Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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President's Byline:

At our November meeting the membership voted on the officers for 2020. The 2020 PRW Officers are......



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- 3rd VP of Awards Debby Arrant
- 4th VP of Finance Catherine Gibb
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- Corresponding Secretary Susan Bushey
- Treasure Lynn McCoy

The officers will be sworn in at our holiday party in December.

The board has some non-elected position. They are....

American Heritage - write an article for the newsletter on American Heritage.

Bylaws - Keep our bylaws up to date.

Literacy - Gather books to give to schools.

Historian - Keep our photographs organized and up to date.

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Public Relations and Social Media - Help us get our name out and keep our social media up to date.

Ways and Means - Help the 4th VP.

Legislation - Summit articles for the newsletter on bills in the Congress or State Legislature.

If any of these jobs interests you please let me know.



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Calendar of Events

December Gathering

December 10th

Meeting Location

January Meeting January 21st

Invitation to Plano Republican Women 2019 Christmas Party



December Plano Republican Women Meeting

NOTE: We are no longer meeting at Reflections on Spring Creek
NEW LOCATION: Napoli's Italian Restaurant, 2865 McDermott Road Suite 235, Plano, TX 75025

Next PRW Meeting:

Tuesday, January 21st, 2020

Location: Napoli's Italian Restaurant - West Plano Location, North-East Corner Independence and McDermott

2865 McDermott Rd suite 235, Plano, TX 75025

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

PRW membership is not required to attend our meeting

Lunch is available with RSVP for \$20 in cash or check payable to PRW RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, January 17th, 2020

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

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

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

Charlie Daniels is right!



"There are a lot of people out there who don't like Trump, and that's your business, but when a political party turns 100% of their efforts and energy into destroying a duly elected president, there is danger they will destroy anybody who disagrees with them including you and me"

-Charlie Daniels-

Say Yes if you agree!

"You must never forget that the 2020 election is about one thing, YOU!! It's true. It's not about me. It's about your family, your future, and the fate of your country." President Trump

October Meeting Photos















AMERICANISM REPORT

BY CLEO MARCHESE, AMERICANISM CHAIR

The Greatest Generation: Lessons in Work Ethic

It's not unusual when speaking with some young people today to hear them talk about the deprivations of their lives. They will tell you why socialism is important? Why we need more government to make our lives easier. A basic universal wage for everyone and all student debt paid off by the government because it is unfair for someone to pay their debts. They feel college should be free for everyone. They believe hardship is functioning as an adult, instead of living as perpetual child cared for by big government. But other generations have endured hardships as well. Hardships far more pressing than having an outdated iPhone while still living in your parents' home tweeting about how rough life is and occasionally attending a Democratic socialist rally. We've had lots of impressive men and women in our country but one 20th century generation spawned so many incredible accomplishments that they were called the Greatest Generation.

Who were the Greatest Generation?

The Greatest Generation refers to a group of Americans born between 1910 to 1924, they were also called the G.I. Generation or the World War II Generation. They were a generation of inspirational Americans who embodied the true meaning of the American Spirit. Many were rugged and hardworking because they grew up under the deprivations of the Great Depression after the catastrophic failure of the stock market, coincidently called the Great Crash. The stock market started crashing in September of 1929 and ended on October 29th, Black Tuesday. People lost their entire fortunes, some committed suicide. Black Tuesdays started a panic and the downward spiral of so many families causing a national despondency that reverberated throughout the entire country.

Many middle class families slipped into poverty. People who lost their homes lived in tents or shanty towns called Hoovervilles. Food was scarce and luxury items nonexistent for most Americans. Unemployment was as high as 25 percent across the country and sometimes as high as 40 percent in some areas especially among young men. Segregation increased as it became an "us vs them" mentality. As the nation suffered, the children suffered the most. Some children were sent away to live with relatives while their parents worked or were fostered with strangers. For the first time on a national level childhood starvation was not unusual. It was estimated that half of the nation's children experience hunger daily and malnutrition was on the rise. With so much psychological stress on adults, domestic violence and child abuse became common place.







How did they feel? Their voices, their thoughts.

As a young man, I lived through the Great Depression, when banks failed and so many lost their jobs and homes and went hungry. I was fortunate to have a job at a canning factory that paid 25 cents an hour. ~ James E. Faust

"If, with all the advantages I've got, I can't make a living... I'm just no good, I guess."... Unemployed Texas school teacher, 1933

I did not throw out my education lightly, but what I was being taught was of no use in explaining what I saw around me. It was the Great Depression. ~ Paul Samuelson, American Economist, born 1915

We didn't have money to buy new shoes, so when your shoes wore out you placed cardboard inside them. When they became too small to wear, you went barefoot. ~ James L. Barnes, born 1915, cab driver

Dusko Condic during an NPR interview in 2008, said his father died "a relatively young man," in his early 40s.

"He left eight of us," Condic says. "Unfortunately, we lost the house. I can remember to this day — and I become emotional when I think of it — literally being placed on the sidewalk [with] every last possession that my poor mother had because she wasn't able to supposedly pay the mortgage.



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By Cleo Marchese, Americanism Chair

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What made them special? Why did they persevere?

The oldest of their generation would have been nineteen at the start of the Great Depression and the youngest five. Some would have been old enough to remember World War I. The Great Depression lasted until 1941 and ended with America's entry into World War II. Their generation was marked by a lot of firsts. Women entered the work force is droves. They worked in factories building weapons of war, holding jobs that had been male dominated before WWII. Others became combat nurses, non-combat pilots, and USO hostesses. Men went to war in masses, a lot were drafted but many more volunteered.





This generation was one of faith, family, duty, honor, and personal responsibility. They did so many great things. World War II still has some of the most memorable battles fought by land, sea and in the air. They fought the Nazi, the National Socialist German Workers' Party that had taken over Germany. A brutal regime that exterminated not only the Jewish people, but killed anyone they deemed unfit from political prisoners to the physical and mentally handicapped and so many others. They remade their country, took back the national dialogue of despair and energized it with innovation, patriotism and pride in a job well done.







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Their generation were responsible for many new inventions we still use today. Penicillin, super glue, disposable razors, radar, radio land navigation, dynamo-powered flashlight, jet aircraft, helicopters, the Jerry can (sturdy metal gas cans), pressurized airplane cabins, nuclear power, freezer dried coffee, the ball point pen, V2 space rockets, computers, Teflon, velcro, nylon, electron microscopes and ATMs. The generation that grew up with almost nothing, dreamed big and changed the world. They are living proof pressure makes diamonds. They made the United States, a better place to live.

Trivia:

- 1. The term "the Greatest Generation" was coined by retired NBC Nightly News anchor and author Tom Brokaw. He also titled his book the same name. *The Greatest Generation* profiled people who came of age during World War II and was inspired by Brokaw's attendance at the 40th-anniversary commemoration of the D-Day invasion of mainland Europe. It is a series of profiles of the soldiers who fought the war, and the workers whose labor provided the essential material and services in support of them.
- 3. The average age of WWII veterans is 94.
- 4. The Greatest Generation members also tend to be the parents of the Baby Boomers.
- 5. The medical community made great strides in treating and preventing childhood diseases such as diarrhea, rickets, and diphtheria during the Great Depression.
- 6. Hoover Stew was the name for food handed out in soup kitchens. Hoover Blankets were newspapers used to cover people like blankets. Hoover Hogs were wild jack rabbits used for food, and Hoover Wagons were broken down cars pulled by mules.







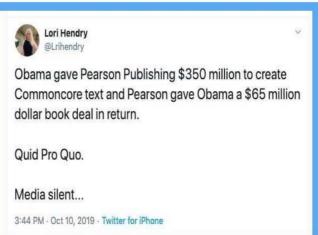
This is Michael Pence

Political Cartoons











Schiff announced that new whistleblower tryouts will be held on Friday. Scripts may be picked up on Wednesday at the CIA.



Cornyn: Impeachment Halts Progress on Drug Pricing, Victims' Rights, and Troop Pay Raises

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) discussed the impact of Democrats' push for impeachment on Congress' ability to pass bipartisan, consensus legislation. Excerpts of Sen. Cornyn's floor remarks are below, and video can be found <u>here</u>.

"While it's been less than a week since the House formally authorized their impeachment inquiry, the crusade to impeach the President and remove him started nearly three years ago."

"The latest casualty of this impeach-at-all-costs strategy is a bill I introduced with my Democratic colleague from Connecticut, Richard Blumenthal, called the Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act. This legislation would lower the cost of Americans' prescription medication and save more than a half a billion dollars in taxpayer money."

"Unfortunately, drug pricing legislation isn't the only consensus effort that's gotten caught up in impeachment mania."

"Reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act is a top priority for members of both sides of the aisle, and I hope we'll work harder to make it happen rather than to use this important law to play partisan political games."

"Although I would have welcomed less drama this time around, Debbie Smith reauthorization will hopefully be an example of what Congress can accomplish if we put partisan political fights aside and work for our constituents: in other words, do the job we were elected to do when our constituents sent us here."

"It's really disappointing that some of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle would rather relitigate the 2016 election again, less than a year before the next election, rather than do the work of the American people. This obsession with impeachment mania has consumed our Democratic colleagues and is preventing us from getting work done on a nonpartisan basis. That's what our constituents want us to do."

"Texans are worried about high prescription costs, worried about the state of our roads and bridges, and worried about our national security. In the case of the Democrat Leader, I'd be willing to wager that New Yorkers are worried about many of these issues, too."

"They don't result in pay raises for our troops, which have now been voted against two times by our Democratic colleagues. They don't advance victims' rights and get justice to survivors, like the reauthorization of the Debbie Smith Act and the Violence Against Women Act would do."

"We've heard our Democratic colleagues say ad nauseam that impeachment will not interfere with their ability to legislate, but the evidence suggests otherwise."

Sen. Cruz: 'What's Happening in the House Has Become an Absolute Circus'

What's happening in the House has become an absolute circus. And House Democrats have given up on any pretense of fairness or objectivity. [...]

"In this instance, House Democrats departed from past practice and they said the minority can call no witnesses - we're not going to allow the minority to have subpoen power. And instead what they're engaged in - this is a show trial. It is a propaganda trial where House Democrats will only listen to testimony they believe supports their narrative and they don't allow the defense to present any facts on the other side. And I think the American people see this. This is not a fair and objective process designed by the House to find out facts, to find out evidence. It has a pre-ordained conclusion. Just House Democrats decided in November 2016 they wanted to impeach Donald Trump because they're mad at the American people for electing him and all of this is a show trial toward a pre-ordained conclusion."

"I think any proceeding in the Senate should be fair, should be open, and should respect due process. What does that mean? That means allowing both sides to present their case and if the White House chooses to call as a witness Hunter Biden, if the White House chooses to call as a witness the whistleblower, I think they should be allowed to call them. I think - both of those witnesses in particular may well be integral to the White House's defense.

"[...] Because that's what due process mandates - is that both sides be able to present their case and that it be decided on actual facts and not just a political hit job."

Democrats are full of Schiff

Frank Aquila's Blog, November 7, 2019

The Democrats rammed a resolution to continue an impeachment inquiry against President Trump providing all sorts of power to Adam Schiff. Even two Democrats and all Republicans could not support such a patrician and unprecedented sham. Schiff has all sorts of power to be the prosecutor, judge, jury, and executioner in this case throwing out the same due process that would and should be applied to average Americans in Schiff's quest to have Trump impeached to tarnish him in his goal to prevent Trump from being reelected.

Not only is Schiff provided the power to oversee this kangaroo court, he is actually a material witness after it was revealed he and his staff coordinated and collaborated with the so-called "Whistleblower". The Whistleblower gave hearsay information to Schiff's staff and was assisted by Schiff's staff to get an attorney, who would work with Schiff as the bases to seek an impeachment inquiry, had called for "resistance" and "Impeachment" in 2017.

The Whistleblower lied about meeting with Schiff and Schiff lied about him and his staff having contact with the Whistleblower. The information provided by the Whistleblower was revealed to be false as Trump released the transcript of his call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky, who verified he was under no pressure from Trump and was the one who originally admitted corruption from the previous administration with connection to former Vice-president Joe Biden's request to fire prosecutor, Viktor Shokin, who was looking into criminal activity of Burisma, the gas company that Biden's son, Hunter, was on. Biden threatened to withhold \$1 billion in government aid if the prosecutor was not fired and then later bragged about it.

Schiff will not reveal the whistleblower. However, Real Clear Investigation identified him as Eric Ciaramella, an analyst with the CIA, a registered Democrat, who previously worked with Trump critic, John Brennan, with Biden. After being accused of working against Trump and leaking negative reports, Ciaramella left the Trump White House in 2017 according to the National Security Council. Ciaramella also worked with Democratic National Committee (DNC) operative, Alexandra Chalupa, who was working with the former corrupt Ukraine government against Trump to get Hillary elected.

Then it was discovered Ciaramella worked closely on the Trump-Russian collusion hoax, which was produced by Fusion GPS and financed by Hillary Clinton's campaign and the DNC. Ciaramella is connected on emails with key individuals who pushed the hoax. Ciaramella was also part of the email chain celebrating the eventual signing of the \$1 billion U.S. loan guarantee to Ukraine after the prosecutor was fired.

Ciaramella is partisan and had a mission to collaborate a false story with Schiff to produce an impeachment inquiry. He has no credibility and even his hearsay and fabricated story has been proven false and treasonous with intent to falsely accuse Trump. Did Ciaramella blow the whistle on Biden for the exact same thing for far worse than what he is accusing Trump of doing?

Schiff will not allow Republicans to cross examine Ciaramella or to have Trump's attorneys present. Schiff has prevented Republicans from subpoenas or testimony on behalf of the president. Instead, Schiff has held secret hearings and closed door interviews. Schiff has provided an inaccurate description of the transcript. He then takes testimony and only leaks minimal parts of the testimony to the media that benefits his case, providing no transparency.

Imagine the common person being accused of a crime, not being able to confront his accuser. All the while, the accuser is working with the prosecutor, who is a material witness in a coordinated conspiracy to conjure a crime based on false information from hearsay. We know hearsay is inadmissible in court. Yet, the prosecutor has also made himself the judge and attorney for the hearsay witness to prevent the hearsay witness from answering any questions from the defense. Imagine being set up with a crime which the prosecutor then reads your statement out of context and ignores your witnesses (Zelensky) who states, "There was no pressure." Imagine all of the investigating being done in secret with you having no rights to have your attorney present, no subpoena power, and no testimony on your behalf. Imagine a prosecutor with the power to also be the judge to determine your guilt using a false witness and his own personal bias therefore finding you guilty of a crime because he doesn't like you and has a desire to destroy you personally. Would this be a fair trial? Would this be allowed against any common person in America? We certainly hope not.

There should be an impeachment alright; but not against President Trump. It should be against Schiff and the Deep State that have coordinated an effort to conspire against our president. They have such a desire to charge President Trump with impeachment; they are willing to be dishonest, disingenuous, and deceitful in every possible way by giving unprecedented power to Schiff to flaunt the law making the Democrats full of Schiff.

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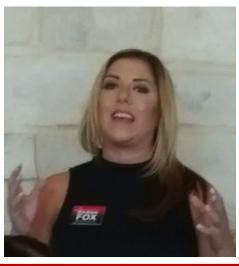
















Five Things You Should Know about the Dems' Partisan Impeachment Charade

Nothing is more sacred to Republican Women than the ballot box - our seal features an eagle standing guard over this most treasured feature of our democracy. Yet the Democrats seem determined to overturn the results of the 2016 election - the latest step being last week's strictly partisan vote by the House to advance their impeachment charade.

Here are five things you should know about the Democrats' partisan witch hunt:

The vote on the Democrats impeachment inquiry resolution had zero support from House Republicans -- despite Speaker Pelosi's promise she would support impeachment only if it were "overwhelming and bipartisan," Thursday's vote was bipartisan only to the extent that two Democrats voted against the resolution.

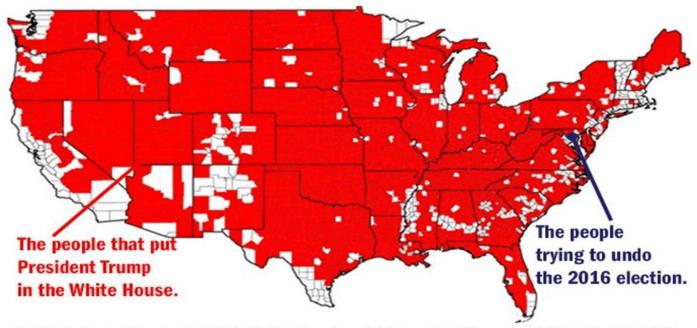
The Democrats are holding a Soviet-style show trial – not a legitimate impeachment Inquiry. President Trump continues to be denied due process, with the resolution restricting the White House's ability to defend itself or present its case to the House Intelligence Committee. Democrats (read **Adam Schiff**) have full control of witnesses and subpoenas. Schiff can authorize or decline witnesses subpoenaed by the Minority Ranking Member.

The President did nothing wrong. Almost immediately after allegations were made, **President Trump** released the call transcript to the public. There was no quid pro quo. No Ukrainian has said they felt pressured, including Ukraine's President himself. Aid flowed to Ukraine without any investigation occurring.

Voters want a Congress that works for them – not the endless witch hunts the Democrats have been pursuing since even before **President Trump** was sworn into office. Ratifying the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, critical defense spending, appropriations bills to fund federal departments and agencies, and \$1.7 billion worth of tax breaks are on the back burner.

What's the point? The Democrats' partisan impeachment is not good for the country – but it is good for Democrat fundraising.

63 MILLION AMERICANS PUT PRESIDENT TRUMP IN OFFICE

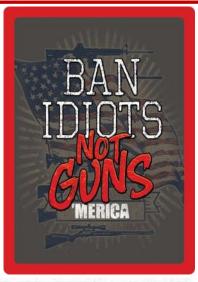


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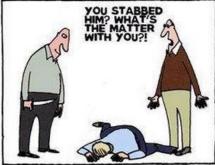
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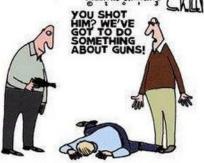








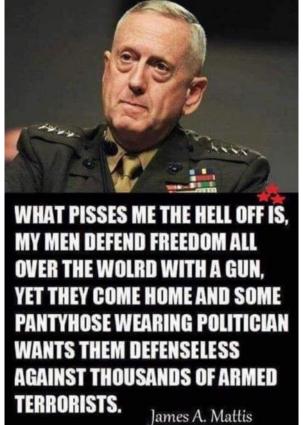






After they took their guns away

Castro Murdered 100,000 Unarmed Citizens Hitler Murdered 6 Million Unarmed Citizens Stalin Murdered 50 Million Unarmed Citizens Mao murdered 60 Million Unarmed Citizens



PROOF YOU DON'T HAVE TO FLY A PLANE INTO A BUILDING TO DESTROY A NATION!



Liberal Policy Failures Are the Reason for Socialism's New Appeal

By: Victor Davis Hanson, November 7, 2019

Multiple forms of socialism, from hard Stalinism to European redistribution, continue to fail.

Russia and China are still struggling with the legacy of genocidal communism. Eastern Europe still suffers after decades of Soviet-imposed socialist chaos. Cuba, Nicaragua, North Korea, and Venezuela are unfree, poor, and failed states. Baathism—a synonym for pan-Arabic socialism—ruined the postwar Middle East. The soft-socialist European Union countries are stagnant and mostly dependent on the U.S. military for their protection.

In contrast, current American deregulation, tax cuts, and incentives, and record energy production have given the United States the strongest economy in the world.

So why, then, are two of the top three Democratic presidential contenders—Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren—either overtly or implicitly running on socialist agendas? Why are the heartthrobs of American progressives—Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y.; Rashida Tlaib, D -Mich.; and Ilhan Omar, D-Minn.—calling for socialist redistributionist schemes?

Why do polls show that a majority of American millennials have a favorable view of socialism? There are lots of catalysts for the new socialism.

Massive immigration is changing the demography of the United States. The number of foreign-born U.S. residents and their children has been estimated at almost 60 million, or about 1 in 5 U.S. residents. Some 27% of California residents were born outside of America. Many of these immigrants flee from poor areas of Latin America, Mexico, Africa, and Asia that were wrecked by statism and socialism. Often, they arrive in the U.S. unaware of economic and political alternatives to state socialism.

When they reach the U.S.—often without marketable skills and unable to speak English—many assume that America will simply offer a far better version of the statism from which they fled. Consequently, many take for granted that government will provide them an array of social services, and they become supportive of progressive socialism.

Another culprit for the new socialist craze is the strange leftward drift of the very wealthy in Silicon Valley, in corporate America and on Wall Street. Some of the new progressive rich feel guilty about their unprecedented wealth. So they champion redistribution as the sort of medieval penance that alleviates guilt. Yet the influential and monied classes usually are so well off that higher taxes hardly affect them. Instead, redistributionist taxation hurts the struggling middle classes.

In California, it became hip for wealthy leftists to promote socialism from their Malibu, Menlo Park, or Mill Valley enclaves—while still living as privileged capitalists. Meanwhile, it proved nearly impossible for the middle classes of Stockton and Bakersfield to cope with the reality of crushing taxes and terrible social services.

From 2008 to 2017, the now-multimillionaire Barack Obama, first as candidate and then as president, used all sorts of cool socialist slogans, from "spread the wealth around" and "now is not the time to profit" to "you didn't build that" and "at a certain point you've made enough money."

Universities bear much of the blame. Their manipulation of the federal government to guarantee student loans empowered them to jack up college costs without any accountability. Liberal college administrators and faculty did not care much when graduates left campus poorly educated and unable to market their expensive degrees.

More than 45 million borrowers now struggle with nearly \$1.6 trillion in collective student debt, with climbing interest. That indebtedness has delayed—or ended—the traditional forces that encourage conservatism and traditionalism, such as getting married, having children, and buying a home.

Instead, a generation of single, childless, and mostly urban youth feels cheated that their high-priced degrees did not earn them competitive salaries. Millions of embittered college graduates will never be able to pay off what they owe—and want some entity to pay off their debts.

In paradoxical fashion, teenagers were considered savvy adults who were mature enough to take on gargantuan loans. But they were also treated like fragile preteens who were warned that the world outside their campus sanctuaries was downright mean, sexist, racist, homophobic, and unfair.

Finally, doctrinaire Republicans for decades mouthed orthodoxies of free rather than fair trade. They embraced the idea of creative destruction of industries, but without worrying about the real-life consequences for the unemployed in the hollowed-out, red-state interior.

Add up a lost generation of woke and broke college graduates, waves of impoverished immigrants without much knowledge of American economic traditions, wealthy advocates of boutique socialism, and asleep-at-the-wheel Republicans, and it becomes clear why historically destructive socialism is suddenly seen as cool.

Regrettably, sometimes the naive and disaffected must relearn that their pie-in-the sky socialist medicine is far worse than the perceived malady of inequality. And unfortunately, when socialists gain power, they don't destroy just themselves. They usually take everyone else down with them as well.

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THE CURRENT VEEP'S SON MAKES
HE HAS ZERO EXPERIENCE
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TWO AND A HALFY FARS OF INTENSIVE
ATRICROUND COMBAT TRAINING.

Kamala Harris is complaining that she's failing because people aren't ready for a woman of color to be president. The funny part is, this is the primary, not the general election, so the only people she's accusing of racism are the Democrat primary voters.

Next Generation of Americans Will Embrace Socialism If We Lose 'War on History'

By Jarrett Stepman, November 7, 2019

As young Americans are losing an understanding of civics and American history, they increasingly embrace socialism.

An annual poll conducted for the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation again found that the younger generations have a far sunnier view of socialism and communism than their elders.

Some of the findings from the YouGov survey, released Oct. 28, were deeply worrisome.

According to the poll, 70% of millennials responded that they are likely or extremely likely to vote for a "socialist." About 50% said they have an unfavorable view of capitalism.

Incredibly, the poll found that "15% of millennials think the world would be better off if the Soviet Union still existed."

Seventy-six percent of respondents "are unaware that the Hitler-Stalin pact started World War II," the poll found.

The Soviets, of course, began World War II as an ally of Hitler, only switching "sides" after the Nazis attacked the Soviet Union.

Nevertheless, a victory for the Soviet Union without the presence of the United States would have likely begun a new dark age as horrifying as a world under the thumb of Nazi Germany.

Perhaps worse than nostalgia for the Soviet Union, "57% of millennials (compared to 94% of the Silent Generation) believe the Declaration of Independence better guarantees freedom and equality over the Communist Manifesto."

That's appalling.

The declaration made free men out of slaves, whereas the Communist Manifesto made slaves out of free men. The historical legacies of these documents, and the men who wrote them, couldn't be clearer.

Sadly, that isn't clear from the perspective of many young Americans.

The Victims of Communism poll demonstrates a disturbing combination of historical ignorance and a concomitant embrace of a radical, destructive ideology.

"We need to redouble our efforts to educate America's youth about the history of communist regimes and the dangers of socialism today," said Marion Smith, the executive director of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation.

Undoubtedly.

As I explained in my new book, "The War on History: The Conspiracy to Rewrite America's Past," there's not only been a worrisome decline in inculcating informed patriotism in young Americans, but a willful attempt to re-educate them to turn them against the foundations of America itself. It's clear that, for the younger generations in particular, there is a lack of understanding of what socialism has been historically and what it means now. One doesn't even have to look to the past to see what kinds of evil socialism—real socialism—does to individuals and societies

Yet, many American socialists—some of whom supported Hugo Chavez's Venezuela initially—say that their "democratic socialism" is quite different from what's practiced under tyrannical regimes.

But why should we believe that?

As I observed at the "Socialism 2019" conference in Chicago, ironically over the Fourth of July weekend, American socialists have no less radical an agenda for the United States than they do anywhere else.

Where will this lead us? Clearly, for many young Americans, socialism leads to a false hope that this collectivist ideology can solve their problems.

It's a false hope often recognized best by people who have actually experienced it.

Ricardo Pita, a student at the University of Miami School of Law and a former Heritage Foundation intern who grew up in Venezuela, explained in an interview with The Daily Signal in May how socialism made his country the disaster it is today. "What we try to tell others, having lived under a socialist regime, is that they sell it as a gamble. It's a gimmick," Pita said. "They will tell you this nebulous word of 'socialism,' they promise you the moon, and then it never comes around."

Next Generation of Americans Will Embrace Socialism If We Lose 'War on History'

By Jarrett Stepman, November 7, 2019

Socialism came to Venezuela democratically, with promises of shared wealth and equality. Now, democracy is dead and the people starve, except for those who are more equal than others.

Venezuela may be among the worst, but is hardly the only modern example of socialism failing a country.

Socialism has had moments of popularity in American history, yet it has never taken deep roots like it has elsewhere. Soviet dictator Josef Stalin wrote that off dismissively as the "heresy of American exceptionalism," but the reality is that the American system and the American people have resisted it like few others.

Perhaps that should not be surprising for a nation bound by a Constitution that limits the size and scope of government power and a culture that embraces liberty—the concept of God-given rights that derive from nature and nature's God, not from government.

So far, we have escaped the curse of socialism, which leaves societies broken, dispirited, and impoverished.

But a troubling collapse in a basic understanding of our history, along with the malignant attempt to reframe our country's origins to make us more susceptible to doctrines outside our tradition, means that the specter of socialism now hangs over us.

We accept socialism only by rejecting America's most essential qualities.

The Victims of Communism poll should be a jarring reminder of the work that needs to be done to educate young Americans about the evils of socialism and the benefits of living in a free society.

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I'm sick of the Dems saying Trump is inappropriate

- · Ted Kennedy left a women to die in a river
- Bill Clinton had weird sex in the Oval Office with a barely legal intern.
- Obama ran guns to Mexican drug lord and gave billions to terrorist states.
- Biden makes creepy and sexist comments and publicaly fondles women.
- Hillary Clinton endangered Americans, released classified intel, wiped her illegal server and destroyed mobile devices, left 4 American heroes to die and lied about it being caused by some stupid BS video, sold nuclear material to our enemies, and took money from terroristproducing countries.
- John Edwards was indicted for using campaign funds to hide his mistress.
- Rod Blagojevich is in prison for trying to sell Obama's Senate Seat.
- · Anthony Weiner... Well, need I say more?

Yes, Democratic Party, please lecture us on what is "Beneath" a political office. You have so much experience in that area.



Written by Clint Eastwood. I totally and completel agree.

People message me why I stick my neck out for Trump. Why do I tarnish my reputation with a man that's hated by so many. I don't care how much the media twists what he says. I don't care how bad he looks. I don't care about his sex life. At all. I don't even care that his language skills are not academic. I only look at what he does and what his policies accomplish. I see a booming economy. I see low unemployment rates. I see African Americans back at work. I see American companies that had fled overseas returning home. I see the oldest President staying up til 3 am in a suit on Airforce One waiting to greet our prisoners returning from Korea. I see China paying attention to him and returning to the negotiation table. I see him strengthening Israel, standing by Netanyahu, recognizing Jerusalem, saying Shehekhianu. I see him freeing Iran from a devastating regime. I see him tough on terrorism. I see a man who's delivering on every promise he made, not just talking to get votes. I see a lover of America. One who defends his men in uniform stronger than anyone I've ever seen. One who is proud of his flag, without feeling sorry, without excuses. I see an American hero. Let them say what they will. Trump is a hero. You will see. I love America. He loves America. I love him as our President. No one is without fault. We hired a man to do a job. He has surpassed my expectations in record time, single handedly fighting the establishment. And he's doing it for free... Stop listening to talking heads.

After Years of Common Core, Betsy DeVos Announces 'Devastating' Results

By <u>Jared Harris</u>, Published October 31, 2019 at 3:55pm Commentary, *The Western Journal*

Years after Common Core made its debut in many state education systems, the disastrous long-term results of the program are finally being seen.

The revelation came as part of the Department of Education's 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress report.

"Every American family needs to open The Nation's Report Card this year and think about what it means for their child and for our country's future," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said in a media release. "The results are, frankly, devastating."

"This country is in a student achievement crisis, and over the past decade it has continued to worsen, especially for our most vulnerable students," she added.

The NAEP is a test administered in alternating years to students in the fourth and eighth grades. The government-mandated assessment covers both math and reading proficiency.

The students' reading assessment paints a grim picture of educational readiness, with tested fourth and eighth graders failing to best the previous test's results.

This year's results were only marginally better than those from 1992.

The mathematics scores show the most damning results — an upward trend until the year 2015, when the momentum seemed to grind to a halt. Although there were double-digit gains since the '90s, fourth graders only managed to score a single point above their previous tests.

Eighth graders failed to meet that low standard, sinking below their predecessors from two years before.

"This must be America's wake-up call," DeVos said. "We cannot abide these poor results any longer. We can neither excuse them away nor simply throw more money at the problem."

The dip doesn't seem to be without cause, either. By 2015, most states had implemented some form of Common Core standards, according to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Studies have linked Common Core to declining test scores and generally poor student performance.

This failure in U.S. schools comes at a time when Chinese students appear to be blowing American children out of the water.

Results from the Program for International Student Assessment, which tests students internationally on their proficiency in math, science and reading, show that China ranks a full 21 spots ahead of the United States.

The 21st century needs to remain an American century. Letting the Chinese take the global lead would have disastrous results across the world.

If we expect our future engineers, scientists, and mathematicians to compete in an increasingly globalized world, it's clear that Common Core needs to be abandoned.

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The Democratic National
Headquarters was evacuated
today after a suspicious
package arrived. It turned out to
be a copy of the Constitution of
the United States, which none
of them had seen before.

"AS ELIZABETH WARREN CLOSES
THE NIGHT WITH COMPLAINTS
ABOUT COST OF COLLEGE FOR
STUDENTS, JUST REMEMBER
SHE WAS PAID \$400,000
TO TEACH ONE CLASS."

—KATIE PAVLICH

Feminists Declare Victory in Colorado Town, 11-Year-Old Girls Can Now Go Topless

By <u>Jared Harris</u>, Published November 1, 2019 at 1:47 pm Commentary, *The Western Journal*

In decades past, feminists fought for issues like women's suffrage and equal protection under the law. Their newest victory? Securing the "right" for young girls to walk topless around a Colorado town.

Women of all ages can now legally walk topless around Fort Collins, Colorado, without fear of prosecution. According to Ford Collins Coloradoan, the city removed a law that prevented girls over the age of 10 from being publicly topless in early September.

This slow slide into Sodom and Gomorrah-style debauchery is partly a result of Fort Collins deciding it wasn't worth it to fight a "#FreetheNipple" federal lawsuit. In total, the years-long legal fight cost the city over \$320,000. A district court first ruled the law unconstitutional in 2017, claiming the city can't enforce a law that only applies to women. A federal appeals court upheld that ruling earlier this year.

"The thing that bothered me was that we had established an ordinance that I believe reflected the values of our community," Susan Gutowsky, a member of the Fort Collins City Council, told the Coloradoan.

"Then two young women came and defied that, and three judges decided the case for us, and we lost the ordinance that reflected our values." One of those young women, plaintiff Brit Hoagland, rejoiced that the law had been wiped from the books. "Addressing small parts of inequality can make a big difference in how people are treated on a day to day basis, and I thought free the nipple was just one small step closer to how it should be," Hoagland told KGUN.

The assertion that men and women are the exact same is a staple of leftist ideology. Transgender movements, and liberals' blind support for them, have all but done away with the biological differences between the two sexes. In the place of empirical science, there is now only emotion and feelings. Those behind the lawsuit that destroyed the topless ban now see their revolution spreading nationwide.

"We made a huge impact way beyond Fort Collins," Hoagland said, "and we were just trying to start a conversation. And that conversation reached to so many more people. It's a miraculous achievement I didn't think I would see in my lifetime let alone so soon."

While "miraculous" isn't the word I would have chosen, the ruling is absolutely an achievement for the left. Now, children don't need to be shepherded into public libraries in front of grown men dressed as women to be exposed to the realities of sexual degeneration in America. As the court confirmed, children in Fort Collins can now *participate* in that same worrying culture.

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