

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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May 2023

President's Byline



In April, President Biden decided to further his socialist agenda to one of the lowest points in his presidency. On May 1st this administration will use regulators to punish prospective home buyers with good credit by adding a monthly fee to cover the cost of his new mortgage lending rule that all banking, and credit institutions give more loans to borrowers with low or bad credit scores to buy homes. So, if you are purchasing a \$400,000 home and have an average credit score of 680 or higher, you will be paying \$40 extra a month, \$480 a year, that's \$14,400 on a \$30 year mortgage. The higher the down payment, the higher the "Equity" penalty on you. Homebuyers who have a FICO credit score of 740 or higher with a down payment of 15=20% will see an increase in fees up to 75% from current levels. Did our elected representatives get to vote on this? No! Biden knew it would not pass, so as always, he is using the bureaucratic state to push his agenda. Our constitution was not set up to govern by executive orders and bureaucratic dictates.

Critics have argued this will make mortgage lending complicated and cause an unfair burden to lenders trying to navigate the new fee structure. I say this is socialism at its finest. You have worked hard to save money for your down payment, you kept your credit score high, paid bills on time and now when you are ready to buy. You find out your high credit score is a barrier to you getting the best and lowest payment. But the people who have not saved, have bad credit, and probably will buy a house above their means are getting a helping hand from you. This applies to people of all income levels. So, if you are using Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac because of your low credit scores, you get a discount from the Federal government.

Don't believe me. In Newsweek on March 21st, they reported a new federal rule could raise the monthly mortgage payments of buyers with good credit scores by over \$60 a month, while riskier borrowers will get more favorable terms because their fees will be reduced. Starting in May, the current structure of the Loan-Level Price Adjustment (LLPA) matrix will be upended by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) in the hope of addressing housing affordability challenges in the U.S. I don't know about you, but I am sick of our country living up to aspirations of the lowest common denominator. But this is fair according to David Stevens, former CEO of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) and a former FHA commissioner during the Obama administration. He said only about 25 percent of homebuyers with Federal Housing Administration loans are people of color, according to the White House. Black and Hispanic people, on average, have fewer savings to use as a down payment on a home and tend to have lower credit scores. In white communities, the average credit score was 727 in 2021, compared to 667 in Hispanic communities and 627 in Black communities in 2021. They also noted in the Hispanic communities it was not due to bad credit but lack of credit because many first-generation families are leery of banking institutions and tend to pay as they go, using little credit.

But the biggest flaw to the new fee structure going into effect on May 1 as part of the Federal Housing Finance Agency's push for affordable housing and diversity in the housing market is it's assuming one very big thing. People with good credit will be willing to pay higher fees to subsidize people with poor credit and bad debts. Lenders and real estate agents across the country are already saying the changes will frustrate homebuyers with high credit scores and homeowners seeking to refinance their homes. Jerry Howard, CEO of the National Association of Home Builders said, "In the short term, this may increase homeownership among the targeted group, but I'm afraid it could decrease homeownership among the middle class," I have to agree with him. Socialism teaches hardworking people not to try at all because there is no reason to because if you work too hard, the fruits of your labor are redistributed to people who didn't make the same sacrifices as you. They are rewarded again for doing the bare minimum. Another huge assumption is people who own homes are all wealthy and wealthy people should pay more under the class warfare/welfare system of the Biden administration. This will further shrink the

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Calendar of Events

Board Meeting
May 2, 2023, 11:30
Napoli's Restaurant

Last Day to Early Vote
May 2nd, 2023

Local Election Day
May 6th

Next Meeting
May 16, 2023, 11:30
Saltgrass - East Plano

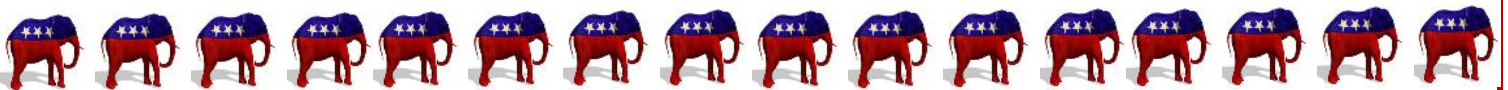
PRW Presidents Byline

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middle class and depress the housing market. It will also encourage more homeowners to quickly sell to rental companies who own lots of homes. Taking more existing homes off the market and filling more neighborhoods with rental properties that are often the worst properties in the neighborhood, with unkept grass, and poorly maintained homes. In areas without short-term rental protection in their city government or banned by their HOAs, middle class neighborhood will become run down communities where it costs too much to leave, and your property values slowly go down as you stay. When will this socialist nightmare end?

We can only hope in 2024, we can convince the American people to stop electing socialists. Socialism guarantees not equity but, equally poor outcomes for everyone. Men, women, and children. Robbing Peter to pay Paul does not work. We simply cannot keep our country a paradise for hard workers if at every turn people are punished. Instead, we will become like France. A country where people melt down over any modest changes to their cradle to grave socialism that chokes the life out nations, governments, and their people. Former British Prime Minister Margret Thatcher use to say, "Socialism works, until you run out of other people's money."

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Connections was formed to help members get to know one another over a glass of tea and to complete a common goal. Please join other PRW members for *Connections*, following our General Meeting.

Let's plan to work together for an hour or so. Come and go as your schedule allows. Bring your staplers, scissors and pens and you will be prepared for whatever we tackle!

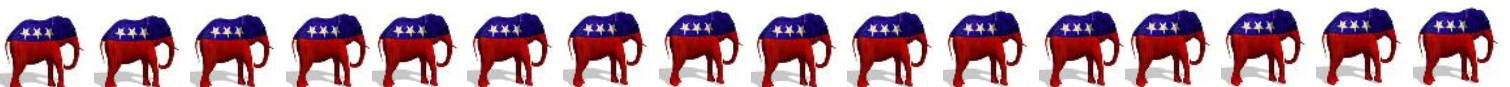
This month we have planned to write thank you notes to our Border Patrol Officers.

We have run out of note cards to write these thank you notes on.

If you would like to donate some note cards, please bring them to the meeting and we will put them to good use thanking our first responders.

Our projects continue to evolve. Whatever we do, we will get to do it together.

"The tasks may change, but the Connections will last."



PRW May Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

May 16th, 2023

Brad Walcher

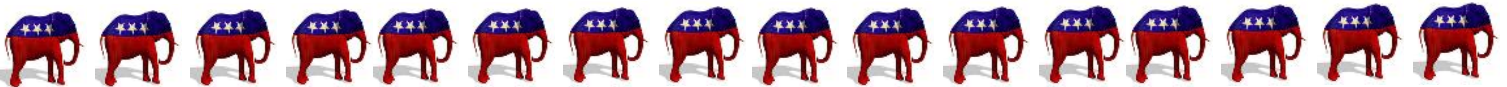
Vice President of Treasured Vessels Human Trafficking and Trauma in Texas

For 20 years, Brad has worked in a variety of leadership roles in technology, experiential marketing, and hospitality, contributing over 185 million dollars of revenue. Before joining TVF, he was Director of Development & Communications at a North Texas anti-trafficking agency where the organization tripled in size during his tenure. He envisions a community more safe for children, more healing for survivors, and more dangerous for traffickers.

Brad has been married to his wife for 13 years and they have three adorable little toe-heads. Brad travels with his family as much as they can, hosts Airbnbs in Dallas, and earned a certificate in wine from the Wine & Spirit Education Trust. In addition to his role at TVF, he serves on the Steering Committee for the Statewide Anti-Demand Coalition and serves on the executive board for the North Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Brad earned his Bachelor's degree from Azusa Pacific University in California and his Master's degree in Strategic Management from Skema Business School in Sofia Antipolis, France. To contact Brad, please email brad@treasuredvesselsfoundation.org.

[Treasured Vessels Foundation](#) was founded in 2016, when Founder, Alicia Bush, decided to listen intently to a calling placed on her heart. TVF is an anti-trafficking organization devoted to providing comprehensive mental health services, a safe living environment in our TVF home, health and nutritional support, education and career focused curriculum, as well as core life skills for females ages 18 to 24 years old. They also bring internet safety and prevention education to churches, schools, healthcare providers and community members.



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, May 12th, 2023**

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



Legislative Report



Only 37 days till the end of the Legislative Regular Session, so the work has really heated up in Austin.

On Tuesday I set a personal record for busiest day ever, as I laid out four bills in three Committees and two bills on the House Floor. All together this week I had three bills pass the full House, and laid out nine other bills in committees. So much effort goes into each and every bill, so I'm blessed with work.

We passed a lot of bills on the House Floor this week, all of them important to someone, but I'm going to cover a couple that caused a stir here.

HB 900 (Patterson) addresses the issue of pornography in our school libraries. I have to tell you I couldn't even read some of the materials that are currently available for our kids to check out- the excerpts I was shown were so very graphic that I found it extremely disturbing. HB 900 will require public school library material vendors to rate and publicize sexual content. The bill also provides improved parental control over sexually relevant library book access within school libraries.

Currently, if a book is part of curriculum, that material is vetted for appropriateness and content. Those books and materials have State Board of Education oversight. Some curriculum, such as sexual education materials, require parents to opt in for their children to have access. However, if a book is not part of the curriculum, it has not had to meet any standards in order to be included in our school libraries. Vendors will sell books (including traditionally printed books and electronic versions) in large batches, so many librarians do not have time to look at each book for content and appropriateness. This bill will hold the book vendors responsible for rating a book – much like television content and movies are rated currently. This bill had wide support including the Texas Association of School Administrators, The Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, the Texas Association of School Boards and others. What was crazy was the debate against this bill! It passed on a final vote of 95-52. Since Texas is such a large state, and we buy so many books for our growing school population, it is my dream that other states will benefit from this model legislation.

Another bill that caused a bit of a ruckus this week was HB 2127 (Burrows) which prohibits cities from making ordinances or laws that are directly in conflict with state laws. Under this law, a city may not outlaw gas-powered lawn mowers, legalize pot or raise the local minimum wage (all of these have actually been proposed by cities). This bill had hours of debate on the House Floor with no less than 33 proposed amendments, and only one passed, clarifying that cities may regulate massage parlors. The bill will now go to the Senate, so we'll see what happens there.

Speaking of the Senate, they passed their version of the State Budget, HB 1, and the House did not agree with their changes. This is the normal process. The bill now goes to a "Conference Committee" so the two chambers can iron out the final version that both bodies will consider at some point. The State Budget is one of the only things that we must complete as a Legislature according to the Texas Constitution, so we are all glad to be getting closer to this point in the session.

The three bills I passed out of the full House this week were important to me. HB 219 will require that when you pay off the mortgage on your home, that lien must be released within 60 days. Too often folks find out at closing that their lien was not released and the sale of their property they fully own is encumbered by a lien. Another bill, HB 105 makes it clear that no college transcripts should have a sales tax (currently state colleges and universities don't charge one, but private Texas colleges and universities are required to collect a sales tax). The House also passed HB 1959 which allows Peace Officers to move their own children to a different school to protect them from those who might do them harm.

So far, not including today, we will have heard and debated more than 175 bills on the House Floor just this week. In Ways and Means and Human Services, we had long days of testimony on many other bills. We are beginning to have some Senate Bills that have come over and are being voted out of the House (this is possible if the House Bill and the Senate Bill are identical). Those bills, once passed, can go to the Governor to sign, veto or allow to pass into law.

As I'm writing this (Thursday evening) I'm awaiting my turn to lay out two bills in the House Elections Committee.

Did I mention how grateful I am to serve you?

Till next time....

State Representative
District 89



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Dear Friends,

We celebrated our 100th day of the 88th Legislative session this week. Less than 40 days to go. And while much has been accomplished already, our work is far from over and I'm working hard to get our conservative priorities over the finish line.

This week I passed two bills on the House floor both related to criminal justice reform. [HB 1736](#) simply states that in order to impose the death penalty, the jury must find that the co-conspirator intentionally killed the victim or intended to kill the victim. Capital punishment should be utilized only when there is absolute confidence in the crime and the perpetrator. Under the existing law of parties, we can't do that and it's time for us to make this change.

[House Bill 1743](#) will go a long way to help reduce recidivism. This bill will allow inmates who have been given a release date, to submit an application for SNAP benefits so that by the time they are released, the benefits would be available for them to use. This bill will NOT expand the eligibility of SNAP benefits nor does it create automatic enrollment. It simply allows those who already qualify to apply earlier therefore giving them the opportunity to focus on finding a job and reuniting with their family knowing that their basic needs will be met.

CONSERVATIVE BILLS ON THE MOVE

I was proud to co-author and vote for [House Bill 900](#) by my friend and colleague, Representative Patterson, this week. The READER Act, which passed the Texas House with bi-partisan support, will keep sexually explicit books out of school libraries through new book rating standards and hold book vendors accountable for selling inappropriate books to schools. This bill excludes classic literature and empowers parents to give consent for their children to access sexually relevant material. Click on the bill link above to learn more.

This week I laid out [House Bill 2658](#) in the committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues. Like many important bills, this one came to us from a constituent. Her, now ex, husband had been indicted on charges of online solicitation of a minor, sexual conduct. After digging into the family code, we found out that under current law, a conviction for criminal solicitation is grounds for the termination of parental rights – however - solicitation of a minor and online solicitation of a minor are not currently listed. House Bill 2658 seeks to address this gap in the law by adding both a conviction for solicitation of a minor and online solicitation of a minor to statute as grounds for the termination of parental rights. We need to protect children at all levels and this bill will help do just that.

We expect that over the next couple of weeks, the House will hear important bills on banning gender modification, school safety and security, and election integrity. I look forward to working with my colleagues to keep these bills moving in the right direction.

Update:

What a great, productive week we had in the Texas House!

TEXAS HOUSE PASSES MONUMENTAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Yesterday, we took up and considered [House Bill 2](#) – the Property Tax Relief Act – which I was proud to co-author. This bill creates the largest tax cut in Texas history plan that provides coverage for any gender transition procedures and treatment to also provide:

- ✦ coverage for any adverse effects, including both short and long-term effects
- ✦ reversals of any procedures

any testing or screening necessary to monitor an enrollee's health.

[HB 7](#), [HB 20](#) and [HB 800](#) – our Border Protection bills – were all heard the in committee this week. Together these bills will establish the Border Protection Unit – a specially trained group that will be charged with protecting and defending our southern border – and give them the resources and tools they need to crack down on illegal immigration, drug smuggling and human trafficking. Establishing this new group will allow our overworked DPS and Texas Guard to return back to their regular duties.



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[HB 4340](#) by Representative Frank regarding Educational Savings Accounts was also heard in committee this week. With three kids in public school myself, I know firsthand the importance of continuing to invest in and enhance our public schools. However, I also believe parents deserve more choice when it comes to providing an optimal educational experience for their child. This starts with crafting policies that empower parents with more educational choices - while at the same time working to ensure that our public schools are fully funded and teachers – both active and retired – are taken care of. I believe that HB 4340 has us going in the right direction and I'm keeping a close eye on this bill as it moves through the legislative process.



John Cornyn
UNITED STATES SENATOR for TEXAS

Cornyn: Biden Admin Allowed Migrant Child Trafficking, Silenced Whistleblowers

April 20, 2023

The Biden administration knew that children were being exploited and willingly failed to act. It repeatedly brushed aside warnings and continued to prioritize speed over safety. The American people need to know, is this an example of gross negligence, of whistleblower chilling, or just simply willful violation of the law by the Biden administration? Right now, the answer to all those questions appears to be a big and resounding yes.

WASHINGTON – Today on the floor, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) detailed a recent [investigation](#) alleging that the Biden administration ignored reports of [labor trafficking](#) involving thousands of migrant children and retaliated against whistleblowers. Excerpts of Sen. Cornyn's remarks are below, and video can be found [here](#).

"In February, the Times published its first story detailing the widespread child exploitation of migrant children. It includes stories of unaccompanied migrants who were working in dangerous jobs that violate child labor laws... a 15-year-old girl who packages cereal at night in a factory. A 14-year-old boy who works on a construction job instead of going to school. A 13-year-old child day laborer, children working in meat processing plants, commercial bakeries, and for suppliers for automakers."

"We aren't talking about part-time gigs after going to school. These are grueling and dangerous full-time jobs meant for adults, not children. So the big question is how they got there. How on Earth did the Biden administration allow so many vulnerable children to be exploited?"

"As the Biden border emergency crisis ramped up, emergency shelters were filling up, and the administration had a major public relations problem on its hands. Its top priority wasn't, apparently, the safety of these children, but the speed at which they could be moved from the border to sponsors with no follow-up."

"Health and Human Services loosened vetting requirements and urged case managers to move faster with little regard for the danger that was created for these migrant children."

"Earlier this week, the New York Times published yet another story, with even more details on the administration's failure to protect migrant children."

"Within Health and Human Services, at least five staffers have filed complaints and said they were pushed out of their jobs for sharing concerns with their leadership about this extraordinary crisis of abuse or neglect. Well, the Labor Department was aware of child labor violations too."

"Last year, investigators identified major instances of child labor violations that took place in auto part factories and meatpacking plants. As they continued to uncover more and more cases of migrant children being exploited, the Department shared its concerns with the White House."

"Susan Rice, who serves as Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, which oversees virtually every aspect of domestic policy affairs, claims no knowledge of this problem, even though we know that when the border crisis reached its fever pitch during the summer of 2021, Ms. Rice's team received a memo from Health and Human Services managers about labor trafficking."

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“We need answers from Secretary Becerra, the Department of Labor, and Susan Rice on how this could possibly be allowed to happen and how it could continue to happen as I speak. We need accountability, and we need to see proof that there are changes being implemented to prevent this from happening in the future.”

“Time and time again, the Biden administration has claimed that their approach to the border and immigration is fair, orderly, and humane. But there’s nothing fair about putting children in the care of people who will exploit them, there’s nothing orderly about ignoring warnings of child labor violations, and there’s nothing humane about the way migrant children are suffering in silence across America.”



Sen. John Cornyn Visits Carrollton to Address Growing Fentanyl Crisis

April 24, 2023

Senator John Cornyn visited R.L. Turner High school in [Carrollton](#) Monday where he held a roundtable for [fentanyl](#) awareness.

The Carrollton-Farmers Branch community has been rattled by a series of juvenile fentanyl overdoses.

Ryan Vaughn lost his 16-year-old daughter Sienna to a fentanyl overdose just about two months ago.

“We had heard about the fentanyl. We talked about it with my daughter. We talked about drugs all the time, but her friend convinced her like kids do, through peer pressure, to try Percocet. She took a Percocet, and that was it. She had no idea she was taking fentanyl,” said Vaughn.

On her recent birthday, instead of celebrating with her, they went to a fentanyl awareness event.

“What we have learned is that there is just not enough awareness out there amongst parents, and children themselves,” he added.

Saniyah Rodriguez walked into a bathroom in her school. She found a classmate overdosing.

“It was frightening but I knew to get help. We had seen a video at school where they told us how to recognize signs of someone overdosing,” said Rodriguez.

Law enforcement, superintendents and others spoke about the efforts to deal with the growing crisis of fentanyl.

Cornyn says he's working on a bill that supports law enforcement, education and recovery efforts.

“This legislation is really sort of an omnibus piece of legislation designed to deal with interdiction, prosecution, investigation and also the resources that are available to help address the challenge at the local level,” said Cornyn.

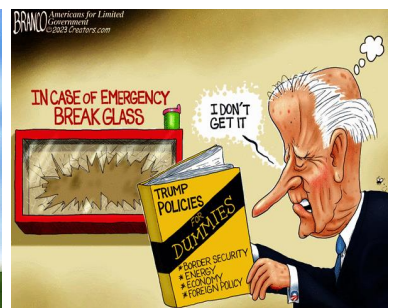
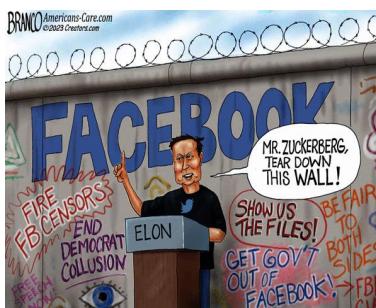
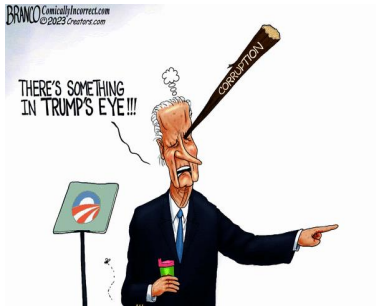
Political Cartoons

“When a clown moves into a palace, he doesn’t become a king. The palace becomes a circus.”
- Turkish Proverb

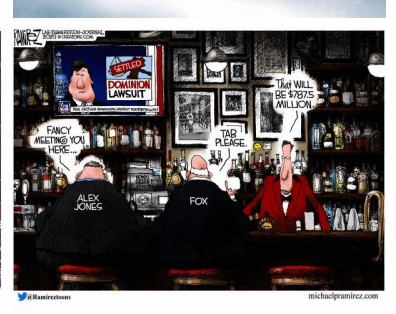


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Wōk (adj.)
A state of awareness achieved only by people stupid enough to find injustice in everything except their own actions.

When Cain killed Abel with a rock, God did not confiscate all the rocks. God blamed Cain, not the rock.



No you will not be mandating anything to me. Apparently there's some confusion on your part about the relationship we have. You work for me. I'm not your servant nor your slave. I will not be talked down to, I will not be mandated to, I will not be forced to do anything against my will. You are my employee. It's not your place. Get it straight.
- We the People





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH MAY 2023

May, officially Military Appreciation Month, is a special month for both those in and out of the military.

Not only do we pause on [Memorial Day](#) to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds several other military anniversaries and events, including [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#) and [Armed Forces day](#).

Join Military.com as we honor the service and sacrifice of members of the [Army](#), [Navy](#), [Air Force](#), [Coast Guard](#), [Marines](#), [Space Force](#) and [National Guard](#) as well as the contribution of their [spouses](#).

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present.



This month we are highlighting the **Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)** (also **Women's Army Service Pilots** or **Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots**). WASP was a [civilian](#) women pilots' organization, whose members were [United States federal civil service](#) employees. Members of WASP became trained pilots who tested aircraft, ferried aircraft, and trained other pilots. Their purpose was to free male pilots for combat roles during [World War II](#). Despite various members of the armed forces being involved in the creation of the program, the WASP and its members had no military standing.

Between 1942 and 1944, at the height of World War II, more than a thousand women left their homes and jobs for the opportunity of a lifetime- to become the first in history to fly for the U.S. military. They volunteered as civilian pilots in an experimental Army Air Corp program to see if women could serve as pilots and relieve men for overseas duty. These women became the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II, better known as the WASP. Under the determined leadership of Jacqueline Cochran, Nancy Harkness Love, and General Henry "Hap" Arnold, the WASP exceeded beyond all expectations.

WASP Facts:

- In 1942, Nancy Harkness Love created the Women Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) and Jacqueline Cochran the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD).
- The WASP formed in August 1943 when the WAFS and WFTD programs merged.
- The WASP logged more than 60 million miles and flew every plane the Army Air Forces possessed and every type of mission a male pilot flew during WWII except combat.
- WASP delivered 12,650 aircraft representing 78 different types to bases throughout the nation.
- After an attempt to change the WASP status from civilian to military in March 1944 a militarization bill was defeated in Congress in June and by December the program was officially deactivated.

The WASP would eventually win their militarization and veterans status in 1977 and would go on to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010.

Doris H. Ellena Zaloudek WASP 43-W-7

Doris passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2007 near her home in Enid, Oklahoma. She had been hospitalized after a massive heart attack over a week ago.

Doris was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation Hall of Fame in 2002.

The following reprinted from the Enid News, 6/26/07

DORIS HELEN ELLENA ZALOUDEK

Mass of Christian Burial for Doris Helen Ellena Zaloudek, 83, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Gregory's Great Catholic Church. The Rev. Larry Kowalski will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements are by Henninger-Allen Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 1, 1921, in Burrell, Calif., to Jack and Rose Marie Brunette Ellena and died Sunday, June 24, 2007, at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

She graduated from high school in Fresno, Calif., and earned a bachelor's degree in education from Fresno State University. While there, she earned her pilot's license. During World War II she served in Women's Air Service Pilots (sic) (WASP). She was inducted into Oklahoma Aviation Hall of Fame.

She married Kenneth Zaloudek July 31, 1944, in Taft, Calif. They made their home in Enid where they co-owned and operated West Side Feed Store and Zaloudek Implement Co. for more than 50 years. She was involved with Altar Society and Women's Study Club at St. Gregory's Great Catholic Church where she was a charter member.



Surviving are her husband, Kenneth Sr., of the home; one daughter, Tina McCann of Austin, Texas; two sons, Kenneth Zaloudek Jr. of Evanston, Wyo., and Joe Zaloudek of Tulsa; one sister, Melba Loftis of Hanford, Calif.; four grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to the church.

Condolences may be made online at <http://www.enidwe care.com>.



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Short film about the Women Airforce Service Pilots, part of the *Army-Navy Screen Magazine* film series in 1943

There's a great 6-minute video at the Wikipedia link (highlighted). Look for this and click to play.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:WASPS-Women-Airforce-Service-Pilots-Training-1943-Army-Navy-Screen-Magazine-No.-16.ogv>

I hope you've enjoyed this spotlight on Doris Helen Ellena Zaloudek.

Loved ones who serve with support and administrative support who serve behind the lines are to be honored too.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

- *John Milton*

Let's all continue to appreciate, honor, remember, and acknowledge all of our U.S. military.

[How Many Military Branches Are There and What Does Each Branch Do?](#)

Resources: <https://twu.edu/library/womans-collection/collections/women-airforce-service-pilots-official-archive/history/>,

<https://blog.museumofflight.org/a-brief-history-of-wasps>, <https://airandspace.si.edu/stories/editorial/women-wings-75-year-legacy-wasp>,

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/campfire-stories/wasp>,

<http://www.womenshistory.org/exhibits/women-airforce-service-pilots-wasps-wwii>, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women_Airforce_Service_Pilots,

<https://www.army.mil/women/history/pilots.html>,

<https://www.npr.org/2010/03/09/123773525/female-wwii-pilots-the-original-fly-girls>,

<https://www.waspmuseum.org/>,

<https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/american-women-in-world-war-ii-1>

Ways to Engage

Be an advocate/activist

Time to add to your battle plans in this fight for Plano, Collin County, Texas, and America.

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Education as a Battleground

Larry P. Arnn, President, Hillsdale College

The following is adapted from remarks delivered on November 3, 2022, at a Hillsdale College reception in Santa Clara, California.

If you want to see the problem with American education, look at a chart illustrating the comparative growth in the number of students, teachers, and district administrators in our public schools in the period between 2000 and 2019. (See the chart below.) The number of district administrators grew by a whopping 87.6 percent during these years, far outstripping the growth in the number of students (7.6 percent) and teachers (8.7 percent).

In illustrating the difference in these rates of growth, the chart also illustrates a fundamental change that has come over our nation as a whole during this period—a change in how we govern ourselves and how we live. To say a change is fundamental means that it concerns the foundation of things. If the foundation changes, then the things built on it are changed. Education is fundamental, and it has changed radically. This has changed everything else. One way of describing the change in education today is that it provides a different answer than we have ever known to the question: who owns American children? Of course, no one actually *owns* the children. They are human beings, and insofar as they are owned, they own themselves. But by nature, they require a long time to grow up—much longer than most creatures—and someone must act on their behalf until they mature. Who is to do that?

Not many people raise this question explicitly, but implicitly it is everywhere. For example, it is contained in the question: who gets to decide what children learn? It is contained more catastrophically in the question: who decides what we tell children about sex?

Are these decisions the province of professional educators, who claim to be experts? Or are they the province of parents, who rely on common sense and love to guide them? In other words, is the title to govern children established by expertise or by nature as exhibited in parenthood? The first is available to a professionally educated few. The second is available to any human being who will take the trouble. The natural answer to this question is contained in the way human beings come to be. Prior to recent scientific “advances,” every child has been the result of a natural process to which people have a natural attraction. “Natural” here does not mean what every single person wants or does—it means the way things work unless we humans intervene.

In its essence, “nature” means the process of begetting and growth by which a mature, living thing comes to be. Not quite every human being is attracted to the natural process of human reproduction, but nearly all are—and when the process works to produce a baby, it works that way and no other way.

This process of human reproduction and growth works for two reasons. The first is that human beings, when mature, are capable of so much more than other creatures. Almost from birth we learn to talk, a rational function that indicates decisive differences from other creatures. Because of reason and speech we are *moral* beings, capable of distinguishing among kinds of things and therefore of knowing and doing right and wrong. Also because of them we are *social* beings, able to understand and explain things to one another that other creatures do not understand and cannot discuss. This draws us closer together than even herd or swarm animals.

We are unique in possessing these capacities, and it is in this specific respect that our nation’s founders declared that “all men are created equal.” This equality has nothing to do with the color of anyone. Its source is the unique, immaterial, rational soul of the human being. One of my teachers used to respond to the claims of animal rights advocates that one must not be cruel to any creature, but that only those who can talk are entitled to vote.

The second reason in nature that makes human reproduction unique is our especially long period of maturation. For months, human babies are simply helpless; without constant attention they will starve. For years afterwards they must develop the skills and knowledge that are uniquely available to the human being. Both the skills and the knowledge are natural, meaning all human beings can obtain them, but both take time. Each child does the work of obtaining them, but each child needs help. Modern educators often mistake the work of *helping* them to learn for actually doing the learning for them. The second is impossible.

The skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic are direct exercises of the rational faculty. They are in principle the same thing as talking, and in principle every child will learn much of them unassisted. Just watch a child grow up to the age of two. He or she begins very early to respond to things with comprehension. Words soon follow. Children copy adults for the use of words, but they are doing all the work of learning. Little wonder that human beings take a long time to mature: they have so much to learn.

Raising a child has always been difficult and expensive. With rare exceptions, it has always been true that the parents who conceive the child raise him the best. And throughout American history, it has been thought that the family is the cradle of good citizenship and therefore of free and just politics. Public education is as old as our nation—but only lately has it adopted the purpose of supplanting the family and controlling parents.

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The political successes of Governor Ron DeSantis in Florida, Governor Glenn Youngkin in Virginia, and many other politicians in other states have largely been won on this battleground of education. One can look in history or in literature to see the danger of where the idea of supplanting the family might lead. Study the education practices that existed in the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany and that exist today in Communist China. Or read the terrifying account in Orwell's *1984*. They tell us that children, by distorting their natural desire to grow up and end their dependence, can be recruited to the purposes of despotic regimes, even to the extent of denouncing their parents to the state.

We do not yet have this in America. But we do have children being turned against their country by being indoctrinated to look on its past—of which all parents, of course, are in some way a part—as a shameful time of irredeemable injustice. We also increasingly have children being encouraged to speak of their sexual proclivities at an age when they can hardly think of them.

To cite just one example, Christopher Rufo has discovered, on the website of the Michigan Department of Education, detailed instructions for how teachers should open the question with students of their sexual orientation—or maybe I should say sexual direction, since “orientation” implies something constant, whereas children are now being taught that sexuality is “fluid” and can take them anywhere.

Also on the website are detailed instructions on how to keep this activity from the parents. And as we learned last year, when parents get angry and complain of things like this, the FBI is likely to become interested.

Who “owns” the child, then? The choice is between the parents, who have taken the trouble to have and raise the child—and who, in almost all cases, will give their lives to support the child for as long as it takes and longer—or the educational bureaucracy, which is more likely than a parent to look upon the child as an asset in a social engineering project to rearrange government and society.

The revolutionary force behind this social engineering project is a set of ideas installed in just about every university today. Its smiting arm is the administrative state, an element of America's ruling class. The administrative state has something over 20 million employees, many of them at the federal but most at the state level. Directly and indirectly, they make rules about half the economy, which means they affect all of it.

Most of the bureaucrats who staff the administrative state have permanent jobs. The idea behind this was that if they do not fear dismissal and have excellent pay and benefits that can't be reduced, then they will be politically neutral. Today, of course, the public employee unions that represent this administrative state are the largest contributors in politics and give overwhelmingly to one side. They are the very definition of partisanship.

The fiction is that these bureaucrats are highly trained, dispassionate, nonpartisan, and professional, and that therefore they can do a better job, of almost anything, than somebody outside the system can do. They proceed by rules that over time have become ever more hopelessly complex. Only they can read these rules—and, for the most part, they read them as they please.

Judges have up to now, for the most part, given deference to the bureaucrats' reading of their own rules. It is a rare happy fact that this judicial practice is under challenge in the courts. If it should ever become settled doctrine that the bureaucracy is constrained by the strict letter of the laws made by elected legislators and enforced by elected executives, that will exercise some restraint upon the administrative state. That explains why, after decades of defending judicial supremacy, progressives are beginning to question the authority of the courts and speak openly about packing the Supreme Court.

Public education is an important component of the prevailing administrative system. The roots of the system are in Washington, D.C., and the tendrils reach into every town and hamlet that has a public school. These tendrils retain some measure of freedom, especially in red states where legislatures do not go along automatically. In some red states, the growth of administrators has been somewhat slower than average. But this growth has been rapid and large everywhere. In every state, the result has been to remove authority and money away from the schools where the students learn. In every state, the authority and money drained from the schools have flowed toward the bureaucracy.

The political battle over this issue is fraught with dishonesty. Any criticism of public education is immediately styled as a criticism of teachers. But as the numbers show, the public education system works to the detriment of teachers and for the benefit of bureaucrats. The teachers unions themselves, some of the largest of the public employee unions, claim to be defending teachers and children. That cannot be more than half true, given that they are defending an administrative system that has grown by leaps and bounds while the number of teachers has grown very little.

Worse even than this is the tendency the system sets in all of us. Bureaucracy is a set of processes, a series of prescribed steps not unlike instructions for assembling a toy. First this happens, then that happens, and then the next thing. The processes proceed according to rules. It is a profession unto itself to gain competence in navigating these rules, but nobody is really competent. Today we tend too much to think that

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this kind of process is the only thing that can give legitimacy to something. A history curriculum is adopted, not because it gives a true account of the unchangeable things that have already happened, but because it has survived a process. The process is dominated by “stakeholders”—mostly people who have a financial or political interest in what is taught. They are mostly not teachers or scholars but advocates. And so we adopt our textbooks, our lesson plans, and our state standardized tests with a view to future political outcomes once the kids grow up.

I have said and written many times that the political contest between parents and people who make an independent living, on the one hand, and the administrative state and all its mighty forces on the other, is the key political contest of our time. Today that seems truer than ever. The lines are clearly formed.

As long as our representative institutions work in response to the public will, there is thankfully no need for violence. As the Declaration of Independence says, “Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes.” The Declaration guides us in our peaceful pursuits, too. In naming the causes of the American Revolution, it gives a guide to maintaining free and responsible government. The long middle section of the Declaration accuses the King of interfering with representative government, violating the separation of powers, undermining the independence of the judiciary, and failing to suppress violence.

And in an apposite phrase, it says of the King: “He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.”

So it is today. And so it is our duty to defend our American way of life.

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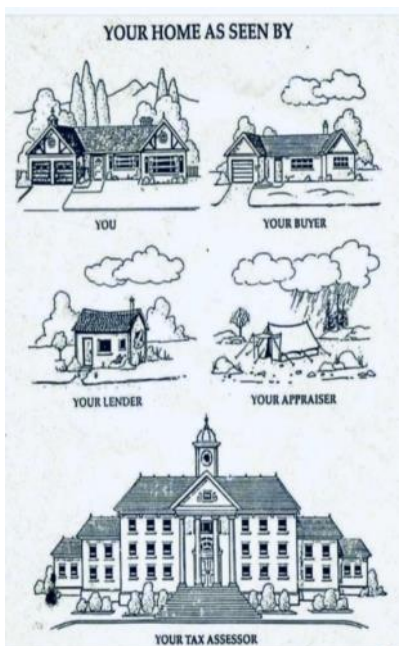


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The End of Education as We Know It? (Part 1 of 2)

By Matthew John, March 28, 2023

ChatGPT stands to change the educational landscape in seismic ways and is something every parent and educator needs to know about.

It's times like these that try men's and women's souls—in education, particularly. And the times just got a whole lot more trying.

Two-plus years of unparalleled COVID-19 pandemic disruptions, rancorous rows over who gets to decide curricula and the placement of critical race theory, and increasing student incivility have been enough to send many a veteran teacher packing for early retirement. Those newer to the profession are swimming in rougher waters than previous generations charted or perhaps could have imagined. There's now a national shortage of teachers and support staff to show for it.

On the bright side, at the classroom level, things were just starting to gain some semblance of normality—or so most teachers I've spoken with were reporting at the start of the year. Sure, many a student was showing the lingering effects of pandemic-era purgatory, having fallen behind in basics such as reading and writing after months squirreled away at home, learning online. But things were back in full swing—in person, thank goodness.

And then the kraken from "[Clash of the Titans](#)" was released.

Or perhaps, if we're trafficking in ancient Greek memes, we should say the Trojan horse. Because in this case, the monster that's been unleashed upon educators (and parents, too, take note!) hardly comes with 10-inch teeth and scaly serpentine skin.

It's called ChatGPT, and if anything, it's being heralded with something sounding more like a hallelujah chorus in some circles, at least in Silicon Valley. The mere mention of the name among educational administrators and staff, by contrast, evokes dread and despair. It seems to be about the one thing everyone in education can agree upon at the moment.

What Is ChatGPT?

Books on Amazon herald the revolutionary power of the tool, with titles such as "[The ChatGPT Millionaire](#)," which promises in its subtitle that "Making Money Online has never been this EASY." Other works vouch that it can write nonfiction for you, that it could teach you to "crush" job interviews, and even that it holds "[The Key to the New Future of Medicine](#)."

Its own creators don't package it with so much hyperbole (they're computer engineers, after all). But they do list a pretty impressive bevy of powers the new online AI tool offers. Among them are correcting grammar, translating text, summarizing notes, generating creative copy, solving math problems, debugging code, and even writing speeches and letters.

All this shouldn't be so surprising, given the blistering pace that Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been progressing at in recent years. It was but a little more than two decades ago that an AI computer, Deep Blue, defeated the world's reigning chess champion. Just seven years ago, it was the world Go champion's turn to leave the arena in defeat.

But what has teachers staying up at night in cold sweats is what ChatGPT can do for students. And do eerily well. Things, mind you, that nobody should be doing.

Such as cheating.

Think of ChatGPT as cheating 2.0. The barrier to entry just got lowered a whole lot for would-be delinquents.

No longer does the wayward 9th grader have to beg his older brother for that dusty copy of his English essay analyzing "The Grapes of Wrath." Nor does the only child cheater have to dole out big bucks for online essay services and wait—heaven forbid—a full day or two for the illicit rewards.

Now it's down to less than a minute. And it's free.

The only limit is the kid's creativity.

"Write me a five-paragraph essay comparing Macbeth and Hamlet," he asks, and moments later it's populating the screen—with perfect grammar, a possible quote or two, and alarmingly good logic.

What, no citations? You can ask for those too.

Whoops, the paper looks a little too good to be true? "Rewrite the essay below at an 8th-grade level," you prod. And it will. Startlingly well, in fact.

It's not perfect, however, as any teacher who's given it a spin will attest to. Sometimes its references are off, its facts a little garbled, and its points not quite valid. But it's hard to tell, and most likely any student resorting to using it isn't about to pick up on the output's shortcomings. Or care, when the assignment is due in a matter of hours and they haven't read the 400-page book.

The scariest thing is that it's not very traceable (although that may change, [according to its makers](#), OpenAI). Each prompt that's given to the uber chat machine generates output that's truly unique, in real time. No two essays it whips up are going to be the same. Nor will they have ever existed anywhere online or in print before. It's not savvy plagiarism. It's genuinely new.

Only it's not yours. It isn't the product of your own mind and effort. And that's the whole point of school assignments in the first place.

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All of which brings us to the matter of consequences.

Changing Education

Unlike the fictional kraken of “Clash of the Titans” fame, this beast wasn’t unleashed with malevolent intent. (It’s about revenue, of course.) But much like the creature of lore, its every move sends waves big and fierce enough to crush the unsuspecting citizens at its shores.

In practical terms, I think ChatGPT is most likely going to play out in several ways on the educational front.

First, its effects are apt to be inequitable. One can readily imagine the achievement gap only worsening in its throes.

This will partly come down to which schools have the bandwidth for combating essay-writing, math-solving AI tools of its ilk. Yes, trained teachers can spot a darned good deep-fake—if circumstances allow for it. You first have to know each of your students well enough to know their baseline performance, their voice, their command of the language, and so on to know when something is written in another hand. That’s exponentially harder to do when you’re teaching in a public school district with swelling class sizes and a teacher shortage. It’s one thing to know each of your 40 students well, but it’s another to say the same for 125 or more. With a stack of 100-plus essays going into the weekend to grade, simple efficiencies dictate that you can’t treat each with the same degree of nuance and attention that the teacher in the same subject at, say, an elite boarding school might with a stack of papers one-third the size.

Similarly, teacher abilities aside, some schools are much more likely to have the resources at their disposal to purchase the kind of plagiarism-detecting software needed to spot a ChatGPT-type fake.

(For anyone pining for the Looney Tunes theatrics of their youth, you can now tune in to the cat-and-mouse game that’s emerging in the AI arena—with AI software tools popping up left and right to combat the fake essays being authored by the sibling AI software across town. Oh, the irony of it all.)

We might also imagine the impact playing out with great discrepancy across different demographics of households and communities. A good deal of the onus to thwart naughty student doings is going to fall on parents, and for single parents or those working double jobs who lack the extra time and energy to carefully watch a child’s online adventures during homework time, bad things are prone to happen.

By extension, I might envision character education playing a bigger role in schools with all this (if there’s any silver lining to this artificial cloud!). Never has it been more imperative for students to cultivate the kind of self-awareness, discipline, ethical judgment, and self-control that were once such a big part of education and a proper upbringing. Think of it as ChatGPT’s implied moral imperative, if you will.

Those who ignore it do so at their own peril. The cost of cutting corners on essays, research assignments, and math tasks done in the dark will be steep and painful come in-class exam time. But by end-of-term, the damage may already be done. That time on task can never be recouped. Hence, a widening achievement gap is likely.

We might also anticipate—contrary to what many might expect—that it may well be college students who suffer the most from the quick-fix tool. Sure, they’re more mature than their younger adolescent selves. But these students will be the ones with the most unsupervised time, as the bulk of college-level work (essays, research, and so forth) is done on one’s own. Savvy teachers and administrations at the elementary and secondary levels might be able to pivot quickly and opt for more of a “flipped classroom” approach, where the bulk of work is done in the classroom. Many teachers who weathered the pandemic and mastered the switch to online or hybrid teaching will be especially poised for this.

At the college level, by contrast, you’re on your own. That 10-page paper on Newtonian physics ain’t going to happen on your professor’s paid time in the lecture hall.

Lastly, we might also expect that certain subjects are going to be hit harder by all of this (and have to be more creative in their coping mechanisms). For example, the world language teacher has much less to quake over than, say, the American Lit instructor; the former’s students will be doing oodles of performative work, and formative assessments will be taking place daily in the classroom. AI can’t read aloud the lines of your French dialogue in your voice at your level.

Or at least not yet ...

Editor’s note: This is the first of two pieces exploring ChatGPT and AI’s impact on the educational landscape. The next installment will explore what teachers, parents, and schools can do to mitigate the deleterious potentials of such tools.

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The Virginia Ratifying Convention and the Birth of the Tenth Amendment

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The modern debate over the meaning of the Constitution often devolves into a dueling opinions between legal experts and judges. But the true meaning of the document and the kind of government it created isn't found in Supreme Court decrees or through interpretation based on opinion.

Much like an author's diary or notes on a novel offers the most relevant commentary on the meaning of their book, the best way to learn what the meaning of the Constitution is to find out what those who approved it had to say. For that, we must return to the state ratifying conventions where the Constitution was discussed and debated and clarified before delegates voted to approve it.

While the essays found in the Federalist Papers provide an intellectual argument in favor of the Constitution, it was at the conventions its supporters had to confront the specific concerns of skeptics and opponents.

Of all them all, the Virginia Ratifying Convention held June 2-27, 1788 may offer the best insight into what kind of government the Constitution created.

At the convention, many aspects of the Constitution, such as the power of taxation, were thoroughly discussed and fervently debated. However, those who helped craft the Constitution, as well as its supporters, also made it unmistakably clear if approved it would set up a limited government with only certain specific powers delegated to it – powers that could be taken back if desired.

It is this part of the convention we'll be focusing on.

BIG NAMES

To grasp the significance of what was said during the Virginia Ratifying Convention, it is critical to first understand the importance of the people there. Among the delegates were James Madison, Edmund Randolph, John Marshall, Patrick Henry and George Mason. Madison is commonly known as the Father of the Constitution for his role in crafting the document. Randolph was the then-governor of Virginia and the first U.S. attorney general, while Marshall was the fourth chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Randolph's statements in particular are notable because he was one of the few people who refused to sign the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia a year earlier, yet he later changed his mind and voted in favor of it at the [Virginia Ratifying Convention](#).

Both Patrick Henry and George Mason were anti-federalists, intense skeptics of the new Constitution. Yet they were also fierce advocates for the adoption of a bill of rights that would ensure the protection of rights recognized by the state constitutions. They also wanted numerous amendments to the U.S. Constitution as a condition of ratification. Mason earned the title "Father of the Bill of Rights" for his efforts to secure much of what later became the first amendments to the Constitution, including the Tenth Amendment.

DELEGATED POWERS

Debate over the powers of the proposed national government dominated the Virginia convention.

Early in the convention, delegates raised concern about giving Congress the authority to alter the time, places and manner of elections for U.S. senators and representatives under Article 1 Section. 4. The worry by some was that they would use this power to inappropriately influence elections.

In response to these concerns, delegate George Nicholas made the following remarks (note: all bold emphasis added)

It is absurd to think that Congress will exert this power, or change the time, place, and manner established by the states, if the states will regulate them properly, or so as not to defeat the purposes of the Union. It is urged that the state legislature ought to be fully and exclusively possessed of this power. Were this the case, it might certainly defeat the government. **As the powers vested by this plan in Congress are taken from the state legislatures**, they would be prompted to throw every obstacle in the way of the general government. It was then necessary that Congress should have this power.

Another strong argument for the necessity of this power is, that, **if it was left solely to the states**,

Congress will superintend the great national interests of the Union. Local concerns are left to the state legislatures.

Nicholas' statement reveals several critical facts about the Constitution that would be repeated throughout the convention:

It was delegating specific powers to the federal government, and no more. The powers delegated to the federal government were not general, but specific.

The new government's powers were limited to handling external issues; internal issues and the powers to deal with them were to be left to the states.

Nicholas later reiterated this point while referring to the House of Representatives:

The state legislatures, also, will be a powerful check on them: **every new power given to Congress is taken from the state legislatures**; they will be, therefore, very watchful over them; for, **should they exercise any power not vested in them, it will be a usurpation of the rights of the different state legislatures**, who would sound the alarm to the people. Upon such an appeal from the states to the people, nothing but the propriety of their conduct would insure the Congress any chance of success.

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Again, the federal government's powers would come from the states. They would not come out of thin air. Nor was the federal government a sovereign entity. It was a national government using powers delegated to it by the states. If the feds had a power it had to be specifically stated.

Anti-federalist George Mason was not convinced this was how things would actually work out. Because a national government would be more powerful than the state governments "the latter must give way to the former," he said.

He elaborated further:

I hope that a government may be framed which may suit us, by drawing a line between the general and state governments, and prevent that dangerous clashing of interest and power, which must, as it now stands, terminate in the destruction of one or the other. When we come to the judiciary, we shall be more convinced that this government will terminate in the annihilation of the state governments: **the question then will be, whether a consolidated government can preserve the freedom and secure the rights of the people.**

In response, James Madison stated "that the general limitation of their (federal) powers, and **the general watchfulness of the states**, will be a sufficient guard."

The phrase "general watchfulness of the states" implied the states have ultimate authority over the federal government. The powers it exercises are only on loan from the states. Thus, it would be a duty of the "watchful" states to ensure the new government did not go beyond its delegated authority.

This is the concept of nullification neatly summarized a full decade before Madison would pen the Virginia Resolutions of 1798.

However, not all the sections of the Constitution were as clear in language as others. One of the provisions Patrick Henry attacked was the necessary and proper clause, which he saw as giving Congress carte blanche authority and declaring its laws "paramount to the laws and constitutions of the states," he warned on June 5.

"This, sir, is my great objection to the Constitution, that there is no true responsibility, and that the preservation of our liberty depends on the single chance of men being virtuous enough to make laws to punish themselves," he said further.

Except this clause actually didn't give them any unspecified authority, said Madison the following day.

"The powers of the federal government are enumerated; it can only operate in certain cases; it **has legislative powers on defined and limited objects, beyond which it cannot extend its jurisdiction**," he said.

Another prominent delegate at the Convention was Richard Henry Lee. A signer of the Articles of Confederation, his motion for separation from Great Britain at the Second Continental Congress in 1776 led to the Declaration of Independence.

Lee argued that a simple question could determine Congress' powers.

"It is plain on the side of the governed: Is it enumerated in the Constitution?" he stated on June 9. "If it be, it is legal and just. It is otherwise arbitrary and unconstitutional."

Lee was recorded as arguing further:

Under the state governments, the people reserved to themselves certain enumerated rights, and that the rest were vested in their rulers; that, consequently, the powers reserved to the people were but an inconsiderable exception from what were given to their rulers; but that, in the federal government, **the rulers of the people were vested with certain defined powers, and that what were not delegated to those rulers were retained by the people.**

The consequence of this, he said, was that the limited powers were only an **exception to those which rested in the people, and that they knew what they had given up, and could be in no danger.**

BACKWARDS

There would be no hidden powers in the Constitution. It would not be a "living, breathing" document that could be changed by the whims of those in power. But this couldn't be more false. The document was created as unambiguous and unchanging outside of the amendment process. Any power it had could be determined simply by reading it.

A common misinterpretation of the Constitution and the subsequent amendments is that unless a right is expressly stated it does not exist. Likewise, if the federal government is not expressly prohibited from doing something it has the authority to do so. Or, the power could be "implied" in certain clauses.

It's an interpretation anti-federalists at the convention feared the federal government would adopt one day. One delegate critical of the Constitution noted the lack of expressed protections for freedom of the press that could be found in state constitutions like Virginia's. What would prevent Congress from censoring newspapers?

In response, Edmund Randolph explicitly denounced such an interpretation of the Constitution as backwards.

"He (another delegate) says that every power is given to the general government that is not reserved to the states," Randolph said June 10. **"Pardon me if I say the reverse of the proposition is true. I defy anyone to prove the contrary. Every power not given it by this system is left with the states.** This

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being the principle, **from what part of the Constitution can the liberty of the press be said to be in danger?**"

Randolph then read Article 1 Section 8 listing congressional powers and challenged the delegates to "examine every one, and tell me if the most exalted genius can prove that the liberty of the press is in danger."

Once more, this failed to placate George Mason. No matter what reassurances they were given, a bill of rights was still needed, he argued.

RETAINED

George Nicholas warned this flipped the meaning of the Constitution. It was a document listing limited government powers, he said. A document with the limited rights of the people was the European approach.

He said:

In England, in all disputes between the king and people, recurrence is had to the enumerated rights of the people, to determine. Are the rights in dispute secured? Are they included in Magna Charta, Bill of Rights.? If not, they are, generally speaking, within the king's prerogative.

In disputes between Congress and the people, the reverse of the proposition holds. **Is the disputed right enumerated? If not, Congress cannot meddle with it.** Which is the most safe? The people of America know what they have relinquished for certain purposes. They also know that they retain everything else, and **have a right to resume what they have given up, if it be perverted from its intended object.**

"It is a principle universally agreed upon, that **all powers not given are retained,**" he declared.

SOVEREIGN

Contrary to the "one nation, indivisible" phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance, they were not creating a permanent government that could never be abolished. To do so would have been to betray the fundamental principles of the Declaration of Independence. The people were, through their legislatures, delegating powers to a federal government – but if they no longer wished to delegate them they could take them back.

In other words, because the people were sovereign they had a right to abolish a government or withdraw their consent to its rule, just as they had done with Great Britain.

If there is any doubt left in someone's mind as to the authorities of the federal government, James Madison put it as well as anyone could when he said their powers were intended chiefly for times of war, "while those of the state governments will be exercised in time of peace."

"The powers of the general government relate to external objects, and are but few," he said on June 11. "But the powers in the states relate to those great objects which immediately concern the prosperity of the people."

It was a government that was given powers mainly to be utilized at a time of war; and the founders hoped to avoid the kind of wars that had ravaged European. It was a government that had few powers which were to be exercised infrequently.

SUPREMACY CLAUSE

But what about the Supremacy Clause, which declares that all laws made in pursuance of the Constitution supersede state laws? Surely this erased any limitations from the new government, said George Mason.

"Are not those rights with which we were afraid to trust our own citizens annulled and given up to the general government?" he argued on June 11.

Clauses like this made a bill of rights in the U.S. Constitution as necessary as ones for state constitutions, he went on:

Let gentlemen show that they are secured in a plain, direct, unequivocal manner. It is not in their power. Then where is the security? **Where is the barrier drawn between the government and the rights of the citizens, as secured in our own state government?** These rights are given up in that paper; but I trust that this Convention will never give them up; but will take pains to secure them to the latest posterity."

He then proposed a constitutional amendment evoking the same spirit of the Tenth Amendment.

We wish only our rights to be secured. We must have such amendments as will secure the liberties and happiness of the people on a plain, simple construction, not on a doubtful ground....We ask such amendments as will point out **what powers are reserved to the state governments,** and clearly discriminate **between them and those which are given to the general government,** so as to prevent future disputes and clashing of interests. **Grant us amendments like these, and we will cheerfully, with our hands and hearts, unite with those who advocate it,** and we will do everything we can to support and carry it into execution. **But in its present form we never can accede to it."**

"The liberty or misery of millions yet unborn are deeply concerned in our decision," he added

The Woke Revolution Is Erasing the Past

By J. Peder Zane, April 25, 2023

Commentary

Students of English and history are going the way of the dodo bird.

During just the last decade, their numbers at colleges and universities have dropped by a third—and humanities enrollment is down by 17 percent, Nathan Heller reports in his recent *New Yorker* article, “[The End of the English Major](#).”

Data collected by the [American Academy of Arts and Sciences’ Humanities Indicators project](#) show that “from 2012 to 2020 the number of graduated humanities majors at Ohio State’s main campus fell by forty-six per cent. Tufts lost nearly fifty per cent of its humanities majors, and Boston University lost forty-two. Notre Dame ended up with half as many as it started with, while SUNY-Albany lost almost three-quarters. Vassar and Bates — standard-bearing liberal-arts colleges — saw their numbers of humanities majors fall by nearly half.”



*The drawing of a Dodo bird, circa 1792.
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Conservatives who have long lamented the politicization of the humanities, highlighted by the rise of women’s studies, queer studies, ethnic studies as well as the transformation of English and history into tools for the [left’s vision of social justice](#), might be tempted to cheer this development. They might also applaud a main driver Heller and [others](#) cite for [this trend](#): the determination of students spooked by the 2008 economic meltdown to choose majors that can help them land decent paying jobs. *Reading “Middlemarch” may be uplifting but a marketing degree pays dividends.*

Unfortunately, something nefarious may be going on. It’s hard to believe that schools run by leftwing professors and administrators aggressively intent on telling students what they should think are passively responding to market forces. It is also not farfetched to suspect that they might be allowing the humanities to wither because it is a roadblock to the woke revolution they are advancing.

English and history have always had an inherent conservative streak: They are, almost by definition, backward-looking disciplines. They have sought to conserve and thereby connect students with what the Victorian writer Matthew Arnold called “[the best that has been thought and known](#).” Studying the history of ancient Greece and Rome and the art of the Renaissance, reading Shakespeare, Tolstoy, Austen, Ellison, and, of course, the Bible, show us how our ancestors’ decisions shaped our world while providing wisdom as we confront the great question: *How can I lead a good life?*

At bottom, it is a recognition that history is ever the story, as Faulkner put it, “[of the human heart in conflict with itself](#),” and that as we search for answers to eternal questions we can find solace by turning to [the giants upon whose shoulders we stand](#).

This mindset is problematic for the woke revolution. It holds that there is no abiding human nature or human condition; people are blank slates upon which society stamps ideas, like pieces of factory tin. It does not see us as biological creatures with innate instincts and concerns but a collection of social constructs that can be changed like hats. Utopia is possible if everyone can be made to wear the correct ideas. This forward-looking ideology has little use for the past; it was no accident that a seminal model for our woke movement, the French Revolution, abolished our Gregorian calendar and imposed its own, [declaring September 1792 to be the start of Year One](#).

Amnesia is the crucial psychological state for the woke revolution. In order to [control thought, language, and reality itself](#), the left must strip people of the ability to evaluate the future plans it is peddling through reference to past experience. Those who do not remember what happened last week, last year, or a century ago are much easier to manipulate.

Hence the longstanding effort to delegitimize the past by portraying it as a parade of horrors: History is the story of shocking cruelty; classic books are instruments to oppress marginalized groups.

If you have never even been exposed to the idea that capitalism is the most liberating force in human history, the prime vehicle through which common people were able to gain wealth and power and replace authoritarian aristocracies with democratic forms of governance, then it is easy to be convinced it is simply a “tool of oppression.”

If you do not know that the American revolution was fought for human freedom, then you might accept the risible claim of the *New York Times’* 1619 Project, that its goal was the preservation of slavery.

If literature and history are just cautionary tales of humanity’s wretchedness, if they are not sources of truth and beauty, but expressions of power and will, then why bother studying them?

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Let's not forget that the economic meltdown was not the only thing that happened in 2008, when students started fleeing the humanities. That was also when the woke revolution began emerging as a transformational force through the election of Barack Obama. It was around then that support for humanities from nonprofits and the government started drying up.

Circling the date 2007 on a piece of paper, James Shapiro, the renowned Shakespeare scholar at Columbia University, told the New Yorker's Heller it was then that "funding goes down. The financial support for the humanities is gone on a national level, on a state level, at the university level." A 2022 survey, for example, found that only 7 percent of Harvard freshmen planned to major in the humanities, down from 20 percent a decade earlier.

History does not provide many bright lines. It is far easier to identify correlation than causation in its movements. But as we consider the plummeting interest in the study of English and history, we should note how helpful this is to the forces of the left, who control our college and universities. The less we know about the past, the more they can shape the future.

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MY TOP 30 *Legislative Priorities*

Dan Patrick Lieutenant Governor of Texas

With Only Six Weeks to go in Session the Clock is Ticking...

Dan Patrick @DanPatrick · 23m
Bonnie got my attention. She's close. House has passed 85 bills & Senate passed 316 through yesterday. I'm concerned many Republican priorities will not pass the House at this rate. Proud the Senate has passed 26 of our top 30 priorities already, and we'll finish next week.

Bonnie Bruce @BonnieBruce · 3h
Okay. So today is the 93rd day of session (not the 105th). Recalculated, the Senate is ahead and the House is behind. #txlege
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Dan Patrick @DanPatrick · 23m
I want to help House members pass their good bills. But they can't wait much longer. Last session they sent nearly 700 bills to us in the last 10 days or so. Sending that many bills that late means most will die due to the clock. Not our fault. Help us help you.

... *I don't want good Senate or House bills to die. The House needs to help us help them before it's too late.*

New Poll Shows Texas Voters Support Homestead Exemption Over Appraisal Caps



A new poll shows Texans strongly prefer the Senate tax cut plan to increase Homestead Exemptions over the House's plan to cap appraisals. Texans know the Senate plan will provide real, significant property tax relief for all taxpayers. Seniors get a \$100,000 exemption for a savings of \$1,024 every year and those under 65 get a \$70,000 exemption, saving \$798 every year they own their home.

You can visit www.taptp.org to read more.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

26 of my 30 top legislative priorities have passed in record time, 4 to pass next week!
It was a COLA Day for Retired Teachers who Packed the Senate Gallery

I'm holding up my retired COLA can to celebrate the passing of SB 10. The Texas Senate passed the long awaited cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) for retired teachers. The surplus allowed us to spend over 4 billion dollars to create this plan. Bill author Senator Joan Huffman, R-Houston, and I worked tirelessly on this bill. Retired teachers over 75 also get a one-time check for \$7,500.

Texas Senate Passes SB 2424 – State Authority to Enforce Our Border

Since the federal government has abdicated its constitutional responsibility to secure our border, Texas must step into the breach. Senate Bill 2424, State Authority to Enforce Our Border, by Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, creates a new state crime for entering Texas illegally. SB 2424 authorizes Texas law enforcement to arrest and prosecute all people who cross the border illegally anywhere in Texas. Punishment starts with up to 1 year in jail for a first-time offender, two years in state jail for a second-time offender and up to life in prison for convicted felons who illegally cross the border. [Here is my official statement](#) following the passage of SB 2424.

This week I met Chief Patrol Agent Gloria Chavez, of the U.S. Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley Sector. The men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol are doing the best they can under a President who does not support them or allow them to do the job they were trained to do — securing the border.

Texas Senate Passes SB 13 – Protecting Children from Obscene Books in School Libraries

Texas parents have an expectation that when their child goes to their school library, they are doing so for educational purposes. Senate Bill 13, Protecting Children from Obscene Books in School Libraries, by Sen. Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, states that books in school libraries must not be harmful, indecent or profane. [Here is my official statement](#) following the passage of SB 13. We must remove the pornographic and inappropriate books the Left is trying to push into our school libraries that indoctrinate and sexualize our children.

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Texas Senate Passes SB 16 – Banning Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Texas Universities

Liberal professors, determined to indoctrinate our students with their woke brand of revisionist history, have gone too far. This session, there was no question that we would ban the teaching of CRT in Texas universities. Senate Bill 16, Banning CRT in Texas Universities, by Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Tyler, does just that.

[Here is my official statement](#) following the passage of SB 16.

Texas Senate Passes SB 19 – Creating the Texas University Fund

As Texas' economy and population continue to grow rapidly, so do our workforce needs. Senate Bill 19, Creating the Texas University Fund, by Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, creates the Texas University Fund (TUF). The TUF will provide funding for research expenditures for non-PUF-eligible research universities so we can continue powering the Texas and American economy forward for decades to come.

[Here is my official statement](#) on the bipartisan passage of SB 19.

Texas Senate Unanimously Passes SB 26 – Expanding Mental Health Care Beds Across Texas – Focus on Rural Counties

As I traveled the state on my bus tour, I noticed the glaring need for mental health care beds across the state, especially in our rural areas. I knew we needed to do something to fix this growing crisis. Senate Bill 26, Expanding Mental Health Care Beds Across Texas – Focus on Rural Counties, by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, creates an "Innovation Grant" program to direct state funding to improve mental health bed capacity and services across Texas.

[Here is my official statement](#) following the unanimous passage of SB 26.



Biden's Border Crisis with Laura Ingraham

Thousands of migrants continue to pour into our country every single day and now, Biden is incentivizing them, promising free healthcare. This is absolutely absurd. Our communities are suffering. Something has to be done – and Texas is stepping in. I joined Laura Ingraham on her program late Thursday night to talk about this and more. [Click here to watch.](#)



Biden's Border Crisis (Continued) with Maria Bartiromo

We are facing an unprecedented surge of illegal immigrants crossing our border and the Biden administration continues to do what they do best: NOTHING.

I was on Fox News' Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo to talk about this and more. [Click here to watch.](#)

Thank you all for your support and everything you do to keep Texas red. May God bless you and your family, and may He continue to bless the greatest state of all—Texas.

Sincerely,

Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor of Texas

The Growing Consumer Revolt Against Woke Ideology

By Jeffrey A. Tucker, April 24, 2023

Commentary

It's likely true: No executives at Anheuser-Busch knew what the Bud Light marketing people were planning when they decided to deploy an absurdist and deeply offensive transgender TikTok influencer to sell their beer. But soon after it happened, public disgust became rather obvious. The crisis began, but for weeks, the company was in denial.

Finally, the CEO made a statement that only infuriated people more, simply because it wasn't an apology or even an honest admission of anything that was happening. It had that sterilized and robotic quality we've come to associate with government statements that pretend that all is well when everyone knows it isn't.

Two weeks ago, the line about Bud Light on the streets was that the consumer protest would run the news cycle and then disappear, that the protests were limited to the "far right" and "conservative activists" but that most consumers don't care either way. Every story in the mainstream media said the same thing. They further suggested that if you don't drink Bud Light, you are likely a dupe of dangerous fanatics.

But here we are three weeks later and finally, the company stepped up again to address the growing meltdown. They put both the vice president of marketing and her boss "on leave," which one supposes is a way of firing them while minimizing the legal liabilities and the sense that the company was facing a real crisis.

"Given the circumstances, Alissa [Heinerscheid] has decided to take a leave of absence which we support," an Anheuser-Busch spokeswoman wrote in an email to The Wall Street Journal. "Daniel [Blake] has also decided to take a leave of absence."

I just love that "given the circumstances" line.

This move of course has satisfied no one, fed the news cycle even more, and further entrenched the consumer boycott that has spread to all the company's brands.

Do you see what is happening here? We are watching the rise of genuine consumer awareness and hence sovereignty. The public is finally fighting back.

Only a few years ago, politics was pretty well kept out of economics and marketing. We could have our differences over ideology but they didn't invade our commercial spaces. For decades, if not centuries, the market has largely operated outside of the poison of politics, or at the very least, large companies pretended to be neutral in order to maximize their public reach.

When you go to the Cheesecake Factory, no one cares what you believe and no one tells you what you have to believe. It's been the same in every commercial space since the late Middle Ages: the consumer is the king in this realm, and politics doesn't belong. The advance of this system represented a major change in social structures the world over. It meant that wealth and power came not from conquest and exploitation but rather service to fellow human beings.

By the late 19th century, the advances of consumer sovereignty and meritocracy replacing aristocracy seemed largely complete. During this time, too, humanity experienced and enjoyed the greatest flurry of innovations in human history, seemingly all at once: the commercialization of steel, the rise of electricity, the mass availability of internal combustion and flight, the telephone, and spreading of wealth to all classes. It wasn't politics that did this but the people's power of the market economy. This reality has always been a major annoyance to the ideologues who believe that political agitation should invade the whole of life.

Much of this has changed with "woke" ideology, which is the latest iteration of the deeply dangerous fanaticism that the personal must always be political. The slogan was bandied about in the 1960s but failed to capture commercial institutions, which continued to be governed by mundane concerns about the public's desire to get products and services at a good price.

But with a series of small steps and then big ones, the marketplace has become seriously politicized, with consumers conscripted by various causes. The advent of ESG and DEI movements are major parts of the putsch of fully invading the commercial world. Companies have to get a high rating or else see their stocks delisted by powerful securities advisories. It was all an attempt to force the marketplace to serve political priorities above all else.

Much of this has taken place without the awareness of the public. We've largely gone about our business without realizing what was taking place beneath the surface.

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But in recent years, consumers have been stunned to see what is really going on at these companies. As their management layers ballooned and cheap credit seemingly gave them a license to pursue politics over quality products and services, they have made major efforts toward twisting company culture in political directions.

They started putting ideology over profitability, especially in the hiring of top management positions. They favored the protected, privileged, and Ivy-educated over people within the company who actually understood the customer base. And they did this with brazen acts of racial and gender tokenism that punished competence and rewarded political loyalties.

That's how Anheuser-Busch ended up in its current problems, which could ultimately prove devastating to the company. The controversies that the Bud Light ad unleashed are nowhere at an end. It isn't even about the ad itself as much as what it represents. Namely, it reveals just how detached high-end corporate culture has become from the customers who consume the product.

At the very same time, Bed, Bath, & Beyond has announced that it will seek bankruptcy protection from creditors and close all of its stores after 56 years in business. It has been coming for a while, so markets aren't exactly shocked. But it's yet another example of the slogan "Go woke, go broke." The company replaced merit with management quotas, seeking 50 percent tokenism at the upper levels and 25 percent at other levels. And when the owner of My Pillow became a vocal supporter of Trump, they dumped the whole product line even though it was among the best sellers.

And now, look at the results. My Pillow is doing great business while Bed, Bath, & Beyond is going belly up.

Whatever is wrong with the corporate sector today, it isn't entirely cut off from market signaling. Everyone watched in awe when Elon Musk took over Twitter, fired four of every five workers, and created a product that works better than ever. His actions have been publicly condemned, but privately, they are being copied in slow motion.

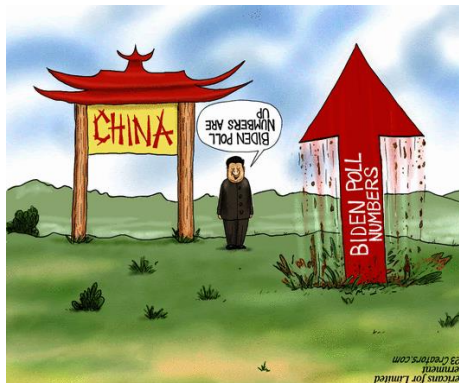
Everyone is watching the meltdown at Bud Light, so it's highly unlikely any other brand that seeks to grow will toy with the same tactics. And the spectacular failure of Bed, Bath, & Beyond reveals just how truly dangerous it is to allow politics to invade hiring and marketing. The very existences of whole companies are at stake.

Consumers could eventually kill woke ideology. This is because of the core beauty of the economics of the marketplace. It puts a hard limit on fanaticism. For any company that relies on real people to purchase goods and services, going woke could be the kiss of death.

Can the corporate sector become uncorrupted from its egregious failings over the past decade or more? It will have to, or more companies will find themselves with more PR disasters and outright bankruptcy. The consuming public is finally waking up: Everyone must be careful about how we use our money. We should be rewarding companies that serve the public, not elite political interests.

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Eight Startling and Uncomfortable Ways the Democrat Party Emulates the Nazi Party

By [Steve McCann](#), *American Thinker*, March 21, 2023

The Democrat party has been a stain on the nation since its founding in 1828 by a virulently racist president, Andrew Jackson. It was the party of slavery and the Confederacy, it initiated racial segregation by legislating and brutally enforcing Jim Crow laws. It unabashedly aligned with and supported the Ku Klux Klan for over nine decades, thus promoting antisemitism, religious persecution and xenophobia. Over the past 60 years, the Party has embraced and promulgated cultural Marxism which espouses the transformation of traditional American culture and society. The Party has succeeded in undermining the family structure and religious freedom as well as mainstreaming abortions up to the point of birth and what was once considered deviancy.

The Democrat party's two most exalted figureheads are the fervently racist Woodrow Wilson who set the Party on the path of undermining the Constitution in order to remold the United States into a "modern administrative state" (i.e., socialist) and Franklin Roosevelt who was enamored with and utilized Fascist principles in his "New Deal" thus permanently embedding them in the Party's psyche.

An unemotional examination of the underlying philosophies and the tactics the Nazi Party used to gain and maintain power reveals not just the common impulse to weaponize the judiciary to eradicate one's political opponents (e.g., Donald Trump) but numerous other similarities between the Nazis and the Democrat party that cannot be ignored. Here are eight uncomfortable dimensions of that resemblance.

First, racial and ethnic division was a central component of Nazi political strategy and philosophy. The Nazi Party was the most racially obsessed political party in human history. Today's Democrat party is second only to the Nazi Party in their racial obsession. Every piece of legislation, every accusation against their opponents, every aspect of American society, even weather and climate are framed in imaginary racism.

The Nazi Party's obsession focused on their perverted belief in the inferiority and superiority of the races or ethnicities. This opened the door for blaming a specific ethnic group for all the problems facing their country. The Democrat party is claiming the root cause of virtually all problems facing this nation is "systemic racism" as theoretically instigated by one particular race.

The Nazis used "fake news," as does the Democrat party, in order to slice and dice the populace into identity groups and then promulgate grievance-riddled policies aimed at these manufactured factions in order to foment anger at a previously isolated group. Which for the Nazis were the Jews; and for the Democrat party, white heterosexual Christians and Jews.

Second, In the 1920s and early 1930s, the Nazi Party relied on street riots, property damage and gratuitous violence utilizing their militant cadre, the Sturmabteilung (SA), to project power through intimidation while blaming others for the violence. Their ability to terrorize the citizenry and national political leadership played a major role in their ascendance to power as they promised peace and impartial justice if elected. Almost immediately upon assuming the reins of government, they transformed the judicial system into a vehicle of oppression directed their political foes and the Jews while their allies were not prosecuted for any criminal activity.

The Democrat party revealed in the summer of 2020 that they, too, have the wherewithal and inclination to acquiesce to street riots, property damage and gratuitous violence utilizing their militant cadre, Antifa and Black Lives Matter, to project power through intimidation while blaming white supremacy and police brutality for the violence. In the presidential campaign of 2020, the Democrat party implicitly promised peace and impartial justice if elected. Almost immediately upon assuming the reins of government, they transformed the Justice Department into a vehicle of oppression directed at their political foes, Donald Trump and all Constitutional conservatives, while their allies were either not prosecuted or treated extraordinarily leniently.



Third, in January 1933, Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany. Within four weeks a mysterious, and in all likelihood staged, fire broke out in the Reichstag (Congress) Building which the Nazis blamed on Communist agitators as their opening salvo in a violent coup. Using this pretext, the Nazis rushed to arrest and harshly prosecute selected elements of their political adversaries, thus intimidating the balance. They also forced through the Reichstag the Enabling Act of 1933 in March of the same year. This law embedded the Nazis as the sole dominant political party and ensured that only the Nazis could win future elections.

The Democrat party seized upon in all likelihood a setup disturbance at the Capitol on January 6, 2021 to proclaim that it was an "armed insurrection" and the opening salvo in a violent coup attempt by Trump, his supporters and white supremacists. Using this pretext, the Democrats rushed to arrest and harshly prosecute those in attendance in order to intimidate their political enemies. In the footsteps of the Nazi Party, the Democrats immediately pushed to pass the For The People Act, which would have overturned virtually all existing voter laws, embedded the Democrats

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Fourth, antisemitism was a foundational principle of Nazism. Antisemitism, through the Democrats' nine-decade alliance with the Ku Klux Klan, has long been foundational in the Democrat party. Today, many elected Democrats openly denigrate the state of Israel, glorify the Palestinian terrorists, and claim that Jews are disloyal. Thus, fomenting an exponential increase in anti-Jewish attacks in America's major cities.

Meanwhile, virtually the entire Democrat hierarchy bows at the feet of America's most virulent antisemite, Louis Farrakhan, who has referred to Judaism as the "religion of Satan" and Adolf Hitler as "a very great man." This obeisance to Farrakhan and his ilk is concordant with the mindless acceptance of unbridled antisemitism by the hierarchy of the Nazi Party in the mid-to-late 1920's.

Fifth, the Nazi Party was fixated on censorship and eliminating any cultural institution, publication or speech that did not fully support them. Further, per socialist dogma, they were determined to destroy the family structure, replacing it with the state. The Nazis were notorious for book-burning rituals to intimidate and send the message that they would shut down anyone and anything that did not align with their ideology. Once in control of the national levers of powers, they did so with impunity particularly in the education sector whose revised primary purpose was to brainwash the youth.

The Democrat Party is figuratively burning books as it uses social media mobs as the vehicle to send the message that they will shut down anyone or anything that does not align with their ideology. Further, they, in league with the teachers' unions, are hellbent on programming America's youth and destroying the family structure replacing it with the state.

Sixth, the Nazis perfected the art of indoctrinating the citizenry through propaganda and "fake news." Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Minister of Propaganda, is credited with saying: "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it."

This strategy has been and continues to be used to great success by the Democrat party and their fellow travelers in the so-called mainstream media. Whether it is the Russian collusion hoax, the so-called armed insurrection on January 6, 2021, climate change as an existential threat to mankind, suppression of voting rights, white supremacy running rampant, the necessity of lockdowns for the Covid pandemic or a myriad of other fabrications, the Party hierarchy lies with impunity as a means to their ends... as did the Nazis.

Seventh, the Nazis, true to socialist ideology, preyed on class envy to stoke tensions and resentment as they blamed the Jews and wealthy capitalists for their nation's economic woes. The Democrat party hierarchy began in 2009 blaming so-called "white supremacy" together with their century-old tactic of blaming wealthy capitalists for income and economic inequality in order to foment class envy and resentment.

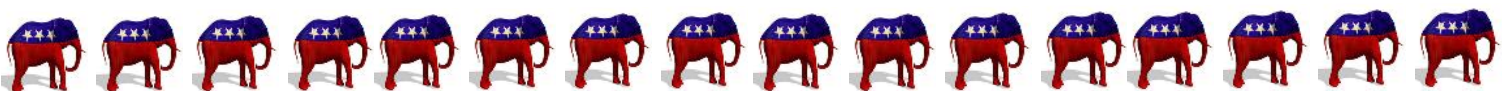
But the similarity does not end there. In an extraordinary juxtaposition, the Nazis were able to vilify the wealthy and the industrialists while the subjects of their vitriol financed the Nazi Party. Hitler assured the German corporate titans that, despite their rhetoric, the Nazis would leave them alone and award them lucrative contracts if they sustained the Party through massive financial support.

The Democrat Party has established a similar rapport with the corporate establishment, in particular the finance and tech sectors. In the belief that they will be left alone by the Democrat party, the American corporate elites have financed the party out to destroy capitalism.

Eighth, Hitler, after serving in World War I, was an avowed communist who eventually joined the National Socialist Party, later renamed the National Socialist Workers (NAZI) Party. He did so because it was larger and also espoused Marxism/socialism. Influenced by Mussolini and his Fascist Party, in the 1920s the National Socialist Party adopted extreme nationalism and government-controlled capitalism as a part of their foundational Marxist/socialist underpinning.

While flirting with it for a number of decades, in the latter half of the Twentieth Century the Democrat party began to fully embrace an American version of the Marxism/socialism that underpinned the NAZI Party. Mark Levin in his seminal work *American Marxism*, lays out in detail this metamorphosis. For all intents and purposes, the Democrat party could easily be renamed: The National Marxist/Socialist Party.

The greatest threat to the survival of United States as founded is not offshore but within its borders: the Democrat party.



Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



As I write this we are right in the middle of early voting. Please remember any work you do at the polls counts as political action hours. This includes work as a poll greeter, poll watcher, election clerk, or an election judge. Also, your time voting counts. You can submit your hours at our general meetings or at our website www.planorepublicanwomen.org.

The following link is a survey Plano is doing on Short Term Rentals. Plano, like other cities, is having a big problem with STR's. If you don't want STR's please fill out the survey and share it with your Plano friends. Again, the time you spend taking this survey counts as Political Hours.

<https://www.planostr.com/survey>

We have another rezoning case for more apartments in Plano. This is zoning case 2023-005 The Willow Bend Shopping Center. They want to add 960 apartments to this area. Plus a hotel. I live near this property. We have apartments within walking distance of this property already. We already have two hotels near this area as well. One of the buildings they are proposing will be 18 stories tall. We are in desperate need of more single family homes, and Plano passed a Comprehensive Plano focusing on that. This zoning goes against that plan. Please if you don't want anymore apartments, go to the this website

<https://planogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingPolling/index.html?appid=440f9aa7eae44ff0b53aadeb72ea4ff0>

and oppose the zoning for 2023-005.

This counts as political action hours.

Here is another zoning case for more high density apartments. ZC2023-003 wants to add over 700 apartments next to office building near the Shops at Legacy. The Legacy area is already dense, and is full of multi-family already. Can we please get some more single family one story homes. Please go to the following website and oppose the zoning change.

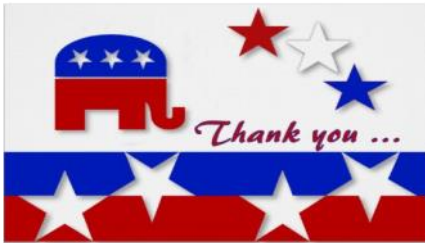
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Remember, to turn in your hours and calls to me every month. You can turn them online at our website www.planorepublicanwomen.org.

I encourage all of our members to get out and work to elect the Republican candidate of their choice.

Remember any work you do for candidates counts as Political Action Hours.

Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!



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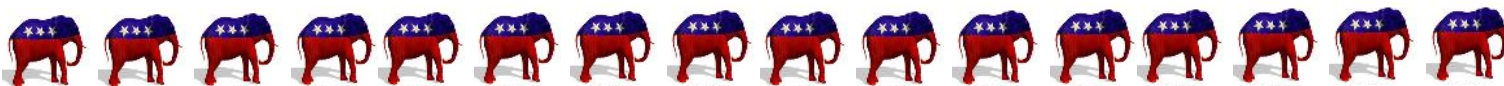
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Membership Update



Currently accepting Renewals and New Memberships for 2023!

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

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

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Check out the Frequently Asked Questions on our website:
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