

# Elephant Talk

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## President's Byline



### The Dangerous Consequences of Suppressing Free Speech: A True Threat to Democracy and Western Society

In a time when political and social tensions run high, the debate over free speech has taken center stage. There is an alarming trend of suppressing certain viewpoints, with an increasing effort by governments, corporations, and media to determine what is "truth." Such actions pose a serious threat to the very foundation of Western society: the right to free speech. This issue is more than a political talking point; it is a fundamental challenge to the principles that uphold democracy itself. The suppression of free speech, especially political and controversial speech, represents a dangerous slide toward authoritarianism and threatens the future of Western civilization.

### The Right to Free Speech: A Cornerstone of Democracy

At the core of the First Amendment is the idea that free speech is essential for the functioning of a healthy democracy. The Founding Fathers recognized that in order to hold power accountable, individuals must be free to express their opinions, especially when those opinions are unpopular or controversial. Free speech ensures that ideas can be debated, challenged, and either accepted or rejected by society as a whole.

The suppression of free speech represents an assault on this fundamental right. When governments or powerful institutions (social media and the Mainstream media) decide what speech is allowed and what is forbidden, they essentially decide who gets to control the narrative. This concentration of power is inherently dangerous, as it enables those in authority to limit dissent, silence critics, and shield themselves from accountability. We see this in the news every day; fifty positive stories about Kamala Harris and one hundred negative stories about Donald Trump.

The First Amendment's protection of free speech was designed to ensure that political discourse—no matter how uncomfortable—is never stifled. Disagreement and debate are healthy signs of a functioning democracy, and allowing all viewpoints ensures that no one group can dominate the conversation. If this principle is eroded, the mechanisms of democracy start to crumble.

### Government Control of "Truth" Is Tyranny in Disguise

The notion that the government—or any entity—can define "truth" is a dangerous one. Who gets to decide what is true? If history teaches us anything, it is that those in power are often more concerned with maintaining their position than with upholding objective truth. When governments begin to regulate what can and cannot be said, it is a slippery slope toward authoritarian control.

Consider the historical examples of regimes that have controlled speech to their advantage. Socialist totalitarian states like Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union did not tolerate dissenting views. Speech that contradicted the party line was swiftly silenced. The end result was not only the suppression of free expression but also the persecution of political opponents, intellectuals, and anyone who dared question the regime. When a government controls "truth," it sets the stage for the abuse of power. Sound familiar, it should you are living it now with "Fact Checkers" and show trials for political speech.

In Western society, the idea of government control over speech is fundamentally opposed to the principles of freedom and individual liberty. Yet, we see increasing attempts to regulate speech under the guise of combating "misinformation" or "hate speech." While these terms may sound noble, they are often used to justify censorship of politically inconvenient or unpopular opinions. This trend is particularly dangerous in the age of social media,

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### Calendar of Events

**Next Board Meeting**  
October 1, 2024,  
11:30-1:00  
Napoli's Restaurant  
2865 McDermott, Ste 235  
Plano

**Next General Meeting**  
October 15, 2024, 11:30  
Saltgrass - East Plano  
3320 North Central Exp, Plano

**Early Voting Starts**  
Oct 21st

**Election Day**  
November 5th

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where platforms can effectively erase certain viewpoints from public discourse.

The end result of allowing governments to determine truth is not the preservation of order but the collapse of an open society. The free exchange of ideas, even those that make us uncomfortable, is vital to the progress of science, politics, and culture. If only one version of the truth is allowed, Western society will lose its intellectual vitality, and dissent will be driven underground, fostering resentment and division. If my neighbor is a Klansman or a Communist, don't shut him up, let him reveal himself so we will know his ignorant ideas.

## The First Amendment Protects Political Speech for a Reason

The First Amendment was designed with a specific purpose: to protect the right of individuals to speak their minds, especially when it comes to political matters. The framers of the Constitution understood that political speech is not only the most important form of speech but also the most vulnerable to suppression.

In recent years, we have seen an increasing tendency to label political speech as "dangerous" or "extremist" simply because it challenges the status quo. Whether it is criticism of government policies, opposition to cultural trends, or the expression of unpopular opinions, political speech has come under attack. This is a direct threat to democracy, as the ability to question those in power is essential to ensuring accountability.

The First Amendment protects all speech, not just speech that is comfortable or aligns with the mainstream. It is precisely the speech that makes people uncomfortable or challenges the accepted narrative that needs protection the most. If we only allow speech that is widely accepted, then we have abandoned the principles of free expression in favor of censorship.

## The "Free" Press: Failing in Its Duty and Committing Slow Suicide

A key institution intended to defend free speech and promote the open exchange of ideas is the free press. Historically, the press served as a watchdog, ensuring that the powerful were held accountable and that a wide variety of viewpoints were aired. Today, however, much of the press has abandoned this role, transforming into gatekeepers of "acceptable" discourse, often aligned with certain political or ideological interests. Instead of fostering debate, many media outlets engage in selective reporting, amplifying voices that align with their preferred narratives while marginalizing or silencing dissent.

This abdication of responsibility is not only a betrayal of the First Amendment but also a slow suicide for the press itself. By failing to protect the free speech of all, the press loses the trust of the public. Once seen as an essential pillar of democracy, much of the mainstream media now faces increasing skepticism, as people recognize the bias and censorship at play. The press, which should be the strongest advocate for free expression, is instead complicit in its erosion.

The media's role should be to inform the public, challenge power, and provide a platform for diverse voices. When the press instead chooses to suppress certain viewpoints or label legitimate debate as "disinformation" or "hate speech," it betrays its foundational mission. Over time, this selective censorship erodes the very freedoms the press relies on to exist. If the public loses confidence in the press as an impartial source of information, the media's credibility will collapse, leaving a vacuum where truth and reason should reside.

Furthermore, when the press participates in the censorship of political speech, it plays into the hands of those who wish to control the narrative for political gain. This not only accelerates the media's demise but also emboldens government and corporate actors who wish to stifle dissent.

## The Path Forward: Defending Free Speech for the Future of the West

The suppression of free speech is not just an attack on individual liberty; it is an existential threat to Western society. If we allow governments, corporations, or media institutions to control what can be said and what is considered truth, we risk losing the very freedoms that define Western civilization. The marketplace of ideas must remain open, even if it means tolerating speech that makes us uncomfortable.

To preserve democracy, we must defend the right to free speech, especially political speech. We must resist the temptation to silence those with whom we disagree, and we must be vigilant against any attempts by government or private entities to control the flow of information. In the end, the free exchange of ideas is the best defense against tyranny and the best hope for the future of Western society.

As Ronald Reagan said frequently, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." This sentiment encapsulates the spirit of the First Amendment and serves as a reminder that free speech is not just a privilege but a right that we must protect, even when it is difficult. The survival of democracy and the Western way of life depend on it.

*Cleo Marchese*

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# PRW October Meeting



## NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**October 15, 2024**

**Speaker - David W. Luther**  
**Party Unity**

Dave's been around the political block a time or two. Beginning in 1979, he worked as a paid staff member and volunteered in numerous campaigns until he officially retired from campaigning after completing work on the 2004 presidential campaign.

While always a proud Republican, Dave became committed to the workings of the Republican Party of Texas in 1999. He has been a State Delegate to every Republican Convention from 2000 through the virtual 2024 convention, where he served as Senate District 18 Caucus Chair. He has served as a Precinct Chair in two Counties and was reelected to a fifth term as Republican County Chair for Waller County. He has also served on the State Republican Executive Committee as Committeeman for SD 18. He currently serves as the President of the Texas Republican County Chairman's Association.

David Luther is committed to the Republican Party, grassroots leadership through training and generally just whooping all Democrats!



**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 11, 2024**

[RSVP here to pay with credit card](#)

Please note: all Online Credit Card Payments include a processing fee.

**To RSVP send an email to: [rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org](mailto:rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org)**

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



# September Photos







# AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



## ANDREW JACKSON AND THE WAR OF 1812

OCTOBER 1, 2024

The War of 1812 (June 18, 1812, to February 18, 1815) stands as a pivotal chapter in American history, often regarded as the nation's "Second War of Independence." The British Royal Navy's practice of impressing American sailors into service was a significant affront to American sovereignty. Additionally, British trade restrictions, aimed at curbing American commerce with Napoleonic France, further strained relations. Many Americans also viewed the conflict as Britain's attempt to limit the United States to the east of New Orleans.

Andrew Jackson was born in 1767 in the Carolinas to Irish immigrant parents and grew up with a fierce sense of independence and resilience. His early life was marked by personal loss and hardship, losing both his brothers and his mother during the Revolutionary War. His father died before he was born.

Jackson's rise to command at New Orleans was facilitated by his reputation as a determined and capable leader. His previous successes in the Creek War and his relentless pursuit of military objectives earned him the trust of President James Madison and Secretary of War John Armstrong. Additionally, Jackson's ability to inspire and unify disparate groups under his command was crucial to his success.

Jackson's involvement in the War of 1812 was multifaceted. Initially, he led militia forces against the Creek Nation, allied with the British. The decisive victory at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in 1814 significantly weakened the Creek resistance and secured Jackson's reputation as a formidable military leader.

For almost 30 years Jackson was in Tennessee politics.

Jackson's interest in public affairs and in politics had always been keen. He had gone to Nashville as a political appointee, and in 1796 he became a member of the convention that drafted a constitution for the new state of Tennessee. In the same year he was elected as the first representative from Tennessee to the U.S. House of Representatives. Though not particularly interested in returning to 'public service', he later became a senator.

Andrew Jackson stands out for his decisive leadership and the monumental victory at the Battle of New Orleans. On January 8, 1815, Jackson's diverse force of regular soldiers, militia, pirates led by Jean Lafitte, and free African Americans faced a superior British force. Despite being outnumbered, Jackson's strategic use of fortifications and artillery led to a stunning victory, with minimal American casualties compared to the heavy losses inflicted on the British. It truly solidified Jackson's legacy and led to his ascent to national prominence.

The victory at New Orleans, in particular, became a symbol of American resilience and strength.

The Treaty of Ghent, signed on December 24, 1814, and ratified in February 1815, brought an end to the war. The treaty effectively restored the status quo ante bellum, with no significant territorial changes.

Andrew Jackson's military success catapulted him into the national spotlight. He served as the seventh President of the United States from 1829 to 1837. His presidency was marked by significant events, including the defense of federal authority during the Nullification Crisis and his opposition to the Second Bank of the United States. Jackson's commitment to expanding democratic participation earned him the nickname "Champion of the Common Man."

Andrew Jackson's leadership, particularly at the Battle of New Orleans, played a critical role in shaping the war's outcome and his subsequent rise to the presidency. His legacy, though complex, underscores the enduring spirit of American resilience and determination to protect and promote liberty and freedom. Through understanding Jackson's contributions, we gain a deeper appreciation of the historical foundations of American patriotism and national identity.



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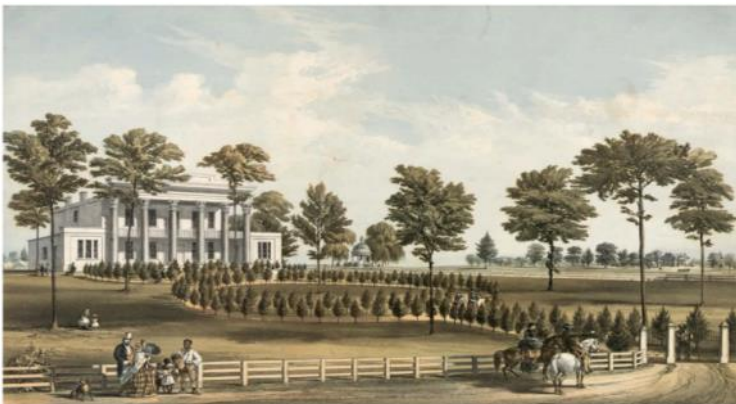
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While Andrew Jackson's military and political achievements were pivotal in shaping early American history, it is essential to acknowledge that his legacy is deeply complex and marred by significant moral shortcomings. Jackson was a man of his times, holding views on slavery and Native American removal that are profoundly unacceptable by today's standards. These actions, while consistent with the era's norms, are in stark contrast to the values of liberty and justice that we uphold today. As we study historical figures like Jackson, it is crucial to critically examine their legacies in the full context of their time.

SOURCES: <https://www.prageru.com/video/americas-2nd-war-of-independence>, <https://chatgpt.com/share/28e98479-4c2a-44e9-90d4-1b825a8ac38e>, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/andrew-jackson/>, [HISTORY.COM](https://www.history.com)



THE HERMITAGE

## ANDREW JACKSON

**7th** President of the United States

Served as president **1829–37**

Born March 15, 1767

Died June 8, 1845

Political affiliation Democratic Party

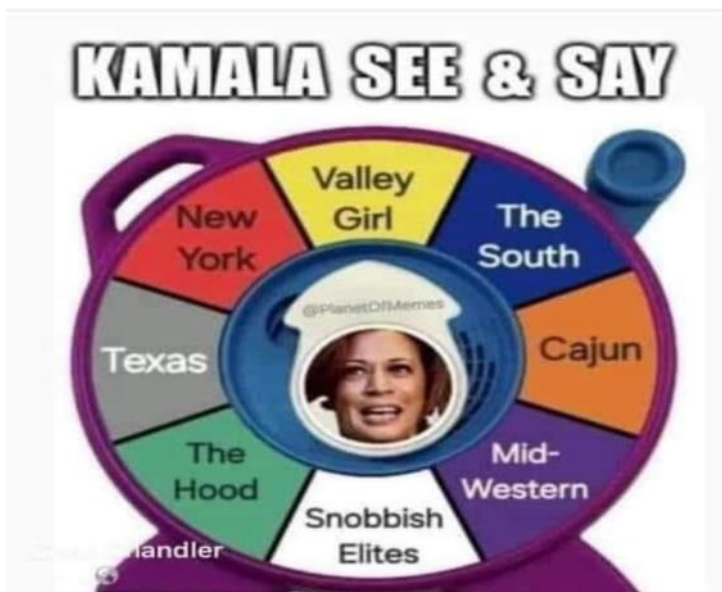


“I was born for a storm, and a calm does not suit me.”

### TIMELINE

- 1828**  
Jackson is elected president.
- 1830**  
Jackson signs the Indian Removal Act.
- 1832**  
Jackson vetoes the bill to recharter the Bank of the United States.
- 1833**  
In response to the Nullification Crisis, Congress passes the Force Bill.
- 1837**  
Jackson retires at the end of his second term.

How many accents does she have?



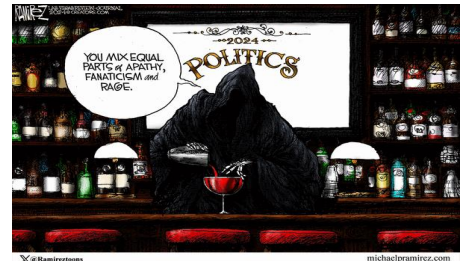
Coming soon to a town near you...





# Political Cartoons

It must take a special kind of **STUPID** to want another four years of what we just had.



*I am NOT with her. I'm appalled at the amount of women who support her simply because she's a woman. Take a step back & do your research. Think about your future, your families future and the future of our children. Because she's not it.*

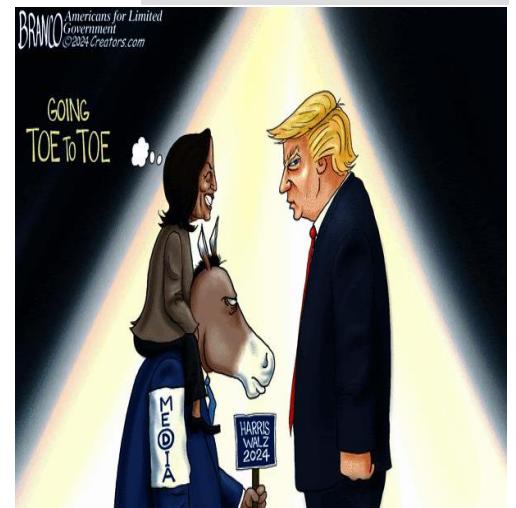


According to the dog's shadow, we are going to have 4 more years of Trump



**We are not all equal.**  
I worked very hard my entire life to get what I have. Most of the people I know have too. I deserve where I am in life. I will not give up what I have earned so that someone who has not can feel 'equal'. Nor will I assume their debt. I have had to pay my debt. I insist everyone else be held to the same standard.

**Equality of Opportunity, Not Equality of Outcome**





***I am choosing this article to be the first under “Catherine’s Corner” as I wanted to highlight these two truly flawed candidates and to highlight what I have now come to realize: we are truly at a tipping point in this country. It’s not so much about Trump/Vance vs Harris/Walz or Republican vs Democrat or Red vs Blue. The true choice is GOOD vs EVIL. If you truly love God, Family and Country, you will get your neighbors, family, and friends to vote and it should be an obvious choice!!***

## Behind the DNC’s Trojan horse campaign

[Ryan Walker](#)

August 27, 2024

Americans should know the dangers of what Kamala Harris is attempting to slip through the gates of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Last week, Democrat power players delivered a succession of self-congratulatory speeches at the Democratic National Convention, riddled with the-best-is-yet-to-come buzzwords like “change,” “joy,” and even “wonderfully magical.”

After Democrats dethroned our incoherent sitting president, these self-described “defenders of democracy” have installed Kamala Harris at the top of the Democratic Party ticket — without a single voter casting a ballot to put her there.

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The convention quickly disposed of Biden on the first night. It was hard to find anyone who seemed to remember that Kamala Harris has been helping him create crisis after crisis for the past four years.

“Hope is making a comeback,” Michelle Obama told the convention audience. Which raises the question: Where has hope been over the last four years of Harris’ administration? It’s not 2008. We don’t need you to articulate the Democrat dreamscape; most of us are already living the nightmare after your party reigned for 12 of the past 16 years.

In her acceptance speech, Harris spoke as if she has not already been in office for more than 1,000 days. She wants Americans to forget that she has the power to act, negotiate legislation, and “unite” us as she promised — *right now*. Why hasn’t she done that already? She’s asking voters for a huge promotion but failed to mention her job performance so far.

Despite attempts from Democratic Party puppeteers to shelter Harris from the press and veil her radical policy platforms, it has become increasingly clear that Biden has not been in control for some time, meaning Harris has been in the driver’s seat of this disastrous administration.

Worse still, the socialist record of her pick for vice president, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, shows her administration would move our country even farther to the left — not toward the center as her shrouded campaign would have voters believe.

Biden may be out of touch and incompetent, but the dangerously liberal Harris-Walz ticket is the most extreme ever to get so close to the presidency.

There are so many far-left and unpopular policies in their arsenal that it’s hard to decide where to start.

First, since Joe Biden put her in charge of the border — a fact Democrats are trying to bury or deny — Harris has overseen the worst invasion in U.S. history. As governor, Walz handed out driver’s licenses, free health care, and taxpayer-funded college tuition to illegal immigrants.

Harris promised to [ban fracking](#) — putting hundreds of thousands of people out of work and driving energy prices even higher, all to appease climate alarmists. Meanwhile, Walz has pushed for Minnesota to copy California’s radical vehicle emission standards that will enrich China, kneecap the state’s auto industry, and empower bureaucrats over the free market.



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Harris and Walz, both vocal proponents of “Medicare for all,” argue for [eliminating private health insurance](#) entirely. This would force all Americans into government-run health care plans, causing many to lose their doctors and forcing hospitals to operate with the same efficiency as DMVs.

And despite student performance declining on his watch, Walz staunchly [opposes](#) parental rights and school choice, blocking parents from choosing the best education for their children and preventing students from having the best opportunities to succeed.

As a teachers’ union darling, Walz kept Minnesota schools closed for months in response to COVID-19, even though data had proven it was safe to put kids back in classrooms. The following year, just 45% of Minnesota students were proficient in math, a [10-point drop](#) after Walz took office.

In a manner similar to corrupt Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, Harris and Walz are [radically pro-criminal](#). As California’s attorney general, Harris opposed the state’s “three strikes” law that keeps violent criminals in jail and worked to end cash bail, putting more criminals back on the street. As a U.S. senator in 2020, Harris helped bail out dangerous Black Lives Matter rioters. Meanwhile, Walz wants murderers and rapists to vote. He signed a bill allowing convicted felons to vote before completing their probation or parole.

There is nothing joyous, liberating, or “wonderfully magical” about the possibility of a Harris-Walz regime. As their record shows, they want to concentrate power and expand federal control over virtually every aspect of American life.

Americans are already feeling the repercussions of Harris and Walz’s progressive policies. Even DNC “freedom” branding can’t mask the most extensive overreach of federal power to date.

Harris’ Trojan horse campaign will continue to hide behind rich celebrities, cringey memes, and happy talk from the Obamas — but Americans should know the dangers of what Kamala Harris is attempting to slip through the gates of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

*Ryan Walker is the executive vice president of Heritage Action*

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## Appeals Court Vacates Felony Convictions for a Dozen Jan. 6 Defendants

**By Zachary Steiber, September 12, 2024, EPOCH TIMES**

A U.S. appeals court has vacated the felony convictions of 12 people convicted for taking part in the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol, a move expected to lead to the release of many of the prisoners.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on Sept. 9 threw out convictions for obstructing an official proceeding, following the U.S. Supreme Court’s summer ruling in *Fischer v. United States*, which found that prosecutors had been interpreting the law too broadly, in a way that “would criminalize a broad swath of prosaic conduct, exposing activists and lobbyists alike to decades in prison.”

U.S. Circuit Judges Patricia A. Millett, Cornelia T.L. Pillard, and Florence Y. Pan vacated the convictions for the dozen convicts in brief per curiam orders while remanding the cases to district court judges for further proceedings.

Guy Reffitt, the first Jan. 6 defendant [convicted by a jury](#), is one of the people who saw their obstruction convictions [vacated](#).

Reffitt’s lawyers, in recent motions, highlighted the Supreme Court ruling, as well as a March ruling by the District of Columbia Circuit that [struck down](#) a sentencing enhancement applied to a different Jan. 6 defendant.

“Fischer requires reversal of Mr. Reffitt’s conviction on count 2,” the lawyers said in a July [filing](#).

Prosecutors initially wanted more time to consider the Supreme Court’s ruling, but in August, in a dozen cases, they filed joint motions with defense lawyers asking the courts to vacate the obstruction charges.

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In more than half of the cases, the obstruction count was the only felony of which the defendants were convicted. Some of those who were convicted have spent years in prison.

The district court judges handling the cases after the appeals court's decision will hold resentencing hearings. U.S. District Judge Dabney L. Friedrich is overseeing Reffitt's case.

Reffitt has been behind bars since Jan. 16, 2021, and has likely served more time than he would have if he had been sentenced without the obstruction count, his lawyers told the appeals court.

Clint Broden, a lawyer representing Reffitt, told The Epoch Times via email that the appeals court's vacating the count will result in a resentencing hearing at which he hopes Friedrich "will reduce Mr. Reffitt's sentencing in light of the decisions by the United States Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal."

The U.S. Department of Justice did not respond to a request for comment by publication time.

The agency [says](#) on its website that it does not oppose vacatur of the obstruction charge in about 40 post-sentencing cases, while it is still reviewing about 93 others. For pending cases, prosecutors decided against bringing the obstruction charge against about 60 defendants while opting to keep pursuing the charge for approximately 13 others.

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**Labor  
 Day  
 Picnic  
 Photos**



# Caring for America



## BORDER CARE PROJECT

The NFRW Homeland Security Committee and the Texas Federation of Republican Women have compiled a list of items that our Border Patrol Agents need to make their difficult jobs easier.

To participate, use this link:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/5KQ43CSIHNQ>

You will be directed to Amazon where you can pick from a wide range of items that are desperately needed. These items will be shipped directly to the processing team.

All you need to do is:

1. Select the items you wish to purchase.
2. Add the items to your cart.
3. Click PROCEED TO CHECKOUT.
4. Make sure the shipping address selected is Deborah Wall-Border Care Project (this should come up automatically).
5. Select your payment method.
6. Click PLACE YOUR ORDER.
7. Items will be shipped directly to the processing team.

If you have any questions, please email Deborah Wall at [Debmwall@gmail.com](mailto:Debmwall@gmail.com).

These are the most needed items:

Powdered Electrolytes Mix, Hand Sanitizer, Towelettes, Wound Wash, Sunscreen.

PRW members can purchase these items and bring them to the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be delivering them to the Tribute to Women/TFRW Board Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>!

# Constitutional Minute Series

By Jennifer Groysman

## Tench Coxe: A Detailed Breakdown of State vs. Federal Powers By: Mike Maharrey | Published on: Aug 28, 2024 |

Despite being little known today, Tench Coxe was an influential founding father, and in early 1788, he provided what was possibly the most comprehensive list of examples to explain the division of state and federal powers under the proposed Constitution.

In his three essays of *A Freeman* published by the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, Coxe argued that federal powers would be limited to those delegated to it in the Constitution.

He outlined this argument early in the first essay.

*"I shall endeavor to exhibit clear and permanent marks and lines of separate sovereignty, which must ever distinguish and circumscribe each of the several states, and prevent their annihilation by the federal government, or any of its operations."*

Anti-federalist opponents of the Constitution argued that the proposed general government would be so powerful it would swallow up the states, leading to "consolidation" – the centralization of power in a single government. Coxe argued that separation of powers and the ultimate sovereignty of the states would prevent this.

*"The matter will be better understood by proceeding to those points which shew, that, as under the old so under the new federal constitution, the thirteen United States were not intended to be, and really are not consolidated, in such manner as to absorb or destroy the sovereignties of the several states."*

He went on to assert that not only do the state governments maintain their sovereignty and independence in the constitutional system, but they are indispensable in its operation.

*"It will be found, on a careful examination, that many things, which are indispensably necessary to the existence and good order of society, cannot be performed by the federal government, but will require the agency and powers of the state legislatures or sovereignties, with their various appurtenances and appendages."*

He fleshed out this argument by contrasting all of the things sovereign states can do with the small number of enumerated powers delegated to the federal government.

This included nine broad areas in which the federal government is not authorized to act.

1. Train the militia or appoint its officers
2. Fix the qualifications for electors of the president and vice president
3. Control the elections to fill vacancies in the House and Senate
4. Interfere in state courts or determine the criminal offenses of the state
5. Elect a president, vice president, senator or representative
6. Determine the place of choosing senators
7. Enact laws for the inspection of the produce of the country.
8. Appoint or commission any state officer, legislative, executive, or judicial
9. Interfere with, alter, or amend the constitution of any state

In addition to these nine, Coxe included a 10th, an entire category covering a vast number of policy areas that are reserved for the states – and off limits to the federal government.

*"They cannot interfere with the opening of rivers and canals; the making or regulation of roads, except post roads; building bridges; erecting ferries; establishment of state seminaries of learning; libraries; literary, religious, trading or manufacturing societies; erecting or regulating the police of cities, towns or boroughs; creating new state offices; building light houses, public wharves, county gaols, markets, or other*



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public buildings; making sale of state lands, and other state property; receiving or appropriating the incomes of state buildings and property; executing the state laws; altering the criminal law; **nor can they do any other matter or thing appertaining to the internal affairs of any state, whether legislative, executive or judicial, civil or ecclesiastical.**

In his second essay, Coxe approached the issue from the other side of the coin, listing 13 categories of “*what the state governments must or may do.*”

1. Train the militia and appoint its officers
2. Regulate religion
3. Determine the qualifications of electors
4. Regulate the law of descent (wills and inheritance)
5. The elections of the President, Vice President, Senators and Representatives, are exclusively in the hands of the states, even as to filling vacancies.
6. Elect, commission, and appoint all state officers
7. Alter or amend their own constitution
8. Charter corporations
9. Give its dissent to federal bills (voting them down) through their state-appointed senators (prior to the 17th Amendment)
10. Check the appointment of federal officers through their state-appointed senators. (Also prior to the 17th Amendment.)
11. Manage their separate territorial rights.
12. Exercise police powers (regulate and administer criminal law)
13. Determine all the innumerable disputes about property lying within their respective territories between their own citizens, such as titles and boundaries of lands, debts by assumption, note, bond, or account, and mercantile contracts.

As he did in the first essay, he summarized the vast reservoir of state power with a long list of other spheres completely controlled by the states.

*“The several states can create corporations civil and religious; prohibit or impose duties on the importation of slaves into their own ports; establish seminaries of learning; erect boroughs, cities and counties; promote and establish manufactures; open roads; clear rivers; cut canals; regulate descents and marriages; licence taverns; alter the criminal law; constitute new courts and offices; establish ferries; erect public buildings; sell, lease and appropriate the proceeds and rents of their lands, and of every other species of state property; establish poor houses, hospitals, and houses of employment; regulate the police; and many other things of the utmost importance to the happiness of their respective citizens. **In short, besides the particulars enumerated, everything of a domestic nature must or can be done by them.**”*

In the third essay, Coxe continued to hammer away at the vast amount of power retained by the states. He pointed out that states will remain so independent that “*their laws may, and in some instances will, be severer than those of the union.*”

He also highlighted some of the authority retained by states that demonstrate their continued sovereignty.

For instance, “*lordship of the soil ... remains in full perfection with every state.*” Coxe called this “*one of the most valuable and powerful appendages of sovereignty.*”

He noted that states would also retain the power to levy taxes, pointing out that, “*independent revenues and resources are indubitable proofs of sovereignty.*”

Having offered multiple proofs of state sovereignty and a clear line between state and federal power over the course of three essays, Coxe concludes that “*the subject is inexhaustible.*”

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*"Every section in the federal constitution, as we peruse it, affords new ideas opposed to consolidation: Every moment's reflexion, on the operation and tendency of the proposed government, adds to their number."*

As already mentioned, the essay not only delineated the line in the sand between the state and federal governments, it addressed one of the most forceful Anti-federalist arguments – consolidation

In a letter to James Madison, Coxe noted that *"consolidation is the great Object of Apprehension in New York."*

*"I have therefore thought a few well-tempered papers on this point might be useful & have commenced them under the signature of the free-man in this days Gazettee, of wch. I send you a copy."*

In these Freeman essays, Coxe forcefully argued that the Constitution wouldn't lead to a strong centralized government because power was carefully divided, and federal authority was expressly limited.

In *Federalist #45*, James Madison outlined the divide between state and federal authority pointing out that the *"powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined."* But the powers that remain with the state governments *"are numerous and indefinite."*

Madison may well have been influenced by Coxe's essays. He published this overview of the division between state and federal power just three days after receiving copies of the Freeman essays with their in-depth comparison of state and federal powers.

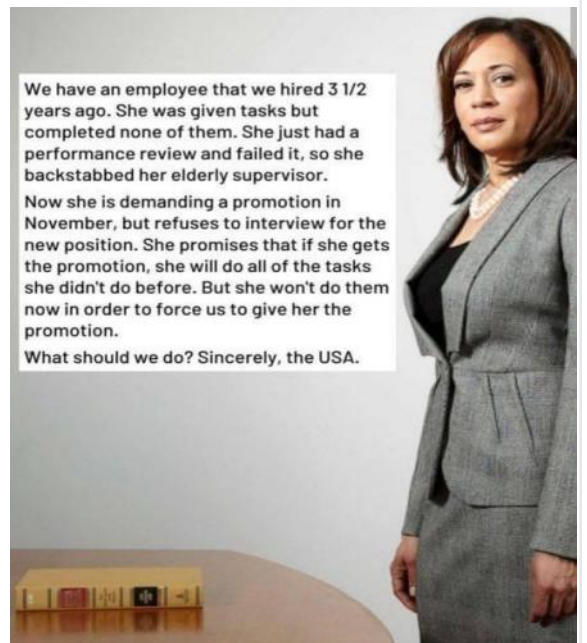
The essays remain a valuable resource today. They offer one of the best and most comprehensive founding era breakdowns of the separation of state and federal powers.



Mike Maharrey

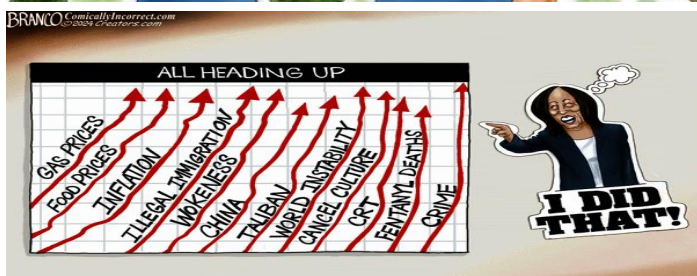


We have an employee that we hired 3 1/2 years ago. She was given tasks but completed none of them. She just had a performance review and failed it, so she backstabbed her elderly supervisor. Now she is demanding a promotion in November, but refuses to interview for the new position. She promises that if she gets the promotion, she will do all of the tasks she didn't do before. But she won't do them now in order to force us to give her the promotion. What should we do? Sincerely, the USA.





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## Fraud and Child Abuse in Texas Children's Hospital

Most Texans are aware of the recent legislative victory that was Senate Bill 14, banning gender-changing procedures for minors in Texas. Another victory preceded this legislation; the Texas Attorney General concluded in a 2022 opinion that these procedures are to be categorized as child abuse under state law. The Office of Attorney General (OAG) opinion, and the subsequent passage of SB 14, were indeed victories and absolutely necessary in light of events we have recently become aware of at Texas Children's Hospital (TCH).

It is undeniable that the so-called "gender-affirming care" touted by hospitals and medical professionals today is perhaps the furthest thing from healthcare. The drugs and procedures banned by SB 14 are severely detrimental, particularly to children who are incapable of making these dangerous and irreversible life changes without a parental or guardian advice. Though there is much more that can be argued in favor of this legislation, it is sufficient to note that the State of Texas was right to be vigilant and pass it. However, the fight against this great evil is not over. We must remain equally as vigilant as we monitor and enforce the law.

Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) in Houston publicly stated in 2022 that they would no longer perform medical procedures or prescribe drugs, specifically puberty blockers, in compliance with this new definition. Though this sentiment was certainly appreciated, it turned out to be merely performative. Due to the honesty and bravery of two medical professionals at this hospital, the public learned that TCH was continuing to provide these illegal procedures. TCH manipulated parents by misleading parents and misdiagnosing patients on the effect of performing these procedures. To further exacerbate this abuse the hospital illegally billed Medicaid and CHIP for them; funding that is taken directly from the taxpayers of this state. These actions are not just illegal in light of SB 14, but also go directly against Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) longstanding policy for acceptable procedures and prescriptions that may be reimbursed by Medicaid and/or CHIP.

This is deeply disturbing and ought to instill a sense of outrage in anyone who cares for the safety and health of the children in Texas. Further, it ought to offend the taxpayer, whose hard earned money is being used to pay for these outrageous, deforming and irretrievable surgeries. The lawmakers who tirelessly fought to pass this legislation and the constituents who elected them will not allow this abuse to take place without doing all we can to stop it. Thankfully Attorney General Paxton has already launched investigations into the claims presented by both medical professionals.

I recently have signed onto a letter alongside other concerned elected officials to request another, more thorough investigation from HHSC and the OAG. Specifically, we have requested the investigations determine the extent of the illegal services that TCH conducted in terms of both drugs administered and procedures performed. Additionally, how many of these services were illegally reimbursed by Medicaid and/or CHIP, as this abuse is particularly corrupt. Lastly, to identify hospital staff including leadership, so that corrective action is ensured. Now that HHSC is working with the OAG to investigate the issue; they will hopefully reach a swift and just resolution.

We will continue to monitor this vital issue, and follow up as needed. Every good policy has three separate components: it must be written well, it must pass into law, and it must be enforced and followed so as to achieve its initial goal or protecting citizens from predators. We cannot rejoice in legislative victories such as SB 14 without ensuring this third and necessary component. **It is my hope that this investigation and subsequent punitive action taken against offending parties will go a long way in achieving this goal.**

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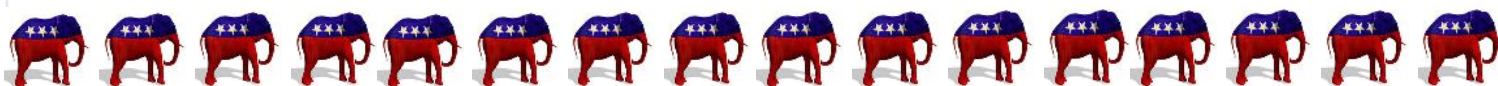
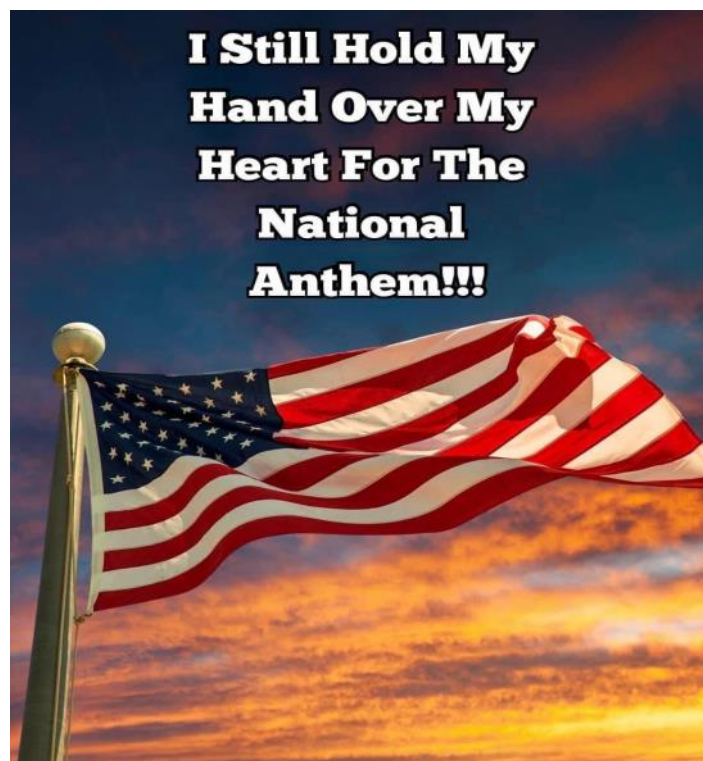
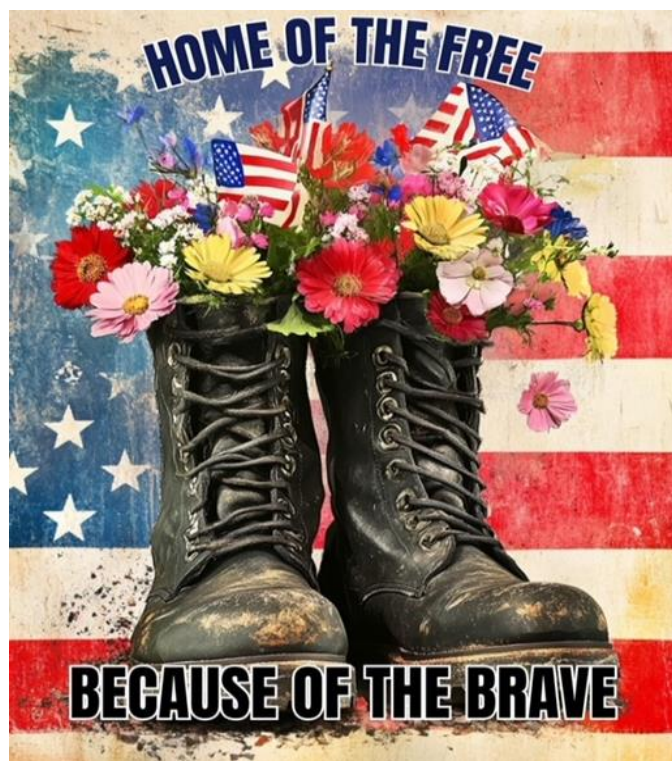
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At the time I am writing this article our members and associates have turned in 3134 hours. Wonderful job, everyone. Every hour you do is money our candidates save on workers. Also don't forget to count your phone calls. If you do any phone banking, make sure you take down the total number of calls you made. Also, any call when you talk about politics counts as a call. Keep up the good work.

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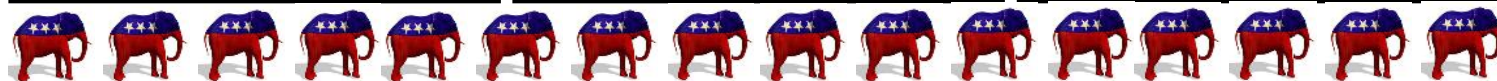
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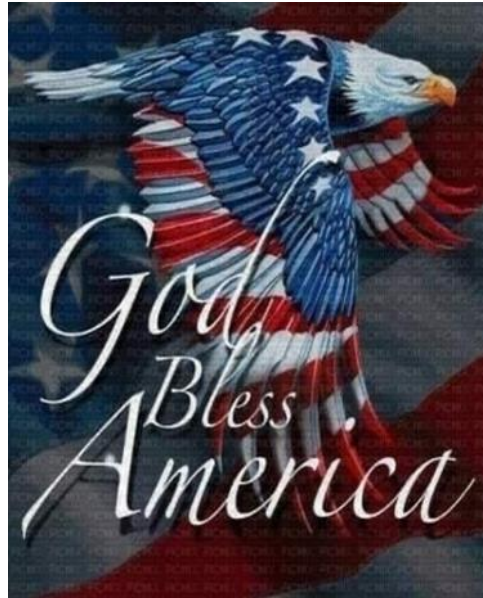
  
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