responded, "A Republic, if you can keep it."

Ladies and gentlemen, The ascension to the Presidency of Joe Biden, one of this nation's greatest frauds, incompetents, and crooks, along with Vice President Kamala Harris whose claim to fame and experience on the national stage is.....nothing,... has ushered in the pending collapse of our Republic, the last bastion of freedom in the world, the shining city on the hill. And remember this. In dealing with the China Virus, which is now a year old, we locked down the greatest economy in the history of mankind over a virus that has a **99.96%** recovery rate. Government shut down religion and people turned from God. They turned from family. They turned from Flag and Country. People embraced degeneracy culture. They celebrated and looked to fools for guidance. They worshipped themselves selfishly as they took for granted what many sacrificed and died to give them. People disregarded the lessons of history and all it teaches. On their watch, America

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Only in America do you find a kid wearing \$150 tennis shoes, drinking a \$5 cup of coffee, typing on his \$1000 cell phone complaining on social media that he is oppressed and that capitalism has failed him!

So rioters say country folk are next. You do realize country folk will sit 30 feet up in a tree all day just to kill something...



A Tale Of Two Investigations

By Gary Bauer

just died a little. I'm afraid she'll never be quite the same again.

The left is insisting that the breaching of the Capitol on January 6th by an unruly pro-Trump crowd was the greatest assault on Congress since the War of 1812 when the British set fire to the building. That is another lie. Whatever your view is on the events of January 6th, they were not a threat to our Republic. Nor were they unprecedented.

For example, in March 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the visitors' gallery and shot five members of the House of Representatives.

In the aftermath of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, riots broke out in 140 U.S. cities. In Washington, D.C., 6,100 people were arrested, over 1,000 were injured and 16 people were killed. U.S. Marines mounted machine guns on the steps of the Capitol, and the Third Infantry Regiment prevented the rioters from sacking the White House.

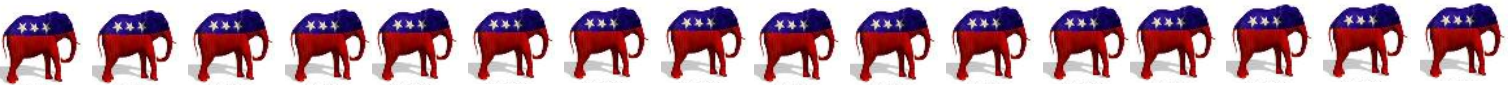
Over the last 18 months, America's Constitution and our liberty have been threatened, but not by conservatives.

When the coronavirus came roaring out of communist China, it delivered a horrible blow to our country. Nearly 600,000 Americans have died. Our constitutional rights were severely restricted, including freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and due process.

It is imperative that we get the truth about the origins of the virus and communist China's lies and disinformation, which contributed to a world-wide disaster.

Yet, the only investigation of interest to Joe Biden, Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi is the January 6th investigation. That investigation helps the left smear and demonize the 74 million Americans who voted for Donald Trump. An investigation into communist China and COVID is of no interest to the left.

A thorough investigation of COVID's origins could uncover inconvenient truths and expose the deep reach of the Chinese communists into the highest levels of the U.S. government, business and academia.



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I used to sit on the stoop in my NYC neighborhood as a young boy and listened to my grandfather who told me time and time again, in Italian, *"you can sometimes trust a thief, but you can never trust a liar"*. I may be wrong, but I believe with all my heart and soul that the greatest tragedy of this experience is that we continue to allow the people we elected to run our government to lie to us. I studied the works of Edward R. Murrow and marveled at his ability both in radio and then pioneering such successful CBS TV shows like *"Person to Person"*, *"CBS Reports"*, *"Small World"* and *"See it Now"*. Here is one of my favorite quotes from Mr. Murrow, one I use in teaching my college students every semester:

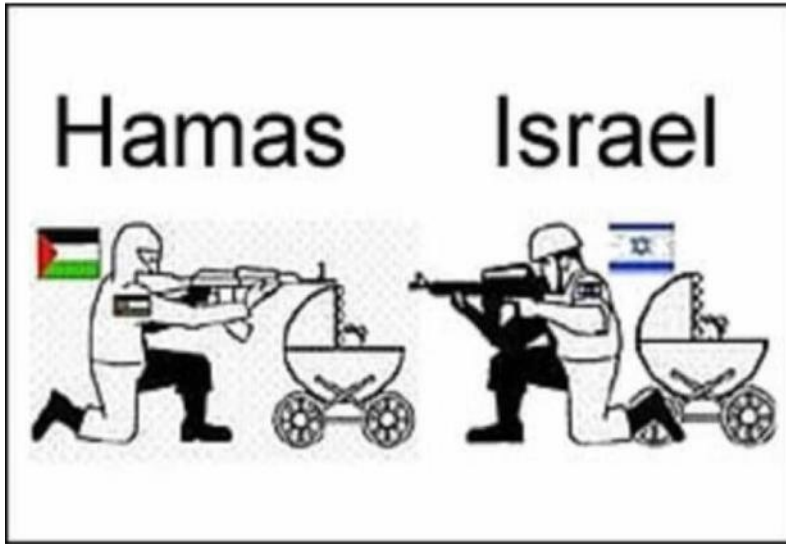
"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable we must be credible; to be credible, we must be truthful"

It is a sad commentary on the current state of our media that they lack this very basic of all responsibilities.

Cassius got it right. *"the fault dear Brutus is not in the stars, but in ourselves"*

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The Middle East Crisis explained.



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Chairman West's Monday Message for 5.10.21

By LTC Allen West

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: A Commentary on Race in America

Greetings, everyone!

Of course, many of you will recognize the title of this missive from the western movie featuring Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, and Eli Wallach. Many of y'all may have the famous tune to the movie going through your heads right now.

Some may ask, "Hey Chairman West, why are you not addressing the current legislative session?" I think I made my points very clear last week in our [press conference](#), and Jill Glover did a stellar job in her Friday [Legislative Priorities report](#). I think the Texas Republican majority legislature is well aware of how bad and ugly it could get for them, politically, if they do not pass the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities. Then again, I guess making Eid-al-Fitr -- a celebration of a Muslim army victory -- a Texas state holiday is more important.

But, I digress.

We need to have a serious analysis of this issue of race in America. This is because the progressive socialist left is using the tactics of Marxism to divide us not by economic class, but, rather, racial composition. Is it any wonder that this faux organization with the trendy title "Black Lives Matter" was founded by two avowed Marxist Black women? Lucky them, they now own several multi-million dollar properties. I ain't got that. Oh, by the way, when any leftist or BLM advocate approaches you shouting "Black Lives Matter," calmly look them in the eye and respond, "which Black lives?"

This is where we start our commentary on race in America. The progressive socialist left has done a fabulous job of redefining who is a good Black person in America. This is not debatable and follows a line of history.

We all think that W.E.B. Du Bois founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He did not. The founding members of the NAACP were white progressives: Mary White Ovington, Henry Moskowitz, William English Walling, and Oswald Garrison Villard. DuBois became the face and figurehead of the organization. And, if you didn't know, DuBois was a socialist who became an avowed communist. In the end, he renounced his American citizenship. In essence, history is repeating itself with BLM, founded and financed by white leftists, along with stuck on stupid corporations, with two Black female Marxists as its leaders.

For the progressive socialist left, these are the "good" Blacks, those who embrace their ideological agenda, to the detriment of their own people. We now have these new overseers on the left's 21st-century economic plantation who are responsible to keep Blacks as victims, for the purpose of harvesting votes. These so-called accepted "intellectual" Blacks curry favor with their leftist masters -- aka the Congressional Black Caucus -- in order to maintain their position as the "good" Black people, selling out their own for their version of 30 pieces of silver.

Then there are the "bad" Blacks, and I think you know where I am going. As articulated by Joe Biden, "if you don't vote for me, you ain't Black." Yes, consider that in opposition to his description of a "good Black," Barack Hussein Obama as "good looking, clean, and articulate." US Senator Tim Scott asserted that America was not a racist country . . . Oops, "bad" Negro! Scott was pummeled by the left as "[Uncle Tim](#)" and "[Oreo](#)." And, guess what? The "good" Blacks of the progressive socialist left ganged up on Sen. Scott as well. If you are a Black that has escaped the leftist plantation and display any competency to think as an individual, you are "bad."

That began long ago with one of the greatest orators and educators this nation has ever produced: Booker T. Washington, the father of Black conservatism. And, just recently, we saw the white progressives of the cancel culture attack and tear down the statue of Frederick Douglass in Rochester, NY, and deface the monument to the first Black soldiers to wear the American uniform, the 54th Massachusetts Regiment. Yes, they were "bad" Blacks: Douglass for being a Republican, and the former slaves of the 54th for wearing the uniform of their country.

If you have not seen the documentary "[Uncle Tom](#)" you should, because it lucidly evidences the despicable denigration and disparaging of the "bad" Blacks, namely, conservative Republicans.

And, that leads to the "ugly," the Democrat Party.

I find it unconscionable that a political Party, with a long-running history of racism, would be so bold as to castigate *anyone* as racist. Any dummy knows it was the Democrat Party that did not support the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. The Party of lynching? Democrats. The Party of segregation? Democrats. The Party of Jim Crow? Democrats. The Party of poll taxes, literacy tests, and Black voter suppression? Democrats. The Party that founded the Ku Klux Klan and supported a white supremacist named Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood? Democrats. The Party that advocates for the murder of unborn Black babies to the tune of 20 million aborted since 1973? Democrats. The Party holding the record for the longest filibuster in US Senate history, against the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964? Democrats. The Party that decimated the traditional nuclear two-parent Black family, (which BLM does not support, by the way)? Democrats. The

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Party that does not support school choice? Democrats. The Party that advances the soft bigotry of low expectations, believing Blacks are too stupid to get a picture ID to vote? Democrats.

So, why are we sitting around and allowing the "ugly," the Democrats, to define the narrative on race in America? That is like having a wolf in charge of security for a flock of sheep.

That is exactly what the left wants.

The "good" Blacks are the sheep, a few are rams. The "bad" Blacks are the guard dogs. And, the Democrats are the "ugly" wolves. The wolves hate the guard dogs and the sheep are ambivalent to the guard dogs who seek to protect them.

We are facing one of the most dangerous existential threats this country has faced since the Civil War. Yet, as Santayana said, "those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." The battle lines are the same: the Democrats once championed physical bondage, chains; today they champion the shackles and enslavement by means of economic bondage.

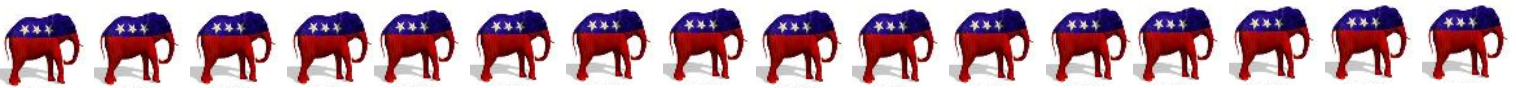
My parents raised me to be a victor and slave to no one. Just like my dad, a WW II soldier, I am a guard dog. A guardian of this Republic who will not allow the purveyors of systemic racism to destroy my country.

The American Black community must ask itself this question: in the eyes of the white progressive socialist left, am I what they define as a "good" Negro or a "bad" one, defending individual liberty, freedom, and sovereignty?

Heck yeah, I am proud to be a "bad" one!

Steadfast and Loyal,

LTC Allen B. West (Ret.), Chairman, Republican Party of Texas



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Don't Touch a Hot Stove

*"You can always count on Americans to do the right thing - after they've tried everything else."
-- Sir Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of England*

Greetings, everyone! I pray y'all had a very fine weekend. I must admit, I hope that the Islamic jihadist group, Hamas, did not have a good weekend . . . now and into the future. See, if there is one thing that is enticing to terrorists, depots, dictators, and authoritarians, it is weakness. The enemies of liberty and freedom are once again encouraged by the return of the feckless absence of leadership emanating from our White House. If there is one thing former President Jimmy Carter can be assured of, there are two presidents worse than him.

That leads to the title of this week's missive. How many of y'all have said to your children, or kids in general, "don't touch a hot stove?" Yet, for some odd reason, the kids always touch the stove and then realize it is hot, painful, and they get burned.

I remember when as an inquisitive little fella I was visiting Granddad Jule down in Cuthbert (Randolph County) Georgia. I was sitting there in the living room with Dad -- the wise ol' Buck West -- and Granddad, wondering how electricity worked. Dad and Granddad tried to explain, but, noooo, I wanted to conduct my own experiment which they cautioned me not to do. I waited when they were not around and took a hairpin, widened the two ends, and stuck it into the socket. A very bad idea.

Yep, I got shocked, flew back, and the imprints of the hairpin were burned into my little fingers. I ran crying to Dad and Granddad who looked and said, "We told you not to do it." Of course, to further exacerbate my folly, they poured a mixture of alcohol and iodine on my fingers. That produced another level of pain.

So, here we are America. Wise people have said-- in essence -- "Do not touch the hot stove of progressive socialism." Americans were warned by the astute and principled constitutional conservatives not to go sticking a conduit into the outlet of Marxism, statism, or communism. So now, we have a nation in a state of shock: burned, and crying. Well, some are . . . only a masochist likes pain.

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Americans are sitting in gas lines, something I recall from the days of the malaise of Jimmy Carter. We all remember the rationing based on odd/even days on your license plate dictating when you could go to the gas station. We are seeing inflation rise and commodity prices soar; that is not debatable. We have an employment crisis in America due to the insidious policy of paying people to stay at home and not work. And, I am quite sure many of you are truly exhausted by the confusing rhetoric surrounding a virus, not a disease, with a 99.96 percent recovery rate.

Our borders are wide open. Our streets are full of seditious, subversive leftist, Marxist organizations and criminals being released by de-ranked leftist District Attorneys. Our children are being murdered in the womb, disfigured by maniacal doctors conducting gender reassignment surgeries, and they are committing suicide at an alarming rate since leftist teachers' unions keep their schools closed.

On the international front, Islamic terrorists are rearing their ugly heads once again. Darn, we had forgotten about them. The Taliban murdered over 60 little school girls. Hamas is raining down rockets on Israel. You know, our best ally is in the Middle East where, under President Trump, we moved the US Embassy to its rightful location of Israel's capital, Jerusalem. Yeah, I know, "orange man bad." Yet, orange man did not mandate -- via Executive Order -- that gender-dysphoric males would be competing in sports events with females.

Winston Churchill's quote at the top of this missive is so appropriate. We must ask ourselves: will we do the right thing after trying this foolishness? I will give the progressive socialist left credit for being delusional and tenacious. But, the pain of this walk down "stuck on stupid" lane must end.

So, how *does* it end?

Republicans control 62 of 99 state legislative bodies and we have a majority of Republican Governors in America. I continue to hear, "wait until 2022 Or 2024!" There is no need to wait. What we need are strong GOP legislatures, unlike what happened in November of 2020. If our Republican states invoked the 10th Amendment and the principle of constitutional nullification, we could begin to heal from the shock and burns we are receiving. Now, y'all know the left will take that statement and start ranting about defying the White House. Well, I tend to recall that leftist-controlled states were the ones claiming they were "sanctuary cities and states," for illegal immigrants. We also had fifteen leftist states seek to undermine our electoral college by establishing the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC). So, what are our GOP states afraid of, after all, failing leftist states are bleeding population into successful Red States. Texas is about to gain two new congressional districts?

A great example of Republican states rejecting failed Obama-Biden policies are the 16 states saying no to additional unemployment benefits meant to stifle economic recovery. But I don't think Texas is one of them.

We should have no fear of HR 1, if we pass strong election integrity laws. My prayer is that our Texas state legislature will come through before the end of their 87th legislative session. Who cares about HR 5, dubbed the "Equality Act?" Pass strong religious freedom and liberty legislation at the state level. HR 8 and Executive Orders about gun control? Ahh, just pass constitutional carry in Texas, making it the 21st state in America to have such. *Pro forma* proclamations of being a Second Amendment sanctuary state are truly worthless. The US Constitution is our rule of law and America is its sanctuary. If the Governor of New York believes that he can mandate that the Second Amendment stops at your door, well, that is unconstitutional.

If Joe Biden and Kamala Harris want to institute an open borders policy by Executive Order, well, Texas and other Republican states should take control of their respective borders. After all, Art. I, Section 10, Clause 3 and Art. 4, Sect 4 of our Constitution address the issue.

When I torched my fingers after sticking that hairpin in the electric outlet, Dad and Granddad explained, once again, why they said it was a bad idea. Then, they treated my wounds. The Republican Party must start now to treat the wounds being experienced by America. We have tried the same failed philosophy of governance other countries have . . . Most recently Venezuela. Einstein is attributed with the quote, "the pure definition of insanity is to continue to do the same thing, and expect different results."

Republicans have the opportunity to end the insanity and do what is right, but it cannot be accomplished by being a lesser version of the insane. My wise dad once quipped, "the only thing in the middle of the road is roadkill." America, Texas, is looking for committed, and convicted, constitutional conservatives who will do the right thing for the interest of the people, not their special or self-interest.

America, let's not be burned again . . . The socialist stove is really hot.

Steadfast and Loyal,

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Chairman, Republican Party of Texas

Biden Admin Authorizes BLM Messaging & Flying BLM Flag at US Embassies

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According to Human Events, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has issued a directive to all “Diplomatic and Consular posts” in regard to the commemoration of the death of George Floyd on May 25. Human Events says they got a leaked copy of the directive.

The directive describes the evolution of the Black Lives Matter movement and notes the following:

May 25 marks the one-year commemoration of George Floyd’s murder. For 9 minutes and 29 seconds, the world saw firsthand how police officers brutally took the life of an unarmed Black man in the United States. These viral images ignited national and global Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests and demonstrations. This tragedy joined a long line of Black men and women who have suffered at the hands of police brutality. These national and global protests sparked a movement to confront systems perpetuating deep-seated inequities rooted in colonialism and the oppression of racial, tribal, ethnic, and other minority communities. Mr. Floyd’s murder prompted an international outcry to seek racial justice and equity by dismantling systemic racism and eradicating police brutality affecting communities of color, most acutely, people of African descent.

The directive encouraged the usage of BLM terms and messaging.

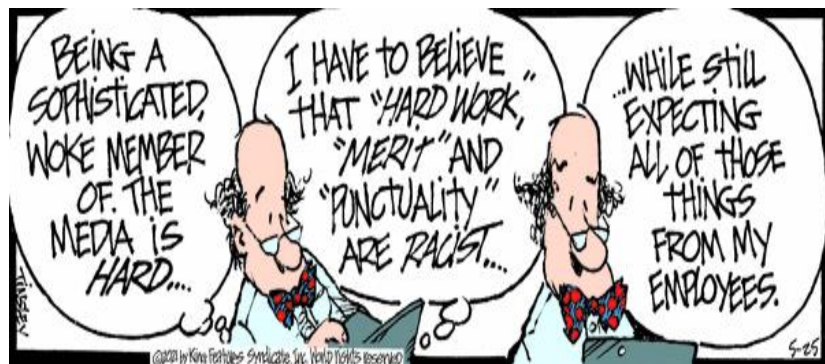
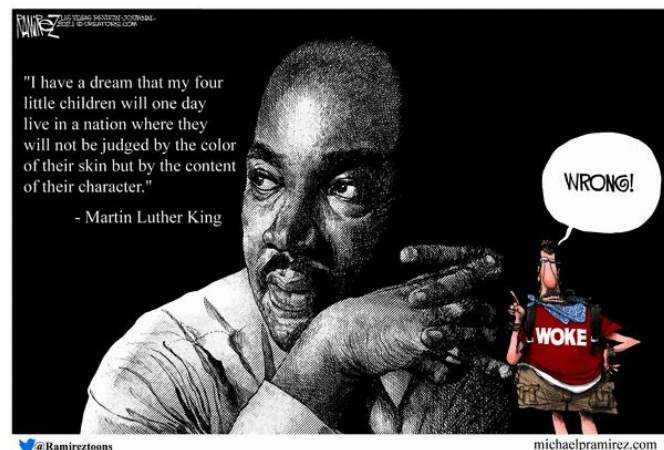
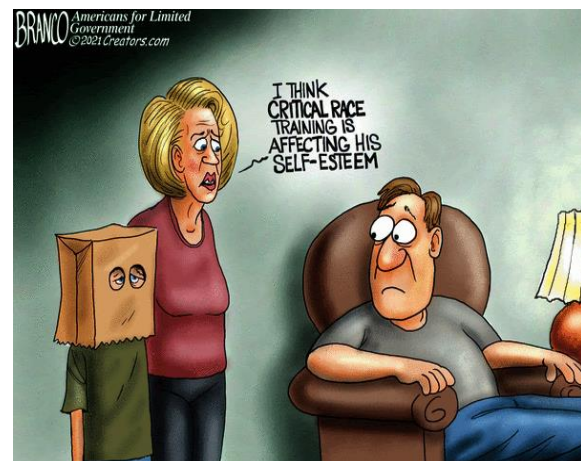
The Department supports the use of the term “Black Lives Matter” in messaging content, speeches, and other diplomatic engagements with foreign audiences to advance racial equity and access to justice on May 25 and beyond. We encourage posts to focus on the need to eliminate systemic racism and its continued impact.

This directive gives the Chief of Mission at any of these posts a blanket authorization to fly the BLM flag on the external flagpole for the calendar year 2021. It’s not a “requirement,” but it is an authorization. So not just for May 25, but for the year, if they choose to have it. While they mention messaging mostly around May 25, it’s clearly an authorization for beyond just that day.

This is just disgraceful given the hundreds of BLM actions that turned into riots and/or became violent, with people being killed, millions, if not billions, in damage, with hundreds of police and others being injured. This, despite the radical political nature of the BLM movement, with its trained Marxist co-founders and push to “defund the police.”

As we previously reported, polling has indicated that any support that BLM might have gained in the immediate wake of the death of George Floyd because people cared cratered after the riots, that now they have even less support than they had before Floyd’s death, that it turned to outright opposition so much so that it wasn’t likely to change any time soon.

But that’s not preventing the radical Biden team from now promoting them in our name, on our U.S. flagpoles, around the world.



Democrats Say Unemployment Doesn't Disincentivize Work. They're Wrong.

Matt Vespa, May 12, 2021

The Democrats say it's not true, but it is. If you give out oodles of unemployment benefits, people aren't going back to work. It's not a small number either. This comes on the heels of an absolutely garbage jobs report which had a projection of one million jobs. It was really 266,000. It was so bad that CNBC host Steve Liesman thought it was a typo.

Biden and his clown crew tried to explain how missing the mark by over 700,000 jobs was a good thing. When you're explaining, you're losing. Period. People can do the math, Joe. Missing the mark by *that much* isn't salvageable. You can't polish a turd. It's a garbage jobs report.

Look, the estimates were one million, but here's why 266,000 is still good" isn't a winning message. And yes, it seems unemployment benefits are the reason why the job market is shaky. There's no incentive. The Wall Street Journal dug into details and cited a study where 42 percent of people on unemployment are making more when they had a full-time job (via WSJ) [emphasis mine]:

Fueling the labor-market imbalance is the fact that many workers, particularly women, find it difficult to work outside the home. Only 60% of the 200 largest U.S. school districts were fully reopen the week of April 27, according to Georgetown University's FutureEd think tank, and many child-care centers continue to operate at reduced capacity.

Some employers and economists cite enhanced unemployment benefits as another factor. More than 16.1 million people received unemployment benefits the week ended April 17, the Labor Department said Thursday. That includes gig workers and the self-employed who are typically not eligible for such payments.

Under relief bills passed by Congress, those receiving jobless benefits get an additional \$300 a week on top of regular state benefits, which average \$318 a week, according to the Labor Department. That means the average unemployment recipient earns better than the equivalent of working full time at \$15 an hour. Those enhanced benefits are available until September, for a maximum of nearly 18 months—about three times longer than most states typically allow.

Lorne Zaman lost his jobs as a concert promoter in Los Angeles more than a year ago. He hasn't worked since, supporting himself on savings, stimulus checks and unemployment benefits, which have been about \$750 a week in recent months. The benefits cover his rent and other bills, he said, but don't leave any extra money at the end of the month.

Mr. Zaman, 45, said he's had no interest in taking available jobs at warehouses or restaurants, but he's eager to return to the entertainment industry. His former employer told him the company is likely to start recalling workers within the next few months.

"I really enjoyed what I did," he said. **"If the government is going to pay you to stay home, you're going to do that unless that job you really want comes along."**

A University of Chicago study found 42% of those on benefits receive more than they did are their prior jobs, and the share is higher when factoring in temporary health insurance offered through relief bills.

Adam Ozimek, chief economist at freelance platform Upwork, said he thought improved unemployment benefits were a wise policy earlier in the pandemic, but now sees problems. He said some of the hardest hit parts of the economy have been the slowest to bounce back, including restaurants, hotels and in-person service providers that face a shortage of workers and rising wage pressures.

"The benefits are a policy mistake that is going to hold back the recovery in the coming months," he said. Dr. Ozimek, who described himself as a neoliberal economist, a philosophy that favors free markets and deregulation, said businesses that need to pay more to attract workers this summer will find it difficult to lower wages in the fall, when he said the labor market could loosen, once unemployment benefits expire.

In the beginning, yes — of course, there should have been a safety net here. Now, with the country reopening, it's time to turn off the faucet. It circles back to the years-long observation that Democrats want to get people hooked on dependency, which is manufactured wholesale by the DC swamp and the liberal political establishment. The safety net should catch you from falling but not engulf you to the point where you cannot bounce back into the job market. Democrats want a loose net that ensnares you like a spider's web or traps you like a commercial fishing net. You cannot escape, and because you cannot escape, you're forced to vote for them in elections, thanks to messaging that the evil GOP will cut your benefits. Hey, it's a message that sadly works, but it blinds voters to the real relief package which is getting a job.

If nearly half of those on unemployment are earning more than during their previous full-time job, you can see why no one is budging. It's not hard. Well, for Biden and his crew, it's hard to see because they're idiots. The facts wreck the narrative, so this administration will do what it does best — go into the bunker *and think they're right* about all of this. That's mental illness, by the way. It's not real.

The Left Wants Kids to See White Supremacy Everywhere, and It's Destroying Pop Culture

Douglas Blair / April 08, 2021

"Certain elements of our community are threatening to get people fired," tweeted Yale professor Nicholas Christakis on Apr. 3. "Even if someone just poses a question, or expresses a conflicting view, you're immediately labeled a problem, a white supremacist, and people will say, 'Find out where they work.'"

Christakis was quoting an excerpt from a recent piece in *The Atlantic*, and famed Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson agreed that this was concerning, pointing out that *The Atlantic* itself helped to foster this atmosphere of witch hunting.

Then, in an ironic twist, a Twitter user revealed to Peterson that *Atlantic* alumnus Ta-Nehisi Coates had brought his brand of woke ideology to comic books, and had based his interpretation of the villain Red Skull—the comic book equivalent of Hitler—on Peterson.

Peterson is no stranger to controversy. Depending on who you ask, he's either a lifesaving guru or the devil incarnate.

The 58-year-old Canadian psychologist first garnered attention from a series of videos he posted in 2016 where he criticized Canada's bill C-16, which is similar to the Equality Act in the U.S.

The bill introduced gender identity and expression as a protected class, which Peterson argued would lead to government-compelled speech, as people would be forced to use the preferred pronouns of transgender individuals. He decried the bill as the government using force to push an ideology.

He followed up on the video's success with a self-help book, "12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos," which sold over 5 million copies worldwide and became a global bestseller. The book particularly resonated with young men adrift in the world who were seeking some form of structure.

Rules like "stand up straight with your shoulders back" and "make friends with people who want the best for you" were a force for good in these men's lives, and drove Peterson to new heights of popularity.

But as popular as Peterson is, he has his fair share of detractors. His outspoken criticism of woke culture and identity politics have opponents claiming he's everything from a white supremacist to a Nazi.

Enter Coates. Coates is most famous for writing woke screeds for *The Atlantic*. His portfolio includes articles advocating reparations and calling Dr. Ben Carson a bigot, as well as books where he demonizes all Trump supporters as white racists and calls the first responders on 9/11 "menaces of nature." This, in Marvel Comics' mind, made him the perfect choice to write a series of "Captain America" comics.

And while Coates has been in the process of putrefying the Captain America brand for a few years now, his story of butchering a beloved pop culture franchise in the name of identity politics is not unique in the modern media landscape.

Take, for example, HBO's recent television adaptation of Alan Moore's landmark "Watchmen" graphic novel. While the original work explored philosophical themes of ethics and meaning, the adaptation dives headfirst into woke politics.

White supremacy features as the overarching evil of the show, and each new episode revels in showing the audience that white people are not to be trusted. The white characters in the show are depicted only as openly racist skinheads or secretly evil Klansmen, complete with robes hidden away in the closet.

While the phantasm of white supremacy lurks in many pieces of media today, what makes Coates' comparison of Peterson to comic-book Hitler stand out is the contrast between what Peterson represents versus what Coates wants him to be.

The "Watchmen" adaptation is a clumsy attempt to frame white supremacists as America's top threat, but nobody will argue that the Klan is right or that neo-Nazi skinheads should be portrayed positively.

To call Peterson a Nazi is beyond absurd. He was so shaken by the horrors of the 20th century that he spent years researching the Nazi and communist regimes in order to better prepare his students to resist evil ideology.

But Coates views anything that competes with his own ideology as white supremacy, and will attempt to smear Peterson as some kind of fascist for daring to suggest identity politics is an awful philosophy.

In a speech that could have been ripped straight out of a Peterson book, in a Marvel comic that predates Coates, Captain America gives one of the most defining speeches of his career:

Doesn't matter what the press says. Doesn't matter what the politicians or the mobs say. Doesn't matter if the whole country decides that something wrong is something right. This nation was founded on one principle above all else: The requirement that we stand up for what we believe, no matter the odds or the consequences.

When the mob and the press and the whole world tell you to move, your job is to plant yourself like a tree beside the river of truth, and tell the whole world, 'No, you move.'

Let us then return to that principle. Coates and his ilk are wrong. It's time we straighten our backs and let them know it.



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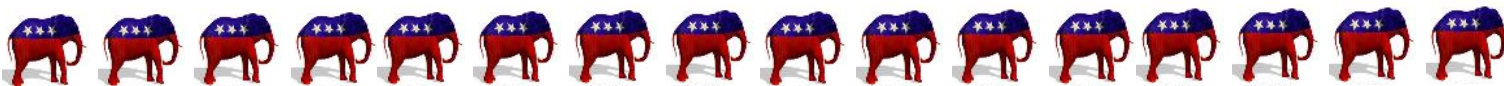
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