

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

September 2022

President's Byline



Robert Frances "Beto" O'Rourke is running for the governor of Texas as the Democrat candidate. A lot of Republicans are laughing him off as a big joke and not a threat to Texas and our way of life. Beto comes across to the average conservative as a ranting disorganized, idiot who jumps on tables spouting national Democrat talking points as solid policy change for the Texas Economy. He looks like one of those wavy arm inflatables at used car lots.

Beto is not a joke, he was born into a local Democratic political family in El Paso, Texas. So, despite his look of ineptitude, he was groomed at an early age to lead. He knows exactly what to say to sway people. He comes complete with an Ivy league degree from Columbia university, so he has the pedigree most liberals love.

He started on the El Paso City Council in 2005, and he served as mayor pro tem his first year in office. In 2012, he ran a vicious campaign against eight-term incumbent Democrat Silvestre Reyes in the primary and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives the same year.

In 2018, Ted Cruz narrowly beat Beto by a margin of 2.6%, O'Rourke set a record for most Democrat votes ever cast in a Texas midterm election. That should have been our first wake up call as Texas Republicans. Our second warning came when he became one of the 2020 Democrat Presidential candidates. He managed to raise enough money to be one of the last candidates standing before the DNC choose Joe Biden as the standard bearer.

Now after two years of crippling inflation and mismanagement from the Biden Administration, Robert Frances O'Rourke and Greg Abbott are only five points apart in some polls. Even if Beto loses, this is the closest the Democrats have come in 28 years to winning the Texas governorship.

Why it matters?

It matters because Beto represents everything that is wrong with the new Democrat party. He believes in the Wokeism being practiced on a large scale in the schools, the workplace, women's sports and in many government institutions. Wokeism is just another form of Socialism, a morally corrupt system that has never worked anywhere except in a textbook. He will mirror Joe Biden's crushing policies on energy. He promises to create a slew of new Climate change projects in Texas, which is another deception because Texas is already one of the leaders in clean energy in the world.

He supports teaching Critical Race Theory in schools. CRT is an attack on our kids. Every child is loser under the Neo-Pagan, Neo-Marxist system of CRT. Beto states CRT will support Equity, and Inclusion. It will not, but it will keep up the standard of oppression the Democrat party is famous for.

Beto is using the typical distractions: Gun control in Texas to "save the children", open Borders as "humane" and the re-establishing full women's healthcare (abortion) to take your eyes off the real issues they want to focus on. Remodeling society because free people are hard to control but unfortunately, our freedoms have blinded us to the enemy within.

Our country was built on Judeo-Christian values, our country was built on hard work, and Texans are an especially proud people because we believe in rugged individualism. Our state like our country was built on equality, freedom, and justice for all. Equal opportunity, not equal outcomes guaranteed. To someone like Beto O'Rourke, this is dangerous thinking.

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Calendar of Events

PRW Board Meeting
October 4th
Napoli's Italian Restaurant
11:30

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday
October 18th, 2022
PRW General Meeting
11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano

PRW Presidents Byline

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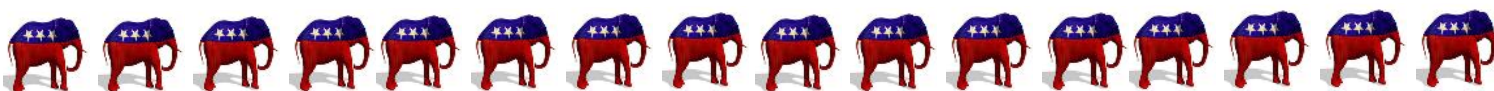
Right now, 635 people are moving every day to Texas because of the economic prosperity of our state, they are fleeing the result of failed Democrat polices even if they don't realize what they are running from. People are dying everyday crossing the Border to live here.

Beto is part of the Neo-Democrat club, he will break something and blame others for what he has done, then try to fix it with another government program. Do we really need that kind of governor? We are the edge of a cliff. If Texas goes, so goes the rest of the country. We must not let take our eyes off the ball or we will fall into the same abyss other liberal states have. We truly are one of the last bastions of freedom in the country, and Texas Republicans must act as a bullwork to stop this ideology.

Beto has raised \$40.8 million, most from out of state donors again. A clear signal Texan don't want him or simply don't believe he is worth the money. But facts matter, and his money is buying a lot of disinformation. Spreading "facts" that aren't true to sway the uneducated voter. As Republicans, we need to stand together. We need to firmly educate people spreading disinformation in public and online. We can no longer afford the luxury of just assuming we will win. **Texas is worth fighting for!**

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NFRW'S Literacy and Education Campaign

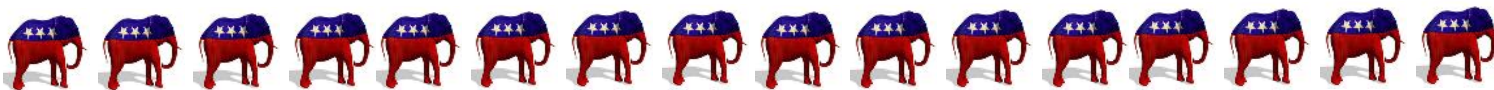
September is National Literacy Month.

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) offers a wealth of information on their website plus it is a great resource for interesting books, educational websites, and documentaries.

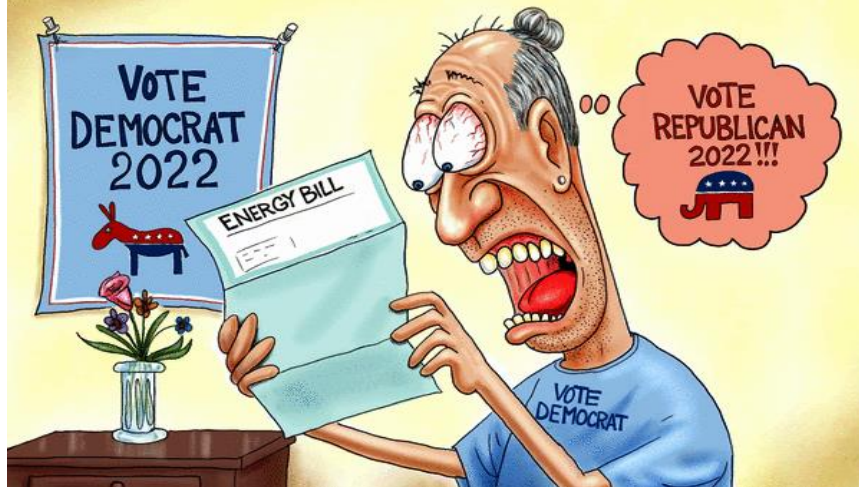
If you are interested, follow this link and search under the Literacy and Education section.

If you do not currently have a password, you will need to create one.

<https://www.nfrw.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=XXQBFAXoiHA%3d&portalid=18>



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WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THE CONSTITUTION WASN'T WRITTEN TO RESTRAIN CITIZENS' BEHAVIOR. IT WAS WRITTEN TO RESTRAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S BEHAVIOR.

SEN. RAND PAUL



PRW October Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING: October 18th, 2022

US Congressman Pat Fallon "Congressional Update"

Congressman Pat Fallon has represented North Texans in the Texas Legislature since 2013 and proudly serves today as the Congressman for Texas' Fourth Congressional District, where he serves over 700,000 great American "bosses".

The Fourth Congressional district encompasses the 18 counties across Northeast Texas, including all or part of the counties of Bowie, Camp, Cass, Collin, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, Titus, and Upshur.

Prior to his time in the Texas Senate and House, Pat enjoyed a decades-long successful entrepreneurial career, having founded over a dozen successful companies.

To raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer research, Pat entered what has been billed as "the world's greatest endurance challenge" in 2016. He completed the World Marathon Challenge, a race where competitors attempt to run 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days, on January 29, 2016, becoming just the 15th person in the world to do so successfully. He was also the first (and still only) person to finish the World Marathon Challenge with no previous marathon experience.

Congressman Fallon is a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame where he played varsity football under legendary coach Lou Holtz and was a member of the 1988 National Championship team. Upon graduation, Pat received a commission to serve as an officer in the United States Air Force where he was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX.

Pat has been happily married to his lovely wife, Susan, for 16 years and they have two boys, Thomas (14) and Mac (11).

**Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East
3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074**

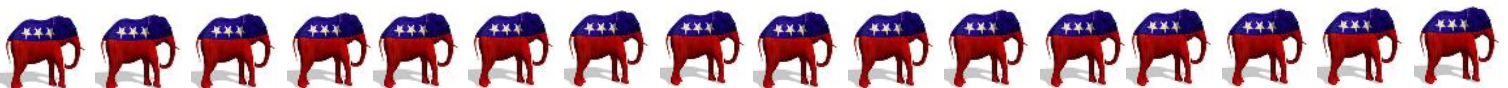
Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

**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, October 18, 2022**

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting

We welcome guests and visitors to our General Meeting. Members, please bring a friend!

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



PRW September Meeting Photos





Legislative Report



UNITED STATES HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS & MEANS
REPUBLICAN LEADER KEVIN BRADY

FACT CHECK:

Dems' Drug Pricing Scheme Means Higher Prices and Fewer Cures

Press Release September 26, 2022

Republicans' proposal to reinvest in American innovation of cures and treatments in the recently unveiled [Commitment to America](#) would bring back life saving medicines and lower-cost competition for Americans – the exact opposite of Democrats' socialist drug pricing scheme. *READ: [Dems' Drug Pricing Scheme Increases Costs, CBO Confirms](#)*

FACT: Democrats' socialist drug pricing scheme would raise costs, not lower them.

- The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) confirmed that Democrats' socialists drug pricing scheme will increase launch prices for new treatments and raise insurance premiums, pushing new cures out of reach for many American patients.

FACT: Democrats' proposal would destroy American innovation in lifesaving cures and treatments for patients.

- Loss of innovation means fewer treatments and cures. Experts find that Democrats' price-fixing scheme would kill up to [342 cures](#), according to a study by the University of Chicago.

FACT: A study shows that we would have fewer therapies if Democrats' scheme were in place during the last decade.

- A [Vital Transformation study](#) finds that if drug price controls under consideration in the Senate had been enacted during the last decade, only six of 110 currently approved therapies would have made it to patients.
- 104 treatments we have today would not have come to fruition under the Democrats' cures-killing policies. Those cures touch a wide variety of diseases—cancer, depression, hypertension, and rheumatoid arthritis, to name a few—affecting hundreds of millions of Americans.

READ: [Analysis: Americans Don't Support Surrendering Innovation for Democrats' Drug Price Controls](#)

True Cost of Biden's Student Loan Giveaway is Closer to \$600 Billion

September 27, 2022 - PRESS RELEASE

"It's a cruel economy under Joe Biden and it's deteriorating," **Ways and Means Republican Leader Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX)** said in an interview with Maria Bartiromo on "Mornings with Maria" on Fox Business, warning that President Biden's student loan giveaway and pro-labor pledge will drive inflation further into the future.

House Republicans have solutions in the new [Commitment to America](#): Lower taxes and fewer regulations that drive inflation.

Republicans want to know whether Manchin's permitting bill will address the border crisis:

"[Senator Schumer's promise to Senator Manchin] isn't worth the paper it's written on because even if the President signs it, the Administration is not going to comply with anything that streamlines energy, fossil fuels, and natural gas here in America – they will simply ignore it."

"The big issue for Republicans here: Will this do anything to address the national security crisis at the border? Right now we don't see a dime or a real effort to do that."

"Certainly Democrats have the votes they need if they can get their act together. They've got the White House, the House, and the Senate they should be able to do this. They are going to have to tackle some infighting among their crowd. They've been doing this now for a year and a half, we'll see if they can get their act together."

President Biden's Student Loan giveaway could cost \$400B as we enter a recession, according to a new Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate:

"And that \$400 billion frankly doesn't count some other giveaways. The true number is probably closer to \$600 billion, and it's real.

"The Administration is hyping this as their big campaign issue, so you can expect every dollar to be spent.

"It's a cruel economy under Joe Biden and it's deteriorating. We're seeing the GDP projections downgraded, obviously unemployment's worsening, inflation as well.



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vote on the tax rate in an upcoming election. Still confused about how your property taxes work? The Texas Realtors have a good resource and basic explanation on their [Know Your Taxes](#) site.

The winner of the “least transparent city” award this year goes to Amarillo. You’re not going to believe this story. In 2020, Amarillo held a bond election for \$275 million for a new civic center. The voters said “no” by a 61%-39% margin. Pretty clear direction from the voters. But on May 24, 2022 (less than two years later), the Amarillo City Council passed Ordinance 7985 to incur a \$260 million Anticipation Note. Anticipation Notes, you see, are legal for cities to use to buy something in anticipation of revenue that they know is coming: an example would be a city buying a needed fire truck when they have grant money that has been awarded for that purpose, but the money hasn’t yet been sent to the city. For Amarillo to get enough tax revenue to pay off this note, they would need a 100% increase in their ad valorem (property) tax. Not exactly a “check is in the mail” situation.

To put this into perspective, for the City of Houston to do an equivalent Anticipatory Note, they would be obligating Houston taxpayers to \$3.7 billion! So, in a single vote, with no public hearing, and no second hearing, the Amarillo City Council voted to more than double the debt of their citizens. By the way, there is a lawsuit from an Amarillo citizen over this, and to make matters worse, when he let the city know of the suit, they claimed that he would need a \$6 million bond to pursue the action to stop them (fortunately, that requirement was dropped, but he has spent considerable personal resources to pursue the suit). Not only will we all be watching the outcome of this case, the legislature will take up the issue to make sure that other cities don’t use this as a road map to circumvent the voter approved debt process. This is a great reminder for us all to pay attention at the local level.

Yesterday Governor Greg Abbott sent a [press release](#) about Texas dropping off two bus loads of migrants in front of the US Border Czar Harris’ home in Washington DC. If the Vice President won’t come to view the impact of the open border policy in person, then Texas has taken action to send the problem to her. This brings the total of those transported to sanctuary cities by our Texas busing strategy to over 10,000.

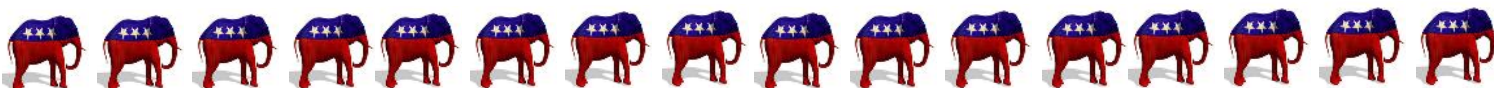
Though this is sort of humorous, the results of the federal open border policies are anything but funny. Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner reported this week that fentanyl deaths in Collin County have increased by 571%, in just the last 36 months. Sheriff Skinner told me that while he has been meeting with sheriffs from across the country this week (National Sheriffs’ Association, Western States Sheriffs’ Association, Southwest Border Sheriff’s Coalition and the Major County Sheriffs Association), they all are reporting similar or even worse numbers! Heartbreaking. In Texas alone, as of September 1st Operation Lone Star has seized 1,501 pounds of fentanyl, enough for a staggering 340,520,837 deadly overdoses, and worth \$34,460,920. And this is just what was seized!

Finally, I wanted to end with a reminder to those who use a mail-in ballot. Those ballots will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks, and it is important for everyone’s vote to count. Before you mail your ballot back in, don’t forget to sign your carrier envelope (to show that you sealed it), and also, on that same envelope, be sure to include either your Driver’s License number, your Texas Personal ID number, your Election Identification Certificate number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Know someone who needs a mail-in ballot? Download, print, fill out and mail in the [Application For a Ballot by Mail \(state.tx.us\)](#). You can now track the status of your ballot by mail application or mailed ballot using the [Texas Ballot tracker](#). Note: we do not have online voter registration in Texas. If you are not yet registered to vote, or you have moved since you last voted, go to [Collin County Voter Registration Information](#) to find the forms with which to register or change your address. The deadline to register is October 11, so please don’t put it off.

Till next time....

Candy Howe



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“The Conference Board’s leading economic index went below the six month average in August. That’s never happened in 60 years that we didn’t see a recession. I think we are either in one or one is looming. That’s why it made no sense for this Administration to raise taxes on Made-in-America manufacturing and small businesses.”

President Biden’s pro-labor pledge will drive inflation further:

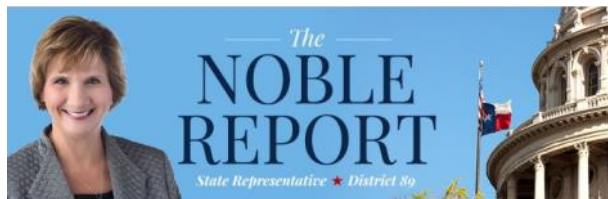
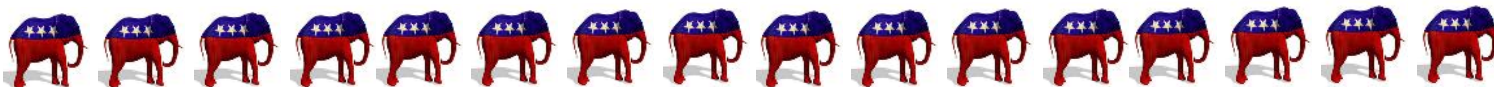
“Yeah, so, I think the President’s announcement was premature. There is no done deal. What he announced or at least what those unions announced is very inflationary over time. You’ve got a President talking about what he is doing to lower inflation while he is touting agreements that will drive it even further in the future.

“That’s why in Republicans’ Commitment to America our focus on making our economy stronger is going to be less taxes and regulation that drive inflation, more energy innovation and more workers that can help relieve it.”

Protecting middle-class Americans from being targeted by Democrats’ supercharged IRS is a priority for Republicans taking the majority:

“That is job number one for a Republican House as Leader McCarthy indicated, that will be the first bill coming out of the Republican House, as it should be.

“You know, those value shoppers, the neighbors you see at Target, Walmart, Ross, and Marshalls will see an extra 710,000 audits landing on top of them. Leader McCarthy and House Republicans are very clear: That is our first effort.”



Today I’m going to start with something that most people find boring, but I find fascinating – the House Ways & Means recent interim hearing about property taxes. Next I’ll give you an update on drugs coming across our border. Finally, I’ll remind you of some new election rules and deadlines.

Last week we held a 10 ½ hour meeting in the House Ways & Means Committee to receive updates on bills we passed during the last legislative session, and on issues we expect to handle in the upcoming session beginning in January. I’ll try not to get into the weeds with the details, but I do think you might be interested in some of the issues that were addressed.

Did you know that your local city or county can make an agreement with a business in order to entice them to build in their area? These agreements are called [Economic Development Agreements](#) and are used to help a business save some of the costs associated with starting up a new venture, or with expensive improvements. These agreements allow your local elected officials to lure new development to their locale with the goal of years of increased property tax value and employment in your city or county. It doesn’t change any payments to the state, it only changes the revenue that is collected by your local city or county.

The concerns that have been raised regarding these Economic Development Agreements have to do with the secrecy around them. Who has these agreements? What are the terms? How many are out there? The system was not at all transparent to the taxpayers. Well, we passed a law last session that now requires these agreements to be reported to the Comptroller’s office to be included in an online database. Does your local government have such an agreement? Now you can find out by searching the new database. And we now have the answers to our questions: 346 local governments have these agreements in place. But because many local governments have quite a few, there are 3,420 such agreements in Texas!

The House Ways & Means Committee also dealt, once again, with our Texas appraisal and property tax systems. We definitely have room for improvement in this area. There is a great resource for understanding how it all works at the [Property Tax Transparency](#) website. Want to know the proposed or adopted tax rates for your property? Go to [Collin County \(truthintaxation.com\)](#) and plug in your address. As you scroll down the information about your property, you will find several graphs explaining your current and future tax rates. Note that if the far right column on any entity’s tax rate does not show an “adopted rate”, you still have the opportunity to have a voice in the 2023 tax rate set by that taxing entity (school, city, county, college, or other). If the adopted rate exceeds the “Voter Approval Rate”, you will have a chance to

Political Cartoons

Can't make it up: California asks residents to stop charging electric cars on strained grid the week after passing a law to ban gas-powered cars

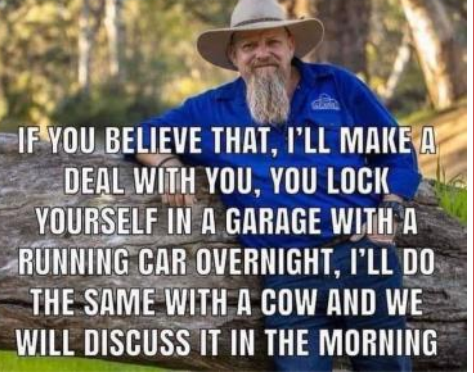
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What's the difference between California and the Titanic? The Titanic had its lights on when it sank.



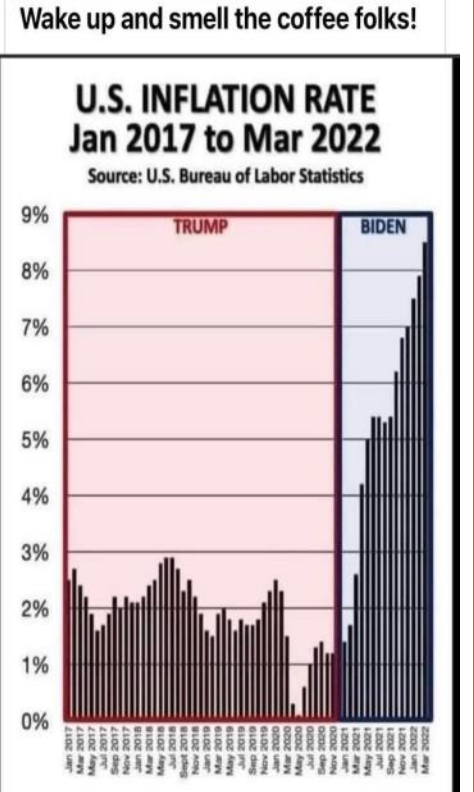
THE WOKE BRIGADE AND PLANT BASED FOOD ARMY ARE NOW CLAIMING THAT COWS EMIT MORE POLLUTION THAN CARS



Mice die in mouse traps because they don't understand why the cheese is free.
It's the same with Socialism.



We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.





AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



Can American Exceptionalism Last?

What **IS** American exceptionalism? Is it 'All men are created equal'? Is it capitalism and prosperity? Freedom of speech? Land of the free, home of the brave? Rule of law? Free and fair elections? Is America exceptional because a major factor in its founding started with religious freedom?

I believe America is all that and so much more. Another thing, for me, America is 'home'. My heart is here.

I bet you believe America is exceptional. And why not? There's never been another country like it. I've always felt very blessed to be born in America. I don't take for granted the gifts of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The current immigration/border issues forcefully remind us that millions of people from all over the world believe America is the best place to live.

I'm proud to be an American! Those words, and [Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA"](#), bring tears to my eyes. For that matter, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner do too. Click the link above to hear this outstanding rendition of the song.

"What is patriotism? We all know what it is. It is love of country. It is pride in what a country stands for and was founded on. It is the full-throated expression of that love and that pride." For the full article, click [Peggy Noonan](#), 12/9/1998

Now Is the Time for All Good Men to Come to the Aid of Their Country

No, really, it is.

This sentence, originally used as a typing exercise, could be the new American battle cry, the new 'Rebel Yell'

For centuries people have been pushed to the brink of mutiny and beyond by incompetent captains, unkind kings, lascivious leaders, and dubious dictators. Sensibilities be damned, the ruling class has its own rules. The common man, the average citizen, is always caught between the 24/7 rock and hard place job of survival and mediocrity, while the more privileged among us have the luxury of time to speculate. Their money does their talking, and money rules.

For the full article, click [John Kushma](#), July 12, 2017

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country

Suddenly, it seems a very important call to arms, so to speak. The United States as founded is certainly under attack; that has been true almost from the beginning. It began in earnest with the election of Abraham Lincoln and his intent to end slavery. The racists hated Lincoln easily as much as our left hates Trump and for pretty much all the same reasons. Clearly, it is the left today that values skin color and sexual orientation over any and all other human characteristics.

Today we find ourselves, the whole of the American populace, under attack by a vicious, anti-American left that is totalitarian by nature. These are the folks who would kill free speech, impose wealth redistribution, punish white people for being born white, and promote LGBT and trans issues as if they accounted for half the population.

And the most egregious aspect of the left today is that they feel entitled to cheat to win. ... Bottom line? The country is under attack, and all good men and women do need to come the aid of their nation.

For the full article, click [Patricia McCarthy](#), December 16, 2020

Now is the Time for All Good Men to Come to the Aid of Their Country

Joseph Loconte... also a Believer, and his message is spot on: now is the time not to shrink from the responsibilities of citizenship but to grasp them fully.

He puts it much more elegantly than I:

"The new conventional wisdom is that the greatest threat to American democracy is the person who believes that there are universal, transcendent truths, that these truths are embedded in human nature, and that they are meant to govern human life and human societies. The people who hold such views, people of faith, are now called extremists.

It will take those courageous enough not only to know their history but to learn from it, and then decide to take part in the grand restoration of the republic: "If we hope to bear witness to the truths of the gospel in our generation, for the sake of our neighbors and our nation, then we must choose sides in this battle for hearts and minds. Moderation and neutrality are not options, for both involve a retreat from responsibility. Both would allow the dark forces of this world to gain ground."



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by Ellen Leyrer



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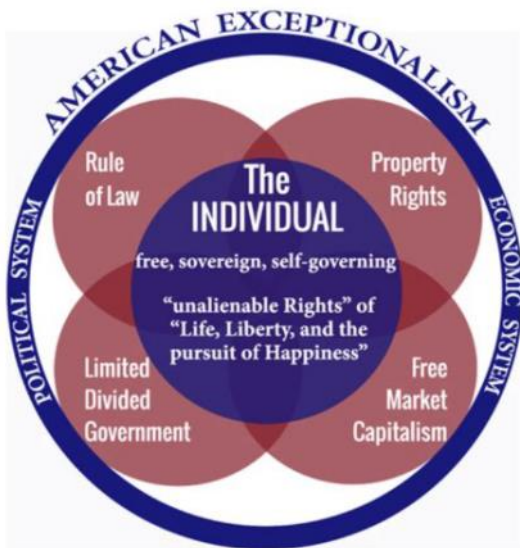
For the full article, click [Bob Adelman](#), Feb 18, 2013

Is America Still the 'Shining City on a Hill'?

... in my mind it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, wind-swept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace; a city with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity. And if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get here. That's how I saw it, and see it still.

For the full article, click [David Frum](#), Jan 1, 2021

Did you notice the dates of the articles? These symptoms of America's downward trend have long been noticeable. We have been deaf to these warnings. America, and all it stands for, is in danger, big danger. **God is with us. Never forget. Never give up. The time to take action is now!**



[American Exceptionalism with Nick Adams](#) (43-minute video) One of Nick's best-selling books is "Retaking America."

We are failing America.

For whatever it is worth, the Declaration of Independence has weathered every storm for 245 years. It birthed a great nation. It abolished the sin of slavery. While we have failed the ideals of the Declaration time and again, I know of no time when the ideals have failed us. The Declaration of Independence establishes a moral ideal that we as citizens are duty-bound to uphold and sustain. We may fall short, but our imperfection does not relieve us of our obligation.

- Justice Clarence Thomas

It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains.

- Patrick Henry

Consider what Samuel Adams said about patriots. *"If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin."*

- Samuel Adams

French diplomat and political scientist Alexis de Tocqueville said when he came to America, *"America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."*

The quotes above are timeless. Take heart; be encouraged. Stand up, speak up, take action.

TFRW Tribute to Women

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Tribute To Women

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
11:30AM
SHERATON GEORGETOWN
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

Congratulations to Debby Arrant PRW Honoree for the Tribute to Texas Women Award for 2022

Plano Republican Women – Debby Arrant of Plano, Texas



Debby joined Plano Republican Women in 2018 and in 2019 was appointed to the PRW Board as PRW's Club Photographer, a position she still holds today. She was elected as Third Vice President in 2020, Awards, a position she also still holds today. Debby's attention to detail resulted in PRW receiving the NFRW Diamond Award and John Tower Award in 2021. She also submitted members for the 10 Outstanding Award and the Legacy Award. In addition to her duties at PRW, she has served as an election clerk in the 2020 and 2022 primaries, block walked with her precinct chair in 2020, and volunteers at Collin County Republican Headquarters on Wednesday afternoons.

2022 was the 60th Anniversary of Plano Republican Women, the first Republican Women's Club in Collin County. Debby volunteered to be the 60th Anniversary Chair and planned a very special celebration which was held on May 7, 2022, at the Plano Event Center. She and her husband Eddie completely digitized all the pictures and newspaper articles from PRW's 60-year history. From this collection, they created a wonderful video that was shown during the dinner and dance, complete with a DJ, Photo Booth and prizes awarded during the evening. Her creative ideas made this such a special time that those who attended are still talking about what a great celebration we had. All thanks to Debby, PRW's honoree for the Tribute to Women Award for 2022!



In Honor of the Great Rush Limbaugh

Shared by Catherine Gibb

America vs. Anti-America

Rush Limbaugh, Limbaugh Newsletter February 2020

“Today, I hold up the American model as an example to the world of a working system of free enterprise that will produce the most benefits for the most people in the 21st century and beyond. A pro-worker, pro-citizen, pro-family agenda demonstrates how a nation can thrive...”—President Trump, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, 1/21/20

“As much as we like to say that the United States is the richest country in modern history – for who? ... We’re here to say that what we’re living in right now is not an advanced society v... It is fascism!”—Alexandria Ocasio-Ortez, addressing a Bernie rally as “crowd chants, “AOC! AOC!” 12/23/19

Nearly half (47 percent) of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents under 30 say ... other countries ... are better than the U. S.” – Pew Research Center, revealing the partisan divide: only 9 percent of Republicans say other countries are better than America; 31% of Democrats overall think so, 1/8/20

Why does “Make America Great Again” and “America First” cause the left to go bat-excrement crazy? What can possibly be controversial about that – unless you don’t see America as good and decent? And the left doesn’t. The left believes it means racism and white supremacy and white nationalism and all that rotgut, which is patently absurd. That needs to be absolutely nuked. We are the good guys; but they believe we are the problem!

In fact, according to Paul Sperry at Real Clear Investigations on 1/22/20, it was President Trump’s directive to put America First in foreign policy when he came into office that reportedly unhinged the alleged whistleblower:

Barely two weeks after Donald Trump took office ... [a] military staffer detailed to the NSC [National Security Council], who was seated directly in front of [CIA analyst Eric] Ciaramella and (national security colleague Sean] Misko during [a White House] meeting, Confirmed hearing them talk about toppling Trump ... “After [Trump’s then National Security Advisor Michael] Flynn briefed [the staff] about what ‘American First’ foreign Policy means, Ciaramella turned to Misko and commented, ‘We need to take [Trump] him out,’” the staffer recalled ... “They were triggered ... they were huffing and puffing through-out the briefing any time Flynn said something they didn’t like about ‘America First.’” He said he also overheard Ciaramella telling Misko ... “We can’t let him enact this foreign policy.” ... [T]he military staffer immediately reported what he heard to his superiors.

Coincidentally, on July 26, 2019 the day after the Ukraine phone call, Misko was hired by Adam Schiff to join the House Intelligence Committee staff where, according to Sperry, Misko “offered ‘guidance’ to the whistleblower [Ciaramella]” and “helped run the impeachment inquiry.” And here we are.

You may believe this is the endgame. But we are not even close to reaching the finale on the left’s efforts to get rid of Donald Trump and expunge his entire Presidential record of accomplishments. I still don’t think enough people realize exactly what we are all up against. This is the beginning of something, not the finish.

It is a problem. We are in a battle to determine the kind of country this is going to be. We’re not in a familiar fight over who is going to win every four year, who will be the President, who’s going to run the House and Senate. The pitched battle we are in is literally about whether this will remain the United States of America as Founded. That’s what is being waged. And we are up against a Party that’s attempting to eliminate as many of the principles of our Founding as they can, using any means available.

They’ll do it year by year, election by election, event by event. That’s what we’re up against. This is why the question I often hear discussed, “Who do you think the Democrat nominee is going to be?” just bores the hell out of me. It doesn’t matter who their nominee is! He or she will simply be a figurehead for the overall objective of ripping up the Constitution and reshaping how they want this country to be. **[Rush was always “on the money” and the figurehead is Joe Biden.]**

With eight years of Obama, they were well on the way to transforming this country. They had convinced a lot of people to stop expecting an always-improving nation and always-improving economy. They had gotten people far and wide to stop embracing traditional American values. The new normal was to see those as outmoded, racist, discriminatory, bigoted. They were on the way to turning the foundational ideals of this country upside down and inside out.

Then Trump was elected. And in three years, all their “progress” (as they define it) was brought to an utter, screeching halt.

Not just when it comes to taxes and regulations and global wealth transfers. Look at any of their issues. Why do they want to wipe out the

America vs. Anti-America

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traditional definition of marriage? It's not about equality. Why do they want to sweep away traditional morality? It's not about tolerance. Why are they fixated on climate change? It's not about the environment. Why are they obsessed with punishing the rich? It's not about social justice. As AOC admitted, it's all about power.

That's the battle we are in with the left. It's not what everyone thinks, Republicans versus Democrats, conservatives versus liberals. It's American versus Anti-America. It's the American Founding versus a diminished, twisted shadow of what the republic was Founded to be.

What have we been told? "America's best days are behind us; in fact, America's best days were not legitimate. The United States finally must pay the price for all the sins that led to its superpower status." Yada, yada, yada.

Trump came along and said, "This is not necessary! There's no reason the United States has to be seen as in decline." As a citizen, it's bothered him for a long time, as it's bothered me, as it's bothered you --- this rotten view of America adopted by much of the Washington establishment that somehow we're the problem, we are the destabilizing agent in the world. It's a crock. The left has been telling you, "America's glory days are over; it's time for new thinking!"

Well, "Pfft!" to that.

We have elected someone in his 70's who – thank God – remembers an entirely different America. The America of Obama and the left, where we are to blame for all the problems of the world? Trump doesn't recognize that America; he thinks it's bogus. So, he has stormed Washington, D. C., intent on blowing that notion to smithereens and once again returning America to its age-old greatness.

As he told the Davos forum [the Great Reset Bunch]: "The American Dream is back – bigger, better, and stronger than ever before." The Anti-America leftists no longer speak for this country. It is America, we the people. That is the rekindled vision. Our American dream will beat out the Anti-American nightmare of the left, every time it's tried.

Note: with the exception of the title, all comments in Red were added by C. Gibb

Commentary by Catherine Gibb

Sadly 2020 didn't turn out as we had all hoped. I've said to many that I agreed with the book titled *Trump, God's Chaos Candidate*. God gave us Trump to expose "The Swamp" and to show us how much could be done by one person who truly loves this country and knows that America's potential can be released with less taxes and less regulation, among other things.

And I think He gave us Biden so that we would finally see just how deep and evil "The Swamp" really was and still is. This election is absolutely the defining moment of our time: will we come together and start the process of saving our nation or will we stay home and not vote either because one or more of our "chosen" candidates lost in the primary or because we've been told that our vote doesn't count because of election fraud? Between now and November 8, 2022 we need to be praying for our nation to turn back to God and to defeat the satanic forces that threaten to destroy us. Talk to your neighbors, friends and family. Rush is right, this is not about Republican vs Democrat. It is about what kind of nation we want to live in. And I suspect there are more than a few Democrats who are beginning to see that.



I've done my duties
Paddington, please
take me to my
husband



Constitutional Minute Series

Today in History: Benjamin Franklin Urges Adoption of the Constitution with a Warning

By: Mike Maharrey | Published on: Sept. 17, 2022

On this date in 1787, James Wilson delivered a speech written by Benjamin Franklin on the last day of the Philadelphia Convention. The speech urged the adoption of the Constitution despite Franklin's reservations.

In the opening words of the speech, Franklin laments that "there are several parts of this constitution which I do not at present approve." But he left himself some wiggle room to change his mind, adding, "I am not sure I shall never approve them."

Franklin didn't talk – at that point – about any structural problems he had with the Constitution. Delegates were already well-aware of his areas of concern, such as his warning on June 4th that "The executive will be always increasing here, as elsewhere, till it ends in a monarchy."

But he did express his chief worry — that the people wouldn't do their part to support it. His words were eerily prophetic.

"In these sentiments, Sir, I agree to this Constitution with all its faults, if they are such; because I think a general Government necessary for us, and there is no form of Government but what may be a blessing to the people if well administered, and believe farther that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, **and can only end in Despotism**, as other forms have done before it, **when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic Government, being incapable of any other.**"

Franklin understood human nature. He suspected the government created by the Constitution would eventually fail. But not because of any specific structural defect that may exist in the document itself. He said that the Constitution would be "well administered for a course of years."

But he predicted it would go off the rails if the people did not do their job in keeping that government within its limits. At that point, it would become incapable of operating under anything other than despotism.

Franklin wasn't alone in his concerns about the people holding the government within its constitutional limits. Roger Sherman argued during the ratification debates that no document "ever yet bound the supreme power longer than the honey moon of a new married couple, unless the rulers were interested in preserving the rights."

George Washington made a similar observation years earlier, saying "if their Citizens should not be completely free & happy, the fault will be entirely their own."

Despite his concerns, Franklin pushed for the adoption of the new Constitution.

"Thus I consent, Sir, to this Constitution because I expect no better, and because I am not sure, that it is not the best. The opinions I have had of its errors, I sacrifice to the public good—I have never whispered a syllable of them abroad—Within these walls they were born, and here they shall die."

Ending the speech, Franklin urged others to follow his lead.

"On the whole, Sir, I cannot help expressing a wish that every member of the Convention who may still have objections to it, would with me, on this occasion doubt a little of his own infallibility—and to make manifest our unanimity, put his name to this instrument."

And more importantly, Franklin urged delegates to "turn our future Thoughts and Endeavours to the Means of having it well administered..

As Michael Boldin noted in a podcast on the speech, for Franklin, "ultimately it would be up to the people to defend their own constitution and their own liberty."

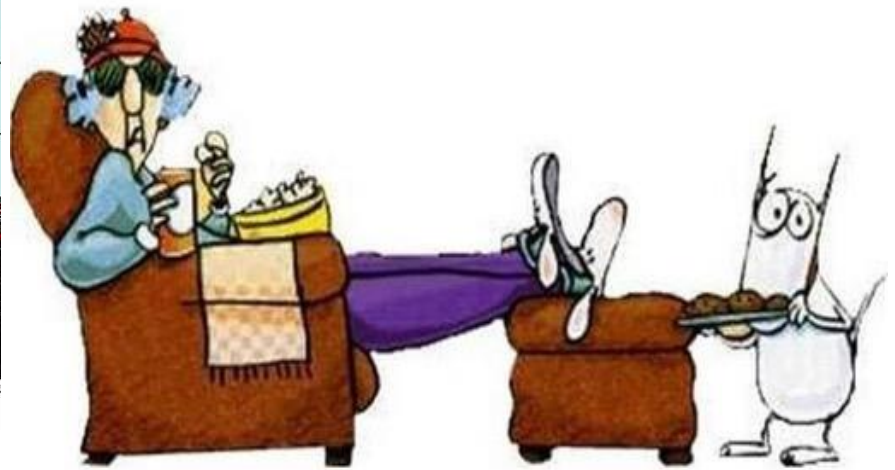
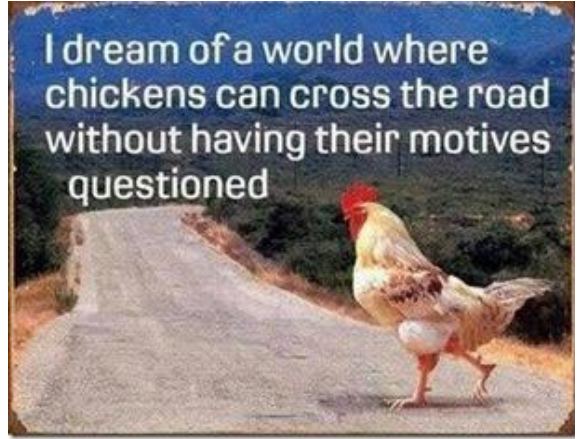


Mike Maharrey

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I recommend teaching your boys to be men before their teachers teach them to be women.



BAIL'EM OUT!!! ??? Hell, back in 1990, the Government seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion and, as required by law, tried to run it. They failed and it closed. Now, we are trusting the economy of our country, our banking system, our auto industry and possibly our health plans to the same nit-wits who couldn't make money running a whore house and selling whiskey? What the Hell are we thinking?



Little Big Man: Some Lessons From ‘The Father of the Constitution’

BY [JEFF MINICK](#) EPOCH TIMES, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

At first glance, James Madison (1751–1836) appeared unimpressive. A second glance would likely produce the same result.

He was often plagued by ill health, including what were then known as bilious fevers and a mild form of possible epilepsy. His frailty prevented him from serving in the Continental Army, and years later, as president, he exchanged the muggy summer heat of Washington for the curative airs of Montpelier, his family home in central Virginia. Though he lived to 85, considered then and now a ripe old age, the principal framer of our Constitution himself suffered from a “poor constitution,” as his contemporaries might say.

Nor did his demeanor attract attention. He was often timid in large gatherings and was a poor public speaker, hindered by a feeble voice in an age that treasured oratory. Patrick Henry might bring roars of approval from a crowd, but Madison spoke so softly at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 that delegates had to scoot their chairs closer to hear him.

Even his height worked against him. Compared to George Washington or Thomas Jefferson, both of whom stood well over 6 feet tall, Madison was about 5 feet, 5 inches tall. He was America’s shortest president, and his height made him the butt of jokes, earning him nicknames such as “Little Jemmy” and “His Little Majesty.” As one person observed, Madison was “no bigger than half a piece of soap.”

Yet today, we know this shy, diminutive man by other, more worthy titles: the Father of the Constitution, the Father of the Bill of Rights, and the Sage of Montpelier.

Gifts to a Nation

Though some confused Americans credit Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, as the Father of the Constitution, it is, of course, Madison who wears this badge of honor.

And rightly so. It was Madison who had spent years prior to the Constitutional Convention reading history and political science. It was Madison who assiduously took notes every day of the Convention’s meetings and then closely studied them in the evenings. It was he who envisioned a republican form of government with a system of checks and balances distributed among the branches of that government. And when the new Constitution was sent to the states for ratification, it was Madison who wrote 29 of the 85 articles in “The Federalist Papers” defending and promoting this document.

Madison was also the principal author of the Bill of Rights, those amendments to the Constitution listing such natural liberties as freedom of speech and religion. These remain the heart of the American experiment and are the watermark of American exceptionalism.

In Federalist No. 14, Madison wrote of Americans and their leaders that “they accomplished a revolution which has no parallel in the annals of human society.” The same might be said of Madison’s Constitution.

For these gifts, we must be grateful. Whether we realize it or not, our Constitution has shaped the lives of each one of us. But Madison’s lessons for us don’t end there. If we examine some other aspects of his life, we find tips on how we ourselves might live more fully.

Liberty and Learning

“All I have been in my life I owe largely to that man,” Madison later wrote of Donald Robertson.

Robertson was the principal teacher at the Innes school, to which Madison was sent at the age of 11, about 70 miles from Montpelier. There, this graduate of Scotland’s Edinburgh University educated the boy in math, science, Latin, Greek, and French. Later, Madison was instructed at home by the young Thomas Martin, a graduate of what is now Princeton University. Madison attended this college as well, entering as a second-year student because of his excellent preparation.

As a result of this education, Madison remained a lifelong reader and student. But he also became an advocate for more educational opportunities, writing in August 1822 to Kentucky’s Lt. Gov. W.T. Barry, “What spectacle can be more edifying or more seasonable, than that of Liberty and Learning, each leaning on the other for their mutual and surest support?” At the same time, he was working alongside Jefferson to establish the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and would continue his involvement as university rector after Jefferson’s death in 1826.

Madison’s recognition of the important link between learning and liberty should inspire parents and teachers to make this same connection.

Choose Your Friends Wisely

The 50-year friendship between Madison and Jefferson had enormous repercussions on the formation and future of America.

The deep bond between Madison and Jefferson is unlike that of any other two presidents in our history. They made an odd couple physically—Jefferson was 6 feet, 2 inches tall—but that difference mattered not a whit. Over the course of a half-century, these friends exchanged books and ideas, not all of them political in nature, and delighted in conversation whenever they were together.

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The camaraderie of these two Founding Fathers should remind our young people, and us for that matter, to choose our friends wisely and keep them close.

Strong Marriages Matter

Dorothy Payne Madison (1768–1849), called “Dolley,” circa 1800. Engraving from an original painting by Alonzo Chappel. (Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

When he lost the presidential race of 1808 to Madison, South Carolina’s Charles Pinckney noted that he had lost to both Mr. and Mrs. Madison, and might have had a better chance if he had faced Mr. Madison alone.

Madison was 43 when he met 26-year-old widow Dolley Payne. He was instantly smitten, but after a proposal of marriage, Dolley took three months before answering yes. For the next 42 years, until Madison’s death, they were the picture of a happy, compatible couple.

In many ways, they were proof that opposites attract. Dolley was outgoing, loved entertaining and arranging large parties, and in spite of her earlier Quakerism, enjoyed wearing jewelry, her signature turbans, and fine gowns, some of which she ordered from Europe. Madison was retiring, intimate only with those whom he knew well, and most often dressed in black.

Each recognized the strengths that these differences brought to their marriage and to their public life. Nor was Pinckney far off the mark in his backhanded compliment about the influence of Dolley, whose social ease and finesse set a tone of graciousness in White House entertainment that has lasted to our present day.

Humility

As we might expect from such an unassuming personality, Madison rightly struck those around him as a gentleman who kept his ego in check. Despite being the major force behind the Constitution, for example, he once stated: “You give me a credit to which I have no claim in calling me ‘the writer of the Constitution of the United States.’ This was not, like the fabled Goddess of Wisdom, the offspring of a single brain. It ought to be regarded as the work of many heads and many hands.”

A Final Note

Like some of the other Founding Fathers, including Washington and Jefferson, Madison owned slaves, a practice which we moderns rightly condemn.

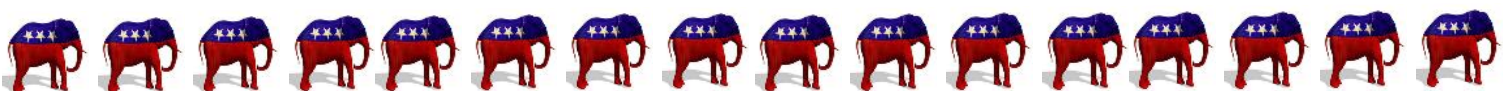
Yet some people would use this evil, which shamed Madison himself, to blot out all of his other achievements. This July, for example, the New York Post reported that the directors and staff of Madison’s Montpelier had excluded most of his contributions to our nation from its exhibits, focusing instead on the slavery of his day and the perceived racism of our own. Their tours of the house and grounds left many visitors confused or angered by their politically correct guides and by the banishment of Madison himself from his own home.

After these protests, Montpelier announced that it would offer a month-long “Constitution Day” celebration centered on the Sept. 17 anniversary of that document’s adoption.

Whether this celebration was already in the works, as claimed by a representative of Montpelier, or was instead a reaction to the public outcry is unclear. Whatever the case, what these iconoclasts forget as they seek to denigrate or even erase our past is that Madison doesn’t just live on in Montpelier, or in the towns named after him, or in the statues erected in his memory. His greatest memorial is found in the world’s oldest written constitution. If the cancel culture movement ever destroys that shrine of our freedoms, then the republic it established will vanish as well.

As Madison wrote near the end of his life: “The advice nearest to my heart and deepest in my convictions is that the Union of the States be cherished and perpetuated. Let the open enemy to it be regarded as a Pandora with her box opened; and the disguised one, as the Serpent creeping with his deadly wiles into Paradise.”

Preserve Madison’s greatest monument, the Constitution, and we preserve what Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence called our unalienable rights of “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”



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~Joe Biden – (2015)



“No ordinary American cares about Constitutional rights.”

And the most ridiculous gem of wisdom, from the "Mother Superior of 'STUPID' herself":
~Nancy Pelosi- (Quoted March in 2010)



"We just have to pass Obama's Healthcare Bill to see what's in it." (As one Doctor said: "That is also the perfect definition of a stool sample.")

~Elizabeth Warren – (2018)

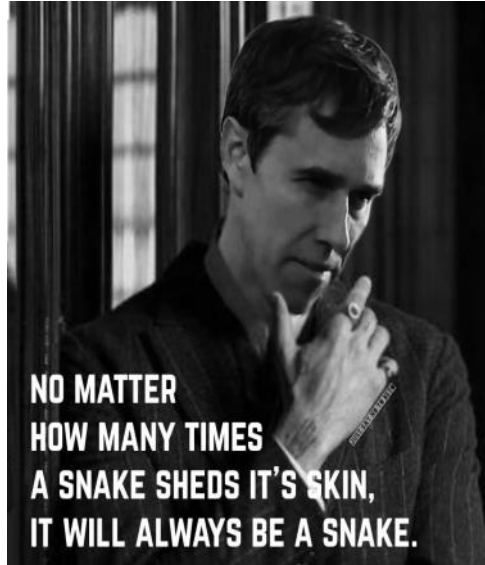


“Having an abortion is no different than having one’s tonsils removed. (The only difference is that one’s tonsils does not contain a living soul.)

~Hillary Rodham-Clinton (Quoted in 1998)



"Bill is the greatest husband and father I know. No one is more faithful, true, and honest than him."



NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES A SNAKE SHEDS IT'S SKIN, IT WILL ALWAYS BE A SNAKE.

If road maintenance is paid for with gasoline taxes how will going all electric pay for the maintenance? Chew on that a little while.

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The Swamp did not get drained, but the water got low enough for us to see all the hideous creatures residing therein.

The World God Wants to Change Begins With You

"Convictions That Will Change Your World" by Dr. Robert Jeffers, 2017.

The mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains from will do so until he is taken out of the way. 2 Thessalonians 2:7

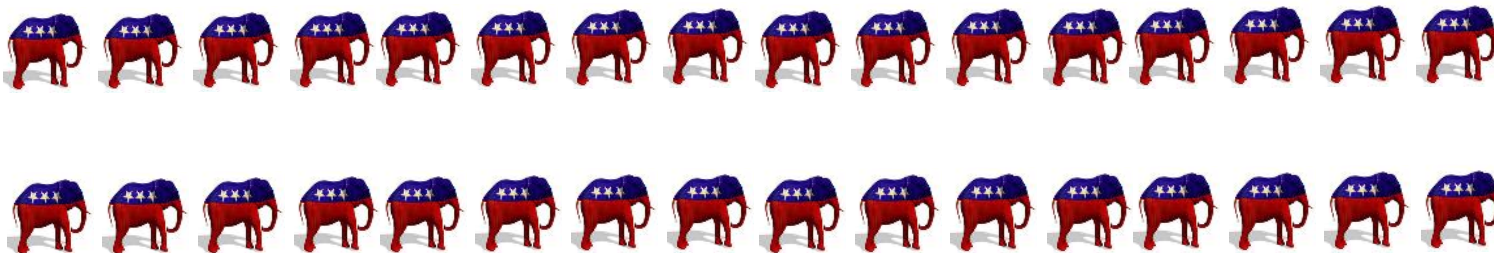
The Holy Spirit works in the lives of Christians today by using us to restrain evil in the world.

In 2 Thessalonians 2, Paul was talking about the end times and the rise of the Antichrist, the great world dictator. He said about the Antichrist, "you will know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed." (v. 6). Paul was saying that something is restraining the Antichrist from coming on the world scene right now. Paul went on to explain in Verse 7, "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way," Who is the restrainer Paul was talking about? The Holy Spirit. Right now, the Holy Spirit is keeping the Antichrist from coming to power. He is keeping utter lawlessness and chaos from engulfing the world until He, the Holy Spirit, is taken out of the world.

When is the Holy Spirit going to be taken out of the world? At the rapture of the church. Then how is the Holy Spirit restraining evil in the world right now? He is doing it through believers---through you and me. Do you understand that? The restrainer, the Holy Spirit, is going to be taken out of the world because believers are going to be taken out of the world. If the Holy Spirit is restraining evil, He is doing it right now through you and me. That is one of our duties here on earth, to be a restrainer of evil. We are like Hoover Dam, keeping floodwaters of evil and chaos from engulfing the world until God says it is time.

That means every time you speak out against an immoral curriculum in your local school district, every time you vote for a candidate who protects religious liberty, every time you do anything in this culture to restrain evil, you are performing the work of the Holy Spirit of God. And if we fail to be the Hoover Dam that God intended us to be, then evil will break out in the world. That is what God says we are here to do. We are that restrainer of evil, the Holy Spirit working within us, and that is why we don't have any choice but to get engaged with the culture around us. That is what God has called us to do.

Admittedly, that can be discouraging at times. Being God's ambassador is neither comfortable nor convenient, but that is what God called us to do, even when we don't think we are being successful. A lot of times, we may be taking a stand for God, thinking we are utterly failing, but we do not realize all the people around us we are influencing. Elijah reminds us that one believer empowered by the Word of God, prayer, and the Holy Spirit of God equals a true world changer. Yes, God wants to change the world, but the world He wants to change begins with you.



Connections



Connections was formed to help members get to know one another over a glass of tea and a common goal. After the September General Meeting luncheon at Saltgrass, the first gathering of *Connections* took place. 11 PRW members (Jennifer, Katie, Anne, Debby, Janet, Ellen, Kay, Barbara, Diane, Debbie, and Cathie) got to know one another while donating their time to help GOP candidates with their campaign efforts.

You are invited to join *Connections* following the October 18th General Meeting. If you remember, bring a writing pen, pair of scissors, and stapler and you will be prepared for any task (forgot your supplies, no worries; extras will be available). Come sip tea or water and chat while working together on a task. Remember, “When Republican Women work, we WIN!”

After the November election we will continue to gather following the General Meetings. “*The tasks may change but the Connections will last.*”



Guest GOP Elected Official Article

The Great Texas Water Plan

By Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller

After Winter Storm Uri caused mass power outages, widespread misery, and humiliation for our state and our grid, I tasked my team with creating a comprehensive plan to help inform the public and lawmakers about the scope of the challenge and the breadth of the potential solutions.

The result was the Texas P.O.W.E.R. (Proper Oversight, Winterization, and Electricity Reform) Plan.

Many of those recommendations have since become law. Others should be. The grid is certainly more secure, and that work continues.

None-the-less, I'm proud of the contributions my team came up with to improving our electrical grid and helping avert further disruptions.

With the onset of this year's crippling drought, our farms and ranches have been decimated. Crops continue to fail; livestock is being sold early and our agriculture sector is in crisis. Experts tell us we may be in the midst of another drought similar to the one that rocked Texas in the 1950s.

On top of our agriculture needs, our cities and towns are increasingly struggling to meet their water needs as Texas sets record on population growth. The majority of Texas drinking water comes from groundwater, which is at historically low levels across much of the state.

Considering these challenges, I again asked my team to find solutions. After several weeks they came back to me with discouraging news: the problem is too big, the solutions too expensive, and the scope too broad for a list of particular policies like we created for the Texas P.O.W.E.R. Plan.

Almost every Texas town and county already has a multi-decade water plan. The problem with that is that Texas is a big place and local solutions are limited in terms of scope and resources. Property rights and water rights are longstanding traditions that men have fought and died over. Many water solutions of the past have failed to take that into account.

Understanding and appreciating that history, I asked my team another question.

How do we bring the full power, efficiency, and creativity of the free market, as well as public and political will, to bear on the Texas water crisis?

America dreamed big when we built the Hoover Dam, the Panama Canal, and the interstate highway system. To solve the Texas water problem, we must dream big again.

Water capture, reclamation, desalination, storage, and transport all require massive infrastructure investment from the private and public sectors.

New technologies are transforming wastewater reclamation and desalination across the water-starved Middle East, but only because they have the political will and resources to tackle the problem on a scale sufficient to solve it.

While being your Texas Agriculture Commissioner gives me an important vantage point on this challenge, the Department of Agriculture lacks the authority to initiate such a program. It will require a broad public commitment and leadership from all branches of government, as well as the private sector.

What I can do is start a conversation.

Regardless of how you may feel about the politics around climate change, the reality is that water vulnerability is a real, growing, and an existential threat to Texas and our future.

In a few weeks, the election will be over, but the water crisis will not. Our future depends on getting this right and getting started now.




The Indispensable Pillars of Freedom

The Founders' Bible

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? Psalm 11:3

America is filled with imposing structures, from the Sears Towers to the Lincoln Memorial, from the Empire State Building to the Golden Gate Bridge. While each differs dramatically in outward appearance, they are all the same in that the most crucial element for each is its foundation. If the foundation ever begins to crack or weaken, the entire structure will be in danger of collapsing.

The same is true for the nation. Our foundation must be regularly inspected and maintained, but this cannot be done if we don't know what our foundation is. Fortunately, those who built this constitutional republic clearly identified its pillars and supports. As George Washington succinctly stated:

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.

America's two foundational supports are religion and morality, and if we lose these, the entire nation will be in danger of crumbling and failing. Notice similar affirmations of America's foundations:

It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue.

John Adams, President, Signer of the Declaration

Has it [government] any solid foundation? Any chief cornerstone? ... I think it has an everlasting foundation in the unchangeable will of God. ... The sum of my argument is that civil government is of God.

James Otis, Leader of the Sons of Liberty, Mentor of John Hancock and Samuel Adams

The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. With-out this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.

Benjamin Rush, Signor of the Declaration

Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion ... are undermining the solid foundation of morals – the best security for the duration of free Governments.

Charles Carroll, Signer of the Declaration, Framers of the Bill of Rights

The Christian religion – its general principles – must ever be regarded among us as the foundation of civil society.

Daniel Webster, "Defender of the Constitution"

One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law, ... There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations.

Joseph Story, U. S. Supreme Court Justice Appointed by President James Madison

The Founders agreed that religion and morality was the foundation of our country and its unique political system. Notice that none of the Founders mentioned economics, jobs, or any other material elements, which certain were a genuine concern in their day; they all understood that economic prosperity was the result of spiritual and moral strength, no vice versa.

Washington was so convinced that America's property was dependent upon religion and morality that he called them the two "indispensable" pillars, even further asserting:

In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness. ... The mere politician equally with the pious man ought to respect and to cherish them.

Washington believed that if anyone, especially the "mere politician," worked to undermine religion and morality in the nation, he could not be called a patriot.

The two vital ways to protect America's foundations are (1) to ensure that religion and morality are the true, life-giving foundation of our own personal lives and (2) to elect civil leaders who will "respect and cherish these twin supports of "religion and morality" as the "great pillars of human happiness." It is essential that we do both for if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalm 11:3)

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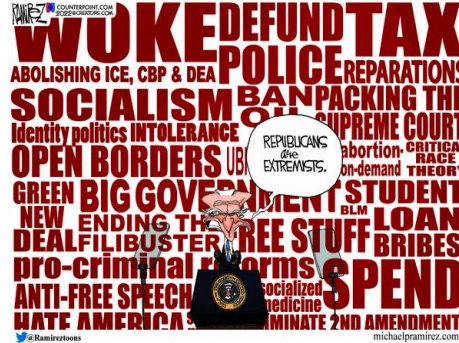
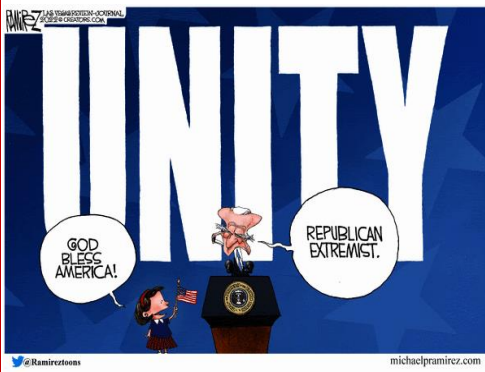
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The massive surveillance state isn't about finding terrorists.

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UNDERSTAND the CONNECTION. They know what they are doing and they are playing America like a drum.

Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



Early voting begins on October 24th and election day is November 8th. We still have time to get out the vote. If you have not reached out to Collin County Victory 2022 to volunteer, now is the time to do so. You can contact Headquarters at their website www.collincountygop.org

PRW will be working after our October general meeting to help one of our local candidates. Please make time to stay and help. Also, every Wednesday at HQ you can do phone banking. If you do phone bank, remember to keep track of how many calls you make, and turn them in to me at our general meeting.

Don't forget to turn in your Political Action Hours to me. You can turn in your hours on our website at www.planorepublicanwomen.org

If we work we can keep TX red from the top of the ticket to the bottom. When women work we win!

Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!



Dear PRW Member,

Would you like to be a part of the TFRW boots on the ground movement. They need volunteers to set up, block walk and phone bank. You can participate in the one in Collin County at the end of October or work in different areas of the state. Please see the below email for more details and compensation for traveling over long distance.

Cleo Marchese
PRW President



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Coming to an area near you...

TFRW RED HEEL BRIGADE!



We have scheduled the Red Heel Brigades, now we need volunteers! Let's show Texas what TFRW members can do. Below are the scheduled Brigades to date and sign-up links. We need volunteers to set up, block walk and phone bank.

OCTOBER 14TH-15TH TFRW with the Dallas County GOP

11617 N. Central Expressway, Suite 240, Dallas, TX

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OCTOBER 21ST-22ND— TFRW with the Collin County GOP

2963 W. 15th St., Suite 2981, Plano, TX

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The plan is to meet on Friday afternoon to create walk books, organize push card door hangers and get snacks and such ready for Saturday. Then Saturday morning at 9 a.m. meet up for a light breakfast, and head out to knock on doors. We will meet back after block walking for phone banking.

TFRW members who travel to participate in any of the above Red Heel Brigade events will be eligible for the following reimbursement:

- \$10 gas reimbursement for every 100 miles traveled (up to 500 miles or \$50).
- \$125/per night hotel reimbursement (up to 2 nights, pre-authorization required).
- \$35/per day meal reimbursement (up to 2 days).

For questions, contact VP Political Activities Corrine Miklosh at vpcampaignact@tfrw.org



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Membership Update



October kicks off our Annual Membership Drive

In 2022, PRW set a goal to have 100 members, we surpassed this and have 102 members for 2022!

We hope that 2023 will bring even more women in to network and work together for Republican values and Republican candidates!

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting (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.

Memberships:

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

\$45 Full Active Membership with Spouse

\$25 Associate Membership – for Men or Active Members of other Republican Women Clubs

\$20 Young Affiliate (young woman, age 10-17)

\$140 Patron Member (includes Full Active Single Membership)

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Check out the Frequently Asked Questions on our website:

<http://www.planorepublicanwomen.org/frequently-asked-questions.html>

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October

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Karen Finch	10/1
Teresa Sperandeo	10/2
Debbie Hollingshead	10/8
Denise Voss	10/17
Toni Jenkins	10/20
Doris Mott	10/20
Teri Ann Rogers	10/21
Deb Blencowe	10/22
Betsy Liberto	10/26

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