

# Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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## President's Byline



I am writing this after a great weekend at the 2021 Texas Federation of Republican Women's Convention. In September I also attended the National Federation of Republican Women Convention in Florida as your delegate. Every time I attend a TFRW, NFRW, or GOP convention, I am always amazed at the large number of Republicans in one place. Being at these conventions also reminds me that we have millions of Republicans in our nation. Yet, we don't use our numbers to influence business and culture.

There is a saying, "Money does not talk, it screams", and money is what keeps businesses open. Staying in business is the first goal of any company. Whether it is publishers, media, technology, or Hollywood, all of these industries want to stay in business. To do that they have to please their customers. Losing customers is the biggest fear of any business. This is why we see business often giving in to the "woke" movement. The left is using their speech and money to influence decisions companies make.

We also see this happening with Hollywood as the China Communist Party exerts its monetary power over the industry. For example, to get a movie to be played in China it must be approved by the CCP. That is why you see things such as Superman's motto being changed from Truth, Justice, and the American Way, to Truth, Justice, and a Better Future. Actors will not speak out against China's policies for fear the CCP won't allow their movies in China.

If Republicans want to change the culture and business environment the solution is really simple: Let your money scream. You can change Hollywood by not watching or listening to things that have messages you don't agree with, and supporting things that teach your values. Secondly, buy things from companies that agree with your values. Also if companies do something that you don't like, write a complaint on their social media page, and tell them you will not be their customer anymore until they change their policy. Another thing we can do is avoid buying things from China. That may be hard to do, but it is not impossible. If the 74,222,958 million who voted for Trump let their money scream, industries would change their policies and products to get those customers. Remember, companies' favorite color is not red or blue, it is green.

*Jennifer Groysman*

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## Calendar of Events

- Constitutional Amendment Election Nov 2nd
- PRW Board Meeting November 3rd—11:30 am Napolis in West Plano
- PRW General Meeting November 16th—11:30am Saltgrass East Plano

# PRW November Meeting

## PRW Meeting - November 16th, 2021



### Judge Tom Nowak "Your Collin County District Courts"

Judge Nowak is the personification of the American Dream.

Judge Nowak was born in Poland and was a communist refugee when he arrived in Dallas in 1985.

Judge Nowak feels very blessed to have been given the opportunity to be raised in Texas and has always tried to give back to the country that has given him so much.

On October 3, 2019, Tom Nowak was sworn in as Judge of the 366th District Court of Collin County. As Judge of the 366th, Judge Nowak is a leader in efficiency and the prompt administration of Justice.

He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Baylor Law School and is Board Certified in Criminal Law. He lives in McKinney, TX, with his wife, the Honorable Christine Nowak, a federal magistrate judge, and their two kids.

Judge Nowak is also an Air Force Reservist, serving at the rank of Major as a Judge Advocate General one weekend a month. Judge Nowak loves his job and wants to continue in that role as long as the people of Collin County have faith in his Experience, Integrity, and Leadership.

**Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East**

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

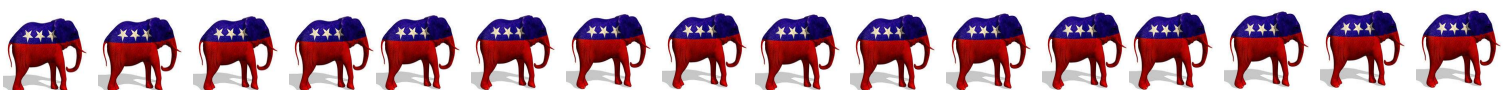
**Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program**

**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, November 12th, 2021**

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

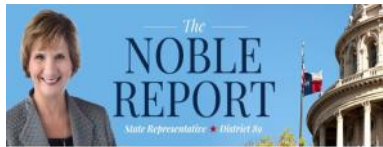
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Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch





# Legislative Report



Well, it has been a wonderful week at home. I've loved seeing so many of you as I've gotten to attend meetings, events, and grab coffee with constituents.

I didn't tell you this last week, but during my last week in Austin, I arrived at my hotel after a long day on the floor (it was 2am!) to find a homeless man sleeping on the floor in the hallway of my hotel. Nothing illustrates the crazy of Austin like that, and nothing makes me happier than being home with y'all.

Even though the legislature is done, there is still much going on.

Have you voted in the Constitutional Amendment election yet? Today is the final day of early voting, and Tuesday is Election Day, 7am to 7pm both days. Several of our cities have Bonds and Propositions on the ballot as well. I wanted to include Sample Ballots, early voting locations and Election Day voting sites for you today. Go vote!

The State Board of Education is busy updating the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for K-12 Social Studies curriculum. I've heard from enough of you to know that some of you feel very strongly about this area of study for our precious Texas students. The SBOE is looking for folks to help with the process, and you don't need to be a teacher to be a part of the Review and Revision workgroup. If you are interested in lending your time and talent, you may apply here .

If you don't live in HD89, you might want to skip the remainder of this update, as I'm going to address an issue that concerns many of the residents of HD89.

As many of you are already aware, an applicant has petitioned the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to be able to put in a wastewater treatment plant at a currently undeveloped unincorporated location (near Southfork Ranch) as part of a new proposed development in that area. The location is 0.4 mile northwest of the intersection of North Murphy Road and Rolling Ridge Drive and is in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Parker: here you will find the location on the map. Their plan, should it be approved, would discharge treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 200,000 gallons per day into Maxwell Creek. I have officially asked for a public meeting on this project. The TCEQ has scheduled that meeting to be a virtual public meeting on December 6 (more details below).

More than 1100 of our local residents have already voiced their concerns with this proposed development. As our area grows, we have to balance the needs of the current residents with those yet to come, and flooding issues are prevalent in those concerns. I am submitting a letter, as your Representative, in opposition to the proposal. Both the Town of Parker and the City of Murphy have submitted resolutions to the TCEQ in opposition to this proposal as well.

I am gravely concerned with both the issue of flooding and the concerns with the wastewater's impact on our Maxwell Creek (which eventually feeds into Lake Ray Hubbard). For those who live in areas where you have access to underground sewage, you may not understand the issue. The proposed development area doesn't have access to that, and currently all the landowners in the area depend on septic systems for their personal water treatment needs. The addition of a wastewater treatment plant in the area will both touch and change the whole area, not just the adjacent neighbors, both upstream and downstream. We should not take such a change lightly.

Here are the details should you want to chime in: Permit Number: WQ0016003001

The Public Meeting is to be held Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Those of you who would like to ask questions or provide comments during the meeting may access the meeting via webcast by following this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/join-webinar> and entering Webinar ID 369-601-211. It is recommended that you join the webinar and register for the public meeting at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins. You will be given the option to use your computer audio or to use your phone for participating in the webinar. Those without internet access must call (512) 239-1201 at least one day prior to the meeting to register for the meeting and to obtain information for participating telephonically. Those who wish to only listen to the meeting may call, toll free, (562) 247-8422 and enter access code 795-715-206.

If you would like to submit testimony in writing you may do so at: the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, or electronically at TCEQ e-Comments ([texas.gov](https://www.tceq.texas.gov)) (be sure to include the Permit number WQ0016003001). For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid).

Well, that's it for this week. I'm so honored to serve you.

Till next time....

# October PRW Photos





# AMERICANISM REPORT

by Jessica Bartnick



## History of Veteran's Day

Veterans Day is one of the days that we as Americans, give thanks and gratitude to those who fought for our Country, and served our Country. November 11th is the day each year that we honor our Veterans. Have you ever wondered why Veterans Day is on November 11th? What is the significance behind this specific date in our history?

World War I holds the key to the history of Veterans Day. Fighting ceased seven months before the official 'end of the war' when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. A temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied Nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th day of the 11th month. So in November of 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first Armistice Day, which is now known as Veterans Day.

Sadly for the soldiers and the people of the world, the 1918 flu pandemic occurred during this war. It ended around the same time the Treaty of Versailles was signed.

In 1954, at the urge of veterans organizations, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 and replaced the word Armistice with Veterans. In the same year, President Eisenhower fortified November 11th as Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is a patriotic holiday that allows us to honor the Veterans that served America. It is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for their Country.

Plano Republican Women- To those women who are veterans, we honor you. To your husbands who fought, we honor you. To your children who sacrificed, we honor you. To your grandchildren who fight, we honor you. We honor all veterans and we thank you graciously for fighting to preserve our freedom and our Country. May we continue to honor all that you sacrificed today and every day.

Happy Veterans Day

*Jessica Bartnick*



# Constitutional Minute Series

## FEDERAL LAW IS ALWAYS SUPREME. RIGHT?

By: Gary Wood Published on: Jan 15, 2010

Those who eye a nationalist agenda, desiring to finally complete the subjugation of states to mere mid-management levels, have long embraced the notion states are subordinate while the federal government is always supreme.

This idea has been presented long enough many who may consider the idea of states' rights, or powers, stop short when they remember what they have been taught. There are documented instances those who teach state subordination can point to, after all.

Rarely do I present a live seminar on the 9th and 10th Amendments where someone in the audience does not finally raise their hand and ask a question similar to the one above. Sometimes the question is phrased; "Aren't the states subordinate, after all the Constitution says it is the supreme law of the land?" Or if they are well researched on the subject a person may even challenge state rights, or powers, by referring to the words of one of the staunchest defenders of the states, Thomas Jefferson. The question then may sound like; "Thomas Jefferson himself said states, and all governments under the great government, are subordinate so how can you challenge his words?"

No matter how the question is phrased it still comes down to a question of supremacy and subordination. By the founding generation's own understanding, to be subordinate is to be lower in power or subject to higher authority. When progressive nationalists today talk of this, there is an often unspoken ending to their comments on subordination. Those unspoken words enter our mind and skew the very understanding of what the Constitution and other written words are talking about. The unspoken words are 'in all things' and that is where the argument breaks down while clarity can be found.

The U.S. Constitution does state clearly it is the supreme law of the land, there is no argument there. Also, Thomas Jefferson, in an 1816 letter to Joseph Cabell, did write the following;

"The way to have good and safe government is not to trust it all to one, but to divide it among the many, distributing to everyone exactly the function he is competent to. Let the National Government be entrusted with the defense of the nation and its foreign and federal relations; the State governments with the civil rights, laws, police, and administration of what concerns the State generally; the counties with the local concerns of the counties, and each ward direct the interests within itself. It is by dividing and subdividing these republics from the great national one down through all its subordinations, until it ends in the administration of every man's farm by himself; by placing under everyone what his own eye may superintend, that all will be done for the best."

Just like his letter to the Danbury Baptist Association, where the famous phrase regarding a separation of church and state can be found, the comments must be taken in context to clarify understanding. Keep in mind the Constitution, Thomas Jefferson, and all others writing about supreme law and subordination were not referring to all things. What the federal government is supreme in is those areas the states transferred political power to it, the enumerated powers. In addition, an unconstitutional law is not supreme, only laws that are constitutional. The intent was not to create a supreme national government, even though some founders were in favor of such an arrangement it was defeated time and again.

Turn your attention first to the preamble in the Bill of Rights. In the first part of the preamble you will find the following clarifications;

THE Conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution

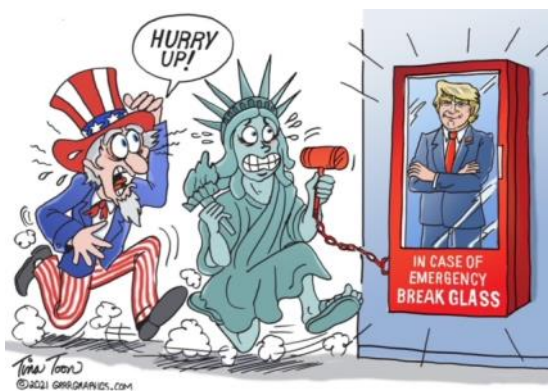
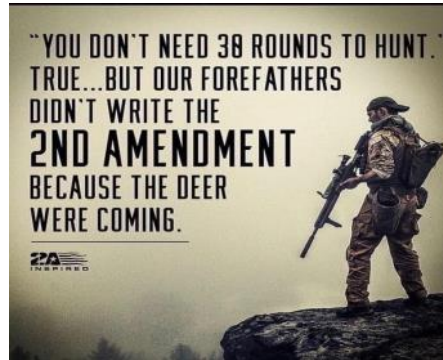
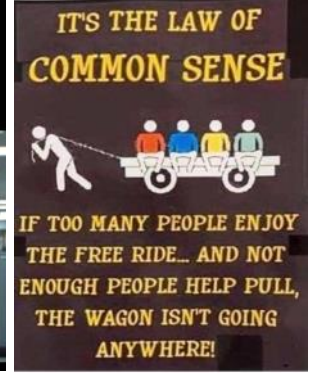
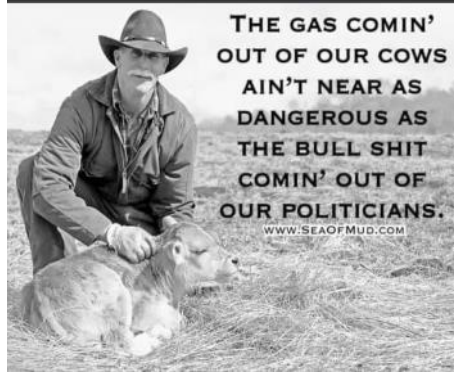
RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all or any of which Articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution; viz.:

ARTICLES in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution. (Emphasis added)

The states were very concerned about the usurpation of power by the federal government. There was uneasiness and suspicion among many people and espoused by the anti-federalists. It was believed the Constitution could be manipulated in too many ways without the addition of a Bill of Rights and the final amendment ratified by the state conventions was the 10th Amendment. "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, or to the people."

In order to be supreme, federal laws must be made pursuant to the Constitution. There are only specific, delegated powers that fall under that supremacy. Beyond those specific powers supremacy defaults to the states or to the people. Our heritage is not built upon a supreme federal government no matter what the structure may look like today and no matter how much progressive nationalists today would like us to believe it is. Study our history and carefully listen to the words of both the founding generations and the modern progressives. Although their arguments can, on the surface, sound as if they are fundamentally correct you will find more often they will not stand the scrutiny of critical thinking.

# Political Cartoons





# Plano Republican Women Awards

By: Debby Arrant, Awards Chair



## CLUB AWARDS!!



In September 2021, Plano Republican Women was the recipient of the **Diamond Achievement Award** at the **National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) Biennial Convention** in Orlando. Many thanks to all of you for the hard work and time you gave in 2020 and 2021 to achieve this high honor. This award is not possible without the enormous effort, dedication, and participation of our club members.

In addition, Plano Republican Women was honored at the **Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Biennial Convention** in Round Rock, TX in October with the **TFRW Club Achievement Award** for Achievements that Define Excellence. This award is bestowed to clubs who have achieved the many TFRW objectives for 2020-2021.

## INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS

For the awards cycle 2020-2021, Plano Republican Women nominated two special women for two different awards:

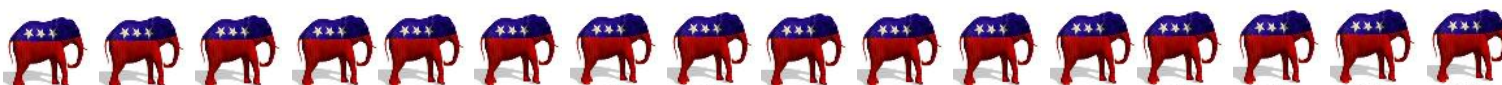


Long time club member **Kathy Ward** was nominated for the **TFRW "10 Outstanding" Award**. She is the first woman to be elected as a Collin County GOP Chairman. Her involvement with Republican politics spans almost three decades beginning with her work in Young Republicans at the local, state, and national level. Kathy has been a Collin County Commissioner and has served two terms on the Plano Community Relations Commission. Kathy, a native Texan, is currently an education consultant and the Co-host of JP, Kathy & The Crew, and Heart and Soul of Texas Women on the *JPK Broadcast Network*. She was honored with the Judge John McVeigh Memorial Award in 2020.



For the **TFRW Legacy Leadership Award**, club member and *founder* **Ann Harrington** was nominated for her decades of service to our club. CLUB POSITIONS HELD: Campaign Chairman 1962; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Awards Chairman, 1977; President, 1978 & 1979; Vice President / Membership Chair, early years of PRW, Legislative Chair (several years), Literacy Chair, 1999 -2006; Ann was on the PRW Board in some capacity from 1962 until 2007. She was honored with the Judge John McVeigh Memorial Award in 1987.

***Thank you both for your incredible dedication to our club.***





# Time to Stop ‘Communism, American-Style’?

Roger L. Simon October 9, 2021 Updated: October 13, 2021

## Commentary

Some will remember that comedy classic from 1961, “Divorce, Italian Style,” starring Marcello Mastroianni. Unfortunately, 60 years later, we seem to be moving toward, even living through, a far less funny, real-life “Communism, American Style.”

What is “Communism, American Style”? As yet one would think it bears little resemblance to the Soviet kind with its gulags and so forth.

Or does it?

On Oct. 6, the Los Angeles City Council proclaimed, nearly unanimously (11–2), COVID-19 mandates that require proof of vaccination to enter indoor restaurants, movie theaters, salons, shopping centers, and just about every other public indoor space you could think of in the entertainment capital.

Others, with the encouragement of our federal government, will soon be following suit in varying degrees or already have.

Maybe gulags aren’t needed when the entire society is living in one.

This occurred only a couple of days after Merrick Garland, the attorney general of our country—in what Mark Levin described as Stasi-like behavior—announced his jihad, apparently in cahoots with several other governmental education entities, against parents who deigned to criticize school boards for propagandizing their children with critical race theory (son of critical theory, son of Marxism).

Garland called these concerned parents, who are springing up seemingly everywhere, “domestic terrorists.”

It turned out the AG’s own children were, via the “education” company Panorama, profiting mightily off purveying this same inducement of race hatred, while pretending to be an anti-racist, totalitarian so-called theory.

Communism, despite its high-toned, ever-changing, moralistic rhetoric—more precisely thanks to it, when you think about it—is the most evolved system yet for preserving as much money as possible in the hands of elites (translation: communist leadership and their friends).

It’s no accident that Fidel Castro died a billionaire while his people live in squalor. Or that Xi Jinping, the general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, inhabits the opulent imperial redoubt Jade Spring Hill, partly a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (Take a look. Mar-a-Lago may not have seemed all that impressive to him.)

Power to (some of) the People, indeed.

Nevertheless. China, Russia, and, no doubt, Cuba—had he known much about it—were considered too impoverished by Marx to be fecund opportunities for communism, especially then. Pol Pot’s Cambodia would probably have baffled old Karl.

Marx assumed his system would first come to that more modern industrialized state that was prepared for the transition, Germany.

He was wrong about that (at least until East Germany came along, but that was only due to the intervention of the Soviets. Yes, Nazism had elements of Marxism, too.).

Or was he? Perhaps he was just ahead of his time.

What modern industrialized state could be more fecund for communism than the United States of America, the country with the most-est of all?

And it wouldn’t even require a revolution. It could just walk in the door, especially since so many of its leaders seem ready for it.

Of course, they do not name what is happening communism, or even socialism. That would just create dissension. Often, conveniently, they do not even admit what they are doing, or calling it, to themselves.

But they are doing it. And that is what is important.

Basic to this development is a one-party system, something more like China, which is communist in rhetoric and social control, but capitalist, in greater or lesser extents, economically. Socialism, most intelligent people know, ultimately doesn’t work as an economic system.

There’s nothing new about that. Lenin understood it when he instituted limited capitalism, the New Economic Policy (NEP), only a few years after assuming power.

# Time to Stop ‘Communism, American-Style’?

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But the one-party system is still attractive. It obviously can be successful when paired with capitalism of various degrees. The so-called Chinese miracle is an outgrowth of that when millions, largely in the more capitalistic era of Deng Xiaoping, were lifted out of poverty.

Virtually all the Democratic Party and an unfortunate portion of the Republican—the uni-party, as it’s known—believe the Chinese are the way of the future and, as I have said before, have consciously or unconsciously joined up with them in deeds, if not in words.

The premature, surprise lifting of the debt ceiling on Oct. 7 with notable Republican participation was but one example of this growing tendency toward one-party rule. Democracy, especially multi-party democracy, is just too unruly—too 18th Century, too Enlightenment, for the modern high-tech era.

Helping in this transition to crypto-communism, or whatever you would call it, are many in the populace who would rather be led than to think or, more importantly, act for themselves. It’s the part of human nature that makes for good communists. In fact, communism owes its existence to them.

They are the part of America that will allow, indeed are allowing, communism to walk in the door. Among them are some of our richest and most successful citizens, but that does not stop them from being fools.

They aren’t, moreover, the people that built this country. Those who built the country are from the folks who de Tocqueville saw when he wrote “Democracy in America,” the independent, self-starting citizens that formed so many non-governmental, patriotic organizations for the betterment of all.

Those people, thankfully, and here’s the good part, have not gone away. The ideological war is not over. The Fat Lady hasn’t even begun to sing. She hasn’t opened her sheet music.

Garland and his allies made a big mistake in their frontal assault on the parents of America, many of whom were already outraged. Just think how many they are, parents fed up with an already atrocious public school system that served no one and was now being used for indoctrination.

They are forming a literal army across the country. Running for school board is turning into the No. 1 vocation or avocation, depending on the situation, for patriotic, committed Americans.

But something even bigger is happening. And it doesn’t take Outkick’s Clay Travis to see it—although he clearly has and is talking about it daily on his radio show with Buck Sexton.

Football season is here and the country is fed up to an unprecedented degree with their pro-communist leaders for a variety of reasons from the totalitarian COVID mandates to the equally unprecedented national embarrassment of Afghanistan to a mainstream media that has done nothing but lie to them.

And more and more people are showing their displeasure for this state of affairs in football and NASCAR stadiums, in concert halls, and in the streets.

It’s a movement never seen before and it’s growing at an amazing clip. Crowds of Americans are banding together and shouting:

LET’S GO BRANDON!

Well, this is a family newspaper, but you know what I mean. “Let’s go Brandon!” is how an NBC reporter translated for her audience the expletive-laced rejection of Joe Biden being shouted by a NASCAR audience.

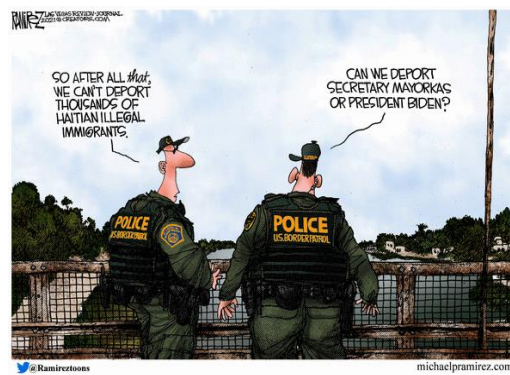
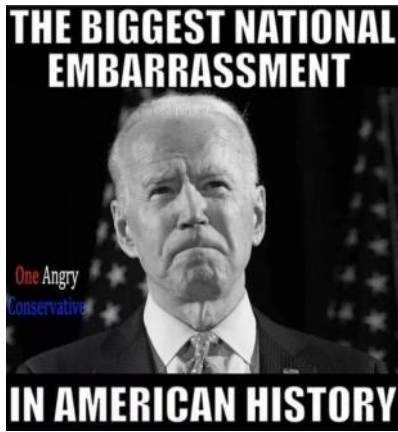
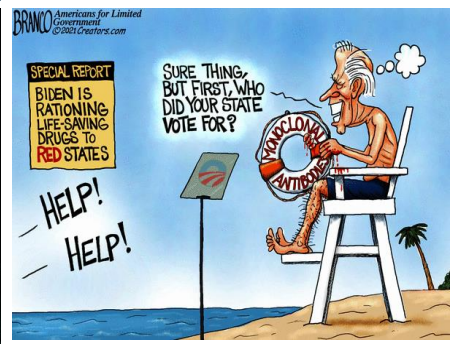
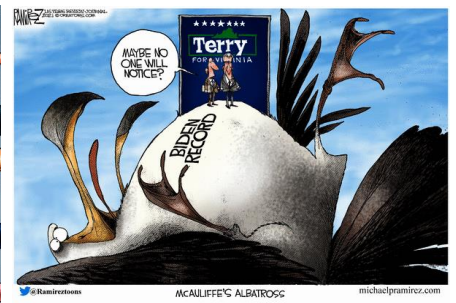
It’s another way of saying “Bye-bye, communism, good-bye. We love our freedom here.”

*Views expressed in this article are the opinions of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Epoch Times.*

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## LET’S GO BRANDON!

# Political Cartoons



# Brownshirts Harassing Sen. Sinema: A Preview of Progressive Tyranny

Mark Hendrickson, Contributor, October 24, 2021—Epoch Times, Opinion

*Commentary* – Progressive zealots have been waging a war of intimidation and harassment against Sen. [Kyrsten Sinema](#) (D-Ariz.) because of her resistance to the proposed Biden–Sanders–Pelosi \$3.5 trillion spending legislation.

In addition to the infamous incident of Sinema being filmed going into a public restroom stall and being harangued while taking care of nature's business, she has been accosted while aboard airliners, hectored in airports, abandoned by women's organizations, vilified by seemingly every progressive politician in the country, and openly scorned by fellow Democratic senators.

Acting on the sinister threat "[We are going to make her life unpleasant or uncomfortable.](#)" a group known as Our Revolution (clearly infected with the Jacobin spirit of the French Revolution) has deployed groups to besiege the senator's district offices in Arizona. Other left-wing activists groups have targeted her as well.

It's difficult to overstate the significance of the persecution to which Sinema is being subjected. On an individual level, the way she's being treated is barbaric, indecent, outrageous, disgusting, ugly, and at times criminal (implied threats are a form of assault). On a national level, if the left succeeds in creating a progressive/socialist [tyranny](#) in the United States, the brutal treatment of this one woman may one day be recognized as a milestone on that grim path.

I have great sympathy for Sinema. It's difficult for the rest of us to imagine what it feels like to be subjected to the seething hatred that's being vented toward her. If there's justice in this world (real justice, not the phony "social justice" that her persecutors extol), she deserves some sort of recompense for what she has endured. Whether she ultimately caves to the bullying (and I, for one, would be unwilling to condemn her if she did), we need to see the attacks against her for what they are: not just cruel attacks against one elected official, but an attack against our constitutional order and the American way of life.

The hooligans who are hounding Sinema are disrespecting both her right of conscience and the interests of the people of Arizona who elected her to represent them. Federal finances are already acutely stressed. Due to COVID-19, the annual deficit has averaged more than \$3 trillion during the past two years. After such an unprecedented flood of red ink, a prudent approach would be to delay any plans for additional spending—to let the dust settle, tally whatever appropriated COVID-19-related funds might not have been spent, see how large deficits are post-COVID 19, and then, in a year or two, see if new spending initiatives are affordable.

Sinema believes (quite rightly, in my opinion) that the Democratic leadership's massive spending proposals are too much too soon after the recent spending splurge. She apparently also believes that the people she represents in Congress regard the Democrats' spending proposals as too large at this time. But such concerns don't matter to Sinema's persecutors. They don't care a whit about representative government or our system of [federalism](#). Like Hitler's brownshirts, they seek to crush all opposition to the agenda of the party elite.

Pluralism? Forget about it. Diversity of opinion? Intolerable. Compromise? Unthinkable. What the fanatics want is absolute conformity within the Democratic Party. They don't want independent thinkers remaining loyal to their widely different constituencies. Instead, they want every Democratic member of Congress to be an unthinking automaton, robotically rubber-stamping whatever proposal the leadership concocts. We've seen this picture before. Recall the televised images of the Soviet Duma, the Cuban National Assembly, and the "People's Congress" of communist China—with every blank-faced individual obediently voting the party line. That's what the brownshirts want Congress to be like.

Sinema is a member of the most endangered species in Washington—a Democrat with enough common sense and independent thinking to recognize the recklessness of her party leadership's [unaffordable](#) and [unnecessary](#) gargantuan spending proposal. Now, ask yourself this: What happens if the Democratic leadership succeeds at purging moderates and imposing the robotic, submissive uniformity they so intensely crave? Their obvious goal is to achieve political hegemony over all of us. Then consider this: If they're willing to treat one of their own party members as viciously as they're treating Sinema, do you really think that they would show more restraint in their treatment of conservatives, traditionalists, Republicans, and libertarians? Good luck with that!

The Democratic leadership in Washington has proposed dozens of plans affecting this or that area of our economy and society, but there's one overarching goal: the centralization of power. The centralization of power is the very essence of tyranny and the very antithesis of our country's [rights-based, power-limiting Constitution](#). Progressives are making it increasingly clear that they'll tolerate no opposition, squash all dissent, and ferociously impose their will. The [self-love, self-righteousness, and self-importance of progressives](#) are mirrored in their contempt and [openly avowed hatred](#) of those who disagree with their socialist vision. We already have abundant evidence of the [tyrannical tactics](#) of arrogant, undemocratic progressives, and the trend seems to be accelerating ominously.

Progressives are trying to divide our country into [two classes](#): the increasingly aggressive, oppressive, and elitist rulers and the rest of us, the ruled. Keep your eye on what happens to Sinema, folks. That treatment and worse is what the increasingly totalitarian progressive left has in mind for all of us.

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# Notice: 'Free' Means Taxpayer-Funded

NEWT GINGRICH - October 20, 2021

## Commentary

The Big Government Socialists who have taken over the Democratic Party love to talk about “free” programs: Free community college, free childcare, free dental and eye care for Medicare, free public housing, free food stamps, the list goes on.

Don't fall for it.

Sen. Bernie Sanders' belief in socialism has now infected virtually the entire elected membership of the Democratic Party in Washington. This infection persists despite daily evidence that big government is not efficient or effective.

At the federal level, consider President Joe Biden's border catastrophe, his disastrous exit from Afghanistan, his record inflation, and now the crippling, policy-imposed supply chain woes.

At the local level, consider the collapsing urban schools, skyrocketing murder rates in Democrat-run cities, and massive theft of unemployment compensation money.

There is an almost religious fanaticism within the left to believe that somehow *more* big government implementing *more* socialist policies will create a better future.

The left's constant refrain of the word “free” is a key example of how misguided Big Government Socialism really is.

None of the things the Big Government Socialists want to do are free. In a bygone, saner political era, they would be described as what they are: taxpayer funded programs.

When you get a “free” school lunch, a taxpayer paid for it. When you get “free” treatment through Medicaid, a taxpayer funded it. When you go to a “free” government-run school, taxpayers funded the cost.

When you discuss the lunacy of Big Government Socialist programs—whether from President Biden, Sen. Chuck Schumer, or Speaker Nancy Pelosi—correct the conversation every time the word “free” is used. Insist on calling it “taxpayer funded.”

To dig a little deeper: Taxpayers fund government programs in three ways—borrowing, taxing cash, and taxing through inflation. All three methods involve taking money out of taxpayers' pockets and reducing the standard of living for Americans.

Borrowing for public programs is a future tax. Businesses borrow to make investments, which increase revenue and become self-liquidating. They invest in greater production and larger profits, which then pay off the debt without a further claim on the borrowers.

But government borrows, spends money on current goods and services, and has nothing coming back to repay the debt—except your future tax dollars. Sooner or later, you have to lower your standard of living to pay off the government's debt.

Further, when interest rates rise, the cost of paying interest becomes so large it dominates and soaks up the budget. Because of the compounding effect of interest on the debt, the Founding Fathers—and most generations who followed them—have had a distinct hostility to deficit spending and large government debt build up.

The traditional alternative to borrowing is to raise taxes. It is no accident that Sanders' \$3.5-plus trillion Big Government Socialism bill has a \$3 trillion tax increase attached to it.

President Donald Trump helped grow the economy with the largest tax cut in history, and now Biden seems determined to crush the economy with the largest tax increase in history.

Of course, Trump combined an extraordinary program of regulatory modernization with his tax cuts, which further accelerated economic growth, job creation, and increased take-home pay. By contrast, Biden is launching a massive wave of job- and investment-killing regulatory red tape along with his tax increases. So, we are almost guaranteed a much smaller, slower growing economy, fewer jobs, and less take-home pay.

However, the real hit for ordinary Americans may not come in the form of direct taxes. They will feel the indirect taxation of their spending power through rampant, crippling inflation.

A recent Wall Street Journal editorial made precisely this point. As the editorial board wrote, “workers are paying the price. Real average hourly earnings rose 0.2 percent in September but they are down 0.8 percent since a year ago. Real hourly earnings are down 1.9 percent since January when Joe Biden became President. What the progressive government giveth in transfer payments, it taketh in higher prices and real wage declines.”

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The Biden promise to only raise taxes on people earning more than \$400,000 a year has clearly been broken.

Every person who buys gasoline or heating oil is paying more. Stephen Moore, in his Unleash Prosperity hotline, pointed out that energy costs are up 24.8 percent in the last year. That hits virtually every American no matter their income.

To be clear: If you eat, Biden inflation taxes you. As the Wall Street Journal reported "Beef prices are up 17.6 percent over the last 12 months, and fresh fish and seafood are 10.7 percent higher."

Of course, if you don't eat, drive, or use electricity to light, heat, or cool your home, you might avoid the Biden inflation tax.

The next time you hear a Big Government Socialist—or their news media mouthpieces—use the word "free," break in and say, "don't you mean taxpayer-funded." You will find people suddenly become much less supportive of the Big Government Socialist takeover of America.

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# TFRW Convention Photos



# Trump Will Remake Social Media and Our Lives With TRUTH Social

ROGER L. SIMON October 21, 2021 Updated: October 24, 2021

## Commentary

Call it the Big Realignment.

Sorry, Gab, Parler, Gettr, and quite possibly even Twitter, someone has moved into your block. Your days are numbered. It was a noble try—well, in Twitter’s case, maybe not so noble—but you all knew this might happen.

The one person with the brand to remake the social media space—Donald J. Trump—has more than announced plans to do so. His beta is coming online next month. Signups have begun.

Evidently—after having been importuned to do such a thing for months, even years now, with people begging him to take on the cancel culture, and just when most of us had forgotten he might do such a thing—Trump has been working behind the scenes with, surprisingly and impressively, no leaks.

(We should have known, since he never signed on with the other companies, despite numerous invitations.)

I don’t know about the rest of you, but when the following popped up on my cellphone last night—“I created TRUTH Social and TMTG to stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech. We live in a world where the Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, yet your favorite American President has been silenced. This is unacceptable. I am excited to send out my first TRUTH on TRUTH Social very soon.”—I not only took notice, I took serious notice (and signed up and then watched Don Jr. eloquently announce the program on Hannity).

The TMTG acronym apparently stands for the hitherto unheard of Trump Media & Technology Group, a so-called blank-check company designed to acquire other companies and underscored Big Tech reference above, suggesting, indeed promising, a larger ambition than just another online bulletin board.

This is going to be a big deal.

The 45th president clearly aimed to take on Big Tech—the Zuckerbergs of the world, not his friends and supporters such as Jason Miller of Gettr—on their own playing field and, much as many of us have mixed feelings about social media in general, it’s a fact of modern life and someone has to do something about its increasingly pernicious (to put it mildly) influence.

Who better than Donald Trump? In fact, who other than Donald Trump? (Well, maybe Elon Musk, but who would trust him in that arena?)

Another group that can move over are all those senators and congresspeople who have been working, or pretending to work, for years to reform Big Tech with, we can honestly say, less than zero results.

It’s easy to explain why that happened (money being the mother’s milk of you know what) and, thankfully, Trump has come along to compete with those monoliths in the market. With a basically inert government—on this subject anyway—it’s the only place they could be defeated or even have their power significantly diminished.

As they say, and as the Founders intended, the answer to bad speech is more, better speech.

Interestingly, this comes at almost the same moment as Zuckerberg is subsuming Facebook, seemingly for some kind of protection, under a construct called Metaverse, just as Google moved its search engine under the then-newly created Alphabet.

It’s almost as if we are preparing for a shootout, social media versus social media. But for the first time, those on the right of center will have a serious voice in the fight.

It should be epochal to watch—and maybe participate in.

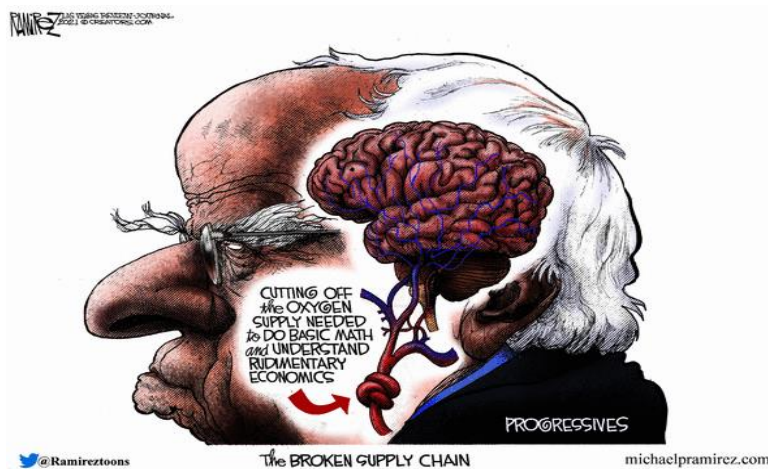
Also, for the first time, the fight might actually be fair.

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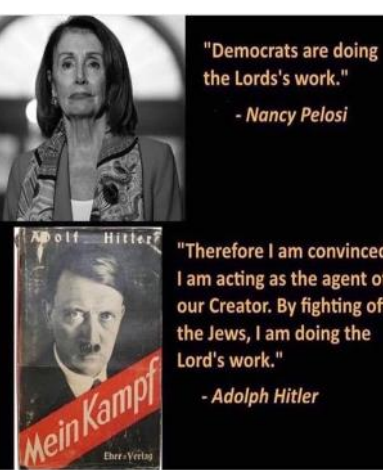
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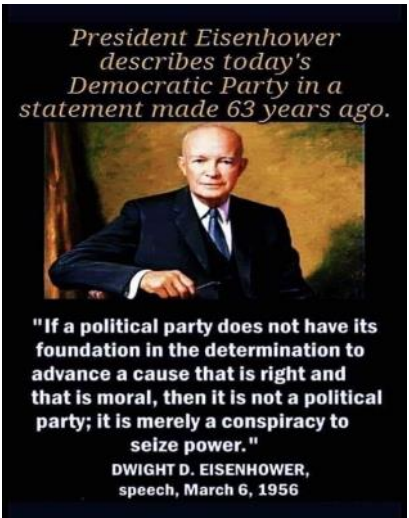
**Hillary has implied that if she were to be prosecuted she would take half of Washington with her.**

**I really don't see a problem with this.**

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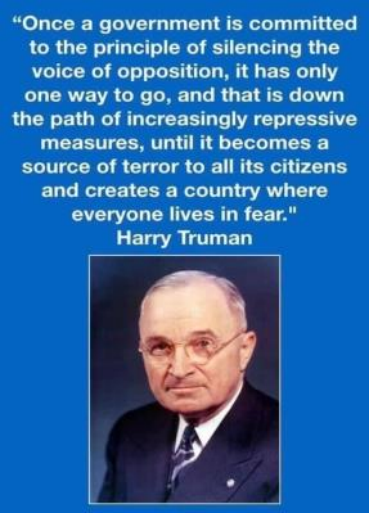
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- Free tuition
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There is no such thing as "free" my little snowflake. Someone is paying for it. And it's never a politician.

**You deserve**

- Life (enjoy)
- Liberty (preserve it)
- Pursuit of happiness (WORK for it)



# GOP Elected Official Column



PRINCIPLED CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP FOR TEXAS



The Protect Girls' Sports Act will now be the law in Texas. I began this fight years ago pushing back on President Obama's policies. My message was simple: Boys should not be allowed to play girls' sports and take opportunities, sports records, and scholarships away from girls. It has also been about **keeping girls safe** from possible injury by competing against bigger or stronger boys.

We passed this bill, by Senator Charles Perry, five times in the Senate this year. The House leadership never brought it to the floor for a vote, even though Republican House members wanted to pass the bill. We passed it over to the House in the regular session and in every special session. It finally passed in the last special this month.

I am proud to see this critical bill finally pass. It has always been about protecting girls' and young women's rights, and their safety.

**The Protect Girls' Sports Act will uphold girls' rights guaranteed under Title IX**, a federal law that gives girls the same rights as boys to play sports. In Texas, we refuse to deny any woman or girl the right to compete on a level playing field and be the best in their sport. Our daughters and granddaughters have the right to participate in fair sports competitions.

Protecting girls' sports is common sense and important to Texas parents. Boys have physiological advantages over girls in sports. **We cannot allow women to be pushed out of athletic scholarships and out of sporting excellence.**

I am proud this bill is now law and I am grateful for the parents who brought this issue to our attention. The fight to protect our Texas values is more important now than ever. Texas is on the frontlines of stopping the Democrats' madness from spreading.

Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor of Texas





# Political Action Hours



Diane Perkins, Political Action Chair



What an exciting time in which we live. It's easy to get overwhelmed or discouraged when the news media report left wing propaganda instead of unbiased news. But be of good cheer! Our voices are being heard and we are making an impact to restore our great nation to its original constitutional roots.

I was recently reading Psalm 126, one of the songs of ascents. The Israelites sang these songs (Psalms 120-134) as they journeyed up to Jerusalem, the highest point in Israel, nestled between the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea. This Psalm is a celebration of the exiles who returned to their homes after the Babylonian empire fell. They were joyful, their fortunes restored, thankful to the Lord who did great things for them.

As I read this Psalm, I pondered on the ones who stayed behind, specifically Esther. She was comfortable as a queen and unsure of the lifestyle that awaited her if she returned to the war-torn land that she fled from years earlier. Just like Naomi in the Bible, she and Ruth stayed in Moab too long just to remain comfortable with the status quo, fearful of the unknown. There are many examples of God moving people out of their comfort zone. We can learn from these examples. Just think about Esther, Ruth, and Naomi. They stayed too long by accepting what was known rather than to take a chance to impact the world. God finally moved on their hearts, and they got up off their comfort zone and made a powerful difference.

Esther was placed in the king's palace "for such a time as this". Her obedience to fast and pray gave rise to courage which brought freedom to the Jewish people. She was just one example of a woman who was born for "such a time as this". It is interesting how she stayed to avoid the risk of going back to something unknown, but in that decision, God used her to save the Jews. She risked her life to save a nation.

How about you? What has brought you to the place where you can say you were put here "for such a time as this"?

I am retired, which allows time and space for me to serve in areas that were not an option for me when I was running my own business. You may have a full-time job. You may ask, "What can I do?" Never underestimate the importance of your phone calls, emails, letters, and weekend block walks. Being informed gives you a platform to discuss current issues with factual reasoning. Knowledge is power.

Most recently we witnessed the collective group of like-minded pilots and crew members stand up to their company's overreach to mandate an experimental vaccine. Southwest Airlines had no choice but to back down or risk the company going under. When the pilots walked out it resulted in so many flight cancelations. I was stranded in Albuquerque airport overnight but used that time to dialogue with people about freedom and our future as a nation. Yes, I was uncomfortable and tired, but knowing this would make a change for all of us made the delay more of an opportunity to speak truth and awaken the sleeping Americans that are not informed with truth. The final chapter has not been written, but it is a great inspiration to see change happening for the good of all of us because passionate people resisted the unconstitutional overreach by big corporations. Watch what is happening with the "In N Out" Burger corporation. We need more patriots like them and the pilots at SWA who will stand up to the overreach by government to push this great nation into a Socialist regime. Momentum is growing and we are gaining ground. America will be saved.

Are you willing to stand for freedom? What is your passion and purpose?

Your voice is powerful. Your opinion matters. Your passion will lead you to your purpose. I encourage you to think about what your purpose is and hope you will follow your passion to pursue effective changes in your community. Thank you for supporting conservative values and making an impact in our world.

*Diane Perkins, Political Action Chair  
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If you were unable to attend the October meeting and have hours to report for October, please go to our website to log the hours. Remember, if you attend functions that educate and promote moving our conservative values forward you can count that as well as other activities such as block walking, phone calling, and patriot bridge brigade activities.



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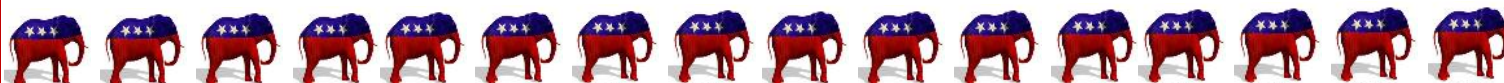
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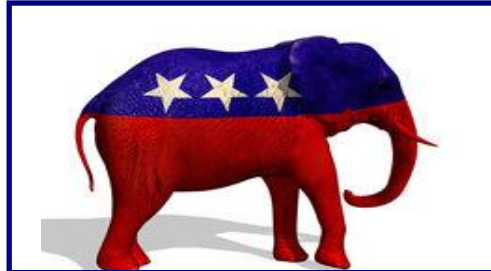
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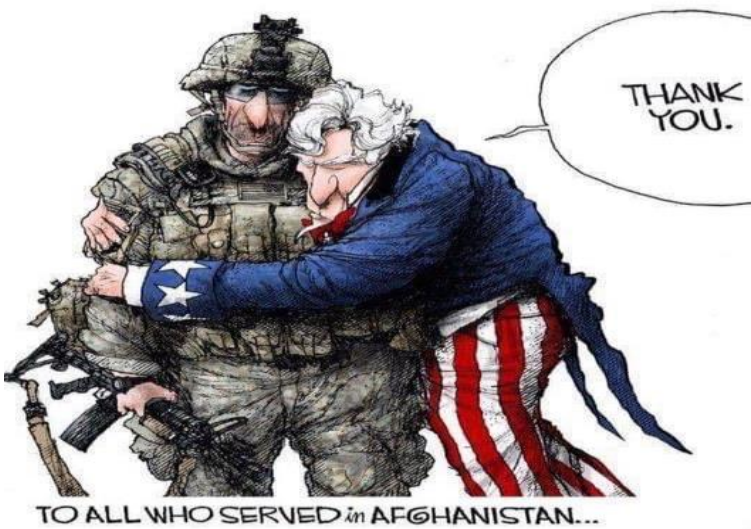
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email\* \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct# \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (month & day) \_\_\_\_\_

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meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month  
(except June, July & December)

Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway

Plano, TX 75074

11:15 am check-in

11:30 am meeting, lunch and program

Lunch is \$25 payable to PRW (Cash or Check) at the door.

You do not have to have lunch to attend,

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