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Happy Elephant Hour

Each month, WVRWF members gather at a local watering hole for wine and wine.

These popular events give our members the opportunity to gather with like-minded Conservatives.

Watch for times and locations!



“You’ve watched the fight. You’ve watched the tactics. But here is what I want to tell you – in the very near future, Judge Kavanaugh *will* be on the United States Supreme Court.

So my friends, keep the faith. Don’t get rattled by all of this. We are going to plow right through it and do our job.”

– Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, Oct. 16: Cocktails *and* Conservatives

Come and listen to how illegal immigration can damage our Child Welfare System. Guest speaker Ondrea Faillace, Court Appointed Special Advocate in Ventura (CASA).

Attendance limited to 30 attendees. Thousand Oaks location will be provided to all confirmed attendees.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No charge for current members. \$20 for non-members. RSVP to Nichols.donnell@gmail.com

Friday, Nov. 2: Ventura County Republican Women Annual Harvest Festival

Spanish Hills Country Club, Camarillo
For details, please see pg. 5

Thursday, December 6: WVRWF Holiday Luncheon and Boutique

Four Seasons Westlake Village, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
More details coming soon!

To participate as a vendor, contact
Nichols.donnell@gmail.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the mother of a young man, I am having second thoughts about the world I brought him into. OK, I did it 36 years ago and it may be too late to discuss my judgement in the matter; however, today I am afraid for him and all the other male members of our society.

We live in a world where a woman can simply take it upon herself to accuse any man she may have a grudge against (personally or politically) of some sort of sexual harassment and totally destroy his life, his reputation, his ability to earn a living, and in some cases his marriage and family. She doesn't have to have witnesses, evidence, or even the truth on her side. She can simply plant the seeds of doubt into the minds of those around him and the damage is done.

I'm sorry but I grew up in a world where justice ruled and the accused was innocent until proven guilty. Apparently that is no longer the case. Truth no longer matters if the presumption of guilt is there. I am afraid we have the #metoo movement to thank in this case. Is this outrage on my part the result of the Ford/Kavanaugh debacle? You bet it is.

Please do not misunderstand me. There are despicable men out there who have used their power to abuse and dehumanize women. The Weinstains, Cosbys and Lauers of the world should be fired, shamed, and thrown to the wolves. Hang 'em high! These are the men, however who have laid the foundation of what has become a woman's right to choose- to choose who to destroy in the court of public opinion.

Do I for one-minute think that Dr. Ford's 35-year-old experience happened – yes. Do I think it was Brent Kavanaugh - nope. It is incredible to me that this incident was brought to light mere days before a vote that would put a man with conservative values who believes in our constitution on the Supreme Court of the United States. A situation that is totally intolerable to the democrats who hold office in this country.

They tried everything else to derail his nomination, so they were reduced to this tawdry disgusting desperate effort to bring this man down. Typical. Dr. Ford and her attorney's ties to democrats like George Soros are innumerable. Coincidence? I don't think so. There is zero evidence that this incident occurred, particularly with the detail that is suddenly recalled. How many of us can recall when we were 17 much less what happened? I would like to know if Diane Feinstein was ever in a '57 Chevy on Mullholland Drive but I fear we will never know – she isn't nominated to the Supreme Court. God bless Brent Kavanaugh, his family, our justice system and any young man who doesn't agree politically with his opponents.

And may God Bless us all.

- Dale Thomas, *President*

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING



Happy Birthday to the following members:

Mona Lisa Ariztia	9/12
Deborah Kniss	9/12
JoEllen Pierce	9/20
Leslie Tilleskjer	9/21
Jan Harris	9/22
Debbie Cutler	9/24
Sandy Palmer	9/24
Sylvia Musgrove	9/26
Kathleen Kitts	9/27
Nancy Perry	9/27

VOTER REGISTRATION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Nothing is more important at this point in time than registering Republicans **LEGALLY** in the state of California. Let's work to take back our state in November!

**The Promenade Mall, Westlake Village
September 29, October 6, 13 and 20**

Volunteers are needed to take shifts, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Contact Sandy Palmer, lovseeyore@yahoo.com

Join the WVRWF today and fight for conservative values! You will find the 2018 Membership Form on the following page.

Please reach out to help make us the best club in Ventura County. There is a great deal of talent within the membership and there is a role for every member to play. We always have a great time working together to serve the community.





2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL: (____) _____ WORK PHONE: (____) _____

Email: _____ BIRTHDAY: Month/Day _____

Spouse*: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: **Circle one:** NEW member or RENEWAL

IMPORTANT: Membership is annual from January 1 to December 31. All RENEWALS must be received by March 31st. (NEW memberships received after October 1 will include full membership for the following year.)

_____ Active Member Annual Dues*\$ 35

_____ Gold Elephant Sponsor\$100

_____ Platinum Elephant Sponsor\$200

Sponsorships include dues and receive special recognition in newsletters, website, programs and directory

_____ Student Member.....\$ 15

_____ Couples Membership*Save when Spouses join together..\$ 50 (1 regular + 1 Associate)

_____ Associate Member Annual Dues\$ 25

Associate membership eligibility is limited to men, non-U.S. citizens and regular members of another Republican Women Federated club. In what Federated Club are you presently a member? _____

_____ Name Badge (optional).....\$20

Name to appear on badge: _____

_____ Total Payment

Do you want your contact information to appear in the **2017 Membership Directory**? ___Yes ___No
The directory is for members only and will not be used for commercial purposes.

How do want to receive your monthly **Newsletter**: ___Mail Only ___Email Only ___Mail and Email

Pay via CC# _____ Exp ___/___ Security Code _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OR make your check for dues (and name badge if desired) payable to:

Westlake Village Republican Women Federated

MAIL TO: P.O. Box 3835 R. East Thousand Oaks Blvd. #109, Westlake Village, CA 91362

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your talents and time to help us grow stronger. Please check the areas in which you might like to assist us to better serve the Republican Party, our club and our community:

Hospitality _____

Election/Precinct Work _____

Mailings _____

Legislation _____

Photography _____

Troop/Military Support _____

Facebook/Social Network _____

Community Svc/Literacy _____

Caring for America _____

Membership Outreach _____

Programs/Speakers _____

Voter Registration _____

Website _____

Young Republicans _____

Phone Tree _____

Newsletter _____

Publicity _____

Scholarship _____



Ventura County Republican
Women Federated
Harvest Festival Luncheon

Special Guest Speaker
John Sullivan

Writer, director and producer
Co-director of hit film *America, 2016*
Obama's America, Producer
Expelled and his New Movie *Gosnell*

Friday, November 2nd

Check in at 10:30 am
Program starts promptly at 11:00 am

Spanish Hills Country Club
999 Crestview Ave, Camarillo

We will be having vendors and
opportunity drawing for gift baskets
and 1 spectacular high-end item

Please RSVP by October 20th (Deadline)
to your club president
\$40.00 per person

Please include the choice of your meal:

() Chicken Piccata or () Grilled Tri-tip or () Pasta Primavera

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE REPUBLICAN DINNER
FOCUSING ON CANDIDATE, KONSTANTINOS RODITIS**



On September 12, the Westlake Village Republican Women presented a forum for Konstantinos Roditis, our Republican candidate running for California State Controller. Of course, Donnell’s organizational skills afforded a wonderful dinner for members and guests at the Westlake Village Inn while we listened to Mr. Roditis’ vision. Being of Greek heritage myself, I was very interested in hearing what “Kostas ‘Gus’ Roditis” (he shares my father’s name, so he has to be a great guy!) had to say. I encouraged nine friends to join me and was delighted to meet the candidate and support his campaign.

Also attending the dinner was a female dynamo I had the pleasure of meeting at a prior event. Ronda Baldwin-Kennedy, attorney, running for the CA 44th District Assembly; and our President, Dale Thomas, also introduced Dr Amy Chen, Candidate for Conejo Valley School Board.

From a candidate and campaign quality perspective, Roditis is exceptional, but as we know, he faces an uphill battle against this crippling liberal state we live in. He echoed much of President Trump and John Cox’s sentiments and was on point about the dilemmas we face in California. Roditis, if elected, will be our watchdog, rooting out the current waste, fraud, and abuse that has nearly bankrupted our Golden State. As a current transportation executive, he plans to audit, and thus stop, the runaway high speed rail project that has tripled the original budget that was set at its inception, while, at the same time, reduced the efficiency and speed of the initial project. He will attempt to stop the service tax on labor and will fight to repeal the gas tax. At the same time, he will encourage the capture of rain waters, rather than letting all the water we NEED run into the sea. He says his “Trickle-up-Taxation” will put us on the road to recovery by creating competition between government municipalities to provide the best services and the lowest rate....

As a Chief Financial Officer and visionary businessman of several private companies, he understands economics, fiscal responsibility, and how to balance a budget. Konstantinos Roditis is much more capable and knowledgeable than our current Controller...we don’t need another lifelong bureaucrat who will only serve to continue the destruction of California.

- Crystal Salapatas, *VP of Programs*



Angie Simpson



WARNING ALL WVWRF MEMBERS: The Teacher's Union and the Democratic Party is running a slate of extremely liberal candidates for the school board that would not serve our families, tax payers, or community well. The CVUSD School Board race is already the most contentious battle, and the liberals will stop at nothing to try and flip the board majority. This November there are 3 seats up for re-election, and we need to make sure that our Republican voters, even if they no longer have kids are informed and motivated to participate on election day.

Angie Simpson is running for the Conejo Valley School Board. Our local students and schools would benefit from having a former CVUSD teacher, active CVUSD parent, and community leader on the school board. It would be great to see our WVWRF membership rally to support Angie and spread the word that Angie is the most qualified and professional candidate on the ballot this November. Angie is an advocate for parental rights, fiscal responsibility, and keeping our neighborhood schools open.

Angie's lawn signs are in, and she needs our financial support to ensure a victory this November. Please consider making a financial contribution or signing up for a lawn sign via Angie's website: www.angiesimpson.org. On September 17th, The Stonehaus sponsored a campaign fundraiser in support of Angie Simpson. The event was well attended by neighbors, community leaders, teachers, and School Board Trustees John Andersen and Sandee Everett.



CVUSD School Board Candidate Angie Simpson, CVUSD Trustee Sandee Everett, and CVUSD Candidate Amy Chen.



CVUSD School Board Candidate Angie Simpson is supported by CVUSD Board President John Andersen, who will not be seeking re-election this November.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR: COX V. NEWSOM**ELECTION 2018**

*Cheryl Sullivan
State Legislation Chairman*

**A NEW POLL REPORTS CALIFORNIA'S RACE FOR GOVERNOR IS TIGHTENING AS THE
LEAD FOR GAVIN NEWSOM HAS BEEN CUT TO SINGLE DIGITS.**

California has the highest poverty rate in the nation. Our schools are failing. Millions of Californians cannot afford decent housing. Millions must choose between buying a half tank of gas or groceries for their families. These are choices no one should have to make.

Someone posed this question: "Why does it cost so much to live in California?"

Two months ago this was deemed to be the **Best Answer** from MAD MAX.

"California is badly run. The rents are high because the cost of living is going up and the rents are reflecting that. On top of that California has high taxes and are going up to pay for social welfare programs for illegal immigrants. This goes hand in hand with people moving from California so there are less people that work in the tax base, yet pension obligations still must be met. California leads the country in homelessness. The main problems are Sacramento and Jerry Brown. You want to do something about it? Vote against Gavin Newsom."

John Cox (R) and Gavin Newsom (D) are running for Governor of California, and we will vote one of them into office on November 6, 2018. Here is some information about each.

THE BASICS

GAVIN NEWSOM (D)

- ✓ Will use SB 562 as a "corpus of the plan" to achieve single-payer \$400,000,000 healthcare in California.
- ✓ Believes in forced high density housing.
- ✓ Supports Gov. Brown's \$400,000,000,000 bond for affordable housing projects.
- ✓ Supports regulatory reform and carrot-and-stick incentives to produce more housing.
- ✓ Supports California's "sanctuary" status and SB 24 that limits when state and local law enforcement can cooperate with federal authorities to enforce immigration laws.
- ✓ Will resist any efforts from the Trump administration to call back DACA protections or strip away federal funding from cities.
- ✓ Calls for all of California's public colleges and universities to be sanctuary campuses.
- ✓ Supports Governor Brown's bullet trains and its increasing budget.
- ✓ Believes "we have a president who has no moral authority".
- ✓ Rated 0% by the Gun Owners of California.
- ✓ Endorsed by labor unions.

Advocates government funding of Planned Parenthood.

JOHN COX (R)

- ✓ Believes in free markets, fewer regulations and lower taxes.
- ✓ Believes universal health care is a burden to the taxpayers, it affects the quality of care and attracts an influx of newcomers seeking free health services.
- ✓ Put health care consumers back in charge. Will take on Pharma, the HMOs and insurance companies
- ✓ Supports Repeal of the Gas Tax.
- ✓ Focus on treatment options for the mentally ill and substance addicts.
- ✓ Streamline the approval process for building housing and remove the artificial barriers put in place by the lobbyists and politicians.
- ✓ Reform of the California Environment Quality Act.
- ✓ Rejects "sanctuary cities and state" policies that have allowed violent criminal aliens to escape prosecution.
- ✓ Supports building a border wall to stem the flow of illegal guns and human trafficking that's plaguing our inner cities.
- ✓ Will prioritize water projects to focus on protecting farmers, ranchers and our food supply.

Opposes Governor Brown's bullet trains and its increasing budget



KNOW THE FACTS AND GET OUT THE VOTE



CFRW Ballot Measure Positions

*Allison Olson, CFRW Advocate
California Federation of Republican Women*

It's that time of year again! Election time! This November, we will be voting on 11 statewide ballot measures. The California Federation of Republican Women take official positions on each of the ballot measures, aiming to arm our members with the information

and tools to educate voters across the state leading up to the election. In the coming weeks we will provide in-depth analysis and rationale on each of the 11 propositions, along with talking points, a "one-sheet", and pros/cons so that our members can efficiently and effectively educate Californians of their November ballot.

The CFRW reaches our official ballot measure positions through a consensus of our CFRW Voting Body. The Voting Body is made up of the State President, the three State Vice Presidents, and the three Division President's. Those seven women carefully consider research, analysis, and recommendations made to them by the CFRW Advocate and the Ballot Measures Analyst. After a consensus is made on each measure, so is our official position.

Today, we will only be listing the 11 propositions and our CFRW positions. In weeks leading up to the election there will be more information made available to our members about the propositions and our positions as well.

General Election Ballot Measures

Prop 1: Authorizes Bonds to Fund Specified Housing Assistance Programs- NO

Prop 2: Authorizes Bonds to Fund Existing Housing Program for Individuals with Mental Illness- NO

Prop 3: Authorizes Bonds to Fund Projects for Water Supply and Quality, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Water Conveyance, and Groundwater Sustainability and Storage- NO

Prop 4: Authorizes Bonds Funding Construction at Hospitals Providing Children's Healthcare- NO

Prop 5: Changes Requirements for Certain Property Owners to Transfer Their Property Tax Base to Replacement Property- YES

Prop 6: Eliminates Certain Road Repair and Transportation Funding, Requires Certain Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Approved by The Electorate- YES

Prop 7: Conforms California Daylight Saving Time to Federal Law, Allows the Legislature to Change Daylight Saving Time Period- NO

Prop 8: Regulates Amount Kidney Dialysis Clinics Charge for Dialysis Treatment- NO

(From here we skip from Prop 8 to Prop 10. Prop 9 was removed from the ballot by the California Supreme Court)

Prop 10: Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property- NO

Prop 11: Require Private-Sector Emergency Ambulance Employees to Remain On-Call During Work Breaks, Eliminates Certain Employer Liability- YES

Prop 12: Establishes New Standards for Confinement of Specified Farm Animals, Bans Sale of Non-Complying Product- NO

Call Your Legislator!

These two terrible bills have not been voted on yet, so come Monday, get on the phones and call YOUR Representative and ask them to VOTE NO on these bad bills:

AB 2943 (Low, D): As you'll recall, AB 2943 would make it fraud to offer literature or services to any adult inquiring about their sexuality or gender. This bill has not moved out of its Senate Concurrence Committee, which might be a good thing. Call your Assembly member and let them know AB 2943 is an infringement of our First Amendment rights and places undue burdens on our religious institutions.

SB 1424 (Pan, D): We just do not need a "committee" of "leaders" from the tech world, the government, and civil rights groups sitting around, deciding what information is "safe" for social media. Hard pass.

Find your Legislator [HERE](#) and call Monday morning!! Tell them to VOTE NO!

Call the Governor!

These bills have passed out of the Legislature and are on their way to Governor Brown. There is still time to defeat these awful bills! Email, Call, and Tweet at the Governor and let him know these bills will be harmful for our state!

AB 1884 (Calderon, D): Plastic Straw Ban- Let the Governor know this is bad for business. The Free Market is already working here, with companies nation-wide announcing reducing the distribution of plastic straws. There are better ways to help our environment than setting burdensome regulations for our restaurant industries.

SB 10 (Hertzberg, D): The elimination of monetary bail is back and on our way to the Governor. What makes Senator Hertzberg think that those accused will have any incentive to return to court? This is dangerous, this is wrong.

SB 1192 (Monning, D): Again, the nanny government wants to remind us that water and plain milk is preferable to soda, juice, and flavored milk, so they are mandating that ONLY water and plain milk be offered in children's meals at fast food restaurants. Government does not need to parent on our behalf.

Here is how to get in touch with Governor Brown:

Call: (916) 445-2841

Email: <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov39mail/>

Tweet: @JerryBrownGov

VCTA BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS**November 2018 Statewide Measures**

Read our recommendations on the November ballot measures and VOTE with the Ventura County Taxpayers Association!

VOTE YES ON PROP 5 -Property Tax Transfer Initiative

Why we're for it: Proposition 5 would allow homeowners age 55 and older to sell their current homes, purchase a replacement property anywhere in the state and transfer the property tax assessment from the home they sold to the home they bought.

This measure would remove restrictions in existing law that limit these transfers by putting conditions on the price and location of the replacement property. It would also allow older homeowners to transfer their base-year property tax assessment more than once.

Ventura County Taxpayers Association (VCTA) supports the measure which helps homeowners, particularly those of limited or fixed income, who want to downsize or move, but who stay put because of the high property taxes on a replacement property. Proposition 5 is expected to result in additional homes on the market, which helps new homebuyers by increasing the supply of available housing.

VOTE YES ON PROP 6 - Gas and Vehicle Tax Repeal Initiative

Why we're for it: Proposition 6 repeals Senate Bill 1, the 2017 tax increase on gasoline, diesel fuel and vehicle registrations. It also amends the state constitution to require voter approval of all future increases in fuel and vehicle taxes or fees.

Proposition 6 will save the typical family of four over \$700 per year in direct and indirect costs. It will repeal the tax increase of 12 cents per gallon on gasoline and 20 cents per gallon on diesel fuel, as well as the \$50 to \$175 increase in the annual cost of registering a vehicle.

The tax increase on diesel fuel raises the price of everything that is transported by truck, including food. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the inflation rate in California cities is higher than the national average of other U.S. cities. The higher cost of transportation is one reason for that.

The backlog of delayed road and bridge repairs, estimated by state officials to be \$150 billion, is evidence that state lawmakers have not made road safety a priority. Instead of funding transportation infrastructure and maintenance, the politicians have diverted the revenue from transportation taxes to fund other priorities, or pet projects.

SB 1 raised taxes without reforming the well-documented waste and inefficiency at Caltrans. Taxpayers in California pay the highest taxes in the nation and suffer with roads in the worst condition. Taking more money from the wallets of California families to fund more of the same is not the answer. VCTA believes what's needed is a new funding plan that spends all transportation-related tax and fee revenue on transportation.

VOTE NO ON PROP 10 - Local Rent Control Initiative

Why we're against it: Proposition 10 would repeal the 1995 Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, a state law that protected property owners from new rent-control ordinances, moderated radical rent control and secured new construction in cities throughout California. If Costa-Hawkins is repealed, cities would be able to pass any type of rent-control law, including rent control on single-family homes, garage apartments, duplexes and small apartment buildings.

For example, Proposition 10 would allow new rent-control bureaucracies to require every property owner to register and pay an annual fee so the city can track how many housing units exist and whether they are rented or owner-occupied.

VCTA believes Proposition 10 would discourage investment in rental housing, leading to less new construction and more tightening of an already squeezed housing market in California. Faced with the threat that rent control could be enacted at any time, some owners of existing apartment buildings might choose to evict the tenants and sell the property rather than stay in a business with rising costs and uncertain revenue.

Proposition 10 is the wrong answer to the high price of housing. What's needed is more construction, not less.



PARTIAL LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP & HIS ADMINISTRATION

SCOTUS & JUDGES	MILITARY & VETERANS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Justice Neil Gorsuch CONFIRMED to SCOTUS (by Congress) ❖ Judge Brett Kavanaugh AWAITING SCOTUS CONFIRMATION ❖ Appellate Court Judges – GREATEST NUMBER EVER confirmed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SIGNED <u>bills/acts</u> to REFORM/IMPROVE the V.A. ❖ STREAMLINED VA <u>claims process & access to facilities</u> ❖ Expedited FIRING of <u>incompetent VA officials</u> ❖ <u>Defense policy bill</u> REBUILDS military & BOOSTS troop pay ❖ CHANGED military <u>rules of engagement</u> against ISIS ❖ RECAPTURED 95% of ISIS held territories ❖ BRINGING HOME <u>hostages</u> and our <u>Korean War</u> casualties
TAX CUTS	IMMIGRATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tax-Cut Bill PASSED – Reduced Corp. & Individual tax rates ❖ INCREASED median HOUSEHOLD INCOME, economic growth ❖ REPEALED Obama Care <u>MANDATE</u> (was a <u>TAX PENALTY</u>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ CUT VISAS to countries that <u>refuse deported CRIMINALS</u> ❖ Advocates for SKILLED-BASED IMMIGRATION policies rather than “chain migration” ❖ Implementing ENHANCED VETTING for “<u>refugees</u>”
REGULATIONS REDUCTION & CREATING BUSINESS	NATIONAL SECURITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ REDUCED REGULATIONS to encourage small business ❖ RECORD HIGH for small business start-ups for <u>Blacks and Women</u> ❖ PROMOTES buying AND hiring American ❖ U.S. Factories EXPANDING at 13-year HIGH ❖ UNEMPLOYMENT rate at 18-year LOW ❖ <u>Hispanic & Black</u> unemployment rate HISTORICALLY LOW ❖ INCREASED retail sales, consumer confidence & home equity ❖ <u>Home Sales</u> 11-year HIGH; <u>Stock market</u> RECORD HIGHS ❖ Renegotiating NAFTA and other <u>trade agreements</u> ❖ Terminates Trans Pacific Partnership, <u>saving \$ and jobs</u> ❖ Authorized DAKOTA and KEYSTONE PIPELINE construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Working to SECURE our <u>borders</u> ❖ TARGETING <u>criminal gangs</u> (like MS 13) by DOJ ❖ SUPPORTS <u>law enforcement</u>; FIGHTING <u>sanctuary cities</u> ❖ SANCTIONED IRAN regarding missile program ❖ CUT FUNDING for PALESTINE (that paid terrorists) ❖ NEGOTIATING with <u>North Korea</u> for de-nuclearization ❖ <u>Space Program</u> RESTARTED to ensure national security ❖ 17 HOSTAGES RELEASED from counties overseas ❖ OTHER NATIONS INCREASING their <u>payments to NATO</u>
GOVERNMENT, WASTE, FRAUD & ABUSE	U.N., TREATIES & ACCORDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>Food Stamps</u> usage LOWEST in 8 years; SSDI app’s lowest in 15 ❖ Ben Carson FOUND \$500B in Errors in <u>Obama HUD Audit</u> ❖ CANCELLED FAILED <u>school lunches</u> that kids refused to eat ❖ Reduced <u>White House payroll</u>, SAVING MILLIONS ❖ Working to SEND EDUCATION BACK to the States ❖ Created commission on OPIOID ADDICTION & ELECTION FRAUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ WITHDREW from <u>Paris Accord</u>, saving MILLIONS ❖ CUT \$600 Billion from the U.N. – WITHDREW from UNESCO ❖ Moved U.S. EMBASSY to JERUSALEM (Israel’s true capital)

ALL THIS...and so much more...WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP & his administration WITH EXCESSIVE OPPOSITION FROM THE DEMOCRATS & MOST OF THE MEDIA!



DID YOU KNOW SACRAMENTO DEMOCRATS WROTE THESE BILLS?

TAXES	JOBS & LOANS TO FOREIGNERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SB 1 – GAS TAX BILL – increases taxes on gasoline and vehicle registration – some funds being used for bike lanes & programs and zero-emissions buses rather than road and bridge repairs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VOTE “YES” on PROP 6 in November to REPEAL this bill (current law) ❖ SB 30 – INCREASED POWER and FUNDING to the Insurance Commissioner (for climate change issues). Bill author, Ricardo Lara (candidate for this office), MUST BE DEFEATED in November! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alarming aspect of this bill – “EMPOWERS the I.C. to investigate any subject touching insurance businesses, or in aid of his or her duties.” ❖ SB 623 – TAX ON DRINKING WATER to create programs and other issues (surplus funds should cover this; tax unnecessary) ❖ AB 2458 – School districts may IMPOSE A SPECIAL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY OWNERS, with some exempts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SB 1159 (2016) – Allows FOREIGN NATIONALS, here ILLEGALLY, to qualify for over 300 professional & vocational licenses ❖ SB 174 – Allows ILLEGAL ALIENS to DISPLACE CITIZENS on state and local boards and commissions ❖ AB 1895 – Allows “DREAMERS” repayment of “student loans” based on income over a LONGER PERIOD OF TIME (citizens can’t)
CRIMES (& PUNISHMENT REDUCTIONS)	FREE HEALTH INSURANCE TO FOREIGNERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SB 54 – PROTECTS ILLEGAL ALIEN CRIMINALS FROM DEPORTATION; limits law enforcement resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SB 974 – FREE MEDICAL for ALL ILLEGAL alien adults (failed in 2018, BUT WILL be re-introduced in 2019) ❖ SB 75 (2015) – Gives MEDICAL COVERAGE to ILLEGAL foreign national children, up to age 19 (218,000 now enrolled)
FREEDOM RESTRICTIONS & DISCRIMINATION	SAFETY & HEALTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ AB – 2943 – MAKES IT UNLAWFUL to offer literature or services to anyone inquiring about their sexuality or gender ❖ SB 1424 – Creates an ADVISORY COMMITTEE to DETERMINE what is “false information” and to mitigate its spread on social media ❖ SB 1192 – REQUIRES BEVERAGES served with restaurant kid meals to be essentially RESTRICTED to water or unflavored milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SB 239 – KNOWINGLY TRANSMITTING HIV/AIDS to another person: FELONY REDUCED to MISDEMEANOR & PREVENTS PUBLIC DISCLOSURE at blood donation ❖ AB 10 – REPLACES CASH BAIL with “Risk Assessment” process
HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SB 35 (2017) – HOUSING CONSTRUCTION may occur with little or NO public oversight (in certain communities) – NO PARKING SPACES to be provided if within ½ mile of bus stop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ AB 626 – Authorizes food sales from home kitchens (retail) with RESTRICTED INSPECTIONS ❖ SB 946 – LIMITS regulations on street vendors; Permits street vendors to operate in most locations
REDUCTION OF USE & CLIMATE BURDENS	WATER RATIONING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SB 350 (2015) – Mandates 50% LESS vehicle fuel consumption & 50% INCREASE in renewable electricity by 2030. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ AB 1668 / SB 606 – WATER “EFFICIENCY” REGULATIONS, including a 55 gallon per person / per day restriction

THE OLD ADAGE

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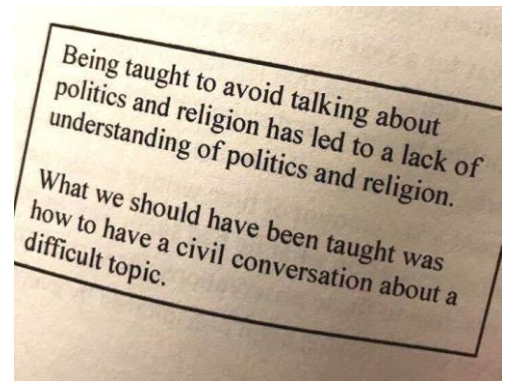
I saw this meme last week on Facebook and it's something I had been thinking about for years and agree with entirely! Allow me to elaborate...

The old adage "you should never talk about religion or politics" probably dates back to the 18th century, but it gained particular popularity in the 1950's when 'etiquette awareness' was at an all-time high. Now it appears stronger today than ever before. There is some wisdom in it to be sure, but there is also a manipulation in it that can be very dangerous to 'free-thinking America.' This adage has the potential and promise of supporting and sustaining modern propaganda. That may sound a bit dramatic but it IS valid. More on that later...

The wisdom in *not* talking about religion or politics (as a general 'rule') is of course for the effort of keeping peaceful relations. And there *is* value in peaceful relations, so yes – there are *certain times and places* that we should refrain from discussing such controversial issues. But to exalt the virtue of 'peaceful relations' *at all times* at the cost of meaningful discussions, deep thinking, and intellectual or spiritual growth is a travesty.

Imagine a world where everyone adhered to the adage. The only information that would be going around would be what the media decided to share and exploit. Everyone would just keep their reactions to the selective media reports to themselves and no one would exchange ideas or question anything – for fear of what? Being rude? Offending someone? This leads me to the second part of that meme...

The only way we would be rude by sharing our thoughts, beliefs, questions and feelings about religion and politics is if we did so without a certain tact and respect for other individuals who may disagree with us. So, shouldn't THAT be the focus? Shouldn't THAT have been the 'old adage'? Something like "when discussing religion and politics, be respectful above all or don't do it"? It's really true though, that we should have been learning how to navigate difficult conversations rather than avoiding them altogether! It's one reason we have so much division in our country. People automatically think you are being offensive or rude if you simply decide to share your beliefs on something. How dare you talk about such things! Should we all just stick to discussing the weather and reality TV? That would certainly dumb-down our society wouldn't it? There *is* a great virtue in sharing ideas. It's how we learn. It's how we decide who we are, what we want, and why – which is how we grow and effect change! It's how this very nation was formed and how our Constitution came about. Men and women discussing what they *believe* is best for the country. Many disagreed, and that was not only ok, it was tremendous, and it's how democracy was formed!



The whole “behave respectfully while disagreeing about religion and politics” obviously challenges those of us who are very opinionated and strong-willed (boy, have I struggled with it!). Largely because the ‘other side’ is so vile and contemptible in how they talk, so we feel the need to retort. We also think they are insane and corrupt in their thinking and that they are damaging our precious country (which can be true!)... but we’d do well to know they think the same about us (even though we know the truth LOL!). If we are to represent ‘the truth’ and ‘our side’ or ‘our party’ in a way that is civil and honorable, it speaks volumes about the fact that we have class AND that because truth IS on our side, we don’t need to resort to personal attacks to be right! Having said all that, the place to vent about the ‘other side’ is with like-minded people (that’s why we need groups like WVRWF! – *thank God for the happy hours, etc!*).

Bottom line is there are people who want to silence us. We will not - and should not be silent! We must persist in speaking truth. Our beliefs matter. Our cultures, our ideals, and our passions need expression... *as we respect those who disagree with us. We might be biting our tongues so hard they bleed, but it is the right perspective on speaking about religion and politics. Let’s all agree to squelch the ‘old adage’ and speak freely with dignity for others – even when they don’t deserve it!

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